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EDITORIAL.

Dr. Winton and the Brethren.

The article of Brother Moore, in another place, must close the discussion of the issues which Dr. Winton has raised. For this there are two reasons—the brethren have said about all that is pertinent and the discussion is proceeding on a misunderstanding. As to the issue about immortality, this paper promptly excepted to the opinion that the Scriptures themselves do not make out a plain case of the endless torment of the wicked; and Dr. Winton is on record saying that while he does not think the position can be fully proven from the Scriptures, he does, nevertheless, accept the doctrine as true in view of what the Scriptures do teach. As to the Sabbath issue, the brethren ought to understand that the Jewish Sabbath and every other Jewish ordinance and commandment, even to "The Ten Commandments," have all alike been abolished. Distinction must be made between abolishing a thing as an institution and abolishing the principle contained in the institution. The Ten Commandments of Moses were of an institutional nature under Moses; they were the primary and constitutional basis which underlaid the whole Mosaic moral code, an integral part of an institution and of a system. When that system went, they went. Yet they were in the system because they contained necessary moral principles, and these principles are binding now, not because they were promulgated on Mount Sinai, but because they are in their nature necessary and eternal, and because, also, the authority of the New Testament is behind them.

The rite of circumcision was an institution in Israel; the institution has gone, but the principle of covenant relation with God has been embodied in a new rite for the Gospel dispensation, in the rite of baptism, namely. Similarly the institution of the Passover is gone, but the principle of the Passover is embodied in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This rule of interpretation applies to the whole Mosaic system. When Paul says that we are not under the law, but under grace, he is including in the term law the moral precepts of the Ten Commandments, the proof of this statement being found in the fact that in the same argument he quoted from the Ten Commandments, "I had not known lust except the law had said 'Thou shalt not covet.'" Indeed, it was the great burden of his life to establish the doctrine that not the law, but Christ, is the thing for Christian people. The law had served its purpose in that it produced a consciousness of sin and led us to Christ for salvation—this being the object of both its ritual prescriptions and of its moral precepts. Having accomplished this purpose, it was swept out of the way. This is not saying, however, that the law was henceforth worthless; it is only to say that, whatever its uses, it is not formally binding upon us.

The radical and essential difference between the method of the law and the method of Christ is that the law was a system of mechanical rules imposed upon men from without, whereas Christ comes to implant within

us those principles for which the law stood. As respects the moral precepts of the law, this is his method of fulfilling the law. Instead of legalism about us, we have Christ within us. It is on such ground that we object to the tithe law, to all Jewish legalism whatever. A man with Christ within him ought to exceed any Jew in righteousness of any true sort.

There is, therefore, a wide difference between saying that the Jewish Sabbath is abolished and saying that the Sabbath is abolished. Nor is the Christian Sabbath a matter of exact rules. No Christian ordinance is a matter of rules. It is contrary to the very genius of the Gospel that it should be so. And if it be not so, then the Sabbath, like all other Christian ordinances, must be kept largely according to the interpretation of the individual conscience. We are perfectly well aware that such a rule of interpretation opens the way to fanaticism; yet, the liberty of the Gospel is not to be annulled simply because some people will undertake to transform liberty into license.

As to the specific cases which the brethren have had under discussion, they are matters of casuistry, and each man is entitled to his opinion. We have nothing here to say about them.

JAMES A. A.

Concealment of Crime Among Negroes.

It is commonly believed that negroes will conceal criminals of their race. We think the facts justify the belief, so far as the negro race in general is concerned, though we doubt not there are honorable exceptions. It becomes us, however, to inquire whether there is anything in our administration of law where a negro is under accusation to justify or extenuate the fact that they conceal their criminals. As long as the negroes believe that one of their race accused of crime will not have a fair and impartial trial before the courts conducted by the whites, the same as if he were a white man, they are likely to conceal their criminals. If this belief that an arrest means sure punishment, swift and full, simply because the accused is a negro, is warranted by the facts in any of our courts, then the negro is not to be overmuch blamed if he does not deliver up an accused member of his race.

We administer the laws, and we ought to administer them; but because we hold this power exclusively and mean to hold it exclusively here in the South, we have by these very facts brought ourselves under the highest obligations to administer the laws with impartial justice. Every consideration of jurisprudence, of high mindedness, of ethics, demands this at our hands. Under such a situation a judge or a jury should give even more careful consideration where a negro is involved than would be given where the defendant is a white man; this, or else there is nothing in the principle of magnanimity, which is the glory of the powerful in dealing with the weak, of the intelligent in dealing with the ignorant, of the fortunate in dealing with the unfortunate. But, to lay claim to

the least that ought to be claimed, give us even justice for an accused negro and for an accused white man. Then may we demand that all alike shall hand over their criminals to justice.

Ought Preachers to Be Better Than Other Men?

They are under the same moral standards as other men, to be sure; they will be judged by the same Judge, out of the same book of the law. Yet there are at least two reasons why preachers as a class are under obligations to be superior men. Our obligations arise out of our relationships. Ministers' religion sustains an advantageous relationship to the law of righteousness—it is their especial study—they are to be better of it; therefore, their conceptions of it ought to be clearer than those of others. This is the first reason for moral superiority. Preachers, being set for spiritual guides of the people, are by that fact under special obligations to be true guides—a thing impossible, except as they illustrate their teaching by correct living. This is the second reason why they should be better than other men. A man who has better opportunity than others to know the law is under obligation more than others to know it; and a man whose influence is more likely than the influence of others to misguide others is under obligation more than others to live as he ought to live.

It may easily be possible that you can learn more from the reading of a good book on Sunday than you can learn by going to church—the author may be a smarter man than the preacher; but learning something, though a good thing, is not the chief business of Sunday; it is worship you need, and there is no place like the sanctuary for that.

You would account it an instance of base treachery if you should find a man untrue to one who had always been his friend, one who had rescued him from peril one who had befriended him in unnumbered ways and on innumerable occasions. Well this is precisely what Jesus Christ has done for every one of us only more; he has saved us from disgrace, and shame, and hell.

You will surely be in touch with this world each day; make sure early in the morning that you get into touch with another world, else you will find that the influences of only one world have control of you. If some other world seems to influence you it will not be the world above. A man going out into this world, unfortified, will not find his peace in the things he meets from hour to hour.

Set it down deep in your innermost soul that righteousness and goodness will make for your peace; that any sort of wrong doing cannot be made to pay.

A tongue ready and sharp evermore bargains for the unrest of its owner. We must learn to repress unkindly speech; both principle and policy demand it.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

George O. Jewett has been transferred by Bishop Key from the Oklahoma Conference to the Montana Conference, and stationed at Deer Lodge, Montana. He leaves at once for his new charge.

Judge G. J. Harvey, one of the oldest and best laymen of our church in Northwest Arkansas, died at his home in Booneville on the night of the 6th. He has been one of the readers of this paper during all its history.

Last Monday Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Woodfin, of Cabot, called at our office. The contract for the new church house at Cabot will soon be let, and Brother Woodfin is hoping to have one of the prettiest churches of its size in the State.

We are sorry to note the death of Mrs. C. F. Weaver at Wanette, Okla., February 3. She was a good woman, the mother of Rev. Moss Weaver, our pastor at that place, who she was visiting. In the death of Sister Weaver a brave and loyal soldier of the cross has fallen.

It will be seen from the notes of our field editor that Rev. Moses E. Butt has returned to Arkansas to live. He was with us in the Arkansas Conference for a number of years, but has been now for several years a superannuate in the North Alabama Conference. He is living at Morrilton, and is welcome to a place on Arkansas soil.

It was a pleasure to have a number of the brethren, members of the Galloway College Board of trustees, in and about the office for a few hours on Tuesday last. They were Rev. F. A. Jeffet, Rev. Fred Little, Dr. L. E. Moore, F. M. Daniel and Rev. R. C. Morehead, of White River Conference; Rev. James Thomas, Rev. T. D. Scott, Hon. L. B. Leigh and Maj. H. A. Butler, representing the Little Rock Conference; Rev. P. C. Fletcher, Rev. H. Hanesworth and Dr. A. E. Hardin, representing the Arkansas Conference.

We desire to give our unqualified approval to the anti-cigarette bill, introduced by Senator McKenzie, making it unlawful for any person to sell or give away or to manufacture cigarettes, or to assist in any of these acts,

or to even keep about their person or premises any cigarettes or material wherewith to manufacture the same. The cigarette business is an unmitigated nuisance and ought to be abolished. The bill is now pending in the Arkansas legislature, and should become a law. If you agree to this, write your representatives.

At the last session of Little Rock Conference Rev. C. M. Chapman was appointed to mission work in the city of Little Rock. The first quarterly conference of his charge, called Capitol Hill, was held last Thursday. He reported 100 members, about fifty in Sunday School and a strong Woman's Home Mission Society. Holding services in his own hired house, Brother Chapman has had more people present than could be comfortably accommodated. The outlook for this church in the densely-populated Union Depot district is promising.

The legislature of Tennessee has just passed a bill giving to the Peabody College for Teachers, at Nashville, Tenn., two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Appropriations from other sources, notably one from the Peabody Education Fund, of one million dollars, which had been made, but depended upon the appropriation just passed by the State of Tennessee, makes the total already given more than a million, seven hundred thousand dollars secured to the college this year. Assurances of other donations had been given, to be made as soon as the college is permanently and adequately endowed, which is now practically accomplished. The college will have handsome buildings, new departments, additional professors, and promises to be one of the greatest teachers' colleges of the country.

A Grand Triumph.

By an overwhelming majority the lower house passed the anti-racetrack bill last Tuesday. There were only eight votes against it. The governor has only to sign the bill and it becomes Arkansas law.

Salary of the President.

It is commonly supposed that the president of the United States has for his maintenance a salary of \$50,000 a year, with perhaps a few perquisites. Here are the items in the appropriation bill for the support of the president next year:

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| President's salary..... | \$50,000 |
| Secretary and other employees in Executive Office | 66,340 |
| Contingent expenses..... | 20,000 |
| Ordinary care and furnishing Executive Mansion..... | 35,000 |
| Extraordinary repairs of Executive Mansion | 35,000 |
| Fuel for Executive Mansion..... | 6,000 |
| Care of conservatory and greenhouses | 9,000 |
| Repairs to greenhouses..... | 3,000 |
| Improvements and maintenance of Executive Grounds and Mansion..... | 4,000 |
| Traveling expenses of president and invited guests | 25,000 |
| Total | \$253,340 |

To these figures add \$10,000 paid for special policemen to guard and protect the president, and we have over three hundred thousand dollars for the support of President Roosevelt. Our Mr. Brundage, of Arkansas, filed his protest against this bill the other day. Another item, he tells us, must be included, \$50,000 to build another stable in which to keep the president's saddle horses, the present stable being on ground "too low and unhealthy" for horses, though there are thousands of people who live in the same section!

Texarkana, Ark.

I had the pleasure of spending Sunday, the 10th, in Texarkana, going down on the invitation of Rev. Frank Barrett, pastor of our First church in that city. Both for lack of time and because I found that our field editor, Rev. J. C. Rhodes, had been within a very recent time circulating among our people at Fairview, I did not get out among them, nor among our people at College Hill. It was a pleasure, however, to spend a few minutes with the pastor of Fairview, Rev. S. C. Dean, as true a man as "treads shoe leather" in those parts. He is doing well in his charge. We had good congregations at First church, morning and night. It is a magnificent young church, whose juniority would never be suspected by the stranger, so well is everything geared up and so smoothly does its machinery run. It is as well appointed and as well organized as any church we know of. Brother Barrett is in good favor and is succeeding. The people are delighted with his ministry. They are all hoping to come to still higher and better things in the Master's service.

We have a good list of readers at Texarkana. There are not so many as we should have, however. Something was done in the way of remedying this defect by the pastor and this editor, until the paper now goes into nearly all the homes of First Church.

Rev. James Thomas, who has done so much for Texarkana, was at home, ready for whatever service he could render anybody. Most delightful entertainment was given this writer in the home of the president of the official board, Mr. Q. O. Turner, whose whole family laid me under obligations. The stay in Texarkana was all too brief to accomplish what one might wish to do there, yet there will be another day. JAS. A. A.

Meeting of the Galloway Board of Trustees.

The Board held a meeting in Little Rock on the 12th inst. Steps were taken looking to the unification of our college work in the Methodist Church of Arkansas, and the cooperation of the Hendrix Board was asked, the time and place for a joint meeting of the two boards being left in the hands of the latter board.

Dr. C. C. Godden, who is now doing his eleventh year of service as president of Galloway, months ago notified the board that he would be compelled to retire at the end of this year. The principal business of the present meeting was the election of a successor to Dr. Godden. The matter was most thoroughly canvassed, and Prof. J. M. Williams, at present dean of the faculty of Henderson College was elected, to take effect next June. The election was unanimous, though it was far from hasty. We think every member of the board is satisfied that a wise choice has been made.

