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EDITORIAL.

Sabbath Desecration.

Ours is a complicated civilization. Many interests are interwoven. It is not always possible to apply an abstract rule for we are not living in the abstract, ours is a very concrete and intricate state of things. There is room for question as to whether some things may be done on the Sabbath, as, for example, whether a pump may be kept running to keep water out of a mine over Sunday. Shall the central office of a telephone system be kept open on Sunday, or would it be better to let people walk to see those with whom they would communicate? Would it be well or would it not be well to have something like a public kitchen where two or three people might do all the cooking needed for a community on Sunday? If we have such places should we close them up? These questions will suggest what is meant by a complicated civilization. We consider it a piece of narrowness to lay down a flat rule such as would apply in a primitive state of things.

But, for all this, there is really no occasion for nebulous thinking on the subject. If we will only make up our minds that we will know and do the will of God we shall not miss the substance of Sabbath keeping. There are two simple elements in the Sabbath, worship and rest. There are two grounds of exemption from the keeping of the letter of the Sabbath law, works of mercy and works of necessity may be done. The application of the principles of worship, rest, mercy and necessity must be left largely with the individual conscience, guided, of course, by honest attention to the word of God. Yet let there be a real conscience and not obstinacy, misnamed conscience.

Now there are some things which are not matters of worship, nor of rest, nor of mercy nor of necessity. When people go about to arrange an all-day singing which will demoralize the Sunday Schools and the church services for miles around they are not providing for worship or rest or mercy or necessity. When a steamboat owner or a railroad company make a business of Sunday excursions, and when men and women leave church and Sunday School to go on that excursion, nothing that makes an honest man's Sabbath can enter into that arrangement. When a lodge provides to unveil a monument over a dead comrade on Sunday, we scarcely think the Sabbath is being kept. This writer belongs to an order which erects monuments over the dead, and he is loyal to that order, but he does not understand that the order itself stands committed to the principle of pushing its lodge work on the Sabbath, though unfortunately local lodges do sometimes seem to forget this fact. It is not a matter of worship, nor a matter of rest, nor a matter of necessity nor a matter of mercy that monuments should be unveiled on Sunday; for it is a matter of exploiting in the public eye the lodge, so as to advertise it more effectually

than can be done upon another day of the week. This is not a Sabbath motive.

We have before protested against Sunday decoration of graves. If we do really regard this memory of our dead, and care to manifest it in this way, let us take time to carry flowers to their graves and not undertake to filch the time from God under pretense of doing a religious duty.

We repeat it, there is no need for one who has a conscience and means to keep it, to become confused. And where a man walks under the guidance of a good conscience, giving evidence that he really fears God, regarding the principles involved in the Sabbath law, let him alone.

Immigration.

During the month of April there were landed in New York 133,000 immigrants. The figures for May promise to go beyond those of April. At this rate we shall have, all ports considered, well on towards two million immigrants for the year 1907.

Consider who these people are. For nearly a hundred years of our history we received our immigration from the British Isles, from Germany and from Scandinavia. Those who came from other regions were not numerous enough to give us much concern. There is a racial affinity between our people and the people of Northwestern Europe which makes them easy to assimilate. What is better worth considering; these people are a hardy stock, possessed of mental and moral habits which make them desirable citizens. The case is far different at present. Now Southern Europe is pouring in upon our shores by the million the most inferior white people on the globe. The stream is composed chiefly of Italians, Russians, Bulgarians and such like. The Italians are Southern Italians, a mongrel breed descended from Romans intermarried with the Asiatic slaves, vast hordes of whom were led in captivity to Italy while ancient Rome was yet a world power. The representatives of other races coming to us are but little better.

With a stream literally pouring in upon us we have on hand a problem that will tax our best statesmanship. Our immigration laws ought to be rigidly guarded and strictly enforced.

It is certain also that the churches of this country will have on their hands a great task. We might as well get ready for it.

We of the South have as yet scarcely come face to face with this problem. Yet we shall do it. Here and there we have colonies of Italians. We shall have more of them. We shall have others not Italians. It is of the highest importance to us and to our children and to the future of the human race and to the kingdom of our Lord that we should deal wisely with the problem. Above all things we ought to seek out among the earliest arrivals young men to be put in training for work among their countrymen. We ought to establish schools among them. We ought to seize opportunity and make opportunity to preach to them.

Why?

We note that a few days ago when trouble arose in Birmingham, Ala., with the street car men, the mayor promptly issued the following:

"Proclamation.

"Owing to emergency and threatening conditions, I hereby order all saloons in the city of Birmingham closed immediately, and kept closed until further orders.

"This order applies to liquor departments of all drug stores, which have liquor license and also to wholesale liquor dealers."

Why should a mayor discriminate against saloons? Why did he not also order the baker shops and dry goods houses closed? Why do they usually jump on the saloons alone in times of danger? Does the reader need to have the question answered?

Doing Something.

Our Atlanta brethren are building a great institutional church, the Wesley Memorial. One of its leading features is to be a well equipped hospital. The plant has been in successful operation for a year or two, but they propose a memorial worthy of the name of our great founder. Mr. Asa Candler, brother to the bishop, has recently pledged \$50,000 if the Georgia Methodists will raise \$150,000. They are raising it. Seven of our bishops will spend Sunday, June 16th, in Atlanta, for the purpose of pushing the campaign. We congratulate our brethren of Georgia. We gladly give our readers intelligence of their noble deeds, to the intent, for one thing, that they may be stirred to emulate their good example.

What is faith in Christ? Does it consist in believing that he was born under such and such circumstances, at such and such a time; that he lived and died under certain historic conditions? No; and no more does it consist in accepting a certain orthodox theory as to metaphysical relations of Christ—though, for our part, we believe both the history and the theory; but faith in Christ is essentially this, that we see in him personally supreme goodness and wisdom which commands our reverence and obedience.

The habit of criticism is born of an attitude of our spirit towards our fellows. It is a mean disposition, productive of much unhappiness, the chief victim being always the man whose spirit is so acrid that he can not see and enjoy the good in other people. Sweetness and light, born of communion with the Lord, is the only remedy.

God only knows what battles some true men fight. They may appear to others to be weak, perhaps they are weak, but God takes knowledge of their struggles and he will reward at last.

The weather conditions lately have apprised us of the worth of sunshine. What a great blessing this free gift of our God!

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

METHODIST CALENDAR.

District Conferences.

- Wynnewood, at SulphurJune 12-16
- Texarkana, Lockesburg June 19-23
- Oklahoma, Tecumseh, .. 8:30 a. m., June 20
- Little Rock, BentonJune 20, 21
- Weatherford, at Cheyenne.....June 26
- Choctaw, Kullituklo, 9 a. m. June 26
- Mangum, HollisJune 26-29
- Ardmore, Carter Avenue, June 26-30
- Paragould, Walnut Ridge, June 27-30
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- McAlester, Atoka, I. T.,....2 p. m., July 4
- Pine Bluff, at Rison,July 4-7
- Beaver, Woodward, O. T.....July 10-14
- Monticello, SnyderJuly 10, 11
- Holdenville, Okmulgee, July 10-15
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- Helena, Haynes July 17-21
- Batesville, Calico Rock....9 a. m., July 18
- Searcy, BeebeJuly 17-20

Our College Commencements.

Hendrix College Commencement, June 9-12.

Women's Societies.

- W. F. M. S., Ark. Conf., Ozark, June 15.
- W. F. M. S. White River Conference Newport, June 23-26.

Rev. Forney Hutchinson spent a few days last week at Crossett, Ark., helping Bro. Workman in a meeting.

Col. Thomas D. Fite, one of the leading laymen of our church, recently died at his home, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. W. A. Swift lectured at Gurdon and Eldorado last week and did some good work for the paper at these places and at Camden.

Rev. S. L. Cochran of Melbourne, Ark., while spending a few days in Argenta, called at our office last Wednesday.

It is reported that a Mr. Pollard, a missionary, has been badly beaten by a Chinese mob at Chao Tung Fu.

Rev. J. W. Thomas, of White River Conference, appointed last autumn as a student in Vanderbilt, has now been placed in charge of Wilson and Louise.

Rev. T. H. Ware of Camden, Ark., is spending two weeks in attending the Confederate Veterans' reunion at Richmond, Va., and the exposition at Jamestown.

Rev. J. M. Cantrell of Dardanelle recently helped Rev. E. H. Casey in a revival meeting at Wesley, Greenville, Texas. Bro. Cantrell reports a good meeting with a number of conversions and additions.

Last Sunday Rev. F. N. Brewer had a great Children's Day service at Carlisle in the morning and at night before the Epworth League an eloquent address by Hon. Joe P. Robinson of Lonoke.

The faithful work of Rev. F. C. Sterling is bearing fruit in his pastorate at Marked Tree. So say those who are in position to know. Bro. Sterling has wrought with great self-sacrifice.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baker of Melbourne, Ark., invite us to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia, June 18th, to Mr. J. B. Dickinson of this city. The couple will live in Little Rock of course. We extend congratulations in advance.

Bro. G. T. Tatum, Jonesboro, has recently been rendering good service leading the singing in revival meetings. There is a peculiar plaintiveness and pathos in his voice and a simplicity of melody which make his singing specially effective.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Lula Sharp and Mr. Wm. Parker, in Warren, Ark., June 11th. Miss Sharp is niece of our Bro. W. F. Evans, and Mr. Parker is one of our Camden boys. We wish them mighty well.

Pres. T. F. Brewer of Spaulding Female College, just after his commencement, was dangerously sick for fourteen days with pneumonia. He is reported now to be slowly improving. We pray for his full and permanent recovery. The great school of which he is head needs his best service.

In a private note from Rev. W. F. Evans of Warren, Ark., he reports that at his second Quarterly Conference, just held, all finances are in full to date. \$130 paid on missions, 70 received into the church, 400 at Sunday School on last mission day and \$18.68 paid by the Sunday School that day for missions.

We acknowledge invitations to the following marriages, and wish our young friends great joy: Mr. William Henry Lark of Little Rock and Miss Sarah Lavinia Bayless of Russellville, Ark., at Russellville, June 12; Mr. Evan S. Rodman of Little Rock and Miss Georgia Mae McClure of Benton at Benton, June 10.

Rev. F. E. Taylor, Blytheville, Ark., is one of our most successful preachers. He has recently closed a good meeting in which there were 52 conversions and 32 accessions. Rev. Cadesman Pope and Rev. T. A. Bowen assisted him. He has all his collections provided for and nearly all collected and in the hands of the proper treasurers. The meeting was a great blessing to his charge and a solid growth is the order of the day.

We call attention to the warning by Revs. C. M. Coppedge and H. M. Conger in another column. We have warned our readers of this same Indian a few months ago. He goes under several different names and beats people out of money. He pretends to be a local preacher in our church belonging somewhere in the Choctaw district. Notice the descrip-

tion given. He works different kinds of schemes and there is no telling what kind of a tale of woe he will give out the next time. He should be apprehended and sent over the road. Paste the notice in your hat and look for him and have him arrested at once.

China Famine.

We are still receiving remittances for the China Famine Fund. The China famine has been broken. Crops have come in and the inhabitants have bread to eat.

But the famine in Russia is still on and will be for several weeks.

In the name of humanity we thank those who have heard China's cry of distress.

Death of Dr. Young J. Allen.

Just as we go to press we learn through the press reports that Dr. Young J. Allen, our senior missionary, is dead. The church suffers a great loss in the demise of this scholar, statesman and saint. Later we hope to give a full account of this remarkable man.

A Plea.

Some of the brethren have asked for a deliverance upon a piece which appeared a week or two ago in the Daily Oklahoman signed by "Yours for true Christian work and service of the Master, George A. Hunt." The plea of the article is that we should cease our prohibition efforts and go to work for the salvation of souls; that Christ did not teach prohibition, but taught love; that prohibition banishes open saloons and provides for hidden saloons.

Now what answer shall a man of sense make to such maudlin nonsense as this? Will our brethren who were distressed over the deliverance please forgive us for saying that we really believe there is not a man of good intentions in all Oklahoma who will be misled by such vapid tomfoolery.

Thanks.

In recent weeks some of our brethren, Rev. W. P. Whaley, Hon. Geo. Thornburgh and Dr. Godbey have been exhorting our patrons to pay up their dues to the Western Methodist. These exhortations have had a very perceptible effect. Remittances have come in at a good rate. Not only this, but the tone of letters accompanying the remittances has been quite kindly, indicating a real appreciation of what it means for a large number of our subscribers to fall behind. If all our subscribers should be one year behind there would be due this office sixteen or seventeen thousand dollars, which would mean for us a serious handicap. Let those who are several years behind still reflect on this, and act accordingly. The most serious phase of the matter is ever this, that a subscriber who owes intends when he reads such calls to pay up, but puts it off. The only rule is to attend to it today. Look at your label. It shows the date to which you are paid. We thank the brethren, one and all, for their help, and we trust the good work will continue, so that we shall be able to pull easily through the dull summer months.

