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## EDITORIAL.

### Mr. Rockefeller's Gifts to Education.

Enormous as is the recent gift of \$32,000,000 by Mr. Rockefeller to the General Education Board, the chief significance of this gift is in the situation which it produces. It constitutes this board at once as the mightiest educational factor in American life. There is little probability that the assets of the board will consist merely of the 43,000,000 of dollars which Mr. Rockefeller has given; they are far too wise for that. Using this money as a leverage to prize up communities and friends of institutions needing help, it will be easily possible to quadruple it. Using the powerful administrative organization which controls these funds, it will be easily possible for them to become the guardians of other munificent gifts, for it is easy to see how a man desiring to give money for education will want to place it with an organization so well fortified as is this board. So it comes to pass that this board is in position to dictate very largely the educational policy of the nation. They can plant and water what they please; they can wither up what they please; they can foster what curricula they please, and can make it warm for any institution which does not go their way. Their power is enormous.

We have no reason to think, however, that any injustice will be done. So far as we are advised the General Educational Board is composed of men of high character. We trust they will have wisdom to administer wisely this great trust, than which no greater has been committed to American citizens.

The gifts of Mr. Rockefeller emphasize the fact that our men of means are coming to realize their duty to the public. Is it not the duty of every man who has grown rich by the patronage of the public to do something for the betterment of that public? For the most part, large wealth is accumulated under franchises issued by the public; immense operations are conducted under the protection of the public laws; the profits come from public patronage. When a man has gathered it because of the protection and the opportunity which the general public have given him, there is a natural equity in his giving to help the public.

If God has given a man financial ability, and if God has blessed that man in his efforts, there is another equity established—he ought to give to the church of God, to God's instrument for the redemption of the world. If the church had not been in this country doing its great work, no man could have found here the conditions of even a tolerable life. When a man gives to the church he is only paying his debts.

We think Mr. Rockefeller has done exceedingly well to give this money. We have no means of knowing whether any of it will ever drift toward any of the educational institutions for which this paper stands. But, whether it does or not, we are able to build our own colleges; and if we are to sit down and wait for somebody else to build them,

they are not likely, in any event, to get far. We are waiting to hear of a few more large gifts from our own people. They have been doing well for the last few months; but we do not want the movement for larger things in our Methodist education forgotten. Only five or six men among us have as yet done anything significant. We have a score who ought to turn their money into this great channel. We are looking confidently to the day when our Methodist colleges shall be fully equipped for their great work. The man who invests his money in them has made the best possible use of it.

### The Moral Decay of the Senate.

"The moral decay of the Senate seems to be as great as the political decay. The two go hand in hand, and have gone hand in hand in all civilization.

"Senator Platt and his wife have separated. The press of the country involves Mrs. Platt and the coachman in a social scandal, Senator Platt and another woman in a social scandal. Senator Depew and his wife fill the press of the country with their separation and social scandals. Ex-Senator Brown, of Utah, is shot down in his hotel in Washington by a woman whom he declined to marry, after she had become the mother of two of his children. Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, is convicted of malfeasance and bribery in office, and passes to the great beyond branded as a criminal. Senator Burton, of Kansas, occupies his cell in jail, after having been tried and convicted of malfeasance in office, and Senator Bailey, of Texas, after having been nominated by his party, is called home to answer at the bar of public opinion of his State for his conduct while a senator. Senator Clark, of Montana, marries a girl from one of his mines in the West, in Paris, under suspicion, who is denied social recognition in the family.—The American Republic.

This is sad comment upon the men of the United States Senate. The list is not completed, either. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, though the very wizard of the platform, is a sorry spectacle from a moral point of view. We are well aware that a paper over in Tennessee could easily find a retort to this.

But why bring such matters before the readers of the Methodist? Because the best remedy for such a situation is to throw the lime-light upon it. If we have, as a nation, reached the point where publicity is not a remedy, then has our system of government itself proven a failure. Even Reed Smoot, with all his shamelessness, can be driven from the Senate if we have yet enough righteousness in public sentiment to accomplish it. The Senate chamber of a great nation, like the judicial ermine, must be unsullied. If it is to be infested with the breed of moral degenerates, then, by all the light of history, have we in the fact a sure foretoken of the nation's doom. The decay of nations has always begun at the top.

We have hitherto believed that the direct election of senators by the people is a piece of demagoguery. We are aware that such a

method opens the way for the demagogue to mislead the people. But, looking over the list of degenerates named above, it will be seen that nearly all of these men are in the Senate not as the representatives of the people, but as the representatives of "interests." They are debauched plutocrats, and the country is undeniably in far more danger from trusting its plutocracy than it is from trusting its people. The situation could scarcely be worse than it is, no matter what the method of election.

Have you made God your master. If so, you know what liberty is. The only way to emancipate yourself from the tyranny of fashion, from the tyranny of fear of criticism, from any and all forms of tyranny, is to give yourself so wholly to God that his claim upon you shall shut out the rulership of all other masters over you. You will find that you have thus come into a blessed independence, a glorious disenthralment; you will find that for the first time in your life you are doing as you please; for the blessed fact about being the servant of God is, when the surrender is complete, you find your will and the divine will are operating along parallel lines, you and the Lord walking sweetly together. This it is that distinguishes the service of God from all other service; in all other service there is conflict between the slave and the master.

What Lowell calls craven submission to manifest wrong is a great damage to character. Parents and teachers should never compel young people under their control to submit in an abject spirit to a grievous wrong. There are times, to be sure, when we must submit, but we never do it as an abject submission to the authority which compels it; we may find a better reason for submission in Christian meekness, submitting because we prefer to take upon ourselves the burden rather than make unseemly and unavailing trouble.

The native resting place of the soul is in the presence of God, under the smile of his face. There is no other place of rest for us. It may seem for a time that we have found some other place; but we shall find always that we must get back to God to make secure any permanent and real rest. And there is a rest in him which no earthly circumstances can disturb. Does the reader know that rest?

Every pastoral charge has its croakers. The best offset to their influence is that you should often speak kindly and enthusiastically of your pastor.

The truest joy will be found only by the grave where self lies buried, a grave from which the better self rises to a life of service.

If all the members of your church were like you what sort of a church would yours be?

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. S. F. Brown, of Beebe, was in to see us last Tuesday. He is in fine spirits about his work.

Bishop Atkins is slated to hold a number of district conferences on the Pacific slope this spring.

Bishop Fitzgerald, long the presiding bishop of the Catholic Church for Arkansas, and faithful to his trust, was buried yesterday in Little Rock.

We are so crowded for space this week that the children will have to wait till next week for the next chapter of the serial story, "Chock," by Ruth Carr.

Dr. J. D. Sibert, presiding elder of Searcy District, called last Wednesday. He reports the work as starting off well and expects a fine year.

Booneville Methodism has lost another valuable member. Mrs. Amanda Cochran, wife of Thomas A. Cochran, died February 17, the result of an accidental burning. They are of the best.

Rev. M. M. Smith, White River Conference, has written a neat little book on "Support of the Ministry and Christian Liberality." We wish it a good sale. It may be ordered of the author at Jonesboro.

Quite a number of our Baptist brethren held a workers' conference in Little Rock last week, discussing ways and means of rendering better service to the Master. We greatly approve such meetings.

We are pained to learn of the death of little Flora Lee Grimes, the eleventh-months-old daughter of Rev. J. A. Grimes, our pastor at Westville, I. T. The death occurred February 15. We commend the bereaved family to the Father of Mercies.

The Epworth League of Haynes, Ark., has sent us \$3.75 for the China Famine Fund. Remember that \$1.00 pays for fifty pounds of flour delivered to 15,000,000 people who are starving, mothers selling their children for three or four dollars to get food. We will see that all the money sent us shall go into the proper channel.

Our Methodist brethren in Oklahoma are intending to take a hand in the service of their new State. We notice that our good brother D. H. Linebaugh of Atoka is a candidate for Congress from his district. He is a first-class man.

We congratulate Rev. H. H. Watson, of Little Rock Conference, upon his marriage on the 20th to Miss Nora White, of Ardmore, I. T. Miss White has been one of the accomplished teachers in the schools of her city.

In a business letter Rev. L. A. Blevins, of Passaic, Mo., formerly of the Arkansas Conference, writes: "Say to my brethren I am in good health; have five appointments; have filled all save one. Am coming back to Arkansas next fall, if God wills."

Dr. J. D. Sibert, presiding elder of Searcy District, held the first quarterly conference for Dye Memorial last Wednesday night. There was a good turnout of the official members and good reports were made by the pastor.

We were pleased to receive in our office this week a visit from Brother L. M. Stevenson, of the Alabama Christian Advocate. He has been trying the waters of Hot Springs, but spent last Sunday at Conway, visiting his cousin, Rev. J. B. Stevenson.

We notice that our good brother, D. R. Rankin, who has served the Oklahoma Conference as its teller so well for several years, is a candidate for treasurer of the new State of Oklahoma. He is a capable and honest man and of the highest standing. The people of Oklahoma could scarcely find a better man.

A correspondent of the Pacific Advocate writing from Berkley, Cal., says of Rev. J. A. B. Fry: "Our beloved pastor and his wife have won the hearts of young and old. We find more to admire in them as we know them, and there has been great improvement in all lines of work."

A series of meetings will begin at Dye Memorial Church, Argenta, next Sunday, March 3. Rev. A. C. Johnson, of Maryville, Mo., will do all the preaching after Monday. Brother Johnson is a member of the mission conference and has been stationed in Montgomery City, Centralia, and Hannibal. He is a brother to Mrs. A. B. Haltom, of Dye Memorial.

The region of the Big Cypress Swamp and the Everglades of Florida is passing through a rapid transformation, owing to the railroad which has reached that district. Under the title, "The Passing of a Wilderness," it will be described by A. W. Dimock in the March Scribner, and illustrated with photographs by his son, Julian A. Dimock.

Mr. W. K. Cantrell called Thursday. He is an old Hendrix boy and son of Rev. J. M. Cantrell, of the Arkansas Conference. He has spent the last four years in the United States navy, most of the time as surgeon's assistant, on the Alabama. He greatly enjoyed his experiences, but has decided to take up the study of medicine in Little Rock, and make Arkansas his home.

Dr. Hardy Pratt Judson, who has been acting president of the University of Chicago since the death of Dr. Harper, has just been elected president. Since 1892 he had been head professor of political science and dean of the faculty of arts, literature and science. He is fifty-eight years old and a graduate of Williams college. While a man of some ability, he is not likely to become eminent as an administrator.

A personal letter from Bishop Galloway says that he can now gratefully announce himself as well and ready for his loved employ. He has just returned from Cuba to Tampa, Fla. Has several engagements in Florida, and

will return to his home in a week or two. He is ever full of affectionate remembrance for our Arkansas Methodism and never misses an opportunity to say so. He speaks of the deplorable condition of religion under Romanish in Cuba, having visited three Catholic churches on the first lenten Sunday in Havana, in none of which he found more than seventy-five people, and they an ignorant, straggling set. That country needs the Gospel.

It is contrary to a fixed rule of the Western Methodist to publish resolutions passed by Sunday schools, Leagues and congregations on the death or removal of people, however good the people, yet every now and then we have such sent in. In all such cases we should be glad to have the facts embodied in a personal notice and so sent in to us. The difference is that personal notices carry all the facts without consuming space for the sake of mere form, and it is the facts that the general public want.

## New Members of the Faculty of Henderson College.

We have received through Capt. C. C. Henderson information to the effect that Rev. J. A. B. Fry will return from California this coming fall to take the chair of Philosophy, and some other work, maybe, in Henderson College. He will be warmly welcomed back to Arkansas, and especially to Arkadelphia, where he is so much loved. He is good in any place, in the college or in the pastorate. A man of the finest spirit, he is well equipped for his work.

Captain Henderson also tells us that Mr. James R. Haygood, an alumnus of Branham and Hughes and of Vanderbilt, will be in next year's faculty. He is also a man well reported of.

## Reduced Rates—Chickasha.

This is to notify those who contemplate attending the rally at Chickasha, March 5-7, that reduced rates over all railroads in the two territories have been secured. That means, if one hundred full fare tickets are sold to persons in attendance upon the rally and they bring certificates showing purchase of the same signed by agent of railroad where purchase is made, the return fare will be but one-third of regular fare.