President Williams is a seasoned school man. He is a Webb graduate and an alumnus of the Vanderbilt University. His first work after graduation was as business manager of Harrell International Institute, at Muskogee. He has taught in the public schools, in secondary work, and has for two years been the dean of the faculty at Henderson College. His public school work was at Magnolia, Ark., his secondary school work was with Prof. Clary, at Fordyce, for two years. Prof. Clary thinks he "cannot be beaten" as a school man, and the people at Arkadelphia have the highest opinion of his work, as they have witnessed it in Henderson College. He is just now entering upon his best years, being thirty-three years of age. May he have a career of unbroken success at the Galloway.

Dr. Godden goes out with great honor, followed by the love of the church, the board and thousands of students.

Rev. J. S. Nicholson.

Rev. J. S. Nicholson, who for twenty-three years was a member of the Little Rock Conference, and for four years a member of the Indian Mission Conference, and stationed at Kiowa, died February 7, 1907. He suffered much for five or six weeks. He died well and at the post of duty. Surrounded by his family and many friends, his passage to heaven he so passionately sought was full of peace. The family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends. The writer, assisted by Revs. A. K. Miller, W. P. Donnell and J. H. Godfrey, conducted the funeral service. A more extended notice will appear later.

S. G. THOMPSON.

From Rev. C. O. Steel.

Allow me to say to the pastors of the conference that since I am not regularly employed, if at any time my services should be needed to fill a gap, I will take pleasure in serving them. My address is 229 Hobson Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

C. O. STEELE.

American Bible Society—Work Among the

Colored People.

The American Bible Society, during the year 1906, under the care of the Rev. J. P. Wragg, D. D., and eleven pastors associated with him, circulated 26,365 Bibles, Testaments and Scripture portions in over 200 towns and villages in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Over 24,000 of these volumes of Scriptures were circulated by colporteurs.

Missouri Will Have Good Roads.

The house, by a practically unanimous vote, has adopted a constitutional amendment resolution for good roads. The measure proposes to add to the constitution these words:

"In addition to taxes authorized to be levied for county purposes under and by virtue of section 11, article 10, of the constitution of this State, the county court in the several counties of this State not under township organization, and the township board of directors in the several counties under township organization, may, in their discretion, levy and collect a special tax not exceeding fifty cents on each \$100 valuation, to be used for road and bridge purposes, but for no other purpose whatever; and the power hereby given said county courts and township boards is declared to be a discretionary power."

A Check on Liquor Interests.

Petitions asking the Missouri legislature to pass the prohibition amendment now pending in the form of a resolution submitting the question to the people came in swarms today. They came in both houses from the swamp county represented by New Madrid, from Crawford and Greene, in the Ozark country; from a dozen of the prairie counties in northern Missouri, and scattered petitions from towns small and large. There was evidence of a concerted effort to promote these petitions. It does not take much agitation to start a prohibition movement in almost any county in Missouri, and these petitions merely express a sentiment that could be started into active hostility if the liquor element should attempt to crowd its claims too far. It serves a useful purpose, for it keeps the liquor interests from becoming too conspicuous around the legislature.—Exchange.

The Great Mid-Year Rally, Chickasha, March 5-7.

First Day—Rev. J. W. Sims, presiding. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Devotional half-hour, by Rev. E. B. Chappell, D. D. 8 p. m.—Opening sermon, Dr. G. B. Winton.

Second Day—Morning. Rev. J. B. McDonald, presiding.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional half-hour, Dr. E. B. Chappell. Topic, a general survey of our mission fields.

9—China, Rev. W. C. Morris.

9:15—Japan, Rev. J. S. Riley.

9:30—Mexico, Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D.

9:45—Brazil, Rev. George C. French.

10—Korea, Rev. W. U. Witt.

10:15—Cuba, Rev. J. F. Lawliss.

10:30—Our Indian Work, Rev. J. J. Methvin.

11 Address, Dr. Ed F. Cook.

Afternoon, second day:

Rev. C. F. Mitchell, presiding.

General Topic, Church Extension as Related to Mission Work.

2:30—Devotional half-hour, Dr. Chappell.

3 p. m.—Our Opportunity, Rev. N. L. Linebaugh.

3:30—Church Architecture, W. J. Sims, J. H. Ball and A. L. Seales, ten minutes each.

4—District Boards of Church Extension, Rev. J. B. McDonald.

4:30—Church Extension as a Factor in Missions, Rev. S. G. Thompson.

Second day, evening:

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, presiding.

7:30—Address by Dr. W. F. McMurry.

Third Day—Rev. L. L. Thurston, presiding.

8:30—Devotional half-hour, Dr. Chappell.

General Topic—"Problems."

Creating a Missionary Conscience.

9—The Pastor's Part, W. M. Wilson.

9:15—The Superintendent's Part, Dr. A. E. Bonnell.

9:30—Epworth League President's Part, G. W. Ditzler.

9:45—Symposium, "How to Dispense with Help from the Foreign Board," J. S. Lamar, J. B. McDonald, S. G. Thompson, N. L. Linebaugh, W. D. Matthews, C. M. Coppedge, J. E. Lovett, W. J. Sims, L. L. Johnson, W. P. Pipkin, S. G. Thompson, W. F. Dunkle. The opening speaker has ten minutes. The closing fifteen minutes. The others limited to five minutes.

11 a. m.—Address, "Echoes from the Conference of Missionary Secretaries," O. E. Goddard.

Third day, afternoon:

General topic helps.

2:30—Address by Mrs. W. F. Barnum.

3—The W. F. M. S. as a Helper, Mrs. J. C. Fowler.

3:10—The W. H. M. S. as a Helper, Mrs. W. F. Whittington.

3:20—The place of Revivals in Missions, P. B. Hicks.

3:35—The Sunday School, Dr. Chappell.

Third day, evening:

O. E. Goddard presiding.

7:30—Address by Rev. Ed F. Cook, D. D.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Anti-Gambling Bill.

I note the following in the proceedings of the committee to whom was referred the bill mentioned in the caption, as reported by the Arkansas Democrat: Senator Carlock opposed Col. Rector's amendment to the effect that "the bill shall not apply to organized jockey clubs."

Gambling, the Senator said, in all forms,

should be eliminated, and however plausible the arguments of Col. Rector were they should not be heeded to the extent of legalizing fraud in the State.

Senator McCall said that Senator Carlock viewed the matter entirely from a moral standpoint, altogether neglecting the business end. He respects the wishes of the majority should be respected in this request. He believed the bill without the amendment would give Arkansas a black eye. Is Senator McCall in favor of "bucket shops" and dealing in futures? To be consistent he ought to be, for these make just as much for the prosperity of Arkansas as any other class of gambling. Senator Yopp, speaking for the amendment, admitted the evils of racing. In fact he said, "I have often gone broke at the races," but nevertheless he thought human nature could not resist the temptation to wager a dollar or two on a good thing. He did not think a majority of the people in the State were in favor of the amendment.

Out of regard to the wishes of the majority, and in the interest of prosperity to be secured by legalizing gambling, Senator McCall voted for the amendment, thus making it possible for the vultures in human shape who gather about these race tracks to rob the peaceful homes of Arkansas of the rarest jewels and despoil them of their fairest flowers, impoverishing them as well, while enriching the saloons, hotels and sports of Hot Springs. What of the personnel of this majority of which the senator speaks? I venture to say that if they were made to march through the streets of Little Rock, Col. Rector, as well as others who fought the Amis bill, would be ashamed to be found marching by the side of many of them. Then I would remind the senator that one of the cardinal tenets of Southern Democracy is that under certain conditions the wishes of the minority are entitled to more regard than the wishes of the majority. But too often this is forgotten when the interest of saloons and kindred evils are put in jeopardy.

Senator Yopp brushes aside majorities as of little worth, and supports the amendment to enable frail human nature to be legally tempted, and that it may lawfully yield to it. I raise the question, "Is gambling a sin?" If gambling is a sin is it not sin to legalize it, thus throwing about it the protecting, fostering care of the State. Can the State afford to sin—debauch her citizens in the name of prosperity? The motto of those who oppose the Amis bill seems to be "money first and morals afterwards."

E. L. BEARD.

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Women who see Herods murdering the innocents at their very doors, or over whose landscape the winds of a great sorrow have swept, leaving them alone and broken-hearted, do not care to hear, in the pulpit, vulgar jokes, dying scenes, and poetical effusions.

Sermons that make men good must have in them the very life-blood of the speaker, like a telegram, the message must be hurled with the energy of the skies, a product of the heart and the brain, sharp to probe the conscience, strong to desprove error, and clear to convince the doubting. It should come over the darkened mind as a current of wind sweeps over a marsh dividing the fog, to let the warm sun down into the dark chambers of the heart revealing man to himself.

Men want ideas, ideas fight and conquer, when pounding and screaming fails; arguments are useful sometimes, but truth spoken intelligently is stronger than the sword or money; it is mightier than all other forces combined, like a few ounces of nitro glycerine. Give it a chance and it will shake the earth and mount to the sky.

A little of God's truth, lodged in the bosom of a wild Arab will soon change his clan and cover the desert with a blaze of glory.

There is a great influence and a contagious energy in the sight of a speaker delivering his message. If he believes what he says, out of weakness, he will be made strong, and able to plough through mountains in order to reach the hearts of men.

The pulpit is the throne of God's power, the pen is a mighty instrument, but the Gospel at its best comes hot, from a hungry heart for the salvation of men.

Then, my brethren, let us gather up the forces of the Gospel that have been growing and unfolding these nineteen hundred years, recoin the blessed old truths and deliver them in His name. The truth that guides men from earth to glory must fuse its entire substance into light.

Brethren, with this power in our hands, and God's promise to be with us, the church shall conquer.

C. F. MITCHELL.

Now Concerning the Program.

The program for the great Missionary Rally to be held in Chickasha was carefully and prayerfully prepared. The first morning will be devoted to a general survey of the missionary fields occupied by our church. The latest and most inspiring facts fresh from all our mission fields will be presented. There will be also a letter from a missionary in each of our foreign fields, written especially for this meeting, read in connection with the presentation of each field. Thus we will get the most accurate and most up-to-date information that can be had relative to China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Korea, Cuba and our Indian work.

This one-half day will be worth the expense of the trip. In the afternoon we will have "Church Extension as Related to Mission Work." There is no other conference in Southern Methodism where so much work must be done by our Church Extension Board as must be done within the next few years in the Oklahoma Conference. Our people must have comfortable and commodious houses of worship, and they will have to be built faster than we are able to build them alone. Able preachers will discuss these vital and para-

mount issues.

The second morning will be devoted to "Problems." Under this head a number of intensely interesting "problems" will be discussed, not least of which will be this: How Can the Oklahoma Conference Dispense with Help from the Parent Board? This is to be a symposium by all the presiding elders. Many are already looking forward with much interest to this serious question. The presiding elders are pre-eminently the men to discuss this subject.

Dr. Lambuth asked the writer to please report the result of this discussion to him in Nashville. Every preacher and layman in our conference should be interested in this subject.

In the afternoon of the second day the general subject will be "Helps." Here the Sunday School, the League, and the Home and Foreign Missionary societies will be heard.

We have been very fortunate in securing talent from abroad. Dr. Winton will preach the opening sermon and will represent Mexico in the discussion of the mission fields. Dr. Winton having spent several years as a missionary there, is eminently qualified to speak concerning Mexico. Dr. Chappell will conduct the devotional half hour and represent the Sunday School interest. Great emphasis will be put on the devotional half hour at the beginning of each session. Those who know Dr. Chappell are expecting a rare treat in these services. The conference is to be congratulated in securing Dr. Ed F. Cook. He was the leader of that great movement in South Georgia, which is the most wonderful missionary movement in Southern Methodism, and which is attracting the attention of the whole missionary world. Dr. Cook now has charge of the Young People's Department of Missions in the mission rooms at Nashville. He is a man who succeeds and who can inspire others to success. He will be a blessing and an inspiration to every one who hears him. Let all our preachers come. Let all the Sunday School superintendents come. Let all the League presidents come. Let laymen who want a broader vision and a higher conception of missions come. Let the entire conference be much in prayer that this may be the greatest missionary meeting ever held in our bounds.

O. E. GODDARD.

The Sabbath.

Western Methodist:

In the Methodist of recent date appeared an article from Dr. Winton, on "Sabbath Observance." When a man takes one step from the path of right thinking, it is painful to know how fast and far he can wander. The people had hardly had time to catch their breath from the time he had advanced heretical ideas on the "immortality of the soul" until he takes a position on the "Sabbath question" as extremely unorthodox as his position on the immortality of the soul. He says, "The Jewish Sabbath is gone, with all its restrictions and limitations." Jesus Christ is the highest authority on the subject, and He says: "I came not to destroy the law or prophets—I came not to destroy, but to fulfill," Matt. 5-17. I suppose all Methodists, except Brother Winton, and a few of his disciples, will admit that the heart of the law referred to by Christ is contained in the "Ten Commandments." The sermon on the mount is a straight out, old-fashioned indorsement of the Ten Commandments. Christ in His sermon says: "Ye have heard whosoever shall kill is in danger of the judgment, but I say unto you, whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause is in danger of the judgment; and whosoever

looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her in his heart."

