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EDITORIAL.

The States and the United States.

The building up of a great nation on this American soil was clearly a design of an Almighty Providence. It was first necessary to preserve this continent against all unsuitable peoples who might essay to take possession of it. It was necessary to find a great constituency out of which to make a great nation. It was necessary to guide this constituency to these shores. It was necessary to preside over the destinies of the several colonies, and to awaken in them a sense of mutual need, and so begin in them a national consciousness. It was necessary to guide their counsels so as to weld them together as one people. It was necessary to preserve the union against all divisive forces. The student of history knows how all these ends have been reached. The continent was preserved; a most remarkable constituency, of the finest blood of the earth, was selected, British, sturdy Dutch, Huguenots, already trained to love of liberty and love of God; they were driven across the seas by the fierce fires of persecution in their old homes; God was with them severally in the wilderness, and by the pressure of mutual foes awakened in them a sense of mutual dependence; God did guide their counsels, inspiring in them the sentiments that found expression in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States; and God has preserved the Union against all the disruptive forces that have threatened it. He meant that this nation should get together, stay together, act together. He has a mission for it among the nations of the world, if we will only know it, a mission the fulfillment of which yet stretches far ahead of us.

In order that the nation might have a basis of life it was necessary that the colonies, now called states, should cede mutually certain of their powers to the Federal Government. The Articles of Confederation proved too weak a bond. The constitution must be formed. The constitution did not make the nation, as some have thought; it was the articulate voice of a nation which God had made. It is a body of concessions made by the representatives of sovereign States to the United States. In making these concessions one principle guided the delegates of the States, the principle, namely, of ceding as little as possible, ceding only such powers as was absolutely necessary to constitute a central government strong enough to stand against all attacks from without. They undertook to reserve rigidly to the several States all powers which were not strictly necessary to insure this end. They were surrendering into the hands of a central government the rights of their several peoples, and they had no intention to go further in that direction than they were obliged to go.

In the debates of the Constitutional Convention, from the debate on the opening clause of the preamble, "We the people," clear through the instrument, the battle was waged over this point, some contending for larger powers in the central government than

others were willing to grant. In one way or another that battle has gone on till this day. Certain amendments have been added, some of which were intended to more surely limit the powers of the United States, as against the States; but no amendment of this nature has been adopted for the last hundred years. Certain other amendments, intended to limit the power of the States, have more latterly been adopted, and the whole tendency of affairs has been in this direction for more than a half century. The power of a State grows less and less, the power of the United States, more and more. Whereunto the thing will grow we know not. It is right that the principle of local self-government should be upheld, that the people of the several States should retain in their own hands as much power as is possible and at the same time consistent with an efficient general government. But it is necessary that the Federal Government have sufficient power to carry out its proper ends.

To enlarge the powers conferred by the constitution itself upon the United States has been necessary in the past. Some of the encroachments of the Federal Government have been unwarranted, and one amendment to the constitution was the worst crime ever committed in the political history of this country. And yet the Federal Government needed larger powers than the constitution gave it. We think there can be no doubt that the constitution left in the several States the right of secession. We think it was necessary in order to the perpetuity of the nation, in order to the carrying out of the great ends of Providence by the nation, that this right should be destroyed.

Daniel Webster has been called the expounder of the constitution. School boys have been declaiming his great speech against Hayne ever since it was delivered. Northern people have believed that it was the profoundest and truest interpretation of the constitution ever heard in the United States Senate.—But mark this: History will yet record the verdict that Webster's speech was a perversion of the constitution; that Hayne was its expounder. Nevertheless, Webster, and not Hayne, was the instrument of Providence in that great conflict. Our fathers, in attempting to guard the rights of the several States, had left them a right which they ought to have abridged or to have entirely taken away. It was in accordance with the designs of Providence that it should be taken away. The very stars fought against us in our titanic efforts to retain it. In Webster, as in all great men, there stirred a sense of destiny; the very circumstances of his life prepared him for his task, as truly as ever Moses was prepared. Before his vision loomed the larger vision of the nation's life, its outlines dimly seen, it may be, yet the vision was there, huge in its bulk, vast in its significance. He sought for it in the constitution, with all the powers of his mighty brain, fired by a brilliant imagination which pictured for him the future glories of a great Republic. No doubt he thought he found full warrant in the constitution for his

course; he was a great, patriotic and honest man; but the fathers had not put in the constitution what he was looking for, and Hayne correctly saw what they put in that instrument. But Webster led the pan-national consciousness along its appointed path, nevertheless, and what he erroneously said was the true interpretation of the constitution was to be forever made its meaning by a struggle whose history flamed in fire heaven-high, and was bathed in blood from ocean to ocean. Much might here be said as to how God made wrath and fanaticism to serve him. While the people of the South were standing upon the constitution, fanatics like John Brown, who was not at heart a wicked man, like Garrison, and radicals like Charles Sumner were fanning in the North a flame which was a roll over us like a sea of fire. They, too, dimly saw the ways of Providence, and, like all men of narrow prejudices, thought to aid Providence by adopting the methods of fanatics.—But let this, and much more, go. So it is that God was by all means making here a great nation, and so it is that the government of the nation taking advantage of the lines of Providence, has in some instances encroached upon the rights of the States.