Henderson College.

In fulfillment of a promise to preach the commencement sermon at Henderson College, I spent May 25-27 in the classic town of Arkadelphia, the guest of that modest, magnetic, munificent layman, Capt. C. C. Henderson. His is not simply an ideal house for our Southern climate, but an ideal home, where not only the guest may rest and enjoy congenial companionship, but the thoughtful relief of servants on the Sabbath shows Christian con-

sideration of the lowly. Would that such homes were many times multiplied.

In spite of threatening clouds a large crowd assembled on Saturday night to witness the elocution contest between girls representing the two literary societies. The rendering of the several selections as well as the musical interludes reflected great credit upon the contestants and their teachers. The happy victor was Miss Gertrude Bruce, daughter of my confere in the presiding eldership, Rev. H. M. Bruce.

After a fearful (the word is deliberately chosen) electric storm, Sunday morning dawned bright and cool, but toward eleven o'clock became intensely sultry. An immense audience, made up largely of the students of Henderson and Ouachita Colleges, gathered at the college auditorium and gave the closest attention for forty-five minutes to the exposition of Col. 3:2. "Set your affection on things above, not on the things on the earth."

At night, the weather being much more pleasant, Dr. W. F. Andrews of Little Rock faced the same appreciative audience and preached eloquently on the obligations of social and home life from the texts, Gen. 4:9, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and Ex. 2:9, "Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

Monday morning there was time for only a hasty glance at the exhibit of the work done by the art students. The variety, quantity and beauty of the exhibits convince both novice and connoisseur that talent and faithful effort had been put into the products of the studio.

It was a pleasure to meet many of the brethren, renew old acquaintances and form new ones.

There was one shadow, the continued feebleness of Rev. J. C. Rhodes, who has been unable to go afield since early in the winter. We trust that with warmer weather he may be able to resume work.

There was opportunity for only a brief inspection of the fine \$35,000 church our Methodist people are building under the leadership of Rev. A. O. Evans. It will be, when finished, this summer, one of the best of our modern churches. The Baptists are also preparing to build, and the contract has been awarded for a splendid public school house. Arkadelphia is up-to-date and alive to every great interest.

A. C. M.

Jonesboro District Conference.

It met at Nettleton on the 28th. The writer arrived on Wednesday morning. Rev. T. A. Bowen was looking after the entertainment of the brethren and gave us all good homes. He is doing well at Nettleton. The town is growing. The church building is neat and comfortable having been recently gone over inside and out. We have some good laymen and laywomen there.

There was a good attendance. Thirty-three laymen voted in the election of delegates to the Annual Conference. They took a deep interest in the proceedings.

The preaching was good the services spiritual. Penitents were at the altar each night. Rev. B. L. Harris Crawfordville and Marion; Rev. J. M. Benton, our blind preacher from Hardy, and Dr. Cadesman Pope of Osceola, each gave us a strong sermon. The editor preached as well as he could on Wednesday night and Rev. E. A. Tabor was to preach at 11 o'clock Thursday, an hour or two after this scribe left. There is not among us a more trusted man than Rev. M. M. Smith, the presiding elder of this district. He has spent a large part of his life in this region. Everybody knows him to be a man of sound dis-

cretion, prudent in speech and action, faithful to his convictions. This is his last year on Jonesboro district.

The worst enemies to religion in Jonesboro district have been whiskey and malaria. As to whiskey, it is being cleaned out, and by the grace of God we mean to clean it out. We won Mississippi in the last election; we narrowly missed winning Poinsett county. Rev. F. C. Sterling is at Marked Tree, Poinsett county, the region that lost for us the fight in that county. He is doing heroic service there, and is entitled to the sympathetic cooperation of his brethren.

We used to think that the phrase of St. Paul, "the prince of the power of the air" was intended to mean the devil. Perhaps a sound exegesis must so hold, but a little experience in Eastern Arkansas will start the inquiry as to whether the great apostle did not mean malaria. At any rate, when a man gets full of malaria he will find it hard to keep the devil out of his system. That has been my experience. Therefore it is that we wish Hon. O. N. Killough and his drainage co-laborers mighty well in their efforts to dry out Eastern Arkansas. When this is accomplished we shall have less of the devil; we shall have a country fertile as Egypt, fair as any under the sun. We speak soberly when we say that the relation between Satan and disease is a close one—death entered the world by sin. It is our duty to clear the land of all the conditions that help the devil and hinder the kingdom of God. Therefore clean whiskey and malaria out of Eastern Arkansas.

Patent Medicine Advertisements.

Within the last few months we have received several letters protesting against the advertisement of patent medicines in religious papers. We have been under the necessity of writing several long personal letters on the subject explaining the situation as it respects the Western Methodist. We shall here undertake to save what future trouble we may by setting out the facts in the paper.

In the first place we recognize the fraudulent nature of many proposed remedies, and we exercise great care, from our standpoint, as to what advertisements we take. We recognize that there is room for a difference of judgment as to what we admit. There are many so-called remedies which we would not admit at any price, and we have turned away many advertisements on this account. But the mere fact that a remedy has a secret formula is not, in our judgment, a sufficient reason for excluding it. We have known many such that have stood the test of experience. Whether as a matter of public policy it were better to compel the manufacturer of such articles to print his formula is a question which is widely debated. It can not be reasonably demanded that the religious press should decide this question or that it should act upon the decision which one party alone to such a controversy has made, for such a decision is not a decision—the question is still an open question, and liberty of opinion ought to be granted to all.

We are perfectly well aware that the great body of physicians stand against proprietary medicines with secret formulas. We are frank to say that in our judgment they are too sweeping in their condemnation. For a good conscientious doctor we cherish the highest regard; few men owe more to such than this present writer. We do not undertake to dictate to them what rules they ought to lay down to govern their profession. But we would with all respect submit to them that they in turn reach beyond legitimate limits when they, under force of a practical boycott,

demand of a church paper that it be governed by their rule; and a practical boycott it is when a physician writes saying, "If you can not drop out such and such advertisements, stop my paper!" For several reasons a man needs his church paper both for himself and for his family. But to brush aside all considerations and shut off the church paper because it can not see its way clear to adopt a professional rule of the physicians is scarcely creditable to men of such broad intelligence as doctors usually are. We live and let live, think and let think; we ask only what we grant.

As to the indiscriminate war which certain magazines have of late been making on patent medicines, we simply have no respect for their contention, for it has been fully demonstrated that Collier's Weekly, for instance, played to the galleries and coined a crusade into cash.

We have elsewhere in this week's paper said that the advertising account of a religious weekly is worth only about one-third or one-fourth of the advertising account of a secular paper of the same circulation, and we have stated the reasons for it. We are faced also with the cry for a cheaper paper than can be published. If on top of it all we are to be called upon to cast away advertising which we consider legitimate what shall be the outcome?

Finally, our publishing committee at its last meeting went into this whole matter thoroughly and with great care. That committee is composed of representative men selected out of our four Conferences. Fifteen of them were present. It was their unanimous verdict that we were doing all that could reasonably be asked of us with respect to this thing. It may be said they are preachers. So they are; but they are men of sense and men whose moral ideas are about as little confused as those of most men. The conferences selected them to keep watch over the conduct of the paper, and their verdict ought to be regarded.

We should be glad to see the day arrive when a religious paper had no need to advertise anything except religious wares, but that day is not yet. We assure all parties concerned that we are doing the best we can with the lights before us.

Fayetteville District Conference Resolution.

Resolved: (1) That we heartily commend to the over 5,000 Methodists of this district our Conference Organ, the "Western Methodist." We are pleased with its improvement and rejoice at its prosperity.

(2) That we urge our pastors to make the special canvass in the interest of the paper, in keeping with their pledge made at the last Annual Conference, this district's part of that pledge being 200 new subscribers.

(3) That we hereby appeal to the editors of the Methodist to appoint regular representatives to gather news from this section of the State, this district being north of the mountain and in a way cut off from the rest of the Conference, the news of its doing seldom finds its way to the columns of the paper.

(4) That we, in harmony with the foregoing resolution, nominate Rev. R. E. L. Bearden as a choice man to serve in such capacity, that Rev. William Sherman, the presiding elder, is hereby requested to appoint Bro. Bearden correspondent to the Western Methodist from the Fayetteville district.

P. C. FLETCHER,
J. F. E. BATES,
W. B. COLLINS

Prairie Grove, Ark., May 31.

Here and There.

I did not think it needful to give an account of the meeting and doings of our Church and Extension Board. Two hundred and fifty-six applications were acted upon. There was not more than two minutes for each after we got through preliminaries. The calls for donations and loans were three times more than the money in hand. How did we manage it? Thus: The Extension Committee had looked every item in the applications, carefully considered them, tabulated requests for donations and loans, on what they recommended, and placing this report in the hands of each member, the secretary called over the list. All the money was down. To give more at one point meant to cut down at another. The committee had the facts at the tips of their fingers. We did little more than ratify their recommendation all feeling that they had done faithful and admirable work, and that our secretary is master of the situation.

We were very desirous of encouraging the building of a great church in Washington City and a new church at Baltimore where a gentleman, not of our church, offers \$50,000 to aid us to build a Wilson Testimonial church to take the place of Trinity, but, while effort will be made for special gifts for these they are not claimants upon our church extension funds. Indeed we felt that the law which, in the M. E. Church, rules appropriations down to churches costing not more than \$10,000, would be good for us also. Our Church Extension Board is to aid especially such congregations as need help—after they have done their best to build a comfortable house to worship.

The principal event of interest in the local church at Louisville during our visit, was the opening of Temple Union M. E. Church, South. Two of our old churches, the Walnut Street, founded 1853, and Chestnut Street, 1864, the latter served by W. B. Riels from 1893 to 1896, united under the pastorate of Dr. W. F. Lloyd and bought the Jewish Temple, Sixth and Broadway. The Temple is a very fine building of the Byzantine style. The transept before the altar gives it the form of a cross. Two rows of columns support the frame work of the grained ceiling. Thirty chandeliers, with from two to twelve lamps and several single lamps light every part of the building in artistical style. The pews accommodate 1600. The acoustics are admirable.

I witnessed the opening of the new dispensation in this house. It would have done you good to have seen Bishop Hendrix sitting in Moses' seat. This was at night. I did not hear Bishop Galloway in the morning, being engaged elsewhere. We had a delightful service in Bro. Chandler's church, Jefferson Avenue.

An entertainment at Fourth Avenue church our most elegant house of worship in the city, was given in honor of the Board. All very nice. Bishop Hendrix' address on the occasion was an appeal for more of the masculine element in our preaching and work.

I saw more drunkenness and heard more profanity in Louisville than I had expected. Dr. Henry, of the Louisiana Conference, said to me, "We do better than this in New Orleans." I said, "You did when I was there." A Louisville man apologized. He said the temperance movement is driving the saloons and saloon bums out of so many of the towns in Kentucky that there is a gathering of that element now in Louisville, and besides, he said you know the races are on; whereat I granted the apology was altogether pertinent, but held that therefore it seemed evident that

whiskey drinking and horse racing were two things that the Christian and moral people of Kentucky should oppose.

Returning from Louisville, I stopped at Summerset, 130 miles south, where I met my brother, S. M. Godbey, who by arrangement had come up from Nashville, and we went together the next day to the farm father sold on Clifty Creek, eight miles away, in the year 1849. We spent a day in the woods gathering spikenard, ginseng, wintergreen, ivy, spruce boughs, various ferns, etc. I got a fishing pole and caught a chub as long as my finger where I caught my first fish. My first was just like this, but I called it a great big horny-head. We left Summerset at midnight and reached Harriman among the mountains of East Tennessee by breakfast. Here we had to wait five hours for a train to Nashville. I did not fully understand my brother's exceeding care for my comfort until he told me while waiting that he had thought it best to bring me that way so that I might get to rest awhile. Five hours waiting for a train gives one all the rest he wants of that sort for a good while. I thought to find Harriman a hustling, driving manufacturing town. I had understood it was in the center of a great iron region. In the center it may be, as there are iron mines and iron works not far away; but this place is as quiet as the saints' everlasting rest, very clean and very moral, too, they say. I guess that the pretty homes on the terraces of the mountains are the abodes of the well-to-do people.

I spent but one day in Nashville. The Bishops' meeting and the meeting of the Missionary Board were on; neither of these needed me.