Instead of Jesus destroying the law, He enlargeth it, and presents it to us in a way that we understand its deep design. If Jesus did not destroy the Ten Commandments, the Jewish Sabbath is not gone, for the fourth commandment is a part and parcel of the whole. Brother Winton may claim that he has orders from headquarters to expunge the fourth commandment, but until he shows a commission signed by Jesus himself, I will not believe him. In olden times no works were allowed except works of necessity or mercy. The Savior in reply to those who charged Him with violating the Sabbath, said: "You loose your ox or ass on the Sabbath, and lead him to water." Jesus said nothing about a fellow being excusable who compelled another to work for him on the Sabbath, neither did He offer any apology for the fellow who worked because a wicked "boss" commanded him, which command was obeyed in order to hold his job. Brother Winton excuses the fellow for running his engine on Sunday, because his "boss" commands it, but says he is willing to go after the boss for commanding him. If it is wrong for the boss to command the engineer to run his engine on Sunday, it is wrong for the engineer to obey. I cannot assist a man in wrongdoing without doing a wrong myself. There are no circumstances under which a man is excused from obedience. God says: "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work." An act that is prompted by greed does not originate in the realm of mercy. A soulless corporation does not run the trains on Sunday for the convenience of the people, but for the cold cash they realize therefrom. The running of the trains on Sunday is neither an act of necessity nor mercy, therefore, they are in open violation of God's command, and all who aid or abet in running the Sunday trains are violators of a Divine law.

Brother Winton says: "The engineer is too old to learn another trade, and he has to support his family and it is necessary that he work on Sunday." The Psalmist says: "I have been young and now am old, yet, I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." He also says: "No good thing will God withhold from them that walk uprightly." A man while trusting God is not reduced to the necessity of working on Sunday to support his family. God ever loves and cares for His own. Elijah did not have to compromise with wicked old Ahab to secure a position to keep from starving, but he trusted in God and God directed him to a brook from which he drank, and God sent food to him each day by the ravens. If the engineer can ease his conscience on the ground of financial support, the saloonkeeper, if converted, could make the same plea. He would be too old to learn another trade. The Lord promised the Jews, if they would keep the Sabbath, Jerusalem would never be destroyed. No nation has ever defied God respecting the Sabbath but what have paid for it in blood. One of the greatest perils to our Christian religion today is Sabbath desecration, and if the bugle of such men as Winton does not cease to give such uncertain sound, the time will come soon when we will have no Sabbath and the church of Jesus Christ will die of paralysis.

Yours in Christian Sabbath,

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

LESSON BY REV. W. M. WILSON, DUNCAN, I. T. FIELD NOTES BY REV. F. L. RIPPET, ADA, I. T.

February 17—Convincing the World. John 17:20-23.

Bible Illustrations—John 9:35-38, 10:37, 38; Phil. 2:15; I Peter 2:12.

Christ desired that the world, that all the people, should be convinced that he was the Sent of God. He sought to lead men to recognize him as the Messiah, the Savior of the world, and has commissioned his disciples to continue to bring men to the recognition of this truth that believing on him they may have eternal life. Christians are expected by their Lord to make known the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world and to bear such testimony to his saving power that men shall be convinced that in him they shall find the only life worthy of being sought.

The unity of Christians is one thing that will convince the world of the genuineness and value of the Christian religion. Brotherly love and Christian fellowship will convince men who cannot be moved by any argument. The faithfulness of Pythias to his friend Damon was a convincing argument to the tyrant Dionysius. When the world discovers that Christians are held together by indissoluble bonds of Brotherly love and Christian affection it will give proper recognition to their testimony and be persuaded to accept the Christ thus represented. Let us, therefore, pray for peace, and harmony, and unity among the disciples and labor to secure the same. When we forgive one another and love one another and pray for one another we shall find our testimony more convincing.

"Ye are the light of the world. Even so. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Your life is a testimony. Does it convince? Does it lead to Christ? "Do all things without murmurings and questionings, that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom we are seen as lights in the world."

League Notes.

The Epworth League in Duncan has just elected officers for this year, and is starting anew into the work. All of the departments are being thoroughly organized, and plans for larger things in Christian service are being planned, and the outlook for the League is very hopeful. An installation service is to be held next Sunday.

The Leaguers of the Oklahoma Conference should attend the missionary rally in Chickasha. The Epworth League is and must be a factor in the missionary activities of the church. It is very important that our young people keep in touch with the plans and achievements of our church in her missionary operations. This mid-year meeting is an opportunity that should not be slighted. All for Christ and Christ for all is the watchword of the League.

Tennessee Letter.

Editor Western Methodist—As I have become a reader of your valuable paper, I incline to drop you a few lines from across the water. First, I want to request that you leave the "e" out of my name. My name is "Carlton," and not "Carleton." The Carletons were statesmen and poets, while the Carltons were religiously inclined and took more to the ministry. And as I am a statesman nor poet, but am an humble Methodist preacher, I prefer to claim lineage with the latter. Rev. Thomas Carlton, D. D., was a noted min-

ister in the M. E. Church for many years. Besides occupying important pastorates in Rochester, Buffalo and other places, he was agent of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary; presiding elder for several years; publisher of the Methodist Book Concern in New York; and treasurer of the Methodist Missionary Society for twenty years.

My father was also named Thomas Carlton, and was a leading minister in the Methodist Protestant Church for nearly a half century. He was president of the Tennessee Conference of that church for many years, and was filling that office at the time of his death, in May, 1905. He was not a great man, in the sense that the world understands the word, but his character was without spot or wrinkle, and I have no desire to change my name.

There is just now the sound of a going in the tops of the trees about calling an extra session of the General Conference for the purpose of strengthening the Episcopacy. I don't know just how much there is in the report, nor where nor who started it. Perhaps the Episcopal bee has been buzzing about the ear of some humble aspirant, and he originated the report as a kind of thermometer to test the temperature of the delegation. Anyhow, the report is out, but I don't think it will ever get to more than mere rumor.

We are having a peculiar winter in Tennessee. There has been an unprecedented amount of rain. Waters are unusually high and the roads nearly impassable, making it extremely difficult for pastors of rural charges to look after their work. Much of the last year's crop is still in the fields, and of course, is much damaged. This makes the people a little blue, and puts a greater strain upon their faith. But we are holding on with steady hands, and in many instances going forward.

And now, three cheers for Tennessee! The legislature has extended the Adams Law to the entire State, and passed the Anti-Racing Bill. Soon as the governor signs them they will become law, and we will sing "Praise Him From Whom All Blessings Flow." I hope to see the day when there will not be an open saloon within the bounds of my native State.

"Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong."

Well, you are giving the church a good paper. I very much enjoy reading it. It looks from a distance that Arkansas Methodism was fast coming to the very front. Blessings upon you in the great work.

W. J. CARLTON.

Brownsville, Tenn.

Boodlers.

I indorse your editorial in the Western Methodist of January 31. Go after the scoundrels. It's enough to make every right-thinking, justice-loving, patriotic man burn with righteous indignation to see these money bloats sitting back in their security, looking on with a cold and indifferent air, but with a great deal of complacency. The shame and disgrace, the wreck and ruin, their money has brought upon their fellowmen!

The man who with premeditation and forethought uses his money to bribe his fellow-man to do wrong is meaner than the man who accepts the bribe, and ought to be placed behind the bars and made to wear the stripes.

T. A. MARTIN.

Sunrise.

By B. F. M. Sours.

Arise, for the light is beaming
Upon thy chamber walls!
Arise, for the joy is breaking
Through nature's golden halls.
The birds are all a-twitter
With happy melody,
And joy from hill and stream and wood
Is sweet and glad and free.

The streaks of the early morning
Adorn the eastern sky;
The stars, eclipsed in glory,
Are silver, and they die.
The fields are jewel laden—
Each globe of glittering dew
Bears image of yon Heaven above
Created there anew.

Arise, arise, for the shadows
Have vanished from the night!
Arise, arise, for the hilltops
Are bathed in living light!
All nature is responsive;
All voices join the song,
As resurrection life comes forth,
And moves in phalanx strong.

Arise, arise, for the glory
Sweeps o'er the human soul.
Join thou the anthem soaring,
And, with the spirit whole
By His dear touch of healing
Who makes the shadows flee,
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Church Extension Notes.

The returns on the annual assessment for last year are nearly all in, and indicate that there will be a substantial increase in the receipts.

A preacher writing to the Church Extension office inquiring about a loan for a new church enterprise concludes his letter with the following: "You may feel more interested in us when I tell you that two of Bishop _____'s daughters live here. They and their husbands are loyal Methodists and enthusiastic workers in the church."

Increased enthusiasm in the matter of the projection of new church building enterprises seem to be the order of the day throughout the entire connection. Presiding elders are on the alert, and districts Boards of Church Extension are being organized in many places, which, of course, means intelligent and concentrated effort in the work of providing adequate houses of worship for our homeless congregations. These and the city boards are destined to become a large factor in our church organization.

A successful pastor, who has been distinguished for the elegant churches which have been erected in several of the charges which he has served, said recently: "I have met good people who argue that building a new church is diverting means needed elsewhere and crippling the spiritual influence of the preacher. My experience has been that the 'building year' has always been 'the best yet.' It has always meant all collections in full and running over; more additions, and general good will."

Oklahoma Items—Constitutional Convention.

Three days at Guthrie, the temporary capital, gave me an opportunity of hearing the best that the convention has to offer. The judiciary system of the State was thrashed out the first day, and then for two whole days following the packed lobbies and galleries were treated to an exceptionally strong arraignment of King Alcohol. Not one man lifted his voice in favor of open saloons or said a good word for them. The friends of liquor confined themselves to the issue as to whether the people should not settle the question by their suffrage. All seemed to agree that saloons are a curse—unmitigated—and the only question was one of policy as to the best method of driving them from the land. I sat there and thanked God that we had no man in all that day's red hot debate who would defend the traffic at all. It speaks well for us as a people. May we be always thus blessed! I fear that some will even dare to advocate open saloons, though. The vote was finally very decisive, indeed, that the prohibition of the liquor traffic was proper, and they thus spoke subject to the will of the people when submitted. The time to work and pray, therefore, has begun. The whole State will vote on it, notwithstanding the fact that the law to be tested by the vote applies to the Oklahoma side alone. If a majority of the electorate so order, the twenty-one-year clause of the enabling act extends over the entire State, and the constitution will be uniform.

There were several strong speeches made. The Hon. C. N. Haskell made an exceptionally strong appeal for State-wide prohibition without submission. Rev. Henry Cloud, a full-blood Cherokee, made the only other speech for "State-wide" without submission to the people.

The convention is doing some exceptionally

fine work. There will be general satisfaction with the document, I think, when it is finished. I have no fears at all that it will be turned down by the people. There will be very little opposition to it if they will have the precaution to leave out of it Jim Crow legislation.

So far as I am able to judge, the items thus far adopted are sane deliverances, and breathe a spirit of justice between man and man. Politicians of the opposite party will make objections and cry out against it, but my prediction is that the enlightened citizenship of the State will take well to it.

The position of Commissioner of Public Charities is an office which, if created, as is most probable, will give some true patriot an opportunity not to be met again in a lifetime. I should like to have the privilege of launching and assisting in the directing of those most important adjuncts to our State government. It would afford an opportunity to

lusty, almost, as the strong executive who presides in the president's chair.

B. McDONALD.

Meeting of Conference Missionary Secretaries—Policy for Boards.

There were present at the meeting of the conference missionary secretaries held at Nashville, Tenn., January 22-25, representatives from twenty-six annual conferences and from four of our mission fields, China, Japan, Korea and Brazil.

From every one, as we came from the last service, could be heard the expression, "We have had a great meeting;" and a great meeting it was. And its effects will doubtless be felt in every conference at home and in every mission field abroad. But my paper is to cover but two points in the meeting, to wit: the missionaries and the policy of the boards; and I shall endeavor to confine myself to these subjects.

THE MISSIONARIES.

W. E. Towson brought us a cheering message from Japan, this rapidly developing field. J. L. Kennedy told of the work in Brazil, Joseph Whiteside made us feel that the Gospel was sufficient for China's redemption, while J. R. Moose brought us a message from Korea that was truly wonderful; although the church has been laboring there but twenty-two years, yet the people are being converted by the hundreds. Perhaps never in the history of the world was a heathen nation being evangelized so rapidly. Julius Magath, of the North Georgia Conference, a converted Jew and missionary to the Hebrews, came with a message for his people. He thinks this one of our most promising fields. "The Jew needs the Gospel, his religion is gone, and at this time he needs your sympathy. He looks with suspicion on the convert from Judaism to Christianity and nothing but sympathy can overcome this suspicion."

The Policy of the Boards.

Many things were suggested, but from these I select what I regard as the most salient points.

