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RESURRECTION.

By B. F. M. Sours.

O glad my spirit sings,
As joy upon its wings
Soars far in sunny skies,
Wrapt in its sweet surprise---
O happy eyes!

For He who once was dead,
Burst from His prison bed,
And lives forevermore,
Death's boasted triumph o'er,---
Bow and adore!

And we? Above our graves
The risen Christ, who saves,
Will stand, and call, "Come forth!"---
To all who sleep in earth,---
O joyous birth!

And we, like Him, shall rise
And mount triumphant skies,
To hail the Lord who rose
And vanquished all our foes,
In battle's close.

Glory shall flood the plains
Where only life remains.
Rapture shall at His feet
Life in full triumph meet,---
And love so sweet!

O risen Christ, be thine
This lowly heart of mine!---
Till, all my foes o'erthrown,
Before Thee I cast down
My happy crown!

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

District Conferences.

Muskogee, at Vian, April 9-13.
 Morrilton, at Atkins, April 23-26.
 Fort Smith, at Mulberry, April 24-27.
 Dardanelle, at Ola, 2 p. m., April 30.
 Fayetteville, at Prairie Grove, May 1-4.
 Harrison, at Leslie, May 9-12.
 Jonesboro, at Nettleton, May 28-30.
 Wynnewood, at Sulphur, June 12-16.
 Weatherford, at Cheyenne, June 25.
 Arkadelphia, at Hot Springs, June 27-30.
 Prescott, at Gurdon, June 27-30.
 Pine Bluff, at Rison, July 4-7.
 Camden, at Stephens, embracing second Sunday in July.

Dr. A. E. Brown of Vanderbilt University is engaged to deliver a series of lectures at Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., April 12-14.

Rev. T. Y. Ramsey of Pine Bluff, president of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions, preached two fine sermons at First Church, Little Rock, last Sunday.

Rev. O. E. Goddard of Muskogee, I. T., recently delivered before the Y. M. C. A. of the Arkansas State University, at Fayetteville, his lecture on "The Funny Side of John Chinaman."

Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Snyder, Okla., is rejoicing over the addition to his parsonage home of a young "deaconess." He says she stirs the family up at almost any hour of the night.

The tenth annual Conference for Education in the South will meet at Pinehurst, N. C., April 9, and close April 11. An interesting program has been prepared, one fare for the round trip is offered by the Southeastern Passenger Association, and a large attendance is expected. Prof. J. H. Huceman of Henderson College is expected to attend.

Rev. C. M. Chapman, pastor of Capitol Hill Church, Little Rock, last Wednesday took his wife to her home near Yazoo City, Miss. She has been in poor health, and it is feared that she must go to an infirmary for an operation. It is hoped that her health may speedily improve. Rev. P. R. Eaglebar-

ger will fill his pulpit till Bro. Chapman returns.

Rev. A. C. Johnson of Maryville Station, Missouri Conference, has been assisting his brother-in-law, Rev. A. B. Halton, in a protracted meeting at Dye Memorial, Argenta. We had the privilege of knowing him in Missouri, and it was a great pleasure to renew the acquaintance. He did good work at Argenta, and his fellowship and preaching were greatly enjoyed by our people. He is one of the choicest spirits in his own Conference.

The Book Committee will meet in Nashville, May 3; Board of Church Extension, Louisville, May 10; College of Bishops in Nashville, May 13; Board of Missions in Nashville, May 15; Board of Education in St. Louis, April 23, in connection with the Educational Convention; the Epworth League Board will be held in Atlanta, Ga., May 3-6.

In Virginia the State Board of Education has authorized the State Examiners to issue teachers' certificates to all graduates of male colleges in the state whose A. B. degree would be accepted by the University as a preliminary for a graduate course, and such female colleges are to be accredited as are recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education. This is fair and right, and should obtain in every state. The state should not discriminate against graduates of denominational schools.

Maj. R. W. Millsaps writes that the General Conference Entertainment Committee, of which he is the chairman, will meet Friday, 10 a. m., May 10, at the Publishing House, in Nashville. The other members of the committee are Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, D. D., Petersburg, Va.; Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, D. D., Petersburg, Mo.; Rev. J. O. Wilson, Greenwood, S. C.; and Hon. J. M. Robertson, Meridian, Texas. All cities wishing to entertain the next General Conference, which will meet in May, 1910, should address their invitations to chairman or secretary at once, or prepare, to present their claims by proper representatives before the committee at its meeting May 10.—Christian Advocate.

Rev. W. Fred Long, General Secretary of the State Sunday School work, was in the city Thursday, in conference with our business men, which resulted in the selection of July 1-7 to hold the third annual meeting of the Training School. A strong committee headed by Dr. J. B. Grammar has charge of the local arrangements. Mr Long reported the resignation of Dr Hamill as dean and Prof. E. A. Fox of Louisville, Ky., was selected in his stead. The program and faculty will be announced by April 1st. It is likely that the meeting will be held in the Methodist Church in day time, with a popular lecture at night by one of the faculty along Christian lines.—Searcy, (Ark.) Daily Citizen.

Rev. Thomas W. Fisackerly.

The very name suggests toil, honesty, sacrifice and honor to those who were acquainted with the early life and formative period of my now ascended friend and brother, Thos. W. Fisackerly. Early bereavement and hardships, always associated with poor health, seemed to fit him and prepare his tender heart to look well to the ways of the struggling and the sorrows of the orphan, which he did from his early childhood. A true nobleman, devoted father and husband, and a faithful itinerant Methodist preacher. May the Father in heaven sustain his wife and children! We shall meet beyond the river in our home where bright angels' feet have trod. We were room-mates. His devoted friend,

I. B. MANLY.

Elk City and Else.

Elk City is in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, one of the extreme western counties, bordering on Texas, and from what appeared to the eye of a stranger, it is one of the best counties in Oklahoma. I made several inquiries as to the altitude of Elk City, without obtaining the information. I had a feeling that it must be about 1,800 feet. The air was very dry. There had been very little rain for several months. Yet wheat, oats and alfalfa were looking well. Curiously enough water stood in many low places, as though it had been recently raining. But for the growing crops and these pools of water, one would take the country to be quite arid. As a matter of fact it is very fertile and has a good sub-irrigation. We noticed sod just turned on land that looked so dry that nobody in the East would have thought of putting a plow into the like of it. Yet along side of it would be a crop of wheat in flourishing condition. The soil grows well a great variety of crops, cotton, all manner of grain and fine alfalfa. Broom corn is one of the staples, Elk City holding the name of the greatest broom corn market in the world. The pastor told me that in addition grain, hay, broom corn, poultry, mules, horses, cattle and hogs sold in the town, one certain day this past winter, ten thousand dollars was paid for cotton on the streets.

About 3,500 people live in the town and it is growing rapidly. Our church is prosperous. Rev. G. R. Wright, recently from the Southwest Missouri Conference, is in charge, he and his wife. Brother Wright is delighted with his charge, is full of vim and is bringing things to pass. We said he and his wife are in charge. She is somewhat of a worker herself, having been educated in Searritt Bible and Training School and having taught at Anadarko before she became the wife of a Methodist preacher. She was graduated in the same class with our Miss Ella Burkhead, now the wife of Rev. J. J. Galloway, Harrison district. Much talk had we in that parsonage.

Brother Wright had done his work for the paper so well that there was little to do but talk. Would that all our pastors made an editor's visit so unnecessary. He expects to send in during the year about twice as many new subscribers as were allotted to him in the special campaign.

I caught sight of Brother Flannagan as I came through Foss. He also had done well the work needed for the paper, and so I passed on.

A very unusual climatic condition prevailed in Oklahoma recently. On the 19th of March I was at Clinton, Oklahoma. A very dry wind from the west had been blowing for several days; on this particular day the wind was blisteringly hot and very stiff. The red sand was flying so that not much could be done out of doors. The thermometer registered 97 degrees. Think of that in this latitude and in March! People all about me complained of oppressive heat. As for myself, I did not suffer with heat, though dressed in winter garments. I presume the dryness favored a man who is accustomed to a damper atmosphere.

A certain local wise man of Oklahoma City gave it out that this unusual temperature was produced by the approach of a comet toward the earth. The comet is the discovery of an Italian, Prof. Matteuci. It is to reach the earth's orbit about the 28th of this month, about the time this should be in the hands of my readers. By the calculations made it will strike the earth, and we are to have "a wreck of matter and a crash of

worlds." Every living thing will be exterminated in an instant, and the granite mountains will all melt like snow! Lest my friends should not know on what part of the earth I am to expire in that fervent heat, I will say I expect to be in Ardmore about that time. But they are careful to comfort us with the further statement that as comets are very irregular in their motion the earth may be many millions of miles away when Prof. Matteucci's erratic star crosses its orbit. To be sure! Even science needs now and then a loophole in an argument. My own opinion is that about the best place any of us can be found on the 28th of March is where duty calls. Maybe the heat from the comet will preserve our fruit from frost and hasten on our gardens.

No world-plan that our philosophy can figure will close on March 28th, though the careers of many thousands of individuals will close on that day—mayhap some of us. For each of us it is well that we remember the injunction of our Master to be ready, whatever may be our views about comets.

I have been for nearly a week in the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country. These Indians are scattered about on choice allotments. They are a wretched looking lot, all that I have seen, doomed to extinction I think. For the most part they have a sullen and hopeless look. The light of civilization which surrounds them seems to have no salutary effect upon them. They will not work. They eat anything they can get, not disdaining carrion. Wild to the marrow in all their tastes, they sit about their tepees, lease their lands now and then, and await what the future will bring. There may be exceptions to this statement, but I have not seen them. A number of them have small houses, one or two rooms, but I have seen no house where there is not also a tepee. I am told that it is not uncommon for them to stable their ponies in the house while they live in the tepees.

JAS. A. A.

Hobart, Cordell and Clinton.

The editor spent Sunday, the 17th, at Hobart, Okla., preached to good congregations both morning and night, looking after the interests of the paper on the day preceding and for an hour or so on Monday morning. Rev. Robert Hodgson and his wife and children made every hour of my stay a pleasure. Hodgson is one of the most versatile men to be found in all Oklahoma. He has read widely and thought much and can do many things well, preaching and managing a church being among them. He has had large experience, having been a presiding elder in New Mexico for a number of years before he came to Oklahoma, to which region he is a valuable acquisition.

Hobart is a unique place in this—nobody dominates it in any particular. There are some seven thousand people, but not a rich man—nor a very poor man, so far as I could discover—in the town. It is the most democratic arrangement I ever saw. One man who lives there may be considered fairly rich so it is said, but he has interests elsewhere and is much away. Quite a number of people are worth a few thousand dollars, doing a comfortable business, and everybody seems to be getting on well, all being rather on a level. The place is surrounded by magnificent farming lands for many miles, and is the point of intersection of the Rock Island road with the Frisco, as the latter runs toward Vernon, Texas.

