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EDITORIAL.

A Fruitful Source of Failure.

Multitudes of people never dream that success in life is possible to them, and so never try to be anybody. Other multitudes would be glad to achieve success, but do not know the real conditions of it. As to the first class, we may dismiss them here with our pity, pity that the earth should breed people who are willing to float around like hulks on the sea of life and be swallowed up by that sea at last, the world none the wiser and none the better for their having been here. It is to the latter class we would speak a word just here.

The difference between succeeding and failing is not so wide as is commonly believed, the effort involved being considered. The men who have failed but who with only a little more pains would have succeeded are numberless. Success in life depends very largely upon possessing ability to do your work a little better than the other man can do it. The true theory of education is to find out what you can best do and then put the emphasis of training upon that, not neglecting, meanwhile, to obtain a fair degree of proficiency in the ordinary lines of endeavor; know enough about many things to prevent you from becoming a crank or from being lopsided, but lay the weight of effort upon that line of things in which you have your special talent, for your special talent is God's call for you to enter upon that line of service indicated by the talent. Now, the difference between the man who can do a thing as well as the average man can do it and the man who excels in doing that particular thing does not need to be a very great difference to make a large difference in the results as it affects the lives of the men. The world is teeming with men of average power. If you are only an average man your chances of success, by which we mean here marked success, are slim; the fact of mediocrity is the doom of failure. On the other hand, the whole world is looking with keen-eyed vision for men who can excel; the world is after such men, needs them, needs more of them than it can get. Just a small difference in the excellence of your work over that of ordinary men puts you out of their class, gives you the start of them, the preference over them.

The meaning of this is that most men stop just a little short of what is necessary to the success which they see others attaining. I once listened to a man preach on a subject. I had just two days before discussed before the same audience. His sermon was pronounced a great sermon; they had said mine was a "good" sermon. His sermon was much better than mine, but the difference was in its greater fulness, greater care in the preparation; there was not a thought in it that was not equally within my reach, only I just did not reach all its thought in my treatment of the subject; his work was that of a master, mine was that of a fairly good workman. Now, in the natural competition of life what

None at all. It is so again and again, anywhere, everywhere. And it ought to be so. There are thousands of men who are distinguishing themselves among their fellows simply because they have been willing to stick to their tasks just a little longer, do them just a little better, come a little nearer perfection than other men. What chance is there for a man, who, though he may do a dozen things fairly well, can excel in nothing?

Note another fact: Thousands of men become prominent having only one talent. You have known a man who is a mere word-painter become famous, but he painted in words exceedingly well; you have known a man who is always thrust forward as the secretary of meetings because he is a good pen-man; you have known a man whose one excellence is in his personal address;—in all cases one talent brought the man forward. In your college days the boy who had just a little the best talent for mathematics, or for languages, or for the physical sciences, was already a distinguished youth among his fellows.

A doctor does not need to be greatly the best in his community to get all the practice he wants, while others starve, he needs to have only the reputation of being at all better than his fellows. A lawyer need not be very far ahead of the average to obtain practice, but he must have the reputation of being ahead, however. Our point is this: It will not require very much more of you to succeed than it will for you to be just an average worker and therefore a mediocre, a failure. If we could only get this point in the head and heart of every young man and woman in the land!

Straight Talk to Young Men.

The words of President Chas. W. Eliot in his address to the freshman class in Harvard, which we reproduce here are worthy of the prominence we are giving them. He was speaking of "The Sources of Solid, Durable Satisfaction in Life," which he declared he had a good opportunity to observe in 56 years of life at the university. He said:

"It is a very safe protective rule to live to-day as if you were going to marry a pure woman within a month. That rule you will find a safeguard for life. It is a good rule early to work to learn how to work hard. It is a good rule never to take four minutes to do what you can as well accomplish in three minutes, or take four years to do what you can as well accomplish in three years. It is a good rule to live today and every day like a man of honor.

"As an indispensable foundation for solid, durable satisfaction, a young man ought first to be a clean, wholesome, vigorous animal. That is the foundation for everything else. In domestic, civic and business life we have to build everything on this animal strength.

"It doesn't mean that to be strong you have to be barbarians. You must avoid drunkenness, licentiousness and getting into

They are legitimate enjoyments. But if they are made the main ends, they cease to be a source of durable satisfaction. They must be incidental.

"The second thing necessary is a strong mental grip, a wholesome capacity for hard mental work. The great difference between the privileged class of educated men to which you belong and the great majority of other people is that the educated class lives by the exercise of mental, not physical powers. You ought to get a capacity for rapid, keen, intense, intellectual labor.

"The third thing necessary is a spotless reputation. This only comes by living with honor. There are things an honorable man won't do, can't do. He will never wrong or cheat a woman. He will never oppress or degrade a person weaker or poorer. He is honest, sincere, candid, generous."—The Watchword.

It is not needful that man should be in a hurry to make known his gifts; if he has talents, and will simply attend well to his own business, his talents will not be unobserved. The whole world is looking with keen eyes for men who can do things. The man who rushes in to make an exhibition of his powers will often get himself despised for his lack of modesty and will be left behind in the race of life by men who really have less talent but more sense.

Laugh not at what some call the extravagance of the young lover. It is the true business of love to idealize, to transfigure, to glorify its object. The pity is that love should ever lose its poetry and descend into the region of prose. That is the destruction of all the beauty if not of all the happiness between lovers, the open gate to the divorce court among married people.

We recently heard a preacher decline to report a greater number of conversions than he could find in accessions to the church. He is not far from the truth of the situation. Not one man in a hundred who lives out of the church is worth counting. This is not buncombe nor ecclesiastical mud-slinging; it is simply the truth.

We recently heard a presiding elder say that every preacher's salary in his district would be paid in full if only the stewards having charge would make up their minds that it should be done. We give our adherence to this judgment. We are confident that we have seen many situations where this was positively the only requisite.

How many good sermons are spoiled by a little foolishness! We do not believe a preacher can ever afford to drop below the level of sobriety. There is no need of a long face; the preacher ought to be cheerful, but to play the humorist or the clown is alto-

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

District Conferences.

Helena, Haynes July 17-21
Batesville, Calico Rock....9 a. m., July 18
Searcy, BeebeJuly 17-20

Rev. S. F. Goddard, of South McAlester, is at the Chautauqua in New York State.

Rev. W. W. Crymes, of Atoka, has gone to the Summer School at Northfield, Mass.

In the recent revival at Stonewall, I. T., Rev. J. R. Brooks pastor, there were about 100 conversions.

"The Origin of Infant Baptism," by Dr. J. H. Riffin, is published by Smith & Lamar and sold by Anderson, Millar & Co.

Prof. A. L. Hutchins, principal of the Augusta, Ark., public school, called last Friday. He is one of our best young teachers.

Bishop Ward has changed the date of the New Mexico Conference from Sept. 12 to Sept. 26.

The brethren in Little Rock Conference will be glad to hear that Rev. W. H. Duncan has already high standing in Oklahoma.

Rev. W. T. Ready and his people at Teemseh are about beginning to build a new church.

Prof. G. W. Dyer of Vanderbilt University has won the degree of Ph. D. at the University of Chicago.

Rev. J. H. O'Bryant, presiding elder of Dardanelle district, has moved his family to Conway, Ark., so that his children may have college advantages.

Pastor Long is beginning to build a good church at Crowder City. The presiding elder says it will be one of the neatest churches in McAlester district.

Rev. W. T. Ready, Teemseh, and Rev. H. E. Carter, Cheyenne, each showed himself a good host in entertaining District Conference recently.

Our church at Lawton is prospering greatly under the ministry of Rev. A. L. Scales. There have been 200 additions this year and preparations are on hand for a new church.

We rejoice to learn that Dr. Z. T. Bennett, presiding elder of Helena district, has been greatly relieved of his suffering during a brief sojourn at Hot Springs.

Rev. W. A. Swift of Asbury church, Little Rock, has been spending ten days at his old home in Kentucky. He reports a fine brief vacation.

On account of his health Rev. R. W. McKay, of Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock, will rest during July. We trust that he will fully recover his strength.

Mr. B. N. Duke has donated to the North Carolina Conference the valuable property of the Louisburg Female College, which his father had bought under mortgage sale a few years ago.

Rev. Gordon R. Wright, Elk City, has had the great joy to see his church double in membership and in efficiency since he took charge last fall. Bro. Wright is one of the most vigorous and efficient men in Oklahoma.

In his recent baccalaureate President Hadley of Yale said: "The only men who are safe are those whose standards of honor are what the world calls quixotic—which really means that they are Christian."

We wish very heartily that our people would cease to barricade the preacher behind a whole lot of lumber when they are constructing pulpits. Let the preacher stand out in the open.

Rev. J. A. Parks, of Durant, I. T., has received into the church nearly 100 people since Conference, 56 of these coming in on profession of faith. A good work of grace is going on continually in the charge.

His brethren will be rejoiced to learn that the health of Rev. W. A. Randle, Oklahoma Conference, is greatly improved. We trust this modest and able man will be able to take work this fall.

Age should not be measured by years. It should be indicated by mature judgment and broader vision. To grow old without growing stronger intellectually and nobler in character is cause for regret.

It is most unfortunate for some men that they get the habit of believing that the only way to stand in opposition is to fight and fight under the black flag. Such men are not noted for the number of converts they win.

Rev. C. F. Mitchel, of Muldrow, has been elected superintendent of Methvin Institute at Anadarko, and has accepted the position. He will take charge immediately. He is an admirable selection and has in his wife a true helpmeet for this work.

Ex-Senator E. W. Carmack, while recently delivering a temperance address in Nashville, Tenn., prophesied that men who are not now young would live to see the saloon outlawed in every State in the Union. May his prediction come true.

A preacher ought to have more respect for the church, more respect for his wife and children and more respect for himself than to allow the parsonages and premises to get into a dilapidated condition or to be overgrown with weeds.

Rev. S. E. Kirby, pastor of Eudora Circuit, Little Rock Conference, has been in the city several days with his wife, who has been for some time with his relatives here on account of her health. He is having fine success in his work.

Major H. V. McCain, father of Mrs. W. W. Nelson, died at Montgomery, La., July 3. He was greatly beloved by all who knew him. For 25 years he held official position in the Methodist Church. He was one of God's noblemen.

Last Thursday Rev. M. K. Irwin of De Vall's Bluff, accompanied his wife and children to Little Rock. They were on their way to Sallisaw, I. T., and Polk county, Ark., to spend the hot season in the mountains with relatives.

Prof. I. Lee Holt, some time a member of the faculty of the Stuttgart Training School, is now at the University of Chicago pursuing his course for the degree of Ph. D. He is a fine man and a close student. We expect large things from him.

Rev. W. D. Matthews of Weatherford district has changed Rev. T. A. Lisenby from Clinton to Custer, and has secured for Clinton Rev. J. E. McConnell, who recently graduated at the University of Arkansas. Bro. McConnell is a first-class man. He takes charge immediately.

At the recent session of the Paris District Conference at Benton, Ky., Rev. H. B. Johnson made an address on the importance of securing homes for the superannuates, and the Conference asked that three laymen be appointed in each county to secure such homes. A similar movement ought to begin in every District.

William Jewell College, the Baptist College for young men of Missouri, last session enrolled 475 men, of these 196 were ministerial students. That is a great record for a small college, for William Jewell is simply a college and not in any sense a university.

Vanity is a source of weakness. A vain man is always gullible and always partially blind. What is perhaps still worse, he lacks something of being true; he would not sell you for thirty pieces of silver, it may be, but he will sell you out to the other man who pats him on the back. Rely upon it.

The failure of the Board of Trustees of the State School for the Blind to re-elect Prof. T. A. Futrell superintendent is causing much surprise and comment. It was generally understood that his administration was satisfactory and his friends naturally supposed that there would be no opposition to his retention.

Under the terms of the will of the late A. J. Mackay the University of Colorado will get a \$400,000 building and the town of Boulder a \$50,000 home for dependent children.

Mrs. Robert Lincoln has presented to Iowa Wesleyan University for the president's home the splendid residence of her father, Senator Harlan, who was for forty-six years a trustee of the institution.

Francis Murphy, the noted temperance lecturer and reformer, who died recently, was buried at Los Angeles, Calif., July 3. Thousands rendered homage to this great and good man. Flags were on all the public buildings and many business houses. Even saloon men respected him for his courage and drunkards loved him because he lovingly tried to save them.

On June 26 at Little Rock, Mr. M. E. Dunaway was married to Miss Bessie Eagle. Mr. Dunaway is a graduate of Hendrix College, of Yale University, and of the Law Department of the Arkansas University, and is now a rising young lawyer of our city. Miss Eagle is a daughter of the late Hon. W. H. Eagle. We wish our young friends great joy.

According to report of Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction H. S. Traylor, Mr. Claud Nelson, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Nelson, of Conway, Ark., made the highest grade of any applicant in the State for teacher's professional license at the recent examination. He is a Hendrix College student and only eighteen years old. At the last commencement he won the scholarship prize. He is a fine young man.

Miss Virginia Garner, one of our most talented young women, now a missionary in Japan, has recently had conferred upon her the distinguished honor of being invited to deliver a series of lectures on English Literature before the Y. M. C. A. of the Higher Commercial School of Kobe. Miss Garner's many friends throughout the country will be delighted to know that the first of these lectures, delivered June 1, before a large audience of very intelligent Japanese, was a great success and met with an enthusiastic reception.

In the list of the A. B. graduates at the recent Vanderbilt commencement we note the names of Moffet J. Rhodes and Robert C. Rhodes. These young gentlemen are the sons of Rev. J. C. Rhodes, of the Little Rock Conference. We congratulate them and their parents. Their continuation in the course leading to the degree has meant for them all toil and self-sacrifice. Only so are men made. It is worth the while for a Methodist preacher and his wife, or for any other couple to endure sacrifice to bring their children through school.

"Mark Twain" has received from Oxford University, England, the honorary degree of Litt. D. Lord Curzon, in conferring the degree said in Latin: "You are one of the finest, most agreeable and most witty men of the day; you have made the sides of the entire literary world shake with laughter; and so by virtue of the authority of the whole university, I admit you to the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters." So now when we read Twain's far-fetched humor we may be comforted by the thought that it has the sanction of Oxford University.