1. Missionary Education.—We must reach the point where it is not simply a question of getting the money, paying our assessments in full, but to give the people an intelligent conception of what is to be done and what we are doing on the foreign fields; and an occasional sermon is not going to do that, but missionary institutes must be held, missionary literature freely circulated, our young people must be organized into missionary study circles, and our Sunday schools organized into missionary societies, not simply to give the collections to missions one Sunday in the month, but have a program and thoroughly educate them in mission work. With the 80,000 Epworth Leaguers and the 1,000,000 Sunday school scholars thus enlisted and educated we could evangelize the world in this generation. (For plans for such organization write Rev. Ed F. Cook, Nashville, Tenn.)

2. Trained Workers for the Field.—The general board requires that each worker be equipped for his work. It is certainly not too much to demand the same for our home mission fields. "What is worth doing is worth doing well," and to do it well we must have skilled workmen. Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved a workman that need not be ashamed." The training school at Nashville is especially provided for such work, and it is hoped that all who can will avail themselves of this means of a more thorough equipment for the work of the church at home or abroad.)

3. We need to take the stigma off our domestic mission work, so that on being read out to a mission charge a man will not feel

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There has been much unwarranted criticism of the division of the State into seventy counties. This gives us large counties, and those who complain of their smallness are not informed. The average size is 931 square miles. The average size of the counties in Kansas is 778; in Arkansas, 707; in Missouri, 606. In Kentucky, 420; in Georgia, 430; in Illinois, 545; Iowa, 564, and in Indiana 400. Of the bordering States, our counties average 20 per cent above Kansas, 30 per cent above Arkansas and 50 per cent above Missouri, while they are more than twice as large as those of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia or Indiana. Who said they are too small? The men who compose the convention are selected from the people direct, and reflect credit upon their stalwart constituency. So long as our people select such men to represent them the common people will not suffer.

The chaplain, Rev. Frank Naylor, seems as

that he is injured as a preacher. Mission is the noblest word in the missionary vocabulary. When a man is called to the foreign field God has honored him and men honor him. Then are the men who go to the hard domestic mission not as divinely called and honored of God? Their work is as noble, and often as self-sacrificing, as the foreign missionaries. Let them know that we so regard it, and do not put them there simply to find a place for them, but to do a work for God and humanity.

4. A thorough understanding between the bishop and his cabinet, and the annual conference boards.—Some thought that the appropriation should be made in the early part of the conference session and furnished the cabinet, requesting them to find a suitable man; others thought that the bishop might take the board of missions into his confidence as they were administering a trust fund; but all concluded that we must move on parallel line for the best interest of the church.

5. Not to make small appropriations.—We had better cultivate one field well, let the others "grow up in grass" until we can take them up and cultivate. Do thorough work as we go. We are not here to pension old men who are declining in strength, nor to provide for inefficient men who cannot be provided for except on a mission. The fact was developed that our board had made appropriations of the amount of \$13.00 per annum, another \$50.00, and these charges supplied by inefficient men. "Put nothing on nothing and get nothing in return." Such a policy was especially disparaged.

6. We must use our laymen.—They have long been the "lame man" lying at the beautiful gate of the temple with nothing to do. "Put him inside with a work to do, for more churches are dying for want of work than for workers." The reason why the layman is not interested in missions is, (1) He lacks information; (2) the vague, indifferent way we present the work to him. He is a business man and believes in something definite, and that is carried forward with business methods. We as a church are responsible for 50,000,000 heathen, and we need every laymen to help carry this responsibility and to discharge the obligation that rests on us.

7. Self-support.—This is the goal at which we aim. This thing of continuing appropriations from year to year without any effort to make the charge self-supporting is all wrong, and tends to pauperize the charge. It was suggested as a remedy that conditional appropriations be made by the board, offering to cover each dollar raised by the local board with another, and so on, until the assessment was sufficient to make a self-supporting charge. Let them know that we will help for a time, but that the appropriation will be cut off later. "We must break up this habit of receiving, but never giving."

We need better organization in all of our boards. Let us seek to get it and thus enhance our usefulness and help to save the men and women for whom God has made us responsible.

WILLIAM SHERMAN.

Conference Missionary Sec. Arkansas Class.

Methodist Training School for Christian Workers.

Through the kindness of Brother Hutchinson in agreeing to fill my pulpit, I was enabled to come over and spend two weeks in the Methodist Training School for Christian Workers. They are giving us a feast of good things, from such experts as Drs. Lambuth, Cook, Brown, Kern, Nelson, Stevenson and Bishop Hoss. The Bishop spoke to us last night in Watkins Hall on Brazil. He told us, among many other things, that of the twenty

millions of people there, eighteen millions of them at least were nominal Roman Catholics, and less than fifteen per cent of them could read and write. He also told us that the five thousand Methodists there gave to the church last year out of their almost universal poverty thirty-four thousand dollars, a little more than six dollars per member. He said one of the missionary's hardest works is to so teach and manage a convert as to keep him from hating the Roman Catholic people. One father upon introducing his nine sons to him remarked, no priest had ever spit upon their heads.

We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming and deliverances of Dr. Josiah Strong and Bishops Candler and Atkins this week.

Several of the conference missionary boards east of the river are giving so many scholarships to their conference and allowing the several presiding elders to appoint so many from their districts. Twenty-five dollars pays for a scholarship, including matriculation, board and four dollars worth of books. It occurs to me that it would be wise for our conference board to adopt such a policy, and send each year several of our young brethren who are traveling, such works that do not enable them to come out of the scanty salaries paid them. I think the information gained and quickened missionary enthusiasm would yield a sufficient dividend to justify the outlay of money from our conference treasury. With love to the brethren, I am fraternally,

W. C. WATSON.

Nashville, Tenn., February 11, 1907.

Get Off the Board.

I note the Florida Conference "respectfully declined" the board's last appropriation, and also raised its assessment. Can Oklahoma follow that example? I do not question the wisdom of the board at present, in sending us the sinews of war, but I do believe we Oklahoma people ought at least to have grit territory. It looks like an imposition on enough to quit classing ourselves as foreign other "home" conferences to ask them to collect foreign mission assessments, and then pour them into American territory. It is all right to pay thus to the Indian people, who are already nominal Christians, and have come here to "grow up with the country," is a rebuke to their lives, and a challenge of their determination to plant here true Americanism. We need a new Declaration of Independence. The preacher who receives these "foreign appropriations" is not hereby impeached as to his integrity of character, or consecration in service. Too plain it is that many of them could not stay in the field without this money, under the circumstances. But these very "circumstances" are not as they should be. I believe that the Methodists of Oklahoma are rich enough to be self-supporting. Home Mission appropriations will continue to stand as our emergency fund for new fields, hard places and to meet disaster. But too many of our congregations are satisfied with merely "full reports." We need some excesses to balance our short-comings. I would like to see all of our assessments paid in full. But the greatest need in Oklahoma just now seems to be home support of the men on the ground—a true revival in the matter of paying the pastors. We need not, in our rally at Chickasha, put less stress on the efforts to raise extra funds for special representatives abroad, but let us

emphasize more the duty we owe our church, and our God, to get off the foreign board! That would be a magnificent contribution to Foreign Missions. It may be argued that all we raise for Foreign Missions helps to relieve the burden of our support indirectly. True, but I dare say no church in Oklahoma pays a dollar more than we ought to pay, did we not draw a single dollar from the board in return. Besides, some of our laymen are more open to the matter of ministerial support than that of missions. A layman of Oklahoma once told me of a certain preacher who "cashed missionary checks" at his place of business and "stuck the money in his own pocket," therefore he, this indignant layman, would not pay a cent to missions! Theories are beautiful, but we pastors have to deal with hard facts, many such as this. Some of our laymen are paying five and ten dollars to missions when they could pay fifty. Some are doing no more for ministerial support, when they could easily pay a like sum. The burden of this latter weakness often falls on the board, and in the end, on people no wealthier, who think they are giving money to send missionaries to Brazil, Mexico or China. If this burden could be placed where it belongs these pastors would not have to "cash missionary checks." But it is hard for some folks to see that it is not the greed or dishonesty of a preacher that sends such money into his pocket, but the hard-fisted stinginess of laymen. Men do not like to be called stingy, but, unfortunately, a large per cent of them are mercilessly stingy along certain lines—not all on the same lines, however.

I believe such rallies as the coming meeting at Chickasha should be utilized for narrowing this field of stinginess. "The preacher must not preach about paying salaries—his own at least," is the commonly accepted opinion. But he might swap appointments with a neighboring pastor, and each pay this debt to God and humanity for each other. As long as we make a distinction between home and foreign funds we should strive to lead our people to see the need of staying within the limits of the home fund, and not divert foreign funds to any American, English-speaking charge. There is but one practice in keeping with this wrong, and that is the custom of using State property, i. e., school-houses as places of worship. Thus, while we do not unite church and State, in this land of the free, yet we, of all denominations, are too often guilty of levying on State property for our religious uses, and sometimes, like drawing on our foreign board for home work, it turns out in our well-to-do communities to be a deplorable misuse. But the generosity of the State and the leniency of the foreign board are alike to be commended. Many a charge would have been lost without them. But, brethren of the new State, let us of the M. E. Church, South, in this "convention period" adopt a few resolutions of our own, the first to be, "Get off the Foreign Board!" Let us have a new Declaration of Independence! In return for the privilege of entering the Indian's country, let us take the whole burden of the Indian work ourselves, and in addition, **Get off the Board!**

J. L. JAMES.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

February 24—God's Covenant With Abram.

Golden Text—He believed in the Lord, and he counted it to him for righteousness. Gen. 15:6.

Time—1913 B. C.

Abram was dwelling in the plains of Mamre at the time of the present lesson.

Lesson Text—Gen. 15:1, 5-16.

Five years have intervened since our last lesson. Lot has made his home in Sodom, toward which place he was pitching his tent in our last lesson. As soon as Lot had deserted the country where Abram was dwelling the Lord again came to him and invited him to look the whole country over and to realize that it was the promised land. A short time before the present lesson an armed force had despoiled the city of Sodom and captured the leading men of the place, Lot with them, and had carried them away captive. When this news reached Abram he girded himself and armed his servants and went in pursuit, beating the captors and setting at liberty his nephew and his associates. This daring deed seems to have brought Abram to the notice of the whole world. On his return that mysterious person, Melchizedek, met him and extended his blessing. Also the kings of the East came out to meet him and to treat him with consideration. It must not be overlooked that before going on the expedition against the marauding captors of Lot he vowed a vow which he faithfully kept. This vow seems to have awakened in the Lord a fresh interest in his servant Abram, and he immediately made a covenant with him, which brings us to our present lesson.

Up to this time the promises to Abram refer mainly to a landed estate. Now a more definite promise of posterity was added. A more vital relation was entered also. Before the Lord had spoken to him and made him promises, but now he makes a covenant with him. The old friendship is growing and God is much pleased with his servant. The sacrifice here spoken of was well known in the East at that time and since. Abram was not bound by it, but God voluntarily assumed a covenant relationship with his servant. The blessing was to come from God, hence he entered into covenant to give it. The history of this nation that was to come out from Abram passes in view before his eyes, and along with the good things he is shown the evil also. This is characteristic of the Bible. There is no shadow of deception, no coloring. Lest the promise of the Lord might be thought to have failed by the captivity in Egypt, that unpleasant piece of history was given beforehand. The four hundred years of slavery was plainly given in the vision. But the magnitude of the blessing was revealed also. In the nation should be prophets, priests and kings. The Savior of the race was to come this way. The deep sleep that fell upon Abram and the vision that followed made a deep impression upon him, and he lived ever afterwards in anticipation of it. The golden text is a fitting statement of the relation that henceforth existed.

Some Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman S. S. Board, Oklahoma Conference.

The minutes of our last conference show the following:

Number of Sunday Schools, 365; number of officers and teachers, 2,578; number of scholars, 28,362. In 1905, number of Sunday Schools, 330; number of officers and teachers, 2,678; number of scholars, 24,702. This is an encouraging increase.

Dr. Sullins, in the February Magazine, says: "And one of the greatest lacks has been the failure of the average pastor to be a master of Sunday School methods and Sunday School ideas." It is difficult to raise a Sunday School higher than the pastor's conception of the Sunday School. He ought to be an up-to-date Sunday school man, able to teach, competent to advise.

About the wisest and most practical thing the General Association did, was to inaugurate a movement for a "Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy" in Vanderbilt University. No theological training is more important than this for our preachers. The church that takes care of the young people is the church of the future. Other churches are ahead of us in this movement.

Are we not about ready to put a Sunday School evangelist in the field for Oklahoma Conference? If so, how could he be paid?

Just one-third of the charges in the Oklahoma Conference observed "Children's Day" and took a collection. Let every pastor and superintendent begin now to plan for its observance the third Sunday in May. Let "Rally Day" be observed the third Sunday in October.