It will be interesting to many people in Logan county, Arkansas, to know that one of the daughters of the old treasurer of their

county, Bro. Fuller, now lives in Hobart. I refer to Mrs. W. L. Robbins, whose husband is county clerk of Kiowa county. They are doing well.

I will say to the boys who read this paper that Bro. Hodgson has a son whose nerve they may do well to imitate; he is about seventeen years of age; leads his class in the high school; is a candidate for a Rhodes scholarship—which I hope he will win; has suffered somewhat from asthma all his life; he sleeps in a tent in the yard summer and winter, and jumps out of his bed into a tub of cold water every morning, ice or no ice. He is something of an athlete, but does not go crazy about it, and he is quite a hunter as well. Success to the boy!

Two more Hobart boys are worthy of mention—Oscar and Otho Stewart. Their vision is so defective that they can not read, but they are bright and very intelligent. Bro. Oscar Stewart is an effective preacher, now in charge of Eldorado and Olustee, and has excellent prospects of life. Otho is a younger brother, one of the best and most useful boys in our Hobart church. They are both possessed of good education. It shows what a boy can do, if he will determine to overcome his disadvantages.

A most pleasant day and night were spent at Cordell, with Rev. M. L. Roberts and his people. We found Bro. Roberts one of the most energetic and progressive of the younger men of the Conference, having grown up here, the son of Rev. C. F. Roberts. It is a great credit to this preacher and his wife that they brought up two such boys as their preacher sons, both members of the Oklahoma Conference, especially when we consider the conditions that prevailed when they were young children.

Cordell is a delightful place, surrounded by a country that you would fall in love with at sight, rich and slightly rolling, the soil being mostly of a chocolate color. They grow everything and the farmers seem quite independent. I met here with the Lees, formerly of Boone county, and the Edwardses, formerly of Bone county, and the Edwardses, formerly of Pope county, Arkansas. The wife of Mr. Lee is a daughter of Brother Bob Corley, and the wife of T. A. Edwards is a daughter of my old friend, Prof. Leverett, formerly of the A. I. U. They are every one doing well—surrounded by alfalfa.

At Clinton Bro. T. A. Lisemby is doing well. The town is as yet only three years old, and he is yet in the early stages of matters, though he has them well in hand and is making progress. We met a number of capable people. Both the church and the town have a future. This is in the old Cheyenne country, a good region. JAS. A. A.

S. S. Missionary Institute.

The Pine Bluff District Sunday School and Missionary Institute convened at Hawley Memorial in Pine Bluff, Tuesday night, the 19th inst., with W. W. Christie, presiding elder of the district, presiding.

The following pastors were in attendance: W. M. Hays, Stuttgart; B. F. Scott, Kingsland; W. F. Lassiter, Rison; C. W. Drake, Altheimer; W. J. Rogers, Grady; E. J. Slaughter, Sherrill; M. O. Barnett, Macon; D. C. Holman, Gillette; J. D. May, Hawley Memorial; J. E. Waddell, Rowell; R. A. McClintock, Carr Memorial; T. Y. Ramsey, First Church; W. C. Watson, Lakeside; F. M. Armstrong, St. Charles, and J. J. Miller, Redfield.

W. F. Evans, pastor at Warren, who inaugurated the Institute, was present, and led the opening prayer for the first session.

D. J. Weems, field editor for the Western Methodist, E. M. Pipkin, former presiding elder of the district, and H. H. Watson, pastor at Portland and Lake Village, were visitors.

For various reasons six pastors in the district were absent.

Bro. Evans seemed to have the matter well in hand. The organization of the Institute into a Sunday School, organizing the classes, appointing the officers and teachers, the Sunday school hour demonstrated by using the previous Sunday's lesson, the Sunday school organized into a missionary society, the officers elected and missionary day in the Sunday in the Sunday school, all furnished information, promoted zeal and provoked interest and some amusement.

The religious fervor was maintained at an exalted altitude, and a spirit of perfect harmony and brotherly love prevailed throughout the entire session. The long list of subjects for open discussion gave ample opportunity to exercise oratorical talents, and about all that seemed to prevent the Institute from developing into a band of Demosthenic orators was lack of time and opportunity.

One speaker was selected to address the audiences each night, and, as there were but three nights for the Institute, the lot could fall to three for these special occasions, and many in the large congregations don't know but all the others could have acquitted themselves just as well if an opportunity had fallen to them.

Bro. Hays of Stuttgart was announced as the orator for the first night, and was given as a subject to discuss, "The Whys of Our Sunday School Work," a text as clear as mud, because of its ambiguity, but Hays, with a syllogistic breath blew the ambiguous little text into atoms, and then, like a philosopher fresh from a Newtonian school, proceeded to erect before his audience a gigantic system of the polity of Methodism. He delivered an eloquent and philosophical argument on wifeness, motherhood, heredity and development, reaching the climax that God designed that his Church should perpetuate the law of heredity in the birth of her children, and that Methodism was born of God, and that she stands for real genuine soul-born religion. He then drew a striking contrast between a heaven-born soul filled with God's love—such as Methodism has contended for from her birth—and some of the latest style hold-up-your-hand-and-be-counted kind of conversions.

I see I have already occupied so much space that I can't write of two other great addresses as they deserve by J. J. Mellard and T. Y. Ramsey. Mellard was assigned to the "Church's Opportunity in Her Children." He began with Matt. 18:1-6, "Child in the midst," and delivered a magnificent address that was well received and much complimented. His address was published in last Saturday's Pine Bluff Commercial. Bro. Ramsey delivered a missionary address the last night of the Institute, and to say it was masterly would be putting it very mild. Bro. Ramsey has recently attended the great missionary meeting at Nashville, Tenn., where he came in touch with our great leaders of the missionary cause, and with the fresh zeal accumulated at headquarters, with his general information and usual ability, he was able to treat his large audience to a feast of fat things as a farewell service.

All expressed themselves as being edified and gratified with the results of the Institute. Let the good work go on in every district.

O. H. KEADLE.

Rev. T. W. Fisackerly.

Fifteen years ago, at Searcy, Ark., I met for the first time the subject of this sketch, Rev. T. W. Fisackerly. He was then a young man who had just been licensed to preach as a local preacher in the Searcy Circuit. Shortly after I met him he became the principal of the public schools at Bradford, Ark., which was within the bounds of my pastoral charge. There I learned to know and to love him. He impressed me on first acquaintance as being a young man who was thoroughly consecrated to God, and who had a holy ambition to accomplish far more than that, it seemed, his physical strength would allow. When on one quiet evening, sitting in his room, he told to me the story of his early life, and of his struggle as an orphan boy to get an education, my heart went out to him as only one's could who had experienced some of the sad misfortunes of orphanage. Ever after that heart-to-heart talk with him, I regarded him as a brother, not only in the bonds of Christian fellowship, but in the ties of orphanage as well. In 1894 he entered Quitman College, where he spent some time in special study with a class of other young preachers. During his student work at Quitman he was happily married to Miss Sue Armstrong of Mt. Pisgah, Ark., who was also a student in the same school. It was at the altar of the Methodist church in Quitman that the writer joined together in holy wedlock the happy couple who for thirteen years have lessened each other's sorrows and multiplied each other's joys. Soon after the wedding the young husband indicated to the writer his purpose to enter the Methodist itinerancy, which purpose was greatly strengthened by the young wife, who had been from childhood a consecrated Christian, and who was to become, in after years, a true helpmeet to her husband. The purpose to enter the itinerancy once fixed in his heart, he started on horseback to the session of the White River Conference which met in Helena the following week. I recall as if it had been but yesterday that cold, wintry morning, near the middle of December, 1894, when at the college gate in Quitman he told me good-by, and, mounting his horse, rode away to receive his first appointment. As I watched his frail form ride away in the face of the winter's storm, and thought of what lay before him in his chosen life work, some words from our conference hymn came to my mind—

"What troubles will he see;
What conflicts will he pass."

His first appointment was West Batesville Mission, where, accompanied by his wife, he entered upon his life's work as an itinerant preacher. Then began a series of hardships which was to test the mettle and set free the pure gold in the life of the young itinerant. For several years he served some of the most difficult missions and circuits in his conference. Being frail in his physical constitution and feeble in his health, it was with great difficulty, and sometimes with much suffering, that he carried forward his work, and but for the heroic care and help of his wife, there were times when it would probably have been necessary for him to give up his work for a time and rest. The last five or six years of his work as a pastor was in Mammoth Spring, Walnut Ridge and Argenta stations, in all of which he made "full proof of his ministry." It was from Argenta, one of the most important stations of his conference, that he was called to the larger and more responsible position of superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, at Little Rock. Taking into his new field the same energy, tact and enthusiasm which were characteristic of the man in all of his work, the

cause which he represented soon began to prosper as never before. After a little more than a year in this work God called him to his rest and reward. It seems but fitting that in the providential appointments of his life he was permitted to choose his life work with the splendid service which he rendered to the orphans of his own State, from whose ranks he had come. It was the privilege of the writer to have known Brother Fisackerly in his home life, than which there was none more beautiful. I have never known a home where there was more loving devotion between husband and wife and children than in his. As a preacher he was a man of strong convictions, clear in his statements, fearless in his deliverances and forceful in his presentation of the truth. He was a close student and a careful workman. He was always in sympathy and in touch with the great movements of his church. He was naturally optimistic in his spirit, but owing to his enfeebled health he sometimes seemed a little discouraged. However, his times of discouragement were few and brief, and for the most part he was hopeful, cheerful and happy. He was always unfaltering in his faith, and never for a moment swerved from his purpose to live and die in the service of the Master. In his death the writer feels a personal loss. The orphans of Arkansas have lost a faithful friend, the church a loyal son, the White River Conference one of its best preachers, and his wife and three children, a loving husband and father. May the religion which he so faithfully preached to others now comfort the widowed mother and her children in their loneliness. It seems so sad that one should be taken away just at the noontide of life, and in the midst of his usefulness, but he "whom we serve and whose we are" hath done that which was best, and, leaning on his precious promises—

We see but dimly through the mist and vapors;
Amid these earthly damps
What seems to us but sad, funereal tapers
May be Heaven's distant lamps.

FRANK BARRETT.

To Itinerant Methodist Preachers.

After a satisfactory examination, I joined the Methodist Benevolent Association in 1905, and at once voluntarily began commending it to my brethren in the traveling ministry. This service I have continued cheerfully, not asking, receiving or expecting any direct compensation from the Association. For many reasons I regard it as far better than any local conference or State brotherhood, however much relief these may have afforded the beneficiaries of their deceased members. The very existence of such brotherhoods indicated clearly the generally felt need of additional provision for the widows and children of deceased preachers beyond the meager appropriations made yearly to these eminently worthy claimants. The amount each receives may be helpful indeed, but according to my observation through many years it seldom exceeds, and generally falls below, one-third or even one-fourth of necessary living expenses, to say nothing of paying rent or for school privileges. Preachers read again and again, with tender interest, urgent appeals published to raise money to buy a cheap home for the widow and children of a faithful and beloved brother removed from labor to reward. Under the circumstances they do not reflect upon his memory for failure to leave means to secure a modest home, for he lived, labored and ascended, as hundreds of Methodist preachers have done from the beginning, as most of them are doing still, and as many will con-

tinue to do for years to come. The list of conference claimants in my own (White River) conference contains the names of widows or children, or both, of twenty-two deceased traveling preachers, all good men. Many served long and well, and some in important charges. Did one of them leave enough to support his loved ones two years? Or a good home, unencumbered, or money to the extent of \$1,000 above liabilities?