A few days ago the English House of Commons, by the large vote of 432 against 147 passed a resolution warning the House of Lords against obstructive measures. If the lords insist upon the policy of defeating measures called for by the people and passed by the Commons they must face the probable curtailment of their powers. The following is the text of the resolution: "That, in order to give effect to the will of the people as expressed by their elected representatives, it is necessary that the power of the other House to alter or reject bills passed by this House should be so restricted by law as to secure that within the limits of a single Parliament the final decision of the House of Commons shall prevail." This is virtually the first step in the practical amendment of the English constitution.

It Seems Strange.

In various official journals of the Northern Methodist Church items are now appearing about the candidacy of laymen for membership in their General Conference. Quarterly Conferences are said to be recommending their favorite sons. For instance, Vice-President C. W. Fairbanks is recommended and frequently mentioned. This seems strange in church affairs. It looks somewhat like politics.

Dr. T. T. Eaton.

Rev. Thomas T. Eaton, D. D., editor of the Western Recorder, the leading Baptist paper in the South, died suddenly June 29. From 1869 to 1881 he was a pastor at Lebanon and Chattanooga, Tenn., and Petersburg, Va. In 1881 he became pastor of Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky. Holding this pastorate till his death, he made it notable. In connection with his pastorate he was for nearly a

quarter of a century editor of the Western Recorder. He excelled both as pastor and editor, and neglected neither work for the other. While we often differed with him in matters of opinion, we respected him for his manly courage, intellectual vigor and Christian character.

Unparalleled Record.

In the press of the Northern Methodist Church a paragraph is going the rounds to the effect that Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, having been a member of nine successive General Conferences of his church, holds an honor never enjoyed by any other man. The most wonderful record of that kind, so far as we know, was made by the late Dr. Andrew Hunter of the Little Rock Conference of our own church. He was a member of the last General Conference of the undivided church and a member of every General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, to that of 1898. As the first was in 1846 and no General Conference was held during the war between the States, he was a member of fourteen General Conferences in succession. If Dr. Buckley lives and is elected every time, he will have equaled Dr. Hunter's record in 1924. We trust that he may have this honor.

The International Training School at Searcy, Arkansas.

Going to Searcy last week to deliver an address on "Christian Education and the Sunday School" before the Training School, I had the pleasure of hearing Prof. E. A. Fox, Mr. E. S. Boswell, Rev. Harvey Beauchamp, Miss Nannie Lee Frayser and Miss Minnie Allen, all of whom presented their subjects forcibly and attractively. The attendance of Sunday School workers was fair, but not what it should be. If our people fully understood what is offered there in the discussion of Sunday School management and methods there would be 500 enrolled. Bro. Long was busy, and Dr. W. F. Andrews had preached a strong sermon on the opening Sunday. Searcy was looking well. Much improvement since my last visit was observed. Two nights and a day were very profitably spent, and it was with regret that I left on Wednesday.

A. C. M.

Weatherford District Conference.

The Conference met in Cheyenne, Okla., June 26, Rev. Wm. D. Matthews in the chair and Rev. W. A. Randle secretary. The presiding elder had placed the time of the Conference with the intention of allowing the push of wheat harvest to pass before the meeting, but all crops are about three weeks late this year. So it was that people were cutting wheat all over the country and plowing their corn. The attendance was, therefore, smaller than it would have otherwise been. I was struck with the robust look of the men who were on hand. They looked as if they all might have grown up breathing this fine western air. It was gratifying to note that they have a vigorous manner in administration of the affairs of the church also. The spirit of the whole occasion was very fine. Presiding Elder Matthews is doing heroic work, sticking right to it. The same is true of nearly all his preachers. Some of the reports were excellent, showing religion, sense, diligence, growth. The preaching was good. I heard Bro. Lambert, Duncan, Wright, Hays up to the time of this writing, Saturday;—not one of them is a dead man. Bro. W. A. Randle, much esteemed well

here and a former presiding elder, preaches for us tomorrow. The sessions have been earnest and fruitful. Bro. Matthews has the highest hopes of the work. A great deal of the work in Weatherford district is still in a rather formative state, particularly in the northwestern part of the district. Many of the people live as yet in "dugouts" and semi-dugouts. Many are as yet without church buildings. But it is a goodly land, and our church is making steady progress.

This editor, Bros. Matthews and Randle had a splendid home with Dr. J. P. Miller and his good family. They have long been leading people in Cheyenne, long as matters go in this country.

The town of Cheyenne gave a glad welcome to the Conference and entertained it well. The people were clever, in both the American and English sense of that word. The next Conference goes to Sayre. JAS. A. A.

McAlester District Conference.

The McAlester District Conference met at Atoka, July 4th. The presiding elder, Rev. S. G. Thompson, was in the chair throughout the sittings. Rev. Jno. W. Head was secretary. The weather was hot, but the attendance was good, and the conference stuck to business from start to finish. The reports of the preachers were made on blanks furnished by the presiding elder, which went to appropriate committees without reading, and these committees brought forward in their reports such matters as they thought required action. The open sessions were given to routine work and to the discussion of reports. The good women and the Epworth Leaguers each had time given them, as did also the Sunday School Board and the Mission Board, represented respectively by Rev. W. J. Moore and Rev. O. E. Goddard. All these interests had profitable discussions.

As in all the conferences I have attended the Western Methodist received good treatment, a definite plan to complete the special campaign was made, and three of the strongest men in the district were commissioned to stand behind the plan.

Brother Thompson moves with ease and dignity in his work, has everything in order and seems to have the thorough good will of preachers and people.

Atoka gave most hospitable entertainment. This editor had a home with Judge J. H. Linebaugh, which he very much enjoyed. Judge Linebaugh is a brother of our Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, and is a remarkable man in several respects. For years he has been paralyzed and, like Alexander H. Stephens, transacts the business of life in a roller chair. He neither parades his afflictions nor asks any man quarter on account of them. Since he has been afflicted he has made of himself a first class lawyer, made a good living and been the mainstay of his younger brothers in times when they needed him, preaches as a local preacher meantime. The unostentatious but heroic lives of such men are an inspiration to their fellows. The older brethren of the Little Rock Conference will remember his father, for years an honored member of that Conference, and will be glad to know that all three of the sons have come to honor; and the people of Columbia county will remember well the wife of Judge Linebaugh, Miss Young, of Magnolia. It is a pleasure to report their happiness to their old friends.

His Arkansas friends will also be glad to hear that Judge T. C. Humphrey, of the Federal Bench, who also lives at Atoka, is doing

JAS. A. A.

Rev. Young John Allen, D.D., LL.D.

Dr. Allen was born in the State of Georgia, U. S. A., Jan., 1836. He was left an orphan when he was very young, but had property and received a good education at Emory College in his native State, graduating in 1858. In the same year he was married and appointed to China as a missionary.

In those early days there were not so many Christian people in Western countries as now who felt the obligation to spread the benefits of the gospel, and to extend the helpfulness of Western culture. There was not sufficient money in the treasury of the church to send him to China and to support him; so he was appointed to stay in the home land for a year or so to raise enough money to meet the expenses. He went abroad among the people and persuaded them to contribute funds.

All his property he sold that there might be no temptation to desert his great life work in the "Far East" to go back home to look after business. Some of his friends looked upon this as a foolish step, but he said that when he made up his mind to work in China it was for a life work, and that there should be no turning back. And that has been true of his whole life, for with all the offers that have been made him in China and in America, he has always held fast to his one purpose of being a missionary to China and of being nothing else.

He, with his wife and baby, sailed from New York for China in December, 1859, in a sailing ship, for this was before the day of large steamships on the Pacific. They landed in Shanghai in July, 1860. They suffered many hardships on the way, but he considered these as nothing for the sake of his great hope of serving China.

Soon after his coming to China, the great civil war broke out in America between the States in the North and the States in the South. The Southern States were in great distress, and the church in the South soon had no money to send abroad for missions. This was a critical time in the life of Dr. Allen. What should he do? Other churches asked him to join them and work for them in China. The Methodist Church of the Northern States urged him to join them, since his own church was unable to support his work. He was not willing to desert his church, and he was absolutely unwilling to desert China. This was at once the test and the revelation of his strong faith.

At this time the Chinese government invited him to teach and interpret in the Arsenal. He undertook this work in order to support himself and family, and thus render possible his remaining in China, and he continued in the government's employ for some years, until the civil war was over and the church at home recovered its strength sufficiently to take up his support again.

While he was doing this work for the government he did not fail to be a missionary. He continued to take care of the property of the church, and he preached in the churches of the mission two or three times each week. Every day, after working at the Arsenal six or seven hours, he would return home and spend two hours or more dictating and translating with his Chinese writer for two papers he was editing—one in Mandarin and one in wen-li. The papers he was publishing on his own financial responsibility. Then after his dinner in the evening he would work hard for several hours in his study writing and preparing for future work. In this he revealed his industry and devotion to his chosen life work. Perhaps there are all too few of

us who would be willing to work under such difficulties so long for the good of other men.

Dr. Allen believed in the great fruitfulness of educational work, and very early began to put forth efforts along this line. These early efforts crystalized into two schools for young men—one at Pah-sien-jau, and one in Hongkew, near the present site of the College. Later these two schools were combined and the Anglo-Chinese College was established. This was done mainly through his efforts. The money to establish the college and to purchase the adjacent property was contributed by the Church in America as a part of the money raised on the occasion of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Methodist Church in America. It was a thank offering, and part of it was sent to China to help to establish the Anglo-Chinese College.

Before the College was established, he gave up his government employment, and gave his time again entirely to the work of the mission. He had a very large part in the establishment of the McTyre School for Girls—believing, as he did, that the young women of China were entitled to the same advantages as the young men. He gave himself freely to helping in the establishment of all branches of work in the mission. In his younger years he spent much time itinerating. He went far and wide all over the country around Shanghai. He preached in the towns and villages, he slept in the tea houses, and did everything in his power to bring the gospel to the people.

A long while ago he became very much interested in the preparation of books and periodicals. For years he published the "Wan Kok Kong Pau" by himself, and was himself financially responsible for it. Later the support of the magazine was undertaken by The Society for the Diffusion of Scientific Knowledge Among the Chinese, now known as the Christian Literary Society, and he assumed the editorship. His books are too numerous and too well known to be spoken of here in detail; they are known and read throughout all the Chinese world. Through these "he being dead yet speaketh." eth."

Dr. Allen looked forward to next year when he could celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage and appointment to China. But he was called home from the midst of his labors. Our sorrow over his death may well be moderated by our gratitude for his life. The inspiration of his life, of his purpose, of his work, should abide with us. We should build up our own faith and love and hope by the contemplation of the character and work of this great and good man, our teacher and friend. Let us each seek for himself the hidden power in a life like this.

Let us in these last few words fix in our minds, and lay upon our hearts, some few lessons of abiding helpfulness from his life.

High and noble purpose to serve God and man. He loved his fellow men because he loved God; he served his fellow men because he obeyed God.

Persistent and consistent adherence to life's purpose: difficulties great and long could not turn him aside. He did not begin well and afterwards allow temptations of gain or ease, or even severe obstacles and difficulties to turn him aside.

Hopeful enthusiasm: He believed in the good, and that it must triumph. He never expected defeat. His faith was victorious.

We have only one life to live in this world,

and it is supremely worth while to live life right. Each of us has a life work to do, and is of all importance to us that we do it where it will yield the most—in hope, love and faith.

JOHN W. CLINE
Anglo-Chinese College, June 8, 1907.

A Reply to Sidney H. Babcock.

I have just read the Rev. Sidney H. Babcock's article or suggestion as to the now being ripe for a change in the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that of the "Methodist Catholic Church."

Now, I for one, do not concur and do not register my protest against same. I think this is an age for restatement of faiths, the revision of creeds, etc. But when it comes to the changing of a name that has been sacred, glorious and as lasting as the centuries, we should move cautiously, act cautiously and choose wisely.

So long as the history of the organization of the M. E. Church, South, remains in our archives, and so long as the name of a Babcock stands out prominent upon its pages, and so long as we shall read from John Soule's own words, declaring his adherence to the M. E. Church, South, so long shall his name be remembered and cherished. So long as our signal victories and triumphant triumphs in every clime shall be chronicled, so long shall our name remain glorious. So long as we shall think of the honorable record of our sacred dead from Bishop Andrew to Young J. Allen, the apostle to the Chinese, some of whom are made dear and precious by this tie of nature, so long shall we revere our present name.

Bro. Babcock's phraseology is good, but his logic is not. Rhetoric is pleasing, but his logic is not founded. As a matter of fact, have we any worthies, either of church or State, whose outgrown names are "Can a church have a 'spotless and luminous history' and a 'beautiful fraternity' outgrow its name? Is this indicative of a stigma upon our name? Does it indicate that we have either crafty or treacherous as the name of Jacob signifies? Does it not rather signify that as a 'prince' we have already prevailed? And having received power from God with having power and influence with men, answering to every Macedonian cry and to the most uninviting of all fields have we all gone forth 'conquering and to conquer'?"

If in "Northern cities there are disorders being sadly neglected by a church that spends money," who is responsible? Be it one branch of our Methodism becomes guilty of craft are we to hold another responsible that has a "luminous history" made by patient and struggling sacrificial toil?"

Now there may be good reasons for increasing and even demanding a stronger fellowship and brotherhood between the two main branches of Methodism in the United States. To all concerned it might be well for a united Methodist church. In essence we are and always have been one.

He who said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," and he who said "The world is my parish" is our one common denominator. To every clime we both have already gone and to every breeze our banners already been unfurled. So there is, more in every way, if our common interest demand the severing of the name Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to argue a united Methodist Church. Such a name would neither indicate high churchism on the one nor Roman Catholicism on the other.

As the word "catholic" is generally understood, and applied, in meaning, the

"Methodist Catholic Church" would cause our greatest foe to become those of "our own household." As a pastor of few years travel and experience, I have been called on more than once, and by those of our own fold, to explain the meaning of the term "Holy Catholic Church" as it occurs in the apostles' creed. So, that there may be no "breaking" in our own ranks, but rather a coming together and strengthening of the forces of Methodism, let's ever remember the words of Joseph to his brethren: "See to it that ye fall not out by the way." Therefore as we begin to look around for a new name, if a new name we must have, let's not be so much concerned about the high-sounding title or something that is a synonym for largeness in externals, but rather let's be careful to adopt or choose a name that shall convey the idea of unity, brotherhood and fraternity. "In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas."

W. P. TALKINGTON.

Haynes, Ark., June 28, 1907.

Prohibition Facts Wanted.