It may very well happen that the powers of the national government will yet need to be extended in several directions. We are in the midst of conditions of which the makers of the constitution did not dream. They sought to effect a political union. It has come to pass that we actually have also in this nation an industrial union and a commercial union, for whose regulation the constitution made only the slightest provision. The wisest of the framers of that instrument could not foresee these conditions. They provided in a single sentence that Congress should have power to regulate commerce between the States. What immense burdens now hang upon that sentence! Does it confer the power to control the instruments of inter-State commerce? So it was held when those instruments were coastwise navigation and river navigation. But the chief instruments of it are now the railroads, undreamed of when the constitution was made. The whole trend of our history is in favor of the belief that the railroads also will pass more and more under the control of the national government. It is likely that it must be so.

This editorial is already too long. Yet much more might be said. So much as is here written has been put down for the twofold purpose of pointing out, on the one hand, the duty of Christian citizenship to recognize the hand of God in making a great nation, and the purpose of God to do great things for the world through our nation; and pointing out, on the other hand, the tendency of the nation to encroach upon the powers of the several States.

Nothing is more natural than that the Federal Government should more and more reach out for power, for it is by odds the most powerful of the parties to the contest, and in position to enforce its demands. It is the invariable

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Our Conferences.

Oklahoma, Bishop Key, Durant, Nov. 13.

Little Rock, Bishop Ward, Malvern, Nov. 27.

White River, Bishop Hoss, Corning, Dec. 12.

In the recent elections in Alabama several more counties went dry.

Rev. J. A. B. Fry was, at the recent session of the Pacific Conference, re-appointed to Berkeley.

Bishop Atkins has transferred Dr. S. W. Walker from the Florida Conference, and stationed him in Seattle, Washington.

In the municipal election in Salt Lake Tuesday the anti-Mormon candidate for mayor was elected by a large plurality over the other candidates.

Last Tuesday Delaware went for prohibition with the exception of Wilmington, its largest city, and full returns may put it on the right side.

Please pay your pastor for the Western Methodist before he goes to Conference. Look at the label on your paper, showing the date to which you are paid.

It is reported, that, while President Roosevelt is not pleased with certain features of the Oklahoma Constitution, he is delighted with the adoption of State-wide Prohibition.

The Arkansas Methodist Orphanage Board has elected Rev. M. B. Umsted, of White River Conference, as financial agent. We commend Bro. Umsted as a thoroughly good man.

Rev. H. M. Bruce, presiding elder of Arkadelphia District, spent a few hours in the capital last Friday. He is confident that his preachers will make fine reports of the year's work.

Rev. J. W. Wolling, D.D., for twenty-one years a faithful missionary in Brazil, has returned to his old conference, the South Carolina, a change made necessary by the ill health of Mrs. Wolling.

Continuous absence from the office has put this editor rather out of touch with the exchanges. This must be our apology for failure to mention several items which should have had earlier attention.

We extend to Rev. T. W. Shuler, the new editor of the Midland Methodist, a brotherly welcome to our editorial fraternity. He begins well. Dr. Burrow, the retiring editor, is stationed in Abington, Va.

Rev. J. M. Hughey, of Morrilton, was in the city last Thursday consulting physicians about his little son who has been so sorely afflicted for several weeks. The little sufferer

is slightly better. We pray that he may recover.

Dr. R. G. Waterhouse, a member of the General Board of Education and President of Emory and Henry College, will at the request of Dr. Hammond represent the General Board at the coming session of the Oklahoma Conference.

"The One Hundred Thousand Club" for Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, is now complete. It consists of one hundred men who give each a thousand dollars to the institution. We congratulate our Texas brethren.

We note that Rev. J. S. Chadwick was recently continued in charge of the Alabama Christian Advocate by the editorial committee. The Alabama is growing under his control, showing for this last year one of the best records of growth in the church.

In attendance last Thursday on a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation were Rev. J. B. Stevenson, Conway; Rev. Frank Barrett, Texarkana, and Rev. J. M. Cantrell, Dardanelle, who, of course, looked in on us.

If anybody is disposed to take a pessimistic view of missions and of the general progress of Christianity let him read Dr. Alexander's article in the last issue of the Review. He will see that the world has been profoundly affected by missionary work.

Last Friday Dr. W. F. McMurry, Church Extension Secretary, on his way from Texas to Louisville, Ky., spent a few hours in our city with his old friend, Dr. T. E. Sharp. He looks well and makes a good report of the great work in which he is engaged. He will attend our Conferences in Arkansas.

Dr. G. C. Rankin has been re-elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate. Our readers know that we have not always agreed; yet that fact does not prevent us from saying that Dr. Rankin makes a good strong paper, and that he has earned a place worth having in the hearts of the Texans, especially by his service to the cause of temperance.

Last Sunday was observed at Fayetteville as an anniversary day, the fiftieth anniversary of that charge as a station, the seventy-fifth as an organization. Bishop Hendrix preached the sermon. We regret our inability to accept the invitation of the pastor, Rev. P. C. Fletcher, to be present. If we mistake not, Fayetteville now has the largest membership in the Arkansas Conference.

The trade of the "heresy hunter" is rather active these days. We notice that the Editor of "The Methodist," Fulton, Ky., and also a contributor to the Alabama Christian Advocate are haeckling Dr. Tillett; and we see that a contributor of the Central Methodist is after Dr. Gross Alexander. Dr. Tillett is the head teacher and Dr. Alexander is the custodian of Southern Methodist orthodoxy. We trust they will survive these attacks; we need them.

Rev. P. C. Fletcher and the congregation of Central Church, Fayetteville, celebrated on November 3, the 75th anniversary of the planting of Methodism in that city and the 50th anniversary of the Central Church as a station. Bishop Hendrix was to preach the sermon. An announcement requesting the attendance of former pastors and presiding elders was furnished this office, but by an oversight did not appear. We are sorry for the oversight and trust that these good people had a great day.