The new publishing house is sufficient, not large. New machinery occupies less space and does more work than the old, such progress is being made in mechanical industry and economy.

At home Friday evening, May 16. I had expected to hold a protracted meeting beginning with Sunday, A. O. Evans in the pulpit. But a mail clerk, whose home is here, had come in with smallpox, many had visited him, not knowing. Some of my folks were quarantined. So we waited and are still waiting. There are no new cases of smallpox and in two days, if there are none, we shall take our joyous way along, along.

J. E. GODBEY.

Etchings from Florida.

Nearly ever since I have been down here in this sunny land I have been meditating an attack on your columns with my pen. My only hesitation was caused by the consideration that only matters of the most general interest would appeal to your constituency. A few, my personal friends, no doubt, might be pleased with a more detailed account of things. My family and I spent four whole days between Oklahoma and Orlando, Fla. We were compelled, much to our liking, to lie over a big part of one day in that monstrously thrifty city, Memphis, Tennessee, among old friends, and tried, where we had spent some of the happiest years of our lives.

Orlando, Florida, is one of the prettiest towns in America. It stands at about the center of the State and is an aggregation of palaces embowered amid an abundance and luxuriance of tropical growths as could scarcely be found elsewhere on the round earth. A multitude of lakes, clear as the clearest crystal, dot the little city here and there and about these, margined by the smoothest and whitest shell drives and live as big denizens build their homes and live as in a paradise. For two weeks I preached twice

a day in our elegant little church and we had a great meeting. The pastor, Dr. Atkisson, is one of the ripest scholars I have met anywhere and is a Christian hero in his fight for his notions of right and truth. This revivalistic work has always been very tempting to me, but my judgment has never seriously considered it. There is an element of positive dissipation in the life of the evangelist as we know him at this time. But—the once widely known name, "Doctor Hamlin," of Wizard Oil fame, spends much of his time in Orlando, having his large, splendid home among pines and ferns and palms and grasses and vines and roses, all but as beautiful as another Eden. To the north of Orlando about 100 miles is the quaint old town of Palatka, where the last session of the Conference sat. The romantic and strangely witching St. Johns flows hard by, one of the dreamiest, most placid rivers on earth. A moderately vivid imagination could picture a world of elfs and sprites flitting among its mossy and shaded bends and nooks.

The Conference is made up of as good men, as loyal souls as Methodism can boast, and, I would say the average equipment and ability. They gave this stranger from the West a cordial and brotherly welcome, such as he has always had wherever he has fallen among Methodist preachers. It is the most lovable, unselfish set of men on the planet. The world will never meet its obligations to them. But God knows and will reward. This Conference is regarded as one of the poorest Conferences, which, I presume, is true. And yet it is not poor in every way by any odds. There are many delightful charges, where the preacher is well if not handsomely cared for. And, their benevolences would put to shame some other Conferences I wot of. The circuits and certainly missions are poor and our men and measures have a hard time of it. If the type of Methodism found in this hustling city of Tampa is common throughout the State then we have no ground for discouragement when compared with other Conferences or communions. One thing in the Conference session impressed me—these men down here know exactly what they want to do, and they drive straight at it in methods and by processes which they themselves thoroughly understand. I never sat and watched the work of a Conference where I could more aptly say, "Well, this looks like business." The journal shows 156 places to be furnished with men by the bishop. Sixteen of these were left "to be supplied." The boards seem all well manned and, in some ways, the business is dispatched in a more business-like manner than I have noted elsewhere. The Conference is sixty-three years old. Some of its men have been noteworthy throughout our connection. For instance, Dr. Joseph Anderson, now aged and infirm, who for more than half a century has fought the hard battles of the church he so much loves. He has convictions, still, is inclined toward the pugnacious, and is ardently revered by all Florida Methodism and the State at large. He would even now be a striking figure and a commanding personage in any assembly of men. Among the younger set there is not an inconsiderable number of men of wider opportunities and broader culture than the old guard ever had a chance for. They have their own Conference paper, edited by one of the oldest if not the oldest Annual Conference secretary in the church. It is a steady, reliable, conservative sheet, doing great service to our cause. A few years ago the Conference picked up a great bargain in a handsome property for a school. Some Westerners built a huge hotel, on the Gulf coast, over-

looking the Gulf, and it proved a failure. The church bought it for \$10,000.00. It has just closed a phenomenally successful year. It was my pleasant duty to preach their sermon. I have not seen a handsomer set of young folks anywhere. The Conference is now projecting an orphans home and have offered them in a fine location and without conditions a very handsome property. This State is a queer one. It is nothing more nor less than a sand-bar over a coral reef. The whole State. It is the largest Southern State. It is as level as the plains of Western Oklahoma. It is densely covered with pine forests. Other forest growths abound but pine predominates. The soil, well, a stranger would say there is no soil—only one endless stretch of white, soil-less sand. Yet I know this—some men are clearing \$1,200 per acre, raising celery and lettuce, the finest you ever saw, crisp and juicy. Water abounds everywhere and fishing and sailing are the popular pastimes for everybody. And such sport! In some places one can see fish as deep as fifty feet below the surface of the water, and more. I have, myself, shot and killed numbers of fine trout as much as four or five feet under water. Certain waters in the State are so clear that you can see a pin on the bottom—80 feet sheer down. How's all that? Well, come down and try it for yourself. I underwrite you will catch the handsomest fish you ever saw. "They say" it rains here every day until during the summer, rousing and cooling the air. In many ways it is a delightful and fascinating land. Our church keeps the van and is leading thousands of souls into the kingdom.

W. K. PINER.

A Mere Money Grabber.

"Can you tell me where Mr. John Painter lives?" asked a gentlemanly looking man as he stepped into the grocery and general store of the village.

"Old John Painter?" said the young clerk after a moment's hesitation. "Is that who you mean? He's such an old money grubber that no one ever speaks of him as anything but John Painter. Yes, he lives in the big house at the end of the street. I will show you." And he led the stranger to the door and pointed out a large white farm house just at the edge of the village.

"He is rich, I am told," said the stranger rather questioningly.

"Rich as mud," responded the youth. "He owns about one thousand acres of land and nobody knows how much money he has besides. He's a regular old miser, though his folks live well enough."

The stranger walked down the grassy street to the big house and presently stated his errand to Mr. Painter. That gentleman frowned a little as the guest stated his request briefly and said: "Hugh Peterson promised me he never would tell. I don't like boys who break their pledges."

"But he didn't break his pledge," said the stranger eagerly. "He has been very ill and while delirious he told about your kindness to him. He does not know I am here today, but I wanted to ask a little aid for our college. It is a struggling affair, but we have tried to make a place for poor boys to work their way along. A little help would enable a dozen of our brightest students to come back next fall, and I am very anxious to obtain assistance for them. I thought if you had done so much for Hugh you might like to help other lads."

"I will help you if my name is not mentioned," said Mr. Painter, putting out his check book. "I have had my eye on that boy that clerks in the village store for some time

for I think he deserves help. He is a clean, honest, manly fellow and is trying to work in vacation to help himself through college. Put his name on your list and try to get him into your school, will you?"

The president of the college made it his business to stroll back to the store and enter into conversation once more with the young clerk. He wanted to see if he were "worth educating," as he always said when he asked why he cultivated the acquaintance of young men. Trade was dull, so he had ample time to make up his mind as they talked together.

"So Mr. Painter is regarded as a miser by the village people, is he?" inquired the stranger, after bringing the conversation around to the old inhabitants of the place. "He must be very selfish."

"He wouldn't cheat a soul," said the boy quickly. "People have fallen into the habit of calling him a miser until the name sticks."

"Never does anything for anybody?" went on the stranger.

"Why, yes; he has brought up three orphan boys since I can remember, and they are doing first rate. He pays his debts, helps along the church work and is a good citizen, but folks seem to think he ought to keep up

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everything. Come to think of it, I believe they've imposed on him so much that he is a little close with his money."

"Is that the reason they call him a money grabber?" said the visitor, who had heard the term several times since he entered the village.

"I suppose it must be, but it isn't fair. He doesn't own a thing that he didn't get together by hard work and good management, so they have no reason for calling him names. I'm ashamed of myself for saying that to you this morning about an old gentleman."

"It is manly of you to say that," said the visitor, rising to go. "Never be afraid to own that you may be mistaken in your opinions."

The young clerk wondered why he received so many letters and circulars from a certain college, and at last he decided to go there, as the terms seemed very reasonable. He resigned his place in the store and was one of the group of new students waiting in the office of the president one fine September morning. He gave a little start to see the man who had talked to him early in the spring about John Painter come into the room but was still more astonished to see him take the chair at the

desk and begin to take the names of the pupils.

"You are James Reed," said the president smiling. "I may tell you that the reason we were able to make such low rates to you is that Mr. John Painter of your town has established a fund for worthy students, and especially wished you to benefit thereby. I am glad to welcome you to our college."

"And I told you he was a money-grabber," said the boy regretfully. "I am ashamed to take his help."

"Have you called him that name since the day I talked with you last summer?"

"No, but that does not excuse me. I was merely repeating what other folks called him then, but I should have used my common sense."

"Mr. Painter selected you as a clean, worthy youth, and you can do nothing better than to show him you appreciate his great kindness. He has been helping people all his life, but he does it so quietly that no one suspects. I really think he takes more solid satisfaction out of life than any one I know, for he is always bringing joy and gladness to some life. I am glad to have him call me his friend."

James Reed thought of the plainly dressed old gentleman in his native village, a little stooped from his hard work, but with keen, alert eyes, and was glad such a man should have thought him worthy of helping. "I don't deserve it," he said huskily, "but I'll try to."—Presbyterian Banner.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

First District, Bishop A. W. Wilson—Japan Mission, Kobe, September 5, 1907; Korean Mission, Seoul, September 19, 1907; China Mission, Soochow, October 2, 1907; Baltimore, Roanoke Va., March 25, 1908.

Second District, Bishop Charles B. Galloway—Illinois, Olin, Ill., September 26, 1907; Virginia, Petersburg, Va., November 13, 1907; North Carolina, Newberne, N. C., December 4, 1907; Florida, Tampa, Fla., December 12, 1907.

Third District, Bishop E. R. Hendrix—Arkansas, Bentonville, Ark., November 6, 1907; Memphis, Humboldt, Tenn., November 13, 1907; North Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., November 27, 1907; North Mississippi, Columbus, Miss., December 4, 1907; Mississippi, Jackson, Miss., December 11, 1907.

Fourth District, Bishop J. S. Kay—Denver, Walsenburg, Colo., August 22, 1907; Missouri, Moberly, Mo., August 28, 1907; Southwest Missouri, Independence, Mo., September 11, 1907; St. Louis, West Plains, Mo., September 18, 1907; Oklahoma City, Okla., November 13, 1907.

Fifth District, Bishop W. A. Candler—German Mission, New Fountain, Tex., October 21, 1907; West Texas, York, Texas, October 30, 1907; Northwest Texas, Amarillo, Tex., November 6, 1907; North Texas, Sherman, Tex., November 20, 1907; Texas, Houston, Tex., November 27, 1907; Cuban Mission, Cienfuegos, Cuba, January 24, 1908.

Sixth District, Bishop H. C. Morrison—Western Virginia, Carlettsburg, Ky., September 4, 1907; Kentucky, Frankfort, Ky., September 11, 1907; Louisville, Columbia, Ky., September 25, 1907; Holston, Bluefield, W. Va., October 9, 1907; Western North Carolina, Salisbury, N. C., November 13, 1907; Western North Carolina, Salisbury, N. C., November 13, 1907; South Carolina, Gaffney, S. C., November 27, 1907.

Seventh District, Bishop E. E. Hoss—South Brazil Mission, Urugayana, Brazil, July 9, 1907; Brazil Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 31, 1907; Tennessee, Springfield, Tenn., October 16, 1907; Alabama, Enterprise, Ala., December 4, 1907; White River, Corning, Ark., December 12, 1907.

Eighth District, Bishop Seth Ward—New Mexico, Alamogordo, N. M., September 12, 1907; North Georgia, Cartersville, Ga., November 20, 1907; Little Rock, Malvern, Ark., November 27, 1907; Louisiana, Ruston, La., December 5, 1907; Mexican Border Mission Conference, Saltillo, Mexico, February 6, 1908; Central Mexico Mission Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, February 13, 1908; Northwest Mexican Mission Conference, Durango, Mexico, February 27, 1908.