In opposition to the Anti-Saloon League of Oklahoma, of which the Indian Territory Church Federation for Prohibition Statehood is now a part, the saloon people are working under the name, "The Citizens' League of Oklahoma." Gravely upon its letter heads appears the statement that it was "organized for the purpose of securing good government and true temperance." At a meeting in Guthrie about a month ago at which the scheme was hatched, "many enthusiastic speeches," so some of the papers reported, "were made in opposition to prohibition, showing the evil effects of the workings of prohibition in States that have tried to enforce its provisions." Whereupon it was—

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that prohibition is detrimental to the best interests of true temperance. * * *

"Its blighting effect upon the prosperity of the people is already marked.

"It cuts off from the community the revenues derived from the liquor business without lessening the evils of intemperance.

"It largely increases public expense in the vain effort to enforce the law.

"It adds severely to the burdens of taxation.

"It depreciates the value of real estate and throws many out of employment.

"It drives away many citizens and prevents others from immigrating to the State.

"Capital has learned to shun prohibition localities."

And with many other such like but less tangible resolutions did they resolute, saying, finally—

"We, therefore, invite the active co-operation of every citizen to join us and assist in making the new State one in which we can enjoy all the blessings of contentment, peace and prosperity for all its citizens!"

Mirabile dictu! The Saloon League and the Anti-Saloon League are campaigning on the same platform! One crowd or the other are going to believe some lies. And we want to know which—before the votes are cast. Bordered on the north by Kansas, on the east by Missouri and Arkansas, and on the south and west by Texas, all of which States have seen more or less of the "effects of the workings of prohibition," Oklahoma wants to know what these States have to say on the subject. From all prohibition States and counties, but especially from those contiguous to us, we want facts showing whether the foregoing propositions advanced by the Oklahoma Saloon League are true or untrue;

facts bearing especially upon criminal statistics, court expenses, rates of taxation, private and public finances, business activity, etc.; comparing periods of prohibition law with like periods of license law, or else comparing prohibition counties with license counties; and giving names and postoffice addresses of several prominent business men or public officials to whom doubters may be referred for verification of the statements made.

We want to publish these facts for the guidance of Oklahoma voters in the present campaign for State-wide prohibition. If the facts show that the above-stated propositions of the Saloon League are true, I want to issue a circular calling upon the ministry and membership and friends of the various Christian churches in the two territories to vote for the saloon, and urging upon the good women their duty to work and pray earnestly that the saloon and its triple alliance may have free course and be glorified in the new State; because we want to do everything we can to "assist in making the new State one in which we can enjoy all the blessings of contentment, peace and prosperity for all its citizens." But if the facts should show that

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the statements of the Saloon League of Oklahoma are untrue, we may issue a different sort of a call.

We want facts, not opinions—terse facts, taken from dependable sources. Here is a good sample: Judge J. L. Fort, of the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri, certifies that during the last two years of license law in the counties composing his circuit (Dunklin and Stoddard), there were 185 prosecutions for felony in his court, whereas during the next two years, under prohibition, there were only 21 prosecutions for felony; that is (the population of the two counties being upwards of 50,000), one felony case per annum for every 5,000 of population under prohibition, and one felony per annum per 600 of population when the saloon existed; moreover, while the prohibition counties of Dunklin and Stoddard were prosecuting one felon per 5,000 population, the saloon counties of Butler, Cape Girardeau, Scott, New Madrid and Pemiscot were averaging one felony case to 600 population. The total of crime under prohibition, says Judge Fort, amounts to just one-eighth of what it did under the saloon. In one of these counties \$10,000 a year was collected by county and State for saloon licenses,

and \$13,000 was spent the same year prosecuting crimes hatched in these same saloons; whereas, says he, since the saloons have been voted out, it costs less than \$2,000 a year to prosecute all crime committed in that same county.

A booklet of facts like these would be very telling in our campaign. Nearly every county that has tried prohibition has a similar story. We want them. Will not some lover of the truth in each prohibition county take the trouble at once to procure for us the information.

Our constitution provides prohibition for the Indian Territory, the Osage country, and the "big pasture;" and the people of the entire State, at the time they vote on the adoption of the constitution, vote also on whether these prohibition provisions shall be State-wide in their application. August 6 was named as election day, but the constitutional convention has been called to reassemble July 10 to fix a later date, which will probably be in the last week of August or the first of September. So I would like to secure the above indicated data by July 15 if practicable, and we shall be very grateful to any who will thus help us to establish the Coming Kingdom in this new state.

E. M. SWEET, JR.

Muskogee, I. T.

The Alcohol Manifesto.

A storm in a teacup recently was raised in England by the appearance in the London Lancet of an open letter favoring the use of alcohol. The manifesto was signed by sixteen British physicians, many of whom stand so high in the profession as to make the letter at once worthy of notice. A flood of letters immediately appeared in the lay and medical press of Great Britain discussing the sentiments pro and con. A counter manifesto was issued, signed by men equally eminent and among whom were Sir Frederick Treves and Sir James Barr. These men emphatically dissented from the opinions expressed in the original document. The inner history of this first document, according to our London correspondent, indicates that it was prepared by a man in no way connected with the medical profession. Further, it appears that the letter presented to the signers was materially different from that given the Lancet to publish, and a number of signers are said to have retracted their endorsement. It is noteworthy that when the manifesto appeared the British government was getting ready to introduce a new licensing bill which was worrying the liquor interests. For these reasons it seems a fair deduction that the physicians who signed it and the medical journal that published it were unwitting dupes of the liquor interests. No sooner had the letter appeared than it was universally copied in the lay press and was also distributed in pamphlet form in numerous saloons throughout the British Isles. The manifesto proved such a splendid argument for the liquor interests on the other side of the Atlantic that it is now being used on this side. The National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America has made a photographic reproduction of the original manifesto and is scattering it broadcast, especially among physicians. We do not blame the liquor men for making use of this testimonial for their cause, although we feel sure that the eminent men who signed the document would feel chagrined if they knew to what base use it is being put. This further emphasizes the need of caution in making dogmatic assertions on questions that are still open.—Medical News-Journal of the American Medical Association.

From Galloway College.

When a new man goes into a new place he is usually accompanied by many hearty good-wishes, and, perchance, as many interrogation points. His intimate friends are eager to see him do well; others are more or less anxious to know just what he will do.

In this communication I wish to place before our people some ideals toward which I have been working for years, and toward which it will be my purpose to continue to work.

I hold that character-building should be the chief aim in all education. It should be the chief aim from the time the tiny tot learns the A B C's to the time when the graduate goes out into general life. It means much when a child has mastered common fractions, it means much when Algebra has been learned and Geometry mastered, it means far more when each subject in succession has been made a part of the human life and the day for graduation comes; but the day of the mastery of fractions, the days when Algebra has been finished and Geometry learned, the day of graduation cannot be compared to the day when the soul finds its true setting in the universe of God. The greatest discovery made by any human life is finding the Christ. This is the chief end; without its attainment all success is shadowed by failure.

As a general thing the thoroughness of the work done by a school determines the efficiency of its graduates. By loose, careless, unskilled teaching character is weakened, usefulness hampered and success, as a consequence, limited. The school that willingly, knowingly, and purposely does such teaching, should be branded with the mark of Cain. It is taking away the powers of human life; and more, it is dwarfing the soul.

I know that one subject mastered becomes a greater source of power and inspiration than many attempted with their resultant failures. This absolute mastery of detail enters into the very fiber of one's being, and shows in the consequent acts of life. I have told girls many times that those who learn well the detail work at school will also get the biscuit right and sweep under the beds, and, with rare exceptions it is true. The power of a good habit is just as strong and lasting as the power of a bad one.

Too little attention is being given our girls' physical training. Never in the history of the world have women needed stronger bodies. We demand that boys (tobacco fiends excepted by courtesy) have brawn and endurance, that they be vigorous and active; while we seem content that our girls sit with soft hands, pallid cheeks and unused muscles; when God intended that they, too, should be strong, vigorous, rosy-cheeked creatures of joy and sunshine, radiant with the glow of health. Upon the strength of our womanhood, physical and mental, largely hinges the destiny of the human race. Three generations are needed, 'tis said, to produce the highest type of manhood; only one is needed to produce a weakling. Our daughters need to be strong, active, vigorous, aglow with the beauty of health, yet withal possessing that delicate, charm worthy of characterizing the name of woman.

I believe that women were created to work. They serve no purpose in the great economy of their Maker as statuettes of beauty or mere walking advertisements of some dress-maker's skill. Woman attains her highest position in motherhood, and her loveliest place in the home. There are places and positions of lesser glory, but in the home we find her usefulness and happiness at the full. May I say that mankind will never advance in strength and

power among poodles and pugs; but it will when woman appreciates her true position and fully realizes the lofty and godlike responsibility which her Maker has placed upon her. When she knows that the destiny of the world hangs in the balance of her hands, when she comes to know her powers and her limitations, the lesser joys with luxury and show will fade into nothingness. "Then comes the statelier Eden back to man," then comes the age of homes and home joys, then comes the race of giant powers imaged like their Creator far the more, and fitted the more to do His will.

This in brief is my creed about woman's training, moral, mental and physical, with what her greatest destiny means.

J. M. WILLIAMS, President.

Galloway College, Searcy, Ark.

National Anti-Saloon League Convention.

All aboard for the Twelfth National Anti-Saloon League Convention, National Temperance Day and the Jamestown Exposition. Three Interests all in one trip.

Convention Sept. 16th-19th.—The twelfth annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League will be held in the large Armory, Norfolk, Va., Sept. 16-19, 1907. A strong program is being prepared, and the largest, most enthusiastic and epoch-making convention in our history is anticipated, with an attendance of 3,000 or more delegates and visitors. Visitors from local churches, Sunday Schools, and temperance bodies, and friends cordially invited to attend.

The place of the convention is about twelve miles of the Jamestown Exposition Grounds.

National Temperance Day Friday, Sept. 20th.—The Jamestown Exposition Company generously granted the use of the main Auditorium on the Exposition Grounds and the Convention Hall for National Temperance Day, Sept. 20th. The Auditorium will be used from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and the Convention Hall 8 p. m. to 10 p. m. Speakers of wide reputation and ability will be on the program, and large maps from several States will be exhibited, showing the wet and dry territory with comparisons of criminal expenses, etc.

Rev. Geo. R. Stewart, the famous evangelist, has been engaged to deliver his noted temperance address, "The Stump Digger," and Mrs. Nannie Curtis, the "Silver Tongued Orator," of Texas, for the evening services in Convention Hall which has a seating capacity of 6,000 persons. Entrance to the Convention Hall may be gained from the outside of the Exposition Grounds without purchasing Exposition admission tickets. A large attendance from Norfolk and vicinity is expected at the evening services.

Remember that National Temperance Day is what it implies and not in the interest of any one temperance organization. We urge those who hold the cause of temperance dear to their hearts, representing various organizations or no organization, to arrange to be present on National Temperance day. It will be worth while. Let us make it a great day for temperance reform.

Transportation Rates.—The transportation rates will be very low from all parts of the Union on account of the Jamestown Exposition, probably at the rate of two cents a mile for the round trip.

Hotel and Boarding House Rates.—Already an agreement has been entered into with one of the leading hotels, less than four blocks from the place of Convention, for a rate of \$1.50 a day with two or three persons in a room. Meals on European plan. A number of restaurants are in this vicinity where

meals may be had from twenty-five cents up. A new building, erected to accommodate 120 persons with two to six in a room, grants a rate of \$1.00 for lodging, and breakfast and supper 35c. each, dinner 50c., or \$2.20 a day for meals and lodging. Good Christian people run this place. Other hotels will grant special rates. Scores of private homes among Anti-Saloon League members and Christian people may be secured at the rate of \$1.00 for lodging, or lodging and breakfast for \$1.25 to \$1.50.

We can secure entertainment for 5,000 persons if notice is given not later than August 10. On account of a very large number who will attend the Exposition after the close of the heated term, we will not assure accommodations for any one unless application is made not later than August 10 or 15, giving rates desired, whether hotel, boarding house, or private home is desired, and date of arrival and departure. The special rates will also apply to those who wish to arrive some days in advance of the Convention, or who desire to remain some days after the close of the Convention. We advise those who make up their minds to attend to make application for entertainment as soon as possible, for the people will know ere long that the Exposition is completed and that it is well worth visiting. The wisdom of early assignment is apparent.

Address all correspondence for entertainment to the undersigned.

REV. J. W. WEST,

Field Sec'y Va. Anti-Saloon League, Chairman Committee on Entertainment, Box 289, Richmond, Va.

Church Extension Hand Book.

The Church Extension Hand Book, which contains the twenty-fifth Annual Report, is being mailed from the office of the Board of Church Extension to all preachers, whose names and addresses appear in the Conference Minutes. Should any brother fail to receive a copy, a line to this office giving his post-office address will secure one. I will also be glad to mail copies to local preachers and laymen, who may apply.

Presiding elders and pastors may send names of brethren, who, in their judgment, should receive copies. All requests will be honored while the supply lasts.

W. F. McMURRY, Cor. Sec.

Louisville, Ky.

"The Dearth of Preachers."

Under this caption I have recently read two articles, one of which was in the Western Methodist, by W. P. Whaley. Of those who "feel the call to the ministry in our church" he says: "Some of them are so crude that the church can not use them at all." This, if true, is certainly a bad state of affairs. God calling men to preach in our church and the church can not use such crude men as God is furnishing. Bad, very bad, indeed. Who is making this mistake—God or the church? Certainly so grave a matter should be looked into. JNO. H. NICHOLS.

Liberty, Tenn., June 28, 1907.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

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

July 14—The Snare of Avarice.

(Luke 18:18-25.)

References—Exodus 23:8, Prov. 12:15-21, Phil. 4:11-13, I Tim. 6:6-10.

Covetousness is idolatry, and is, therefore, a sin which stands in the same class as murder, lying, stealing and Sabbath desecration. It is the prevalent sin of this day. It is so prevalent that one who condemns this particular sin is likely to render himself very unpopular. We should not forget, however, that God demands the first place in our lives, that he has said: "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." Avarice, an inordinate desire for wealth or possessions, is a sin which perverts laudable desires and instincts and renders a person incapable of reaching, or even striving after, the highest ideals of life. Let our young people "beware of covetousness." See to it that the insidious growth of the avaricious spirit is stopped. Selfishness, stinginess, avarice is not consistent in the life of the Christian.