Don't fail to get certificates every time you purchase a ticket where you change lines and buy new tickets. The agents are compelled to give them where asked to do so. There is positively no reduction without certificates—receipts.

Yours,  
L. L. THURSTON,  
Secretary.

## How Long, O Lord, How Long?

Last Monday I officiated at a very sad funeral. A bright promising young man from a good Methodist home was killed by his cousin from another excellent Methodist household. The slayer, crazed by whisky, secured from a man who had his jug full, killed a kinsman for whom he would have died when sober.

Two homes are desolate, one promising life is snuffed out, another is blighted—and for what? A drink of vile liquor and the privilege of carrying a pistol. How long, O Lord, how long, shall it be possible for men thus to ruin and destroy one another?

The pistol must go. Whisky—not merely the saloon—but whisky must go.

Let us stand by our law-makers and officers in making and enforcing laws to destroy these terrible evils.

A. C. MILLAR.

**Judge Artman's Decision.**

Judge Samuel R. Artman, of the Boone County, Indiana, Circuit Court, recently rendered a sweeping decision. It sustains a remonstrance against granting a saloon license to a certain applicant in Indianapolis, upon the ground that licensing saloons is contrary to the constitutions of Indiana and the United States.

Judge Artman holds that in view of the repeated decisions of the courts, both State and national, that the beverage liquor traffic is harmful to the public health, morals and safety, it is therefore unlawful to license places for carrying on this traffic.

He bases his conclusion upon the declaration of the same courts to which the case will doubtless be appealed, and puts upon those courts the responsibility, if they choose to assume it, of reversing themselves.

The United States Supreme Court has held that no legislature can bargain away the public morals; the people themselves cannot do it, much less their public servants. There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell intoxicating liquors by retail. By a general concurrence of opinion of every civilized and Christian community, there are few sources of crime and misery in a society equal to the dram shop.

If the saloon is a source of evil and crime to society and is against public morality, it has no inherent right to exist, and a government which is organized to promote the public welfare and public morals has no right to license the traffic.

It is upon these doctrines, as announced by the highest judicatories of the land, that Judge Artman bases his decision.

If the higher courts hold to their former statements that saloons are the chief source of vice and crime, and no legislature has the right to legislate against good morals, and that liquor selling is not a constitutional right of any American citizen, Judge Artman will be sustained and the license system of Indiana will be fatally broken.

If they evade the logic of their own former statements and reverse the Indiana jurist's decision, it yet stands to mark the conclusion to which the courts must finally come. It is flawless in its logic, correct in its statement of fundamental law, and either now or in the future will be the accepted law of this country.

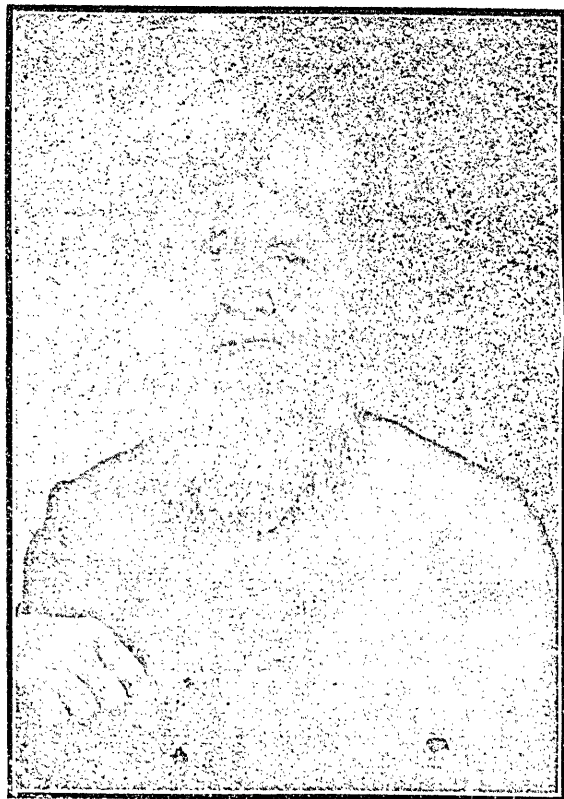
Whatever the outcome, Judge Artman's decision is the beginning of the end. License has so far only been defended as a regulative measure. It is the only ground upon which it can possibly be defended or legalized. Inasmuch as the liquor people themselves are fast whittling away this defense by crying for license as a protective measure, they are taking away the last ground upon which license can stand. The State cannot rightly protect an institution which its courts declare is the chief evil of the commonwealth when the votaries of that institution themselves clamor for license as the means of preserving it to do its work of destruction.

This is the general position of Judge Artman, and will sooner or later prevail.—The American Issue.

**The American City Problem.**

Mr. Hanford Crawford, president of the St. Louis Evangelization Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the first vice president of the National City Evangelization Union, in an address before the fifteenth convention of this national organization, held in Chicago November 14-16, 1906, on "The Peculiarities of the American City problem," mentioned and discussed the following peculiarities: (1) The small amount of general planning that

has been done for American city work compared to that of many foreign fields. (2) There has been very little training to prepare men and women for American city work. (3) "It is also peculiar how little enthusiasm, as a general thing, is manifested for American city work." (4) "The American city problem is also peculiar in being of comparatively recent origin, and in having almost completely changed in character within the last decade." (5) "The American city problem is also peculiar in the great variety of work which is required to solve it. There must be rescue work for the lost; work in foreign languages for those who cannot be reached in English; work for children and youth; work for travelers and wanderers; work among the large masses of students; work among artisans and laborers in various trades; and, above all, work for the educated American pagan, who exists in every one of our cities." (6) "According to Dr. Plantz, it is also peculiar to American cities that in them only do people refuse to go 'downtown' to church. They go downtown to business or to shop, to the theater, to music halls and entertainments, but not to church." (7) "A further peculiarity in the American city problem is that men rarely consider it a promotion to be appointed to work in its interest. This is very different in England. Think of the following names: Thomp-



Rev. Alexander H. Avery, One of the Old Guard of the Little Rock Conference.

We made this cut months ago, and have held it, hoping we might secure a sketch from some one competent to write it. But his old friends will be glad to see his face here.

son, in Whitechapel; Hugh Price Hughes and Mark Guy Pearse, in St. James Hall." (8) "A still further peculiarity in the American city problem is the comparative failure of our preaching among the well-to-do and rich." (9) "Lastly, a marked peculiarity existing in all cities, especially in our American cities, is the growing indifference to and lack of confidence in the existing church organizations on the part of what are called the 'laboring classes.'" Mr. Crawford is one of the most active and intelligent laymen of the Methodist Episcopal church in St. Louis. He was long associated in business with that prince among laymen, the late Mr. R. M. Seruggs. The message that Mr. Crawford brought to the convention in Chicago should be placed in the hands of all our people who are concerned for

the salvation of our cities.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

**Church Extension.**

The following letter from Bishop Hoss explains itself. The Board of Church Extension will gladly receive contributions on this account. Make your check payable to W. F. McMurry, corresponding secretary, and send to 705 West Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky. There should be many responses to this appeal.

"My Dear Dr. McMurry—I published in the Nashville Advocate, a few weeks ago, an article setting forth the imperative need of a new and worthy house of worship for Lao Paulo, Brazil. This is the most modern and progressive city in the great Southern Republic. It has 300,000 inhabitants and is growing with great rapidity. We have gathered there a good congregation, made up largely of very poor people, but including some of wealth and influence. The chief thing in the way of further success is the lack of a church. The building that we now occupy, though situated in one of the best parts of the city, is most discreditable to us, and drives people from us. We must make a forward movement. Our friends on the ground will do what they can, but that will not be, for the present at least, a great deal. The case is urgent to the last limit. It does not admit of delay. Almost equally important is the building of a church at Porte Alegrie, the capital of the State of Rio Grande du Sol, a city of 100,000 inhabitants, in which our work has shown a most encouraging vitality. Nothing less than \$50,000 or \$75,000 will suffice. I do not expect to get it at once, but I do desire to put the whole matter on the mind and heart of the church, and to pave the way for liberal contributions. If I can secure the sum above indicated in four years, it will relieve the situation greatly. May I beg those to whom God has given money in excess of their needs to consider whether this is not a wise opportunity for using it to His glory.

The following note has reached me from one of our best preachers, a man of high intelligence and fine character:

"I have read your article on Brazil, in last week's Advocate, with much interest. I enclose you a mite to aid in getting a better house of worship in Lao Paulo. I wish I could have made it one hundred times larger. But I do not have a dollar a year from any source except what I receive for my ministerial services. For the first time in twelve years I have an appointment which gives me a little margin above a bare living. It is nothing to brag of (\$900.00), but it contributes to my pleasure in being able to send you a part of the Lord's tenth. Hope you will get a thousand others to give as much or more."

This contribution touches me to the quick, for I know that it represents real self-denial. Please hold it as a nest egg. When the church goes up, as it will, I want the good brother, who made the first donation to it, to have honorable mention. But for fear of offending his modesty, I should call his name here.

Let me beg a thousand others in all parts of the church to follow this good example. Any sum, great or small, will be most cheerfully received.

Fraternally yours,

E. E. HOSS.

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#### A Remarkable Church and Some Notable Converts.

A year ago last May there was not a Christian in the village of Chun Oup, sixty miles northeast of this place. At that time Brother Cram sent a native Christian into the village to preach and sell Gospels. He labored faithfully from the first, and soon had around him a group of believers, of whom he is still the class leader. Since that time Brother Cram has visited the church as opportunity was found and taught and preached to the people. When I went with him last week on his sixth visit to the village we found a flourishing church, with an average Sunday attendance of 160, supporting a native preacher and worshipping in a commodious building erected entirely at their own expense.

This phenomenal growth is not a rush of the people to the church for political purposes, or other ulterior motives. On the contrary, it has taken place under circumstances of persecution which have infused vigor into the church as a whole and made the stories of many of its individual converts as interesting as those of the early martyrs.

The first convert was a Chinese scholar and teacher of the government school, who gave up his position because he was required to teach on Sunday. A wealthy man believed and burned up the ancestral tablets which he had formerly worshiped. Other members of the family began to persecute him in various ways. They had him imprisoned for a time under false accusation. They entered his room with drawn knives and threatened to kill him. They piled up firewood in the yard and threatened to burn him, because they said, he had burned their ancestors, who, according to the superstition, still lived in the tablets he had destroyed. The day before we reached the village they had forced him to give up deeds to valuable rice fields. We gave him baptism on this visit.

A little boy who came into our bedroom attracted my attention. Upon inquiring about him, I was told this story: His father, as is often the case in Korea, had taken a second wife while the first was still living. The second wife was a wealthy woman, and he was living with her at the time both he and she were converted. They soon learned that their union was unlawful and must not be continued. Separation was hard for both of them, but they made it for conscience sake. The man went back to the poor house of his first wife, and this little boy, who was the eldest son by the second wife, became, according to Korean custom, the head of the house. Only the gospel can straighten the tangled skein of heathen life.

ALFRED W. WASSON.

Songdo, Korea, December, 1906.

#### Our Educational Policy.

As our Board of Education of the Oklahoma Conference is called to meet soon, I offer as suggestions what may serve as an entering wedge to open up a new era and a widespread reformation in educational matters. The papers give an account of the doings of our sister Methodism in North Dakota, in which it was deemed wise to move their church school, the Red River University, to the seat of the State University. It still retains its professors, who teach such branches only as are peculiar to the church institution, while all other branches are taken in the State University, which gives due credit for all work done in the church school. Each school retains its right to give degrees, and each pays its own professors. The church school pays only those teachers, however, who teach the **Christian culture classes.**

This is a new experiment, so far as I have learned, and will be watched with much interest.

