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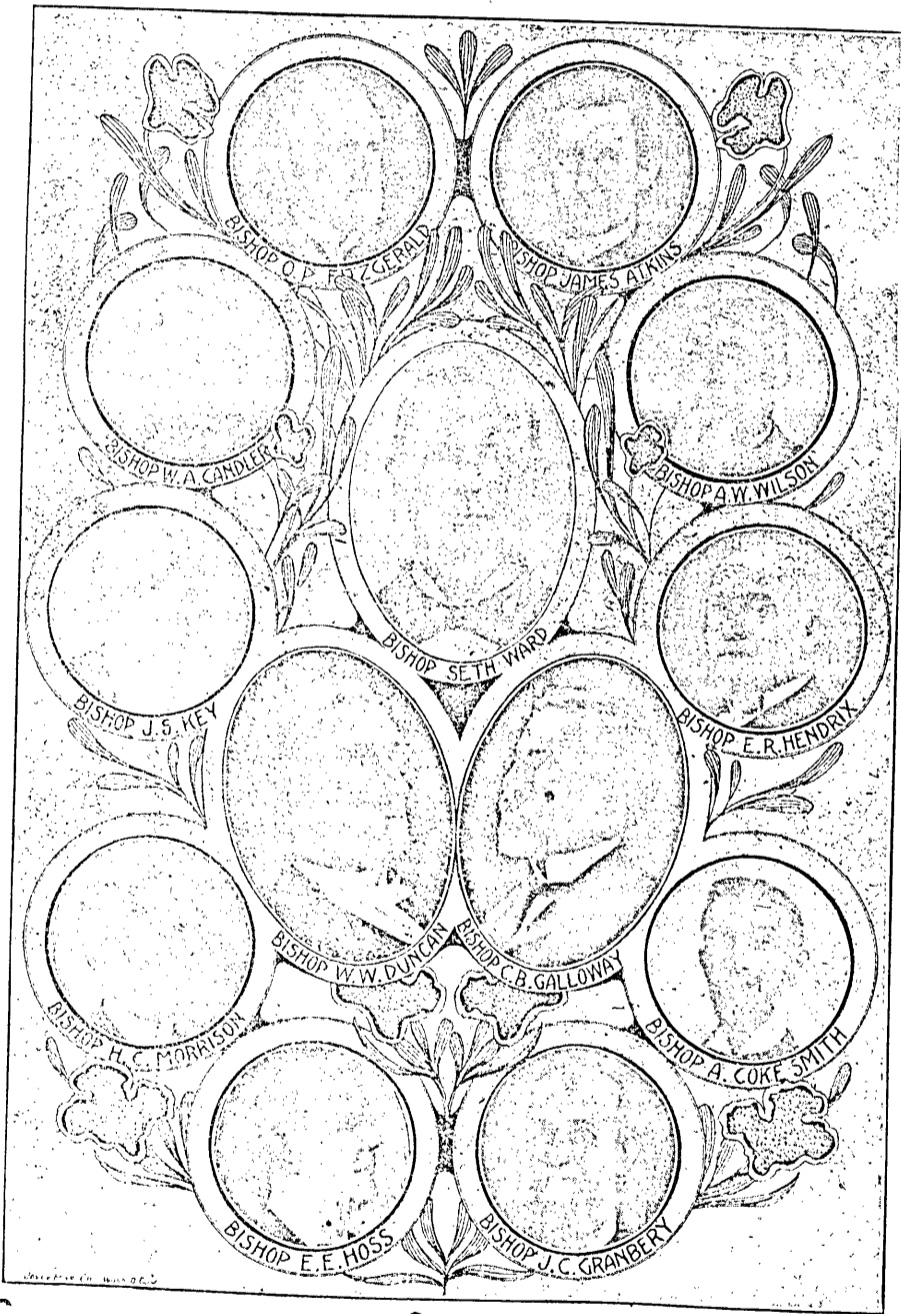
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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. M. K. Irvin, of DeVall's Bluff, dropped into our office one day last week and reported good things of his pleasant charge.

Rev. W. A. Lewis of Austin Circuit was with us a few hours this week. He is doing well on his charge.

Rev. J. J. Mellard, of Redfield Circuit, spent a few hours in the city last week, and called at our office. He is pleased with the outlook of his work.

Six hundred delegates from the United States and Canada will attend the World's Fifth Sunday School Convention, in Rome, May 18-23, 1907.

We had a pleasant call a few days ago from Rev. John Lowry. He is still ready to help the brethren in their meetings. He is always sound in his work.

To our good friends the Neills at Batesville we tender our sympathy on the death of the head of that excellent family, Gen. Robert Neill, whom they buried last Sunday. Gen. Neill has long been prominent in Arkansas, and the family are among our best people.

Rev. G. R. Wright, Elk City, Okla., made at one stroke a clean sweep of the new subscriptions asked of his charge, with an excess of two, sending in eleven with the cash for every name. This shows what can be done. It is only a question of getting directly at it.

It is said that the increase of wealth in the Southern States during 1906 was \$2,690,000,000. What are we proposing to do with it? How much of it shall be devoted to God and to humanity? How much shall go into education, producing manhood? How much into missions, bringing salvation?

The famine in China is becoming dreadful. About 15,000,000 people are exposed to starvation. The consul general of the United States at Shanghai has undertaken to administer the relief funds from this country. One dollar will put in fifty pounds of flour. This paper will be glad to receive and forward funds.

We extend sympathy to our Brother E. W. Frost, of Texarkana, whose good wife died suddenly in Galveston on the 15th, while on

a visit to friends. She was his second wife, and they had been married but little more than a year. Brother Frost has been of great service to the church in Texarkana.

On the 13th of the month, in a great fire in Pine Bluff, which consumed nine blocks, our Carr Memorial Church and its parsonage went up in smoke. The pastor, Rev. R. A. McClintock, lost heavily. We deplore these losses. Not only has the church property been consumed, but the membership of this church has been much crippled. We are sure, however, that a way will be found to rebuild the property.

The Advisory Committee of the great mid-year meeting of the Board of Missions-Church Extension of the Oklahoma Conference had a very important meeting at Muskogee last week. They are putting out some very attractive reading matter, telling the people of the rich feast in store for all who go to Chickasha March 5-7. There will be special rates on all railroads and free entertainment. The committee is composed of Revs. O. E. Goddard, Dunkle, Mitchell and McDonald.

The death of John G. Paton in January closed the earthly career of one of the most remarkable men that ever lived. His missionary career in the New Hebrides is not excelled by anything that has ever transpired in the history of the Christian church. Nothing in the Acts of the Apostles is more inspiring, and nothing in the Gospels gives more real assurance that Jesus can cast out devils. It will pay all students of missions to read his Life at this time.

Let our laymen remember that the day of the layman in missions has dawned. The Laymen's Missionary Movement, concerning which will be found an article in this issue, is one of the most significant facts in all missionary activity. It will mark a new epoch in missionary work. The layman who is ignorant of missions or who is careless about the great cause will soon be a church member of the second grade.

Mr. C. A. Pain, who lives at Benton, Ark., was in the city on Tuesday and made the Methodist an appreciated call. He says he has read the Methodist so long that he would as soon undertake to get along without his Bible as to do without it. Although living by his daily toil, he keeps his subscription paid in advance. When he left this office his paper was paid just a little over two years in advance. He, though getting far past the meridian of life, is enjoying good health and is happy. We wish for him many more years of joy.

Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn., suffered the loss of its main building by fire between 1 and 2 o'clock on the morning of February 9. Heroic work of the fire department succeeded in saving the two wings, most of the furniture, pianos, etc. Some pianos were lost. All of the young ladies escaped without injury. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$12,500. A mass meeting of citizens pledged \$15,000, which will make nearly \$25,000 to start the rebuilding. Of course it will be rebuilt, and promptly. The school work will go on.—Midland Methodist.

Mr. F. M. Daniel, of Mammoth Spring, who is one of the leading laymen of the White River Conference, and who was in attendance at the meeting of the Galloway Board Tuesday, told us of a very gracious revival now in progress at Mammoth Spring. There had been forty conversions up to the time he left home, eighteen having joined our church last Sunday. Mr. William Hoekaday, a lay preacher, of Centenary Church, St. Louis, had been with them, but the pastor, Rev. Ira Russell, assisted by Mr. Tol Tatum, were going on with

the meeting. The town is being greatly blessed.

Rev. J. R. Moose, one of our missionaries in Korea, who is at home on leave, has been circulating in Arkansas for some days. He was in Conway last week, where he spoke to the students of Hendrix College and to the public at the church. He was in Little Rock the first of the week, speaking at Winfield in the forenoon of Sunday, at Asbury in the afternoon, and at First Church at night, and again at Winfield Monday night. Brother Moose is one of our most effective missionaries. He is greatly welcome in our midst. His addresses are first-rate, full of information and Christian zeal.

The Mid-Year Missionary Rally.

We mean the meeting at Chickasha, March 5-7. Let all the preachers who can at all do so be in attendance. Let all the lay workers who have the least interest in missionary progress within the bounds of the Oklahoma Conference be on hand.

It has been demonstrated that these meetings are worth attending. They always give us information and inspiration—the two things needed to insure progress in any undertaking. The gathering together of our choicest missionary men and women is worth much also to them in the way of improved methods of work. It saves money to the church and it saves valuable time.

It will be a direct contribution to the cause of missions if churches will send their pastors, if they are not otherwise able to go. To know how to do a thing and to put into the doing of it the requisite intelligence and the necessary enthusiasm is good economy.

Reed Smoot and the Republican Party.

Archdeacon Bull of Salt Lake City charges that there is an alliance between the Republican party in Utah and Idaho and the Mormon church. Certain Republican papers are warning the party managers at Washington that the party is under suspicion respecting the matter. The Northwestern Christian Advocate says that it is ominous in the face of this charge that practically all the Republican senators are for Smoot's retention in the senate, while the Democratic senators are practically unanimous for his expulsion.

We shall see. If the Republican party retains that moral cancer upon the body of the senate of the United States, and if the people of this Union come to believe that the party has committed itself to such an enormity, we shall have another emancipation proclamation—one that will not emanate from the Republican party.

The Arkansas Historical Association.

Last week, at Little Rock, a joint meeting was held of the Arkansas Press Association and the Arkansas Historical Association. By invitation of the latter all members of the former were made members, and it was agreed that joint sessions should be held every winter. Officers of the Historical Association were elected, as follows: Col. V. Y. Cook, president; Rev. A. C. Millar, first vice president; Dr. E. R. Long, second vice president; Dr. J. W. Conger, third vice president; Judge Jacob Tricker, fourth vice president; Prof. J. H. Reynolds, secretary; Hon. R. J. Wilson treasurer.

Prof. Reynolds read a strong paper on the plans of the Arkansas History Commission, a part of which is published elsewhere. The work of this commission during the past two years recommends it strongly. All real patriots desirous of preserving the materials of our history should unite to secure the legislation necessary to make our records perfect and permanent.

It will be remembered that Collier's Weekly, some months ago, went into the exposing business. It now appears to have been a rascally scheme to get up a sensation—to be coined into cash. The American Republic for February contains some interesting reading on the subject, which comes very near to exposing Collier's. It shows, at least, that if that journal is sincere in its motives it is that journal in its methods. We have had our doubts for some time. We refer especially to the correspondence of that periodical with Dr. B. M. Woolley, of Atlanta, Ga.

Notice to Oklahoma Brethren.