Thoughts on the topic from the Alabama Christian Advocate:

Obedience to the commandments is the pathway of life.

Yet he who obeys may lack one needful thing, and lacking that, fail utterly.

The one thing that stood in this young man's way was the love of money, and it has stood in the way of many.

He would have life, but the price the Master demanded of him was more than he was willing to pay.

The Lord demands a price at your hands, which is that he should be first and above all in your heart. Are you willing to pay?

It is hard for a man to have riches and not trust in them. For this reason it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Early in the history of the Jewish people they were warned against what is now called "graft."

Solomon's wisdom saw that trust in riches was uncertain, but that he whose life was pure and true should surely prosper in the end.

Our life is not what we have, but in what we are. Things can never produce happiness nor destroy it.

Barn to barn, house to house, field to field, so the man of his word lays by his store and congratulates himself that he has abundance for many years. The hand of man or of God may suddenly destroy his hoard and leave him penniless. There are riches that are not liable to such calamity. Why not seek them?

The lesson of contentment is the lesson of omnipotence. When Paul had learned to be content with such conditions as God supplied, he was then able to say "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

So far have we departed from the apostolic standpoint that we think it but natural that a Christian should desire to be rich. Read what Paul says to Timothy about this matter and then take one good think.

Love of money is the root of all evil, or better, is a root of all evil. There is no crime in all the black list of sin that has not been, and that may not again be, committed because of the love of money.

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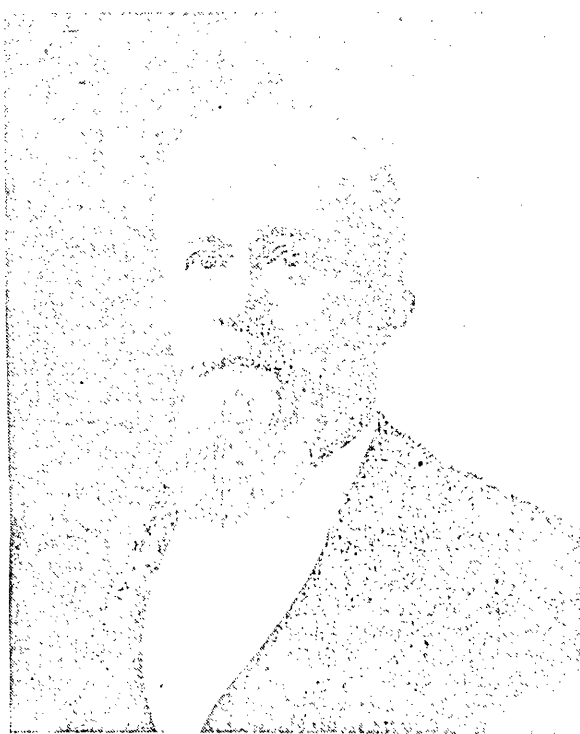
Major Henry A. Butler.

This good man entered into the heavenly rest on Saturday morning, June 29.

His death occurred at his home at Malvern, Ark., where all his children live—Mr. D. C. Butler, Mrs. Mary Bramlett, Mrs. Mattie B. Sumpter and Mrs. Nan W. McDonald. These were present at his bedside, also his brother John from Little River county, Ark., and his sister, Mrs. Mattie W. Hughes from Los Angeles, Cal.

Henry A. Butler was born at Henderson, S. C., Sept. 18, 1836. In his early manhood he followed the mercantile business at Tulip, Ark. He enlisted in the Confederate army, company I, Third Arkansas Infantry. During the service he was promoted to the rank of major. After the war Mr. Butler resumed business at Tulip, but in 1873 he removed to Malvern, and there followed the occupation of merchant until a few years ago, when he sold his business to his son and went into the banking business.

Mr. Butler was in every sense a gentleman,



Major Henry A. Butler.

refined in sentiment, dignified and affable in manner, just in his dealings, generous and thoughtful of the interests of others in his association with them. He was a man whom men loved to honor.

Mr. Butler married Miss Coulter, the daughter of a planter in Southern Arkansas. He was a chivalrous and devoted husband; his wife was an accomplished woman. They had a beautiful home and their lives flowed on in sweetest harmony until the wife passed into the better life several years ago.

I first met Major Butler and wife in the General Conference of our church in Richmond, Va., 1886. Mr. Butler was a member of this Conference, and I believe also of that which met in St. Louis in 1890.

In the Little Rock Conference Major Butler served on the Board of Church Extension and as a trustee of Galloway College. The church regarded him as a man worthy to represent her in her highest counsels and capable and faithful in serving all her interests.

In his home church at Malvern Major Butler was an exemplary Christian and a generous supporter of the church, a pillar in the temple of God, whose influence shall continue to uphold the cause he so much loved, a pillar that shall "go no more out."

The writer conducted Bro. Butler's funeral on Sunday at 4 p. m., assisted by Rev. J. E. Caldwell, a life long friend and the pastor,

T. J. Norsworthy. The funeral service was in the church and the testimonies of love and sorrow told that the good man was revered by all the community. God fulfilled to him his promise, "With long life will I satisfy him and will show him my salvation."

J. E. GODBEY.

Kipling a Prohibitionist.

It is said that Rudyard Kipling, the great English literary genius, one time believed in the inalienable right of the individual to exercise self-control and self-regulation on the liquor question, but was converted to prohibition by witnessing the leading of two young girls to ruin through drink, after which he wrote as follows: "Then recanting previous opinions, I became a prohibitionist. Better it is that a man should go without his beer in public places and content himself with swearing at the narrow-mindedness of the majority; better it is to poison the inside with very vile temperance drinks and to buy lager furtively at back doors than to bring temptation to the lips of young fools such as the four I had seen. I understand now why preachers rage against drink. I have said there is no harm in it taken moderately, and yet my own demand for beer helped directly to send those two girls reeling down a back street to—God alone knows what end."

Report of the Committee on Temperance, Weatherford District Conference.

"We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We are glad to note the fact that our people, together with all other Christians, favor State-wide prohibition for Oklahoma and we are encouraged to believe that we are nearing emancipation from the liquor power. And

Whereas, we are informed and well aware of the fact that the liquor element is appropriating large sums of money to be used in an effort to defeat prohibition in the coming election,

Resolved, 1st. That the time of our final rally draws on as we come to vote on this subject in the proposed constitution of the new State.

Resolved, 2d. That we urge upon all our people the necessity of voting upon this question.

Resolved, 3d. That we will put prohibition above partisan politics and that we will support for public office in the new State only such men as are sober and will stand firm for State-wide prohibition for Oklahoma regardless of their party politics.

(Signed) L. H. Pullingim, J. W. Danner, M. H. Demiston, J. W. Nigh, J. M. Holt, Committee.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

July 14. The Ten Commandments—Duties Toward God.

Golden Text.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6:5.

Time.—Only a few days have passed since our last lesson, 1491 B. C.

Place.—Wilderness of Sinai. They were on their journey in our last lesson and had progressed as far as the wilderness of Sin, they have now arrived at Sinai near the Mount of God.

Historical setting.—It should be remembered that Moses saw the burning bush at Horeb in the land of Midia, and that Sinai was in the immediate vicinity if the names are not identical. It should also be remembered that Moses had left his wife and children with his father-in-law, Jethro, while he went to Egypt to lead the Hebrews out of bondage. Having now come into the same country it is but natural to expect that a reunion would take place between Moses and his family. So we find that Jethro brought Moses' family to him in the wilderness of Sinai. Jethro was a good man, himself a priest of Midian, and before returning to his place he counseled Moses in many things finally offering burnt offerings to God through Aaron.

Lesson Text.—Exodus 20:1-11.

We have under consideration today the first four of the Ten Commandments. These embrace our duty to God. The lesson begins with a due reference to the authority that promulgated it. "I am the Lord thy God." Law without a law-giver is an impossibility. There must be, of necessity, a close relation between God and all law. They are co-existent and co-eternal. A good God without law is as great an absurdity as law without a just and good administrator. So our lesson sets out the authority at the beginning.

The first commandment seeks to limit the number of gods to be worshiped. This is more important than one might think seeing that the deity we worship has a great influence on our lives. It is natural for us to have a god so the Psalmist says, "The fool hath said in his heart, * no god." The worship of the Creator, the Good God, could have nothing but the best of consequences. The directions that follow referring to images is equally correct. No image can truly represent God. The only thing that can be done is the production of an idea of God. But God is a Spirit and no man has seen him hence the production of a correct image is impossible. It must be understood here that the prohibition is leveled against the idea of an image for the purpose of worship. We are absolutely prohibited from bowing down to worship anything under the sun in the way of a likeness whether that likeness is meant to represent God or any other thing as an object of worship.

The third commandment forbids the taking the name of God in vain. God is in fact holy and pure and his worship is elevating. But to debase that name by using it in connection with impure and unholy things is no better than idol worship. We believe it is worse. It is degrading to the individual, robbing him of any proper object of worship while it is an offense to God. He has declared in the strongest terms that he will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.

The fourth commandment establishes the Sabbath day as a holy day and gives directions accordingly. A careful study of this commandment will show that it is as important for man to work six days as it is for him to

rest on the seventh. "Six days shalt thou labor," is as emphatic as the injunction "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Labor is dignified in the Bible. To degrade it is sin. The Sabbath law is based upon the statement that God made the world, that he both labored and rested. Our Lord Jesus is, and we verily believe it, reputed to have followed the occupation of a carpenter in his younger days and only changed to the work of saving the world. The man who makes every day a rest day is a sinner against both God and himself. We may observe that the man who labors honestly for six days is generally ready to rest on the seventh. It is sometimes difficult for the man who has done nothing all the six days to be kept from performing some labor on the seventh.

It should be understood that the ten commandments are fundamental. They are essentially law. Since their promulgation they have entered into all wholesome enactments. They are brief, they are God-like, they are good.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

The Baraca Movement.—The Baraca convention which met in Atlanta, Ga., in April revealed the fact that it is a great movement and is spreading through every church. Our Dr. Hamill was elected one of the vice-presidents. It increased 100,000 the last eleven months. There are now in the United States 1600 Baraca (for young men) and 600 Philathea (for young women) classes, with a total membership of 200,000. Last year 6800 conversions were reported from these classes. If any wish to know further about this great movement write to this chairman.

Not too late.—Our General Sunday School Board has issued an urgent plea to pastors and superintendents who have not had "Children's Day" in their schools to do so. It is not too late; and by all means, brethren, give the children this blessed opportunity. It will benefit them and your church. Try it, brethren, try it.

The International Convention.—The State International Convention of Oklahoma meets in Shawnee Aug. 20-23. This chairman finds a spirit of indifference among our Methodist folks in some sections. In a few instances we have found downright opposition to the movement on general principles. Brethren, this ought not to be so. We are a part of this great organization, and we are to derive benefit from it. We can not afford to oppose it at all. Chime right in and let every man and woman who can do so attend this convention at Shawnee. Our General Sunday School Board, at its recent annual meeting in Norfolk, Va., "expressed by unanimous action its interest in the work of the International Association, and its willingness to co-operate with it as far as possible."

Our Literature.—The Sunday School helps and literature have always been of the best both as to mechanical makeup and matter; but it has really made another step forward in the third quarter supply. It is elegant, attractive and fine in every way.

Our Sunday School Sessions.—Our District Conferences, nearly all, gave the Board time and place for a program. They gave half-day usually—an afternoon. The Board had prepared a "uniform program" for all. As these sessions are about over we might express our satisfaction at the interest taken in the work by our people generally. We truly believe that much permanent good has been accomplished, a new inspiration given, and new pledges made to enter upon an aggressive campaign for better organization and equipment.

The Oklahoma Conference has a field "white unto the harvest" for Sunday School effort. We appeal to our pastors and superintendents to take hold and never turn loose until the work is done. Personally this chairman thanks every presiding elder for courtesies shown him and the cause he represents.

Norman, Okla.

McAlester District Conference.

The chairman of the Sunday School Board has just returned from the McAlester District Conference, whither he had gone to hold a Sunday School Institute. The cause and program had a large place, and the session was said, by many, to be interesting and helpful. A large number of those attending entered into the discussion most heartily. Bro. Thompson, "the beloved," gave encouragement to this great interest, as he does to all the other interests of the church. The great need in this district, as well as in others, is the Sunday School spirit among the people and trained men and women to carry forward the work. We hope and truly believe that there is a better day coming for us in the Oklahoma Conference. Many pastors and Sunday School workers pledged themselves to renewed activity in this line of service. Of the other interesting features of the Conference in general others will write.

W. J. MOORE, Chm.

Norman, Okla.

A Good Criticism.

I cannot altogether agree with some of the famous hymns. "Lead, Kindly Light," is one of them. That is not a Methodist hymn. The beautiful tune to which it is sung and the delicate beauty of its sentiment have blinded many to its defective theology. It reflects the mood of a man in the mist. Newman was literally at sea when he wrote it, not only becalmed on the Mediterranean but in his own spiritual thought. You cannot fit it into the teaching of Paul or John or Wesley or any other of the great theological poets of the Christian system. It lacks the note of assurance. Put Paul's statement, "I know whom I have believed," alongside of it, and you see at once what it lacks. Put Wesley's "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," by the side of it, and note the immense difference. No dim light there, but joyful assurance, which is the true Christian attitude toward God and the future. I venture to put my own idea into the same measure as "Lead, Kindly Light:"

O Christ, my light amid the encircling gloom,
I follow thee.
Nor will I fear the darkness of the tomb,
Since thou dost lead.
I trust in thee and know that all is well,
Both here and there, since thou with me dost dwell.

How blessed is my lot while here below,
To know thee mine!
To feel within my soul the fire glow
Of life divine;
To have the blessed assurance of thy love,
And know my life is hid with thee above.

Thus far thy power hath led me safe along
Life's rugged way;
And in the night hath given me a song
Of trust and hope,
That with the morn a radiant joy shall come,
And I shall find my loved and lost at home!

It lacks the "poetry" of Newman's hymn, perhaps, but strikes a note of definite faith sadly lacking in his twilight groping. If the hymns of a people express their religious life, let us hope "Lead, Kindly Light" will hold a very subordinate place in our devotional literature.—Dr. S. A. Steel, in Midland Methodist.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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

Forest City, Ark., June 1, 1907.