It is clear from the trend in educational matters that the schools without equipment and endowment are at a great disadvantage in their competitive struggle for existence. It is clear to my mind that it is only a question of time until we will be forced to concentrate our efforts and furnish better equipment and a larger patronage or lose out. To maintain four Southern Methodist colleges in Oklahoma Conference is beyond our reach. This is so apparent I will not discuss it. We might maintain two—one a thoroughly well equipped girls' school—by putting all we now have into them. I think it would be comparatively easy to collect money for endowment if we could convince the men of means that we have a place to put it, and that it would be a permanent blessing to our race; but with no well defined policy and no well equipped schools, they are not ready to invest in us. If we were to talk of "bunching our stuff" and making two high-grade schools and equipping them thoroughly and liberally endowing them, many of our people would feel like we had outraged the tenderest sentiments and were preparing an unprecedented reform, that in itself would be wrong. I know that "grave-robbing" is a grave offense, and shows an abandoned disposition in those who do so for personal profit derived from the sacred dead. I know, also, that in many instances in the course of events, when civilization has advanced and new conditions have arisen, that it has become necessary for the friends of the sleeping dead to enter their sacred haunts and remove them far away, so that the tall pines and the spreading oaks—sentinels for lo! these many years—gave place to others, and the entire "city" was transformed into growing fields of waving grain or to a live, energetic city, with moving throngs of living people. Thus we might disturb some of our time-honored sentiments if we sought to carry out this suggestion but would it not be better to act the part of wisdom and preserve life and advance with the country, even if we do have to forsake some of our long-cherished notions? I think we should think seriously and act wisely just now, while we are at the very threshold of our new State. The founding of a splendid system of public schools will materially change conditions, and if we be wise we will get ready for the change. To do so will require concentration of effort and the united strength of the conference acting harmoniously with the Board of Education. Let the board evolve a policy, and then let us all work for one end. In this way success is certain.

J. B. McDONALD.

#### The Mid-Year Rally.

As I am almost sure not to be at the "mid-year rally" at Chickasha, March 5-7, I wish to say a few words in regard to "Church Extension as a Factor in Missions." Not that Rev. S. G. Thompson will not do ample justice to the subject, but I wish to say a few things that he will be almost sure not to say. A man in my situation lives, perhaps, too much in the past; but tonight by heart is sad when I look back over the years that I have spent in Oklahoma traveling up and down these valleys, and over the hills, thousands upon thousands of miles, in my buggy, exposed to heat and cold, wet and dry, dust and sunshine, preaching in dugouts, sod houses, under brush arbors and in private houses, organizing classes and Sunday schools, preaching day and night, and as the result of such labor and exposure I have had three spells of

pneumonia and a partial weakening of the nervous system, to the extent, at least, that I am almost totally blind in the right eye. The sad part is, Where are the fruits of my labor? The echo answers, Where? I know of but one class today, and that is the little class at Geary, where, after getting a small appropriation from the Church Extension Board, this writer helped to quarry the rock, haul the sand, and with mine own hands made the mortar to lay the foundation of our little church at that place.

Where are the other classes? Gone to other churches that built houses of worship for the people. In conclusion, I wish to say that it is a waste of men and a waste of missionary money not to follow up the missionary and build houses of worship to hold the people. By all means, build the house!

M. D. LONG.

#### All for the Best.

By L. H. Fullingim, Wood, Okla.

After several beautiful, sunny days, during which time the farmers made much progress toward finishing the gathering of last year's bountiful crops and birds and bees were flying around with song and hum, which makes one almost feel like "spring is here"—alas! today the north winds are bleak and cold, and the gray clouds dropping tiny flakes of snow, which brings to us the remembrance that the winter months have not yet passed by; also that we may enjoy the coming of spring the more when in reality it comes, perfumed with the aroma of its myriad of sweet-scented flowers and the delightful songs of millions of birds as they flit from tree to tree. So the cold, bleak and barren winter is not to be looked upon as a doleful curse or a thing or time to be regretted; for "spring would be but gloomy weather if we had nothing else but spring."

So in life's journey we meet with disappointment and discouragement, and all seems dark and cold when it seems as though the sun is shrouded and fails or refuses to shed forth its light to cheer us, or its effulgent rays to comfort and warm our affections, and the bleak winds of trials and hardships blow cold, and it seems almost as though the world had lost its "love to one another." But it is then that we get down to the point and place where God can speak to us, and in accents unmistakable to our souls can say, "Peace be still," "Be of good cheer," "I have yet thousands that have never yet bowed their knee to Baal," and then we are enabled to raise our face from the ground and see that the sun is shining brightly behind the clouds, and shines with new beauty into our lives, and we are made to rejoice in the spirit and say, one to the other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way?" And we knew not who it was that spake. Ah, indeed, man's extremity is God's opportunity.

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**Holding Fast.**

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Beaten and tossed about  
By the sullen winds that blow  
From the desolate shores of doubt.

Where the anchors that Faith has cast  
Are dragging in the gale,  
I am quietly holding fast  
To the things that cannot fail.

I know that right is right,  
That it is not good to lie;  
That love is better than spite  
And a neighbor than a spy.

I know that passion needs  
The leash of a sober mind;  
I know that generous deeds  
Some sure reward shall find.

That the rulers must obey,  
That the givers shall increase;  
That Duty lights the way  
For the beautiful feet of Peace.

In the darkest of the year,  
When the stars have all gone out,  
That courage is better than fear,  
That faith is better than doubt.

And fierce though the fiends may fight,  
And long though the angels hide,  
I know that truth and right  
Have the universe on their side.  
—Washington Gladden.

**Needs of the Oklahoma Conference.**

By Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, P. E. Duncan District, Oklahoma Conference.

Nine years ago, when I was admitted on trial into the Oklahoma (then the Indian Mission) Conference, we had about 9,000 members and about one hundred and twenty pastoral charges. Today we have 40,000 members and nearly three hundred pastoral charges. At the last session of our conference we received sixty men by admission, transfer and otherwise, and yet we need forty or fifty supplies. Settlers are coming into Oklahoma at the rate of one thousand per day. Towns spring up like magic. Hundreds of thousands of acres of raw land will be put in a state of cultivation this year. New communities are being developed constantly. We have one of the largest oil and gas fields in the world. All of these things are bringing to our new State the very best young blood of the old States, and many of these people will amass large fortunes.

Our church so far is in the lead of all the Protestant denominations, but our position in the future depends on our planting today. We need right now \$200,000 for church extension within the bounds of the Oklahoma Conference. We have the preachers who can and will do the work, and we have the sympathy of the people. We are, however, short on money. Our people are as liberal as any that I have ever known, but they are largely young people who are struggling to get a start. Taken altogether, this is the most inviting field in Southern Methodism. The opportunity is staring us in the face, and if we let it go by, others will take advantage of it. Other churches are pouring in money through their Church Extension Boards, and we shall have increasing difficulty in holding our ground much longer unless we get more help than the Board of Church Extension has hitherto been in a position to grant. We ought to build two hundred churches in Oklahoma this year, but we cannot do it without help. Forty thousand dollars is needed to open up new

work in Oklahoma City, Lawton, Tulsa, and elsewhere. We are bound to act quickly, or others who are on the ground will enter into our inheritance.

May we not hope that the laymen of Methodism will pray over this matter and make an offering unto the Lord for this needy field?

Dr. McMurry understands our needs and is doing all in his power to help us. Put your money into his hands, mark your subscriptions "Oklahoma Special," and mail them to the office of the Board of Church Extension, 705 West Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky. Rest assured that every dollar paid in will be wisely administered, and will bring forth fruit to the glory of God. Twenty churches are needed in the bounds of the Duncan District alone, but these cannot be erected without outside help.—Christian Advocate.

**Church Extension Notes.**

Rev. Geo. E. Eubank, Prospect, Tenn., is planning for a new church building.

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Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, presiding elder of the Duncan District of the Oklahoma Confer-

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ence, says: "We ought to build not less than two hundred churches this year within the borders of the Oklahoma Conference."

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Rev. W. H. H. Joyce, of Blacksburg, Va., is pushing forward the work of building the "P. H. Whisner Memorial Church." He writes most hopefully of the enterprise, and doubtless before long will reach the desired haven.

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Rev. T. L. Lallance, pastor of Las Cruces Church, New Mexico, is rejoicing over the release from a burdensome debt, which has troubled the church for twenty years. The General Board of Church Extension, the New Mexico Conference Board and the Methodists of Las Cruces all had a hand in this good work. Brother Lallance and his people will proceed at once to provide a good parsonage property.

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The time for the annual meeting of the General Board of Church Extension draws nigh. indications are that a very large number of applications for aid will be presented. Last year the total amount applied for was three times as much as the funds at the disposal of the board. Conference boards should be faithfully in the work of passing upon and

grading the applications before them. They should not expect the General Board to assume a responsibility which by the law of the church is placed upon them.

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The new Second M. E. Church, South, New Orleans, La., Rev. A. I. Townsley, pastor, is rapidly nearing completion. The contract price of the building, without furnishings, is \$10,310.

**The Sabbath.**

The present tendency to make Sunday a day of sports and of entertainment has brought about an amount of unjust labor which bids fair to remove from large classes of servants and subordinates all possibility of obtaining any reasonable rest on that day.

Especially is this true of domestic servants, owing to the prevailing week-end parties, which make Sunday the hardest day in the week in many country homes.

Caddies on the golf links, men engaged as chauffeurs and the employes on railroads are all obliged to sacrifice their day of "rest and worship" to the pleasure of the wealthier members of society.

In view of these facts, which are certainly not exaggerated, we would ask your attention to the enclosed description of the attempt English men and women of social distinction have made to remedy a like tendency in their country.

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It has been decided to request the clergymen of America to preach on this subject on Sunday, February 24, 1907. Will you aid in this effort?

**Leaflet by a Chinese Scholar Favoring the Sunday Rest Day.**

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance has published an English translation of the above, also another prize leaflet, "Training of the Child for Eternity," by Rev. F. F. Townsley, of Maywood, Ill.

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## Topic for March 3.

The Duty of Testimony—Acts 1:8.

A Need of Gratitude—Psalms 107:2-8.

Our Gain or Loss—Matt. 10:32, 33.

An Aid to Salvation—Rom. 10:9.

Satan Overcome by Testimony—Rev. 12:11.

From Japan comes the story of an exposition of Christianity from a man who obtained a Bible which he had read with much interest. When he finished, he said, "This is a fine thing in theory, but I wonder how it would work in practice?" On the train on which he was traveling he noticed a lady who, he was told, was a Christian. He watched her attentively, to see how she would act, and said: "If I can see anything in her conduct like this Book I will believe it." Before the day was over he had seen so many little acts of unselfishness on her part, and so much thoughtfulness and consideration for the comfort of her fellow-passengers, that he was deeply impressed. The result of that railway ride was that he went to his home determined to make the Bible the guide of his whole life. How many of us would have stood the test to which that Christian woman was unconsciously subjected?

It is said that in the day of Paul the decree went forth that all Christians should give up their religion or be driven from the land at the point of the spear. Away over the mountains in a far distant province the decree found its way, and a centurion of noble features and soldierly bearing proceeded to execute the order. He summoned all Christians to appear before him outside the principal gate of the city. His company of uniformed soldiers was in line, their spears glittering in the sun. To his astonishment there appeared before him forty Christians. He told them that they must renounce their allegiance to Christ or be driven from the city, but if any should return before sundown and give up their religion, they would be received and publicly honored. The hour came, the command was given, and the forty Christians started for the glens and the mountains to starve, and as they started, they lifted their voices in concert and cried: "Forty witnesses for Christ." As they passed on the words came back, "Forty witnesses for Christ," and as they disappeared down a dark ravine and wound their way among the rocks and hills, the cry came back, "Forty witnesses for Christ." At last no sound was heard, and there stood the centurion with his soldiers and a great concourse of people, waiting and expecting the return of the Christians; but they did not return.

An evening came on, one poor, straggling, half-naked, thirsty and forlorn man was seen wending his way toward the city. When he drew near the people cheered and chered; he was coming back to deny his Lord. But while the rabble shouted, the centurion was pale and sad. The cry, "Forty witnesses for Christ," had been sounding in his ear. The Spirit of God had touched his soul, and the loyalty of the thirty-nine Christians, and the fact that only one had returned, set him to thinking. As the one poor wretch came up to deny his Master and receive his reward, the centurion received him, gave him his liberty and the empty honor promised him, then he laid aside his own badge of honor, his helmet, and his sword, and with trembling lips, but resolute heart, he took up the cry: "There are yet forty witnesses for Christ," and followed after those who had been true.—Epworth Herald.