Ninth District, Bishop James Atkins—Montana, Coryalis, Mont., September 12, 1907; East Columbia, Dayton, Wash., September 18, 1907; Columbia, Roseburg, Oregon, October 2, 1907; Pacific, Sacramento, Cal., October 9, 1907; Los Angeles, San Diego, Cal., October 16, 1907; South Georgia, Brunswick, Ga., November 27, 1907.

Bishop W. W. Duncan is left without assignment for this year on account of the present condition of his health.

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The Western Tribes and Our Work Among Them.

A press of other things has kept me from fulfilling promptly my promise to show that Dr. Anderson's description of the condition of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes does not apply to these Indians.

Some years ago Dr. I. G. John, who was then our missionary secretary, was attending the Mohonk convention in New York. He was called upon to address this convention as to what our church was doing and had done, among the Indians. In closing his address he said that he would like to present a sample of our work among the Indians, and he called out and presented C. E. Nelson, our Choctaw brother, who was also at that convention. And so I know of no better way to show what the gospel has done for these Indians where we have in some measure kept our work going, than to present samples in description of the homes of our Christian Indians. And so I present a few samples of those who are either members of our church or who have been under its influence. Eight miles east of this place is the home of Enoch Smoker. He has a four room cottage neatly painted, flowers in the yard, an orchard close by, and a well kept farm surrounding. In the house all the furniture necessary to make a home comfortable; bureaus, washstands, tables, pictures on the wall, nice clean beds, a piano, and as clever a family as can be found among any people. The mistress of this home does not speak English, though she understands all that may be said to her, and instead of that "sullen and hopeless look," she smiles back a look of intelligent appreciation when spoken to. She did not have the advantages of the schools, but she has been under our gospel training for years. She is a member of our church, and of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society here, attends the meetings regularly and pays dues promptly each month for herself and her two daughters, and takes the Woman's Foreign Missionary Advocate. Enoch Smoker himself is a member of our church and a steward in the same. He contributes readily to all the enterprises of the church and takes a real pride in the church progress. He received his training in Methvin Institute here, never having attended school elsewhere. His young son and two step-daughters are in our school now; pretty girls of neat habits and gentle manners, both taking music lessons on the piano. This is one sample.

Here is another. Seven miles southwest from here is a home, four-room house with three porches, neatly painted, well furnished throughout with clean, new furniture, carpets and rugs on the floor, and everything to make a comfortable country home. The mistress of this home is one of our old school girls educated in Methvin Institute. I need not continue the enumeration, but there is the home of Mopope, an exhorter in our church, and who married one of our school girls, whose house, consisting of four rooms, is as well kept as any white family could do it, and the home of Guo-ah-tone and Horse and Cat and Kickingbird and Howan and Keahbone and many others where you would receive not a sullen and hopeless look but a Christian welcome. There are many such homes here. Again, unlike the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, our Indians work. Not as much as they should, perhaps, and their work may be illy directed at times, but many of them are industrious as a similar class among the whites. Many of them cultivate small crops of their own, and at good wages aid the whites in their crops. I knew one man last

fall to take his family out to pick cotton, and all the fall kept at it, and sometimes on moonlight nights continued till late in the night. This whole family are members of our church, and the children have been taught in our school. There are only nine of them. Again, I find Indians in the various occupations in the land; clerks in the stores, helpers in the government schools, interpreters in the Indian agencies day laborers, etc., doing as efficient service as our own race in similar places. In the government service in the U. S. Indian agency at Anadarko, there are 57 employes of all kinds and 34 of these are Indians; and in the government schools 9 out of 47 are Indians. And these Indian employes are doing just as efficient work as the whites that stick by their side. One-half the clerical force in the Indian office are Indians, and the U. S. Indian agent said the other day, when I noted the amount of work in the office, that he could

5, Aph-kon 6, Ke-ah-bone 7, Ke-ah-ke 9, Smoker 5, Maud 7, Cat 5, Max 5, Jackson 6, Boshin 5. This makes 77 children in a dozen families and with their parents 101 souls, enough to populate the world if time is given. "And still there is more to follow." I mean I have more to say in another article.

J. J. METHVIN.

Ethical Teaching in the Public Schools.

The public school is the corner stone of the free State. Its object is to impart knowledge to train the intellect, to discipline the will, to develop the character. The last is not the least of its functions, but rather its ultimate aim, its chief business. For thus alone can it succeed in making good citizens.

The burning question is: How can it go to work in forming right character? It is useless to deny the fact that morals and religion have generally been closely bound together. Exceptions to this view have been taken by some, and that from two opposite standpoints: by the religious devotee who distrusted morality and by the moralist who had no use for religion. The truth is that, taken at their best, morality and religion can not be separated at all. Morality can not be chartily practiced without ideals, emotions, dispositions, motives and influences which are of the very essence of religion is righteousness and righteousness religion, with but slight regard to good behavior and good works which are the whole of morality. Any attempt to divorce religion and righteousness, or to set one in opposition to the other, must prove disastrous to moral character, social virtues and godliness alike. In a broad and profound sense religion is righteousness and righteousness religion. They are a divine unity and have a common root in man's spiritual nature.

It follows that morality can not be taught without religion. Let full weight be given to this position in order to defend another which is equally important, but looks like a flat contradiction; and that is, that our public schools must of necessity teach morality, and not religion. In a perfect state there would be no call for putting the question in such a paradoxical form. We are not doing perfect work, we have no perfect religion, and no perfect morality. So we must do the best we can.

Let us look at the situation. Religion has come to be conceived under some particular form of doctrine, of worship, of discipline and order. Hence we have many religions; not one religion; not a common religious life; not a consensus of religious faith. Under these circumstances it is impossible to have religion taught in our public schools. These schools are free civic institutions. They are attended by children whose parents or guardians hold widely different beliefs, or have no beliefs at all; are connected with Protestant churches of various denominations, with Roman Catholic or Greek churches, with Hebrew congregations or other religious societies or have no religious associations whatever, possibly hating every form, if not the very name of religion. It is clear that no atheistic and anarchistic views can be rightfully taught in them to suit certain classes of people. But it is equally clear that they can not be allowed to teach any form of religion that may be insisted upon by other classes of people. They are supported by citizens with no regard to religious affiliations. They must therefore be kept as free, as neutral as possible, or else be abolished as common schools—which is out of the question. Makeshifts and compromises are proposed, but these present insuperable difficulties.

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The Indians clothed in their right minds and in patient toil in the humble walks of life, working out their destiny as God has appointed, are never seen or noticed by the tourist, who, with a morbid curiosity, is looking for the "wild Indian," the Indian of romance, dressed in feathers and beads and paint and buckskin.

Again, our Indians are not at present fading out nor seemingly doomed to any speedy extinction. Just outside the door a few days ago, I discovered an old Comanche friend whom I had not seen for a long time. "Kosio," I called, "come in here." He came in, and after the usual salutations, I asked, "Kosio, how many children have you?" "Twenty-one" was his answer. Where is the white family that can beat that even in this strenuous age. Let me give some other families, not so large but will average up to the common size families among the pale faces: Horse has 9, Guo-ah-tone has 8 or 9, A-mah-oh

ing body and mind for the fierce struggle of life, they appear to be losing ground in the matter of forming character and regulating conduct. Are we to wait until we have a generally accepted philosophy of morals on the one hand and of religion on the other? Must we know for sure just how man's moral nature is constituted, or just what its antecedents and foundations are, or to what extent it is related to a religious principle or entered into a religious life, before we can properly deal with it? How much speculative knowledge can a child be expected to have before you begin to teach him how to behave?

Certainly we have no time to waste. Here is our world; no matter how and when it came into being, it is our business to make it a good world. Here is man; no matter how and when he appeared on the scene, it is our duty to make him a good man. Here is a man's spiritual life; no matter in what way it originated, it is our privilege to make the most of it.

Now, a good moral character and a virtuous, useful life are to be prized above all values. It is also possible to attain them. We are under no fatal necessity or sovereign decree to prevent our attaining them. Nay, a moral responsibility to that end is resting upon us all. Let parents, friends, Sunday Schools, churches or other religious societies do what they can to instil in the youthful minds the principles of the purest morality, to lay the spiritual foundations of the noblest life—all in their own way, according to the doctrines which they hold dear. If this is well done, the children will the better be in condition to receive what ethical instruction it is the province of the public school teacher to give.

That province is indeed a large one. It is to set forth clearly the many virtues which adorn character and sweeten life; to enforce them by pertinent sayings and illustrate them by shining examples; to interest, inspire, impress the pupil there with to such a degree that he will come to admire them, to love them, to cultivate them, to seek what aid he needs in his striving to acquire them. Let the virtue, say of reverence, of loyalty, of industry, of honesty be explained or described to him. Then let it be shown to be in possession a quality of his personal character. Then let it be exalted even as a grace of the soul, a law of the life, the very essence of manhood, the highest glory of citizenship. And who is he that would object to a moral training like that? Much will depend on the teacher, but there is needed also a suitable textbook.—H. Utterwick in Christian Intelligencer.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

LESSON BY REV. W. M. WILSON, DUGGAN, I. T.
FIELD NOTES BY REV. T. L. RIPPBY, ADA, I. T.

June 9—Becoming Skilled Workmen.
U Tim. 2:15.)

In view of the fact that such excellent opportunities for preparation and equipment for the work of life are provided for us today there is but little excuse for unskilled and inefficient laborers. "Give all diligence to shew thyself approved of God." Diligence in the days of preparation will be repaid in skill and efficiency in the later efforts of life.

Our Christian colleges are institutions provided by the church in which our youth may be prepared and equipped for life. To those schools the pastors and members of our church should direct our young people. In them are to be had the best advantages that are offered for well-rounded development and proper training. Neither mental, physical nor spiritual training can be neglected without

serious and irreparable injury. Christian education proposes to give proper and proportionate training for this threefold being.

Many who shall study this topic have already left their school days behind but, nevertheless the exhortation of the lesson applies to them also. "We are laborers together with God." Honored with such a position and blessed with such a privilege and opportunity no Christian should be content to remain inefficient as a workman for God. To become skillful and successful in the management of the business in which you are engaged and to remain an indifferent and incapable laborer in the work of the Lord is an excusable reproach.

Scripture references: John 3:21; I Cor. 3:6-9; II Cor. 9:8; Heb. 13:20, 21. The reports from the charges at the District Conference of the Daneau district showed that the Epworth League is growing and improving in many respects throughout the district.

Do not forget the League Assembly to be held in Sulphur, I. T.

It is gratifying that the Epworth League is being given a prominent place in the District Conferences throughout our territory. We should not fail to use this opportunity wisely and to the advantage of the cause. District League officers and the members of the Annual Conference League boards have an excellent opportunity to present the interests of the League and give the work an impetus in these meetings. Go to your District Conference and do your part in helping and studying this important part of the work.

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For First Year.—"The Cyclopedic Handbook of the Bible" (Angus-Green) Chapters 17-21; "Personal Salvation" (Tillett); "Ministry to the Congregation" (Kern); Wesley's "Doctrinal Standards," Sermons 1-26; The Book of Discipline; "The Apostolic Age" (Purves); Written Sermon on Repentance. To be read: Telford's "Life of John Wesley;" Broadus on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons; "The Tongue of Fire" (Arthur); "Ecclesiastical Architecture" (Martin).

For Second Year.—"The Cyclopedic Handbook of the Bible" (Angus-Green, Chapters

don), Parts I, II, III.; Wesley's Doctrinal Standards," Sermons 27-52; "How to Conduct a Sunday School" (Lawrence); "The Kingdom in the Cradle" (Atkins); "The Training of the Twelve" (Bruce); Written Sermon on Justification by Faith. To be read: Schaff's "History of the Christian Church" (Vol. VI); "The Doctrine of the Prophets" (Kirkpatrick); "Short History of the English People" (Green); "Life of Alexander Duff" (Smith); Manual of the Discipline.

For Third Year.—"The Cyclopedic Handbook of the Bible" (Angus-Green), Chapters xi-xvi.; "Outline of Christian Doctrine" (Sheldon), Parts IV., V.; "History of Methodism" (McTyerie); "Elements of Psychology" (Davis); "Skilled Labor for the Master" (Hendrix); "The Pastor and Modern Missions" (Mott); Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit. To be read: Paine's "Life of McKendree;" Peabody's "Christ and the Social Question;" Bernard's "Progress of the Doctrine of the New Testament;" Sanday's "Life of Christ;" The Methodist Review.

For Fourth Year.—"History of the Christian Church" (Fisher); "Constitutional History of American Methodism" (Tigert); Jevons's "Elements of Logic;" "Elements of Ethics" (Davis); "Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief" (Fisher); Written Sermon on Regeneration. To be read: Conybeare and Howson's "Life and Epistles of St. Paul;" "The Son of Man" (Alexander); "The World as a Subject of Redemption" (Freemantle); "The Hymn Book and the Modern Church" (Gregory); The Methodist Review.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

June 9.—The Passover.