I am planning to be with you at your great Mid-year Meeting at Chickasha, in order that the paper may be held in close touch with the work you seek to do. We would appreciate it very much if, among other preparations you make to attend the meeting before leaving your several charges, you will each give at least a half-day's work to the interests of the Western Methodist, and bring up the result to the Chickasha. Please do not forget this, brethren.

If you have any interesting photographs of Indian preachers or of Mission buildings, bring them to the meeting. We are planning to gather up the results of the meeting for use in the paper.

JAS. A. A.

Agricultural Education.

The Farmers' Union asks the Legislature of Arkansas to establish four schools for teaching elementary agriculture. Whether it would be wise to found four schools at the same time, or begin with a smaller number and increase them as they demonstrate their value, may be an open question; but that Arkansas needs scientifically trained farmers and that no other legislative appropriation would bring speedier or larger returns will scarcely be disputed. Our resources of soil and climate and variety of products are so marvelous that they challenge development. We should have rich and progressive farmers, but cannot have until they learn the best methods of utilizing Nature's gifts. This cannot be done by the individual farmer. The State must try the experiments and show the farmers the way, so that he may not suffer loss. The Agricultural Department of our State University cannot reach enough farmers, and its work is not adapted to the needs of the multitude. Let these elementary schools be established and our agricultural interests will take on new life.

Field Notes.

On a recent day the same mail brought two letters, one from the eastern section of our constituency, the other from the western section, each suggesting that the paper was not giving enough news from its particular region. We agree with both letters. We are publishing, week by week, every scrap of news we can get from the brethren in any and every section. This is written to solicit items from all over the field. We would suggest that some of the brethren, in writing, take rather too much space going into too many minor details of no general interest. What the church wants, what the people like to read, is the real progress that is being made in a charge. Leave out the trifling details, brethren, and tell us what you are registering for the Master. And tell us often. Your progress, your progress—that is the thing. It is all the better told if you will condense it in the fewest words needed to make it clear. A hundred such notes every week would not be too many.

hand, that some people take but little interest in the field notes. Such readers as do not care for them—may skip them; they will find them rather in each paper that will interest them. Thousands of the people want the field notes. We make the paper for all.

The Presiding Elder in the Country.

In this issue will be found a communication from Rev. J. M. Workman, our pastor at Crossett, Ark., in which he incorporates a resolution passed by his quarterly conference, to the effect that they will be content to have the presiding elder give his Sundays, as far as he judges best, to the circuit charges. We have seen some stations that would be willing to do this, simply because they cared but little for the service of the presiding elder; but we may be sure this is not the case at Crossett. Their action is based on the broader and sensible view that the circuits need more attention from the presiding elder than do the well organized stations.

We commend heartily this action. It is both generous and wise. It is generous because these brethren are willing to pay the presiding elder his salary without exacting what might be considered their share of his time. It is wise because the only way to take care of our towns ultimately is to take care of our country work as we go along. The boys that are now growing up in the country are going to be the chief men in the towns of the next generation; it has always been so; and we must get hold of them while they are growing up. It is a suicidal policy for a good station to overlook the development of the surrounding country. Service which they help to pay for there is a good investment.

The American Republic.

This is a day of magazines. A new one appears under the above given name, over at Atlanta, Ga. It strikes us as an effort to take up the Sam Jones role, now that the great evangelist is no more among us. There is much in it to remind the reader of that great man. If that be the purpose of the magazine, they ought to remember that there was more than one side to Sam Jones. He was an iconoclast, hammering mercilessly the wrong, but he was more than an iconoclast, for he came with a gospel of reconstruction also. This magazine proclaims itself a magazine of protest. It shows much force. It seems to be sincere in its hatred of and its protest against wrong and against sham. It is well to protest as one part of life's work; but woe to the man whose only work is to protest. It is psychologically impossible for such a man to perpetuate a healthy intellectual life. He must inevitably degenerate either into a cynic or a hypocrite. The reading public will recall "Braun's Iconoclast." If that paper was ever sincere it came to hold righteousness after such a fashion that it never could find in anybody a form of righteousness that pleased its editor. It believed in goodness, yet knew no example of it. As a Southern venture, with an apparently good aim, we can wish the American Republic a successful career. But we are positively sure no periodical can succeed—except it may be for a time to make notoriety and money, if that can be called success—and none ought to succeed as an organ of mere protest. If Mr. Tapp, the editor, will bring in also sweetness and light, and especially if he can handle these elements as well as he handles the element of protest, he can succeed—we hope he will succeed; otherwise not, and we hope not. "The Son of man came not into the world to condemn (literally, to criticize) the world, but that the world, through him, might have life."

help the world; they must occupy themselves primarily with pouring out upon the world whatever of life and grace and power is within them.

"Our Friends the Enemy."

We give below a letter sent out by the president of the Arkansas Liquor Dealers' Association. The letter contains a warning to the faithful to show the document to none but friends. How we got hold of it is nobody's business. It is a case in which blame is praise. The writer does not like the present legislature—thinks they are a hard lot. He does not like the bills pending in the legislature; wants "funds" and "influence" with which to defeat them. He gives valuable testimony to the efficiency of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation, the Arkansas branch of the Anti-Saloon League. The letter is an agonizing call for help to defeat the measures of the Federation. The handwriting is on the wall; they had as well begin to clean out and get ready to go into some decent business. Here is the letter:

Wynne, Ark., February 9, 1907.

To All Liquor Dealers in Arkansas:

Gentlemen—Inclosed you will find copy of bills so far introduced in our legislature, now in session. Senate bill No. 60 will throw at least 100 of our people out of business. This bill has already passed two readings in the Senate. Senate bill No. 119 will, if passed, make our State dry at the next general election. House bill No. 12 will, if passed, take from us one-fourth of our business and give it to people outside of the State. There is also a bill that I have not a copy of at present, known as the "beer bill," placing a tax on every barrel of beer at \$1, and every barrel of whiskey over thirty-one gallons at \$2, and every case, 25 cents; also house bill No. 164, to increase our State license from \$300 to \$700.

So you see what we are up against. There are about 400 liquor dealers in our State, and of that number about 100 are members of this association, so that unless all work together and have the assistance and co-operation of all liquor dealers in the State, and have funds to work with, we can accomplish but little. The Anti-Saloon League has quite an army at work.

Your president has been in Little Rock at work for the past six days, and I want to say to you that this is the hardest session he has attended in ten years, and I beg of every one of you to work and give this association all the assistance and support in your power. It is absolutely necessary for every member of the trade to get busy. Write your senator and representative requesting them to work against these bills. If you have some friend in Little Rock that can help you, you should write him at once.

You should join this association. The membership fee is only \$16. Fill out the inclosed blank and mail your check to our secretary at once. If you are already a member, mail your check for \$6 as your annual dues. Unless we get to work at once we will find our business taken away from us, or be taxed to death, so that it will be impossible for us to make a living for our families in this business any longer.

So let me urge every one of you to get to work and help this association all you can, as it is for your own protection. I would ask that you only show this letter to our friends, as our enemies are watching us very close. Any information that you need will be cheerfully furnished by our secretary.

E. J. BADINELLI, President.

M. D. FOSTER, Secretary.

Crossett, Ark.

The Western's editorial on church finances finds such a complete fulfillment in our church that I am led to give the plan to stimulate others.

Last year the pastor suggested that all expenses of the church be put into one fund. This was done. Subscriptions were asked for with the understanding that if the amount asked for was given that subscribed would not be approached for anything during the year. Conference collections, salaries, preacher and janitor and other incidentals were all included and all raised. It was further agreed that as the majority of our congregation were giving reasonable amounts, no hat collection should be taken. With the understanding of definite financial obligations several of the largest subscribers doubled their amounts. We have just adopted the same plan for this year. What a relief to a pastor not to have his conference collections to raise. My stewards excel me in financing this church. As a result of this, I am able to take in Sunday afternoon work and organize new forms of service which enlist latent talent in our congregation. In addition to this we have just completed a beautiful \$2,000.00 parsonage which was planned and financed by our laymen. If we will do our best work the laymen must relieve us largely of financial burdens.

Brother Harrell was with us 9 and 10, and gave a thorough inspection of our work. He begins well here.

A rather new departure was announced by him. He plans to give the majority of his Sabbath appointments to the circuits. He intends doing some genuine missionary work. Our official board gave their hearty approval in the following useful resolution:

"Realizing the importance of our circuit work and the need the country churches, we hereby express our willingness to release our presiding elder from his Sunday appointments on our charge when he sees fit to give the time to the circuit work."

The Baptists of this district are calling for an association missionary and our presiding elder intends that he and his preachers shall cover their territory as it should be.

J. M. WORKMAN.

The Epworth Chautauqua Matter.

Several points were raised by Brother McDonald in last week's Western Methodist. One concerning trustees, another the present debt. These need some light. The committee appointed by the Epworth League Conference at Ardmore in May, 1906, do not look to the annual conference or the Epworth League Board for authority, but to the discipline which grants authority to Epworth League annual conferences to acquire property for Chautauqua and assembly purposes. The trustees of the property arranged for at Sulphur cannot be other than the special committee appointed by the annual Epworth League conference to acquire this property, until the meeting of the annual Epworth League conference at Sulphur, next May, when the personnel of the board of trustees may be fully arranged.

As to the deficit—None of the Chautauqua people, Epworth League conference or the committee ever supposed the debt was on annual conference. The question is simply this: Will the annual conference give its consent to an assessment on the church to meet a deficit the Epworth League conference cannot meet and did not contract, or will we sit by and see four or five of our brethren, who, for the sake of the fraternity and the good of our young people, made notes and contracts which now bind them to consider-

able amount, have to pay it out of their private means. We wished the matter attended to at last session, but could not get before the conference on account of pressure for time. This ought to have attention. Our brethren who are on the notes are our own members. None of them have the money to donate. The banks at Sulphur agreed to carry the deficit a definite length of time, provided the conference would provide for it and authorize a field agent for Chautauqua and to raise the deficit.

Vital matters should not be side-tracked. No representative was at Ada probably because the Committee on Chautauqua Assembly had no notice. The date set for the Chautauqua Committee meeting last week at Sulphur became confused, hence this writer failed to attend. Nor have I yet heard what was accomplished.

W. L. ANDERSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Missouri Letter.

At last we are to have a church building in Kansas City that puts us in the front rank. The new Central nearly covers the lot, about 135x150. The stone work is about up to the square, and the roof timbers will soon be in position. The work is far enough advanced to enable one to get a good idea of the plan of the building. The house fronts east and south, and the organ and pulpit will be in the southeast corner. The audience room is large and the house is so constructed that much additional space can be used when needed, all of which will be in full view from the pulpit. While not so costly as St. John's, in St. Louis, yet it will seat a larger audience than any other Methodist church in the State, and will be for all practical purposes the best church building we have west of the Mississippi river. I saw the presiding elder, Dr. Z. M. Williams, and the pastor, Dr. Paul H. Linn, in Kansas City this week. Both are looking exceedingly well, as though the building of this great church were attended by none of the anxious cares which so often fall to the lot of church builders.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School is having the best year in its history. Dr. J. C. Morris, president of Central College, is now in charge of Melrose Church, Kansas City. The church is near the training school. He rendered the church good service as president of the college, but the pastorate is pre-eminently his field. Rev. J. J. Pritchett, who was appointed to Melrose in the fall, has been transferred to Los Angeles and stationed at Trinity Church. So far as I can judge by reports which reach me from various sources, our churches are enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. In Springfield Rev. J. C. Given has received fifty members into Campbell Street church since conference, and I have received the same number at St. Paul. These have come in through the regular work of these churches. There have been a number of additions at the Dale Street Church, Springfield, but I have not learned how many.