## Missionary Growth.

The most trustworthy statistics are probably those of Dr. D. L. Leonard, published in the Missionary Review of the World. From these statistics we glean the following interesting facts: About \$21,000,000 was contributed by the home churches for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen. Most encouraging of all, however, is the fact that more than \$2,500,000 were contributed by the native converts living on the field. Of the twenty-one millions, about nine millions came from the United States, about the same sum from Great Britain, and about \$1,500,000 from Germany. From Europe and America there are about 18,600 men and women engaged in the work. Working with these there are about 90,000 native helpers, making a total force of about 108,000. There are about two million communicants in the mission field, a number

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equal to the population of Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee. Of these about 140,000 were added the past year. There are nearly 30,000 mission schools, with pupils numbering 1,250,000 boys and girls receiving Christian instruction.

There is not note of failure in these results. They have been wrought by men and women preaching that "God commandeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." A Gospel, presenting an atonement for sin by the death of Christ the Lord is the only kind of message that can be preached effectually to the heathen. All the fine-spun theories of the development in man of a holy character without a supernatural revelation in the Bible and by Christ, come to naught when separated from the background of Christian teaching and practice. They will not reach the heathen world. A Divine Savior who died for our sins, according to the Scripture, is the remedy for men, whether in Christian or heathen lands.—Richmond and Baltimore Christian Advocate.

## Georgia Letter.

George G. Smith.

I see often in controversial articles the passage "become as little children," quoted to prove a point taken as to the religious character of little children. But I find in these words only practical admonition to be humble and free from worldly ambition in the church of God. It is well to recognize a fact which has been painfully obvious in all time, and that is the yearning to be greatest is found too often in the church. We are so accustomed to it in secular life that we expect nothing else. Ambition for place has been the curse of clerics. By that sin fell the angels, Shakespeare said, and many an angel, in the New Testament sense, has fallen sadly because of it. It is so insidious, so easily mistaken for that which is commendable, that we are betrayed into it ere we dream we are in peril. To make the most of oneself is all right. To diligently improve the one talent is a high duty, which no indolence or self-indulgence justify us in neglecting, but to be moved by the motive of "being the first" is all wrong. To be grateful for success, to enjoy the world's approval is all right, and ought to be in every life; but to seek as the great aim the glory of men, leads to unhappiness and to ruin. To sell oneself too cheap is never possible. Where the motive is the good of our fellow-men. The unselfish, unambitious spirit is not pretentious. Pseudophany is born of ambition and often professed humility is after all merely a bid for the commendation we claim to despise.

To serve is the highest privilege, and to serve without reward is to be most like God.

Our Methodist conferences are communistic, and there are members of them who, while they shrink from everything like gross immorality, and while they really do desire to do good, yet find it very hard to consent to take the lower place. Nothing but a high order of Christian grace can enable one to do so and become as unambitious as a little child; and yet it is the secret of a happy life as it is the badge of a noble life. To sit, one on the right hand and one on the left, in God's kingdom, is to seek for responsibilities and burdens—from which one ought to be glad to escape. The poor in spirit enter into the kingdom of Heaven and I know no man more miserable than the preacher, who feels he must have a high place, and that high place is the one the world regards as such.

I never knew a man, of great gifts, who was apparently freer from ambitious spirit than was Bishop Peirce, the greatest of Georgians. He loved lowliness for himself and always chose the hardest place. In his old age his favorite conference was the Indian Mission, when it was truly a mission field. In the study of his life I never found an indication that there ever was a desire to be greatest anywhere. Men say be patient and you will find your level, but where is the level? It is what the world calls greatness. Is not our level anywhere and everywhere that God may be honored, and man may be served?

I am sorry there are first-class and second-class appointments. That men are considered as promoted when they are made presiding elders or bishops, when they are sent to rich churches in large cities, or degraded when they are sent to places which need them most, but there are such opinions and one must be truly noble to rise above them, and to say truly,

"Let me be little and unknown,  
Loved and prized by God alone,"  
if I may but lift up my fellow-men. The greatest man in the Christian church is the man who does the most good. He may not be re-

puted as great, but he is so. Charley H. Spurgeon knew very well that men like Dean Stanley Newman Hall, S. Joseph Parker, had a very low estimate of him as a man of intellect or learning, but all men knew that the most useful man in the London pulpit was that unpretending Baptist, and no man in the English-speaking world has exerted a greater power for good.

I wonder if men like John Wesley, who, scholarly themselves, and fond of literary pursuits, and company with culture and refinement, will ever do again as Wesley did—identify themselves with “butchers and bakers and cobblers” and serving men, and serving women, and breathe his spirit of devotion to the weal of others, unto them.

Will ever a woman like Hannah More, who wrote books for plain folks, appear amongst us? The spectacular effect of ostentatious devotion to religious work as president or secretary, and the self-sacrifice which leads one without parade or glorifying one's self or official recognition to seek to elevate those about us are different things.

I thank God there are many such, but we need many more. It is not by being able to tell in the newspapers, in personal letters, “of wave after wave of joy sweeping over us, until we were overcome with rapture,” that God is so glorified, as by being the servant of all.

I think no people meet Christ's description of the truly great, than many a circuit preacher's wife. I have a friend. He is a royal highlander in blood, a poor man with brains and heart, but no culture. He entered our conference. He was already married to a country girl. His first circuit was near my station. He lived in a log cabin, and planted in the patch about it. His wife did all the house work. He got \$185.00 for his year's work. He had a wife and four children, but he kept out of debt, and gave me two bushels of potatoes. I went to see him once. There was a kitchen and a one-roomed cabin which made his home.

When the meal was over and the prayer was said, he and his wife and children left the living room and slept in the kitchen and gave the dwelling house to me as sole occupant. I never heard him complain, but I have known some whose lives were a continual whine and some women who made their husbands miserable by constant complainings that they were not great.

Goodness and greatness are not means, but ends;

Have we not always treasures, always friends?  
The good, great man, great thoughts, equable  
as an infant's breath,

Thence friend, himself his maker, the angel  
death.

#### Wesley Hall Missionary Movement.

Doubtless the readers of the “Methodist” will enjoy an account of the Wesley Hall Missionary Institute, which was held February 22, 23 and 24. Friday afternoon our first service was held in honor of Dr. Reed, of the Vanderbilt medical department. This was a farewell meeting, as Dr. Reed will sail for Korea with Dr. Lambuth on the 8th of March.

In an earnest and touching manner Dr. Reed told the story of his life. From a poor boy with no resources except an indomitable purpose, he has made his way through college. Never have I heard an experience that went any straighter to the hearts of the hearers than the simple story of the life of this gifted and consecrated young physician, whom God has marvelously guided. A great work, both as a minister of the gospel and a medical mis-

sionary, is before him. Our prayers will follow him to his field of service.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Ed L. Cook gave a very instructive and entertaining stereopticon lecture on our work in Japan. The work of our schools there, the Kansu Gakuin University and the Hiroshima Girls' School, is a wonderful success. The hand of God is upon these two institutions.

On Saturday morning Rev. Whiteside of China gave a most instructive account of his work in that vast world-field. The granite material of conservatism in the Chinese was emphasized; this will prove a positive force of untold good in the future church of China. The desire of the better classes for a new China was also emphasized. They want to be an independent people, a sovereign kingdom among the nations of the earth, making no humiliating treaties with foreign powers. Here is the basis of an appeal to the Chinese which will bring them forth from servitude to all that is ancient unto a noble type of patriotism and a lofty Christian character.

Dr. Towson spoke in a most hopeful and inspiring manner of our work in Japan. The three Methodisms of Japan are to be united in this coming May. We shall have then a membership of about 12,000, with property valued at more than \$500,000. The outlook in that great empire is indeed hopeful, skilled and consecrated workmen are needed most of all.

Dr. Rodriguez, a former professor of Spanish in Vanderbilt University, and at present connected with our Publishing House as translator of our literature into Spanish, spoke of our work in Cuba. He contrasted present conditions of church work in Cuba with those before the Spanish-American war. In many sections the people are just starving and crying out for the gospel. One of our men there told of a man who had brought his family to our little chapel eight Sunday nights in succession, and had not been able to get in to hear a single word of the Blessed News of the Deliverer. The people have lost confidence in the corrupt priesthood of that country, and are dying for the gospel. Truly, this is the day of opportunity.

Rev. W. L. Moose then gave an inspiring account of the wonderful progress of Christianity in Korea. In the war between Russia and Japan Korea seemed, as it were, between the upper and nether millstones. The government was shaken to its very foundations. The people are now looking for something secure upon which they may rest, and naturally they turn to the blessed gospel message. The progress of the church there is nothing short of marvelous. In twenty years there have been over 75,000 converts to Christianity. Brother Moose has had 1,100 converts during his six years' ministry there. Saturday afternoon was devoted to biographical sketches by members of the Hall. The leading events in the lives of some of the world's greatest missionaries were brought out in a most helpful way.

Saturday evening was devoted to problems of the home field. Dr. Hubbard, a professor in one of the colored colleges of Nashville, presented some vital truths in a most earnest and common sense-like manner. He emphasized the brightest things connected with the hopeful side of the South's great problem. He told of one negro whom he knew whose wife washed to help him through college. Now the negro is running a publishing house in Nashville, worth \$225,000, and last year they sent out 9,800,000 pieces of Sunday school literature all over our Southland. The better side of this question ought to be kept before the public mind more, and

not so many of the flaring accounts of alleged crimes by the negroes. A commercialistic press, which panders to a vitiated taste for a sort of yellow journalism, is one of the prime causes of so much difficulty between the races. This, coupled with corrupt politicians, who are forever stirring up sectional strife, is enough to furnish intelligent citizens with future problems.

Rev. Nelson made an appeal on the needs of the home field. The foreign population, the mountain people, unreached factory hands and other needy and unevangelized classes were presented as demanding our best efforts in the immediate future. Increase in church membership is not keeping pace with increase of population. We must evangelize the foreigners coming to our shores or they will foreignize us. We are under the most sacred obligations to Christianize every section and element of our home land. This is the country of our birth. Our liberties were purchased at a tremendous cost. And then, if we are to evangelize the world, there must be a home church to do it. There must be a basis of supplies at home to support the workers abroad.

On Sunday morning Dr. Lambuth gave a birdseye view of our mission fields, setting forth the needs of each in the strongest possible light. Three men are needed at once in Cuba. Rev. Henry Smith has been accepted to fill one of these places, but the other two are unoccupied. At present a number of men ought to go and take charge of opening places in both Mexico and Brazil, but no one has answered the call of a great opportunity in these two fields. Recent edicts of the Empress Dowager have opened the way for teaching 1,600,000 of the Chinese in two or three provinces the literature and science of Western civilization. This means that the gospel is going to reach them as never before. Our hearts burned within us as this heroic man of God pictured the needs and opportunities of our six great mission fields.

The sermon by Dr. O. E. Brown at 11 o'clock Sunday was masterful. Every heart was stirred to its profoundest depths by the appeal to enter the inner circle of the friends of Jesus Christ and to learn his purposes and do his will. Truly, it was good to be there. The minds of many of our preachers have been prejudiced against Wesley Hall by the harsh and foolish things that have been circulated in many quarters. If some of our people knew the consecrated leadership and the prevailing spirit of Christlike service amongst the leaders here there would be little occasion for discouraging many young preachers who need the training given at Wesley Hall.

The final service was led by Dr. Lambuth Sunday evening. It was a consecration meeting and a time of heart searching. A number of young men expressed their life purpose of being missionaries. Two or three of our men will sail for the foreign field this summer, and sixteen others stand ready to go at the call of the church.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

March 10—Isaac a Lover of Peace.

Golden Text—Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5:9.

The events of this lesson took place about 1800 B. C.

Place—Philistia, a scope of country lying east of Egypt and southwest of Palestine, and Beersheba, lying further north.

Lesson Text—Gen. 26:12-25.

Almost a hundred years have passed since our last lesson. Lot and the cities of the plain are gone. The smoke of Sodom had died away, and the place had been almost forgotten. Abraham, the servant and friend of God, has been gathered to his fathers, and we come now to study the character of Isaac, the son of promise. God has a chosen people in the world. Let us see what God will show us about men. He certainly did not intend to develop a people free from faults, for if he did he failed, and God does not fail. Abraham was a good man and almost perfect, but twice in his life he failed to own his own wife for fear of what might befall him. It was true that she was his sister—more correctly speaking, his half-sister. It was not a matter of such fearful consequences, but alas! ere we begin the study of the life and character of his son we find him repeating the deception, and for the same purpose, but a worse sin, for she was not his sister in any sense of the word. We find him in Philistia, where he has told the ruling monarch that the wife that his father had so carefully selected for him was his sister. Surely, if the fall and the Adamic nature in man could be eradicated or improved, it should have shown one or the other in Isaac. But he sinned more than his father. He was a good man, however, as we shall see.