Dear Methodist: As I have seen 50 tiny nice long letters, I thought I would make an attempt to write one. I have two brothers and one sister. Our school was out the 18th of May. I certainly was glad, for I was tired of going. We had been going ever since September. Our principal's name is Mr. T. C. Nall and Mrs. Nall is my teacher. I got a medal at the last of school for attendance, but haven't received it yet for it had to be engraved. We have five churches at Forest City. The Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and the Christian. Bro. B. L. Wilford is our pastor and Bro. Bennett is our presiding elder. I am fifteen years old and will be in the eighth grade next year. I guess I had better close as this is my first letter. Your friend,
MAY BROWN.

Van Buren, Ark., June 3, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I am so glad you have given us a page in your paper. My papa takes the Methodist and I like to read the children's letters. I am 12 years old. My birthday comes December 10th. I have two sisters and two brothers. My sister's names are Fannie and Nellie; my brothers names are Charley and Oscar. I am in the fifth grade; my teacher's name is Miss Mary E. Blount. My Sunday School teacher's name is Miss Bess Ferguson. I like them both. I will close, hoping to see this in print. Yours truly,
LUCY ARNOLD.

Alzheimer, Ark., June 2, 1907.

Dear Methodist: As I have been reading the ninth page, I thought I would write a short letter too. As this is my first, I hope to see it in print. I am a little girl 9 years old. My birthday is November 16th. I haven't any pets except one little calf named Lottie. I have three brothers and two sisters. I like to go to school very much. Although my school is out now. I am in the fourth grade; my teacher's name is Miss Bernice Watson—we all liked her very much. We had an exhibition the last day of school. I have a brother in Nevada. I will close by asking a question. Where was Moses going when he was thirty years old? Your little cousin,
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Cheyenne, Ok., May 29, 1907.

Dear Methodist: As I have been reading the children's letters I thought I would write a letter too. I am a girl 13 years of age. My papa takes the Methodist paper and I enjoy reading the cousins' letters. I have four sisters and one brother and mother in heaven. Our pastor's name is Bro. Carter. If I see this in print I will write again. Yours very truly,
ANNA MINATRE.

Annover, Ark., May 29, 1907.

Dear Methodist: As I have just been reading the children's letters I will try and write. I am a little girl ten years old. Who has my birthday—November 13th? I enjoy reading the children's letters very much. I am so glad that we children have a page in the Methodist. Mama has been taking it for 20 years. I enjoyed all of Ruth Carr's stories. I felt so sorry for little Chock. I hope she will write again. I was glad to see Lima Reese's letter; we played together when her papa was our pastor. Bro. Waddell is our pastor and W. W. Christie our presiding elder. I go to Sunday School

every Sunday. Mrs. Maggie Roberts is my teacher. We all try to have perfect lessons each time. I will answer Ruth and Myrtle Hoyle and Ethel Scott's Bible questions. Jacob was 147 years old when he died and he had twelve sons. Joseph had two sons—their names were Manassah and Ephraim. Joseph was sold for twenty pieces of silver. In fear of the waste basket I will close by asking two questions. How old was Joseph when his brother sold him? What were the names of Moses' parents? With best wishes to all I remain your new cousin,
NOVA BLANKENSHIP.

Adona, Ark., June 2, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write a letter to the Children's Page. Papa takes the Methodist paper and I sure enjoy reading the cousins' letters. I go to Sunday School. My teacher is Aunt Ann Adney. I think she is the sweetest woman I ever saw. A. E. Goode is our pastor; I think he is a fine preacher. I have four sisters—their names are Lottie, Mand, Verna and Eltha. I will not write a very long letter this time, but will write again if I see this in print. I will close for this time. Good-bye.
BIRTIE McGHEE.

Adona, Ark., June 2, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I will write a short letter to the Children's Page. I am a little girl 12 years old. My papa takes the Methodist. We think it is a fine paper. I have four sisters. We go to Sunday School; my teacher is Prof. Kolb. Bro. A. E. Goode is our pastor. Bro. Glass is our presiding elder. I do so enjoy going to preaching. I like to hear Bro. Goode and Bro. Glass preach. Blanche Sherman, I thought your letter was fine. Now if I see this letter in print I will come again some day. With best wishes to the cousins and the Methodist, I will go. Your friend,
LOTTIE McGHEE.

Marshall, Ark., June 5, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the children's letters and I became interested and I thought I would write. I go to Sunday School every Sunday and I haven't missed in over two years. I also go to the Junior League. I do not go to school now. Our school is out. I am a little girl 12 years of age. I am in the sixth grade. I have one brother and two sisters and one sister dead. I wish some little girl I am acquainted with would write. I will close for fear of the waste basket. Your friend,
IMA BRATTON.

Center Point, Ark., June 16, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I am going to tell what I know about the asylum at Little Rock. I didn't go through any except the ladies' building and not all of it. There is a garden, a pretty grove and lots of pretty flowers that belong to the asylum. They have concrete walks around the buildings. They have a laundry, a cook room, a dancing hall and all the necessities. The inmates stay in a long hall. Their beds are along each side of the hall. It is the nicest, cleanest place I think I ever saw. The floors are slick and the beds are just as white and clean, and everything is just as tidy as can be. They do different kinds of work. I saw some working drawnwork. One old woman was playing on an organ. She was singing right but she was not playing right. Well I must close as that is all I know. FLORENCE FORGY.

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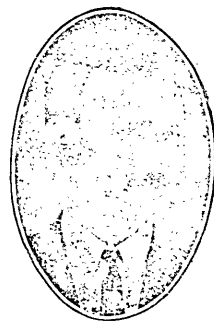
Altus, Okla., June 24, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl 9 years old. I am in the sixth grade and I can play the piano. I played a piece of fourth grade music at commencement. I go to Sunday School very nearly every Sunday; my teacher's name is Miss Leona Martin. Our pas-

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CHERRIE KENDALL.

Leon, I. T.

Dear Methodist: As we take the Methodist and I so appreciate the children's letters, I shall attempt to write, too. I am 9 years old and the youngest living. I have two brothers and three sisters at home. We go to Sunday School. I am trying to get the prize. Papa is pastor of this charge. I shall help mama tack carpet rags for the Aid Society to get mission money. Your little friend,
GRACIE SHAFER.

Stonewall, I. T. June 16, 1907.

Dear Cousins: I will now write for my first time. I am 12 years old and in the fifth grade. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mr. Burris and he is also my brother-in-law. Our pastor's name is Bro. Brooks and our presiding elder is Bro. Thompson. I like them both. I have known Bro. Thompson for six years. Our pastor took several of us girls out fishing last week and oh! what a time we had. All of us together caught twenty-five fish. If any of your cousins want to have a good time get your pastor to take you out fishing. Bro. Brooks is the jolliest man I ever saw. Well, as this is my first time I will close. If I see this in print I will write again. Your cousin,
HELEN LLOYD.

Hampton, Ark., June 21, 1907.

Dear Methodist: Will you admit another little girl to your happy band? I am 9 years old but I do not go to school now, as our school was out in May. I go to Sunday School regularly. Mrs. Walter Hollingsworth is my teacher. Bro. Menifce is our pastor. He is a good man and a faithful worker, but he works almost alone, for there are not many Christians here. Bro. Evans, "Wild Bill," held a meeting here in

May and organized the N. C. K. and A. C. L.; it has done some good but not as much good as it would in any other town of Hampton's size, for we have no one to lead, but our pastor, and he has so much other work to do that he can not help us and lead us on. I lived at El Dorado until this year, papa moved here. I like here all right. I have two precious brothers gone to rest. Asa died at Hermitage, Ark., Jan. 19, 1907, and Tom died just two weeks after—Jan. 31. It was hard to give them up but I truly believe they sweetly rest in Jesus' arms. As I have written more than I intended, I will stop for fear I won't see it in print. Your little friend,
RUBY MELTON.

Munday, Tex., June 23, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy who likes to read your pages. I will be 8 years old the first day of July. I would like for all my little Arkansas friends to write me a letter for a birthday present. I go to church and Sunday School every Sunday. I joined the church last Sunday. I like this country fine but my little brother John, always wants to move back to Hot Springs, Ark. I will close. Your friend,
D. C. WYLIE.

Kingsland, Ark., June 26, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl 10 years old. I live on a farm. My papa takes the Methodist and I enjoy reading the cousins' letters very much. I go to Sunday School; my teacher's name is H. F. Rodgers. My uncle is superintendent, and Bro. Scott is our pastor. I like them all very much. We had a school this last winter and my teacher's name was Miss Delia Puckett. I liked her fine. I am in the fourth grade. Well, as this is my first time I will close and if I see this in print I will write again. Love to all the cousins.
MIDDA MITCHELL.

Monticello, Ark., June 26, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write a letter to the Methodist. As I like to read the Children's Page so much. I go to Rose Hill nearly every second Sunday. It's a Cumberland Presbyterian church. My brother preaches there. But I belong at Mt. Pleasant; we have preaching there every third Sunday. I will close. Your friend,
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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.
Nashville.

Sunday was spent in Nashville with Rev. A. P. Few and his excellent people. They are having a prosperous year. He has arranged to have preaching in the grove at night through the summer. Bro. Few is planning to do what many ministers have to do, to educate their children, locate the family at the College. Nashville is developing into a good business town. Have a fine public school and a first class new brick school house.

Center Point.

Monday night preached to a small congregation at Center Point. Did well for the paper and early Tuesday morning drove over to Dierks. Secured three new subs, and a good dinner at Sister Presson's in about one hour. There is no Methodist preaching here. But will be soon I hope.

Lockesburg.

This is where the Texarkana District Conference met. There was a good attendance and a royal good time. The presiding elder harness fits T. O. Owen finely. He was very brotherly and courteous to all. He had outlined the work of the district conference and every man knew his place. My home was with Judge J. S. Steel, who is known as one of the best Circuit Judges in the State. C. A. Steel is county judge, and a good one, Ed and Will Steel are honored preachers, and their sister, Mrs. Park, is equal to the best. The dear old mother was made supremely happy to hear her son Ed preach a soul refreshing sermon.

DeQueen.

Sunday was spent with Bro. Whaley at DeQueen. This preacher is a live wire. His Sunday School has outgrown the church, and they will be forced to build an addition. Several classes meet in the parsonage. They have the saloon saddled on them but it will not abide long. DeQueen is too good to put up with the saloon long. They are expecting a great harvest from peaches this year. Bro. Williamson and family were especially kind to me.

Horatio.

Monday night was spent with Bro. A. D. Jenkins. Bro. Johnson, a Presbyterian, had an appointment and gave us a good sermon on the stability of

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God's Church, from the "Burning Bush." Bro. Jenkins and his boys are keeping house. The light seems to have gone out of the home when mother is gone. Truly woman is justly entitled "The uncrowned heroine."

Ashdown.

Prof. C. J. Green preached in my stead here. I told the congregation they were indebted to me for a good sermon. Prof. Green is pure gold. I am proud to have had my boys associated with him in Hendrix. You who have boys can take a hint. Ashdown with three roads and new court house is coming to the front. Brother Roberson and wife are well received and doing a fine work. Sister Robersons maiden name was Caruth. Children of the ninth page, transpose the syllables, add an "R" and what have you?

Foreman.

Only part of the day was I permitted to stay in Foreman. But I closed contract for two Galloway young ladies, good prospect for one or two others and did good for the paper. Foreman is a nice town, has a good people. Bro. C. O. Steel had delighted them as preacher while Bro. Nelson was gone. Nelson has returned full of zeal and gospel fire.

Gurdon.

Prescot District Conference was at Gurdon. A very large attendance and a real spiritual time. Bro. Harrison, the presiding elder, is a deeply spiritual man, and W. A. Steel is of the same type. Everybody was in a good humor. The Conference went off well. The corner stone of the new brick church was laid Friday. Gurdon has taken on new life.

The Arkadelphia District Conference was held at Parke Avenue, Hot Springs. I spent only one day with the conference. Bro. Bruce, the presiding elder, is giving satisfaction as far as I learned and the preachers are all full of hope and courage. I heard a most excellent sermon preached by Forney Hutcheson. Everywhere the brethren were kind and treated me like a brother beloved. May God bless them all.

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first society in our Conference at Newport during a session of the Annual Conference. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. H. L. Rummel were the only original members present. Greetings were brought by representatives of the various churches of the city. Miss Perkinson closed with a fine address on the work of the Woman's Board in Brazil.

Monday under the leadership of the President, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, the society received reports from all the officers and District Secretaries, and Juvenile delegates. There was a fine representation. Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Third Vice President of the Board, added much to the interest of the meeting by her fine talk on our Bible and Training School, explanations of the Course of Study, and how to use the Bulletin. Her beautiful voice in song gladdened every heart. The Committee reports stressed prompt and accurate reports, increased offerings, and a deeper spirituality in individual lives to increase interest in this great work.

Mrs. Babcock declined re-election owing to a stress of school and church work. With much regret the society received her resignation. The nominating brought in the following which was accepted:

President, Mrs. Mary A. Neill, Batesville; First Vice President, Mrs. G. W. Welley, Helena; Second Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Malone, Jonesboro; Third Vice President, Mrs. C. E. Crook, Newport; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Hawley, Batesville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Alley, Forrest City; Treasurer, Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Searcy; Secretary Helena District, Mrs. Guy Murphy, Clarendon; Secretary Searcy District, Miss Olive Chandler, Searcy; Secretary Paragould District, Mrs. Eli Mesier, Paragould; Secretary Jonesboro District, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Jonesboro; Secretary Batesville District, Mrs. Etta Jones, Barren Fork.

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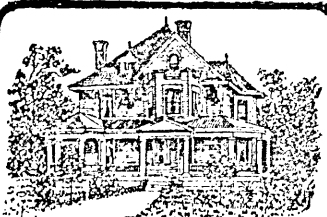
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build, he is not unlike that great evangelist in manner and style in the pulpit; yet he never saw or heard him. He speaks so rapidly that not one stenographer in a hundred could report him successfully; yet there is no difficulty in understanding every word, for his enunciation is very distinct.

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Terms of Sale:—On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute note with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 26th day of June, A. D. 1907. F. A. GARRETT, Commissioner in Chancery.

Oklahoma City District Conference.

While others have been reporting the Oklahoma City District Conference it is expected that there be also an official report from the secretary's minutes.

The 18th session of the Oklahoma City District Conference convened in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, June 20th with

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Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker preaching the opening sermon, pitched on a high revival key which was continued during the entire session of the Conference.