I find in recent issues of the Christian Advocate of Nashville and St. Louis pleas for Methodist union by branches of the St. Louis Conference, but in none of such pleas can I find the slightest indication that the writers have ever seriously considered the practical phases of the problem they profess to deal with. Passing by many minor differences, there are three that are vital. I have occasionally mentioned these differences to advocates of union in both churches and have never yet found one who was prepared to suggest a compromise position which even he thought would make union feasible. The three points are:

1. The M. E. Church requires of candidates for membership, assent to the XXV Articles and the Apostles' Creed. The M. E. Church, South, requires assent only to the Apostles' Creed.

2. The M. E. Church has a large colored membership represented in the General Conference by eighty or ninety colored delegates.

3. The M. E. Church, South, lodges a veto power with its college of bishops. There is no veto power in the M. E. Church. The difference indicated here divided the church in 1844 and the two branches are farther apart than they were sixty years ago.

Until these practical problems are recognized, gush and sentiment in favor of union are worse than wasted. I am proud to say that I, for one, am not willing to surrender our position on any one of the three issues for the sake of union with any church, and I do not consider myself lonesome in that view.

C. H. BRIGGS,
415 E. Walnut, St., Springfield, Mo.
February 15, 1907.

Church or Circus.

The Toledo Times, as quoted in the Homiletic Review, has the following:

"The trustees of a large church in Chicago have requested the resignation of the pastor because he is too old to be of further use. He is sixty years old. Furthermore, they say: What we need is a hustling business man, who can preach sermons that will attract; a man not afraid of notoriety. The conception of this church, held by these trustees, is the conception of too many churchmen—that of material prosperity, influence and power in the community. In carrying out this idea, many churches have entered the contest for expensive plants, artistic music and sensational preaching. They require a pastor who has business capacity, social leadership; who is capable of making an impression. In all this miserable program there is not one iota of real Christianity. If the church is more than an ethical society, it is a divine institution, which is set for the cultivation of spiritual life. All else is incidental to the main purpose—the engaging and saving of the souls of men. It is well enough to have expensive churches if they reach the people and minister to their spirits. And good music—if it does not degenerate into mere entertainment. And good preaching—if it is the gospel. But the church that is looking for a combined orator, social leader, canvassing agent and financier to be its pastor, regardless of the depth and sweetness of his spirituality, ought to go out of the church business and go into the show business."

This from a secular paper is so perfectly in harmony with the spirit of genuine Christianity that we take more than ordinary pleasure in reproducing it here. But it leads us to say that in a large measure the churches are responsible for this drift of the ministry to what is sensational—and censurable in their work. The apostles directed the primitive church to select seven wise men full of the Holy Ghost to be set over the secular business. They were far too busy in preaching the real gospel—and in saving men—to bother about suppers, festivals and social functions. Nor can we suppose that they had paid choirs and star soloists to sing operatic airs in their order of worship. Churches that depend upon spectacular methods to grow their congregations may have crowds, but they will not save sinners, and a church that does not make the salvation of men its supreme object is a sham and a travesty as a gospel institution.—Methodist Protestant.

Topic for February 24, 1907—William Carey,
the Father and Founder of Modern
Missions.

(John 17:18-23.)

Our Leaguers will do well to read in connection with their study of this lesson some of the valuable missionary literature which portrays the character and gives a history of William Carey and other great missionaries. I quote some passages from Bishop Galloway's address, "Lessons From Master Missionaries." "There is William Carey, whose very name is the synonym of a forward movement in the kingdom of God, and who will ever stand as the most majestic figure in a generation of giants. He awoke the slumber of the church and infused into its withered veins the crimson tide of a new, triumphant life. His marvelous, unawed faith was equaled only by his peerless purpose and untiring labors. His love for the heathen became a consuming passion. For forty-one years he labored among the darkened millions of India, and was never so happy as when leading some dear soul into the glorious light. The 'consecrated cobbler,' by dint of his devotion to God and his unquerable purpose, rose from obscurity to world-wide and enduring fame. Lord Wellesley, in acknowledging an address presented by William Carey, said: 'I esteem such testimony from such a great man a greater honor than the applause of courts and parliaments.' He became the 'Wycliffe of the East.' With his own tireless hands he translated the Scriptures into four different languages. Others he critically supervised, until twenty-eight versions were issued from the press at Serampore. His liberality was equaled only by his stipend. When his income as professor in Williams College amounted to 1,500 pounds sterling he reserved fifty pounds sterling for his personal needs, and gave all the rest to the cause of God. He sleeps in a hero's grave at Serampore. Standing there and recalling the wonderful incidents of a great history, the scenes of an apocahal life—scenes that change the map of the world—we are reminded of Thomas Carlyle's reference to the birthplace of Martin Luther. 'There was born here,' said he, 'once more a mighty man, whose light was to flame as the beacon over long centuries and epochs of the world; the whole world and its history were waiting for this man. It is strange; it is great. It leads us back to another birth-hour in a still meaner environment eighteen hundred years ago, of which it is fit that we say nothing; that we think only in silence. For what words are there? The age of miracles past? The age of miracles is forever here. William Carey has left the church the lesson of a dauntless faith united with the profoundest humility.'

The National Peace Congress in New York.

From the active and extensive work of preparation which is being done by the Committee of Arrangements, the indications are that the National Peace Congress to be held in New York in April will be the greatest national demonstration in behalf of international arbitration and peace which this country has ever seen.

Two national arbitration conferences have already been held, both of them in Washington, the first in April, 1896, and the second in January, 1904. The coming congress will be wider in scope than either of these, and will include in its program not arbitration only, but most or all the great subjects with which the international peace movement deals.

The suggestion of such a meeting came from the national peace congresses which have been held in Europe for the last three or four years, notably in France and Great Britain. These originated in the feeling that the international peace congresses would be made much more effective if the subjects to come before them should have careful preliminary study in national conferences.

The purpose of the New York Congress, however, is not to prepare the way for the sixteenth International Peace Congress, which meets in Munich, Germany, next autumn, but to promote the development and expression of American public sentiment in support of the important subjects which have been suggested for the program of the second Hague Conference.

These subjects, as formulated by the Inter-parliamentary Union at London last June, are: (1) a general treaty of obligatory arbitration; (2) a periodic world-congress or assembly; (3) the limitation of armaments; (4) the examination before hostilities are begun of all contested issues by an impartial commission of inquiry, and (5) the immunity from capture of all unoffending private property at sea in time of war.

The indications are now that the Hague Conference will assemble in the early summer, possibly in June. The originators of the coming New York Congress have felt that the American delegates to the Hague Conference ought to enter it feeling that they have the support of practically the whole of the enlightened public opinion of the United States. It is well known that the success of the first Hague Conference was in no small measure to the manner in which the public sentiment of the United States expressed itself in a great variety of ways through the American delegates. Hence the desire that the second conference, which, from the fact that it will be composed of representatives of all the nations of the world, will be much more important than the first one, should feel the full weight of American public sentiment, which at critical periods has often done so much for the pacific settlement of controversies.

Laymen's Missionary Movement.

J. Campbell White, General Secretary.

Millions of dollars for education, millions for philanthropy, millions for art, millions for pleasure, but for the supreme work of the church—the evangelization of the world—the million-dollar gifts are missing, and single offerings of \$100,000 are rare. The same general proportion is maintained if we take the aggregate of the smaller gifts. The total amount annually given for Christian purposes in the United States runs into the hundreds of millions, while the total we give to extend Christian truth throughout the rest of the world is less than nine millions annually.

Considering the vast numbers in non-Christian lands to be reached, their present moral and spiritual need, and the primary place of our country in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ, this is not a reasonable ratio in benevolent investment. The greatest business enterprise in the world is the universal propagation of the Christian evangel. If it will cost even the low average of two dollars to give an intelligent knowledge of Christianity to each Chinaman or African, yet it would take about two billions of dollars to reach the whole race. Yet all Christendom puts into this colossal undertaking only a trifle over twenty millions a year. At this rate it would take a century for the church to give enough to reach the people of our own generation. In order to evangelize our own generation, the church should be giving at least eighty mil-

lions a year, instead of twenty millions.

On an adequate financial basis we may confidently expect to make the knowledge of Christianity universal in our own day. The necessary workers can be secured. We may also count absolutely on the promised help of God in enabling the workers to fulfill the tasks which have been divinely authorized. Apparently the money is the most difficult thing to secure, though it is really the cheapest thing we can give. The cost of Christianity to Christ was the cross. Those who propagate his message must invest their lives, and in thousands of cases they have laid their lives down. Other Christians, equally responsible, should count it a privilege and joy to provide the funds needed to support workers enough to evangelize the whole world. Only thus can we do our assigned part in enabling Christ to realize on his investment. Only thus can we prove ourselves worthy of his investment in us.

To assist in solving this great problem a new movement has recently been inaugurated, called the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Upon its General Committee are about one hundred of the most influential Christian laymen of all denominations in the United States and Canada. This movement aims to interest the laymen of all the churches in larger support of their own denominational missionary work. All the Missionary Boards have already given the movement their most cordial endorsement, speaking of it as an "imperative necessity, in view of the tremendous demands of a world-field, white for the harvest."

The first important undertaking of the movement is to organize a commission of from fifty to one hundred laymen, to visit the mission fields at their own expense, and report the results of their investigation to the church at home. The Executive Committee has already discovered about thirty men who hope to go, although no special effort to secure commissioners has yet been made. The investigation of the commission will be continued throughout this year, the final report being made early in 1908.

Three of the commissioners have already sailed. Mr. L. H. Severance, of Cleveland; Mr. George E. Keith, of Brockton, Mass., and Mr. James Rodger, of Montreal. Two others expected to sail on February 21, Mr. S. W. Woodward and Mr. John B. Slemaan, Jr., both of Washington, D. C.

A dinner was held by the movement at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, on February 11, attended by about two hundred business and professional men, who took a deep interest of the enterprise. A similar dinner was held in Philadelphia in January, out of which some remarkable results have already developed. For example, one man is contemplating the giving of all the profits of one department of his business to foreign missionary work. It is expected that these profits will be about \$100,000 annually.

Another immediate outcome of the Philadelphia dinner was the calling of a special meeting of the laymen of the Baptist church. After a full discussion "there was pledged the money to send three men," writes Dr. W. W. Keen, "and since then we have obtained money to send three more from Philadelphia. This movement has spread to other cities, so that there will be a delegation numbering probably thirty-five or forty who will go to the East in three parties; the first on February 21, under the leadership of Dr. Mabie; a second, led by Dr. Fabark, on March 8, and a third, led by Mr. Dobbins, on April 1. I hope that other churches will do as well, or even better."

California Letter.