God is a covenant-keeping God. The world did not know this, but he is determined that they shall know it. So whether Isaac dwells in Philistia or in Beersheba, he will bless him for Abraham's sake. He sowed in Gerar and reaped a hundred fold. He grew richer and more powerful until the king, in acknowledgment of his greatness, begged him to leave the country. Being a peaceable man, he consented to leave. So he went north amid a wicked and cunning people. He was confronted and vexed by their wicked deeds. When he came to the place where his father had digged wells to provide water for his flocks, he found that the people had filled them up. This was petty warfare. It was an uncivilized warfare, too, as filling wells and poisoning springs is outlawed among enlightened nations today. When his servants had cleaned them out, the inhabitants laid claim to them and strove with Isaac's servants for possession. He moved on until he had reached a place where he could have water for his flocks without contention. With God's people there is a time to fight and a time to cultivate the peaceful pursuits of industry. Many have wondered at the prophet of God who slew the prophets of Baal and ran in triumph before the chariot of Ahab, but fled for his life at the threat of a woman. He was no coward, but the time to fight and spill blood had passed. Isaac was not a coward, but a living example of patience under adverse circumstances. Abraham was not a coward, but he refused to be drawn into a conflict with Lot's herdmen. The children of God are a peaceable people, so Isaac moved on to living waters and rejoiced that there was room enough for him and the adversary.

It is well here to study the character of

Abraham and Isaac in connection with the Philistines. Abraham digged several wells and walled them up, leaving them to bless the country. The heathen filled them up. Isaac emptied the dirt out of them and rendered them useful again. Then the heathen "raged" and laid claim to them. God's people were well diggers. They utilized the resources of the earth. They made the desert to blossom as the rose. The heathen lived on the fat of the land, but refused to exert themselves to improve conditions. A great truth to study. The heathen have never utilized the riches of the earth. It has always been the lot of Godly people to labor and to become servant to their fellows. Isaac did a great work and lived to bless mankind. But we shall see more of this Godly family.

We are glad to have articles of interest to our Sunday schools for this department. Let us have notes and suggestions from our Sunday school workers.

### To the Sunday School Superintendents of the White River Conference.

As is a recognized fact, there is a great effort now being put forth for more effective work in our Sunday schools—better equipped teachers, literature that fully meets the demands, and a larger enrollment. But is there that corresponding degree of effort to reach all the places that, by boundaries and concession, belong to our territory?

Dr. Bennett, of the Helena District, in his efforts to have the entire district supplied with the gospel—the "byways" as well as the "highways"—made this wise suggestion to the official board and members of Haynes Quarterly Conference:

"Though the place is some three miles away, and even further, have the assistant superintendent, in connection with the pastor, go out and organize a Sunday school, which shall be known as the mission Sunday school, auxiliary to or under the management of the regular Sunday school."

And why not more of this kind of work? What other meaning can there be to the great commission, "Go teach all nations," etc.? In our special efforts to enlighten and save the heathen it is highly possible to neglect the "out-of-the-way" places at home. There is now, as there ever should be, great stress laid upon missionary work, or world-wide redemption. And with the bugle note, "To the rescue of the heathen," and with the "Macedonian cry" coming from almost every island of the sea, it is more than possible to get a wrong conception of the missionary idea. We are liable to make too great a distinction between the home land and the foreign field—between our neighbor "across the waters" and our "neighbor just over the hill."

Dennis says, "Do not allow your mind to become entangled in that distinction which we are accustomed to make between home and foreign missions. \* \* \* It is, after all, only a geographical and administrative discrimination; it is of the earth, earthly, and has no place in the vocabulary of heaven. We have no such distinction as a home Bible and a foreign Bible, a home gospel and a foreign gospel, a home Christ and a foreign Christ. The great word used here is MISSIONS—missions to the North and missions to the South, missions to the East and Missions to the West."

Dr. Parker says, "The world, the whole world, for Christ." These words being true, endorsed by God's Word and sanctioned by heaven's approval, what meaneth the great amount of territory unoccupied in our own White River Conference? Why a distance of

thirty-five miles through fairly fertile soil, traversed by a railroad with a number of stations, yet not a single Sunday school or public service for worship?

Rev. O. E. Goddard, in his "write-up" of the conference of missionary secretaries in Nashville, making mention of the "good lessons taught," voices the sentiment of the church in the greatly felt need of the layman's assistance. Well does he strike the key to the situation. These words will bear repeating: "Our Methodist economy puts too much on the preacher and too little on the layman. The layman should be no longer a neglected quantity in our church."

That is what Dr. Bennett, presiding elder of Helena District, is undertaking to do. To harness up the laity of the church and commission them, in the name of our common Lord, to go forth and take part, even in the public congregations; to occasionally send the pastor to the neglected field, and in his absence hold the service.

And now to the superintendents of the White River Conference: What say you to having the entire field organized? There are funds already in the hands of our conference treasurer for every needy field. So, in view of the fact, as Mr. Pepper, of Memphis, has shown, eighty-five per cent of the accessions to our church come from the Sunday school, will you not please, after having done all you can to thoroughly organize your own school, lend a helping hand to your pastor in reaching the neglected field?

It may be the new addition to the growing town, or it may be the thrown-off appointments adjacent thereto, or the community whose only house of worship is the "old log school building."

Will you not occasionally relieve the pastor of the 11 o'clock service and allow him, in company with the assistant superintendent, to visit some near-by neglected field for the purpose of "talking up" and organizing the Sunday school?

Is not the Sunday school work the primary work of the church? To make disciples, does it not mean to teach, to instruct? Is there any work in all the church from which we derive more permanent good? Is there a more inviting field in all the land for this work than the one without shepherd or leader? Is there a call louder or more clarion than the one that comes from the community that is within such easy reach?

May God open our ears to hear and may he help us to become "doers of the Word, and not hearers only."

Let this be our motto: "A Sunday school in every community and an enrollment at least equal to that of the church membership."

W. P. TALKINGTON,  
Chairman Conference Sunday School Board.  
Haynes, Ark., February 15, 1907.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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

Columbus, Ark., February 5, 1907.

Dear Cousin Lilian—I am thirteen years old. My birthday is on December 25, which is Christmas. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Cora Field. I like her very much. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. I have three sisters and four brothers, but one is dead. We take the Methodist paper.

CALLIE STEWART.

St. Charles Circuit.

We have had our first quarterly conference. Brother Christian preached two very fine sermons, and they were heard by our people of St. Charles. I have been here seven weeks, and must say I have met with some very fine people, and I feel that God is going to give us a good year. The outlook is grand. I have only seven churches on my charge, but I will take more if they can't find any one else who will preach to the little "by-way" churches. I have made an investment of my life.

We will tell you more about our conference. We had a very good report to make and am glad to say we have a very prosperous and energetic people, ready to help those who need help. May God bless this people, and may it find its way into every home in this broad land of ours.

T. M. ARMSTRONG.

Oakland and Mannsville.

At the last meeting of the Tennessee Conference I was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference, and was appointed to this charge. We have had a cordial reception and feel at home among our people and have made a very

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good start for a successful year. A few day ago we had a pounding that when it closed left many good things for the preacher and his family. And that has not been all by any means, for many good things have been coming in from the time of our arrival. Our Oakland people have joined in this pounding business also.

Last Sunday, February 17, we had a fine day in Mannsville. The services were duly spiritual. Also fifteen additions to the church. We have had twenty-five additions for this year. Our beloved P. E., Brother Freeman, stands well with our people, and is doing a fine work on the Ardmore District.

J. G. BLACKWOOD, P. E.

Maud, Okla.

Our meeting at Maud began February the first, and only held one week. J. C. Scivally of Overbrook, I. T., did the preaching and did it well. The church was generally revived and active in all the services. Had no conversions, though many manifested a desire in the meeting to be saved. I trust many good resolutions were made that will be carried out by the unsaved. Brother Scivally is a good, honest gospel preacher, willing and ready to preach the whole truth, and he does it without glasses. He loves to help a brother carry his burden. We love Brother Scivally, our prayers following him.

Our first quarterly conference has passed. Our Presiding Elder failed to reach us, on account of late trains and illness of his wife. The Western Methodist is all O. K. It is saying the right things we think.

W. M. TAYLOR, P. C.

Maud, Okla., February 19, 1907.

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Brushy Mountain Circuit.

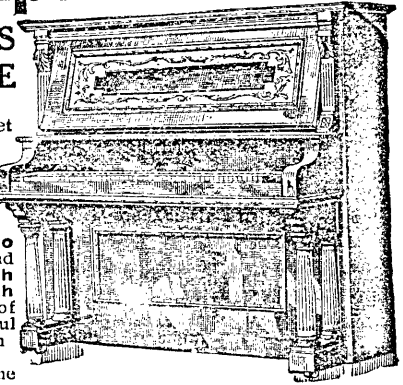
I have been thinking for some time I would write and let you know how we are getting along on the Brushy Mountain Circuit.

Our first quarterly conference is a thing of the past. Our Presiding Elder was with us at Hanson, and preached an excellent sermon. All were carried away with him, it seems. We went from Hanson to Vian, and there looked after the interests of the church at that point, and planned for our district conference to be held there.

The work is progressing nicely. Have two flourishing Sunday Schools, one at Vian and one at Hanson; organized one at Coleman's Chapel last Sunday. Class meeting at Coleman's Chapel is

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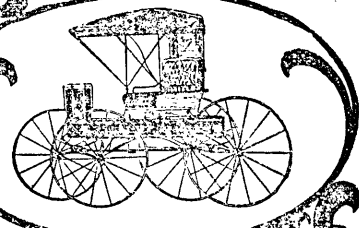


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reviving the Christians very much; have one good cottage prayer meeting also in the same community.

I forgot to say Brother Dunkle, our Presiding Elder, preached at Vian also while on his first round.

I wish more of the Oklahoma brethren would write for the Methodist. I believe we could get more people to subscribe for the paper.

Yours truly, WM. GROSE, P. C.

Texmo, Okla.

In June 26 we went to one of our appointments, the Bethel class, to begin what we supposed would be a week or ten days' meeting. We had tried to get someone to help but had not succeeded, so putting our entire trust in the Lord, we began to preach to the church. The meeting resolved into a revival of the old style. God came down in the power and demonstration of his spirit and visited his people.

Wish you could have been with us to have seen the way in which the Spirit moved on the people. Old scores were settled, men met in the altar and shook hands and sang and praised God. Backsliders were reclaimed and began to work for others. Broken-down altars were rebuilt and the people

were blessed. The young, the old and the middle-aged came to the Lord.

Brother Southwell of the Harmon charge was with us three services, conducting one of the day services for us. Except for him we had no other ministerial help. We closed after twenty-three days and twenty-two conversions and twenty-one re-claimations. The Lord was indeed good to us. At one of the night services there were fourteen at the altar, nearly all being saved.

We go Sunday to begin a meeting at Grove. Pray for us, that the Lord may bless us there.

Yours for Christ's sake, H. C. GULLEDGE, P. C.

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The Sunday School Board.

The Executive Committee of the Sunday School Board and all other members who can do so are hereby requested to meet at Chickasha on March 5-7 for the purpose of arranging the programs and attending to any other matters pertaining to the Sunday school work.

W. J. MOORE, Chairman Sunday School Board.

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## Pontitoc, I. T.

I feel like I ought to say something for our cause in this land. I believe I said in my former article that I was given two appointments, or preaching places. Finding that I could only preach at each of these places (Pontitoc and Connersville) once a month, I began to look around for more territory, so I have found four other places that I could reach and give them the gospel.

One of these, Brother Fitzgerald, a local preacher, had been filling, and he asked me to go with him and give them an appointment, which I did.

I am pleased with the Pontitoc work and think the outlook good. I have done nothing in the way of organizations, simply because we have no church houses and have to worship in school houses, and other church organizations worship in the same houses.