In the absence of the presiding elder who was detained at home by the serious illness of Sister Sims, the Conference was called to order and Rev. W. J. Moore of Norman was elected president with J. E. Disch Secretary and J. E. Savage assistant. Bro. Moore filled well the presiding elder's place during the first two days of the conference, when Sister Sims had sufficiently recovered for our loved, untiring and efficient presiding elder to be with us during the remainder of the session.

The entire conference was permeated with a spirit of devotion and brotherliness that makes us all feel akin and each in turn encouraged by the excellent reports over the entire district. The Annual Conference minutes show an increase of membership for last year of 626 while the reports for the seven months past show an increase of 660 with five months of the year yet to follow. The reports also show a considerable growth in the Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools and other interests of the church.

Friday afternoon was devoted to the program of the Sunday School Board and under the direction of Bro. Moore, the chairman, a most excellent afternoon was spent and every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, and other worker went home to enter with new zeal in this department of our church work. Bro. Moore is the right man in the right place.

W. J. Kiker was recommended to the Annual Conference for Local Deacon's Orders and J. W. Nelson for admission on trial and D. A. Gregg for readmission. Rev. L. D. Thornburg, L. E., was received from the United Brethren Church and Rev. E. C. Graff, L. E. and Rev. J. A. Ward, L. P., from the M. E. Church.

Reid Riggins, Asher; J. S. McIntyre, Shawnee; Dr. J. L. Marshall,

Franklin; and F. L. Davis, Tecumseh, were elected delegates to the annual conference and C. B. Ames and G. H. Kerfoot alternates.

J. E. Disch, R. S. Satterfield, W. J. Moore, H. B. Vaught, J. S. McIntyre and Prof. G. L. Herrell on nomination of the presiding elder were elected a licensing committee.

By unanimous vote the conference will be held at MeLoud next year.

To say that the conference was royally entertained by the good people of Tecumseh is expressing it mildly. This scribe with Bros. Moody and Goddard were handsomely entertained at the hospitable home of Dr. E. J. Gray, one of the leading physicians of the city and a former resident of Arkansas. Bro. Ready and his many able assistants left nothing undone for the comfort and convenience of their guests. That heaven's richest blessing may rest on this band of tried and true workers is the prayer of every member of the district conference.

J. E. DISCH, Secretary.

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Springdale, Ark.

Our Children's Day was observed on the fifth Sunday and the children all did well. Our church was well filled. The collection was \$3.12.

Bro. Wm. Sherman, our presiding elder, will be with us the second Sunday. Quarterly Conference at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

We commence a meeting at Johnson's Switch Sunday (next) at 11 o'clock. I am expecting a great meeting and many souls saved.

Our work is moving slowly and peaceably; we are hoping for a great meeting in Springdale. Our prayer meetings are not largely attended but are inspiring to those who do attend.

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Helena District Conference, July 17-20, 1907, at Haynes, Ark.

At 8 p. m., Wednesday, July 17, opening sermon by Rev. W. T. Locke; alternate, Rev. J. H. Johnson.

First Day, Thursday, July 18.—At 8:30 a. m., Devotional service led by Rev. B. L. Wilford. During the morning session all pastors in the district will be expected to report their respective charges briefly, as under Par. 72, Ans. 5, Discipline, 1906.

At 11 a. m., Missionary Sermon by Rev. Fred Little.

Afternoon Session.—At 2:30 p. m., Devotional service led by Rev. C. S. Wilson.

1. Hearing given representatives of the W. F. and W. H. Mission Societies.

2. Discussion of timely topics by preachers and laymen:

(3) Need of Godly laymen to take more active part in public religious services, led by Rev. W. P. Talkington, and Layman J. B. May and W. T. Trice.

(4) Pastoral Visiting, led by Layman D. C. Flow and L. Laughinghouse and Rev. G. P. Rorie.

(5) For Better Financial Methods, led by Laymen Geo. Marchbanks and C. L. Sharpe and Rev. J. A. Patterson.

(6) Our Duty to the Negro Race, led by Rev. A. C. Cloyes and Laymen R. B. Macon and L. B. Jones.

At 8 p. m., Sermon by Rev. F. A. Jeffett.

Second Day, Friday, July 19—Sunday School Day.—At 8:30 a. m., devotional service led by A. C. Carter.

Brief addresses on practical lines:

(1) Keeping order during Sunday School exercises, R. M. Henderson.

(2) Recruiting, enlisting the children, T. W. McClendon.

(3) Duties of parents to the Sunday School, H. B. Derrick, Jr.

(4) Duties of pastors to Sunday Schools, Bascom Dunlap.

(5) Sunday School organization—departments, Ed Hamilton.

(6) Securing diligent study of lessons, Prof. Owens.

(7) Winning children to Christ, Dan Boardley.

At 11 a. m., special sermon by Rev. R. B. McSwain.

Afternoon session.—At 2:30 p. m., devotional service led by J. M. Talkington.

(1) The Sunday School indispensable to intelligent, permanent and aggressive Christianity, M. F. Collier, Paragould.

(2) Labors, hopes and joys of a Sunday School-superintendent in service of thirty years, C. W. Maxfield, Batesville.

(3) A young Sunday school superintendent, Robt. Jackson, Hoxie.

(4) Address by Rev. W. Fred Long, State Sunday School Secretary.

(5) Report of Sunday School committee, Ed Hamilton, chairman.

(6) Remarks on same, led by chairman Conference Sunday School Board.

At 3 p. m., Sermon-lecture by W. Fred Long.

Third Day, Saturday, July 20.—At 8:30 a. m., Devotional service led by Rev. T. J. Brickell.

(1) Epworth League claims, led by Dr. R. D. England, Rev. W. A. Lindsey and Mrs. A. C. Cloyes.

(2) Elections: For license, admission and ordination. Place for next session of District Conference. Delegates to the Annual Conference.

(3) Reports of committees.

(4) Adjournment.

At 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. A. T. Galloway.

We make urgent request that all delegates or their alternates attend the District Conference.

All Sunday School superintendents in the district are cordially invited to attend on Friday, Sunday School Day.

The District Conference should have reports from all local preachers before voting to pass their characters, or to renew their license.

Recording stewards are urged to send their Quarterly Conference records for examination.

All attending the Conference should come with prayerful desire to make the occasion spiritually helpful to all present and a blessing to the hospitable citizens of Haynes. Fraternally,
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I publish herewith a list of the several pastoral charges of the Prescott district with apportionments of subscribers for the Western Methodist which covers the number—200—apportioned to this district by the committee on publishing interests at our last Annual Conference. In my judgment this is as near a correct distribution as can be made at present.

Some of the brethren have already sent in several subscribers which will be placed to their credit on the enclosed list.

I trust the preachers will adopt plans for thoroughly canvassing their charges and see to it that the number assigned to them be had before the close of this Conference year. Be sure to present the claims of the paper during the progress of the protracted meetings. Very cordially,
W. R. HARRISON.

Prescott, Ark., July 2, 1907.

Prescott district apportionment to several charges for subscribers to Western Methodist:

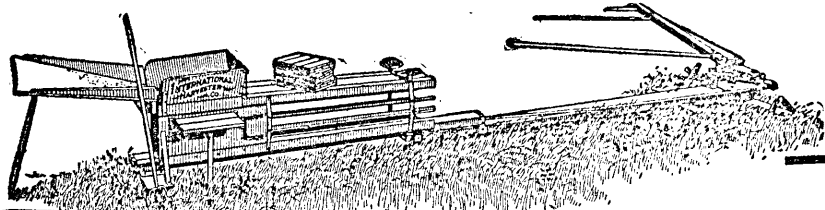
Prescott Station, 15; Hope Station, 18; Nashville, 12; Blevins Circuit, 11; Fulton and McNabb Circuit, 6; Spring Hill Circuit, 10; Emmet Circuit, 12; Chidester Circuit, 10; Harmony Circuit, 6; Gurdon Circuit, 14; Okolona Circuit, 14; Pike City Circuit, 10; Murfreesboro Circuit, 12; Bingen Circuit, 10; Nathan Circuit, 6; Center Point Circuit, 11; Mineral Springs Circuit, 11; Washington, 12. Total, 200.

W. H. M. Society.

Oklahoma Conference.

Dear Sisters: In accepting the position of Press Superintendent of our Conference I indeed feel my utter inability to edit our column either wisely or well except for your hearty co-operation. I take it for granted that I shall have that, and hope I may be able to put some thought into our column that will prove helpful to some one.

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also the Western Methodist, we have decided that the work will be more systematic if each of us take one week out of each month as our own. So I shall ask the Oklahoma ladies to send me their communications by the 1st of each month, as the second week of each month will be ours. Let us have interesting letters from each district in our Conference. If you have received an abundant blessing, "pass it on," and if you are walking in a dark maze perhaps we may be able to help you with loving sympathy. Come then and let us do each other good. Just a word now about our Cherokee district meeting which convened at Afton. It was in every way the best ever held in the district. Mrs. Greer, our efficient secretary, presided with due dignity but with the sweet spirit which is her chief characteristic.

Reports were very encouraging and show our work as progressing, but much yet remains to be done. Mrs. Strange, our second vice Conference president, was also present and made a stirring appeal for the district parsonages. She is doing much to arouse us as to our duty to the presiding elder and his family. May her work prosper in our prayer. Miss herbel Head, the associate secretary, was also with us, and how I wish I might give you even a faint idea of the forceful and comprehensive lecture which she delivered to a large and appreciative audience. She is a bright, intelligent young woman, deeply spiritual and aglow with the missionary zeal. Her whole life is given to this noble work and her love for even the vilest of God's creatures proves an inspiration to all with whom she comes in contact. I voice the sentiments of the entire Conference when I say we consider it a very special blessing to have had her with us and hope that the visit fraught with so much good may be repeated.

Hoping to have something from each of our districts, I am very sincerely,

MRS. TOM McSPADDEN,

Press Supt., Oklahoma Conference.

Searcy District Conference.

Searcy District Conference will convene July 18th, 8:30 a. m. Opening sermon will be preached by Rev. H. B. Cox, Wednesday night, July 17. Following are the committees for examination:

License—W. E. Hall, T. J. Taylor, H. B. Cox.

Admission and Orders—R. H. Girsett, M. B. Umsted, H. H. Hunt.

Let all the local preachers be present or send written report. I hope each pastor will plan to stay over Sunday and let's have a great service.
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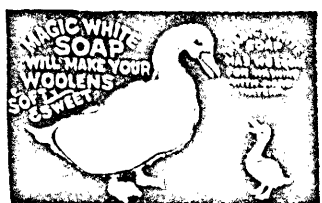
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"How can they believe in him of whom they have not heard." Dear sisters, may this scripture burn in our hearts as never before. Let us take God's word as true, his wisdom as infinite, and move out—bend every energy in bringing the world to Christ. If we leave this undone we are failures as co-workers with Christ. Life has no time for backward steps in God's work. "Go forward," rings out upon the heart of every active Christian soldier, and "Lo I am with you" falls upon his ear as the advance is more and more difficult. Oh that every woman in our church would come to realize fully that her work is to carry to the uttermost parts of the earth the gospel that saves mankind. Has not each woman, whether a member of the organization or not, been called to service—been called to send out into all the world the very message given to the early church: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." What if we disobey? God will thrust others into the forefront, and we must bear the just reproof of being unfaithful to our trust. Christ honored a woman by giving her first the glad message of a risen Savior, and his "Go tell my disciples" has reverberated down the ages, giving energy and zeal to the women who have heeded the Master's command. Will the women of our church of the Little Rock Conference meet the obligations upon them this year? Four missionaries, and our "Training Fund," in all amounting to almost thirty-five hundred dollars, is what we have undertaken for the coming year. It was suggested at our annual meeting that we call this fourth missionary our birthday missionary, and ask every member of our church for one dollar on their birthday. In this way perhaps the indifferent ones, who I am sorry to say, form a great host, will be made to pause and consider, if they are not verily guilty concerning their sisters in darkness. Let us all, women of the M. E. Church, South, give as it has been given us, and open our eyes to our duty as shown by the Holy Spirit, and not many decades will be numbered in this auspicious twentieth century ere the glad refrain of a world redeemed—a thousand born in a day—will be flashed from shore to shore. Dear sisters, this can not be done by words and resolutions; it must be done by prayer and earnest devotion, by a renewal of vows, and by bringing the tithes into the storehouse. Let it not be said of us that we started in the work but halted and turned back. Let us shake off any indifference that is hanging like a pall over us: let us arise in the strength of Israel's God and meet every obligation that presents itself to us.

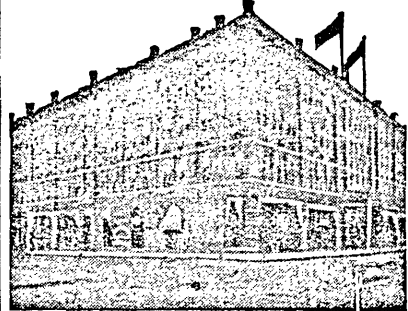
MRS. GEORGE THORNBURGH.

Wynnewood District Notes.

Our district conference at Sulphur, June 12-16 was well attended, all the preachers, save one, being present, and a large representation of laymen.

We regret that the Editor of the Western Methodist could not be with us. We had with us as visitors Dr. J. M. Gross, President O. B. Staples of Hargrove College, Rev. Jno. W. Sims,

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K. Waller, of Madill, Rev. W. J. Moore of Norman, President of Conference Sunday School Board and Rev. C. F. Roberts who came as the representative of our Conference Board of Church Extension. All these brethren contributed much to the general interest and success of our district conference and we were more than pleased to have them present.

B. C. Clark, of Purcell, W. M. Baughman, of Roff, T. F. Gafford, of Sulphur, Rev. S. H. Berry of Hickory, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

The reports from the pastors showed that reasonable progress had been made in every line of Church work thus far during the year.

Geo. C. French has just closed a fine revival in his church in Wynnewood, with more than fifty conversions. J. S. Riley, First Church, Sulphur, Jno. D. Salter of Roff, and G. M. Dilbeck, of Tussy have all enjoyed good revivals in their charges already, and other pastors are either now in the midst of revivals, or planning to begin them soon.

Mill Creek charge, and Hickory circuit have both built new parsonages since Conference, while Davis station will build a new parsonage, as will also Vinita avenue, Sulphur, build between this and Annual Conference.

Wanett charge has paid off a debt of more than \$200 on their parsonage, while some others have performed a similar service.