Dear Brother Anderson—I received my first copy of the dear old home paper yesterday, and it seemed like meeting a long-lost friend. I feel tempted to tell you about this lovely country we have strayed off to. Perhaps I shall reach the waste basket, but if not it will bear a message to many loved friends in Arkansas, who will always have a warm place in my affections. We left dear old Dardanelle about March 23, 1906, and, because of floods and landslides between Los Angeles and Sacramento, we stopped off to rest at the lovely little city of Fresno, and we decided this part of California was good enough. Owing to this wise decision we were just shaken up a little when the disastrous earthquake struck San Francisco, about two weeks later. We have always felt grateful for the irregular trains that made us feel as if we would like to stop and rest. Fresno is a beautiful city of over 30,000 inhabitants, and the shipping point for the great raisin, peach, apricot, melon and grape belt of California. This city is only ten miles from the noted "Kearney Castle" and famous estate whose eccentric and wealthy owner donated it (at his death) last summer to the University of California. The climate here in winter is delightful, but as the raisin growers must have sunshine and dry weather to carry on the raisin industry, there is seldom any rain from May until October, and the thermometer last year ranged from 116 degrees to 120 degrees; but everybody who didn't go to the coast or mountains lived on and worked, and I only heard of one case of sunstroke. The crops are watered by irrigation. We are located at the little new town of Clovis, ten miles out from Fresno, where ends the great flume that brings such immense quantities of lumber from the very top of the high Sierra Nevada mountains. Sixty-five miles east of the city of Fresno, fifteen years ago, a mill was erected at the top of these mountains by the Fresno Flume and Irrigation Company. Tributary to this and covering an area of a million acres there is said to be enough of the very best timber of pine and fir to operate this mill at its fullest capacity, night and day, for a hundred years. For many years lumbermen knew of this fine timber, but could not solve the problem of getting it over such dizzy heights, over granite bluffs thousands of feet high. But the problem was solved when "necessity" that is said to be the "mother of invention" pointed the way. When the white pine of Michigan was exhausted some of the leading lumbermen began to figure on ways and means of getting out this fine timber that so densely covered the tops of the Sierras for a thousand miles in California and Oregon. This particular tract was bought by the lumbermen because most of them were already interested in various enterprises in and near Fresno—particularly raisin growing—the famous industry of this region. The raisin growers in San Joaquin Valley needed better irrigation facilities, so, where neither a railroad nor an adequate wagon road was then considered possible, these invincible business men constructed a great flume fifty-four miles long from the mill above the clouds to the town of Clovis, ten miles from Fresno, in the edge of the San Joaquin Valley.

This flume, which carries to Clovis not only all the lumber manufactured at this great sawmill, but the output as well of numerous smaller mills along its route and also carries the water that irrigates the fair-famed raisin district, is one of the most notable engineering feats of the whole Sierra region and is well worth a long journey to see. Winding through canons and scaling bluffs thousands of feet

high, this immense flume, carrying a river of water, presents a picture that baffles description.

At the upper or mill end a great dam is constructed across a canon. This dam catches and holds the water coming down in innumerable streams from the snow-capped summits until it is let out into the flume. A lake is thus formed named for Mr. Shaver, president of Flume and Irrigation Company. The place where the mill is located is also called Shaver. This lake and vicinity have come to be quite a summer resort. Something like 1,500 people from Clovis, Fresno and surrounding country camped there the past summer in addition to the woodsmen and mill employees and their families, making the summer population about 2,000 souls.

There is a little mountain meadow bordering the east side of the lake. This little meadow surrounded by the bald tops of the mountain fringed with magnificent pine trees which furnish delightful shade. Here and there

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around the edge of the meadow are sulphur and mineral springs. With the green grass on one side and the smooth granite surface of the bald mountains round about, campers are almost perfectly secure from the dust that is generally such an annoyance to summer travelers in the mountain regions of California.

It is said that there is not, perhaps in the whole world, a place where one who sleeps out under the blue dome of the heaven is less annoyed by flies or mosquitoes than here; not because there are none, but it is only for a few minutes at about sundown they are able to make their presence felt, so cold are the nights. The lake is simply alive with fish, varying in length from fourteen to sixteen inches.

As there is neither snow, rain nor fog during July and August, more than half the people, the well-to-do, as well as the poor, live in domiciles consisting simply of a piece of cloth

fastened to three or four trees, pine boughs waving hundreds of feet above their heads, together with the blue dome of heaven affording an all-sufficient roof.

Preparations are now under way for the erection of an enormous power plant next year for the generation of electricity, which is to be transmitted to Los Angeles and other cities, among them our town, Clovis. It is also hoped and believed in Fresno and San Joaquin Valley that in the near future we will have an electric railroad constructed along the line of the flume, in spite of the almost insurmountable barriers Nature has placed in its way.

This would assuredly make Shaver Lake a summer resort surpassed by none in California. As it is now, we have the old-fashioned daily stage.

Our California school system is said to be the finest in the United States, and they claim the children are ahead of the Eastern children. I admit the first fact, but not the latter, as I have not found it so, but perhaps I came from a "banner school district."

Living is very much higher than in Arkansas. Except the fresh fruits, I can buy them cheaper at retail in Dardanelle than I can in California. Butter is 50 cents per pound; chickens, from 40 to 50 cents apiece. But it costs over \$1.00 apiece to raise a chicken—food is so dear. But wages are good, and anybody who will work can make a good living. Skilled labor of any kind is always in demand. The Chinamen occupy much the same place here that the negroes do in Arkansas. The Japanese prefer and get the best places as cooks and domestics, and it is always the men. You scarcely ever see a Chinese or Japanese woman employed as a servant.

We are rejoicing in the fact that we feel very sure of having the new \$100,000 Methodist college at Fresno, recently decided upon by the Methodist General Conference. My pastor is a dear old North Georgia preacher, from around about the hills of Rome, Ga., who in the long ago knew my relatives there. He was, too, once a schoolmate or friend of Brother D. J. Weems, your field editor. My presiding elder, Brother Kenney, is also a Georgia man, so I'm beginning to feel "at home." Some more dear old friends from my old "tramping ground," Booneville, Ark., are here—Judge G. W. Smith's family, and our dear old postmaster, Jos. Lamkin, and family, whom we accidentally ran across in Fresno. It was a happy meeting, you may be sure.

If I have not reached the waste basket I may tell you more of this wonderful country some time in the future.

LEOLA HAVNER.

Clovis, Cal., February 14, 1907.

A Suggestion.

Unusual interest is being taken in the great mid-year rally to be held by the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension in Chickasha, March 5-7. Every preacher that I have seen or heard from is planning to attend. One young preacher put it this way: "I must go. I need the help and inspiration that such meetings give. I know that I cannot keep up with the procession and fail to attend these meetings." Later he told me that he would have to borrow the money to pay his way. This commendable ambition and noble purpose of this worthy young man in the midst of his straitened financial circumstances set me to thinking. Perhaps there are other young men who want and need the benefits of this great meeting, whose financial condition will not permit them to go. The

laymen should send them. What I shall say does not apply to those charges and preachers where adequate salaries are paid. We have some preachers on salaries so meagre that they cannot avail themselves of the benefits of such meetings as we are to have in Chickasha. And yet they greatly need just what this meeting will furnish. Could not one layman, or five laymen, or ten laymen, on even our weakest charges provide a purse to defray the pastor's expenses? It will be a good investment. The inspiration, the uplift, the broadened vision, will greatly increase a pastor's efficiency. I appeal to the laymen to provide money for every underpaid and overworked preacher in the conference to attend this great gathering.

Practically the whole conference will be there. The elect women of the Foreign Missionary Society will be there. Many of our leading laymen will attend. Splendid talent from abroad will help the home talent to make this one of the greatest meetings ever held in the Southwest.

O. E. GODDARD.

Prayer.

"Prayer is the heart's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed."

How many of us pray with a sincere desire?

Sincere desire is unceasing prayer, the constant desire in the heart to do right, think right, and so reflect God's attributes of love and truth in unceasing prayer.

Many pray from a high sense of rectitude, and an indefinite idea that God needs their devotion and supplication, without at once examining their heart and searching to find that which is retarding the answer to their petition.

God does not need us; we need God and his omnipotence. The sweet psalmist said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." And that is just the truth.

So many who pray are holding some malice towards their neighbor, or indulging in some secret sin. Such as these may ask a liberal outpouring of benefactions, but will never receive. "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

Such prayers are like clouds without rain.

We should be honest, for we cannot elude the great Lawgiver.

Only the pure in heart and unselfish in purpose can see God, and it is only such He will hear. God is not an auditorial nerve, to come at the beck and call of mortals; but an ever-present help.

Divine love approached, seen and felt through assimilating the divine character, as given us in the blessed Christ, who was the embodiment of pure thought and life—hence he knew that the Father heard him always; and it is a significant fact that his thanks preceded his requests.

So it will ever be with all of God's children. Keep thy thoughts pure; allow no sin or error to grow upon your thoughts and your prayer will be answered.

MRS. DORSEY COOLEY.

Plans for the Arkansas Historical Association.

Professor J. H. Reynolds, of the chair of history in the State University at Fayetteville, read before the State Press Association:

The object of all investigation is the truth. History is to furnish the truth. To be accepted and of value, her testimony must be founded on the best of evidence. It is a fundamental canon of historical research that official records, charters, documents, letters, newspaper files, diaries and journals are the

best sources upon which history can base her testimony. But what if these sources are lost or destroyed? It simply means that an accurate history cannot be written and in that respect she will fail to perform her high mission in the world.

We of the South complain that Northern historians do injustice to the South. If so, why? Can the historian do otherwise than to use the facts at his command? Can the architect with poor material build a good structure? What does the North do for her historians? She is diligent in preserving for them the data needed for their work. What have we of the South done? Have we placed the facts of Southern history at the command of even our own historians? Where are our libraries, diaries, journals, private papers, newspaper files, yea, even our public records? They have vanished like the mist before the rising sun. Contrast the paucity of such material at the South with the great libraries at the North, rich in local history. Run your eye along the well-filled shelves of the published archives of, say, Massachusetts. Examine them more closely and you will see that there preserved in printed form for all the ages are the archives of not only the State, but of local governments throughout her history. If you want to know the official action of the town meeting of Boston or some obscure village in the interior during the stormy days of the American revolution, you will find them preserved here in these volumes. This is typical of other States.

Is it any wonder that Northern historians in writing text-books for the schools write more on Northern men and events than on Southern? Is it any wonder that the Southern historian cannot produce a satisfactory history when the facts are not at his command. The historian might be ever so fair and honest, but he cannot write a true history without material. Then who is to blame, we for neglecting to preserve the sources of material, or the Northern historian for writing a one-sided history?

It is not a question as to who will write our history, but whether it can be written at all. That in turn depends upon whether our records and sources of material are preserved. To us is assigned this duty. Will the trust be performed?

With respect to Arkansas' neglect of her history, the Arkansas History Commission in its published report has this to say:

"Our neglect is all but a crime. Much valuable historical material has been permanently lost. With every day passes away some important record. . . . The condition of the records at the Statehouse is little less than a disgrace. They are damp; rats and mice, worms and decay are rapidly destroying them. Some are falling to pieces, while still others have nothing but the covers left. Among these papers are the most important records of the State, such as those of the military board and of the adjutant general's office."

The commission further cites instances of the wholesale destruction of the State's records. So reckless have we been in this matter that it is now impossible to prepare a complete roster of our Confederate veterans. On this point the commission says: "The scene is pathetic. Still devoted to the cause for which they fought, with one foot in the grave, the few remaining veterans, suddenly aroused to the probability that even their names will perish from the earth and that the only records from which a true history of their cause can be written are probably destroyed, send me a last feeble prayer to the State which they once so bravely defended, asking that some steps be taken to rescue their fallen

comrades from oblivion and to vindicate their names at the hand of history."

The Arkansas Historical Association proposes to do everything possible to see that their prayer is answered.

For the work of collecting, preserving and publishing the source material of our history, the Arkansas Historical Association was organized in December, 1903. It has made a heroic struggle for existence. A few friends have loyally stood by it, some with their money, and others with their time. Perhaps no association in this country can make such a remarkable showing of results actually achieved as can this one in the short time and with the limited means at its disposal.

For the purpose of placing our work on a permanent basis, the association has prepared and had introduced Senate Bill No. 47, through the courtesy of President Moore. The bill provides for two things, first, the collection and preservation at the State Capitol of source material of our history, and second, the continuation of the publications of the Arkansas Historical Association. The first object is to be accomplished through a history commission composed of nine members, the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, the president of the University of Arkansas, the members of the present history commission and one other to be appointed by the president of the Arkansas Historical Association. This commission is to serve without pay.