The board is securing some fine talent for our great "Sunday School Superintendents' and Workers' Conference" for the last of April and the first of May. We ought to have 1,000 live Sunday school people in attendance.

The collections for "Children's Day" last year were \$178.32. Let us make it \$600.00 this year. It will prove a blessing to the children and to the cause. We shall need more money for our plans this year than ever before.

If any Sunday School is not able to buy literature, write to Rev. R. A. Crosby, Chelsea, I. T., and he will be glad to supply you.

Four institutes, twelve district conference programs, a great State rally, and a conference rally at the close of the year—all with good programs ought to give an inspiration and a forward movement to the Sunday School work in our conference.

Are there any "Baraca" or "New Testament" classes in your Sunday School? Have you a "Teacher Training Class" or "Reading Circle?" If so, write this chairman and tell him about them.

Norman, Okla.

"The Adult Bible Class Movement."

I wish every pastor, superintendent and teacher would read the article with the above title, in our Sunday School Magazine for February. This new movement is not very generally understood; and sometimes when it is understood, it is cast aside as being "too much red tape," "impractical," etc. We are slow to take hold of new methods to advance the kingdom of Christ, but are ready for them if they promise help in other matters. This Adult Bible Class movement is old enough to demonstrate its feasibility, and I do wish some good zealous man in every Sunday School would take up the work and organize a class and demonstrate the practicability of the method.

The movement had in view, primarily, that of bringing men into the Sunday School, but young men and young women may adopt the method as in the "Baraca" or "Philothrea" classes.

This plan makes every member responsible for the class—its success or failure—instead of one person, the teacher. The teacher has nothing to do with the class except to teach when the time comes. The president, the sec-

retary, the treasurer, the librarian, do the rest.

I will mention a few of the many things that commend the plan; and if any wants to know more specifically, let them write me:

1. It places responsibility upon each member of the class; and he is more likely to respond.

2. It will increase the attendance upon the Sunday School, especially of this special class.

3. It reaches men and others who are not interested in Bible study. I know one class that has the motto, "The Other Fellow." Another class of young men, "Young Men Working for Young Men." Of course, they are bringing them in.

4. The movement appeals to young men and women. They love to feel that they are having some part in running things. And they ought to have. Every officer, even the teacher, is chosen by vote of the class. It stirs up their interest and a laudable pride.

5. It brings persons into the Christian life, or in touch with it, at least. This movement is somewhat missionary in spirit, and is pledged to go out after "the other fellow."

6. It manifests the spirit of Christ, "who went about doing good." I like organization; but I want a movement that moves—after something and somebody. Brother, reader, try the plan and report.

W. J. MOORE.

Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma—Our Duty.

Our greatest statesmen and our national heroes teach us that there is a sentiment higher than party loyalty, and it is patriotic duty; there is a purpose nobler than a political clique, and that is the welfare of the whole people and the perpetuation of a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." The constitutional convention has left it with the people now to say whether we will have the damnable poison, called whisky, sold in our new state.

Now it is our duty, not as ministers or christians, but as men and women in the interests of men and women, to lay aside party interests in this great question and work for the good of our states, which means the good of our homes, our people, the young men and boys, upon whom our states will soon depend.

Let the ministers and their people continue in prayer to God that this accursed poison that is wrecking so many lives in our nation and among our people may be kept out of the whole of the new state.

Let every citizen who wants his new state to be in the forefront, and who wants it to be occupied and controlled by men of worth and principle, stand square and firm for prohibition. The money spent in any state for whisky, that wrecks and ruins lives, will, if spent in education, furnish libraries and educate every child in the State.

Which is best? Which shall we have?

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

[We will be glad to have the children contribute to this page. All letters must be written on one side only, and addressed to Box 284, Conway Ark.]

Bearden, J. T., Jan. 25, 1907.
Western Methodist:

I see in your pages that there is going to be a Children's Page, for which I am glad. The Western Methodist is always a welcome guest in our home. We could not do well without it. It tells us of the great work that God is doing in this western part of His vineyard. I was converted the latter part of August, 1905, at Martin's Chapel, Thackerville Circuit, Ardmore District.

My age is fourteen. I am the youngest one of seven. We are all members of the Methodist Church. My father is a Methodist preacher; is now in charge of the Bearden Circuit, Holdenville District. And I pray that God will crown this year's work with success, and give us a revival all over the Oklahoma Conference.

I am very well pleased with my new home. I think this is a good country; plenty of grass; wood and water. May God's blessings be upon the Western Methodist, its editors and its many readers. If I see this in print I will write again.

JAMES O. MARTIN.

Prescott, Ark., Jan. 28, 1907.

Dear Western Methodist; it comes to our house every week, and has been since I could recollect. The issue of January 24 gave us a Cousins Page, and I want a letter in the first page. I expect to read every letter. I live in Blevins charge. Brother Harrison is presiding elder. Brother T. G. Welch, from Indian Territory, is our pastor; he preached his first sermon at our church, New Hope, yesterday. We have at our church an evergreen Sunday School. Mr. J. T. Grimes is our superintendent. I like to go to Sunday School. I go to school every day. I will ask a question and quit. Where did Cain get his wife?

Your cousin,
ETHEL MAY WARD.

R. F. D. No. 5.

"Chock."

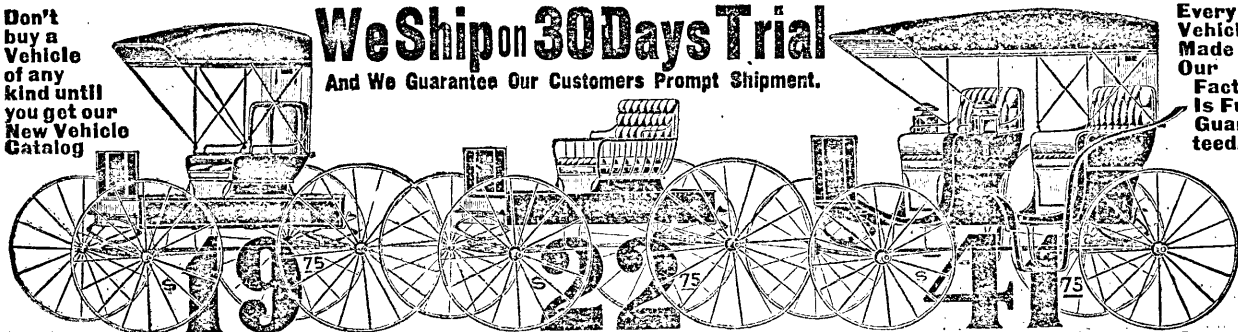
By Ruth Carr.
ruth Owen.)

(This story is dedicated to CAR-
CHAPTER I.

"Don't cry mama, for you promised papa you wouldn't grieve about him; and besides, he's not sick."

"It isn't that that makes me cry, my darling; it is because an innocent man must be shut up for twenty years with hardened criminals and made to slave his life away; when you and I need him so much, little Chock. I feel sure it will some day be proven that he is innocent, but I fear I will be gone before that time."

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The tears fell thick and fast from between the closed lids of this frail little woman, as she sat on the curbstone in front of the State prison, where she had been to visit her husband.

"I know he didn't kill the man mama, but we can't make the judge believe it."

As he spoke, little Chock moved closer to his mother in order to help shield her from the cold wind that blew with such pitiless cruelty through her thin shawl.

"Let's go home, mama—it's so cold here; and you're almost sick."

"Yes, darling; I am far from well. But I hate to leave, because I'm near your papa. Our home is so cheerless since they locked him behind these walls. Oh, little Chock, how can we live without papa?" As she burst into a fresh fit of weeping, a sudden gust of wind whistled around the corner, blowing full in Mrs. Henderson's face; thus causing her to be seized with a violent fit of coughing.

"Oh, mama, what's the matter? There's blood on your lips," cried the child, in fright. For answer, the sick woman reeled forward and fell on the pavement.

"Oh, someone come quick and help my poor mama," he called to the passers-by. "Please, somebody come!"

"What's the matter with her?" asked a man, stopping at her side. "I don't know, sir; but she's very sick, I think."

"Where's your home, child?" asked the man, with more interest.

"It's in Taylorville, sir, a long ways from here. We came up here this morning on the train to see—see—er—"

Chock stopped short, remembering his mother never spoke to strangers of her sorrow, choosing rather to suffer in silence than seeming to parade her grief and court sympathy.

"Darling," a faint voice called. "I'm here by you, mama; are you better?"

No answer rewarded the frightened child's inquiry, as with pale face and wet eyes he bent over his mother.

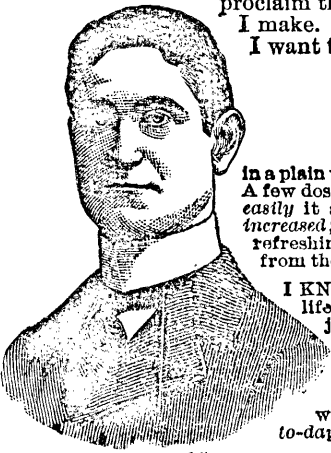
"Oh, mama, wake up please—can't you hear me?" But the swollen eyes were closed, and, although the white lips moved, Chock could catch no sound.

"Where are you going to take her?" he asked, as the police lifted her in the ambulance.

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"To the city hospital."

"Can I go, too?"

"No; they don't want no brats like you there," said the rough voice.

"But I want to stay with my mama," sobbed the boy. "I don't want to leave her, 'cause she told me to stay with her and help her prove that he is innocent."

Chock seemed to realize that he had betrayed his mother's secret, so, burying his face in his hands, he sobbed.

"I'll prove it, mama; I will, just as soon as I am big enough."

As the unconscious woman was taken to the hospital, the child followed, hoping he might be allowed to remain near the only friend he had in the world.

"What is your name?" asked the superintendent of the hospital.

"My real name is Harry Herndon, but everybody just calls me 'Chock,' 'cause my papa was a part Choctaw Indian, and 'cause I have such black eyes and hair the school boys called me 'Chock.'"

"Where is your home?"

"It's in Taylorville, sir."

"How long have you lived there?"

"I don't know sir; but ever since I can remember."

"How old are you?"

"I'm nine, going on ten."

"Do your people live in Taylorville?"

"I haven't any people but mama, now; I did have a grandpa in Georgia, but he won't write to mama, 'cause she married my papa."

"Where is your papa?"

A startled expression came over the child's face, as he looked from one to another.

"Why, er—er—he's—he's—he don't live with me and mama now."

"O, I see," said the kind superintendent, thinking likely the parents were divorced, and not wishing to humiliate the child to confess it, he asked no more questions.

"Can't I stay here with mama?"

"No, we do not keep well people here, but the policeman will find you a place to stay till she is able to go home."

"When can she go?"

"Not for some time yet, I fear; for she is very sick."

"May I go and see her now?"

"No, she is still unconscious; but you may see her tomorrow."

"Come on, kid. I'm ready to go," said the rough policeman, taking Chock by the hand and jerking him toward the door.

(To be continued.)

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A Business Preacher.

One of your correspondents lately deplored the fact that our preacher left so little of the business of the church in the hands of the laymen. His complaint might have had more force if it were always true that competent laymen could be found willing to do that work. Unfortunately it is often the case that what the preacher does not enterprise, set on foot and keep going to completion, is left undone. Here is McLoud, every preacher we have ever had has said we ought to have more than two lots for both church and parsonage. All of us have both thought and said that the parsonage ought to be removed from the immediate rear of the church, but—

Brother Gregg has been here but a little over two months, but he is a preacher that brings things to pass. That other lot has been bought, the parsonage moved, and other improvements amounting altogether to more than \$200.00, and practically all paid for. To be sure, the Woman's Home Mission Society has paid about \$70.00 of this and other church funds to the amount of \$20.00 have been used. Still I am sure that none of these things would have been planned and executed if left to the laymen of the church.

Neglect his other pastoral duties? By no means. He has all of his conference collections in hand, has organized an Epworth League, and put the Common Hymnal in our church. More than this, he has a full house to hear him preach at every service. Is not this a good record for two months. He says that he wants to get the financial matters out of the way, so that he may devote himself more fully to the spiritual work of the charge. For my part I think the two go hand in hand. A church which pays is usually a spiritual church. A spiritual church always meets its financial obligations. It is, nevertheless, true that preachers who have little or no business ability can soon create unnecessary and embarrassing debts, and do other unwise things along this line to the exasperation of his common sense parishioners. It is often the case that those who have the least financial judgment are the most self-confident. The best of them can do but little without the hearty co-operation of his people. Securing this co-operation constitutes the difference between the successful and the unsuccessful preacher.