This painful condition may henceforth be prevented to a considerable extent, if our traveling preachers generally (including those on trial) will become members of the Methodist Benevolent Association, which is so operated as to enable preachers at very moderate cost to provide timely aid for their bereft loved ones. Organized on a safe basis, and managed by men of high standing in our own church. This association is furnishing its members life insurance on the assessment plan at the low yearly rate of \$17 for \$1,000, \$9 for \$500, or \$5 for \$250 insurance. I believe there are in almost any charge certain members and friends who would cheerfully donate to their pastor, in case of his actual need, the \$17 to pay one year on the insurance of \$1,000 for the benefit of his family.

Brethren, think seriously on this subject, and write early a card to the secretary, Rev. J. H. Shumaker, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., for full information and the special privilege extending to May 1. Yours fraternally,
Z. T. BENNETT.
Forrest City, Ark.

Some Statistics.

The Oklahoma Conference of the M. E. Church, South, has made wonderful growth in the past six years, as the following statistics show. The fifty-fifth session of the conference was held at Vinita, I. T., October 25 to 29, 1900. Bishop J. S. Key presided. The sixty-first session was held at Tulsa, I. T., November 14-19, 1906, Bishop Key presiding.

	1900	1906
Number of pastoral charges	152	254
Number of members	22,267	39,199
Number of organized societies	485	798
Number of church houses	236	321
Number of parsonages	110	178
Number of districts	10	12
Paid presiding elders	\$ 4,294.85	\$12,924.12
Paid pastors	34,166.96	84,337.26
Paid for foreign missions	2,337.63	5,558.98
Paid for domestic missions	1,887.23	4,992.75
Paid for conference claimants	1,501.79	2,888.58
Paid for church extension	420.56	2,018.92
Paid for bishops	503.52	835.42
Paid for education	657.10	2,013.42
Paid for American Bible Society	41.04	329.76

The past year (1906) we had an increase of twenty-six local preachers and 3,679 increase in membership. The average increase for the six years past has been 2,822, and we are building on an average of twenty-five houses of worship a year. Still we have 477 organized societies worshipping in school houses and halls. There is not anywhere on the American continent a more promising field for the M. E. Church, South, than the State of Oklahoma. I hope the present Board of Church Extension will so see it.

WILLIAM D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

April 7—Jacob's Vision and God's Promise.

Golden Text—Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. Gen. 28:15.

Time—Before Christ 1760 years.

Place—Bethel, also called Luz.

Lesson Text—Gen. 28:1-5, 10-22.

The events of the present lesson follow almost immediately upon those of March 17. We have turned aside from the general plan of studying the narrative of the notables of the Bible to study for a Sunday the temperance question and for a Sunday the resurrection of our Lord, but now we take up the regular order and Jacob and his eventful career in the lesson for today. We see Jacob and Esau drifting away from each other. Esau had already taken two heathen women to wife, and on the departure of Jacob adds to that number a third. They were all of a kind, and the story gives evidence of the reason that Esau was rejected and Jacob chosen. Esau goes off into wicked alliances among a despised and heathenish people, while Jacob sees a vision and builds an altar to the God of Abraham and Isaac, his father. Before Jacob leaves home he is called before his father and receives the blessing of promise almost in the words that had been spoken by God to Abraham and Isaac. He starts out to avoid the wrath of Esau and to find a wife that would make for him a proper companion. It is the first time he has been from under the parental roof, and the first distinctive undertaking of his life. We are not informed whether this is the first night from home that he rested in Bethel, but it is quite likely that it is. He was weary of the day's journey and distressed on account of his lonely surroundings. He soon fell asleep and was not awakened until the morning. But he sees a vision, a spiritual vision, a heavenly vision. He was spiritual, else he could not have seen the vision. It was impossible for a wicked man like his brother Esau to have seen such a vision. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. Jacob was not slow to understand its import, and his very heart welled up within him with sacred joy on account of it. He meditated on it, it was a great event in his life, made so by his own motion in building the altar and vowing the vow.

This ladder was prophetic of the true salvation that is through Christ. Men have formulated religious theories that seemed to mount heavenward, but they could not reach the heavens so that those who would enter into the heavenly gates by them have failed. There are theories that exalt God and give him divine attributes, and that try to adapt these theories to the needs of men, but they are like ladders let down from the skies that do not reach the earth, and men are not able, therefore, to reach the heavens by them. But the divine plan, or Christ's plan, is like Jacob's ladder. It is set up upon earth so that the end of it reaches heaven, and men may go to heaven upon it and the angels come down from heaven to visit the earth by it, and there is ascending and descending. Jacob not only saw the angels ascending and descending upon this ladder, but he saw God standing above it, or, as the commentators tell us, he saw God standing by him.

After seeing the vision, Jacob arose and erected the altar and worshipped God before proceeding on his way. He also vowed a vow. While God is the Creator of the world and owns the cattle on a thousand hills, still it has been the custom of good men to give tithes of what they possess to the Lord. Jacob voluntarily assumed a vow to do this. We

should learn here that heavenly visions and the true worship of God must be accompanied by the spirit of liberality on our part. The stingy man sees no heavenly visions. He is too sordid to behold such things.

Sunday School Institute.

It is very important that every pastor, Sunday school superintendent and teacher attend the institute at Madill, I. T., June 31-July 1. It is an opportunity that the Sunday school workers of the Ardmore District will not likely have again soon of hearing Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill, who are of world-wide reputation as Sunday school workers. Fraternal-ly,

W. T. FREEMAN.

Ardmore, I. T., March 22, 1907.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

This is the last opportunity that we shall have to urge you through the Methodist to attend the Hamill institutes at Madill, March 31-April 1; Muskogee, April 2-3; Lawton, April 4-5. Let every Sunday school send a delegation to the nearest institute.

Dr. Chappell writes the chairman, "I am looking for a great forward movement for the Sunday school work in your conference this

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year," and he will not be disappointed if pastors and superintendents and other Sunday school workers continue their interest and efforts.

Say, pastor and superintendent, is your Sunday school organized into a missionary society? And do you set apart the collections one Sabbath each month for a "special" missionary work, or do you apply it on your conference assessments? Do not do the latter, even if your collections have to be reported "behind."

Let me say again, If you want the board to furnish literature for a needy Sunday school, apply to Rev. R. A. Crosby, Chelsea, I. T.

Bishop Ward has a note in the last week's Texas Christian Advocate calling upon the Sunday schools of Texas to raise \$2,000 for the "Lauren's Institute," in Monterey, Mex. Why not the Sunday schools of Oklahoma turn their funds toward the Songdo school, Korea, which is needing money so much?

Every pastor needs to be a first-class Sunday school man. If he is to lead he must be in the forefront. Let any one attend a Hamill institute March 31 to April 1, and the

"Sunday school session" at his district conference.

The latest figures in the hands of this chairman show that our church has 14,898 Sunday schools, 109,653 officers and teachers, and 1,040,748 pupils. No small showing, but we ought to make it better. And we will!

Every teacher, superintendent and pastor, too, ought to study thoroughly these three fine little books in our "Teacher Training Course." Start a circle of two or three, or more.

The "proposed program" for the Sunday school session at the district conferences will be put in the hands of pastors and superintendents, where the presiding elders wish us to do so, some three weeks before the conference meets. The programs have been mailed to the Muskogee District.

More than two-thirds of the reports coming to our table say that we need and ought to have a Sunday school man in the Oklahoma Conference next year. I wish you would write me how to get him and how to support him. It can be done. Let us consider the proposition. The Baptists will have four in the field by the time we get one in. We ought to wake up and "get busy."

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The Presiding Elder's Harvest Field—No. 4.
(W. P. Whaley.)

In the last twenty years the Board of Missions of the Little Rock Conference has expended about \$65,000 in Home Mission work in our own territory. Owing to the frequent rearrangement of circuit boundaries and the renaming of charges it is difficult to determine the exact number of charges that have received help from this Home Mission fund. Appropriations have been made to 104 charge names. As nearly as I can determine, after tracing up the change of names and the rearrangement of works, about 70 of our present appointments have received help in the last twenty years—more than half our charges. There are 34 charges receiving help this year.

The following charges have been developed into self-supporting stations in the past twenty years:

	Years Helped.	Total Cost to Board.
Asbury	14	\$3,400.00
Lakeside	1	500.00
South Hot Springs.....	10	2,350.00
Lewisville	3	450.00
Arkansas City	4	650.00
Junction City	5	435.00
Stuttgart	2	250.00
Mena	8	1,240.00
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First Church, Texarkana.....	1	200.00

The following charges have developed into self-supporting circuits, paying the average circuit salary, in the past twenty years:

Gillett	5	425.00
Camden	1	100.00
El Dorado	3	300.00
Foreman	3	450.00
Parkdale	1	100.00
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Washington	1	100.00

I venture the suggestion, however, that this development to self-support has been due chiefly to the increase in the population of the towns and cities, and to a regrouping of circuit appointments. Of course, in city missions, the pastor had to be sustained until the population came; and if there had not been a large increase in population these city missions would have been dependent upon the Board yet. The circuits have not increased in population much, but they have been rearranged and made stronger. Very few circuits have been benefited in the least by the little missionary appropriations they have received.

Malvern Avenue was organized in 1900. In 1893 it had 275 members, and paid the pastor \$600. The Mission Board has helped it eleven years to the total amount of \$1,700, and it is still on the board. Last year it reported to conference 168 members, and paid the pastor \$650. Its highest record was in 1894, when it reported 266 members and paid the pastor \$750. Carr Memorial was organized in 1892. In 1893 it reported 64 members and paid for support of pastor \$177. The Mission Board has made appropriations every year of its history, to the total amount of \$3,350. Last conference it reported 125 members, and paid for pastor \$325. Its highest record was in 1903, when it reported 133 members, and paid pastor \$500.

The following are old circuits in this conference, long independent and self-supporting, and have just recently become dependent upon the Mission Board: Hickory Plains, Hamburg, Palestine, New Edinburgh, Lacey, Jersey, Hampton, College Hill, Lono, Nathan and Fulton.

The following circuits have received missionary appropriations in the past twenty years, some of them frequently, but are not now on the board, yet they paid last year less than the average circuit salary of \$390: Mabelvale, Oak Hill, St. Charles, Redfield, Star City, Roe, Rowell, Monticello, Snyder, Social Hill, Ussery, Traskwood, Chidester, Harmony, Horatio, Texarkana, Ben Lomond, Mount Ida, Winthrop and Cherry Hill.