Our first quarterly conference has been held. Brother Thompson, our Presiding Elder, failed to be with us on account of the long distance from the railroad and the desperate conditions of the roads.

We are looking for a good time at our second quarterly conference. It will be held at the Joseph Sealy camp ground, where we have a fine tabernacle, good water in abundance and a fine camping ground. We expect to have two full days' service and a general good time.

I see in a former issue of the Western Methodist that my old friend of thirty-three years ago, Rev. J. C. S. Baird, has fallen on sleep. He was about ten years my junior. I have another true yoke fellow of even date with him who is now in the Oklahoma conference, J. W. Kizziah, as also A. K. Miller who is now superannuated. Would love to hear from either of the latter.

J. H. MILLER.

## Hamburg, Ark.

Everything is in fine shape at Hamburg. My predecessor, Brother Sage, did a fine work the two years of his pastorate here. The people all loved him very much, and of course regretted to give him up. His going was like that of a sudden death—they were not expecting it, hence it was harder to bear. Everybody thought that

he would remain his full time.

In so far as I am able to tell, everything is doing well at Hamburg. The congregations have been unusually large. The Sunday school has grown continually from the first. We have the largest, and I believe the best, Sunday school in the Monticello district. We are very much in need of more room for the school. The brethren are already beginning to talk of enlarging. We will be forced to make more room soon.

Our Junior League, under the management of Mrs. Jessie Dean, is doing real well. We are going to organize a Senior League soon. We have a fine lot of young people here, and I see no reason why we cannot have a first-class League. I am persuaded that we will.

We have received nine members since conference. The finances of the church are just a little ahead on P. C. and P. E.'s salaries. We have been here about two months and a half, and have received a little over three months' salaries. I do not believe any preacher in the Little Rock Conference has a better board of stewards than the preacher at Hamburg.

Hamburg is also a nice town in which to live. Good parsonage, good garden spot, good water, a healthful town, and, best of all, they are good people to live among.

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## Warner and Porum.

I arrived here the first of December; found the work in very bad condition; no parsonage, no churches, very few members, and they were very much discouraged. We have met every appointment so far. We have received several into the church—one by baptism; baptized one infant. We are now preaching at seven places. We have got good congregations. We now have a nice parsonage. It cost five hundred dollars. We owe about seventy-five dollars on it. We have two churches in process of erection, one at Porum and one at Webber's Falls. We hope and expect to complete both by conference. We were nicely pounded, and the good work goes on. Good things are coming our way almost every day. We have sent in two subscriptions to the Western Methodist, and expect to do more soon. We need a gracious revival, and are working, praying and trusting for it. Oh, may the good Lord help me to do the best year's work of my life! I hope that all who read these lines may remember us in prayer.

Our presiding elder goes and

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comes, and it means something when he gets there. He certainly looks after every interest of the church. I feel sure that with such a wise leader we will have victory on all lines for God. So mote it be. Success to the Western Methodist.

J. S. SIMMONS, P. C.

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### Oklahoma Conference.

Choctaw District—Garvin 1, San Bois 3, Conser 1. Total, 5; total to date, 13.

Weatherford District—Sayre 1, Elk City 11, Cheyenne 1, Prentiss 1, Carpenter 3. Total, 17; total to date, 22.

Oklahoma City District—Norman 1. Total to date, 9.

Mangum District—Komalty 1, Mangum 1, El Dorado 1, Elmer 1. Total, 4; total to date, 22.

Wynnewood District—Sulphur 4, Mill Creek 1, Wanette 1, Maysville 2. Total, 8; total to date, 65.

Duncan District—Walter 1. Total to date, 10.

Ardmore District—Marietta 1, Ravia 1, Madill 2. Total, 4; total to date, 17.

Cherokee District—Wyandotte 2, Pryor Creek 1. Total, 3; total to date, 9.

Total Oklahoma Conference to date, 212.

### Arkansas Conference.

Dardanelle District—Darda-

nelle 1, Lamar and Knoxville 1. Total to date, 46.

Harrison District—Mountain Home 1. Total Harrison District to date, 6.

Morrilton District—Conway 1. Total Morrilton District to date, 36.

Total Arkansas Conference to date, 200.

### Little Rock Conference.

Texarkana District—Fairview 3, Richmond 1. Total, 4; total to date, 30.

Camden District—Hampton 1. Total to date, 8.

Prescott District—Prescott, 1. Total Prescott District to date, 14.

Arkadelphia District—Deroche 1. Total Arkadelphia District, 6.

Little Rock District—Little Rock 3. Total to date, 18.

Total Little Rock Conference to date, 94.

### White River Conference.

Searcy District—Essex 1, Jacksonville 1, Bradford 4, McRae 3, Bald Knob 2, Newport 9. Total, 20; total to date, 47.

Batesville District—Newark 7. Total to date, 9.

Total White River Conference to date, 66.

### Buena Vista, Ark.

Our work moves off well. The first quarterly conference for this circuit took the palm as the best in the district, both in attendance and reports. Thomas is magnifying his office truly. Your brother,

RUFFIN T. DAVIS.

### An Inquiry.

Dear Methodist—I wish to make an inquiry to find my mother's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Beasley. When last heard from they belonged to the Mississippi Conference. If any reader of this knows of their whereabouts, please communicate with

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**Little Rock Conference Auxiliary  
First Vice Presidents.**

Dear Sisters—By referring to page 154, Article 2, of the by-laws to constitution, you will see the following:

"The first vice president shall co-operate with the Auxiliary first vice president in raising the standard of parsonage building and furnishing."

This item was introduced into the by-laws at the last meeting of the board, when it was desired by many to emphasize the local work of the auxiliary. This item calls for a report of parsonages only. The spirit of the law, however, is to stimulate local work—not only for the homes of the preachers, but for an intelligent, systematic conduct of the work among strangers, sick, needy, etc.

Leaflets that outline the work of the auxiliary first vice presidents have been sent to each auxiliary, with report blanks, for reports of each for the year 1906-1907. Also a request for quarterly reports next year of the amount of local work done on parsonage and on all other local work.

A great many are opposed to counting the visits made to sick and strangers, or number of needy relieved, claiming that it is not in accordance with the Master's command. That you let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. These questions are asked by the Home Mission Society not so much to find out what is being done, or to glorify ourselves in the work, but to stimulate others by suggestions of what can be done.

One fine plan that has been successfully tried is the use of typewritten printed slips, these given to each woman as she enters the room. Let these four questions be on the slips:

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Each woman can answer these questions with a pencil, and when the secretary is called upon for her report she can report what was done the previous month, and then collect the papers these women have signed. Her next report will be the sum of these figures which she can make out at her home. In this way no one will know what the other is doing, and yet all will be stimulated to definite work.

Hoping we may magnify the work in our hands, and that we

may be of mutual benefit to each other, I am,

MRS. V. S. McLELLAN,  
First Vice President L. R. Conf.

**WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY**

The time is at hand for the election of officers. Be careful to make wise selections. Be sure to select your best equipped woman for president—one who can read and pray in the meeting; who can plan and execute; who can work herself and induce others to work. All the officers should be women you know to be faithful; women who will give time and money and prayer to the cause; women who will take time to read the Bible, missionary books, papers and tracts. Every officer ought to take and to read the Woman's Missionary Advocate, that she may know what our auxiliaries and our missionaries are doing. Much of our indifference arises from our lack of information. If we would read our religious papers as we read our daily newspapers, what a change there would be. There would not be such a half-hearted service, nor such miserly giving. If we scanned our Bibles in search of God's promises as closely as we scan the advertisements in a newspaper, in search of bargains, what blessings and profit we might obtain!

This year let us try to do a few things thoroughly. Let us "search the Scriptures" and read all we can about missions and missionaries; especially let us study the work of the W. F. M. S.

Let us each one pledge a certain, specified amount other than our dues for the support of our missionaries. Let us not promise what we think we can give without any self-denial or extra exertion; rather, let us promise what we know will make us plan and work to get. Let us pray daily for our missions and missionaries, our schools and officers, our churches and pastors, our families and ourselves.

There is no way to Christian success, no way to real service, save through obedience to God's commands. The Holy Spirit cannot come to us, work through us, unless we fulfill God's requirements. Obedience was the test of Adam and Eve, of Noah, of Abram, of Moses, even of Christ—can we hope to be above the Master? Read these words of Christ and consider whether you are obedient or not. Matt. 5:5, 6, 24-34; Matt. 7:7, 8; Matt. 9:38; Matt. 21:22; Luke 18:1; John 16:23, 24; Luke 9:23; 14:27; John 12:26.

LILA G. ROLLSTON.  
February 23, 1907.

**White Oaks, New Mex.**

At the New Mexico Conference, at Alpine, Tex., the 18th of October, Bishop Morrison read me out to White Oaks, and I desire to say that the White Oaks peo-

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ple are a very fine people. We are getting along nicely since I came here. The Rock Island Railroad Company have moved their division point from Alamogordo to Carrizozo, N. M., and the first Sunday in December I preached the first sermon that was ever preached in that place at Brother C. C. Bourne's residence, and on the first Sunday in January I organized a Sunday school, with Brother Joe N. White as superintendent. We had thirty-five present, and the first Sunday in February I organized a church with twelve members. Since that I have secured lots to build a church and parsonage. Carrizozo is located in one of the richest and prettiest valleys in the Southwest. It is the home of fine apples. Carrizozo, I think, will make a good town. The railroad company have an eighteen-stall roundhouse and machine shop, and we hope ere the next annual conference meets to have a good station at Carrizozo, with a good church building. All that we need now is money, and we are devoutly praying that our God may put it into the heart of some good rich man or woman to give us \$1,000, as we know that there are plenty of men and women that can do this, and it would not only be a blessing to us, but to them also. Our church is doing well in New Mexico.

S. M. ROBERTS.

**Bethesda Camp Meeting.**

Notice is given that the Rev. Dr. B. Caradine, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., will hold the Bethesda Camp Meeting, at Bethesda Springs, Polk county, Arkansas, September 13 to 22, 1907. We are confidently expecting this to be the greatest religious gathering ever held in Southwest Arkansas.

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**Married.**

By Rev. J. M. Gross, on February 20, 1907, at the residence of bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. White, of Ardmore, I. T., Rev. H. H. Watson, member of the Little Rock Conference, M. E. Church, South, and Miss Nora E. White.

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**Monticello District.**

Am just closing my first round. The work is moving off well: an increase in preacher's salaries of more than a thousand dollars over last year. Preachers and people are very hopeful of a good year. We have a fine lot of preachers, and every one of them is hard at work. I now have a preacher for Jersey Circuit—Brother R. R. Rudder, of Harrisburg. He comes well recommended, and I hope for him a good year. He goes over today to take charge. The Lord bless every preacher, his family and his work.

J. W. HARRELL.

## Notes from Our Field Editor.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

## Quitman.

Our last note left us at Quitman. By the aid of Brother Castell, the pastor, we did fairly well, both in getting new subscribers and renewals. Preached morning and night to good congregations. The weather was very disagreeable; the snow and sleet was falling fast. Brother Castell had a long move, but is well received by his noble people, and is hopeful of a good year. Prof. Norwood is teaching a fine public school in the brick college. Quitman College was once the only Methodist college in the State. She sent out quite a number of ministers. C. B. Mosely, our efficient missionary in Japan, was educated here. The people of Quitman made a heroic fight to maintain this school. Some of them sacrificed all they had. Three different times I was urged to take the presidency of the college. It may be I did wrong not to accept. Brother S. D. Jenkins and family were especially kind to me while at Quitman.

## Heber.

Though the snow and ice were everywhere, I passed on to Heber. Here I found George M. Hill, our big preacher, in charge of the church; preached once and lectured at the public school. Did very little for the paper. This is a summer resort. They have fine white sulphur water, and when the railroad gets there it will be a great resort.

I returned by way of Greenbrier; preached at night and secured two new subscribers. This trip of 110 miles through the country was made in six days, lecturing twice at schools and preaching six times.

## Jacksonville.

Next I stopped a few hours in Jacksonville, getting few renewals and two new subscribers.