Golden Text—"When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Exodus 12:13.

Time—The plague period in Egypt began about the first of June, according to our reckoning and lasted about nine months or until the following April. This brings us to the celebration of Easter time or the period of the death of our Christ. This reckoning would fix the date of the present lesson at about 1491 B. C., or according to some reckonings 1300 B. C., or even as late as 1276 B. C.

The passover feast was eaten by the Hebrews in the land of Goshen in Northeastern Egypt. The same Pharaoh that ruled when Moses led Egypt was probably still on the throne.

Lesson Text—Exodus 12:21-30.

There is only a short period of time intervening between the events of this and the last lesson. After Moses met God in the burning bush he had but to arrange his family affairs so as not to be incumbered with more responsibility than absolutely necessary. He soon did this and was at the court of his old enemy. The first demand he made upon Pharaoh was rather a formal one as Moses knew that the demand would not be complied with. Then was begun the first period of miracles known to the world. The scriptures were about to be commenced and the authority of God was established before Pharaoh and the world by this means. The second was when the prophetic office was to be established among the Jews and these demonstrations of God's power were brought into play to convince all of its divine origin. The third and last season of miracles attended the redemption of the world through Christ and the setting up of the era of grace and salvation by faith.

In looking into this lesson it seems natural that the plagues that brought about the release of the Hebrews should be reviewed. The first three are such as would show the superior power of God over the deities of Egypt. By this time all the more excellent ideas infused into Egyptian life by Joseph and his people were egaced and idolatry was practiced almost universally by the Egyptians. The Nile was a sacred stream and the bloody waters were to show that the god who protected the stream could not prevent this turning of the stream into blood. The plague of frogs was to convince the Egyptians that the frog which was sacred to them could be used by the God of the Hebrews as an instrument of torture to the Egyptians. Lice were considered a sign of defilement by the priests of the Egyptian idol worshipers and they were used to show that the idols of Egypt could not prevent the defilement of the land by them. The next three plagues are intended to prove to Pharaoh that God could destroy them by plagues that sprang up in their own land. The flies were hungry and addicted to biting, the murrain destroyed their herds until they were poor indeed, the boils made them loathe themselves. The third triad of plagues came from without and proved that the gods of the Egyptians were powerless to prevent an invasion of their land. The hail ruined their crops, the locusts devoured what remained and the plague of fine sand made it so dark that they were driven mad by the gloom that accompanied it. The last miracle, the death of the first born, was the one that made Pharaoh and all the land clamor for the departure of the Hebrews from their borders.

The heads of the Hebrew families were

called together and the passover was proclaimed. The blood over the door was necessary to prevent the death of the first born. The Hebrews observed it and it became a religious feast commemorating their departure from Egypt. It typified Christ and the sacrificial lamb that takes away the sins of the world. It was for a perpetual memory to all times. Today the Jew observes the time and the Christian observes it in the Lord's Supper. There is hardly an event that has been so widely observed and perpetuated.

Sunday School Notes.

W. J. Moore, Chairman.

Sunday, May 27th, was a "gala" day for the church at Norman. The beautiful and impressive program for "Children's Day" was rendered at the 11 o'clock hour. The congregation was large, and the entire service was interesting. A collection was taken at the close amounting to \$17.00, which is now in the hands of the teller.

"We believe the Sunday School is the greatest work of the church, and we want to see the time when all our pastors will be trained Sunday school pastors." The above statement in the "Children's Day" program. If it is true that this is the greatest work committed to us, and we believe it is, ought not the pastors to study and equip themselves to lead this great throng of young life into the kingdom of God? Every preacher ought to read and study the books in the Sunday School course so that he may put his hand upon the work in an intelligent and helpful way. It is a shame that we are not "better Sunday School pastors."

The presiding elder of the Oklahoma district has changed the date back to June 19. The Sunday School program will be had in the afternoon of the 20th. Let all Sunday School people of this district take due notice and be on hand. Programs have been mailed to every pastor and superintendent.

Brethren, please do not let "Children's Day" go by default. If you can not hold it now, do so at some future date. Don't deny this great privilege to the children who are committed to you. Besides, the Discipline says we "shall" observe it. It ought to be a joy and a blessing.

Sunday School sessions will be held in the month of June at the following District Conferences, in the afternoon of date given: Wynnewood, district, 13th; Oklahoma City district, 20th; Weatherford district, 27th; Mangum district, 28th. The chairman hopes to attend each of these. Programs are in the hands of pastors and superintendents.

The pastor made report to the paper of a great meeting in his church. He reported 25 converted and joining the church, stating that "only three of these were under 16 years of age." I do not know that he intended to magnify the work done by stating that there were comparatively no children in it. But as for me, I would rather take into my church 35 intelligent children ten years old than that number of persons 60 years old. As Dr. Goucher says, "When you save an old person, you simply save a life; but when you save a child, you save a life and a lifetime." And it is so easy to train a child in Christian work. Ought we not, therefore, to give more time and attach more importance to child evangelism?

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From Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Editors: I am just in receipt of a copy of the Western Methodist, which carried me back to 1875, when I entered the Little Rock Conference on trial. The Conference organ was called then the Western Methodist, and was published in Memphis by Robt. W. Blew, and was edited by Rev. W. C. Johnson, D.D. The Conference that year met in Mineral Springs, Howard county, with Bishop Wightman, presiding. I was appointed to Carlisle, which was a new charge, with neither church nor parsonage in town. Carlisle had no church organization, but there were two little organized churches a few miles away, one of which paid the pastor six dollars and the other seven the year before. Two of my neighbor preachers were H. H. Watson at Lonoke, and T. H. Ware at Hickory Plains. The latter rendered me valuable assistance my first year. Dr. Andrew Hunter, who was presiding elder, appointed Bro. Ware to hold my second quarterly conference. From some cause Rev. R. H. Sanders was with him. Bro. Ware came and preached on Friday night. Subject: "The Barren Fig Tree." The congregation did not know one of the preachers from the other, and when they heard Bro. Sanders pray, and as he was a large man and had a voice like a fog horn, he was spotted as the acting Presiding Elder.

The District Conference was held that year at Hickory Plains. Bishop Wightman presided. A visiting preacher one night during the session tried to preach, but as an Irish preacher of that conference used to say, he got into the "thicket" and made a failure, yet after beating the air for about fifty minutes, he closed by calling for penitents. No one moved of course. Dr. A. R. Winfield said after dismissal: "Humph! that beats me. Preach us all to sleep and then call for mourners." Bishop Atkins' father was a preacher in the district at that time and preached one day from Mat. v:8. H. H. Watson preached from, "The time is short." It is almost twenty years since I left that conference, and there have been so many deaths, transfers and admissions, that the conference is almost new. Am surprised that some of the members of twenty years ago are yet living. Notably, E. L. Beard. More than twenty years ago he was as thin and poor as Job's turkey. I thought he might hold up a year or two, but I see he writes yet. I have an idea that Horace Jewell, J. H. Riggin, J. E. Caldwell, and H. D. McKimmon, are about the same age, and that they are all about three score and thirteen.

I have not seen a well day since the session of Little Rock Conference in Monticello in 1877, but my voice is better and I can preach better than I ever could. As Brittain G. Johnson used to say: My preaching now has "claws." An old Romanist friend asked me a few years ago, "why I did not join the church and save my soul." I replied that I was too near the end of my journey to change; that I had always been contented and happy where I was, and whether deluded or not, I would die a Methodist preacher.

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** TWO SECRETS **

By Ruth Carr.
CHAPTER I.

(This story is dedicated to Klovia Ellis, Saratoga, Ark.)

"O, Susie you just ought to have been at the concert tonight and heard the sweet music. I'll tell you it was fine," said Bessie as she burst into the room in a fit of childish glee.

"What kind of music was it, Bess?"
"All kinds mixed together; some boys played on violins, three ladies played on guitars, and a whole lot of folks played on mandolins and other things, and one little, tiny girl played on something that she just had to hit with a silver looking stick."

"You mean a triangle, I suppose?"
"Yes, that's what I heard them call it. O! if I could just play on something, I'd be the happiest girl in town."

"What would you like to play on, Bess?"

"Just anything, but I think the guitars were the sweetest of all. Prof. Baseom is going to teach a class here, so they can play like the folks at the concert. Don't I wish I could take lessons from him!"

"But you know darling that we are not able to afford such things, for since dear papa died"—her voice grew weak and was lost in a smothered sob.

"O, don't Susie—please don't," said the child as she put her arms around her sister's neck, and laid a soft, rosy cheek against the fair one of her big sister to whom she was devoted.

"I was only talking, Susie; I wasn't in dead earnest—don't pay any 'tention to what I said," and running through the door, she whistled a merry tune to hide her own heart ache and the sob that was pushing to get out.

Susie and Bessie Butler were orphan girls, their mother having died when Bess was a baby, and just three months before the time of this story. Their father was killed in a railroad accident.

Susie had been mother and sister too, to little Bess, but her heart almost failed her when she realized that she must take a father's place also, and be the bread winner for herself and the child.

She had secured a position down town, but, the meager salary was barely enough for their actual wants, so of course nothing was left for luxuries, since Ben must be kept in school.

She was just ten years old now, while Susie was nearly double that, but to Ben, her big sister was yet a child, for many a childish romp did they have together and Susie took an interest in all of Bennie's childish sports and whims.

Bessie hurried out of the house now to hide the big tears that were overflowing her brown eyes, and threatening every minute to run down her cheeks. She opened the garden gate, looked back over her shoulder to see if any one was watching her, and almost ran over Jeff Palsom, who lived with his mother in one side of Susie's house.

"What's the matter, Chic," said Jeff, who was much attached to the child.

"O, nothing, Mr. Jeff—nothing worth speaking of," as she hurried past him and walked to the end of the long row of tomatoes, that Jeff had just planted. She sat down under a peach tree, still dreaming of the wonderful music she had heard, and wondering if the time would ever come when she could learn to play and sing.

"O if I was only bigger I could get a job like Susie, but no one wants to hire a child, and besides I have to go to school. I wish I could talk it over to some one, but poor Susie cries so much that I hate to tell her. If my papa hadn't died, I know he would let me take lessons, but now—"the big, hot tears were threatening to overflow again, so Bess drew her sleeve across her eyes and winked fast.

Suddenly she spied a newspaper that Jeff had his tomato plants wrapped in when he brought them from the gardener's; picking up the paper, she began tearing out the picture of a baby, when she suddenly stopped.

"What is this? I'll just see; it's a guitar, bless my life" As she read she almost held her breath. "Can it be true? Will they give away a guitar to any one who will work to sell things for them? I wish I could ask Susie, but she'd cry some more, so I'll just ask Mr. Jeff about it, for he will help me, and won't tell any one."

In a few days the answer came to her letter, and soon it was arranged that Ben was to take orders after school and on Saturdays till she earned her guitar. Oh! how she worked! There was no such thing as getting tired, for when she thought of having a pretty new guitar, all her own, her little feet fairly skipped over the sidewalk, as she went from house to house.

"How are you getting along, little Ducky?" said Jeff, a week later as she came in from a canvassing tour.

"Just fine, Mr. Jeff. I'll soon have enough to get it."

"I'm so glad, Little One, and to prove that it's true, you can put me down for a dollar's worth of tea and spice for mother."

"Thank you, sir; if everyone was as good as you, I'd be playing on a new guitar soon. I just love you Mr. Jeff, and wish you were my big brother. I told Susie that one day, and she said I mustn't say such things again, but, I didn't see any harm in just a-wishing for good things, do you Mr. Jeff?"

"No, Betsy Bug, I don't," with a smile, as he thought of the sweet faced girl, who must work so hard to take care of her little sister.

Coming home a little later than usual one afternoon, Bess was surprised to find Susie at home.

"Come in little sister, where have you been, and why are you out so late when I have told you so often it is not right?"

"I didn't know it was so late, and I was on the other side of town, so when I started home I had a long way to come, but I ran most of the way."

"Why were you on the other side of town, dearie?"

"I was—er—er, I was—"

"Well what were you doing?"
Could she betray her secret now, when she had kept it so long, but she would not tell Susie a story.

"Answer my question, Bess. What were you doing out so late?"
(To be Continued).

Cabot, Ark., May 26, 1907.