In the second place, the bill provides for continuing the publications of the Arkansas Historical Association. It is our purpose in the next two years either to publish two medium-sized volumes or one large volume. The association proposes to issue such volumes annually or biennially for many years to come. Their plan contemplates exhaustive chapters on every phase of our history by men thoroughly conversant with the field which they choose to write about, until all parts of our history are fully treated. This set of publications will become more valuable with every year.

The plan of the bill, therefore, is twofold. It creates and uses two agencies—the Arkansas Historian Commission with headquarters at the State Capitol, composed of unpaid men working through a salaried clerk, for caring for the State's archives; editing State papers and building up at the State Capitol a library, art gallery and museum rich in the source material of the State. Second, the Arkansas Historical Association with headquarters at the university, enlisting the services of scholars and publishing the finished products of their labors in all fields of Arkansas history, both agencies being State-supported, both co-operating and working harmoniously in their respective fields. A better plan could not be devised. It is one now being applied to other States, notably in Alabama and Mississippi.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

March 3—Abraham Pleading for Sodom.

Golden Text—Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1.

The time of the present lesson is placed at about 1898 B. C.

Place—Under the oaks of Mamre, Hebron.

Lesson Text—Gen. 18:16-33.

Only about fifteen years have elapsed since our last lesson, but they have been eventful years with Abraham. It will be noted that we have a new spelling for Abraham's name. In the former lessons it has been spelled Abram, but now it is Abraham. The former name signified "High Father;" the latter "Father of a multitude of nations." These names were applied to a man who, up to that time, had no posterity. The whole transaction was a matter of faith. The mark of the covenant between Abraham and God, circumcision, had been instituted since our last lesson. God had drawn very close to Abraham. The present lesson is contained in a chapter that recounts the coming of three men to the tent of Abraham. They ate at his table and conversed with him as friend converses with friend. During this visit a definite promise is given of the birth of Isaac. At this juncture in the visit the men rose up to depart, for they were on their way to Sodom. Abraham went a short distance with them to bring them on their way, as was the custom in that land in that day. Before parting one of the men, for it was the Lord, revealed to Abraham the object of their visit. While the conversation was proceeding two of the men passed on, leaving Abraham alone with God.

The cry of the wickedness of Sodom had come up to God. Nothing can be hid from God. The savor of the morning sacrifice ascended up to God, and also the unsavory odor of wickedness arose to his throne, and he is pleased with the one and displeased with the other.

There was a condition of affairs in Sodom that required investigation. God would go and inspect or he would send his angels to ascertain the real condition. If there was no hope, then destruction must follow. When any people have gone beyond the reach of hope they have always been destroyed. The conversation that took place with Abraham indicated this. If there were ten who were truly pious it would be spared. If there were not ten, then the angel of the Lord would warn those that were there to flee for their lives, and the hand of vengeance was stayed until they were safe. Then the wrath of a righteous God came down and wiped up the very site of the wicked place.

He pitched his tent toward Sodom, and, though he was a rich and good man, he came out a beggar, and his righteousness seems to have been neutralized by his surroundings, so that no good resulted, except his own safety.

God is long-suffering, and will hear the pleadings of his people. He heard every proposition until Abraham left off speaking. So the scriptural account states that the angel heard Lot's suggestions and consented to allow him his petitions, staying the day of the vengeance of the Lord until Lot had escaped.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

Dr. Hamill writes that he will hold our four institutes the first eight days in April. Definite announcements and programs will be announced soon.

In my last notes I did not ask if there were any "New Testament" classes, but "New Movement" classes. And the movement was explained in a following article.

Dr. Chappell, our Sunday school editor, says in February Magazine of our plans: "If this program is carried out, as we trust it will be, we shall look for a general religious awakening throughout the conference before the year closes." And he promises in a private note to help us in our Sunday school campaign.

What is the most difficult problem which superintendents have to solve? Is it not the securing of competent, faithful, consecrated teachers? Would not a "Teachers' Reading Circle" help to solve it? Try it.

"If you educate the mothers, you educate a nation," some one has said. When you "train" the children you will convert a world.

"Whatever you are, don't be a Sunday school wrecker," says an exchange. The "wrecker" is the teacher who comes irregularly. He had better not come at all.

Say, superintendent, are you not going to have a Sunday school Easter service on March 31? If not, why? Have an "Easter Egg Hunt" the day before. You can get a program for Easter service from our house. Get it.

Sunday school workers, get ready to attend the institute nearest to you, and the great rally later. Dr. Hamill always gives us the best. Let us co-operate.

We had an increase of 3,660 scholars last year in the conference. Let us make it 10,000 this year.

J. R. Pepper writes this chairman: "I think you are on the right track with reference to your 'State Superintendents' and Workers' Conference.' The more we have of these meetings, the better for the work."

Will not every Methodist Sunday school observe "Children's Day" this year? Only one-third did so last year. Begin now to talk about it, and plan for it. It will arouse interest among the children. Young folks like for "somethin' to be a doin'."

Good Roads Without Cost.

[This article, published July 4, is reproduced by special request of many members of the Good Roads Convention.]

So closely connected with the progress of our civilization is the problem of good roads that a religious paper is fully justified in giving it a large space. Good churches and schools in the rural districts wait on good roads. How can we get them? Macadam or rock roads are usually considered necessary, and as they cost \$2,000 to \$10,000 a mile, their rapid and general construction is a practical impossibility. But dirt roads can at trivial cost be made as good as Macadam. This is not theory, it has been amply demonstrated. The writer has seen the work done and knows the results. The process is so absurdly simple that people can not be convinced without actual trial. Will each farmer who reads this lay aside doubt and prejudice and experiment faithfully for one year? Reasons will not be given, merely the method. Follow it, and then criticize. The only machinery is the "split log drag," so well advocated by Mr. D. W. King, of Maitland, Mo., that it is commonly called the "King drag," though Mr. King disclaims credit for any invention. He merely applied it. To make the drag, split into two equal pieces a ten-inch log seven feet long. About three feet apart bore three holes in each and insert strong ties or braces and wedge them securely so that the logs may be thirty inches apart with the split sides out. On the ties lay planks to stand on, but do not spike, as they must often be moved. Put a strong stake upright in each

half log to steady the driver. Bore a hole eighteen inches from each end of one log and through the holes fasten a light log chain about eight feet long. Attach double-tree a few inches on one side of middle of chain so that when the drag is pulled one end will be about two feet ahead of the other. Hitch a good team and let driver stand on planks on drag. By moving from one end to the other the driver can give the drag any angle desired, and by standing in front or rear he can make the front log cut more or less. A three-inch plate of steel three feet long attached to front log helps, but is not necessary. Any farmer can make the drag in two hours at no money expense. A costly drag will do no better work.

To operate the drag simply drive on the wagon track so that one horse walks in a horse path and the other walks outside the track and the rear end of the drag is about the middle of the road. This fills each track with dirt and carries a little to middle of the road. Of course, the roadway must be comparatively free from stumps and rocks and fairly free from deep ditches in the middle. Drag the road immediately after every rain. Do not wait for it to dry. Drag even when the road is slushy. Keep this up after every rain, not occasionally, but during the whole year. Up and down the road once after each rain is enough. For two or three months the result will be slight. After a year of faithful dragging the demonstration is complete. The dragging prevents the formation of deep ruts, gradually raises the middle of the road, and the thin coat of mud spread on the surface is "puddled" earth and has almost the effect of a coat of cement of concrete. Without ruts water cannot stand, and the layers of dried mud form an impervious covering preventing the water from sinking into the road-bed. Kept up regularly this simple process gives a convex surface free from ruts and so hard that water cannot go through it. This prevents softness in spring, summer, and fall, and freezing in winter. With such conditions the road is good all the year, and is easier on teams and vehicles than a rock bed. As no money is required and the work can be done when farmers are idle, the cost is practically nothing. If each farmer will drag the road from his own gate toward town to his neighbor's gate the whole road would be covered.

Let the farmers on each principal road organize and use the drag regularly, and report results to the State Good Roads Convention. But, if organization cannot be effected, let each farmer who has "faith as a grain of mustard seed" try it, and report the results to county and State papers.

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Oklahoma City District.

We have come to the end of the first round, three months of hard and difficult work is behind us. All the pastors have wrought well. The official board have done splendid work. Liberal provisions have been made for ministers and their families.

Our work in Oklahoma is greatly hindered for want of places of worship. Our new charges would make rapid growth if we could house our people. I could mention each pastor and give items of growth in his charge. Epworth is in splendid condition. Brother Satterfield is loved by all the members; if any difference, the M. E. members are especially fond of him. The student body are well pleased and attentive to his ministry. His good judgment and earnest preaching vindicate the good judgment of the bishop in assigning him to this field.

Rev. D. A. Gregg has led the district in conference collections, having all in cash by the first quarterly conference. Also bought the parsonage and improved it until one would hardly know it. His preaching is well spoken of.

J. J. Crow has started well at Asher, his official board increasing his salary and otherwise showing their good feeling for him and his good family. He has his collections well in hand.

James Arvin will build a parsonage at Piedmont this year. He is loved by all, both in and out of the church.

Rev. J. E. Disch is starting well on his third year at the capitol city. The board increased his salary \$100.00. His people believe in him and are standing by him, and we hope to win out yet in that difficult charge.

Our church at Perry is so reduced in membership that the few that are left think that it would not be wise to send a pastor. We have only three families, while the M. E. people have one of their strongest churches and pay a splendid salary. The future of our church north of Guthrie is a great problem. Still at Stillwater we are gaining ground and M. L. Moody, our pastor, is preaching to good congregations and the work is hopeful.

At Morrison we have a problem,

that is yet to be settled. We had the field and a good church, and was doing the work that Methodism should do, and all because of the personal feelings of one man, their presiding elder went in person and preached at the Christian church, and after preaching presented a petition which he prepared and asked all that wanted another Methodist church organized to sign, and the trouble began here, and the result is we have two weak congregations struggling for existence in a town of four or five hundred people. Such actions contradict all claims to federation, if it is to be accepted as the feeling of the church. But Brother Creasy is prudent, and the people believe in him, and we hope for the best.

Rev. D. A. Williams is giving great satisfaction at Bristow. His board raised his salary and his congregations are good.

Our cause at El Reno has not been in better condition for many years than at this time. The pastor, H. B. Vaught, is a great success. He, with the Presbyterian pastor, has just closed a great meeting, in which there was more than 100 conversions. He has had quite an increase in membership and improving his church until we will have there one of the nicest and most attractive little churches in the State.


Rev. W. J. Moore has been well received on his second year. His board raised his salary \$100.00, and with a reception and a large pounding, together with large congregations make him feel that he is welcome. He has been preaching a series of special sermons to the delight of his people, and often people were turned away.

At Franklin a new church is now being built that is to cost \$1,800.00. This is the second church built on this charge by Rev. Vada Davis. No man has ever been able to inspire our people there with the spirit of church building but Davis. He is loved by his people, and in the person of Dr. Hoshier he has a good stand-by.

Rev. J. L. Bray and First Church, Shawnee, will pay off the heavy church debt this year. He is preaching to the largest congregation since his pastorate in that city. We have there a splendid congregation and the best official board that it has been my pleasure to work with. All departments of the work is starting well.