Rev. John Potts, D.D., Educational Secretary of the Canadian Methodist Church, died in Toronto, Oct. 16, aged sixty-nine. Born in Ireland, coming when a youth to Canada, he was educated largely in his adopted country and early entered the ministry. Successful from the beginning, he rose rapidly and soon filled the most important stations in his church. For the last twenty years he has been Secretary of Education and has done a great work. He was not only one of the greatest men of Canadian Methodism, but of Protestant Christianity. His life was a factor in the kingdom of God.

We are in receipt of resolutions adopted by a memorial meeting held at Duncan, I. T., on the death of Miss Ola Johnson, daughter of Rev. L. L. Johnson, presiding elder of Mangum District. Bro. Johnson was pastor of our church at Duncan last year and hence the people there understand the worth of the Christian character of Miss Ola. We had not heard of the death before and desire to make mention of it and add our sympathies to the bereaved. The heart of the resolutions is, "That we commend to the world the life of Miss Ola in all its simplicity, purity and spirituality, and trust it may be an example to inspire us to nobler and better deeds in the time to come." These resolutions are signed by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Wilson, and the Secretary of the meeting, Geo. E. Leftwich. We are sorry not to be able to give them in full.

Anti-Saloon Leaguers in Hot Springs.

Last Sunday Rev. E. A. Tabor, Superintendent of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League forces, and Rev. G. W. Eichelberger, and others occupied the pulpits of prominent Hot Springs churches in the interest of a forward movement for temperance. At three o'clock at the court house they addressed a great mass meeting, presided over by Dr. M. B. Corrigan. There was much enthusiasm and genuine interest by many hitherto luke-warm to the cause. This means much for Hot Springs and the State.

Death of Mrs. C. C. Godden.

We learn through the press reports that Mrs. C. C. Godden, wife of ex-President Godden, died at Searcy, Nov. 4. As she has been in feeble health for more than a year this is not a surprise, and yet it comes as a distinct shock to her thousands of friends in Arkansas. Having been closely connected with the life of Galloway College for over ten years during Dr. Godden's presidency, she had become intimately associated with its hundreds of students who had learned to love her. With us they will mourn the loss of a noble Christian woman and true friend and extend sincere sympathy to Dr. Godden and other members of the bereaved family.

Every Preacher Needs It.

We have just examined Kidner's Methodist Church Record and Ritual, a vest pocket record for the pastor, and pronounce it the most complete pocket record that we have seen. In compact form it contains blanks for every item of a preacher's business. It has also the ritual, so that the preacher is always ready for his weddings, funerals, etc. For years we have wondered why some one had not published such a record. We had even planned something of the sort ourselves, but Rev. G. D. Kidner, of the Baltimore Conference, has saved us the trouble. Rev. J. C. Rhodes, of Arkadelphia, will take orders for it in Arkansas.

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ble tendency of power to enlarge itself. In so far as it can be clearly shown that additional power is needed for proper national ends, by all means let it be ceded; and no otherwise. The right of local self-government is very dear to the Teutonic heart and can be surrendered only for a larger good. Meantime let us remember that God rules, and that he will guide in wisdom a people who trust in him.

When We Stop the Paper.

We send the paper to all subscribers till they order it stopped. This is a rule which is imposed upon us by our subscribers themselves. Some few object to it, but four out of five would be offended if we should discontinue the paper at the expiration of the time for which they have paid. We can do no otherwise than regard their wishes. It happens now and then that a subscriber, finding his paper still coming, sends in an order to stop it, without sending a remittance to cover what is due. In this case he is asking us to throw away his account, for the mailing list is the only place to keep accounts. In all such cases we disregard the order till we get a settlement.

Friends of Temperance, Be Watchful.

Since Georgia has gone dry, Oklahoma voted for prohibition and Birmingham is safe for temperance, the liquor interests are greatly alarmed, and preparing to regain control wherever temperance people leave a gap down. In counties that have voted against license, the saloon men encourage several temperance men to run for the legislature and only one whisky man, hoping to divide the temperance vote and elect their man. It would be folly for temperance people to permit defeat by such methods. Every county that votes against license should make it a point to send a thoroughly safe man to the legislature. Otherwise our good temperance laws may be repealed, and the fruits of victory lost. Let every temperance voter see that his vote is not lost. Where several temperance men are candidates and only one whisky man, the temperance men should decide which is the best candidate, and the others should withdraw in the interests of prohibition progress.

"In Monticello District."

Irregular movements of the trains kept me nearly a whole day at Montrose, and prevented my reaching Parkdale and Wilmot. No man who is working in a rush can lay out a route and be able to stick to it, so demoralized are the schedules of trains. The result was I got to Portland on a local late in the afternoon, and broke in upon Bro. A. W. Cammaek and his good family, who showed me all manner of kindness. Portland is a good town, with a large and growing business. They take great pride in their school, under charge of Prof. Andrews, with provisions up to the 12th grade, with a splendid building. The pastor, Rev. H. H. Watson, lives at Lake Village, and so I did not meet him.