The following circuits paid less to the support of the ministry last year than they have paid in former years, though last year was the most prosperous in the history of the country and of the church: Maumelle, New Edinburgh, Rowell, Clark, Princeton, Washington, Fulton, Emmett, Center Point, Chidester, Hampton, Hamburg, Mabelvale, Austin, Hickory Plains, Oak Hill, Redfield, Roe, Palestine, Ussery, Nathan, Mount Ida.

A number of other circuits have made little or no advance recently. With all these charges

Our town and city missions usually succeed, sometimes at a fearful cost; but both our money and our methods have almost totally failed on our rural charges. It is a matter worthy the careful consideration of pastors, presiding elders and mission boards.
De Queen, Ark.

Thoughts for Easter.

By T. J. Minnis.

Is it not wonderful if, with the dawn of Easter morn, the world of Christians draws a long sigh of relief. Those who have suffered affliction will recall with sad readiness the depression which will creep into the heart and brood there, as the season annually returns when the dark affliction visited the household. It is impossible, even if we wished it, to avoid going over the scenes attending these days, and it is undeniably a relief when, the sad anniversary past, the mind turns, as it must, from constant recurrence to painful hours of the past. It is then the soothing, comforting influences of thoughts of immortality and reunion find place, and welcome place, in the heart. There could be no more fitting time for Easter than the one when it occurs. Although nature is just awakening from its long sleep of the winter, yet unmistakably there is an awakening in progress on every hand. The creeping grass begins to show green everywhere. The brave little flowers begin to peep above the hard soil. A feeling of new hope seems born of the new appearing. From a season bleak, bare and drear there comes one of sunshine, bloom and beauty. The life of Christ from the manger to the tomb was one of sadness. The best and purest life ever lived on the earth was full of sadness. When Easter comes a Christian feels a subdued joy, a thankfulness that the death of Christ is over, and brought such an immeasurable, priceless blessing as resurrection from the grave, and the immortality of the soul through a bright eternity, if he only be accepted as the Savior. And in this connection we once read: "Immortality of itself is not a boon." The truth of this is easily apparent. Who of us but can imagine an endless existence which would be anything but desirable? Nor need a soul be condemned to the dark regions of the lost to make this true. It is not probable that Muhlenberg was in great distress when he wrote, "I would not live away." Yet he asks in all sincerity, "Who, who would live away, away from his God?" That is what constitutes, in a word, the joy and bliss of heaven, living with God, dwelling forever in the presence of the Savior, away from all the pain and separations of this earthly life. There are many experiences in life which it seems to us faintly foreshadows some pleasant phases of a future life. Has it not been the experience of many a person that, after mingling in scenes of sorrow and gloom, apart from one's own home, after having mourned and truly sympathized with the bereaved, attended the last solemn service over the departed friend, and perhaps followed to the grave, has it not been with feelings of real relief and a warm, glad home feeling that the own beloved home has been reached, great thankfulness welling up in the heart that there the loved ones are spared, and it is a great pleasure to turn to all the accustomed pursuits and little endearing engagements and duties clustering around the hearthstone? Once safely folded in the most secure abode, the sorrows of life all past, its dreary separations over forever, what bliss to feel that home is reached at last! There may be pain and trouble elsewhere, but into that home of the soul no chilling winds, no blighting breath can ever enter. Who would not fain be resting

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either making no increase in the pastor's salary, or actually decreasing their payments, and the cost of living rapidly increasing, it looks as if most our rural work might soon be dependent upon our Mission Board.

I find that our rural missions have received more from the Mission Board than the circuits have paid to the Mission Board; while town and city missions have received less than the stations have paid. But the appropriations to rural missions have done almost nothing toward developing those charges toward self-support. As a rule, the membership on these rural missions is not increasing, the pastor's salary is not increasing, and church intelligence and church loyalty are not increasing. In the past eleven years we have spent \$1,050 of Home Mission money on the Social Hill Circuit. When we began to make appropriations to it it had 261 members and four local preachers, and paid to support of pastor \$201. There is much of our own circuit territory that is not making any more advance.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

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

TOPIC FOR MARCH 31—THE RESURRECTION—(I Cor. 15:35-38).

Bible Illustrations.

Old Resurrection Truths—Psalms 49:13-15; 16:8-11.

A Reasonable Belief—Acts 26:6-8.

Theme of the First Missionary Preaching—Acts 13:27-32.

Resurrection and Life—John 11:23-26.

The Great Reason of Our Hope—John 14:19.

Comfort with Reference to Our Friends Who are Gone Before—I Thess. 4:13-18.

in peace at home. Easter sets before the mind and imagination all the glorious possibilities of a bright hereafter, which the finite mind can grasp. Oh, the matchless power of the resurrection, transforming night into day and death into life! Its glory will never diminish nor its story cease to charm, so long as there is human want and human woe. The resurrection will never cease to be the chief glory of the good and great, nor its story grow old while along the highway of life the angel of death sows the seeds of death and sorrow. It will never grow old while hope shall kindle on the brow of the future, and faith, fuelled at the altars of her God, shall feed her eternal fires; so long as love shall lend her light and unveil her treasures; so long as visions bright, beautiful and immortal shall gild the closing hours of life's eventful day, and God, giving us dying grace, shall enable every child of redeeming grace to attest its power.

We will glory in the resurrection so long as it continues to pour a floodtide of rich and rosy light athwart the gathering shades and gloom of death; so long as it shall rain down upon the darkness of the grave showers of celestial sunshine, and hang the walls of humanity's long home with pictures of immortality; so long as it shall plant the evergreen of life and the flowers of heaven's eternal spring throughout the empire of death and reach the sacred spot where slumber our long-lost dead with the rainbow of hope. We will glory in the resurrection so long as it kindles a divine halo in deathless splendor, around the horizon of eternity, and from the tomb tunnels to immortality. We will rejoice in the resurrection so long as men are born to die; so long as the recording angel registers human sorrows; so long as the cross retains its divine significance; so long as the deathless soul stamped by its God with the impress of immortality, strung for the harmonies of heaven, and thrilled with the power of an endless life, shall hunger for happiness, sigh for its rest, and sing of its home. As pilgrims hailing a distant land—a country beyond the ruins and ravages of earth, as travelers across the isthmus of time and hemisphere of human sorrow, and looking forward to a world unsoiled by sin and unvisited by death, we will make the resurrection the theme of our rejoicing. O, the resurrection! the blessed resurrection! the refuge of the race, the hope of humanity, and palladium of the world. It will one day bring us to a rest and residence in a royal realm, where a cloud of glory ever pavilions the city of God, and light brighter than the focal blaze of ten thousand suns, forever stream upon golden turrets and silver minarets: where pinnacles and spires lift their glittering forms like fingers of fire amid the outspread branches of the tree of life; where limpid waters ever leap upon living shores; where harps are never silent, and raptures never die, palms ever wave and crowns ever flash in the light of heaven's setless sun.

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Oklahoma's Constitutional Convention Adjourned.

The constitutional convention, after being in session one hundred and fifteen days, adjourned March 15 sine die. The constitu-

tion adopted, and which is to be voted on August 6 by the people, provides the most stringent liquor law in existence, prohibiting not only the manufacture and sale, but the introduction of liquor into the state.

The enabling act provided that Indian Territory must be prohibition for twenty-one years. The convention provided that the whole state shall vote on the question and there is no doubt that the terms of the enabling act will be made uniform over the whole state.

Woman suffrage was defeated by a few votes.

The initiative and referendum patterned after the Oregon law, was adopted, as was a provision for the nomination of all state officers and United States senators by primaries.

Public ownership and operation of coal mines in the state is provided for.

Succession in state offices is prohibited, and it is provided that the senate committees shall not be named by the lieutenant governor, but be selected by the body itself.

Provision is made for a state railway commission, to be elective, and a two-cent passenger fare is ordered.

Railway companies are prohibited from owning any productive agency of a natural commodity, a provision particularly intended to cover coal lands.

A fellow-servant law is embodied in the constitution.

Corporations are prohibited from owning more land than is absolutely necessary in the operation of their business.

The issuance of watered stock is prohibited and the books of all corporations are made subject to inspection at all times.

The organization of corporations to deal in real estate outside of incorporated cities is prohibited.

A committee is appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the segregated mineral lands lions of dollars, and state ownership and in the Indian Territory, valued at many millions of dollars, is contemplated.

The legal rate of interest is fixed at six per cent, and the contract rate at ten per cent.

A compulsory separate school system is established.

Commissions are created on labor and arbitration, charities, insurance, railroads, agriculture, oil, gas, and mines.

The state is divided into seventy-five counties, twenty-one judicial districts, forty-one senatorial districts, and one hundred and five legislative districts.

The state seal adopted is a combination of the present seal of Oklahoma and the seals of the nations of the Five Civilized Tribes.

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Annual Meeting Notes.

MRS. W. F. DUNKLE, REC. SEC.

The Oklahoma Conference, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, annual meeting at Chickasha, March 5-7, was well attended. Besides representatives from the local auxiliaries, the meeting was honored by the presence of Mrs. W. F. Barnum, third vice president of the Womas's Board, Mrs. W. F. Whittington, of Ardmore, Ind. Ter., Mrs. J. C. Fowler of Mangun, Oklahoma, and Miss Ida Swanson of the Methvin Institute, Anadarko with a large class of her pupils, the full-blood Kiowa, Comanche and Caddo Indians.

Mesdames Barnum, Whittington and Fowler represented the society on the general program, while the Indian children sang much to the delight and profit of the ladies.

The reports of the president and corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. B. Hester and Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, showed the work to be advancing throughout the conference. The business and devotional sessions throughout were marked by deep and earnest devotion.

The auxiliaries again pledged themselves to the support of a special missionary.

A more extended notice of the proceedings will be printed soon. In the meantime, let it be noted that the conference officers for the year are:

President, Mrs. G. B. Hester, Muskogee.

First Vice President, Mrs. S. F. Goddard, McAlester.

Second Vice President, Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Oklahoma City.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Muskogee.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Dunkle, Muskogee.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Quillian, Vinita.

That Parsonage.

With lumber worth from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per thousand, nails \$1.50 to \$3.00 per keg, carpenters' wages 75 cents to \$1.25 per day, most people lived in well-built houses, with large rooms and spacious halls, with one or more "extra" rooms, in the grand old Southern State where I had the good fortune to be born. A good home there was not a luxury, but a necessity. On reaching Oklahoma nothing surprised me more than the shacks and dugouts in which people lived. No other inconvenience to which I have had to adjust myself in this new country has gone so hard with me as this, living as others live. My pride—yes, my very nature—rebels against it.