Dear Cousins: The Dear Methodist has given the children a page so I thought I would write. This is my first time to write. My father has been taking the Methodist ever since I can remember, and I have read the cousin's letters ever since I learned to read and I sure enjoy reading them. I am a girl, fourteen years old and I go to Sunday School every Sunday that I can. My father has had health and is not able to go every Sunday. I learn my Sunday School lesson though, if I can't go. Last Sunday was our Children's Day; they always have Children's Day on the second Sunday in May. That and Christmas are always the greatest days of the year with me. I was in a drill and two dialogues. Our pastor, Bro. Lewis, made a good talk. I enjoyed it fine. There was a large crowd and every body brought dinner. There was singing in the afternoon. I have a sister at Morrilton going to school; she is staying with my uncle, Dr. B. F. Wilson; she is coming home in a few days. She has been gone nine months and I haven't seen her since she left. I am anxious to see her. We have a poor little orphan boy with us. We have had him ever since the fourth day of July, 1906. His parents are dead, he has one sister and a half sister and brother that I know of. His name is Elbert Owens. He seems like he is well pleased with his home. He will be 4 years old the tenth day of June. I have four sisters married; three of them live near us and two of the three have each a boy, who are mighty sweet. The other one lives in Little Rock and has a sweet little girl. I will close for this time. With much love to all my little cousins.
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The next day after the commencement Bro. Brewer was taken severely ill with pneumonia. For fourteen days grave doubts were entertained as to his recovery. At this writing he is slowly recovering. He appreciates the deep concern the brethren throughout the Conference have manifested for him in his illness. Let Spaulding College be endowed and all our Methodist girls in the Oklahoma Conference come this way.
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The McAlester District Conference will be held at Atoka I. T., July 4 to 7. The first session will be held at 2:30 p. m., July 4. Rev. R. C. Alexander of Bokchito will preach the opening sermon at 7:30 p. m.
The following committees have been appointed:
License—G. A. Lovett, A. S. McKennon, E. P. Eubanks.
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SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

Notice.
Weatherford District Conference will be held at Cheyenne, 25 miles north of Sayre, June 26 and 30.
The opening sermon by Rev. L. H. Fullingin Wednesday 8 p. m., June 26.

The nearest railroad point is Sayre. Track line from there and other conveyances on Wednesday. Let all parties who come by rail come on the early morning train, which reaches there at 9:15 a. m. Hacks leave Sayre at 10 o'clock, reaching Cheyenne at 6 p. m., in time for the opening sermon.
Thursday afternoon will be given to the Sunday School work.
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The Youth's Companion in June.

Two officers in the government of the United States, men who speak with authority, are among the many contributors to the June issues of the Youth's Companion. One is the director of the census, Hon. S. N. D. North, who gives an estimate of the probable population of the United States in the year 2,000 A. D. Those who think statistics are dry and stupid will be disabused of that idea by a perusal of this article. Then Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry in the United States department of agriculture, contributes a most interesting paper on "Foods and Nutrition." Rider Haggard, whose miscellaneous writings are if possible more entertaining than his romances, tells about "The Real 'King Solomon's Mines,'" and William H. Rideing, in an article on "The Transatlantic Liners," presents a graphic picture of the growth of these passenger ships from the small, slow, uncomfortable packets of the forties to the prodigious floating hotels of our time. These features will make up perhaps a twentieth part of the contents of the Companion in June. The other nineteen-twentieths—stories, miscellany, sketches, anecdotes, etc.—will be all that the most exacting reader could wish.

Ardmore District Conference.

The Ardmore District Conference will meet with Carter Avenue Church, Ardmore, June 26-30. Let all the local preachers attend this Conference if possible, but if not they must furnish a written report of their work since the last District Conference. I am expecting a large attendance and a great meeting. Let every pastor together with his recording steward and delegates attend and stay until the last benediction is pronounced. Our editors, connectional officers, representatives of our Conference Boards and any others who may wish to attend are cordially invited to be with us.

Committees—Licenses—Revs. M. W. Whelan, J. L. Gage and W. R. Brock.

Admission—Revs. J. W. Sims, J. M. Gross and M. B. McKinney.

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Fairland and Wyandotte.

I am glad to note that Fairland and Wyandotte charge is making rapid progress. Our third quarterly meeting is a matter of record. Our good genial presiding elder, Bro. McDonald, was on hand looking after the interest of the church in his efficient way of doing business, and preached two very helpful sermons.

The stewards made a gratifying report (in fact, a record breaker for this charge) and say that every dollar of the assessment will be paid in full. We have secured art glass windows for our church now under construction, which will be one of the best frame churches in the Conference when completed. Not always all of the good things are given the pastor when he first arrives at his appointment, for just a few evenings ago a very large number of friends of the various churches, and non-members as well, to our surprise rapped at the door, and my! my! the many good things to eat were left on our dining table and elsewhere. It would have amused you to see this pastor trying to know just what to do with himself. A very pleasant hour was spent and concluded with scripture reading and prayer.

We are planning and praying for a thorough revival campaign. Fairland is in a very fine agricultural district. So with our now commodious church and other environments we expect this charge to make in the near future the banner circuit of the Cherokee district. Mr. Editor, we like the paper very much and will send in other subscribers during the year.

I sometimes hear the statement made that the highest cultured preachers do not write to the paper. I'm sorry that such a thought ever originated in the mind of any man. I love the field notes. Fraternally,

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Fairland, I. T., May 27.

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Stuttgart Circuit.

Rev. W. W. Christie held the second Quarterly Conference of our charge on the 25th and 26th of May. We had a good Quarterly Conference and good preaching by the presiding elder.

We are glad to report four new Sunday Schools on our work. The people are cordial in the treatment of their pastor and the work moves right along. Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. McKINNON P. C.

May 28.

An "Anti-Cussing" League.

The "Anti-Cussing" League, instituted at Hope by ex-State Senator T. C. Jobe, is not an idle fancy.

The promoter of the league is in earnest about it, and recommends its principles to the consideration of every one.

He has become so thoroughly disgusted with the senseless and foolish habit of profanity that he hopes to imbue others with a desire to aid him in overcoming it as much as possible.

Like many another evil, it is not probable that it will be wholly eradicated as long as the gift of speech remains to fallible man, but it may be made less prevalent.

If properly conducted, an "anti-cussing club" should become one of the most popular organizations in a town.

It would exert a wholesome influence on the boys and young men, whose life characters are in a formative state, and being naturally imitative, they would be induced to imitate cleanliness of speech.

The swearer never accomplishes any good by his profanity, however much he may try to make himself believe that "it does good to cuss good and hard."

Those who may never have indulged in "cussing" may not be able to appreciate how much of an escape-valve it is for one's pent-up feelings, but they get along as well without it.

The profane man is often a leader in society, a great man in the affairs of State, a successful man in business, a citizen of irreproachable integrity, honor and respectability, but all men show that they appraise their cursing at its true value when they abstain from it carefully in the presence of ladies.

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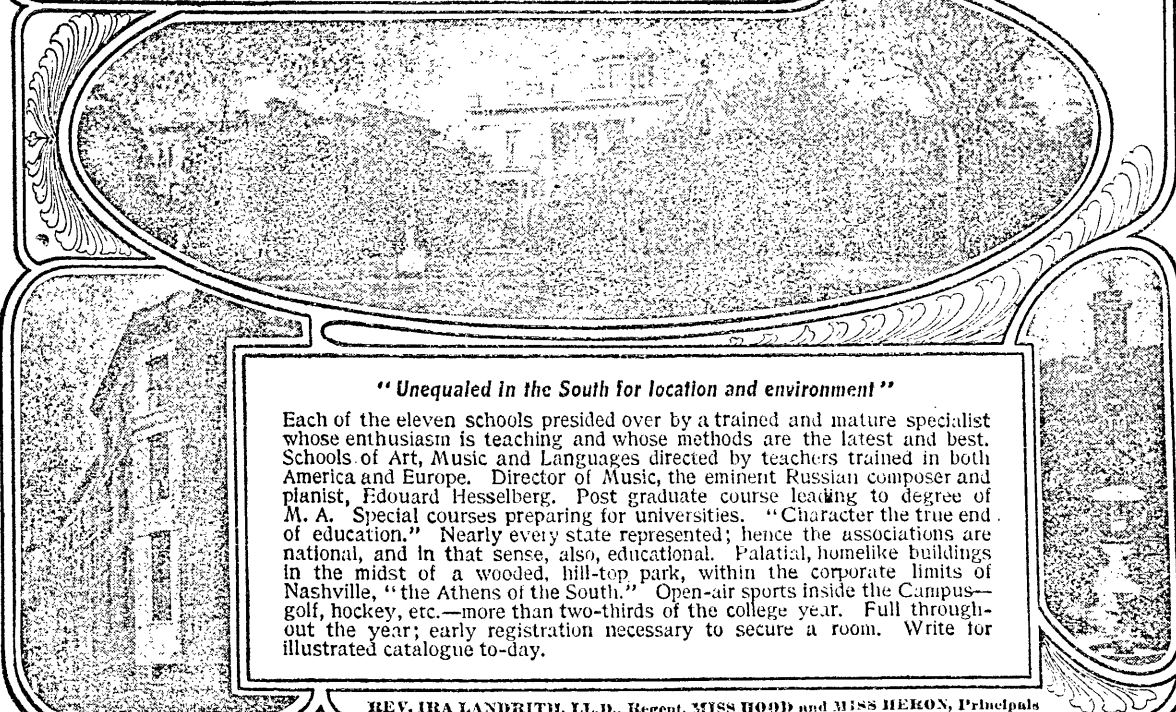
Rev. Leo Bearden and family were specially kind to me. We had a most excellent prayer meeting. This is one of the most desirable appointments in the Conference and they have one of the best all round preachers among us. Two of our saintly superannuates live here—Bros. Torbet and Traylor. All preachers up here know that Geo. Jackson & Co. is the place for a fair deal and honest goods. Bentonville has had a gracious revival. The paper goes into nearly all the homes.

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Gentry.

Sunday was spent at Gentry. Delightful children's service in morning and a good congregation at night. Dr. Bull, the presiding elder, was away, but Bros. Maxwell and Eakes showed us around. The brethren were especially thoughtful and kind. Bro. Eakes is enthusiastic over the success of Gentry Hendrix Academy.

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Rev. Geo. Patchell, the young pastor, is doing well and hopes soon to have his church debt liquidated. He was converted at home when nine years old while his father conducted family worship. He and his devoted wife have a sweet little daughter that it did my soul good to hear join in repeating the Lord's prayer.

Westville, Ind. Tor.

While waiting for a train Rev. J. A. Grimes and I secured several fine new subscribers and several renewals. Bro. Grimes has a large field, has recently organized a new church. He and family impressed me as good and faithful Christians.

Lincoln and Summers.

Though rain prevented preaching, Bro. Hackler and I secured five new subs and some renewals. This is Bro. Hackler's third year. He has had a church debt to contend with, but hopes soon to pay it. He has written a booklet on the evils of dancing which he

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Jonesboro District Conference.

Our district conference held at Nettleton, Ark., May 28-30, was one of great spiritual power and uplift. Rev. M. M. Smith, presiding elder, was on hand, although he has been laid up for repairs and is still in poor health, but promptly at the appointed hour each time sounded the gavel, and firmly, though smoothly, and with admirable deference to all guided the affairs with discretion.

Every pastor answered his call and notwithstanding previous unfavorable conditions of weather which have hindered the progress of work, especially on country charges, gave helpful and hopeful reports of their charges, both in a financial and spiritual way. A great part of this district has, for the years past, been in rather unsettled condition, but the pastors now in the field are looking well to permanent settling of organizations and building of churches.

Only eight local preachers were present to report, but some of these are doing excellent service, among whom I think due mention should be made, because the case is a rare one, is Bro. S. F. Porter, of First Church, Jonesboro, a railroad man who not only finds but uses time to serve the Lord by preaching the gospel. God bless the local preachers who use their office well in assisting the pastors to give the gospel to the people.

Thirty-one delegates were present. Only three charges were represented by full delegations, viz: First Church, Jonesboro, Nettleton and Harrisburg station.

The lay brethren were fully alive to all the interests of the Conference, and a number of them spoke with unusual intelligence along the different lines of church work. Some of our people are reading the church papers and keeping abreast of the time in the field of church literature, but the number is too small. A large number of our laymen were not present on account of having to plant their crops again.

Connectional brethren were exceptionally scarce in our Conference this year. Dr. Jas. A. Anderson was present and took care of the interest of the "Western Methodist," which name as well as the paper we like very much. Dr. Anderson also made full proof of his ministry in the delivery of the most masterly discourse this scribe has ever heard him preach. The subject was "The Invisible Things." It not only fed the intellect but stirred the souls of those who heard it.

Some few visiting brethren were present. Rev. J. M. Benton of the Batesville district, Ash Flat circuit. He also gave us the bread of life concerning the resurrection.