Roff station has completed their elegant new church, while First Church, Sulphur, and Byars are building new church houses.

The pastors are all getting a living, the collections will be paid in full we trust, and so hope to close out this Conference year the best of our four. Fraternally, J. S. LAMAR.

June 2.

Briggs, I. T.

Dear Methodist: I have been here ten days in a meeting helping Bro. Spain, the pastor of Ft. Gibson Circuit. We are having a great meeting. It has rained most every day, yet there has been quite a number saved and reclaimed—twelve last night. Bro. Spain took in a nice class yesterday; he and his good wife are doing a fine work. The people all seem to love them. Bro. Spain is an ideal pastor and I am told a good preacher. He brings up all the departments of the church. This is his first year in the work but he pulls like he was used to it. We predict large things for him. My next meeting will be Rocky, O. T. Blessings on the Methodist. J. D. EDWARDS.

July 1.

Searcy District Notes.

We had a successful quarterly conference on West Point circuit. Quite a number came for prayers; a shouting

version. Bro. Parker is popular with his people and will round out a good year's work. Fraternally, J. D. SIBERT, P. E.

Announcement.

The camp meeting at the Davidson camp ground will embrace the third Sunday in August. We will be moving in and will have service on Friday night before. Our people are very enthusiastic this year over the camp meeting. We are expecting hundreds of people from Arkadelphia, Gurdon, Okolona and Amity and the surrounding country.

We will have Harrison and Parker there this year, whom we judge to be two of the best camp meeting preachers in the State.

We will not have a course of lectures nor a manipulated grip-satchel Holy Ghost, but we want some of our good preachers to preach and let the people to sing and pray and we will have an old time camp meeting and God will have scores of souls. We extend a cordial invitation to all preachers and people who can to come. Look to the time and govern yourselves accordingly. S. W. RAINEY.

Arkadelphia, July 3, 1907.



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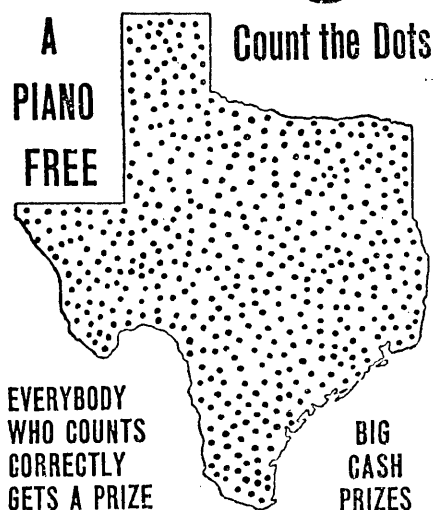
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McAlister District Conference—26th Session.

This Conference was held at Atoka, July 4-7. Rev. Sam G. Thompson, the presiding elder, was in the chair. His hand on the helm is a guarantee that no time will be lost but that every minute will be used to the best advantage. I believe the meeting came nearer doing what a District Conference is intended to do than any I ever saw. There were about 45 members present and many of them stayed until Monday. Atoka is a good place to

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The reports showed that the district had gone far beyond its record at this time in any previous year. Bro. O. E. Goddard, who is our Conference Missionary Secretary, and who did us good service, said that we were the banner district this year so far. Large numbers of people are being saved and joining the church. The preachers are all happy and hopeful. We are having a great year. I can not write of everything, but I must mention the Sunday School Institute conducted by Rev. W. J. Moore, the president of our Conference Sunday School Board. It made all of us feel like beginning life over again in this part of our work. Every phase of the work was brought out and its value shown. The Epworth League work on Friday night, by Bro. J. A. Parks and a number of his young people from Durant was also good. Dr. Anderson's visit was duly appreciated and his sermon on Sunday was highly spoken of. All the preaching was good.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: A. S. McAnnon, T. C. Humphries, D. H. Linebaugh and G. A. Melton.

Two were licensed to preach, viz: J. W. Glance and J. A. Garrett, both of Pontotoc. E. P. Eubanks was recommended for deacon's orders and for admission on trial. The meeting is to be at Wapanucka next year.

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During the past ten years the writer has made many trips into all of these new States in the interest of colleges and investors who are guarding trust funds and who make security the first consideration. I find no field in the United States so inviting as Oklahoma. The soil is a rich loan, and very productive. The climate is exceptionally favorable to farming operations, the season being long, the winters mild and the rainfall ample.

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Arkadelphia District Conference.

The Arkadelphia district conference convened June 27th in Park Avenue Church, Hot Springs, Ark., at 9 a. m. Rev. H. M. Bruce called the meeting to order. Bro. Norsworthy failed to be on hand to preach the opening sermon Wednesday evening, but Bro. G. W. Logan made a happy hit by giving us a strong spiritual and Bible sermon from Rom. 8:1.

R. Kimbro Bass was licensed to preach. Rev. C. R. Shelton was recommended to the Annual Conference for Deacon's Orders.

A resolution commending the actions and plans of Dr. M. B. Corrigan toward establishing a Methodist sanitarium in Hot Springs was unanimously adopted.

Bros. Jno. H. Hinemon, E. H. Vance, A. Carl and Rev. J. L. McKinley were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, and D. J. Mann and C. C. Henderson alternates.

Several visiting brethren dropped in during the Conference session. The preaching was of a high spiritual type. Harmony and fellowship was the order of the day. Not a full delegation was in attendance, but all who did attend went away well pleased with the new presiding elder and his manner of proceeding, and also with the hospitality shown by Bro. Rushing and the generous hearted people.

The next conference will be held at Arkadelphia. The session closed with one conversion and accession.

J. L. LEONARD, Sec.

The Strength of Weakness.

"The conies are but feeble folk, yet they make their houses in rocks." No burrow. The master of ten thousand more secure than the cony in his rock burrow. Them aster of ten thousand chariots is not one whit better protected than the little dweller in the mountain cleft. In Jesus the weak are strong and the defenseless safe; they could not be more strong if they were giants, or more safe if they were in heaven. Faith gives to men on earth the protection of the God of heaven. More they can not need and need not wish. Conies can not build a castle, but they avail themselves of what is there already: I can not make myself a refuge but Jesus has provided it, His Father has given it, His Spirit has revealed it, * * * I enter it, and am safe from every foe.—C. H. Spurgeon.

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Oklahoma Conference.

CHEROKEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Cherokee	July 13, 14
Bluejacket	July 20, 21
Peggs	July 27, 28
Tahlequah Station	July 29, 30
Tahlequah Ct.	Aug. 3, 4
Vinita	Aug. 3, 4
Afton and Miami	Aug. 3, 4
Claremore	Aug. 15
Grove	Aug. 10, 11
Cherokee	Aug. 10, 11
Centralia	Aug. 17, 18

J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Wood at Hefner	July 13, 14
Rocky at Combs	July 14, 15
Cordell Station	July 20, 21
Foss at East Boggy	July 21, 22
Cloud Chief at Sappington	July 27, 28
Gio at Shilo	Aug. 3, 4
Burmah at Burmah	Aug. 4, 5
Texmo at Trail	Aug. 10, 11
Roll at Hamburg	Aug. 14, 15
Hammam at Sandstone	Aug. 17, 18
Sweet Water at Ramsey	Aug. 17, 18

W. M. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

WYNNEWOOD DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Lindsay Station, Lindsay	July 29, 30
Davis Station, Oak Ridge	July 6, 7
Dougherty Ct., Price's Chapel	July 7, 8
Pauls Valley Station, P. V.	July 10, 11
Lexington Station, Willow View	July 13, 14
Noble and Shilo, Noble	July 14, 15
Blanchard Ct., Fairview	July 20, 21
Purcell Station, Purcell	July 21, 22
Alex Ct., Ireton	July 27, 28
Moral Ct., Hills Chapel	Aug. 3, 4
Wanett Ct., Gilbert	Aug. 4, 5
Paoli Ct., Wayne	Aug. 10, 11
Tussy Ct., Homer	Aug. 14, 15
Mill Creek, Mill Creek	Aug. 18, 19
Hickory, Flood Creek	Aug. 19, 20
Byars Ct., Hart	Aug. 24, 25
Roff Station, Roff	Aug. 25, 26
Wynnewood Station, Wynnewood	Aug. 30

J. S. LAMAR, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Persimmon	July 16
Ioland	July 18
Grand, at Allman	July 20, 21
Ingersoll and Hazelton	July 28, 29
Tyrone, at Nabisco	July 27, 28
Carthage	Aug. 3, 4

The District Conference will be held at Woodward, O. T., July 10-14, 1907.

J. E. LOVETT, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DIST.—3RD ROUND.	
Holdenville Circuit at Coston's	July 13, 14
Holdenville Station	July 14, 15
Seminole Circuit	July 20, 21
Bearden Circuit	July 21, 22
Wewoka at Thluavaka	July 27, 28
Ada Station	July 28, 29
Ada Circuit	July 30, 31

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Capitol Hill & Wheatland	July 13, 14
Maywood	July 14, 15
El Reno	July 20, 21
West End & Arcadia	July 21, 22
Shawnee, 1st. Church	July 27, 28
Shawnee, Trinity	July 28, 29
Shawnee Circuit	August 3, 4
McLoud	August 4, 5
Ashe	August 10, 11
Konawa	August 17, 18
Maud	August 18, 19

The Oklahoma City District Conference will convene at Tecumseh June the 20th at 8:30 A. M. The opening sermon will be preached by P. E. Knickerbocker. Local preachers must report in writing.

W. J. Sims.

MANGUM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Deer Creek at Deer Creek	July 18, 19
Martha and Blair at Blair	July 20, 21
Mangum Ct. at Gip Hill	Aug. 3, 4
Mangum Station	Aug. 4, 5
Kelly at Pleasant Hill	Aug. 10, 11
Elmer at Francis	Aug. 17, 18
Altus Station	Aug. 18, 19
Duke at Victory	Aug. 24, 25
Olustee and Eldorado at Olustee	Aug. 25, 26

L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

MCLESTER DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Oaddo and Starratt at Oaddo	July 18, 19
Bokchito at Freney	July 14, 15
Wapanucka at Emmett	July 20, 21
12 Mile Prairie at Bee	July 21, 22
Wilson Grove and Boggy	July 27, 28
Durant Station	July 27, 28
Stonewall Ct. at Jesse	Aug. 3, 4
Conitate Station	Aug. 4, 5
Albany at Albany	Aug. 10, 11
Colbert	Aug. 11, 12
Pontotoc at Campground	Aug. 13, 14

SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Pocaha Ct.	3 p. m., July 18
McCourtain Ct. at Starr	3 p. m., July 20
Wagoner Ct. at Fisherberg	3 p. m., July 27
Muskogee Ct. at Brushy Mt.	3 p. m., Aug. 8

W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Atoka Ct. at Salem	July 13, 14
Kasoma Ct. at Farris	July 14, 15
Sans Bois Ct. at Long Mountain	July 20, 21
Owl Ct. at Salt Creek	July 27, 28
Ft. Towson Ct. at Rufe	Aug. 3, 4
Rufe Ct. at Rufe	Aug. 3, 4
Antlers Ct. at Nelson	Aug. 10, 11
Hugo Ct. at Hugo	Aug. 11, 12
Chickasaw Ct.	Aug. 17, 18
Kiamitia Ct.	Aug. 24, 25

W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Lebanon at Lebanon	July 13, 14
McMillan at Enville	July 14, 15
Cumberland at Aylesworth	July 20, 21
Kingston at Kingston	July 27, 28
Lone Grove at Lone Grove	August 3, 4
Berwyn at Berwyn	August 4, 5
Woodford at Sneed	August 10, 11
Broadway	August 18, 19
Ardmore Mission at Poland Ch.	Aug. 17, 18
Ravia at Russell	August 24, 25

District Conference will be held at Carter Avenue, Ardmore, June 26-30.

W. T. Freeman, P. E.

JUNCAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Terral and Ryan at Bonner	July 13, 14
Marlow Station	June 20, 21
Duncan Station	July 21, 22
Temple Station	July 27, 28
Bailey Circuit at Doyle	August 3, 4
Chickasha Circuit	Aug. 11, 12
Indian Work	Aug. 12

The District Conference will be held at Marlow, I. T., May 30th, 1907.

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Arkansas Conference.

DARDANELLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Coal Hill Ct. at Bethlehem	July 13, 14
Clarksville Station	July 14, 15
Bellefonte Ct. at Chickalash	July 17, 18
Walnut Tree at New Prospect	July 20, 21
Rover Ct. at Salem	July 28, 29
Gravelly Ct. at Oak Ridge	July 27, 28
Danville and Ola	Aug. 3, 4

J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Springdale Station at Springdale	July 13, 14
War Eagle Ct. at Key	July 20, 21
Rogers Station	July 21, 22
Fayetteville Station	July 27, 28
Winslow and Parkdale at Winslow	Aug. 3, 4
Gentry Station	Aug. 10, 11
Siloam Springs Station	Aug. 11, 12
Elm Springs Ct. at Thornberry	Aug. 17, 18
Gravett Ct. at	Aug. 24, 25

WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

MORRILLTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Springfield Ct. at Friendship	July 13, 14
Quitman Station at Central	July 20, 21
Adona Ct. at Pleasant Grove	July 27, 28
Atkins Station	Aug. 3, 4
Conway Station	Aug. 8
Pottsville Ct. at Shady Grove	Aug. 10, 11
Russellville Station	Aug. 11, 12
Plumerville Ct. at Oak Grove	Aug. 17, 18
Morrillton Station	Aug. 18, 19
Bee Branch Ct. at Batesville	Aug. 24, 25

JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Magazine Ct. at Wesley Chapel	July 13, 14
Boonville Station	July 14, 15
Hartford	July 20, 21
Hackett Ct. at Bethel	July 27, 28
Mulberry at Shiloh	July 27, 28
Charleston at Grand Prairie	July 27, 28
Branch at Low's Creek	July 28, 29
Van Buren Station	Aug. 3, 4
East End	Aug. 4, 5
Greenwood Station	Aug. 10, 11
Abbot	Aug. 11, 12
Pt. Smith Ct. at Lavaca	Aug. 17, 18

P. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Fair View at Piney	July 6, 7
Eureka Springs	July 13, 14
Lead Hill at Proteum	July 20, 21
Kingston at Cross Roads	July 27, 28
Huntsville at Huntsville	July 27, 28
Yellville Ct. at Ware's Chapel	Aug. 4, 5
Yellville Station	Aug. 5, 6
Harrison Station	Aug. 10, 11
Marshall and Leslie at Marshall	Aug. 13, 14

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

ARKADELPHIA DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Holly Springs at Launn's Chapel	July 13, 14
Dalark at Friendship	July 16, 17
Princeton at Harmony	July 20, 21
Lono at Leola	July 21, 22
Ussery at Mt. Tabor	July 24
Hot Springs Ct. at Social Hill	July 26
Tigert Memorial	July 27, 28
Third St., Hot Springs	July 28, 29
Park Avenue, Hot Springs	Aug. 4, 5
Central Avenue, Hot Springs	Aug. 4, 5
Malvern Station	Aug. 11
Malvern Ct.	Aug. 17, 18
Arkadelphia Station	Aug. 18, 19

Arkadelphia Ct.	Aug. 21
Malvern Avenue, Hot Springs	Aug. 25, 26
Perla and Walco	Aug. 25

H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Sherrell at Tucker	July 20, 21
Rowel at Wesley's Chapel	July 27, 28
Lakeside	July 28, 29
Roe at Hickory Grove	Aug. 3, 4
Star City at Mountain Home	Aug. 7
Stuttgart Ct. at Sunshine	Aug. 10, 11
Stuttgart Station	Aug. 11, 12
Rison at Wofford's Chapel	Aug. 17, 18
St. Charles	Aug. 24, 25
De Witt	Aug. 25, 26
Kingsland at Camp Springs	Aug. 31, Sept. 1
Gillett at Campshead	Sept. 3
Carr Memorial	Sept. 7, 8
First Church	Sept. 8, 9
Redfield	Sept. 8, 9
Sheridan	Sept. 14, 15

Committees on Examination for Pine Bluff District Conference—

For License to Preach—O. W. Drake, R. A. McClintock, J. J. Millard, Deacon's Orders—T. Y. Ramsey, M. O. Barnett, B. F. Scott, Elder's Orders—J. H. Bradford, W. F. Lasiter, W. J. Rogers, Admission on Trial and Readmission—W. M. Hayes, W. O. Watson, J. D. May.