## Beebe.

Sunday was spent in Beebe with Dr. Brown and his excellent people. Good congregations and two good services. I think they will take a set of fifty books for their library. Did real well for the paper. This is the home of several preachers. Rev. M. B. Umsted, who has been so useful, has a home here; Rev. W. F. Wilson has charge of the public school. Brother Brown starts off well. Beebe is now a station. It is one of the most moral towns in the State, and is surrounded by a fine country. A good many immigrants are coming into this section.

## Ward.

Here I lectured at the public school, Rev. J. A. Roberts, principal, and preached to a fine congregation at night. Did some business for the paper and sold some books.

## Cabot.

The next point is a prosperous town. All of the old subscribers

that I saw renewed. Some of them spoke very highly of the paper. They have taken down their old home, and are preparing to build a \$5,000 brick. Brother Woodfin is doing a fine work here, and at Jacksonville. There are three superannuated preachers here, one from each of the three conferences. Bascom Monk, Brother Sturgis and Brother Pendergrass. It is a blessing to be associated with such characters. It was a real treat to spend the night in the home of Brother Sturgis. He and his wife are so cheerful and happy.

## McRae.

Though a very small place, McRae has a beautiful church and neatly seated with chairs. Sold a set of fifty volumes to Sunday school. Profs. Rogers and Newsum are running the public schools, and are giving great satisfaction. A noble young gentleman about sixteen, George Hopps, came to me after I had represented the paper and subscribed. I shall expect to hear good things of him some day.

## Searcy.

Perhaps there is no more desirable town for a home than Searcy, where Galloway College is located, and where such good white sulphur water abounds. The running of the road from Leslie to Searcy has been settled, and soon there will be a road from Kensett. Galloway was never in a better condition. The school keeps full. Enough new students came after Christmas to take the places of those who failed to return. General satisfaction is expressed in the choice of Prof. Williams, who takes the place of Dr. Godden, who for ten years has so well presided over the college. It was a rich treat to be with my son and his accomplished wife, and David, my only grandchild. He has recently been licensed to preach. "A wise son maketh a glad father." You who have sons that are devout Christians know how to appreciate and will pardon this reference to my son.

Dr. Henderson, the new pastor, is full of zeal and already is beginning to "enlarge the borders and strengthen the stakes." Everybody seemed pleased with him. He and Rev. J. M. Talkington did much to help me in my work. Dr. Sibert, the popular and faithful presiding elder, lives here. He has prepared an elegant home for his successor, which he must have after this year. Steps are being taken for a new parsonage for the station.

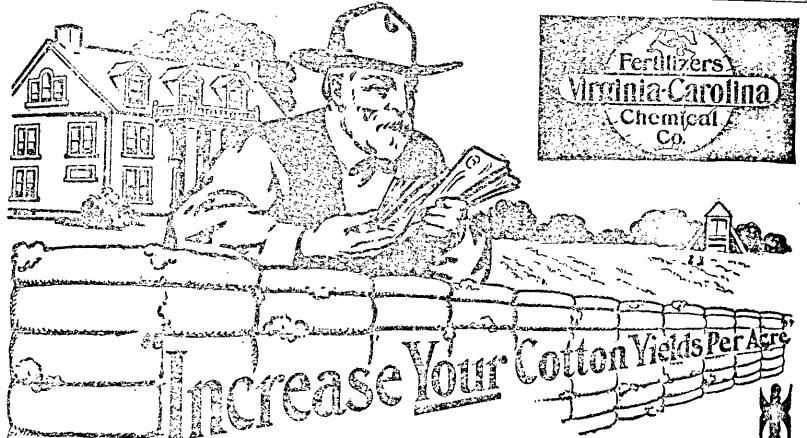
## Bald Knob.

Between trains I secured two new subscribers and some renewals. Rev. J. A. Roberts, the pastor, is in great favor with this people, as well as at Bradford.

Sunday was spent in Bradford—preaching Saturday night and Sunday. They have a fine Sunday school, W. D. Plant, superin-

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On my way home from conference I secured in subscription to provide a home for the widow of Rev. J. M. G. Douglass the following sums: W. K. Ramsey, \$100; R. W. McKay, \$5; B. H. Logan, \$5; Dr. W. J. Pinson, \$2.50. These amounts were to be paid when Sister Douglass selected a home. She writes me that she has purchased a home in Gurdon. These good brethren will please take notice and send the money to Rev. W. A. Steel, at Gurdon. Will not other brethren and friends of this good brother, who was so loyal and true, and who exhausted his life in the service of the church, now send a contribution to this fund to provide a home for his widow and children?

SETH K. BURNETT.

## A Correction.

In my article in last week's Methodist, "Meeting of Conference Missionary Secretaries," this mistake occurs, under item 5, "Policy of Boards:" You make me say "our board," when it should be "one board," had made appropriations to the amount of

\$13.00. I am thankful that it was not ours. Yours truly,

WILLIAM SHERMAN.

Bentonville, Ark., Feb. 15, 1907.

## Take the Correspondence Course.

As chairman of the Examining Board of the third year, I want to second Brother W. J. Moore's suggestion that the class of the third year, especially, will take the course under the supervision of the correspondence school. It is more satisfactory in every way.

M. L. ROBERTS.

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Rev. J. F. Lawlis has made a fine impression on our people and the town of Marietta. There is more young people attending our Sunday School and regular services than in recent years. There seems to be no reason why our church in this live little city should not take its place in the front of the battle for our Lord.

Rev. M. B. McKinney has captured the people of Kingston and Woodville. Salaries were raised \$200.00 over last year, and more than one-fourth paid at first quarterly conference, and other collections well in hand. He will build a church at Woodville this year.

Rev. W. D. Sauls has started well on the Cumberland church. Nearly one-fourth of salaries in hand at first quarterly conference and every dollar of missionary assessments in hand.

Oakland and Mannsville charge is delighted with their new pastor. Rev. J. G. Blackwood, who came to us last fall from the Tennessee Conference, is a good preacher and full of energy and push.

Madill Station is going forward under the wise generalship of the pastor, Rev. I. K. Waller. He is a fine preacher and a leader of men. Every dollar of the \$700.00 debt on the church and parsonage has been paid, and \$200.00 expended in improvements. If Texas wants to send us any more men like Waller, the way is open.

Rev. W. R. Brock begins his third year on the Berwyn and Springer charge, with the outlook very hopeful for a good year.

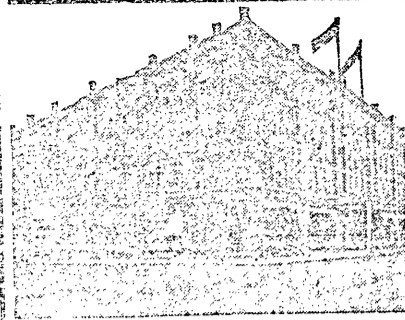
Rev. J. C. Morris has had a fine beginning on the Ravia charge. He will probably relocate and build a new church in Ravia this year. We have suffered there on account of an inadequate building and a poor location.

Rev. J. A. Rowan is in favor with the people on the Lebanon charge and is hard at work. He is a good preacher and I trust the people will give him the support that he should have.

Rev. J. L. Gage and Rev. E. C. Cain are taking hold of the work on the Gornish and Grady charge with that courage and determination which means victory for our cause in that important part of the district. One or two railroads will likely be built through that section this year.

Rev. J. W. Sims is growing on the Broadway congregation with every passing week. He is preaching to large congregations. At a meeting of the official board a few days ago a unanimous decision was reached to raise in the next thirty or sixty days \$1,500.00 of the present indebtedness, and also \$500.00 for finishing the interior of the church. All the societies of the church are well organized and doing fine work. Recently a young woman's department of

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In a later note I will mention the work in other parts of the district. Let every preacher and as many others as can possibly do so attend the mid-year missionary rally at Chickasha, March 5-7.

Fraternally.

W. T. FREEMAN.

**Mid-Year Rally.**

Will the presiding elders and pastors of the Oklahoma Conference, within whose charge the lay members of the Board of Missions reside, please urge these lay members to attend the meeting at Chickasha?

Furthermore, let me beg the whole church within the bounds of the conference to pray, that this mid-year rally may prove to be the greatest pentecost we have yet had. Did we ever need it more? Is not our heavenly father ready? Can we believe the baptism of the spirit is coming. May the Lord greatly awaken us.

J. W. SIMS.

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CHOCTAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Grant Ct., at Atlas. Mar. 2, 3. Albion Ct., at Esta Chapel. Mar. 9, 10. Bethel Ct., at Nanah Chito. Mar. 16, 17. Owl Ct., at Blackjack. Mar. 23, 24. Atoka Ct., at Pleasant Hill. Mar. 24, 25. Sugarloaf Ct., at Salem. Mar. 30, 31. Chapel Ct., at Leflore. Mar. 31, April 1. Sans Bois Ct., at Siloam Springs. April 6, 7. Howe Ct., at Heavener. April 13, 14. Kullituklo Ct., at Bakchito. April 20, 21. Idabell Ct., at Idabell. April 21, 22. Fort Towson Ct., at Swink. April 27, 28. Rufe Ct., at Rock Creek. May 4, 5. Antlers Ct., at Antlers. May 5, 6. Chickasaw Ct., at Lewis Chapel. May 11, 12. Kiamitia Ct., at Old Cedar. May 18, 19. Kasoma Ct., at Findley. May 19, 20. Hugo Sta., at Hugo. May 25, 26. W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Davidson, at Good Hope. Mar. 2, 3. Frederick Sta. Mar. 3, 4. Willow, at Plain View. Mar. 9, 10. Mountain View and Gotebo, at Gotebo. Mar. 16, 17. Granite and Lone Wolf, at Lone Wolf. Mar. 23, 24. Hobart Sta. Mar. 24, 25. Snyder, at Deep Red. Mar. 30, 31. Mountain Park, at Mountain Park. Mar. 31, April 1. Deer Creek, at Francis. April 6, 7. Hendrick, at Navajoe. April 13, 14. Eimer, at Carmel. April 20, 21. Oluustee and Eldorado, at Eldorado. April 21, 22. Mangum Ct. April 27, 28. Martha and Blair, at Martha. May 4, 5. Aitua Sta. May 5, 6. Duke, at Red Hill. May 11, 12. Kelly, at Bethany. May 18, 19. Hollis and Dryden, at Dryden. May 19, 20. L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

CHEROKEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Adair Mar. 2, 3. Welch Mar. 9, 10. Pryor Creek Mar. 16, 17. Westville Mar. 18, 19. Kansas Ct. Mar. 23, 24. Stillwell Mar. 30, 31. Grove Mar. 30, 31. Cherokee Mar. 30, 31. Spavinaw April 6, 7. Chapel April 13, 14. Peggs April 14, 15. Tahlequah Sta. April 19. Tahlequah Ct. April 20, 21. Chelsea Ct. April 27, 28. Vinita April 28, 29. Claremore May 1. Centralia May 4, 5. Claremore Ct. May 11, 12. Afton and Miami May 12, 13. Bluejacket May 18, 19. J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Lindsey Sta., Lindsay Mar. 2, 3. Elmora Ct., at Elliott's Chapel. Mar. 9, 10. Alex Ct., Chitwood Mar. 16, 17. White Beard and Maysville, Maysville. Mar. 23, 24. Paul's Valley Sta., Paul's Valley. Mar. 30, 31. Rock Sta., Rock April 6, 7. Mill Creek, Mill Creek April 8, 9. Davis Sta., Davis April 13, 14. Byars Ct., Stratford April 20, 21. Hickory Ct., Palmer April 27, 28. Purcell Sta., Purcell May 4, 5. Wanette Ct., Mt. Zion May 11, 12. Loxley Ct., Henapin May 18, 19. Tuxington Sta., Lexington May 25, 26. Noble and Shilo, Shilo May 26, 27. Paoli Ct., Paoli June 1, 2. Wynnewood Sta., Wynnewood June 5. Moral Ct., Trousdale June 8, 9. District Conference at Vinita Avenue Church, Sulphur, Ind. Tel., June 12-16. J. S. LAMAR, P. E.