I reached an appointment in the Oklahoma Conference, then the Indian Mission Conference, on Saturday, and on Sunday preached in a well built, well arranged house of worship, seated with the best of

oak pews and supplied with pulpit furniture to match, and large enough to accommodate a congregation of 450. The building was attractively finished in every particular, so far as completed. The windows in the main auditorium were of beautiful stained glass. At that time the windows had not been put in the Sunday School room, but were put in soon after. On Monday morning the parsonage key was given to me and I went down. My whole nature rebelled against living in what I found. The parsonage was a boxed house, weatherboarded over the boxing, standing on blocks about two feet from the ground. The woodwork inside was poorly done, rough and soiled, unvarnished and unpainted. There were

the posts of the porch. I had never lived in such a house. But what was I to do? The good women had worked nobly and faithfully. They had done the very best they could. Many of them had lived, and some were still living, in houses not equal to the parsonage since coming to the new country. The preacher preceding me, together with his good wife, was much older than I, and more deserving of a good home for the long years of service rendered, and less equal to the hardships than one younger. Those faithful old soldiers had lived there. Must I act the fool and say I would not? They had sacrificed and denied self. Ought I not to do the same? These questions came to me. For my master I resolved to overcome my

partitions were run in the parsonage, the cracks and holes were stopped, the woodwork all painted, the rooms neatly papered, the house underpinned and made quite cozy and comfortable, as compared with what it was before. One who did not see it before could not realize what an improvement was made. But even then it lacked a great deal of being what one would have liked. Sidewalks were built and flowers planted and the place made to look quite inviting from without.

And we found joy in denying ourselves the better things in order that the church debt might be paid off, and things left in a shape for the building of a new parsonage. In this experience we learned a lesson not to be forgotten. We esteem it a privilege to deny self for our master, and for others when we can glorify his name by so doing. For what I can give up for him is unworthy as compared with what he gave up for me.

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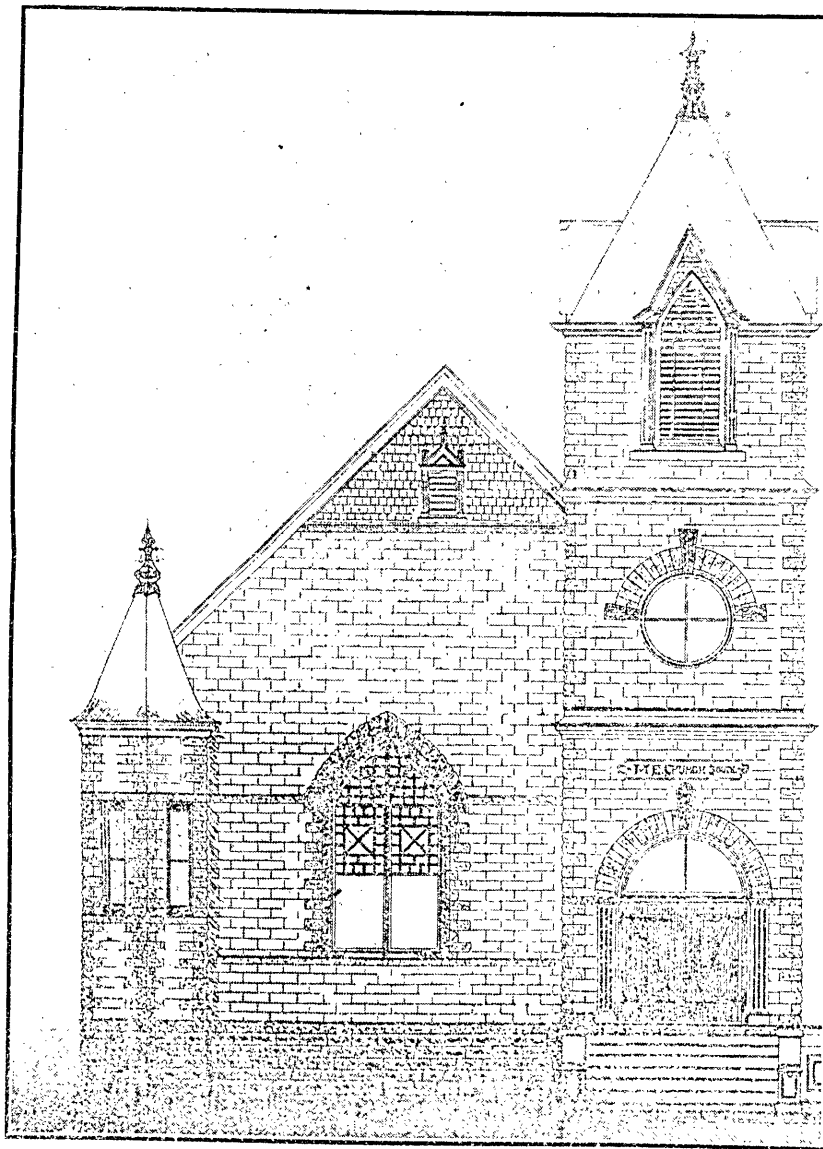
A gentle boy with soft and silken locks,
A dreamy boy, with brown and tender eyes,
A castle-builder, with his wooden blocks,
And towers that touch imaginary skies.

A fearless rider on his father's knee,
An eager listener unto stories told
At the Round Table of the nursery,
Of heroes and adventures manifold.

There will be other towers for thee to build;
There will be other steeds for thee to ride;
There will be other legends, and all filled
With greater marvels and more glorified.

Build on, and make thy castles high and fair,
Rising and reaching upward to the skies;
Listen to voices in the upper air,
Nor lose thy simple faith in mysteries.

—Longfellow.



Tigert Memorial Church,

Being erected in East Hot Springs. Built of concrete, 40x52 feet, to cost, with Sunday School room, \$5,000. Rev. F. E. Dodson, the pastor, has secured the lot and a considerable part of the funds since conference.

cracks and holes around the doors and windows and around the walls next to the floor. Of the four rooms one was decently papered. Another had been papered but the paper was faded and torn and cracked. The floor in one room had some old matting on it. The other floors were bare and rough. The house was so open that during the cold winter that followed it was impossible to make one room comfortable with a big stove in the center, often red hot. There was no yard or sidewalk. People would drive up and hitch their horses to

pride, and, uncomplainingly, to endure the inconveniences. The decision gave me strength for the years of hard work that were to follow. I found that there was a big debt on the church, and that several hundred dollars was badly needed to get an organ, put windows in the Sunday School room, paint and light the church, get chairs and so on. Self said, Demand a better house in which to live; my better nature said, Take care of these other things. The latter we did.

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Elizabeth College Commencement Speakers, May 18 to 21, 1907.

Elizabeth College for Women at Charlotte, N. C., has enjoyed a prosperous school year. Fifteen states represented in the student body. Eleven graduates this year.

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Kwansei Gakuin, Japan.

Last week we had a series of meetings in Kwansei Gakuin, conducted by Mr. Akazama and Mr. Hinowara, two learned young men who have just returned from America, where they have been studying for some years, filled with a burning desire to bring their countrymen to Christ. For two weeks before the meeting the teachers and Christian students met for special prayer every day after the regular chapel services, and when the meeting began we were not surprised to see evidences of the Spirit's power.

This year the per cent of non-Christians among the day pupils has been high, owing to the fact the entrance class was unusually large. At the beginning of the year it seemed almost impossible to make any impression upon this great mass of students outside the boarding department.

In addition to the regular service held at the chapel hour, there were special meetings for non-Christians at 3 o'clock and at the same hour the Christian students would meet for prayer. I wish I had time to tell you of the little meetings at private houses where four or five Christian boys would come together and pray and study God's word with their non-Christian friends. These were among the most precious hours I have spent in Japan.

The meeting closed on Kigenetsu, the anniversary of the founding of the empire, one of the three great holidays in Japan. The usual exercises were held, and at the close Mr. Hinowara addressed the students and sought to turn the whole of their patriotism Godward.

Miss Spivey had just sung a song full of praise of the beauties of Japan, closing with the words, "Only Christ can save thee, beautiful Japan."

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Faithfully yours,

M. VIRGINIA GARNER.
Kobe, Japan, Feb. 18, 1907.

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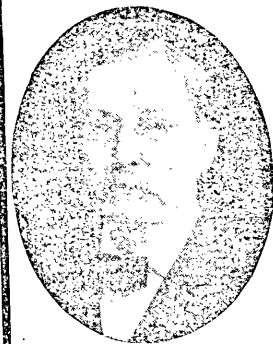
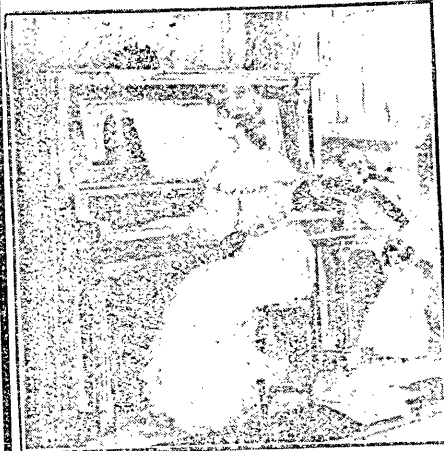
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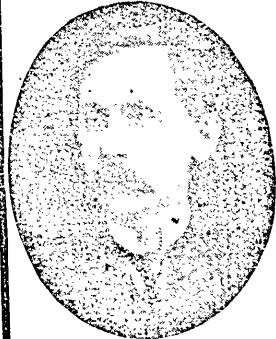
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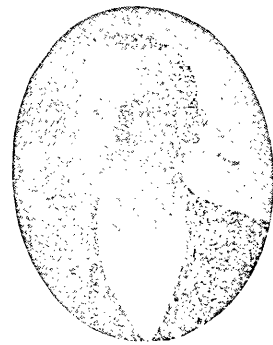
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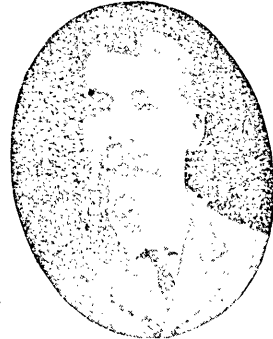
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D. H. WOODARD,
109 E. Fifth Street, Little Rock, Ark.

The Boy Who Will Be in Demand

One of the finest qualities in a workman is this quality. One of the rarest in a servant in the house is the doing of things that need to be done without being told. Young men working their way through college are invaluable if they have this quality. A tool is left out on the lawn; there is a nail off the fence; there is a lock broken from the door; there is a window pane gone somewhere. The boy who tends to these things because they need attending to without specific directions is the boy who, other things being equal, is going to be in demand when he gets out into the great world, and it is the attention to the little things and the habit of observation, which sees what needs to be done and then does it, which makes exceedingly useful men and women. There will always be a position for such persons. There will always be a call to come up higher. It is in one sense a small thing to do these little things without orders, but it is the doing of them that makes great captains, great engineers, great artists, great architects, great workers in any department, and it is the absence of this quality that makes commonplace men and women, who will always have to live under the dominion of petty orders, men and women who do nothing unless they are told to do it. It is this quality which makes volunteers in church work, and the invaluable men and women who do not have to be stood over. They are the joy of the pastor's heart; they are the ones who do not have to be watched.—Charles M. Sheldon.