W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Lacey Ct.	July 13, 14
Tiller Ct.	July 20, 21
Hamburg Ct.	July 27, 28
Wilma Ct.	Aug. 3, 4
Palestine Ct.	Aug. 10, 11
New Edinburg Ct.	Aug. 17, 18
Warren Station	Aug. 18, 19
Collins Ct.	Aug. 24, 25
Keener Campground	Sept. 1
Eudora Ct.	Sept. 7, 8
Hamburg Station	Sept. 14, 15
Crossett Station	Sept. 15, 16

J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Lonoke	July 17
Tomberlin	July 20, 21
England	July 21, 22
Bryant, at White Rock	July 27, 28
Carlisle Ct. at Roger's Chapel	Aug. 3, 4
Carlisle and Hazen, at Carlisle	Aug. 4, 5
Hickory Plains, Johnson's Chapp.	Aug. 10, 11
Oak Hill, at Walnut Grove	Aug. 17, 18
Maumelle, at Ezra	Aug. 24, 25
First Church	Sept. 1
Mabelvale & Primrose, Primrose	Sept. 7, 8
Capitol Hill	Sept. 15
Austin, at South Bend	Sept. 21, 22
Winfield Memorial	Sept. 29
Hunter Memorial	Sept. 29

A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DIST.—THIRD ROUND.	
Foreman Ct. at Wallace	July 13, 14
Wilton Ct. at Cerro Gordo	July 20, 21
DeQueen Station	July 27, 28
Janssen Ct. at Pleasant Grove	Aug. 3, 4
Texarkana Ct. at Mt. Pleasant	Aug. 10, 11
Fairview Station	Aug. 17, 18
First Church	Aug. 18, 19
Gillham Ct. at Gillham	Aug. 24, 25
Umpire Ct. at Bethel Camp Ground	Aug. 31 and Sept. 1
Ben Lomond, at Bellville	Sept. 7, 8
Lockesburg Station	Sept. 8, 9
Cherry Hill, Bethesda Camp G.	Sept. 14, 15
Mt. Ida Ct. at Joplin	Sept. 21, 22
Horatio Ct. at Chapel Hill	Sept. 28, 29
Bright Star Ct. at Concord	Oct. 6, 8

T. O. OWEN, P. E.

PRESOTT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Nathan Ct. at Sweet Home	July 13, 14
Rivins Ct. at Blavins	July 14, 15
Chidester Ct. at Ebenezer	July 20, 21
Gurden Ct. at Pleasant Hill	July 21, 22
Fulton and McNab Ct. at Liberty	July 27, 28
Hope Station	July 28, 29
Okolona at Trinity	Aug. 3, 4
Center Point at Bluff Springs	Aug. 10, 11
Mineral Springs at Betheny	Aug. 11, 12
Bingen at Bingen	Aug. 17, 18
Pike City Ct.	Aug. 24, 25
Murfreesboro Ct.	Aug. 25, 26
Harmony Ct.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1
Washington Ct. at St. Paul	Sept. 7, 8
Nashville Station	Sept. 8, 9
Emmet Ct. at Dickey's Chapel	Sept. 14, 15
Prescott Station	Sept. 15, 16

W. R. HARRISON, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
Boarden and Thornton, Temperance Hill	July 20, 21
El Dorado Ct., Rhode's Chapel	July 24
Onalaska and E. Mills at E. Mills	July 27, 28
Millville Ct. at Woodbury	July 31
Lowville Ct., Roadley	Aug. 3, 4
Junction City at J. City	Aug. 7, 8
El Dorado Station	Aug. 11, 12
Hampton Ct.	Aug. 15
Strong Ct.	Aug. 17, 18
Stephens and Waldo at Mt. Prospect	Aug. 20
Stamps Station	Aug. 24, 25
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Melbourne Ct. at Chapel Hill	July 13, 14
Calico Rock Ct. at Calico Rock	July 20, 21
Smithville Ct. at Shiloh	July 27, 28
Jessup Mission at Raney's Chapel	July 30
Evening Shade Ct. at Hickory Flat	Aug. 3, 4
Ash Flat Ct. at Agnes	Aug. 7
Salem Ct. at Salem	Aug. 10, 11
Bexar Ct. at New Hope	Aug. 13
Mt. View Ct. at Pleasant Hill	Aug. 17, 18
Pleasant Plains Ct. at	Aug. 24, 25
Desha Ct.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1
Bethesda Ct.	Sept. 7, 8

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PARAGOULD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.	
E. Paragould Ct. at Hunt's Chapel	July 13, 14
Paragould East Side Church	July 14, 15
Rector Ct. at Hurricane	July 20, 21
Boydsville Ct. at Boydsville	July 27, 28
Piggott Ct. at St. Francis	July 28
Corning Station	July 28, 29
Knobel Ct. at Peach Orchard	July 30
Black Rock and Portia at Mt. Zion	Aug. 3, 4
Walnut Ridge and Hoxie	Aug. 4, 5
Mynard Ct. at Albertha	Aug. 8
Pocahontas Ct. at Vernon	Aug. 9
Pocahontas Station	Aug. 11, 12
Reyno Ct. at Biggars	Aug. 11, 12
Imboden Ct. at Ravendon Springs	Aug. 17, 18
Mammoth Spring and Hardy at Willford	Aug. 19

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Soochow, China.

My Dear Sister: I am sure you will be glad to hear of the Mary Black hospital, under the management of Dr. Margaret Polk, who has proven herself equal to any and all emergencies. The amount of work she accomplishes is wonderful; still her wise and hopeful plan for the hospital can not be carried out without the aid of a physician, nor can the medical school be placed upon a firm and strong foundation, nor can the sphere of work be extended as Dr. Polk desires, without this much-needed assistance. Certain it is, one of the greatest needs of our mission just now is this physician. Not that Dr. Polk needs rest; she really wants the opportunity for doing more work, for she is tireless in her efforts for humanity.

She not only manages the hospital, but gives half an hour each day to a chemistry class at Laura Haygood, and superintends the erection of buildings in Soochow district. She is a connoisseur in this last line, for by her knowledge of building material and labor the workmen have learned that she can not be imposed upon.

Every phase of work in the hospital and home comes under her personal supervision, from the performing of a major operation to the inspection of stove and cooking utensils in the kitchen; every patient in the hospital feels her personal touch, from the wife of the highest official in Soochow to the little afflicted homeless waif. The work done by her is wonderful in its amount and variety; the value of it is inestimable to God and humanity. But she must have help; this is imperative. Dr. Polk is a woman of affairs; during the past year the hospital has had every roof removed and repaired, every window, door and porch revarnished, every wall repaired, and many other improvements that make it look clean and fresh. The whole place, including hospital and home, is attractive; and the wards, with their fresh, clean beds, are a veritable haven of rest to the inmates.

The usual ten thousand patients who have been seen by Dr. Polk and her competent Chinese assistant, a regular graduate of the medical school, show the scope of the work done, and the Woman's Board can well congratulate themselves upon their hospital and their skillful physician. The house across the street, owned by the Board, has been put into first-class condition and rented to one of the University professors, thus becoming a source of revenue.

The present urgent needs are the foreign physician, which point cannot be stressed too greatly, and an evangelistic worker who can keep in touch with the patients and their families—a work which it is impossible for Dr. Polk to do with her present overcrowded life. She not only ministers to patients who come to the hospital, but responds to hundreds of calls out in the city. Her friends among the Chinese are numerous, for these people regard with great admiration, almost reverence, evidences of education, culture, and skillful medical treatment.

ical treatment.

Dr. Polk gave me the pleasure of christening a beautiful sedan chair, which was presented to her Christmas by a niece of the late great Chinese statesman, Li Hung Chang. Again, I wish to impress upon our women Dr. Polk's great need of an able physician as an assistant. Will you not report to Mrs. Trueheart if you hear of a woman physician of ability, hospital experience, and a full religious life who will give herself up to God's work in China?

MISS ANDERSON'S WORK.

This is a work peculiar to itself, dealing almost exclusively with the higher and cultured classes of Soochow. Miss Anderson's house has three rooms downstairs—two connecting rooms furnished for reception rooms, and a dining room; and the same number above—one for her bedroom, one for her assistant (a cultured Chinese woman), and one for guests.

The parlor's fitted up in Chinese style, have been furnished at Miss Anderson's own expense. The women visit the house constantly, coming in their sedan chairs, accompanied by their maids, who, according to Chinese custom, go into the parlors and mix with the guests.

Miss Anderson lives in regular Chinese style, eating Chinese food and using chopsticks so that her guests may feel at home in her house. Many of them spend the day with her, others a week, and some several weeks, receiving instruction in the Bible, or seeking temporary refuge from a miserable home. A large number go to the house two afternoons a week. On one of these afternoons, after tea and refreshments, a prayer service is held at the church, which is conveniently near and in the same compound; and on the other a Bible class is conducted in the home. Both these services are in charge of the pastor, Dr. Li, a gifted speaker, full of the Spirit.

The fruits of work of this character must necessarily be slow, though the Christian influence of this consecrated woman is bound to tell on the lives of these women who come so constantly in contact with her. Miss Anderson has gifts for just such work. The women gladly welcome her to their homes, call her friend, and seek her, not in every instance primarily for Christianity, but because they want help at a critical time in their lives.

Mrs. Dr. Park, who has access to the most aristocratic homes in Soochow, has given valuable assistance to Miss Anderson in her work.

A woman of wealth and position, who has been led to Christ mainly through Miss Anderson's influence, has recently established a school for girls with the avowed purpose of teaching them the gospel. She has gathered about her competent teachers, six of whom are Christians. Never before in the history of Soochow has such a step been taken by a Chinese woman, and this was made possible only by the Christian religion.

Miss Anderson is carrying on the distinctive, yet advantageous, work by means of her own salary and an appropriation of fifty dollars. This is an important work that may not tell in immediate results, but through this means an influence for Christ is carried into heathen homes through mothers, children, and servants. Miss Anderson needs literature in the form of tracts, leaflets, hymn books, Bibles, religious books; and she needs money for salary and board of assistant, for keeping up the home, and for enlarging her plans. Christ came to save the rich and high, as well as the poor and lowly. South Georgia pays Miss Anderson's salary, and I have faith to believe that the women of that Conference will appropriate four or five hundred dollars of their pledge money for the support of this beautiful work. Will you not influence the Board to grant this permission to South Georgia? I commend her and her plans most heartily to your love and consideration.



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There is need for a great variety of work in China, particularly in these times of constant change; and Christians must be constantly on the watch, or China will be wrested from their grasp.

Mr. Mott, in his addresses full of vigor and the Holy Ghost, is awakening great interest in various parts of the empire. The great Morrison Centenary Conference is claiming the thoughts of all missionaries in China, who are daily praying that the committees and speakers and presiding officers of that great convocation may be filled with a power from on high that will start a revival sweeping in its force and broad in its extent.

Will you not join your prayers with theirs. Very sincerely,

Mrs. J. B. Cobb.

We are glad to give the members of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and women of the Church the privilege of Mrs. Cobb's letters from China. Others will follow and we pray that they may bring a personal message to each heart, and may we realize our obligations as "children of light" to

those "Millions" "who sit in darkness."

Sincerely,

MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

Vice President Western Division.

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Prof. E. E. Bishop, who for four years has directed Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., with such signal success, has been transferred by the Woman's Board of Home Missions to open the Vashti Home and School at Thomasville, Ga. Mr. Bishop is eminently qualified to develop this very important institution, as his success at Brevard testifies. He will be succeeded at Brevard by Prof. Carl Trowbridge of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Trowbridge has taught four years in Central College, Lexington, Mo., and five years at Washington University. He comes to the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society heartily endorsed by those with whom he has worked in the past. The organization is fortunate to secure the services of both of these gentlemen.

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At the Methodist church in Evening Shade, Ark., on Sunday evening, June 30, 1907, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Melvin B. Stokes to Miss Norma M. Collins, both of Evening Shade; Rev. W. S. Southworth, of Hardy, officiating.

IRVING-COZART.—At the residence of the bride's father, W. A. Cozart, at Piney Farm, near Lamar on June 12, 1907, Mr. John Irving McClerkin to Miss May Cozart, Rev. J. B. Stevenson officiating.

COLE-CRAIG.—Married at Conway by Rev. J. B. Stevenson, Mr. Russell Thurman Cole of Oklahoma City to Miss May Craig of Conway, Ark., on June 26, 1907.

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