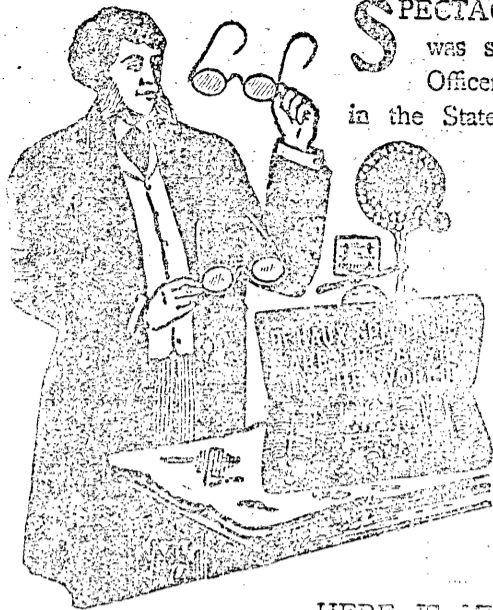
MRS. M. J. ROSS.

Notice District Conference.

The Fayetteville District Conference will be held at Prairie Grove, May 1-4, 1907. The opening sermon at 7:30 p. m., May 1, by Rev. J. F. E. Bates of Rogers, Ark.

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Our Special Campaign.

Report on the special campaign for the 5,000 new subscribers for the week ending February 5, is as follows:

Oklahoma Conference.

- Weatherford District—McLoud, 1. Muskogee District—Sallisaw, 2; Fort Gibson, 2. Dunbar District—Bailey, 1; Lawton, 2; Cement and Minnekah, 1; Dunbar, 2. Mangum District—Willow, 2; Hollis, 4; Snyder, 1.

- Wynnewood District—Dougherty, 1; Byars, 1. Cherokee District—Westville, 1. Holdenville District—Okmulgee, 1; Fentress, 3; Keokuk Falls, 1; Wetumka, 1.

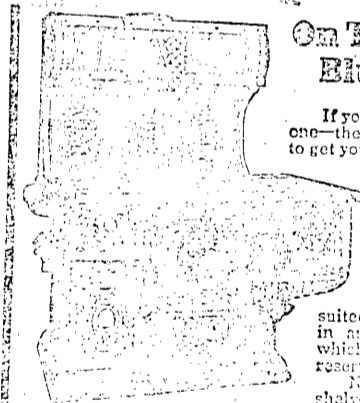
Arkansas Conference.

- Fort Smith District—Greenwood, 1. Bardanelle District—Lamar and Knoxville, 1; Clarksville, 4. Morrilton District—Morrilton, 2; Conway, 2; Springfield, 4.

Little Rock Conference.

- Prescott District—Murfreesboro, 1; Prescott, 2; Emmett, 2.

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We sometimes have difficulty in determining what charge to credit in sending in names, please indicate the pastoral charge.

The man who has done most in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference is Rev. B. F. Scott, Kingsland.

White River Conference Board of Church Extension.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of our Board at Newport, Arkansas, March 14, 1907, at 10 a. m. All who intend to apply to the General Board for aid may write Rev. S. F. Brown, secretary, at Beebe, Arkansas, for blank application. These must be properly filled out and in the hands of the committee for approval at that time.

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Special Campaign.

For the week ending February 12 we have the following report on the campaign for the 5,000 new subscribers.

Some of the presiding elders have not yet informed us of the distribution to the several charges in their districts. Some of the pastors have been quite active. Push the work all over the field now, brethren. Report is as follows:

Arkansas Conference.

Morrilton District—Quitman, 2; Mt. Vernon, 2.

Fort Smith District—Greenwood, 1.

White River Conference.

Batesville District—Batesville, 1.

Searey District—Heber, 2; Jacksonville, 2; Beebe, 3.

Little Rock Conference.

Texarkana District—Mt. Ida, 1.

Little Rock District—Lonoke, 3.

Pine Bluff District—Roe, 1.

Oklahoma Conference.

Mangum District—Snyder Circuit, 2.

Ardmore District—Cumberland Circuit, 3; Lebanon, 1.

McAlester District—Stonewall Circuit, 3.

Muskogee District—Warner and Porum, 2.

Beaver District—Beaver Circuit, 1.

La Grange Circuit.

Being appointed to this work by Dr. Z. T. Bennett, presiding elder, we have just made our first round. We find the people are very kind and generous, ready at any time to lend a helping hand. We were made to rejoice a few nights ago. Our freight was delayed several days, and the stewards finding it had come on the late local, they went to work moving it to our home, and at the

same time a nice pounding was being received, all the people of La Grange taking part in the pounding. We have organized a Sunday school and prayer meeting at this place, with a good start. We find that much work needed to be done on the circuit. May we so live and work for our Master that when the year is brought to a close we can see a large number brought to Christ. Pray for us. J. M. TALKINGTON, P. C.

Oklahoma Conference—Notice.

All letters asking for literature concerning missionary church extension rally to be held at Chickasha, March 5-7, should be addressed to Rev. O. E. Goddard, chairman advertising committee. Muskogee, I. T. I am not on the committee at all, and none of that literature will be in my hands.

All requests for entertainment should be addressed to the pastor of our church at Chickasha, I. T., Rev. C. H. McGhee.

I sent the "Western" a notice of the dates having definitely been fixed for March 5-7 last week, but it somehow failed to appear. Let this suffice. L. L. THURSTON, Secretary Board of Missions. Paul's Valley, I. T.

Among the Brethren.

W. W. Christie, the new presiding elder of Pine Bluff District, is just closing his first round of quarterly conference, and is very much gratified at the spirit of the preachers and the general condition of the work. The people seem entirely satisfied with Brother Christie and are very hopeful of a forward movement of the church in his district along all lines.

I spent a day at Malvern not long ago. Brother T. J. Norsworthy, the pastor, a transfer from Florida, is making a splendid impression on his people who seem to be gratified with his ministry and pastoral work. Brother Norsworthy has had a considerable experience in evangelistic work, and we predict for him a successful year.

Brother J. H. Cummings is serving his third year at South Hot Springs. There has been a steady growth and a substantial improvement of the church during his pastorate. He has received one hundred members in the church. The stewards have increased his salary a \$100 every year, and they pay one hundred per cent on all other claims. And they gave me over \$100 on the orphanage cause.

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delphia District was visiting South Hot Springs and Malvern Avenue at same time that I was there and very generously divided the time with me. Brother Bruce is in splendid spirits and fine health, and the people are pleased with his ministry.

Dr. J. D. Sibert on the Searey District is serving his fourth year, during which time there has been an almost unparelled improvement.

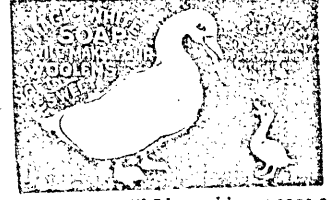
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From Our Field Editor, Rev. D. J. Weems.

Van Buren.

By special agreement Rev. F. M. Tolleson and I did some faithful work in this old historic town, getting nearly all the old subscribers to renew, and fifteen new ones.

Where the pastor is interested and will help like this good brother did, we always have success. The preacher is standing in his own light when he fails to help circulate his own church paper. Having served four years as pastor in Van Buren and two as presiding elder, we met many old friends. Tolleson has an excellent church, and he and his accomplished wife are doing a great work.

Van Buren is the largest town between Fort Smith and Little Rock, and, though it has long been a saloon town until two years ago, is proving that they can prosper without the saloon.

Altus and Denning

These twin towns are served by Rev. H. W. Wallace, who is well received. Denning, the new coal town, has a neat little church. Altus, the old town, has worshiped for twenty years in the college chapel. They are now building a church of concrete blocks. Here we secured some renewals and four new subscribers. This is the home of Rev. I. L. Burrow, who has done a great work for Christian education in our church and State, and trained an excellent family to bless the world.

Clarksville.

Assisted by Dr. Hanesworth, the gifted pastor, we spent one day very profitably in Clarksville, securing eight new subscribers and collecting from eight old ones. I have not heard more good things said about any preacher than I heard about my old presiding elder, Dr. Hanesworth. They are planning for a new church. These good people are able to build a handsome modern church, and will soon begin work.

Plummerville.

Sunday was spent with Rev. J. T. McBride and his kind people at Hill Creek and Plummerville, preaching at each place. Secured some renewals and nine new subscribers. This is about the richest circuit in the district, and with such a man as McBride, they ought to do a great work.

Morrilton.

This is known as one of the best towns in the State. Our church has been one of the strongest in the conference. They have been served by our best preachers. Rev. J. M. Hughey is cordially received, and will do faithful work here as he has done elsewhere. He was suffering from cold and was not with me but part of one day; so, while I did well with the old subs, we secured only a few new subscribers.

Rev. M. E. Patt of North Alabama Conference, and once a mem-

ber of the Arkansas Conference, has moved to Morrilton. He is sunny and sweet spirited as ever. What a blessing are the old preachers to any community.

Quitman Circuit.

At the request of Rev. J. H. Glass, the presiding elder, I filled his appointment at this circuit, preaching at Pleasant Hill and Mount Pleasant.

At Pleasant Hill a large congregation met us and we had a fine day. Four new subscribers, and sold one set of fifty volumes of the Sunday School library.

Brethren of the Sunday School, you will do well to place these books in the hands of your children. You can get fifty books for \$12.50, or twenty-five for \$5.00 or \$6.00. They are all good and religious. Such as your children need and will read. Write us and we will send you the books.

Rev. E. A. Wilson starts off well and is very hopeful of a good year. He has in Rev. George Williams one of the best local preachers in Arkansas and one of the truest men.

My Namesakes.

In the past week I have met three young people named for me when on this district. Irma Weems Littlejohn, Weems Greer, and Miss Dema Weems Williams. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet them and to give each of them a beautiful New Testament and exact of them a letter when they had read it through. They are all readers of the Western Methodist. May we meet some sweet day beyond the sunset's radiant glow.

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Spanking does not cure children of bed wetting. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

Rogers Station.

Our work here is progressing. Two months have passed since we arrived, and there has been a steady increase in church attendance, and in all our church work from the beginning.

We were received cordially on our arrival, and have been royally treated ever since. Considerable improvements were made on the parsonage before we occupied, so we are quite cosy and comfortable.

The board of stewards has fixed the salary at \$100.00 above any previous year, and this has been apportioned out on the membership.

We have a fine body of men on our board; every one to a man is faithful, efficient and religious.

Our membership in the church is increasing. Some valuable members have been received since conference.

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Our church has a good future here. We are in our own territory, therefore, do not have to defend our legal rights. We have a representative class of people in our church. Our outlook is encouraging. We are to begin a meeting next Sunday, February 10. Brother William Sherman, our presiding elder, will assist. We are praying that this may be a year of much growth to the Lord's vineyard.

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We have one of the nicest church buildings in our conference, as the brethren well know, and since conference we have furnished it with an excellent organ, and now ordered up-to-date chair seats. We have received twenty-five members to date and have a good portion of our conference collection in hand; and the Sunday School and Junior League have become living active forces in our church work. We expect great things from God this year.

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Ussery Circuit.

Our first quarterly conference is over. Our presiding elder was with us and preached two excellent sermons, to the delight of all that heard him. We have some as good folks as ever lived, but there are so many that need help. Pray for us, brethren of the conference, that we may prove a blessing to this charge. We are doing well considering everything.

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Cumberland, I. T.

We are always anxious to read letters from the brethren concerning their work, and thought perhaps a short sketch might be of interest to some from this charge.

Our first quarterly conference was held the second and third of February. The weather was much against us, as it was very cold and disagreeable. The house at Grantham is a very sorry affair, really not fit to hold services in. Notwithstanding all the difficulties, we had a good attendance of official members. And Brother Freeman, our much-loved presiding elder, who is always up to his high-water mark, preached for us a very helpful sermon, after having driven thirty-five miles that morning to reach the conference. The stewards fixed an assessment of one hundred dollars above what it was last year and paid within a few dollars of one-fourth of it. It has never been my privilege to have a better board of stewards than I have this year. I have collected and paid an assessment of forty-two dollars for domestic and foreign missions for this year, and have almost as much more in good subscriptions on the other assessment. I have a loss so far in membership, as this is a moving country. I have received eight into the church since coming to the charge.

In the midst of all our work we have not forgotten the Western Methodist, nor do we intend to. So, I send you some subscriptions and some cash, and expect to get all I am asked to get if I can get any more.

W. D. SAULS.

Gato, Ark.

I arrived here in due time after our conference at Wynne. I have made one round on my work, and have been well received at every appointment. I am glad to say that I am well pleased with my work. I believe I have a good people to serve this year, and I am trying to give them as good service as I am able to render. I came here without a horse, and some of the brethren assisted me in getting one. And from the way some of the other brethren are looking after the contents of my barn I feel sure they do not intend my horse shall suffer for corn and hay. We have not had any storm like some of the brethren are reporting on their charges, but we have had a gentle shower of good things, such as fruits, fresh meat, vegetables, etc., ever since we came. For all of which we feel very grateful.

R. H. GRISETT.

Winslow Mission.

At the Prairie Grove Conference Bishop Key appointed me to the Winslow Mission, with eight appointments, a part of three neglected charges and only one small Methodist church house. I was

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instructed to build a church house at Winslow, and also to organize a church and build a house—the Second Methodist church—in South Fayetteville.

The Home Mission Board paid me \$100. I received on quarterage \$233. Begun with 139 members and closed the year with 195.