This trip of two weeks was finished at Tillar and Selma, Rev. J. W. White's charge. Bro. White lives at Selma. He is an heir, so it seems, to the prophet's "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you," for he seems to be a universal favorite. He has had a great year. Everything in reach of him seems to feel the contagion of his optimism, and the charge has built up under his hand. I went in on him a day ahead of time, and found them renovating the parsonage at Selma. We at-

tended to all the business in reach, and on our way to Tillar had a fine lot of sport duck shooting. The next day we worked up everything in sight at Tillar, and while awaiting for a train, Bro. John Cheairs took us quail hunting. Tillar has a fine class of people, interested to an unusual degree in the work of the church. It is proposed to divide the charge next year, and put a pastor at Tillar.

Although much hindered by irregular train movements, this trip into Monticello District has been one of the most pleasant of the year. It is my last for the year, as the Arkansas Conference meets this week. JAS. A. A.

The Western Methodist Campaign.

Our last report on the special campaign for 5,000 new subscribers was made Aug. 15th. The present report is up to and including Nov. 4th. The report shows what all the former reports have shown, that wherever the brethren have gone after subscribers, they have gotten them. There have been added since the conference sessions 2,181 new subscribers, not counting those lying outside of the four conferences. Of these Oklahoma Conference has 718; the White River, 531; Little Rock, 492; the Arkansas, 416. The totals by districts this date are:

Ardmore, 48; Muskogee, 76; Duncan, 55; Weatherford, 104; Holdenville, 77; Oklahoma City, 59; Choctaw, 25; McAlester, 49; Mangum, 117; Cherokee, 21; Wynnewood, 79; Beaver, 8; Helena, 160; Jonesboro, 155; Paragould, 103; Searcy, 87; Batesville, 56; Texarkana, 82; Pine Bluff, 87; Little Rock, 97; Prescott, 39; Camden, 48; Arkadelphia, 55; Monticello, 84; Ft. Smith, 132; Morrilton, 85; Fayetteville, 99; Harrison, 45; Dardanelle, 55.

Hendrix College Notes.

Dr. Joseph R. Norris, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff, conducted chapel for us Thursday morning, Oct. 31.

Some new students have entered since last report.

The College Y. M. C. A. is expecting to have a series of evangelistic meetings beginning next Sunday. The Sunday afternoon service will be conducted by Prof. Hogan. We expect Rev. Forney Hutchinson of Hunter Memorial Little Rock, on Monday afternoon, who will take charge of the services for some days. We ask the prayers of all our readers for the salvation of every student of the college.

R. H. C.

Oklahoma Laymen's Missionary Meeting.

The Oklahoma Conference is to execute the following program at Durant, I. T., Nov. 12th. The meeting is under the auspices of the Conference Board of Missions.

Judge J. T. Dickerson presides, with Dr. I. D. Hitchcock's assistance.

7:30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by W. G. Ditzler, and Frank Jones.

Musie by male quartette.

8:00. Origin and Purpose of the Laymen's Movement, by Dr. A. E. Bonnell.

Musie by boys' quartette.

8:30. The Place of the Layman in Methodism, Hon. D. H. Linebaugh.

Musie.

9:00. The Layman's Part in the Conversion of the World, Capt. A. S. McKennon.

Open Discussion. (Three minute speeches by laymen.) Every layman in the bounds of the Conference is invited to be present. It is a great movement. Get your part of it my brother. Don't mind a few dollars for railroad fare. You will not miss it when you are dying.

This is just the evening before the Conference meets. Delegates to Conference should by all means be there.

L. L. THURSTON,
Board Secretary.

Ada Methodism.

Dear Methodist: I was not called on last year at conference for my report and as nothing has been heard from Ada in a long time, perhaps the brethren would like to know what is going on down here. Methodism is in good shape in this town. On April 14th, Dr. W. F. McMurry came down from Louisville and dedicated our new church, raising \$2,680 for that purpose. So the church was dedicated the day we opened it. Dr. McMurry is a prince among men and a master of assemblies. He did us great good by his preaching and when it comes to taking a collection he stands in a class all to himself.

Our church is the most convenient Methodist church in the new State and the plant is valued at \$20,000. We have two ladies parlors each 20 feet by 28 feet, kitchen, pastor's study, Sunday School rooms, and the church is heated by two large furnaces. By the side of it the contract has been let for a two-story eight-room brick parsonage, colonial design. We have four lots for this property.

On Oct. 13th, Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker came down from Oklahoma City and opened our new \$3,500 plant on the north side of town. He raised \$769 and by the committee assuming about \$100 the church was dedicated at night. Knickerbocker is the right man in the right place for he is a great money getter. Our people enjoyed him and his preaching. We now have a Sunday School on the north side with an enrollment of 86. Three years ago this charge only paid a \$700 salary and for the past two years it has paid \$1200. We have received nearly 300 members into the church. Methodism is decidedly on the up grade in Ada. To God be all the glory now and forever. When our parsonage is completed we will have nearly \$30,000 worth of property and only about \$3,000 debt on it and on this we have four years time at 4 per cent interest. How many applicants will there be for Ada at the coming session of the Annual Conference at Durant?

Bishop Key spent Sunday, October 20th, with us and preached morning and evening to two large and appreciative audiences. We have spoken of the unusual strength of the Bishop and the simplicity with which the great truths of the gospel were presented. His visit was a blessing to our town. It would be a great thing for Methodism if our Bishops could get around oftener to the smaller towns.

T. L. RIPPEY.

Ada, Oct. 25, 1907.

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Origin and History of Methodism and What Methodism Stands For.

By J. H. Riggon, D.D.

I have received a copy of this pamphlet from Rev. W. F. Evans, publisher, Warren, Ark.