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Bro. Miller Writes Again.

I am still in Davis and the end is not yet. My wounds are improving slowly, but oh, so slowly. I have been walking a little round the room on crutches by the help of two men. It is now 19 days since I was hurt, and yet the time seems so far away when I will be able to walk, and oh,

how I want to be with my people at Pontotoc. Will the brethren everywhere pray for my speedy recovery. My general health is good, my faith in God still strong. I pray God's blessing on the whole church and the editors of the Methodist in particular.

J. H. MILLER.
Davis, I. T., Mar 22.

A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She fees it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home, as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof, address, Mrs. M. Summers, Box 245, Notre Dame, Ind.

Fordyce, Ark.

The church at large is entitled to more from this section than we have sent you. Our first quarterly conference was held last week. Bro. B. B. Thomas preached three times. Our people think that we have no ordinary preacher for P. E. His sermons were unusually strong and come from an earnest heart. He is a spritual man and a P. E. who seems no amateur. His grasp on the situation is strong. We have the right man for P. E. At our first quarterly conference Fordyce paid about one-third assessment. Bro. Sage has been sick a large part of the time, but he is recovering and is pleasing our people with his ministry. You will hear good things from him and his charge when conference comes. The town has made wonderful strides in a business and material way and is now showing greater interest in all that goes to make up a church. All departments show increase.

J. D. CLARY.

Beebe, Ark.

We are now cozily located in Beebe. One of the most pleasant little towns in which we've ever lived. Soon after our arrival, the good people mercifully pounded us with the substantial of life: the end of which we have not yet reached. Our second quarterly conference met on March 11. As usual the P. E. was with us, and preached a real spiritual sermon on Sunday morning. On account of the sickness at his home, he felt it his duty to leave it with us that night.

Reports were good. Work growing rapidly. We are trusting and working for one hundred additions to this class. Revival fires are already kindling, and we are expecting many names of the redeemed recorded in the church militant and triumphant. As usual we are looking for a great revival, and will not be disappointed.

Our field editor was with us a short time ago, and gave us one of his characteristic sermons. Canvassed our town for new subscribers and collected a number

of past due accounts. I think his visit was a profitable one. But am sorry that our church colleges and papers are forced to keep men in the field to collect old accounts; some have been due for years. If our colleges had their past due papers cashed, their treasures would be greatly enlarged. And I've been creditably informed that the old accounts due the Arkansas Methodist will run to near \$15,000, and most of this from members of the church. Can we expect our paper to prosper under such embarrassments? Would we act so with the bank? Merchants? Or our great political newspapers? Or would we have others to do so to us. If not, let us not do so to these our brethren, but let us fix all accounts as soon as possible, and our paper will have a prestige second to none of our Conference organs. S. F. BROWN, P. C.

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Ravia, I. T.

Ravia charge was changed from McAlester distret to Ardmore distret at our last annual conference. The change was heartily approved by the people and they gave us a royal reception, with a pounding throwed in. We are getting along nicely all things considered. The outlook is encouraging. I feel like we will do a good work here this year.

Methodism has suffered here on account of inadequate building and poor location. Since conference we have purchased a nice corner lot on Mill and Garrett streets and we are "going over to possess it" in the near future for the people "have a mind to work."

We like the Western Methodist with its strong editorials. We say, Amen! to Brother Ramsey and to Monsignor Luecy when he said in his "protest" that skating rinks are fast becoming cesspools of vice. We have the same thing to contend with in our little town—just 1,000 inhabitants.

It is time for us to heed the cry, "To your tents, oh Israel: now see to thine own house!"

Let us pray that God will save our young people from these cesspools of vice and slaughterpens of virtue. We are looking forward to annual conference at Oklahoma City for good reports and a successful year every way.
J. C. MORRIS, P. C.
- March 21.

Pine Bluff District.

I have just finished my first round of quarterly conferences and find this charge as a whole in an encouraging condition. It became necessary after the annu-

THE ETERNAL QUESTION

TO MAN IS WOMAN—TO WOMAN IT IS WASH DAY. She always understood how to manage Man, but never how to manage Wash Day. First she tried to manage it with a wash board. Result—rheumatism and back-ache got the best of the argument. Then she tried old fashioned washing machines, a dozen or so of them. With rattles and groans and squeaks, they rubbed and tugged and tore the clothes without cleaning them after all, and with levers and cranks and handles worked back and forth and round—back-ache, arm-ache, head-ache and heart-ache were still her reward. It has remained for us to help Woman out.— Wash Day can't be abolished if the clothes are to be kept clean,—but with the **Automatic** dreaded hours are reduced to short minutes. No rubbing of clothes when you use it,—wonderful, but absolutely true. Sit down while using the Automatic, fold your arms, sew or sweep. Automatic cuts labor down. Almost **DOES THE WORK ITSELF.** Send postal and learn why. No mystery, just common sense, we explain everything. Doubt if you please, but investigate before deciding. We tell you why the old washing machines do not clean the clothes, why the **Automatic** does. We positively combine the good points of other devices and leave out the bad ones. Fully guaranteed for years, we give thirty days' trial. You may doubt what others tell you, but you can't doubt your own eyes. We let you prove our claims. Comparative tests with any washing machine invited. Get our catalog and learn what makes good washer, and why; what makes a poor one, and why;—then get the best. We leave the choice to you, but in your own interest, investigate before you buy. Low price—we pay freight. Send for beautifully illustrated free catalog. If you write promptly and mention this paper, we will send free the new copyrighted story "Sylvia's Prudence,"—interesting to married women and those about to be married. Write to day. **AGENTS:**—Local and general, we want to hear from you at once; send for our proposition and indicate choice of territory; chance of a life-time; liberal agency plan; season just opening up; free lessons in salesmanship. The Automatic is different from all others, better than all others.
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at conference to make some changes. The charges are all filled with us loyal a body of men as can be found anywhere. They are at their posts of duty and are doing good work.

The revival fires are beginning to burn. It is nothing unusual to have conversions and additions to the church at the regular services. Our Missionary Institute was a success. The laymen did not attend as we would have liked.

There are some church houses to be dedicated on the second round. Bro. McClintock expects to begin rebuilding at once in the east end of Pine Bluff. He wants to put up a better house than was destroyed by fire.

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H. L. REMMEL,
MANAGER,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.)

CHOCK.

By Ruth Carr. CHAPTER VI.

After leaving the "Orphanage," Chock ran for a long ways down the street, neither knowing nor caring where he went, but one thing was certain, he never intended to go back to be tormented by the boys again.

As he reached the river he was very tired, so he sat down on the long iron bridge, dangling his feet over the edge, and flipping stones into the water far below.

"If it wasn't for what I promised mamma about papa, I'd just as soon jump in here as not, for nobody cares for me, and it would be better for me to be out of the way—but I mustn't think about such a thing, for it would be wicked, and I would never see my mamma again."

As he fondled the little ring on his finger, it seemed to increase his desire to do right, so placing his lips on the ring—her ring—he resolved to fulfill his promise to her, or die in the attempt.

"I'll work it out, mamma, I will, and I won't think wicked things any more, for God is angry with the wicked every day; I wonder why God don't take care of me—don't he know I am hungry and have nowhere to go? Mamma used to say He would take care of his children—well, maybe I am not his child; surely I haven't been acting like it lately, but I'm going to do better for her sake. O God help me!"

Chock closed his eyes and lay back on the bridge thinking of his mother and the happy home he had had so short a while ago. The roar of the river soothed the tired child, who grew drowsy and soon fell asleep on the bridge, with his bare feet dangling over the edge. How long he lay there no one knew, but before he was aware of the fact, a pair of mad horses dashed on the bridge and came toward him at full speed. He was awakened by the terrible noise, and sprang up just as the horses were upon him; violently he was thrown backward, and the heavy wheels of the wagon passed over him.

What followed he never knew, for when he opened his eyes several hours later, he saw a kind faced old lady bending over his bed.

"It was a close call for the little fellow," he heard a man say, "and he is not out of danger yet; we can't learn a thing about him, for no one seems to have ever heard of him before; if he ever becomes conscious, we can ask him concerning his home, but the chances are against him."

"Do you think his brain is affected, Doctor?"

"Undoubtedly so, and the wonder to me is that he was not killed outright; surely some good angel watches over him."

Chock heard no more, for he soon became unconscious again, and knew nothing for several days.

One morning the kind old lady sat by his side, and he opened his eyes and began talking.

"You must be quiet, dear, till the doctor comes, and you may talk to him if you want to."

"Yes, he's much better," said the doctor a little later, "and will soon be up I think."

"Are you the doctor?" said a feeble voice.

"Yes."

"Well, may I talk to you?"

"A little while; what is it you want to know?"

"Whose house is this, and what am I doing here?"

"This is the home of Col. Newsome, and you were hurt by a runaway team and brought here. What is your name my little man?"

"Chock."

"Chock—what else?"

"My real name is Harry Herndon, but every one just calls me Chock."

"Where is your home?"

"I have no home; my mother is dead, and I was hunting work when I got hurt, I guess."

"Have you no relatives?" "I did have a grandpa in Georgia but I don't know if he is still living or not, for I never hear from him."

"Well, you mustn't talk any more now," said the doctor as he arose to go.

"Be very careful with him, Mrs. Newsome, for any sudden shock may yet prove fatal."

Half an hour later the door opened and a strange man that Chock had never seen, entered.

"I just came in to tell you, Marie, that our old friend Judge Damon is in town and will be here for supper. How did the doctor say the boy is doing today?"

"He seems hopeful, and thinks the little sufferer will soon be out of danger."

When supper was over, Col. Newsome and his guest, Judge Damon, were seated on the long front porch, enjoying the summer evening.

"By the way, Judge, I have not asked you about Mrs. Damon; is she well?"

"O yes, as well as could be expected; but she is very sad, and rarely ever leaves home now; you know our only daughter Dell ran away fifteen years ago and married a man by the name of Herndon; I think the fellow was a part Choctaw Indian. I was so incensed at her, that I forbade any of the family ever writing to her. A few months ago I noticed an account of a murder committed by one Chas. Herndon in this state, but it did not occur to me that it might be Dell's husband, so I paid no further atten-

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grandson, who perhaps wanders homeless somewhere tonight."

"Col. Newsome, O, Col. Newsome," called a faint little voice through the open window.

"What do you want, Sonny?"

"Tell the gentleman to come in here a minute, I want to see him."

As the men entered the sick room the boy rose on his elbow, extended his hand and said:

"I have heard your conversation, sir, and I believe I can tell you of your daughter Dell, for she was my mother, and I am the boy you are seeking; my father was in prison, and the boys at the home found it out and teased me constantly about it, so I ran away."

"Can this be true?" asked the Judge, as he looked from one to the

and boy's letters, especially Ruth Carr's. I am a little girl, ten years old. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I like it fine. I am so glad you have changed the name for our paper. This makes my third letter. I would be well pleased to see this in print.