At the Russellville Conference Bishop Key returned me to the same charge. I had five more preaching places. I received on salary \$223, and the Home Mission Board paid me \$150. Had 210 members.

At Winslow we now have a good Methodist church house, worth \$1,000. The Church Extension Boards gave us \$150. It is 30x42 feet, frame, with pulpit recess, seats, lights, coal stoves and organ. The house is not yet ceiled, but we are using it. Indebtedness, \$75.

In South Fayetteville, at the close of a good revival, we organized a church under a friendly Methodist oak, and now have a modern \$2,000 church when finished. It is 30x42 feet, with pulpit recess at the side, Sunday school room, vestibule and tower. It is not yet ceiled and plastered. The Church Extension Board gave us \$225. Debt, \$295. We need more help.

At the Paris conference half of my charge was cut off and added to the Goshen Circuit. I now have only four appointments. Not much work to do.

O. H. TUCKER.

Fayetteville, Ark.

To Undergraduates.

As chairman of Examining Board of the first year, I have written to the members of that class about as follows: "I hope you are taking your first year's conference course in the Correspondent School, Nashville, Tenn. You will find it more satisfactory and helpful in every way."

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W. J. MOORE.

Norman, Okla.

Notice!

Preachers wanted for three good charges in Holdenville District. Works will pay from \$300 to \$500. Send recommendations to C. M. Coppedge, P. E., Holdenville, I. T.

Rally Time Settled.

Chickasha, I. T., March 5, 1907, is the time and place fixed upon for the Missionary Church Extension Rally and Woman's Foreign Mission meeting of the Oklahoma Conference. Let everybody get ready. Program will appear shortly.

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OBITUARIES.

NIX—Lorena Alva Nix was born in July, 1881, and died January 17, 1907. This humble Christian woman was greatly beloved by her neighbors and members of the Methodist Church at this place, Leola. Time alone will soften the grief of her broken hearted husband and weeping sisters. Be submissive to His will "who doeth all things well," for death did not alarm her, therefore you should be greatly comforted in her triumph. She has mis-ed much here, and her husband and sisters have been given a touching appeal and powerful inducement to prepare for hereset er. Will you meet her around God's throne?

To us it may seem strange that Lorena should be taken in the prime of young womanhood, but faith in God says, "suffer it to be so." She said to her husband, "if God permitted guardian angels to attend their friends, here she would be with him always." Precious consolation! Strive, will, to meet this true wife and sweet Christian woman in heaven. She was faithful on earth and the cross here will be exchanged for the crown up there. The burial services were conducted by Brother Caldwell, of Tulip, and Brother Powell, of Loney, amid a large gathering of friends.

Farewell till we meet again.
A FRIEND.

KUTCH—Brother J. D. Kutch was born January 21, 1863, and departed this life February 5, 1907. The writer lived a neighbor to Brother Kutch in Parker county, Texas, and his affable and congenial disposition won for him the admiration of his neighbors. He moved to this, Greer county, Oklahoma, in 1903, and settled near White Plat Church, where he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, 1906. He leaves a wife and five children to weep for him. His married daughters, Sister Clara Woody, of Reed Oklahoma, and Sister Jennie Smith, of Parker county, Texas, were by his bedside. He told them he was ready to go. He died in a triumphant Christian faith. May the God of all grace give comfort to the sorrowing ones, and bring them all to meet at last in heaven.
W. E. LEE, P. C.

NORRIS—E. E. Norris, the subject of this brief tribute, was born within two miles of Strong, October 20, 1875. He spent his entire life of thirty-two years in the same community in which he was born. He never sowed any wild oats. He was always an exemplary Christian. Reared by Christian parents, he lived from childhood to the close of his thirty-two years without contracting any bad habits, except the use of tobacco—the cigarette—which, no doubt, as he said himself, had much to do with his death. For some weeks before his death he was the most perfect triumphant spirit I have ever known. Death absolutely had no terrors. He praised God almost every breath. Amid all his suffering no word of complaint was heard. There was not a shadow of doubt in the minds of any, when we laid him in the grave, that he had entered the rest of the people of God.
J. C. HOOKS.

Wynnewood District Notes.

Paul's Valley station never started off with brighter prospects of a successful year.

Rev. L. L. Thurston, the new pastor, has completely captured the people. He is preaching to large congregations. The Sunday school is growing. A Senior Epworth League has been organized and promises good work. The pastor is doing some telling work in the way of pastoral visiting, just such as all our pastors ought to do more of. The people need it and want it.

Wynnewood was all smiles over having their pastor, George C. French, returned to them for his third year. Brother French has been greatly hindered in his work by the protracted illness of his good wife, who is still unable to return home from Bowie, Texas, where she has been for some

months. She is slowly recovering, however, and hopes soon to be able to join her husband again in his work.

During Brother French's absence his pulpit was ably filled by Rev. A. C. Pickens, of Davis, I. T.

H. H. Everett, the preacher, the pastor, the conference organ agent, the one-man in this district who can do anything he turns his hand to, and always succeeds in whatever he undertakes, keeps things moving in Lexington station.

J. Rush Goodloe seems to be a perfect fit at Purcell. The people are pleased with his preaching, and are giving him good audiences.

One much needed enterprise for Brother Goodloe and his people to accomplish this year is to secure a larger and more desirable location for our church in that city. We are poorly located in that, as in many other towns in this country, I trust they may succeed.

Noble and Shilo charges received Rev. E. A. Sample, their new pastor, with a hearty welcome. He has all the details of his work well in hand, studious preacher, faithful pastor, devout Christian, he will no doubt accomplish much good, and bring up full reports.

E. M. Leming is supplying the Byars Circuit. He is one of the most energetic, painstaking and preserving preachers I have ever known. That being true, it would be surprising if he did not succeed.

Brother Leming has a church building enterprise on hand at Byars. Has the McGee Church to move, has already moved the parsonage from McGee to Stratford. All this, together with the spiritual care of all the churches in his large circuit, keeps this pastor pretty busy.

Wanett Circuit was fortunate to have Moss Weaver sent them for pastor this year. This is a hard field: the difficulties are many and great.

Brother Weaver, like the true man he is, is meeting these difficulties as best he can, working hard day and night, praying and planning to plant Methodism firmly in that country.

Brother Weaver will have the sympathy and prayers of the church in the death of his mother at his home in Wanett the thirtieth instant. Her home was in Henrietta, Texas.

T. P. McWhorter is doing all any man could do under the existing conditions on Moral Circuit. This is a hard field. Many of our people are moving away; their places have not yet been taken by other Methodists. But Brother McWhorter stays by his post, preaches to those who will hear, and otherwise performing his duty as a true Methodist pastor.

Paoli Circuit has for a spiritual teacher this year Rev. A. Smith,

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Presiding Elder.

To Members of Oklahoma Conference Board of Church Extension.

I hereby call a meeting of the Board of Church Extension at Chickasha, I. T., March 5, at 9 a. m. Every member of the board should be at this meeting, as matters of vital importance to the future work of the board will be up for consideration.

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WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Dougherty Ct., Dougherty.....Feb. 16, 17
Blanchard Ct., Dibble.....Feb. 23, 24
Lindsay Sta., Lindsay.....Mar. 3, 4
Elmore Ct., at Elliott's Chapel.....Mar. 9, 10
Alex Ct., Chitwood.....Mar. 16, 17
White Bend and Maysville, Maysville.....Feb. 23, 24
Paul's Valley Sta., Paul's Valley.....Mar. 30, 31
Roff Sta., Roff.....April 6, 7
Mill Creek, Mill Creek.....April 8, 9
Davis Sta., Davis.....April 13, 14
Byars Ct., Stratford.....April 20, 21
Hickory Ct., Palmer.....April 27, 28
Purcell Sta., Purcell.....May 4, 5
Wanette Ct., Mt. Zion.....May 11, 12
Tussy Ct., Henapin.....May 18, 19
Lexington Sta., Lexington.....May 25, 26
Noble and Shilo, Shilo.....May 26, 27
Paoli Ct., Paoli.....June 1, 2
Wynnewood Sta., Wynnewood.....June 5, 6
Moral Ct., Trausdale.....June 8, 9
District Conference at Vinita Avenue Church, Sulphur, Ind. Tol., June 12-16.
J. S. LAMAR, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Dear Sirs—Will you kindly publish the following in place of the First Round of Ardmore District, as some changes are made:
Woodford Ct., at Graham.....Feb. 16, 17
Lone Grove Ct., at Hewitt.....Feb. 23, 24
Ardmore, I. T. Jan. 22, 1907.
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Cheyenne, at Cheyenne.....Feb. 16, 17
Sweet Water, at Buena Vista.....Feb. 17, 18
Harden, at Kiowa.....Feb. 23, 24
Weatherford Circuit, at Poage.....March 2, 3
Texaco, at Bethel.....March 9, 10
Rohr, at Dudley.....March 10, 11
Gip, at Butler.....March 16, 17
Bermah, at Center Point.....March 27, 28
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND

Hugo Station, at Hugo.....Feb. 16, 17
Kosomas Circuit, at Jumbo Mission.....Feb. 23, 24
W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

MCALESTER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

McAlester, Phillips Memorial.....Feb. 19, 20
McAlester, Stonewall Ave.....Feb. 20, 21
Canadian Ct., at Crowder.....Feb. 26, 27
Hartshorne and Dow, at Hartshorne.....Feb. 27, 28

Atoka Sta.....Mar. 2, 3
Kiowa Ct., at Kiowa.....Mar. 3, 4
Bennington and Boswell, at Bennington.....Mar. 9, 10
Bokchito and Freeny, at Bokchito.....Mar. 9, 10
Tishomingo Sta.....Mar. 16, 17
Mowdy and Herbert, at Herbert.....Mar. 17, 18
Wapantucka Ct., at Emmett.....Mar. 23, 24
Wilson Grove and Boggy, at Boggy.....Mar. 24, 25
Wibboston Sta.....Mar. 30, 31
Albany Ct., at Blue.....April 6, 7
Dunant Sta.....April 7, 8
Coalgate Sta.....April 13, 14
Stonewall Ct., at Tupelo.....April 14, 15
Twelve Mile Prairie, at Cox.....April 20, 21
Edwards and Craig, at Craig.....April 21, 22
Cado and Sterritt, at Sterritt.....April 27, 28
Pontotoc, at Campground.....May 4, 5
Colbert Ct., at Kemp.....May 11, 12
Pastors will please make a strenuous effort to pay assessments for Temperance, Foreign and Domestic Missions by the time of the second Quarterly Conference. If possible report the number of subscriptions your charge has been assessed for the Western Methodist. Now, an earnest word of exhortation to the stewards: Please see to it that half the year's salary is paid to your pastor at the second quarterly conference.
S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Hazelton and Ingelsoll, at Hazelton.....Feb. 16, 17
J. E. LOVETT, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Kush Springs, at Little Ruth.....Feb. 16, 17
Cement, at Ninekah.....Feb. 17, 18
Duncan Ct., at Roseland.....Feb. 23, 24
Lawton Sta.....Feb. 24, 25
Carnegie and Fort Cobb, at Fort Cobb.....Mar. 2, 3
Anodarko and Minco, at Anodarko.....Mar. 3, 4
Temple Sta.....Mar. 9, 10
Terral and Ryan, at Ryan.....Mar. 16, 17
Marlow Sta.....Mar. 17, 18
Walter Ct., at Gregg.....Mar. 23, 24
Hastings, at Waureka.....Mar. 24, 25
Chickasha Sta.....Mar. 30, 31
Verden and Tuttle, at Verden.....April 6, 7
Chickasha Ct.....April 7, 8
Bailey Ct.....April 13, 14
Indian Work.....April 20, 21
Duncan Sta.....May 4, 5
N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Wagoner Ct., at Blue Mound.....Feb. 23, 24
Wagoner Sta.....Feb. 24, 25
Porum and Warner, at Webbers Falls.....Mar. 2, 3
Fort Gibson, at Fort Gibson.....Mar. 3, 4
Stigler Sta.....Mar. 10, 11
Stigler Ct., at Eureka.....Mar. 13, 14
Coveta and Porter, at Coveta.....Mar. 17, 18
Quinton Ct., at Featherston.....Mar. 23, 24
McCurtain Ct., at McCurtain.....Mar. 24, 25
St. Paul and First Church, Muskogee.....Mar. 31
Brushy Ct., at Coleman's.....April 6, 7
District Conference, at Vian.....April 9, 10
Muldrow Ct., at Gans.....April 13, 14
Muldrow Sta.....April 14, 15
Pocaha Ct., at Pocaha.....April 16, 17
Spiro Sta.....April 17, 18
Poteau and Cameron, at Harrell's.....April 20, 21
Saljisaw Sta.....April 24, 25
Muskogee Ct.....April 27, 28
List all the pastors, local preachers, etc.