Bro. Benton is blind to the material world, but has a keen view of the spiritual.

Rev. J. S. Watson, of Paragould circuit, was present.

Rev. E. A. Tabor, who is connectional man to all our denominations in Arkansas, was with us and preached to us an earnest sermon on "The Coming

Kingdom in the Hearts of Men." The rest of the preaching was done by pastors in the district, viz: P. E. Taylor, B. L. Harris, who preached the opening sermon of the Conference, Cadesman Pope and F. P. Jernigan. The preaching was all of the highest type, having the pure, old-time Methodist ring, evincing a deep interest for the salvation of souls, which was responded to by people coming to the altar for prayer, and shouts of praise going up to God.

It is needless to say that we were well homed and cared for in Nettleton, for they are no novices in that work. This scribe attended his first district Conference in Arkansas at Nettleton eight years ago.

Marked Tree was selected as the place to hold our next District Conference. This is the first time they have ever asked to entertain us in that capacity, so let us pray that the occasion may be a great blessing to them.

Dr. C. M. Lutterlough, Jonesboro, P. M. Nelson, Manila; G. T. Garvey, Harrisburg, and H. C. Davis, Blytheville, were elected delegates to the next Annual Conference.

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Programme of the Texarkana District Conference, Lockesburg, June 19-23.

Wednesday, 8 p. m., Opening Sermon, Rev. C. O. Steel.

Thursday Morning:—

Sunrise Prayer Meeting, led by Rev. A. M. Robertson.

9:00. Devotional, led by Rev. T. O. Owen.

9:15. Organization and appointment of Committees.

9:30. The work of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, represented by Mesdames Barksdale and Houston.

10:30. Hearing reports and renewing license of local preachers.

11:00. Report of Committee on Missions.

Missionary Sermon, by Rev. E. R. Steel, Arkansas Conference.

Thursday Afternoon:—

3:00 Devotional, led by Rev. T. H. Crowder.

3:15. Report of Committee on Finance. Discussion led by R. M. Mann.

3:30. General Discussion.

3:45. Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance. Discussion led by Rev. J. A. Baker.

4:00. General Discussion.

4:15. Hearing reports and renewing license, and passing characters of local preachers.

4:45. Report of Committee on Education and Church Papers. Discussion led by Rev. Jas. Thomas.

General Discussion.

Thursday Evening:—

8:00. Devotional, led by Rev. L. W. Evans.

9:15. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Ten minute speeches on the following topics:

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The Sunday School Supt., by Rev. A. D. Jenkins.

The Sunday School Teacher, by Brice Cook.

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The Sunday School Missionary Society, by Rev. Hugh Reveley.

General Discussion.

Report of Committee on District Sunday School Organization.

11:00. Sermon, "Obligation of the Church to the Children," Rev. W. P. Whaley.

Friday Afternoon:—

3:00. Devotional, led by Rev. E. P. Sewell.

3:15. Report of Committee on Epworth Leagues.

15 minute speeches on the following topics:

The Spiritual Work of the League, by W. D. Waters.

The Department of Charity and Help, by Miss Lizzie McKinnon.

The Literary and Social Work of the League, by Mrs. A. M. Robertson.

The Department of Missionary Work, by Miss Luhi Brown.

General Discussion.

Report of the Committee on District Epworth League Organization.

Announcement and adjournment.

Friday Evening:—

8:00. Sermon, "Obligation of the Church to the Young People," by Rev. J. A. Henderson.

Saturday Morning:—

9:00. Devotional, led by Rev. S. C. Dean.

9:15. Report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church.

Discussion, led by J. B. Williams.

9:30. General discussion.

9:45. Reports of Committees—Quarterly Conference Records; District Parsonage; For Deacons and Elders and License and Admission.

11:00. Sermon, "The Pastor Among his People," Rev. Jas. Thomas.

Saturday Afternoon:—

3:00. Devotional led by Rev. W. W. Mills.

3:15. Electing delegates to the Annual Conference.

Selecting place for next District Conference.

Announcements and adjournment.

Saturday Evening:—

8:00. Sermon, Rev. A. D. Jenkins.

Sunday Morning:—

9:30. Love Feast, led by Rev. Hugh Reveley.

11:00. Sermon by Presiding Elder.

Sunday Afternoon:—

3:00. Children's service, by Mrs. A.

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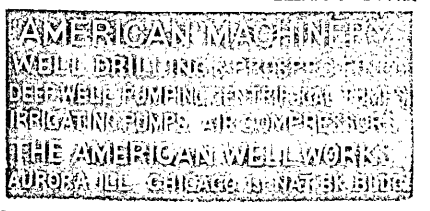
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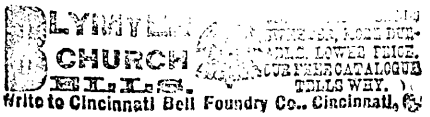
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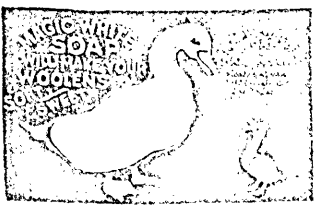
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W. F. M. S. Little Rock Conf. Edited by Conference Officers and District Secretaries. Mrs. J. F. Giles, Editor.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of Little Rock Conference, recently held at Warren, was full of pleasure and very profitable.

Warren, abounding in hospitality, was an ideal meeting place, and the cultured, Christian people, made our stay delightful.

The gracious and cordial words of Welcome, so fitly spoken by Mrs. J. R. Wilson, made us feel it was indeed good to be there.

Sweet little Dorothy Thompson, in behalf of the Warren Juveniles, welcomed the visitors in a graceful little speech.

Miss Turner brought greetings from missionary department of the Epworth League, and by her cordial words all were made to feel welcome to the beautiful city of Warren.

On behalf of the visitors, Miss Allie Belle Wadley, in her usual happy manner responded to these words of welcome, calling attention to the fact that the first foreign missionary society, in Southern Methodism was organized in Warren.

To the delight of all, our beloved president, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, was able to be present. Although so frail in body she is still a tower of strength in her Master's work. Though she was not able to preside at all sessions, still her very presence was a benediction.

Every officer and every district secretary were present, and their reports gave evidence of faithful work done during the past year. Combined and systematic effort is being made to advance the cause of missions.

The report of the delegate to Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, recently held in Richmond, Va., was most encouraging, showing a steady growth along all lines. There was an increase in membership of 2,106 and an increase in collections of \$18,000, the greatest increase in any one year.

Twelve new missionaries were consecrated and sent out by this Board to carry the good news of salvation to the heathen.

With 72 missionaries already in the field and 12 more to go this year we must increase our resources. This delegate pledged, for this Conference Society \$3,000, for the support of four missionaries and \$180 for the debt on the Training School, and it has been approved and accepted by this body. This is another step forward, but we take it by faith, believing we honor the Father by asking largely of him.

The report of the corresponding secretary shows advancement and growth in the work in this Conference, both in membership and in finances.

While we rejoice that much has been done and are thankful for measure of success which has attended our efforts, we realize there is much more to be done and we are urged to greater activity and zeal for the accomplishment of greater things this year.

We rejoice that one of our brightest and most consecrated young women, Miss Henry McKinnon, has offered herself for service in foreign fields. She will enter the Scarriff Bible Training School in September for two years training. I am sure it will be an inspiration to us to have one of "our very own" missionaries.

Rev. W. E. Evans was indeed an ideal host, and his presence at every

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session was helpful, and much appreciated.

Rev. James Thomas of Texarkana preached a strong and helpful sermon Sunday morning on the parable of the great supper.

Mrs. Hotchkiss then called for a collection to make Mrs. E. V. Carr, district secretary of Monticello district, an honorary life member and Mrs. Harrell, wife of the presiding elder of Monticello district, life member.

The \$120, the required amount for this, was quickly raised.

Some very fine papers were read at this Conference. One on "Medical Missions" by Mrs. P. C. Barksdale; "Mission Study Class," by Mrs. Mead, and "My Duty to the Heathen," by Mrs. A. S. Delamar, were especially enjoyed and displayed much ability on the part of their writers.

The well rendered readings by Miss Repass, teacher of expression in the Training School of Warren and the beautiful vocal numbers by Miss Lulline Fortune of Texarkana furnished pleasant diversion from the routine work.

A well conducted missionary roundtable was one of the instructive features of the program.

One evening's program was given over to the children and young people, superintended by Miss Rachel Hill of Little Rock. "A Model Juvenile Society" was conducted which was both entertaining and instructive.

Workers' Conference, conducted by Mrs. J. T. Sifford, in which the hard problems met with in the work were discussed and remedies suggested, was very helpful and instructive.

Miss Eliza Perkinson, a returned missionary from Brazil, added much to the interest. She is a very attractive speaker. We secured her promise to be present at the Little Rock District Conference, to be held at Benton, June 20, 21.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

- Honorary president, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss. President, Mrs. James Thomas. Vice president, Mrs. Sarah McKeck Vane. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. F. Giles. Recording secretary, Miss Allie Belle Wadley. Treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Gates.

The district secretaries are: Arkadelphia district, Mrs. C. R. Thomas; Camden district, Mrs. J. T. Gifford; Little Rock district, Mrs. Geo. Thornburg; Monticello district, Mrs. E. V. Carr, with Shell assistant; Pine Bluff district, Mrs. L. H. Reeves; Prescott district, Mrs. W. P. Agee; Texarkana district, Mrs. P. C. Barksdale.

The Conference will meet at Malvern next year. MRS. J. F. GILES, Corresponding Secretary Little Rock Conference W. F. M. S. 119 E. 6th St., Texarkana, Ark. White River Conference W. F. M. S.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. in the White River Conference will be held at Newport, June 22-25, and a full attendance of the delegates from every Auxiliary, adult, young people and juvenile, is earnestly desired, to insure the best results from this yearly gathering of her sons.

Mrs. W. E. Barnum, third vice president of the Woman's Board, with special supervision of the western conferences, including those of Arkansas, will be present, and with her beautiful voice, attractive personality, and familiarity with the workings of the Board, will add zest and interest to the sessions.

Miss Eliza Perkinson, for 11 years one of the missionaries in Brazil, will be with us to speak of her work, and bring our workers at home into more vital connection with those in the foreign field. Our own Mrs. M. A. Neill will instruct and interest with her account of the Board meeting, and other interesting and helpful talks and papers have been arranged for.

Newport extends cordial hospitality to all delegates and visitors.

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Mrs. Trueheart writes, "The outlook on the fields is most encouraging. We have only to do our part and the results will be glorious."

Let the women of the W. F. M. S. in the White River Conference come together at Newport in goodly numbers "in His name" to work, plan and pray for the doing of their own part in this great work.

MRS. J. M. HAWLEY, Cor. Sec. W. F. M. S., White River Conference. Batesville, Ark., May 31, 1907.

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This is so kind of our good brethren and we hope that many more will send a contribution for this home. The letters I receive breath a beautiful spirit of remembrance of our departed brother. His ministry abides today in the hearts of the people. Send us help please right soon if you can on this home. Very truly,

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Who Drinks the Whisky?

A visiting brother to the Advocate office was asked the other day to suggest something for us to write about. The request brought forth the query at the head of this article. What follows is in part in line with his answer to the question.

The business world does not drink much whisky. If a business man is working for himself he can't afford to drink. Competition is too sharp for a man to succeed when his mental faculties are benumbed by strong drink. If he is working for others they won't stand for his intemperate habits; so it has come about that business competition is a potent factor in the promotion of temperance, and the business man as a rule is temperate if not abstemious.

The social world has to some extent put its ban upon drunkenness. Wines and champagnes are still served but the day is passed in what is called good society when the ladies retire from the table for the gentlemen to get drunk and down. The social diem has gone forth that a gentleman doesn't get drunk.

As a rule the educated and intelligent class do not drink much. They have too much sense and self-control to indulge. They see the havoc wrought in the world by strong drink and they shun such havoc and ruin in their own lives. If these classes were the sole dependence for whisky patronage the number of saloons and the volume of their business would be cut down to a tenth of the present number and proportions.

Who drinks the whisky? The poor, the ignorant the vicious, drink most of it. This Southland is full of poor negroes, poor of purse, weak of will, only forty years from slavery! This poor deluded race, easily influenced, imitative and with a propensity to copy the white man's vices rather than his virtues, drinks a large part of the liquor sold in this section of our country. Of the balance of the drinking the greater part is to be credited to the lower classes of whites. Without the restraints of business and social life, without the poise and self-control that usually comes from education, these unfortunate ones are easily seduced by the temptation of strong drink.