Trinity, under the leadership of J. E. Savage is developing fast, and soon we will have there a strong church. His Sunday School and Leagues are well organized and the good women are doing well, and not the least of the factors for good in that charge is the young Kentucky woman who has decided to share the labors and honors of this great con-

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ference by becoming the wife of the pastor. They are happy in their work.

G. W. Groce is perhaps one of the best loved men in the district by his people. He is planting our Methodism in that hard field, and has to help him some splendid laymen who love God and the church.

Brother Ready at Tecumseh is in great favor with his people. They have made a large raise in salary, and now the work before them is a new church. This they will build this year. Already they have the work well in hand. His preaching is enjoyed by a large congregation.

C. B. Campbell is a new man among us, and is proving himself a great success. His people have increased his salary \$100.00, and are delighted with him. He will build the new church at Wewoka this year and then we will easily lead in that fast growing town.

Prague and Keokuk Falls love Brother Hooper and he is getting hold of the situation and will bring up a good report this fall.

Brother McCane will build a new church at Davenport this year, and is now improving his parsonage property. We have no truer man among us. At Stroud we have built one of the neatest new churches built by Brother Monroe, and our cause in that good town was never so bright as now. He and his good wife are held in high esteem by the people of that city.

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Bian Hensley. They have been finishing their new house of worship, and now the question of a new parsonage is the important question, and Brother Hensley will master the situation. Brother Taylor starts well on his third year at Maud. He has done splendid work there and his people appreciate it, and will take good care of their pastor, whom they all love.

Brother Crumpton is succeeding at Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City. He will begin work on the new church at once. He has a good membership, good Sunday School, good leagues, and is the pastor of that part of the city. No other man has the confidence and friendship of the people as Crumpton has. Brother Cox is much hindered for want of a proper place of worship, but we think that soon we will secure property of our own and then we can and will build up a strong class there.

The St. Luke congregation is well pleased with Brother Knickerbocker. He is a great success, and we will build this year the best church in the city. The board pay him a good salary, advancing \$500.00 over last year. He is finding our people and at the first quarterly conference reported fifty-three new members.

Rev. J. W. Nelson is a student in Epworth and pastor at Arcadia. At his conference just held we found him in great favor with his people, and the work in splendid condition. He is working hard, and will bring the work out. He is one of our promising young men, and will be up for admission next conference.

Since conference we have organized a new charge at Seminole, a new town between Earlboro and Wewoka, and Rev. Ivan L. Flynn is the pastor. The work is hard, but promises good returns.

In West End, Oklahoma City, we have a student working, and we will occupy that field. The work is a mission and promises good returns. **W. J. SIMS.**

To the Preachers and Delegates of the White River Conference.

Dear Brethren:

At the last session of our conference at Wynne, subscription was taken by Dr. John R. Nelson for missionary work on the Pacific coast. Up to a short time ago, only \$100.00 of this had been paid, and that being the subscription of Brother Porter, of Stuttgart, Ark.

Bishop Atkins writes that the board is in urgent need of this money to carry on this work, and that unless the money is forthcoming soon, the work will be greatly hindered, and our men in this field will suffer for the want of it. He requests me to urge everyone who subscribed to this fund to remit as fast as possible, in order that this great work may

Those who subscribed to the fund will please remit to me as fast as possible, and I will forward to the board at Nashville.

Yours fraternally,
A. L. MALONE Treasurer.

WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY

Program for W. F. M. S. Annual Meeting, Chickasha, March 5-7, 1907.

Tuesday, March 5, 4:00 p. m.—Executive committee; appointment of committees; report of district secretaries; planning of work for coming year.

Wednesday Morning—Opening exercises, led by Mrs. Richardson; business session; roll call; report of credentials committee; report of corresponding secretary; treasurer report of district secretaries; 11:00 O'clock—Adjourn to hear sermon at Missionary Rally.

Afternoon—Devotions, led by Mrs. Hester; minutes; report of delegates; news from the field; secretary's letter; round table; "How Can We Interest Women in Our Church in Foreign Missions?" "How Can Societies Be Organized on a Permanent Basis?" "How Can We Enlist the Children and Secure Leaders for Them?" "What Use Can We Make of the Board Reports and Annual Minutes?" "How Are We to Secure Proportionate and Systematic Giving?" "How Can We secure Quarterly Remittances from our Societies Promptly?" "How Can Conference Secretary Secure Correct Reports from Auxiliary Secretaries?" "What is the Most Vital Question Before the W. F. M. S. of our Conference, and How Can it be Solved?" Adjournment.

Thursday Morning—Opening exercises, Mrs. Whittington; business session; reports of delegates; relation of home and foreign missionary work, Mrs. Richardson, Oklahoma City; reports of committees; mission study classes, Mrs. Fowler.

Thursday Afternoon—Opening service, Miss Swanson; unfinished business; election of officers; Forward Movement, Mrs. Barnum, third vice president of western division.

Benediction.

Oklahoma Conference Missionary and Church Extension Rally.

The mid-year Missionary-Church Extension Rally of the Oklahoma Conference will be held at Chickasha, Ind. Ter., March 5-7.

Ample provision will be made for the entertainment of all who come.

The preachers will greatly help the entertainment committee by dropping me a postal at once saying whether or not they expect to attend and also by sending the names of all delegates from their respective charges who expect to attend.

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Sayre, Okla.

I am just now making good my promise to several of my friends of the Little Rock Conference that I would let them hear from me.

Instead of the Big Pasture opening the first of January, it has been postponed indefinitely, and I, tired of resting, accepted an appointment to this charge.

I find a very enterprising little town here, which is selected as county seat for the county of Beckham. Surrounding it is a very thrifty class of farmers on good soil, and the outlook here is very encouraging. On arriving here I found no Methodist church, but a nice Baptist and Campbellite church (this seems strange to an Arkansas preacher). Hence, we have on foot already a \$4,000.00 brick church. We will begin work on it at once.

Rev. William D. Matthews, our energetic presiding elder, has been of invaluable service in getting us started off on the right

foot. He has his entire district (Weatherford) on his heart, and we feel sure the work will prosper under his care.

I like this new country. We are now having southern California weather. This will become a very great conference in a few years, although the work required to make it great will be very hard and self-sacrificing upon the part of preacher and people. Greetings to all my friends.

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Oklahoma Conference Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions of the Oklahoma Conference is hereby called to meet at the Methodist church, Chickasha, at 10:00 a. m., March 5. Let every member of the board, both clerical and lay, try to be present. Let us transact all our business, if possible, on Tuesday, so we may get the full benefit of the program.

J. W. SIMS.

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third year, on Cherokee District shows the work to be in prosperous condition. The weather has been very hurtful to progress, still we have been forging ahead. Assessments for support of the ministry have been placed above that of last year by \$1,500—an average of \$75 to the charge. Moreover, there is better hope of full payments this year since the officials have been very careful to measure their strength before beginning, and having acted thus conservatively, they will be the more energetic to redeem their pledges. I think there is a very perceptible increase in the spirit of loyalty to our system and the general polity of our church.

Come-out-ism has been running at large over this district for several years, and many good people have been enticed by their bold pretenses into believing that they were the only people who had any claims on spiritual leadership. Notwithstanding they build no churches, found no missions among the heathen, nor in any perceptible way strengthened the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth, yet there seems to be a peculiar spell they succeed in fastening upon many people that time and sad experience are required to undo. They abuse God's church unmercifully, criticize its ministry and in every way strive to break its power over the people. Many of our people are turning from this band of mockers to a more rational form of Christian activity, which, in my judgment, opens wide doors for our Methodism with her holy zeal and her songs of triumph. Oh, if we may but have eyes to see!

To hold our ground we must build homes for our societies and homes for our preachers. A homeless man is never at his best. Israel, in tents, journeying in the wilderness may succeed, but Israel settled and abiding in the land of Caanan required a magnificent temple inlaid with gold. We are building for eternity, hence, the folly of temporary fortifications. We are building four new parsonages and three new churches, expecting to complete all of them this year without debt except as to one place. Other places are substantially improving and furnishing. Property already ours.

The district was never better manned than at present. Our pastors are loyal and hopeful, willing and capable of efficient work in any sphere of itinerant life.

The new minutes, just out, show that this district occupies no mean place among her sisters. In membership we take ninth place, while in Sunday school enrollment and adults baptized we take second place. In amount paid pastors we take seventh place, while in amount contributed to the conference collections our average is a little less than five. The confer-

ence in charge \$2.10 per member, while Cherokee District paid \$2.45 per member. This reads pretty well over here where it happened. How does it read to an outsider? Owing to the early date of our mid-year missionary meeting, Cherokee, March 5-7, I have decided to hold no district meeting for the preachers and officials till our district conference, May 1-5, when an effort will be made to gather a large number of our people for a great workers' conference. Already I have succeeded in enlisting some of the best talent in the country. We hope in some sense to make it an echo of the great missionary-church extension rally, and thus carry the inspiration of that great meeting to the entire district.

The new Conference Annual is neat, well arranged, and, so far as I can judge from casual reading, substantially correct. It will doubtless give general satisfaction. To say the least, it is the best yet published.

J. B. McDONALD,
Presiding Elder.

Altus and Denning.

We are moving along very well on this charge. Our P. E., J. H. O'Bryant, held our second quarterly conference yesterday, February 9-10, and preached two excellent sermons. He is in great favor with my people.

We have organized our aid societies into W. H. M. societies and our Sunday schools into mission societies.

We have received eighteen into the church since conference. The salary is almost paid to date, and we reported our home and foreign missions in full, and the other collections are practically secured.

We are planning and expecting a great year. Pray for us.
H. WOODSON WALLACE,
P. C.

A Correction.

Two weeks since the "Western" referred to me as president of the Board of Missions. In last week's issue an announcement of the mid-year rally occurs with my name signed as president. I wrote that announcement and signed it "Board of Missions." Rev. J. W. Sims is president of the Board and I'm the conference missionary secretary. It would relieve me of some embarrassment if the printer will follow copy.

O. E. GODDARD.

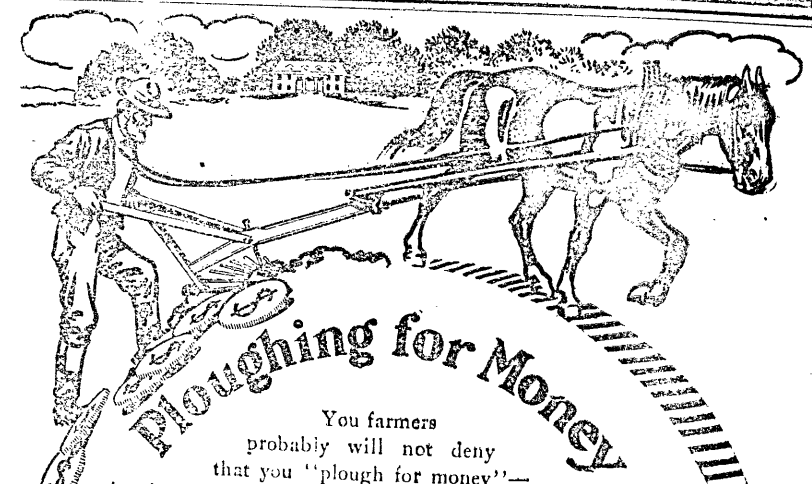
Official Notice.

Rev. H. E. Baker, who was supplying the Overbrook Circuit, has left his work under charges of gross immorality—no one here knows where he is. The old standby, Rev. J. C. Scivally, has been appointed to the charge. His address is Overbrook, I. T.

W. T. FREEMAN,
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The Chickasha Rally.

The mid-year rally of the Boards of Mission and Church Extension for the Oklahoma Conference will be held at Chickasha, March 5-7.