porters and delegates arrange to attend District Conference. Let each pastor have in full his missions and temperance collections, and have at least ten new subscriptions to the conference organ.
W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Eufaula Sta.....Feb. 16, 17
Checotah Sta.....Feb. 17, 18
Eufaula Ct., at Slate Springs.....Feb. 19, 20
Bergs and Mounds, at Bergs.....Feb. 23, 24
Okmulgee Sta.....Feb. 24, 25
Calvin Ct., at Newburg.....Mar. 2, 3
Stuart Ct., at White Chimney.....Mar. 3, 4
Sapulpa Ct., at Buck's Chapel.....Mar. 9, 10
Haskell and Bixby, at Bixby.....Mar. 10, 11
Red Fork Ct., at Red Fork.....Mar. 12, 13
Sapulpa Sta.....Mar. 11, 15
Tulsa Sta.....Mar. 16, 17
Tulsa, North Side Sta.....Mar. 17, 18
Okmulgee Ct., at Newtown.....Mar. 23, 24
Weleetka Ct., at Weleetka.....Mar. 24, 25
Broken Arrow Ct., at Springtown.....Mar. 30, 31
Broken Arrow Sta.....Mar. 31, April 1
Okema and Okfuskee, at Okema.....April 6, 7
Henrietta and Dustin, at Dustin.....April 7, 8
Honey Creek Ct., at Little Cussetah.....April 13, 14
Wetumka Sta.....April 14, 15
Tolleneville Ct., at Yeager.....April 17, 18
Wewoka Ct., at Springfield.....April 20, 21
Holdenville Sta.....April 21, 22
Seminole Ct., at Hitchitee.....April 27, 28
Bearden Ct., at Bearden.....April 28, 29
Ada Ct.....May 4, 5
Ada Sta.....May 5, 6
C. M. COPPINGER, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Horns and Dryden, at Horns.....Feb. 16, 17
Mangum Ct., at Marie.....Feb. 23, 24
Mangum Sta.....Feb. 24, 25
L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Guthrie.....Feb. 16, 17
Perry.....Feb. 17, 18
Morrison.....Feb. 23, 24
Stillwater and Pawnee.....Mar. 2, 3
Tecumseh.....Mar. 3, 4
Franklin Ct.....Mar. 9, 10
Korman Sta.....Mar. 10, 11
Strand.....Mar. 16, 17
Cristow Sta.....Mar. 17, 18
Zarboro and Wewoka.....Mar. 23, 24
Seminole Ct.....Mar. 24, 25
Capitol Hill and Wheatland.....Mar. 30, 31
Graywood.....Mar. 31, April 1
Prairie.....April 6, 7
Fredmont.....April 7, 8
St. Lukes.....April 13, 14
El Reno.....April 14, 15
West End.....April 15, 16
Trinity, Shawnee.....April 20, 21
Sparks.....April 21, 22
Shawnee Ct.....April 27, 28
Shawnee, First Church.....April 28, 29
Asher.....April 29, 30
Kowana.....May 4, 5
Laud.....May 5, 6
Teloid.....May 11, 12
Arcadia.....May 12, 13
We will elect delegates to the District Conference this quarter, and I ask that the assessments for Foreign and Domestic Missions be collected and reported in full.
W. J. SIMS, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Garrett, at Garrett.....Feb. 23, 24
Carthage, at Carthage.....Mar. 2, 3
Postal, at Postal.....Mar. 9, 10
Tehoma and Goodwell, at Tehoma.....Mar. 16, 17
Guyton, at Guyton.....Mar. 23, 24
Hooker, at Buffalo.....Mar. 30, 31
Tyrone, at Byrd.....April 6, 7
Grand Valley, at Grand Valley.....April 23, 24
Boyd, at Holy.....April 29, 21
Beaver, at Pleasant Hill.....April 27, 28
Woodward, at Woodward.....May 1, 2
Grand, at Lone Tree.....May 4, 5
Toland, at Derrick.....May 18, 19
Persimmon, at Persimmon.....May 25, 26
Ingersoll and Hazelton, at Ingersoll.....May 28, 29
J. E. LOVETT, P. E.

White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Wagoner Ridge Sta.....Feb. 16, 17
Black Rock and Portia.....Feb. 17, 18
Pocahontas Sta.....Feb. 20, 21
Reyno Ct., at Reyno.....Feb. 23, 24
Maynard Ct., at Siloam.....March 2, 3
Pocahontas Ct.....March 9, 10
Imboden Ct., at Imboden.....March 13, 14
Mammoth Spring and Hardy, at Mammoth Spring.....March 16, 17
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Melbourne, at Pleasant Grove.....Feb. 16, 17
Calico Rock, at Calico Rock.....Feb. 23, 24
Mt. View, at Mt. View.....March 2, 3
Desha, at Alderbrook.....March 9, 10
Pleasant Plains, at Cedar Grove.....March 16, 17
Bethesda, at Bethesda.....March 23, 24
A. P. SKINNER, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Trinity Ct.....Feb. 16, 17
Shiloh Ct.....Feb. 19, 20
Blythesville.....Feb. 23, 24
Jarbo and Dell.....March 2, 3
Monette and Manila.....March 9, 10
Monette and Manila.....March 9, 10
Lale City.....March 16, 17
Cotton Belt Miss.....March 23, 24
M. M. SMITH, P. E.

SHARCY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Gardner Memorial.....Feb. 16, 17
Cato Ct., at Cato.....Feb. 16, 17
Cato Ct., at Cato.....Feb. 18, 19
Pancburn and Mount Pisgah.....Feb. 23, 24
Heber Sta.....Feb. 27, 28
J. D. SIBERT, P. E.

Arkansas Conference.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Rogers Sta.....Feb. 16, 17
Fayetteville Sta.....Feb. 23, 24
Lebanon Ct., at Hillman.....Mar. 2, 3
Lebanon Sta.....Mar. 9, 10
Springwa Ct., at Falling Springs.....Mar. 16, 17
Fayetteville Ct., at Viney Grove.....Mar. 23, 24
Canton Ct., at Council Grove.....Mar. 30, 31
Lebanon Ct., at Sumners.....April 6, 7
Lebanon Sta.....April 13, 14
Cotton Ct., at Sulphur City.....April 20, 21
Cotton Springs Ct., at Grand View.....April 27, 28
Springdale Sta.....April 28, 29
Liane Grove Ct., at Prairie Grove.....May 4, 5
War Eagle Mission.....May 7, 8
Cotton Springs Sta.....May 11, 12
Winslow and Parkdale, at Brentwood.....May 18, 19
Gravette Mission, at Gravette.....May 25, 26
WM. SHILMAN, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Goodwin Ct.....Feb. 16, 17
Parker Sta.....Feb. 24, 25
McClary and DeView.....Mar. 2, 3
Helena Ct.....Mar. 10, 11
Wesley Sta.....Mar. 16, 17
Chardon Sta.....Mar. 24, 25
Lacoma Ct.....Mar. 30, 31
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Van Buren Sta.....Mar. 3, 4
Central Church.....Mar. 9, 10
First Church.....Mar. 16, 17
Cochran Ct., at Bates.....Mar. 23, 24
Wadron Sta.....Mar. 24, 25
Wadron Ct., at Falls' Chapel.....Mar. 30, 31
Canton and Mansfield, at Mansfield.....April 6, 7
Hartford and Midland, at Hartford.....April 7, 8
Magazine Ct., at Lick Creek.....April 11, 12
Branch Ct., at Caukeseville.....April 13, 14
Paris Sta.....April 14, 15
Anna Ct., at Prairie Grove.....April 20, 21
Aubrey Ct., at Dyer.....April 21, 22
Christiana Ct., at New Prospect.....May 4, 5
Fort Smith Ct., at Jenny Lind.....May 11, 12
Greenwood Sta.....May 12, 13
East End and Trusty.....May 18, 19
Hackett Ct.....May 19, 20
Hobbs Ct., at Life Chapel.....May 25, 26
Booneville Sta.....May 26, 27
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

MOOREVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Russellville Sta.....Feb. 17, 18
J. H. GLASS, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Hackett Ct., at Hackett.....Feb. 16, 17
Greenwood Sta.....Feb. 17, 18
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

JACKSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Huntsville Ct., at Huntsville.....Feb. 9, 10
Kingston Ct., at Kingston.....Feb. 11, 12
Darshall and Leslie, at Leslie.....Feb. 16, 17
J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Pike City Ct.....Feb. 17, 18
Harmony Ct.....Feb. 25, 26
W. R. HARRISON, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Wilmar Ct.....Feb. 16, 17
Eudora Ct.....Feb. 23, 24
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Ashdown Ct., at Richmond.....Feb. 16, 17
Mena Sta.....Feb. 23, 24
Wilcox Ct., at Alleen.....Mar. 2, 3
Cherry Hill Ct., at Highland.....Mar. 9, 10
DeQueen Sta.....Mar. 16, 17
Janssen Ct., at Janssen.....Mar. 23, 24
Fair View Sta.....Mar. 30, 31
Texarkana Ct., at Pleasant Hill.....April 6, 7
Elham Ct., at Valley.....April 13, 14
Ben Lomond Ct., at Ben Lomond.....April 20, 21
Fratello Ct., at Mt. Rose.....April 27, 28
Lockesburg Sta.....May 4, 5
Mt. Ida Ct., at Bethel.....May 11, 12
Empire Ct., at Green's Chapel.....May 18, 19
Bright Star Ct., at Olive Branch.....May 25, 26
First Church.....June 1, 2
The brethren on the circuits who have not already done so, will please send me the post office address of each steward in their charges at once.
T. O. OWEN, P. E.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Altus and Denning, at Denning.....Feb. 9, 10
Dark Sta.....Feb. 11
Lamar and Knoxville, at Lamar.....Feb. 16, 17
Dover Ct., at Sunny Point.....Feb. 23, 24
Dardanelle Sta.....Feb. 24, 25
Prairie View Ct., at Etchison's Chapel.....Mar. 2, 3
Dark Ct., at Gas Creek.....Mar. 9, 10
Roseville and Webb City.....Mar. 10, 11
Dardanelle Ct., at Field's Chapel.....Mar. 16, 17
Hill Ct., at Hartman.....Mar. 23, 24
Clarksville Ct., at Hays' Chapel.....Mar. 30, 31
Clarksville Sta.....Mar. 31, April 1
Belleville Ct., at Spring Creek.....April 6, 7
Walnut Tree Ct., at Egypt.....April 13, 14
Dover Ct., at Wing.....April 20, 21
Gravelley and Bluffton, at Bluffton.....Apr. 21, 22
Danville and Ola, at Danville.....April 27, 28
Brethren, let me urge you to mark the time of your quarterly meeting and make your arrangements to attend it. Your presence at these meetings will be very helpful indeed. Let us make these quarterly meetings occasions of great grace and power. This can be done if each one of us will give himself to prayer for God's blessing upon the occasion, and then make it his business to be present. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness."
J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Lone Ct., at Lone.....Mar. 2, 3
Dalark, at Bethel.....Mar. 9, 10
Central Ave.....Mar. 17, 18
Princeton, at Tulip.....Mar. 23, 24



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Holly Springs.....Mar. 30, 31
Tigert Memorial.....April 6, 7
Social Hill, at Friendship.....April 13, 14
Hot Springs Ct., at Cason's Chapel.....Apr. 20, 21
Ussery, at Friendship.....April 27, 28
Park Ave.....May 4, 5
Amity, at County Line.....May 11, 12
Third Street.....May 19, 20
Malvern Ct.....May 25, 26
Malvern Ave.....June 2, 3
Arkadelphia Ct.....June 8, 9
Malvern Ct.....June 16, 17
Perla and Walco, at Perla.....June 19
Arkadelphia.....June 23, 24
District Conference at Park Avenue, Hot Springs, June 27-30.
H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
St. Charles at St. Charles.....Feb. 16, 17
DeWitt Sta.....Feb. 17, 18
Gillett, at Gillett.....Feb. 23, 24
Kingsland, at Kingsland.....March 2, 3
Kison, at Moore's Chapel.....March 9, 10
Redfield, at Bethel.....March 16, 17
Sheridan, at Sheridan.....March 23, 24
W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

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N. L. LINEBAUGH, Chairman Board of Church Extension of Oklahoma Conference.

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Dining Room of Mayor Grosse of Harlem, Ill., whose wife earned the beautiful monogram dinner set, also the free pictures. (From photograph by Orville Hunt. Copyright reserved.)

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Cement, Okla.

I landed in Cement with my wife and children on the 24th of November. The good women had prepared the parsonage for us. We have indeed met with a hearty welcome. The pounding came in

due time. I am sure we have never met kinder people. Our presiding elder was with us the 6th and 7th of January. He preaches well and has an eye to business.

We closed a meeting in cement last Sunday; Rev. M. J. Allen, of

the West Texas Conference, did the preaching. He is an old friend of ours. God blessed us in the meeting. The life of the church was quickened and three professed religion. I think the prospects are good for a successful year.

Our domestic mission money is in hand, and I am sure our collections will all be paid.

M. T. ALLEN.

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