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

DUNCAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Carnegie and Fort Cobb, at Fort Cobb. Mar. 2, 3. Anodarko and Minco, at Anodarko. Mar. 9, 10. Temple Sta. Mar. 16, 17. Terral and Ryan, at Ryan. Mar. 17, 18. Marlow Sta. Mar. 23, 24. Walter Ct., at Gregg. Mar. 23, 24. Hastings, at Wauricks. Mar. 24, 25. Chickasha Sta. Mar. 30, 31. Verdon and Tuttle, at Verden. April 6, 7. Chickasha Ct. April 7, 8. Bailey Ct. April 13, 14. Indian Work April 20, 21. Duncan Sta. May 4, 5. W. L. LINDBAUGH, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Wagoner Sta. Feb. 24, 25. Porum and Warner, at Webbers Falls. Mar. 2, 3. Fort Gibson, at Fort Gibson. Mar. 3, 4. Stigler Sta. Mar. 10, 11. Coweta and Porter, at Coweta. Mar. 17, 18. Quinton Ct., at Featherston. Mar. 23, 24. McCurtain Ct., at McCurtain. Mar. 24, 25. St. Paul and First Church, Muskogee. Mar. 31. Brushy Ct., at Coleman's. April 6, 7. District Conference, at Vian. April 9, 13. Muldrow Ct., at Gans. April 13, 14. Muldrow Sta. April 14, 15. Pocola Ct., at Pocola. April 16. Spiro Sta. April 17. Poteau and Cameron, at Harrell's. April 20, 21. Sallisaw Sta. April 24, 25. Muskogee Ct. April 27, 28. Let all the pastors, local preachers, horters and delegates arrange to attend District Conference. Let each pastor have in full his missions and temperance collections, and have at least ten new subscriptions to the conference organ. W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

BEAVER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Oakland and Mannsville, at Mannsville. Mar. 2, 3. Thackerville, at Martin's Chapel. Mar. 9, 10. Marietta Sta. Mar. 10, 11. Cornish and Grady, at Orr. Mar. 16, 17. Overbrook, at Overbrook. Mar. 23, 24. McMillan, at Legate. Mar. 24, 25. Madill Sta. Mar. 30, 31. Lebanon, at Willis. April 6, 7. Kingston, at Woodville. April 7, 8. Broadway, Ardmore April 13, 14. Carter Ave., Ardmore April 14, 15. Ardmore Mission April 17, 18. Cumberland, at Cumberland. April 20, 21. Leon and Burneyville, at Burneyville. April 27, 28. Woodford, at Graham. May 4, 5. Lone Grove, at Newport. May 5, 6. Berwyn and Springer, at Springer. May 11, 12. Ravin, at Baum. May 18, 19. Some of the pastors of the district have the entire assessments for missions in hand. Could not every one have done the same with the proper effort? Have all in hand, if possible, at Second Quarterly Conference. Make a written report in answer to Question 18. W. T. FREEMAN.

Arkansas Conference.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Conway Ct., at Macedonia. Mar. 2, 3. Houston and Perry, at Perry. Mar. 9, 10. Appleton Ct., at Appleton. Mar. 16, 17. Holland Ct., at Mount Vernon. Mar. 23, 24. Quitman Ct., at Mount Zion. Mar. 30, 31. Quitman Sta. Mar. 31, April 1. Adona Ct., at Casa. April 6, 7. Clifton Ct., at Wesleyan Chapel. April 13, 14. Springfield Ct., at Shady Grove. April 20, 21. Atkins Sta. April 26. Pottsville Ct., at Bell's Chapel. April 27, 28.

Russellville Sta. April 28, 29. Plumerville Ct., at Lewisburg. May 4, 5. Conway Sta. May 6. Morrilton Sta. May 11, 12. Bee Branch Ct. May 18, 19. The Morrilton District Conference will be held at Atkins, April 23-26. JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Cauthron Ct., at Bates. Mar. 23, 24. Waldron Sta. Mar. 24, 25. Waldron Ct., at Falls' Chapel. Mar. 30, 31. Huntington and Mansfield, at Mansfield. April 6, 7. Hartford and Midland, at Hartford. April 7, 8. Magazine Ct., at Lick Creek. April 11, 12. Branch Ct., at Caukesville. April 13, 14. Paris Sta. April 14, 15. Alma Ct., at Prairie Grove. April 20, 21. Mulberry Ct., at Dyer. April 21, 22. Charleston Ct., at New Prospect. May 4, 5. Fort Smith Ct., at Jenny Lind. May 11, 12. Greenwood Sta. May 12, 13. East End and Trusty. May 18, 19. Hackett Ct. May 19, 20. Abbott Ct., at Lile Chapel. May 25, 26. Booneville Sta. May 26, 27. F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Berryville Ct., at Pleasant Ridge. Feb. 23. Berryville Sta. Feb. 25. Cotter and Flippin. Mar. 2, 3. Valley Springs Ct., at Valley Springs. May 9, 10. Bellefonte Ct., at Bellefonte. Mar. 16, 17. Green Forest Ct., at Alpena. Mar. 23, 24. Mountain Home Sta. Mar. 31, April 1. Lone Rock Ct., at Lone Rock. April 5. Yellville Sta. April 5. Yellville Ct., at Fros. April 6, 7. Eureka Springs April 10. Fair View Ct., at Compton. April 13, 14. Huntsville Ct., at Hindsville. April 20, 21. Kingston Ct., at Bluff Springs. April 22, 23. Lead Hill Ct., at Omaha. April 27, 28. Harrison May 4, 5. Marshall and Leslie, at Leslie. May 11, 12. District Conference will be at Wesley, May 9-12. J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bentonville Ct., at Hileman. Mar. 2, 3. Bentonville Sta. Mar. 9, 10. Springtown Ct., at Falling Springs. Mar. 16, 17. Farmington Ct., at Viney Grove. Mar. 23, 24. Centerton Ct., at Council Grove. Mar. 30, 31. Lincoln Ct., at Summers. April 6, 7. Gentry Sta. April 13, 14. Goshen Ct., at Sulphur City. April 20, 21. Elm Springs Ct., at Grand View. April 27, 28. Springdale Sta. April 28, 29. Prairie Grove Ct., at Prairie Grove. May 4, 5. War Eagle Mission. May 7, 8. Siloam Springs Sta. May 11, 12. Winslow and Parkdale, at Brentwood. May 18, 19. Gravette Mission, at Gravette. May 25, 26. WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Lono Ct., at Lono. Mar. 2, 3. Dalark, at Bethlehem. Mar. 9, 10. Central Ave. Mar. 17, 18. Princeton, at Tulip. Mar. 23, 24. Holly Springs Mar. 30, 31. Tigert Memorial April 6, 7. Social Hill, at Friendship. April 13, 14. Hot Springs Ct., at Cason's Chapel. Apr. 20, 21. Ussery, at Friendship. April 27, 28. Park Ave. May 4, 5. Amity, at County Line. May 11, 12. Third Street. May 19, 20. Malvern Ct. May 25, 26. Malvern Ave. June 2, 3. Arkadelphia Ct. June 8, 9. Malvern Ct. June 16, 17. Perla and Walco, at Perla. June 19. Arkadelphia June 23, 24. District Conference at Park Avenue, Hot Springs, June 27-30. H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

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. April 6, 7. Tillar, at Selma. April 13, 14. Palestine Ct. April 20, 21. Monticello Sta. April 27, 28. Lacey Ct. April 27, 28. Wilmot and Parkdale. May 4, 5. Hamburg Sta. May 5, 6. Crosssett Sta. May 6. Wilmar Sta. May 11, 12. Lake Village and Portland. May 18, 19. Endora Ct. May 19, 20. New Edinburg Ct. May 25, 26. Washington Ct., at Washington. June 1, 2. Murfreesboro Ct., at Bills. June 8, 9. Pike City Ct. June 15, 16. Harmony Ct. June 22, 23.

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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. 30, 31. Prescott Sta. Mar. 30, 31. Okolona Ct., at Smyrna. April 6, 7. Chidester Ct., at Missouri. April 13, 14. Gurdon Ct., at Beirne. April 20, 21. Bingen Ct., at Bethel. April 27, 28. Nashville Sta. April 29. Mineral Springs Ct., at Wakefield. May 4, 5. Slevins Ct. May 11, 12. Center Point Ct., at Center. May 18, 19. Emmet Ct., at Pleasant Ridge. May 25, 26.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Jess Arc Mar. 3, 4. Devall's Bluff Mar. 9, 10. Henderson's Chapel Mar. 16, 17. Asbury Mar. 20. England Mar. 24. Comberlin Mar. 24, 25. Onoko Mar. 30, 31. Benton April 8. Bryant, at Mt. Carmel. April 6, 7. Oak Hill, at Par. April 13, 14. Maumelle, at Martindale. April 20, 21. Hickory Plains, at Cross Roads. April 27, 28. Austin, at Concord. May 4, 5. Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen. May 11, 12. Carlisle Ct., at Zion. May 18, 19. First Church May 25. Capitol Hill May 25. Hunter Memorial June 2. Winfield Memorial June 2. Mabelvale and Primrose, at Olive Hill. June 15, 16. A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

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Oklahoma Conference Minutes.

A word, brethren, about the minutes. Each presiding elder was supplied with all the minutes that fell to his district, and was asked to distribute the same. So let brethren write their presiding elders, if minutes are not yet delivered. I have a few copies for emergencies.

W. F. DUNKLE, Editor.

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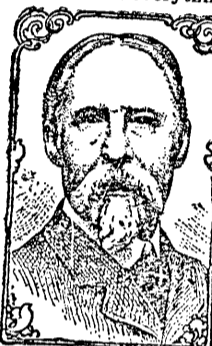
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## WAS HELPLESS FROM RHEUMATISM.

Hot Sulphur Springs Baths Did No Good—Fully Restored by Vita-Ore.

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—I have been suffering with Rheumatism for the past four years and at times have been so utterly helpless that I could not dress without assistance. I believe I took about everything known, from prescriptions to patent medicines, to no purpose. Inaturally became much disheartened. From a robust, healthy man all my life, weighing 175 pounds. I was reduced to 154 pounds. In desperation I appealed to a prominent physician here and his advice was for me to go to some mineral spring and get away from this place, as it was evident the climate did not agree with me. I at once agreed to go to Sherron Springs and during the journey I had to be lifted on and off the cars. I remained at the Springs for three weeks, taking the hot sulphur baths, without feeling any material benefit. I returned home with my mind made up: "No more medicine for me." With appetite gone, I was afraid to eat when I could, and decided that there was no help for me. A friend from Baltimore called to see me and when my condition was made known to him he recommended Vita-Ore. After considerable urging on his part, I wrote for a \$1.00 package. The first package benefited me and I continued taking it steadily for three months. The result has been marvellous. I am like a new man, my appetite has returned and I have gained about 10 pounds. This is not all: My wife began taking Vita-Ore when I did. She is 45 years old and has suffered Change of Life; she always had such a tired feeling, was easily exhausted, had no appetite and weighed only 112 pounds. Now the tired feeling is all gone, her appetite is good, she weighs 119 pounds and is free from her old troubles. Vita-Ore is a God-send; it was so to me and mine, and in writing this I do it for the purpose of helping some poor skeptical fellow-being, who, perhaps, has become discouraged like I was.

J. WESLEY CROSS, Justice of the Peace.



## OWES HIS LIFE TO V.-O.

Suffered for Years with Kidney, Heart, Stomach and Rheumatic Troubles.

COVINA, CAL.—Though I have never written in regard to my experience with Vita-Ore, yet to it I owe that I am alive today. For eight years I have suffered from Kidney Trouble, called by different names according to the whim of the doctor treating me, and I can honestly say that I never knew a well day. I became so bloated and fat that it was burdensome to me to make any exertion and a continual pain about my Heart never left me. It was impossible for me to lie down on my left side and sometimes I could not lie down at all. In addition to this I was tortured with Rheumatic pains, and even my Digestive Organs were diseased; acute attacks of cramps and neuralgic pains of the stomach were so severe that they threatened death. Four years ago I was attacked with typhoid fever and two doctors attended me. They broke the fever and treated me for other troubles, they thinking all the while to get me on my feet again, but I became weaker and weaker and everyone thought me past recovery. My wife and sister would not give up hope, but persuaded me to try Vita-Ore. They said if I would swallow a few doses I might find myself improved; if I did not they would cease urging me. I began taking it, and the result which they predicted came about. I began to improve at once and became in the course of a few weeks a well man and have continued so ever since. I am able to do the hardest kind of manual labor. My heart never gives me any uneasiness, and my cramps, pains and fat are things of the past.



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