It is a statement clear, concise and accurate in regard to the matters treated. It contains just such information as every member of the Methodist church should possess. I know of nothing that can fill its place. Every salient point is present and there is no confusion of ideas or waste of words. Every Methodist family should have a copy. 10 cents a copy; \$1.00 a dozen; \$7.50 per hundred, postpaid. Order of W. F. Evans, Warren, Ark., or of Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock.

J. E. GODBEY,

Rev. T. F. Brewer Resigns the Presidency of Spaulding College.

Rev. T. F. Brewer, after many years of faithful and efficient service as president, on his own motion resigned. Prof. O. B. Staples has been elected to succeed Bro. Brewer. The change will be made immediately after the Oklahoma conference. Brother Brewer has for many years had a longing to return to the pastorate but never felt willing to leave the college till he could find a successor who would be adequate to the demands of the situation. Feeling that he had found such a man in Rev. O. B. Staples, Bro. Brewer called the board of trustees together and insisted on a resigning in favor of Bro. Staples. The board granted his request and acted on his suggestion in electing Mr. Staples.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Trustees of Spaulding Female College.

Whereas, Rev. T. F. Brewer after many years of faithful and self-sacrificing labor has on his own motion offered his resignation and insisted so positively on its being accepted, and

Whereas, his life has been so absolutely above reproach, his conduct always that of a finished Christian gentleman, his character untarnished and his reputation unsullied,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we hereby express to Brother Brewer our sincere appreciation of the untiring and self-denying service he has rendered the church during his long presidency of this institution.

2. That we commend him as a Christian gentleman, worthy of the confidence, esteem and admiration of all mankind.

3. That we express a like appreciation and commendation of Sister Brewer, who has been his noble helpmeet in all these years of toil for our Master.

4. That one copy of these resolutions be spread on our records, one sent to Brother and Sister Brewer, and another copy be sent to the Western Methodist for publication.

Brother Brewer is too extensively and too favorably known to need any commendation from this writer who is not so well known. No doubt he will be in great demand as a pastor and he is capable of rendering to the church many years of good service in the regular ministry.

Prof. Staples is a man who has made good in every undertaking in life. He is an educator of ability and has a passion for this work. It is everywhere conceded that Brother Brewer has been wise in the choice of his successor. Spaulding College is said to have the best student body that it has had for many years. Parents whose daughters are here need feel no uneasiness as to the future of the college. The same faculty will continue the work, and there will be but few if any changes in the interior workings of the school for this year. Others who were contemplating sending their daughters can send them on, with the assurance that they will be in good hands.

O. E. GODDARD.

Now Anti-Saloon League.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation of Arkansas was held at the office of the Federation in the Whipple building yesterday. There was present Hon. Geo. Thornburgh, president; Rev. C. M. Hollett, vice president; Rev. C. R. Powell, secretary; Rev. J. H. Barkwell, treasurer; Edward A. Tabor, superintendent, and Revs. Frank Barrett, F. E. DuBois, J. B. Stevenson, and G. W. Eichelberger; C. C. Cline, A. C. Millar, J. M. Cantrell and W. C. Wheeler by B. P. White proxy. Field

Workers W. M. Pinson and Ed L. Salyers were also present. The superintendent made his report, showing a fine year's work and a marked advance over any previous year. The secret service work was a new feature this year and proved to be successful to a most satisfactory degree. The treasurer's report showed collections beyond any previous year. The Auditing Committee, composed of Messrs. Hollett and Eichelberger, reported the books of the superintendent and treasurer correct in agreement.

The work of the Executive Committee was approved.

The president and superintendent were entrusted with the duty of looking after the work among the negroes.

The thanks of the board were voted to the Legislative Committee for their efficient work with the last legislature. Rev. J. N. Jessup and Rev. W. P. Andrews were given especial mention for accepting places on the Legislative Committee and doing valuable work, although not members of the Federation. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, At the time the Inter-Church Temperance Federation was organized there was another nominal organization, which carried the name "Anti-Saloon League," and in order to avoid assuming a name which had even the appearance of belonging to another we took a new name. It appears that the organization referred to has not operated for the past two years.

And whereas, The national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America wrote the president of our organization October 2, 1907, requesting that we change the name of our Inter-Church Temperance Federation to that of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas.

And whereas, Desiring to cause no friction or apparent conflict of forces, our president wrote the national superintendent asking that if there was anything whatever in the way of our assuming the name Anti-Saloon League, to which Mr. Baker, the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, replied of date October 18, 1907, as follows: "The Inter-Church Temperance Federation of Arkansas is the only organization in that State recognized as officially connected with the Anti-Saloon League of America, hence you are entirely safe in changing the name to the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, being assured that there is no other organization to contest the name and official relation with you."

And whereas, The splendid work which the Inter-Church Federation of Arkansas the past two years has done has been credited in the public mind to the Anti-Saloon League.

And, whereas, The Federation is the Anti-Saloon League in Arkansas in its constitution, its work and in its affiliated relation to the National League.

Therefore be it resolved, That the name of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation of Arkansas be changed to "Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas." And to continue in full co-operation with the Anti-Saloon League of America.

From Sarasota to Key West.