The program is an exceptionally strong one. It is to be hoped that every pastor in the conference will be present and bring as many laymen as possible from his charge.

Chickasha will furnish full entertainment to all who attend. They are anxious to do this. Send your name to Rev. C. H. McGhee, the pastor, Chickasha, I. T.

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Conference Claimants.

Years ago the Little Rock Conference passed a resolution which was considered a law, that every pastor would be expected to bring to the conference ten per cent of his assessed salary for "conference claimants." In looking over the minutes of our late conference it will be seen several charges went beyond this, but some fell short, hence nearly six hundred dollars less than the ten per cent

was paid on this important collection.

In many cases it is hard on the pastors, as they do not receive the amount assessed. In one charge, as reported, the pastor received over one hundred dollars above his assessment, yet he is credited with twenty dollars less than the ten per cent on his assessed salary. This may be an error in the minutes. Fraternally,
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Tuckerman, Ark.

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Weatherford District. Owing to long moves and bad railroad connections the presiding elder and several of the preachers were late getting settled on their works. The old adage "that a bad start makes a good ending" promises to prove true, as the district is making considerable advance over last year in building and repairing churches and parsonages and increasing the preachers' salaries. There has been an increase in salaries on twelve of the fourteen charges I have visited up to date amounting to \$1,659.70, with seven charges yet to visit before I finish the first round. There has been raised for building and repairing churches and parsonage, \$3,035.55.

The church at Weatherford could not accommodate Brother Hays' congregation and Sunday school, so they are extending one wing of the house, which will be completed this week. There is one class in this school taught by Prof. E. E. Balcomb and wife, of the Southwestern Normal, which has enrolled eighty-five scholars, composed mostly of Normal students. Two weeks ago there were eighty present in this one class.

Rev. G. R. Wright and his people at Elk City have bought and paid for \$1,000.00 parsonage, located on the same block with a church house and have paid off an old debt of \$100.00 which was on the church. G. R. Wright I have known for a number of years, as he boarded in my family when a student in Scarritt Collegiate Institute at Neosho, Missouri. He is a success and so is his consecrated little wife, who is a graduate of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Rev. M. Flannigan, who came to us as a transfer from Texas, is in high favor with the people on the Foss charge. He has raised and paid off an old debt of over \$100.00.

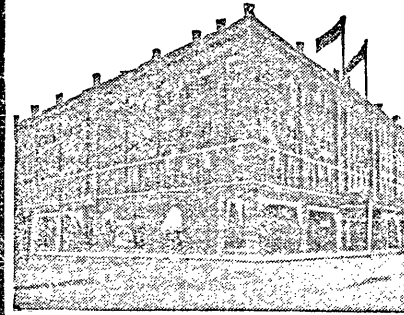
Rev. M. L. Roberts and Cordell Station are a fine fit. His salary was increased just fifty per cent over last year.

Rev. T. A. Lisemby is doing a fine work in Clinton Station. His congregations and Sunday school have greatly increased and he will pay off the last dollar of indebtedness there by March 15.

Rev. J. A. Trickey one of our truest and best men, was appointed to Custer Charge for the third year and is universally popular. His work is in fine condition and the outlook for development is encouraging. But to the regret of us all, we lose him after March the first. He has been transferred to the New Mexico Conference by Bishop Key. His place will be hard to fill just now.

Rev. L. H. Fullingim, on the Wood Circuit, was delayed in getting to his work by a serious spell of sickness, and had not fully recovered when I was with him on January 26 and 27. He had

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notwithstanding his feeble condition, started off well and his people are well pleased.

There has been a new church built at Retrop on this work since conference, for which Rev. Moss Weaver, who served the charge last year, deserves the credit.

The Rocky Circuit is served by Rev. H. L. Mauldin. This, with the Wood Circuit, is in as fine a section of country as there is in the new State. The people are prosperous and the outlook is good.

Cloud Chief and the itinerant local preacher, Rev. J. M. Holt, are bringing things to pass. Holt is a success. He has paid his Domestic Mission assessment in full and is now aiding in the building of a new church house, which will be the only house we have on this work of six appointments.

Rev. W. F. P. Mansey took hold of Geary Station with zeal and determination to prize this mired wheel out, and he is going to do it. The great drawback at Geary has been in part on account of the undesirable location of the church and parsonage there. At the first quarterly conference we appointed a committee to sell the old parsonage and lots and buy a more desirable location in the resident part of the town. This has been done, and we will move the church house on to the new location where we have a much better parsonage than the old was.

Erick Circuit is located in the northern part of Greer County and Rev. J. W. R. Bachman is serving his second year there. The work was so large that at the request of the pastor and people I appointed an assistant preacher for that work, and the salary was increased from \$600.00 to \$816.00 for the two. Bachman is doing a fine work. He will build two new churches this year at Erick and Texola. He has seven appointments, but no church house on the work. Our greatest drawback out here is the need of church houses of our own. We must have them if we ever hope to succeed. We are the only Methodist church west of Arapaho, and we are on the ground and doing the work. And this part of the new State is of as much importance and as needy as the Big Pasture or any other section of our conference. We shall endeavor to convince the Board of Church Extension of this fact later.

Through the kindness of Brother N. L. Linebaugh I have supplied Sayre with Rev. W. H. Duncan, who came to us from the Little Rock Conference. Sayre is an important place, the county seat of one of the new counties recently made by the constitutional convention, and also a division point on the Rock Island railroad.

I leave tomorrow for this place and then for a two weeks' trip up in the southern part of Day, Dewey Counties, some thirty-five miles off of the railroad. After twenty years of service in station work I am getting the presiding elder's harness to fit tolerably well again. Would like much better if I could get rid of the Stay Grip, for it has certainly stayed with me since about the seventeenth of December.

I now propose to exercise my authority as presiding elder over the senior editor as I did twenty-three years ago, and I appoint him to preach the 11 o'clock sermon at our district conference at Cheyenne, twenty-five miles north of Sayre, Okla., on Saturday, June —, 1907.

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Such, in brief, is the story of Lizzie Matthews, of Mount Vernon, Ga., whose letter we print below. She says:

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W. E. B. DUBOIS

Our church is growing in numbers and in wealth, and many are realizing that it is more to give than to receive; but many do not give enough for God to bless what they have. Some conferences are coming to the front with their offerings, giving the tenth at least and proving that God looks favorably upon tithing.

The South Georgia Conference has laid upon God's altar the past year \$103,121 for missions. Of this amount, \$20,000 was given by the Woman's Home Mission Society and \$49,514.66 by the Women's

All nations are calling for the Gospel, and surely the Lord is soon coming to His temple, and the whole earth should be ready to receive Him.

In all the countries entered by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions results show that God smiles upon their efforts. The natives are coming to Jesus.

Larger results would follow if more money and more helpers were available.

Miss Hounsell needs an organ for the Lucy Cuninggim Memorial, and says that if any one will give the instrument they will pay for the transportation.

The schools opened well in Korea. The Tallulah Hargrove Memorial is now occupied, and the missionaries are happy in having a comfortable home; so are all who helped to build this much-needed home and school.

The Koreans are eager to learn and readily accept the Gospel, and they need it much. Their devil worship has brought them only fear, no peace. Their customs are revolting, and some of their fashions more detrimental to health than foot-binding.

To bind the feet causes suffering and inconvenience; to bind the chest, as the Koreans do, retards the function of lungs, brings death.

The Koreans think a narrow head is a mark of beauty, and Christian teachers have not yet asked a reform; but the reform is coming, and Koreans as they receive the Gospel will learn that their bodies should be developed as health requires.

When a missionary says of her station in China, "I'd rather be here than any place in the world," her reference is that, having given her life to Christ, she is happy to be used wherever He sends her.

Another, speaking of the work in Shanghai, says: "We have everything to rejoice over down here, but we greatly need a new substitute for day school work and district work. The Susan B. Wilson School is going up rapidly."

Chinese girls once in China are... of study in United States—one in Missouri, one in Indiana, another in New York, one in Connecticut, and another in Georgia. Besides these from China, three are here from Brazil and two from Mexico.

to the joy of gathering the Master's grain, knowing that our labor has not been in vain!"

China is turning to Christ, is losing her faith in idol worship. A letter reports that a crowd on the brink of a canal in China jumped the idols of several temples into the water by order of the viceroy, that the temples might be used for schoolrooms.

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clean, earnest woman with a baby on her back walked to her class from home, one hundred miles distant. She said: "It was not so difficult; God is helping me along."—Life and Light.

Do our study classes on missions mean any such difficulties, or indeed, any sacrifice at all.

Mrs. Cobb and Miss Peacock sailed for China December 21, Mrs. Cobb to visit the schools of the Woman's Board in China and Miss Peacock to fill her appointment as missionary. She was sick when the other new missionaries sailed, September 2.

The Bible has been translated into four hundred languages, eleven new ones having been added during the year ending March, 1906. Four of the new editions belong to Asia, three to Africa, three to Oceania, and one to America.—Bible in the World.

God working through the written Word, spreading abroad the Word, preaching the Word, and teaching with the aid of the Holy Spirit will make a new world, and missionaries will be glorious instruments. "The Lord thy God will hold thy right hand," saying unto thee, Fear not: I will help thee."

A newspaper syndicate has sent out a certain Mr. William S. Ellis to look after missionaries and study them as he goes forward in his work. In his first article Mr. Ellis says: "I am on the trail of the American missionary. His footprints are large and deep and many, and I shall certainly come up with him. Then we shall know what sort of an individual he is, whether a hallowed saint, as the religious papers represent, or a double-dyed knave, as many other papers and people assert, or a plain, everyday American trying to do an extraordinary job to the best of his ability." Whether the American missionary in every instance is trying to do an extraordinary job or not, he has accomplished some extraordinary results.

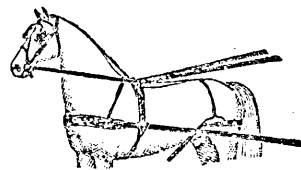
The cry from the fields afar is for more workers. The money will come, doubtless, for it would be

workers. Why do not the pulpits of Methodism ring out the subject of missions Sunday after Sunday and at the midweek prayer-meetings as well? The Bible is full of the subject, and Methodism is missionary in spirit and practice.

Those who defer their gifts to their deathbed do as good as say: "Lord, I will give thee something when I can keep it no longer." Happy is the man who is his own executor, so said Bishop Hall.

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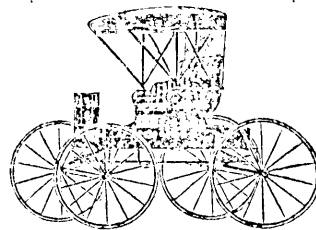
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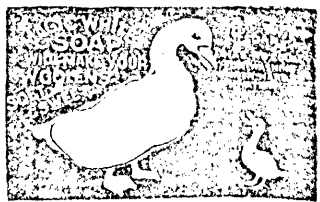
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Our Special Campaign.

Up to February 19 we have the following report on the special campaign for the 5,000 new subscribers:

Oklahoma Conference.

Wynnewood District—Lexington 11, Mill Creek 4, Hart 2, Elmore 1, Davis 2, Alex 2, Paola 17, Byars 4, Dougherty 1, Wanette 2, Pauls Valley 8, Lindsay 2, White Bead 1. Total, 57.

Muskogee District—Cameron 1, Panama 1, Fort Gibson 4, Warner and Porum 2, Sallisaw 2. Total, 10.

Mangum District—Headrich 3, Mangum 1, Willow 2, Hollis 4, Snyder 5, Davidson 5. Total, 20.