STELLA GREGORY.

Capps, Ark. Feb. 24.

Dear Methodist—I am a little boy ten years old, will be eleven the eleventh of May. I am glad that there is to be a children's page. I go to Sunday School. My teacher is Miss Tommie White and our pastor is Brother Stroud. Our Presiding Elder is Brother Galloway. He is a good preacher and I like to hear him preach. I like to hear Brother Stroud too. Our Sunday School is going on very well. I went to Sunday School today. I am always glad to get the Western Methodist, so I can read the children's page. I wish the Western Methodist readers many blessings. I hope to see this in print.

OTIS HARRIS.

Bearden, I. T. Feb. 23.

Dear Methodist—My letter is at hand, found it by reading the paper and seeing so many good letters from the cousins I thought I would write again. I was glad indeed that my letter did not go to the waste basket. I am always glad when we get the paper. Papa has been taking the paper ever since it name was Our Brother in Red and it has changed its name several times but we still take the paper. I hope all of the cousins are having a good time going to school. I like very much to go to school but I won't get to go till fall. We are living too far from school now. Papa is getting up money to build a parsonage and then we can go to school. Brother and I are going to work fifteen acres in a crop this year. I will be truly glad when they get the parsonage completed so I can go to school. Well, I will answer the cousins question as best I can. Cain married in the land of Nod. I was not acquainted with his father-in-law. I will ask the cousins a question. "How old was Noah when he began building the ark, and how long was he building it?"

JAMES O. MARTIN.

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ON THE WAY TO A FAMINE CAMP.

tion to the matter. But one week ago a man in Lynchfield sent for me to come to him with all possible speed, as he was dying and had a secret to tell me; my train was delayed and when I arrived I found that he had died two hours before, but had called in another lawyer to whom he gave his dying testimony, which was to the effect that he had committed a murder in this state about a year ago, and had thrown suspicion on one Chas. Herndon, who was my daughter's husband, and that they were at that time living in Taylorsville in abject poverty. He further stated that Herndon had been convicted, and was at this time serving a sentence in the state prison for a crime that he did not commit.

I left next day for this place, and sought Herndon at once. He informed me that his wife had been dead only a few weeks, and that they had one child, a son, in the Orphan's Home in this city; I went there as rapidly as I could, to find Dell's child and make all the amends for the wrong I had done my daughter. The matron at the Orphanage said the boy had been there, but had run away a week ago, and no trace of him could be found. I have several detectives at work helping me to locate the child, for I shall spare no expense or time to do all I can for Dell's child. I have papers that will free Chas. Herndon, but I can not return home without my

other. "Yes, sir, it is true, and I can prove it; did you ever see this ring before?"

"It is the very ring I gave Dell the day she was sixteen years old, and to think I will never see my child any more," said the old man as he knelt by the bed and put his arm lovingly across the child.

"She loved you to the last, grandpa, and told me that you would be kind to me if you ever knew me."

The old man buried his head on the pillows by the pale face and shook with sobs.

"Don't cry, grandpa, for she's safe in heaven."

"O my child, you can never know how I reproach myself for the unkindness I showed my daughter, and I now can never tell her how sorry I am—O, it is too late—too late."

"Well, grandpa, I'm sure she will know in heaven, and if you want to make her glad, just get papa out of prison."

"I shall soon do that, my darling, and as soon as you are able to travel, you, your papa and I will go to your grandma, who is waiting for me to bring you home."

THE END.

Alexander, Ark.

Dear Methodist—I am so glad there is to be a children's page in the Methodist. I like to read the little girl's

Talihina, I. T.

Dear Methodist—Perhaps a few words from Talihina will be of interest to some of your readers. We have a very pleasant work; some very fine people. Talihina is destined to come to the front as one of our very best charges. The time will come when there will be some wire-pulling to get to come to Talihina. We like our presiding elder very much. He is religious and loves his work. He comes to hold your quarterly conference and he doesn't leave till his work is done. As a result of this he is loved all over this country.

Our second quarterly conference has just been held. We made a very fair report. The official board have said that the pastor should have at least \$500.00. We have had many tokens of kindness shown us by the people.

I suppose we have the best Sunday School in the Choctaw District. That's what the presiding elder says. It could not be otherwise with J. J. Thomas at its head. He is equal to the best. We have eleven or twelve classes in the school, and all doing well. Our church house has been recovered since conference, and it will be repapered soon. Our parsonage has just been recovered, and it will be papered throughout soon, and by the end of this week we will have a new cistern.

T. F. ROBERTS.

Eufaula, I. T.

Please let me say a word through your columns. I was sent to Eufaula the second time, and I thank Bishop Key for my return. We have just closed a fifteen days' meeting; the Lord was with us from start to finish. Brother M. A. Cassidy was with us. His preaching had the right ring. He believes in a sinner bowing before the Lord and repenting of his sins. He believes that the church ought to be pure and clean, and he has nerve enough to say so. My people love him; he did us good. We had a revival; eight joined the church—all grown. My people filled his purse and he went to other fields, and the night he left the town rose up and came to the parsonage to see about their pastor, and he was by the table reading the Bible, and I want to say that I have gone through the civil war, and I have seen many things since. But that was ahead of anything I have seen. They were here from 3 years old up to 70, about seventy-five in number. We had speeches by Judge Fears, Judge Marshall, Dr. Steritts, Brother W. R. Smith, Lawyer Green and Brother Herman, a Jew, and the pastor, then a song and prayer and benediction. This all took place in the yard. All of us were of one mind and one accord. When they left you ought to have seen what we had—about one hundred articles, I believe. I have more in the parsonage now than

any man in Oklahoma Conference. J. D. MASSEY.

Fordyce Station.

Our first quarterly meeting was held March 16-18, inclusive. Our presiding elder, Brother B. B. Thomas, preaches with evangelistic fervor and power, and our people were greatly blessed by his presence and ministry.

Our reports to the quarterly conference showed that there had been considerable advance this year in the salary of pastor and presiding elder, and in the assessments for the general work of the church. We have expended during the quarter about \$650.00 in repairing and furnishing the parsonage. Eighteen members have been received into the church. Our congregations have been exceptionally large and attentive. The average attendance in the Sunday School during the quarter has been 170, and the average collection \$5.50 per Sunday. Everybody seems hopeful, and the pastor is happy in his work. We are looking forward with much pleasure to our Epworth League Conference in April. J. A. SAGE.

Fordyce, Ark.

From Brother Cline.

Closed a five days' meeting at Truth Sunday, 17th, in which we organized a class of fifteen members and added it to the Huntsville Circuit. As ever, A. L. CLINE.

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Treasurer's Report.

Report of treasurer of Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society for the quarter ending March 1, 1907:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Dues (\$496.67), Life membership (25.00), Baby roll (6.50), Week of prayer (32.25), Adult mite boxes (2.85), Baby mite boxes (43.99), McEachern brigade boxes (38.70), Conference pledge (283.35), Memorial loan fund (5.00), Conference expense (71.44).

Total sent treasurer...\$1,005.75

This amount was raised by the several districts as follows:

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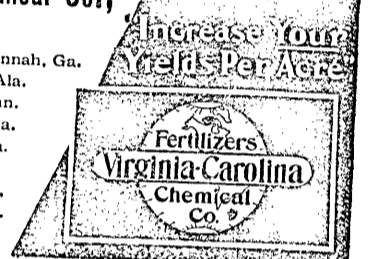
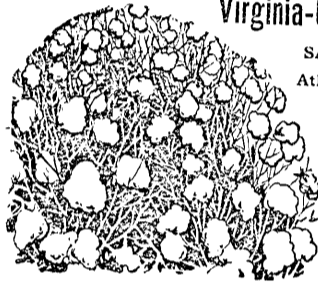
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ALEX, I. T.

Our second quarterly conference met at Chitwood last Saturday. Brother Lamar was present and gave us four good sermons. We received six and dismissed thirteen this quarter. Finances were much better than last quarter. I have married nine couples since conference. We had to postpone our meeting. Brother Munsey could not come, and I was suffering with a sprained foot. But I hope to have a revival at Alex, as well as all other points on the work.

A. G. WHITE.

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goods which were not delivered. For almost a third of a century, therefore, this county has been in open and successful rebellion against the Federal authorities. The details of the conditions which make, and for these many years have made, public office in St. Clair county a private calamity, will be told in the April Century by Frank Wickizer.

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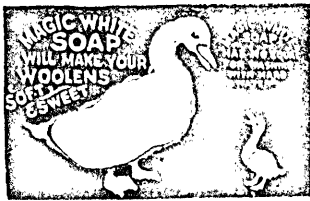
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Little Rock Conference W. H. M. Society—Our Annual Report.

Dear Friends and Co-Workers: You'll be glad to know that our report for the year ending March 1 is the best in our history. Our efforts in God's name have been blessed, and we may well rejoice as we begin this new year with the desire and determination for yet better things.

A large number of our auxiliaries are more alive and more deeply in earnest than ever before, and the happiest women are those who have worked hardest. I think they have felt as one of our district secretaries, who wrote, "This has certainly been a year of praise with me."

After repeated writing to the few silent auxiliaries and hearing nothing from them, the district secretaries dropped them from our roll, and we can only hope they may be resuscitated some day by somebody. I know some pastors in the Little Rock Conference who will surely do this if ever the itinerant wheel sets them in these valleys of dry bones.

The new auxiliaries for the quarter are Ebenezer, in the Pine Bluff District, with eight members, and Amity, in the Arkadelphia District, with fifteen members.

The new life member is Mrs. Rosa Smith, from the Texarkana District.

During the quarter one hundred dollars was appropriated to the parsonage of Henderson Chapel, Little Rock District, and the same amount to Ashdown Circuit parsonage, Texarkana District, subject to the Board of Church Extension.

For the quarter we raised over five thousand, and for the year nearly fifteen thousand for local and connectional work.

We are planning for a visit from Miss Mabel Head, the associate secretary of the W. H. M. S., in the latter part of April, and dates will soon be published.

Miss Head has special charge of our young people's department, and has been graciously received by the colleges and schools of our Methodism.

She will speak at Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Fordyce and other places, and we bespeak for her large congregations.

Miss Head is a consecrated worker and a fine talker, and whoever fails to hear her will miss much.

Our annual meeting will be held in Central Avenue Church, Hot Springs, May 10, and a great time is in store. Let every auxiliary send a delegate, and let every delegate and visitor be sure to get a certificate from railroad agent as she buys the ticket to Hot Springs.

Our Woman's Board of Home Missions will meet in Houston, Tex., April 25 to May 1. Let earnest prayer be offered for these

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Increase of Disease.