It was about two o'clock in the morning of one of the last days in the late old year that the ship Olivette steamed out of Port Tampa for Key West. On this ship I had taken passage together with my wife and baby, as much bound for Memorial Parsonage in the Island City as the vessel was for the port of her destination. While the ship was lying at the dock awaiting preparations for the voyage I fell asleep being weary by reason of the previ-

ous day's journey which began from Sarasota at an early hour, and the fatigue growing out of the labor of packing my household goods for shipment. I awoke while it was yet dark. The ship was under headway and trembling much as a gin-house does when the machinery is in operation. While I was lying there in my state-room, which was about eight by five feet, and contained a toilet in one corner, a long seat on the one side, and two bunks on the other, the upper of which was occupied by myself, the lower by my baby and my companion. I was mentally contrasting the trembling of the vessel under the spell of its own self-generated power which was essential to its motion, with the calmness of my own person under the consciousness of the Almighty power that moves the itinerants in their goings hither and thither through the nations to teach Christ to the people. Thus musing I fell asleep to pass the rest of the night in unconscious slumber.

Again I awoke. It was day-dawn: that semi-tropical dawn which has so short a duration between the receding darkness of the night and the rising sun of the day. The Olivette was coursing almost due south. There was a brisk breeze, coming from the direction of the compass a little east of south, which was frolicing on the open deck of the steamer, disturbing the placid surface of the briny deep, and chasing the nimble smoke, leaping from the furnace, through the trackless domain of the aerial regions. To the west then was naught to be seen but the watery expanse and the cerulean dome with here and there a restless cloud, apparently suspended as if belonging neither to heaven nor to earth, until by reason of its distance the failing vision of the eye buried it in a liquid grave or hid it in the archives of the sky. In the east were playing the everescent hues of sunshine. There were more clouds in that direction, as if Nature were trying to hide the charm of her conscious beauty. Over the whole eastern horizon was drawn a veil of hazy dimness by which was added new interest to the scene, and upon which God, with his finger of love, had written, sublimity—a word which could scarcely escape notice by an interested eye whose gaze lingered upon the whole panorama. "How like," my inmost soul cried while musing upon this scene, "the passing from natural life is the passing from night to day far out at sea."

These glories of the morning had passed. With their passing the mid-day hours had succeeded the morning. The exquisitely rich fabrics of the early clouds had been exchanged in the markets of heaven for a greater quantity of texture which was thrown over us as if to protect us from the heat of the sun. But through a rend in this cloud-tint the sun was pouring a stream of rays which, to the lee, within easy range of the eye, fell on the water, upon whose surface the swells and the waves were dancing to the enchanting music of the wind, and burnished everything with a silver luster interlaid with a thousand diamonds as rich in brilliancy as any that ever adorned a royal diadem. One glance in that direction was sufficient to take my attention off the common place things around me which had been absorbing my thoughts, and setting sluggish mind to musing upon the things in the third heaven of delight which it is not possible for my pen to describe. Thanks for the common place things of life, and thanks for an opportunity to live among them; but twice thanks for these occasional glimpses of uncommon scenes which attune the inmost being to the sweetest strains of earthly music and

light the soul into the very atmosphere of an eternal home.

When the Olivette glided into port at Key West I was the richer, the wiser and the better because of experience of a night and a day on the Gulf. E. A. TOWNSEND.

Key West, Fla.

(This article has been lost, but now comes to light.—Ed.)

Moses and the Promised Land.

In the Western Methodist of Oct. 17 a question is asked by J. C. Hall, "Why was Moses not permitted to enter the Promised Land?"

The answer there given states that "there are two accounts given of the transaction" giving the two places in the Bible where the accounts may be found Ex. 17 and Num. 20.

The fact is, it was not one transaction but two, separated by 150 miles of distance, and 38 years of time. In those 38 years the Israelites had forgotten God's great love in providing them water at Horeb, but they had not forgotten how to murmur and complain. Some have supposed that the same time and the same place is meant inasmuch as the same word (Meribah) is used in each account. However, a close examination of the text will prove that the word Meribah refers not to a place but to a condition—murmuring.

Now more directly to the question of Bro. Hall; I will attempt to answer it briefly if I can.

As in England, all roads lead to London, so in the Old Testament Scriptures all religious observances, sacrifices, battles, travels, altars, tabernacle, temple, ark, furniture, priests, robes, all were as finger boards pointing to Christ.

In the first instance, the place Rephidim, the time 1491 B. C. Ex. 17. God told Moses to smite the rock that the perishing people might drink and live.

"And Moses did so in the sight of the Elders of Israel." Moses did this without any show of anger but with great meekness and humility he strictly followed the command of the Lord. In the second instance after 38 years of wanderings in the wilderness, tried and tempted, weary and thirsty, being destitute of water they murmur again against Moses and the Lord. This account, Num. 20th, finds them at Kadesh. Time 1453 B. C. Here God told Moses to gather the people and take the rod (the symbol of God's power and presence) in his hand as at the first, and "Speak to the rock before their eyes" and it shall give forth his water.

Moses sinned, first, by getting angry exhibiting anything but a meek and quiet spirit; second, by unduly claiming creative power, "Must we fetch you water out of this rock?" But his greatest fault was in not strictly following the command of the Lord here as he did in the first instance. At the first time God said smite; at the second God said speak. In the smiting the rock again he utterly destroyed the beautiful object lesson God would teach. Christ was the Spiritual Rock of which they drank, 1 Cor. 10:4. He must be smitten once only, See Heb. 9:25-28. As they obtained water at first from the Smitten Rock, and ever after by simply speaking to the Rock, so we who have obtained eternal redemption and forgiveness of sins through Him who was once "bruised for our iniquities," and by whose stripes we are healed, we have the encouraging promise that if we but speak to the Rock, it will give forth His water to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Yours in love of the "Life, the Truth and the Way." A. M. DEUEL.