Choctaw District—Spiro 1, Rufe 1, Spinerville 1, Garvin 1, Fort Towson 1, Sau Bois 3. Total, 8.

Weatherford District—Clinton 1, Mt. View 1, Texmo 1, Sayre 1, Geary 1. Total, 5.

Oklahoma City District—Oklahoma City 2, Norman 1, McCloud 2, El Reno 1, Stillwater 1, Unknown 1. Total, 8.

Ardmore District—Mannville 1, Broadway 1, Kingston and Woodville 5, Newport 1, Leon 1, Cumberland 3, Lebanon 1. Total, 13.

Duncan District—Lawton 3, Tarrant and Ryan 1, Fletcher 1, Bailey 1, Cement and Ninnekah 1, Duncan 2. Total, 9.

Holdenville District—Beggs and Mounds 6, Natura 1, Sapulpa 1, Okmulgee 2, Fentress 3, Keokuk Falls 1, Wetumka 1. Total, 15.

McAlester District—McAlester 2, Hartshorne 3, Connersville 2, Durant 1, Stonewall 3. Total, 11.

Cherokee District—Grove 1, Kansas 2, Inola 1, Choteau 1, Westville 1. Total, 6.

Beaver District—Tyrone 3, Beaver 1, Unknown 2. Total, 6.

Total for Oklahoma Conference, 168, of which the Wynnewood District has more than one-third.

Arkansas Conference.

Fayetteville District—Fayetteville 40, Gentry 6, Springtown 3, Elm Springs 1, Springdale 1. Total, 53.

Morrilton District—Morrilton 5, Springfield 4, Conway Miss. 2, Conway 4, Atkins 4, Pottsville 3, Quitman 2, Mount Vernon 2, Russellville 1, Plumerville 8. Total, 35.

Fort Smith District—Magazine 1, Huntington and Mansfield 2, Mulberry and Dyer 9, Alma 2, Greenwood 19, Branch 3, Charleston 2, Waldron 1, Hartford and Midland 2, Van Buren 15, Fort Smith 4. Total, 58.

Harrison District—Mountain Home 1, Cotter 2, Green Forest 1, Bellefonte 1. Total, 5.

Dardanelle District—Dardanelle 5, Dover 10, Rover 1, Ozark 11, Ozone 1, Altus and Denning 4, Lamar and Knoxville 1, Clarks-ville 11. Total, 44.

Total for Arkansas Conference, 195, of which the town of Fayetteville has one-fifth to its credit.

White River Conference.

Searcy District—West Searcy 3, Beebe 3, Heber 2, Jacksonville 3, Bald Knob 2, Bradford 3, El Paso 2, Unclassified 9. Total, 27.

Batesville District—Batesville 1, Unknown 1. Total, 2.

Paragould District—Paragould 1, Mammoth Spring 1, Boydsville 1. Total, 3.

Jonesboro District—Crawfordsville and Marion 3, Rector 1, Jonesboro 1. Total, 5.

Helena District—Vanudale 1, Forrest City 1. Total, 2.

Total for White River Conference, 39, of which Searcy District has two-thirds.

Little Rock Conference.

Texarkana District—Foreman 1, Fairview 13, First Church 10, Mount Ida 2. Total, 23.

Camden District—Magnolia Circuit 1, Onalaska and Eagle Mills 1, Junction City 1, Lewisville 2, Stamps 2. Total, 7.

Pine Bluff District—Rison 6, Kingsland 3, Roe 2, Pine Bluff 1, New Edinburgh 1. Total, 13.

Little Rock District—Lonoke 10, Hunter 1, Carlisle 1, Bagland 1, Bryant 1, Austin 1. Total, 15.

Arkadelphia District—Malvern 3, Hot Springs 2. Total, 5.

Monticello District—Lake Village 2, Crossett 1, Caninus 1, Endora 1. Total, 5.

Prescott District—Rosston 1, Emmett 3, Murfreesboro 1, Prescott 2, Washington 5, Ozan 1. Total, 13.

Total for Little Rock Conference, 84.

Total for the four conferences, 486.

If there are any mistakes we shall be very glad to correct them.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Oklahoma Conference. CHOCTAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Grand Ct. at Atlas.....Mar. 2, 3

MANGUM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Davidson at Good Hope.....Mar. 2, 3

CHEROKEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Adair.....Mar. 2, 3

Little Rock Conference. ARKADAPHEA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Loup Ct. at Lone.....Mar. 2, 3

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Claremore Ct.May 11, 12
Arton and MiamiMay 12, 13
BluejacketMay 18, 19
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ARMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Oakland and Mannsville, at Mannsville.....Mar. 2, 3

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MONTICELLO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Collins Ct.Mar. 2, 3
Jersey Ct.Mar. 9, 10
McGehee and Watson.....Mar. 16, 17
Dermott and Arkansas City.....Mar. 23, 24
Hamburg Ct.Mar. 30, 31
Snyder Ct.Apr. 6, 7
Fillar, at Selma.....Apr. 13, 14
Patestiné Ct.Apr. 20, 21
Monticello Sta.Apr. 27, 28
Lacey Ct.Apr. 27, 28
Wimot and Parkdale.....May 4, 5
Hamburg Sta.May 5, 6
Crossett Sta.May 11, 12
Willmar Sta.May 18, 19
Lake Village and Portland.....May 19, 20
Eudora Ct.May 25, 26
New Edinburgh Ct.May 25, 26
Warren Sta.May 28, 29
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Nathan Ct. at Polk Church.....Mar. 9, 10
Spring Hill Ct. at Spring Hill.....Mar. 16, 17
Hope Sta.Mar. 23, 24
Fulton and McNab, at Water Creek.....Mar. 23, 24
Prescott Sta.Mar. 30, 31
Okolona Ct. at Smyrna.....Apr. 6, 7
Chidester Ct. at Missouri.....Apr. 13, 14
Gordon Ct. at Beirne.....Apr. 20, 21
Bingen Ct. at Bethel.....Apr. 27, 28
Nashville Sta.Apr. 29
Mineral Springs Ct. at Wakefield.....May 4, 5
Blevins Ct.May 11, 12
Center Point Ct. at Center.....May 18, 19
Lumet Ct. at Pleasant Ridge.....May 25, 26
Washington Ct. at Bills.....June 1, 2
Murfreesboro Ct. at Wills.....June 8, 9
Pike City Ct.June 15, 16
Harmony Ct.June 22, 23
The Prescott District Conference will meet at Gordon, June 27-30. The opening service will be held on the night of the 26th of June. W. R. HARRISON, P. E.

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Quitman Circuit.

We are moving off well on Quitman Circuit. Our first quarterly conference was on January 5-6, and, although we were very much disappointed at not having Brother Glass with us, owing to the high waters, we had a very pleasant session, and everything went off smoothly and satisfactorily, except the preaching, which, being this scribe's first attempt to preach a presiding elder sermon, was rather a lame affair. However, we had dinner on the ground, and I will leave it to those present to say if I was one whit behind any presiding elder they ever saw in causing the good things prepared for us to disappear.

My people have assessed themselves five hundred and eighty-eight dollars for P. E. and P. C., nearly one-fifth of which has been paid. This people surely know how to take care of a preacher and his family.

Saturday, February 2, we were gladdened by a sunshine visit from Brother D. J. Weems, one of the old-time presiding elders of this district, who preached for us at Pleasant Hill and Mt. Pleasant, to the edification of all, and incidentally took some subscriptions for the Western Methodist and placed a Sunday school library at Pleasant Hill. We are glad to have him with us, and you may tell him to come again.

Sunday I preached to a small congregation, who had braved the cutting north wind in order to meet the Lord at the appointed time, and in the afternoon rather than put my horse out on the rough roads, I walked to my next appointment, some five or six miles, finding a small congregation that had waited nearly an hour for me, as I had missed my road. At this service, in answer to a proposition made at the close, six young men and women came forward for prayer.

We are making a strong effort to raise the amount still due on the parsonage, and have raised something over twenty dollars.

We will soon rebuilt at Plant's Chapel, where our church was burned last year. I shall soon begin my canvass for the Western Methodist.

AMOS E. WILSON, P. C.

Tahlequah, I. T.

Having been quiet since we came into this conference fifteen months ago, we feel inclined, by your permission, to break the silence and tell you a few things about our work at Tahlequah Station. We arrived on Thanksgiving Day and were met at the depot by Brother J. T. Parks with conveyance in which we were at once driven to the parsonage, where we found quite a number of the brethren and sisters in waiting to receive us most cordially.

Being conducted into our new home, we found warm fires, neatly arranged rooms and a warm, sumptuous dinner on the table. Such tokens of interest and kindness arouse in our hearts feelings of gratitude and appreciation. Nor is this all; for, while there has been no organized movement in pounding us, there has scarcely been a day but that some one's interest and kindness have prompted them to send to the parsonage something nice and useful for table and pantry. We have one of the best parsonages in the Oklahoma Conference, which is now quite comfortably furnished (about \$32.00 worth of furniture being added this year). My predecessor, Rev. A. B. L. Hunkapillar, has left footprints by several wise and needed improvements. Our house is well filled every Sunday with eager listeners to the Word; our Sunday school is well attended and interesting, and by the time this appears in print we will have placed in our church an excellent new Epworth organ, which will add much to our music.

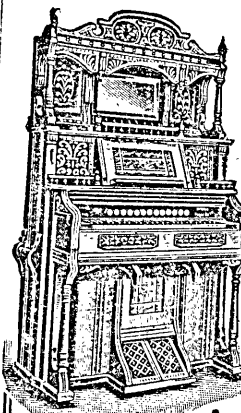
We have made a good start on our collections ordered by the conference, and hope by the middle of the year to have them all in hand.

We feel that we are in the midst of a noble people and pray that the Lord may bless our united efforts in the upbuilding of His cause and the salvation of souls in Tahlequah.

J. A. CLARKE.

Amity, Ark.

I have been well received. I hear many good words about Brother J. J. Colson, the former pastor. I find the work well organized. The ladies have reorganized at Amity the Home Mission Society, with fourteen members. They start with much enthusiasm, and a fine body of working women they are. There are three prayer meetings and two good Sunday schools on the work. The prayer meeting at Amity is as good as I ever saw. Last evening (Thursday) five penitents came forward for prayers. As a



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result I announced for protracted services. Twenty since conference have been received by certificate; prospects are good for a fine year on the work. To this end I hope and pray.

JESSE L. LEONARD, P. C.

Poteau, I. T.

Maybe our friends and the former pastors at Poteau would like to know that we are having stormy times about here. Twice since we came to Poteau our diningroom door has been bombarded and things too numerable to mention, from the daintiest delicacy to the substantial things, such as pork, flour, etc., have landed upon us. The congregation here certainly have the advantage of us; we must be good whether we would or not. Many others might be better if they were treated better.

The churches here about are constantly increasing in membership from the fact that people are coming rapidly to the new State.

W. L. ANDERSON,
Presiding Elder.

Viola and Bexar.

Western Methodist:
Our first quarterly conference was held at Wesley Chapel, Sat-

urday and Sunday, February 9 and 10. Our new elder, Brother A. F. Skinner, was with us and gave us four good sermons, which were well appreciated. Everyone seemed to be well pleased with his visit, and believe him to be truly devoted to the cause. The conference closed with the preacher and family in good spirits and a great desire to do our best in the Master's service.

I attempt to write this only through a sense of duty. I believe the Methodist to be the best now since I have ever known it. I wish the brethren would keep on writing about music. I like to hear the preacher say, let everybody sing.

I don't believe that God hears a song service that man can't feel. We are working and praying for a good year on the Viola and Bexar Charge.

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