In a leading editorial on "Good Health," Dr. J. H. Kellogg, the editor, gives the following startling record as to the increase of disease and evil conditions:

- Insanity has increased 300 per cent in fifty years.
- Idiocy has increased 300 per cent in fifty years.
- Epilepsy has increased 300 per cent in fifty years.
- Chronic inebriety has increased between 200 and 300 per cent in fifty years.
- Bright's disease has increased 527 per cent in fifty years.
- Diabetes has increased 1459 per cent in fifty years.
- Cancer has increased 305 per cent in fifty years.
- Murder increasing, 10,000 murders a year in the United States.
- Crimes of all sorts increasing.
- Divorce increasing.
- Prostitution increasing.
- Intemperance increasing.

"The race is sick," he says. Unnatural habits and appetites, unwholesome indulgences are the cause. Man has lost his way on the great highway of existence, and is wandering in the by and

forbidden ways. He has forsaken the 'old paths' and is traveling down the Jericho road. Thieves beset him on every side. He is robbed and beaten at every step. Good Samaritans are needed to bind up the wounds and restore the 'old paths to dwell in.'—Selected.

Two Preachers Wanted.

Two vacancies having occurred in my district, one by death and the other by the transfer of the pastor to the Brazil Mission Conference, I desire to communicate with preachers disposed to supply these charges. One of the appointments is a promising station in the city of St. Joseph; the other is a strong eirenit. Address, with references, **M. H. MOORE,** P. E. St. Joseph District. 618 N. Twenty-fourth Street, St. Joseph, Mo.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretary order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1907, in a certain cause (No. 10250) then pending therein between Mattie Lockhart, complainant, and Virgil Lockhart and Myrtle Lockhart, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the east door or entrance of the Pulaski County Court House, in which said Court is held, in the City of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Saturday, the 20th day of April, A. D. 1907, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot Ten (10) in Block Thirty-eight (38), in Centennial Addition to the City of Little Rock, in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Sale subject to lien for balance due Young Men's Building Association of mortgage of August 3, 1901.

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F. A. GARRETT,
Commissioner in Chancery.
GEORGE L. BASTIAN,
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W. J. LAWTON,
Admr. of Said Estate.

Japan Letter.

Kwansei Gakuin.

Kobe, Japan, Feb. 18, 1907.

I have been requested to send the enclosed card to my home paper and to ask my friends to join with us in praying God's blessing upon the union of Methodist bodies in Japan and upon the de-

liberations of the General Conference, which meets in Tokyo in May.

When Bishop Candler was with us he emphasized the fact that this union, to be effective, must be brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. The whole church has been praying earnestly that the union may come on the wave of a great revival, and already there are signs of a great awakening. Faithfully yours,

M. VIRGINIA GARNER.

JAPAN METHODIST UNION PRAYER LEAGUE.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

In the light of these and other gracious promises of God, and in view of the great opportunity before us in the union of Methodisms in Japan, I hereby agree to unite with other Methodists of this and every land in definite daily prayer for the following objects:

1. For All Methodists in Japan—Missionaries, Japanese leaders and all other members—that the Holy Spirit may be present in power in all hearts, enabling them to be faithful and earnest witnesses for Jesus Christ.

2. For the General Conference—That the proper persons may be chosen as delegates, that each one may be specially prepared by the Holy Spirit for the work to be done, and that all conclusions reached may be in harmony with God's will.

3. For the New Church—That the union may be greatly blessed of God, resulting in a deepening of the spiritual life of the nation, and in the hastening of the time when all the people shall hear the gospel message.

4. For Myself—That the revival may begin in my heart, and begin now.

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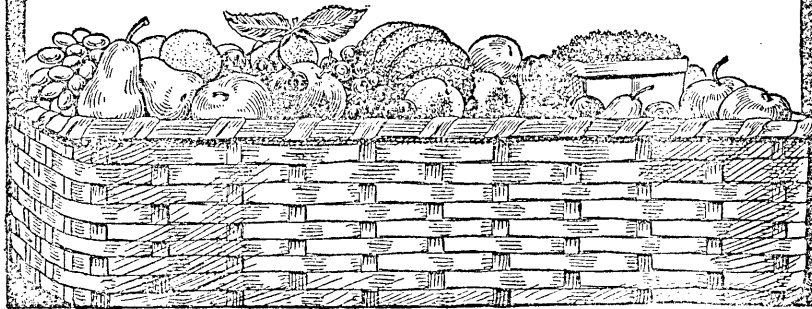
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EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, St. Louis, Mo., April 23 to 25, 1907.

The General Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in annual session in St. Louis, Mo., April 23-25, 1907.

In connection with this meeting, there will be held, at the same time and place, a great EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION, the purpose of which is to stimulate interest in Christian education, not only in Missouri, but throughout our connection.

A committee from the General Board of Education, co-operating with a committee from the three Missouri Conferences, has prepared a convention program of exceptional richness. Some of the most prominent men in Southern Methodism—bishops, con-nec-tional officers, educators, and pastors—and distinguished representatives of other churches will deliver addresses, or read papers, on subjects of vital interest in the educational world. While, of course, conditions in Missouri will receive special attention, yet the committee charged with the responsibility of drawing up the program has had in mind the entire church and has selected topics broad enough to appeal to all anywhere who have at heart the cause of Christian education. This appears from the program itself, which is here given in condensed form:

Program.

Tuesday, April 23 (3 p. m.)—Rev. T. E. Sharp, D. D., St. Louis, Mo., presiding. Address, by James C. Morris, D. D., Kansas City, Mo., on "The Religious Element in Education." Address, by Charles W. Byrd, D. D., Nashville, Tenn., on "Methodism and Education."

Wednesday, April 24, Forenoon—Bishop James Atkins presiding. Paper, by Rev. J. D. Hammond, Secretary of Education, on "Recent Educational Movements in Southern Methodism." Paper, by J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, on "Strategic Points for Future Efforts," followed by speech on same topic by Prof. W. E. Webb, of Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tenn. Paper, by J. C. Kilgus, D. D., President of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., on "Our Educational Resources," followed by speech on same topic by W. W. Smith, LL. D., Chancellor Randolph-Macon (Va.) System of Colleges and Academies. Discussion.

Wednesday, April 24, Afternoon—Rev. H. P. Hamill, Staunton, Va., presiding. Paper, by H. N. Snyder, LL. D., President of Wolf College, S. C., on "Religious Education Through the Study of Literature." Paper, by Mary N. Moore, President Athens (Ala.) Female College, on "Education of Women in the South," followed by speech on same topic by Rev. A. E. Smith, President Central College for Women, Missouri. Paper, by O. E. Brown, D. D., Vanderbilt University, on "Education in Mission Fields," followed by speech on same topic by C. E. Patisso, D. D., Lexington, Mo. Discussion.

Wednesday, April 24, Evening—Bishop Charles B. Galloway presiding. Address, by Frank R. Sanders, D. D., Ex-President R. E. A. Boston, Mass., on "The Significant Factors of Christian Education." Address by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, on "The Ministry and Education."

Thursday, April 25, Forenoon—Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding. Paper, by C. M. Bishop, D. D., Columbia, Mo., on "Education in Missouri," followed by speech on same topic by T. E. Sharp, D. D., of St. Louis. Paper, by Rev. A. B. Culbertson, Huntsville,

Mo., on "The History and Work of Central College," followed by speech on same topic by Hon. John A. Rich, Slater, Mo. Paper, by Rev. Willis Carlisle, Secretary of Central College, Mo., on "The Present Opportunity." Discussion.

Thursday, April 25, Afternoon—Rev. Samuel R. Hay, St. Louis, presiding. Paper, by Rev. J. J. Stowe, Gallatin, Tenn., on "The Duty of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Negro," followed by speech on same topic by C. E. Dowman, D. D., Oxford, Ga. Paper, by Rev. John Wesley Gilbert, Professor Paine College, on "Report of the Field." Paper, by E. B. Chappell, D. D., Sunday School Editor of M. E. Church, South, on "Education Through Sunday Schools." Paper, by F. S. Parker, D. D., Assistant General Secretary Epworth League of M. E. Church, South, on "Education Through Epworth Leagues." Discussion.

Every individual whose name appears on the foregoing program has promised to be present and discharge the function assigned to him.

It is hoped that every reader of this announcement will arrange to attend the convention—if not for the whole time, then for a part of it. Especially desired is the presence of members of all Annual Conference Boards of Education, secretaries and agents of education, presidents of schools, teachers, editors, pastors, and church officials, whether lay or clerical. Those who have been appointed delegates should make it a point to be on hand.

In order that there may be some idea of how to arrange for, delegates should write to Rev. T. E. Sharp, 445 West Belle Place, St. Louis, Mo., notifying him of their intention to attend.

The local committee charged with getting reduced railroad and hotel rates have secured a one and one-third railroad rate on the certificate plan. For further information concerning hotel and railroad rates let delegates, or others who wish to attend write to Rev. T. E. Sharp, of St. Louis, addressing as above.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Oklahoma, Choctaw, Mangum, Cherokee, Wynnewood, McAlester, Duncan, Muskogee, Holdenville, and Oklahoma City districts, including dates and locations.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Beaver, Ardmore, Weatherford, Morrilton, Fort Smith, Harrison, and Dardanelle districts, including dates and locations.

Prague, April 6, 7, 8. Brethren, let me urge you to mark the time of your quarterly meeting and make your arrangements to attend it.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Centerton Ct., at Council Grove. Mar. 30, 31. Lincoln Ct., at Summers. April 6, 7.

Little Rock Conference. ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Holly Springs. Mar. 30, 31. Tigert Memorial. April 6, 7.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Hamburg Ct. Mar. 30, 31. Snyder Ct. April 6, 7. Pillar, at Selma. April 13, 14.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Fair View Sta. Mar. 30, 31. Texarkana Ct., at Pleasant Hill. April 6, 7.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Lonoke. Mar. 30, 31. Benton. April 3. Bryant, at Mt. Carmel. April 6, 7.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Onalaska and Eagle Mills, at Harmony Grove. Mar. 30, 31. Atlanta Ct., at Fredonia. April 13, 14.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Douglas and Grady, at Mosco. April 6, 7. Carr Memorial. April 7, 8.

First Church. May 19, 20. Stuttgart Ct., at Mt. Zion. May 25, 26. Stuttgart Sta. May 26, 27.

Let each pastor see that his Quarterly Conference record is on hand for examination. Let each local preacher be present or send a written report.

White River Conference. SEARCY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. West Point, at New Hope. Mar. 30, 31. Tuckerman and Kenyon, at Kenyon.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Nettleton Sta. Mar. 30, 31. Vandalia. April 6, 7. Bay and Market Tree. April 13, 14.

HELLENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Rock Island Ct., at Widener. Mar. 30, 31. Forrest City Sta. Mar. 31, April 1.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Lorado Ct., at Clark's Chapel. Mar. 30, 31. East Side Church, Paragould. Mar. 31, Apr. 1.

Please send names of all who will attend the Sunday School Institute at Lawton, April 4, 5, to W. W. Andrews, 1013 Avenue B, Lawton, Okla. Come yourselves and bring a good supply of delegates. We will care for you. A. L. SCALES, Pastor.

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W. F. Clendening

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