Sayre, Oklahoma.

Dearth of Laymen.

I have read "Dearth of Preachers" by a Presiding Elder, by Rev. T. D. Scott, by ye editors, and others. Much has been written pro and con giving the cause thereof and the remedy therefor, but the fact seems to be overlooked that we also have a dearth in active working laymen. This of itself may account for the dearth in the ministry; for preachers are made of laymen, and the better the laymen material the greater hope of making a useful and effective preacher.

Where are the devout laymen who once sat in the amen corner and responded in hearty amens to the preacher giving him inspiration and help? Are they not almost all gone? When I was a young preacher I remember an old brother who always sat to my left on the first seat. Into his benign face I have looked many times and seen the tears running down his cheeks and have been helped as he clapped his hands and said with much fervor, "Amen!" He has gone to heaven, but has no successor. These good men and godly women did much to make preachers. Many a young preacher has been helped and held to his post

er a good Sunday School superintendent, good active stewards and a good working prayer meeting force and if he don't succeed he is a very poor excuse for a preacher. The prayer-meeting is the place where preachers are born and made. That is where most of us started, prayed our first public prayer and made our first little talk. It is difficult to start without a starting point. The prayer-meeting is the starting point and is a laymen's meeting. Boys like to jump, a good spring board to rise on helps much. The prayer-meeting is a good spring-board for a young preacher, but the dearth in active laymen furnishes no such advantage, and having to rise flat-footed they make a poor start and fail or stop short at once. The field is white unto the harvest, and while we need ministers to thrust in the sickle we need laymen to bind the sheaves. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers both ministers and laymen into the field.

No man appreciates the good, faithful layman more than I do. God bless them every one. Our work is made possible through their; but no man sees more clearly than a presiding elder the need of more active laymen nor feels more keenly than he the loss that the church suffers because of latent forces in the church that cannot be utilized. To some preachers and many laymen it might be said: "Awake thou that sleepest."

M. M. SMITH.

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of duty as he passed through the experimental state that otherwise would have fled the field. It is different now; the young man is expected to be full fledged from the very beginning.

We have many communities where we have many "male" members and many children, but not a Sunday School superintendent, no one will consent to act. Sunday comes and goes, but no brother is willing to do the work. I have seen the children come together for Sunday School and not a teacher nor officer present. The preacher was there—dearth of laymen. I have seen a brother refuse to accept the office of steward when he knew he was the best and about the only man in the place competent to do the work.

We have all seen a church having in its membership lawyers, doctors, merchants, mechanics and farmers, intelligent, active, energetic, and yet no prayer meeting. Did any community ever need a preacher more than such a church needs laymen who will do their plain duty? This is a commercial age. Everybody seems to catch the spirit; many of our leading laymen seem to think the whole duty of the church is to pay the preacher a few paltry dollars and he can do the rest. This ought they to do, but there is a more important duty that should not be left undone. Give a preach-

Dear Methodist: In all that I have written under this head, I have been moved by an earnest desire to provoke thought, and draw out from others thoughts and suggestions that would be helpful in arriving at the cause, and a cure for shortage of ministerial supply. Hence I have driven at the cause which above all others presents itself to me, without any circumlocution, and as an evidence that I am not alone in my contention that the niggardly support of the ministry is at the base of the matter. I have expressions of approval, and endorsement, from more than three hundred preachers, scattered throughout the length and breadth of our church. Of course the salary, or pay of the ministry is not by any means the only cause for the apparent dearth of preachers, but one or two indisputable facts alone, are sufficient to convince any reasoning man that the niggardly support of the ministry, does not play a part in lessening the supply. 1st. Nobody has even attempted to deny or controvert, my assertion, "That it is comparatively easier to get suitable men to go to the foreign fields than to the Hard Scramble circuits and missions in the home field, because the men who go to the foreign fields draw their salaries from the Mission Board, and know that they will receive enough to meet the necessities of life before they go; while the men on the Hard Scramble circuits, in the home fields have no such assurance, and often suffer unnecessarily, for they could be provided with the necessities of life if the same effort was made in their behalf that is made for those in the foreign field."

Secondly, There is no dearth of preachers for any place that pays enough to insure the necessities of a reasonably comfortably living for a preacher. Any presiding elder will tell you that he can supply as many preachers as any district in our conference will need to fill it, without any trouble at all, if he could assure the men from \$800.00 to \$1000.00 each, and in this day when the actual expenses of a family of from two to five, very modestly supplied, will not require less than the sums mentioned, why should it be thought strange that such is the case by anybody? The argument of Bro.

Hooks is very sane and logical, and it is true that the dearth of preachers is more apparent than real, deny it as we may, the stubborn fact still remains, that any district in any conference can be filled with as good average men as the church contains, if they are assured not of remunerative salaries, but of sufficient amount to meet the demands of living expenses.