With callous unconcern the state for a paltry license fee opens the gateways of hell near the unwary feet of her weakest children and stretches forth not a hand to keep them back from ruin. These poor, weak, unfortunate ones are they who drink our whisky and commit our crimes and fill our jails and walk the downward way to death and ruin. And they go not alone. He who lifts not his voice to warn nor stretches forth his hand to save is a partner in their sin and shame, and is guilty of the greater infamy of leading astray those for whom the Christ died.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

He Was So Busy.

One year ago today I sat at my desk busy with the month's bills, and accounts, when a bright-faced, starry-eyed lad of twelve rushed in and impetuously announced, "Say, pa, this is your birthday; you are fifty-five years old and I am going to give you fifty-five kisses, one for each year." And he began to make good his word when I exclaimed, "O Andrew, don't do it now, I am so busy!" His silence attracted my attention, and, looking up, I saw his big blue eyes filled with tears, and apologetically said, "You

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can finish tomorrow. He made no reply, but was unable to conceal his disappointment, his face wearing a grieved expression as he quietly walked away.

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Two months later, in consequence of an accident, the waves of the Fox River closed over his body, and we carried him away to sleep near the village where he loved to spend his summer vacations. The robin's note was never sweeter than his voice, and the turtle-doves that coo to their nestlings where he sleeps could not be more gentle than my little boy who never finished his love-imposed task.

If I could build a ladder to the skies and find him there; if I could only tell him how much I regret the thoughtless word spoken; if I could be assured that he understands and knows how my heart is aching because of the unkind request, there would be no man in all this wide world so inexpressibly happy as the one who sits today and thinks how he prevented an act that love inspired, and grieved a little heart as tender as the mercy of God.

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Moral Uses of Dark Things.

By Margaret E. Sangster.

Some of God's children are invalids, shut into their own homes. They can illustrate the grace of God by the sweetness with which they endure this discipline. Others have health, strength and ease of environment, but meet with losses and crosses through the ill-doing or the incapacity of their dear ones; the sorrow that is borne because of families and kindred who in some way go wrong is far harder to bear than any personal suffering. And death enters home after home, and there falls a pall upon joy, and life is veiled, and it seems well-nigh impossible to face onward, without the presence and sympathy of cheery comrades on the road, who were all in all to the home. In every respect of tribulation there is something that hurts. Well for us if there is also something that helps; greater sympathy with Him who sends the affliction, more consciousness of his nearness, more love to Him. Can we say with Whittier in the hour of trial—

"We take with solemn thankfulness
Our burden up, nor ask it less,
And count it joy, that even we
May suffer, serve, or wait for Thee,
Whose will be done?"

If so, sorrow has wrought in us its perfect work, and made us aware of the divine Hand that never gives one stroke too many.—Exchange.

Not a Cheerful Giver.

If a gift brings blessing to the giver in proportion to the love which goes with it, the Scotchman of whom a British paper tells the following story received but small good from his generosity:

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"The deputation next visited Wilson, one of the largest manufacturers in the

city, who, on seeing the list, cried: 'What! Carrick only two guineas?'

"When informed of what the banker had said, Wilson remarked, 'Wait; I will give him a lesson.'

"Taking a check-book, he filled in a check for £10,000, the full amount of his deposit at Carrick's bank, and sent it for immediate payment.

"Five minutes later the banker appeared, breathless, and asked, 'What is the matter, Wilson?'

"'Nothing the matter with me,' replied Wilson, 'but these gentlemen informed me that you could not afford more than two guineas for the hospital. 'Hello!' thinks I, 'if that's the case, there must be something wrong, and I'll get my money out as soon as possible.'"

"Carrick took the subscription list, erased the two guineas and substituted fifty, on which Wilson immediately tore up his check."—Ex.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski, ss: Martha J. Choinski and S. A. Ray, plaintiffs, vs. John C. Ray et al, defendants: In the Pulaski Chancery Court. The defendants, John C. Ray and Mrs. M. E. Clifton are warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, Martha J. Choinski and S. A. Ray. May 20th, 1907. F. A. GARRETT, Clerk. Marshall & Coffman, Solicitor for plaintiff.

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Table listing quarterly conferences for Weatherford District—Third Round, including locations like Geary Station, Clinton Station, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Wynnewood District—Third Round, including locations like Sulphur, Vinita Ave., etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Beaver District—Third Round, including locations like Boyd Ct. at Blue Mountain, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Holdenville District—Third Round, including locations like Tulsa First Church, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Oklahoma City District—Third Round, including locations like Earlsboro and Wewoka, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Mangum District—Third Round, including locations like Mountain Park at Mountain Bend, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Granite and Lone Wolf at Granite, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for McAlester District—Third Round, including locations like Edwards and Craig at Savannah, etc., and dates.

Table listing quarterly conferences for Muskogee District—Third Round, including locations like Brushy Mt. Ct. at Akens, etc., and dates.

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Table listing quarterly conferences for Little Rock Conference, Arkadelphia District—Second Round, etc., and dates.

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Table listing quarterly conferences for Cherry Hill Ct. at Bethesda Camp Ground, etc., and dates.

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WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY.

Programme.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Arkansas Conference, M. E. C. S., Ozark, June 15-19.

Saturday, June 15, 3:30 p. m.:—

Devotional service, Miss Myrtle Reed, Harrison.

Preliminary meeting.

Enrollment of delegates.

Saturday, 8 p. m.:—

Devotional service—Rev. W. T. Thompson.

Address of welcome—Mrs. W. T. Thompson.

Response—Mrs. Jas. Cochran, Paris.

Address of welcome from the Golden Link Society—Miss Floy Wells.

Response—Miss Jessie Johnson, Greenwood.

Address of welcome from the Juvenile Society—Pauline Clayton.

Response—Roger Harlan, Ft. Smith.

President's address—Miss Lila Rollston, Fayetteville.

Address—Rev. W. T. Thompson.

Sunday, 11 a. m.:—

Annual sermon—Rev. J. H. O'Bryant, Sunday, 3 p. m.:—

Mass meeting for the young people and children, led by Miss Brittie Huffman, Rogers.

Talk—Miss Eliza Perkinson, Brazil.

Sunday, 8 p. m.:—

Address—Miss Eliza Perkinson.

Monday, 9 a. m.:—

Consecration service—Miss Rollston. Rules of order.

Report of corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Hamsworth.

Report of Conference treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Bennett, Ft. Smith.

Report of district secretaries.

Report of delegates.

Monday, 2:30 p. m.:—

Devotional service—Mrs D. A. Oakley, Rogers.

Report of delegates—continued.

Adjourned for committee work.

Monday, 8 p. m.:—

Devotional service—Rev. Mr. McEwen.

Children's hour.

Ozark Golden Link and Juvenile Societies.

Tuesday, 9 a. m.:—

Devotional service—Mrs. W. E. Bennett.

"Money Problem in Missions"—Mrs. W. M. Riddick, Morrilton.

"Influence of Missionary Literature"—Mrs. Ellis, Fayetteville.

"Tithing"—Mrs. Ed May, Clarksville.

Discussions.

Our Mission Work in Mexico—Mrs. P. W. Furry, Van Buren.

"Indian Territory"—Mrs. McMurry, Greenwood.

"Cuba"—Mrs. T. H. Moore, Ozark.

Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.:—

Devotional service—Mrs S. S. Waters, Conway.

"Our Schools in Sochow"—Mrs J. E. E. Bates, Rogers.

"Gleanings of Interest Concerning Our Work in China"—Mrs. Wucy, Bentonville.

"Heathen Child Life"—Miss Montague, Ft. Smith.

"Christianity and Womanhood"—Mrs. J. M. Williams, Paris.

"The Supreme Ownership of Jesus Christ"—Mrs. D. A. Anderson, Ft. Smith.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.:—

Devotional service—Rev. J. E. Dunaway.

"Our Training School"—Miss Valerie Cozart, Lamar.

"Echoes from the Board Meeting"—Mrs. H. Hanesworth.

Wednesday, 9 a. m.:—

Devotional service—Mrs. J. J. Gallo-loway, Harrison.

"Our Obligation to the Heathen World,"—Mrs. John Garner, Lamar.

"Hindrances to Missions,"—Mrs. Prince, Conway.

"Forces that move Auxiliaries,"—Mrs. Dora May, Waldron.

"The Work of the Golden Link and Juvenile Societies,"—Miss Ora Hudgins, Harrison.

Discussions:—

"Examples of Answered Prayer in Mission Work,"—Open Meeting.

2:30 p. m.

Devotional service—Mrs. H. S. East, Booneville.

Unfinished business.

Reports of committees.

Query box.

Election of officers.

"Has the meeting been helpful?"—Open meeting.

8 p. m.:—

Address—Miss Eliza Perkinson, Brazil.

MISS LILA ROLLSTON, Pres.
MRS. H. HANESWORTH, Cor. Sec.

The Board of Foreign Missions.

After a two days' journey through the beautiful mountain scenery of West Virginia and the lovely valley of Virginia, I arrived at Richmond, where the Board was to meet. True to the Muskogee record I was a little ahead of time and so had some hours for sight seeing. No place anywhere affords more genuine interest and pleasure than Richmond, with its historic churches, its valuable museums, its many monuments. No more beautiful spot can be found than Hollywood, its city of the dead, so bountifully cared for. The capitol square through which have passed our heroes both North and South until I could almost hear the tread of their passing steps. This state capitol, the first built in the United States and from which our national capitol was modeled, with its monuments to Washington, Clay, Marshall and Stuart, its fountain and beautiful walks, its view of the James river and Manchester across the river make a scene not easily forgotten.

My home was with Mr. Geo. E. Wise, the son of a Methodist minister of the Virginia Conference, who has gone to his reward; but his wife, who survives him, and his son do follow in his steps. True Virginia hospitality was dispensed in its beauty and genuineness by the members of this home to this Indian delegate.

The Board met at the Centenary church and was welcomed by nineteen Methodist churches and 9,000 Methodists of Richmond through Dr. Spooner and also by a member of the Foreign Missionary Society of Richmond.

The first business session was held Friday morning. Miss Gibson, the newly elected president, brought a very helpful message from Paul's prayer of fellowship. The talent of intercession. She prayed that his four petitions might be fulfilled for each member. First, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge, capacity for loving might approve the things that are excellent, be sincere and void of offense and filled with fruits of righteousness.

Twenty-four Conferences were represented by their secretaries, six by alternates and four had no representation. All officers were present except Mrs. Bishop Wilson, who was in China, and Mrs. J. B. Cobb our associate secretary, who is also in the Orient.

Miss Bell Bennett and Mrs. Chappell our newly elected managers, rendered efficient service in many ways.

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The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Trueheart, reported some changes in home work. Consolidation of Conferences makes fewer Conference societies but the membership has increased about 8,000, the largest increase among young people. The collections increased \$18,000. Woman's Missionary Advocate nearly 20,000 subscribers and has over \$2,000 to its credit. The Little Worker is very popular, but is at so low a price that it is not able to meet its expenses. Although we had twelve missionary candidates and three who are to continue for another year in Training Schools, yet our successes are our embarrassments. Many more workers are needed.

China is awaking in a wonderful way and we did our best to meet the need there.

The Laura Haygood is to be completed, a new building will be put up at Sung Kong. A summer home on the mountains is to be put in repair. A great appeal for missionaries comes from China.

Korea needed a larger opportunity. A new location and buildings are to be given to Seoul. Songdo has turned over the boys to Mr. Yun and the girls' school is a great necessity. Three of our new missionaries go to that important field.

Brazil is calling for 100 new missionaries and better equipped schools that she may send forth trained native teachers and workers to her own people. Cuba though small in area, is

large in needs. Instead of saints she needs the living Christ. He alone can free Cuba. If the 800,000 women of our church were enlisted in this branch of our Lord's work, all the calls could be met. Let us be much engaged in interesting the 710,000 who are taking no part in reaching out a helping hand to those who have had no chance. There are 1,000,000,000 heathen in the world and every four out of five in this country are not Christians.

The new missionaries are Miss Agnes Ruff of South Carolina, who goes to Cuba; Alma Jones of Missouri, and Belinda Baueroff, North Mississippi, to Mexico; Eunice Andrews, Tennessee, May Dye, North Texas and Tessie Buttrick, North Carolina, to Brazil; Ruby Kendrick, Texas, Martha I. Batey, Tennessee, Rubie Lilley, Georgia, to Korea; Emma Steger, Missouri, Nell Drake, Mississippi, Dr. Emily Runyon, Virginia, Mrs. S. S. Harris, Florida, to China.

Our next meeting will be held in New Orleans.

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