Bro. McKelvy's fears of depreciating the circuit preachers, are unnecessary. There is no such difference made, in fact, but we all know that the old dictum of politics, "All men are born equal," is not true. There is no truth in the statement as it applies to men in any of the walks of life. There is quite an inequality between men, in gifts, graces, and acquired qualifications. These make the differences that appear so plainly. Men are not equal in physical strength, but no man who is physically weak, is disparaged because he cannot lift the loads of a strong man at all, and the same principle holds good in every department of life. The brother who signs himself "The Presiding Elder" gives me credit for saying some good things, for which I thank him very kindly, but let me say to him that I am sorry, that he is sorry, that I said that I have met six young men who are deterred from entering into a warfare at their own expense. I am prepared to say with hundreds of other men, that, while the church has not made the demand in words, that her soldiers go to war at their own expense, she has made it in practice, and in fact, and if he adheres to his position he must quit now. I think too, that "The Presiding Elder" ought to study some Primer of Logic, and some Arminian theology before he comes again, for evidently he is wide apart from both. Instance, "A young man whose conversion is thorough, reaching head, and heart, and moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel will never stand on the question of money. God has ever in the past and does today, and will evermore take care of his servants." I admit that such theology is as rank hardshellism, as the hardshells' theory, that if a man is called to preach God will pour sermons into his head as with a funnel, while he stands in the pulpit? God works through the sparrow, he requires the sparrow to scratch away the leaves to find the bug for his breakfast? As to his suggestion that this writer might be tried on Hard Scramble mission on a salary of \$800.00, I will just say, Yes Sir; I have tried the dose on one-fourth the sum suggested, and I do not recommend any medicine that I would not take myself, and if the powers that be, say that I shall take Hard Scramble mission on a salary of \$800.00, "Barkis is will'n'." I admit furthermore, that "The Presiding Elder" makes the very distinction unequivocally, that Bro. McKelvy complains of, namely, "But they don't want to be tried again on Hard Scramble missions, even for \$800.00, neither does the man on Hard Scramble mission want to be tried up where the D.D. is, not even for \$1,500." But Bro. McKelvy will see at once, that the dear brother falls down on his logic as well as his theology, and doesn't mean any harm. In conclusion, brethren, it is the cause that is on my heart, and I stiekle not for my own plans, but I will join most heartily in any plan that will advance our Lord's kingdom.

With a heart still bleeding over the slowness of our progress, and that longs to see our great church measuring up to her responsibilities, I am your brother.

"A PRESIDING ELDER.

P. S.—We shall need some of the heroic brethren who taboo and spit contempt upon

the money consideration, to serve two or three of our circuits next year, and we are open to their calls. Brethren don't all speak at once. We cannot use more such heroes and can guarantee that you will suffer!

A P. E.

N. B.—After mature deliberation I have decided to recall the proposition in the above P. S. fearing that men who are so anxious to become martyrs, might not be men of force of character sufficient to be of any valuable service on the circuits in question. A P. E.

A Need of the Church.

I am glad to state that information has reached me that provision for just such services as mentioned in a former communication has been made for the coming session of the Oklahoma Conference. Much of the success of these meetings will rest upon us who are members of this Conference. If we go up to Durant with no expectation of helping and being helped the services will be liable to amount to very little to us. Begin now to prepare for it. Begin now to pray for it. Pray in faith, believing that God will hear and answer. Get your own heart ready for a great blessing, the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The blessed Master said wait for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Let us do some of this waiting at the annual conference. Some of it! Let us do all of the waiting till He come. Durant

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will be the place to start a revival that shall reach throughout the length and breadth of the Oklahoma Conference.

There will necessarily be much business to transact. Luther said when he had much business on hand he could not get along without two hours of praying during the day. Would not much prayer speed the business and make it run smoothly? I think so. Let's do less thinking and talking about what the Bishop and cabinet are doing and spend the time in praying. After stating to them what should be stated, let's leave the matter with them and God, and give ourselves to prayer. If we go at this thing right something is going to be done. Let's get ready for it and expect it to be done. What is it we need? Let us find out and begin to ask for it.

Do not think because I am writing this that I am to be the leader. I am not. I am only writing this to try to get you to be ready. Let us ask the Holy Ghost to lead the leader and us.

MILTON A. CLARK.

Last year 2,084 persons were killed in India by wild animals, an increase of thirty-three on the previous year. Deaths from snake-bites numbered 22,854, an increase of 1,057. This large increase is attributed to the floods, which drove the snakes into houses.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. LESTER..... Editor.

Lesson for November 10: Prov. 23:29-35.

Topic: The Evil of Strong Drink.

Strong drink is a poison and brings woe, sorrow, contention, wounds, redness of eyes, lack of muscular control, perversion of judgment, and an unbridling of the passions. At first it has beauty and attractiveness, at last it stings like an adder's bite. Such is the teaching of this passage and such is the showing of the facts in the case. Speaking of the effects of strong drink the New International Encyclopedia says, "it probably exceeds all other agents as a cause of poverty, disease, crime and death." This reminds us of the saying of Gladstone that rum has caused more devastation among mankind than war, famine and pestilence combined. Its evil effects are multitudinous and awful reaching out in many directions and involving millions of money and the welfare of millions of our race. Its effects might be classified as physiological, social, economic and moral.

1. Strong drink and the human body. Alcohol is as distinctly a poison as strychnine is. Like strychnine it may be safely used under the prescription of a physician, but when taken into the body as a beverage in its various forms, especially when habitually taken, it is highly injurious to the health of the body. It will finally produce death. Alcoholism is the name given to the symptoms of disease produced by alcoholic poisoning. Besides being a method of self murder the intermediate results are disastrous. Its influence in the body reduces the capacity for work, deteriorates the quality of that which is done, diminishes the acuteness of perception, weakens the intellectual powers, lowers the temperature of the body, hardens the blood vessels causing them to lose their elasticity, hardens and enlarges the liver, interferes with the normal action of the kidneys, acts depressingly on the spinal cord, paralyzes the area of the sensory nerves, while later on it may cause a disturbance of sight and hearing, and finally end in alcoholic dementia, delirium tremens and death.

2. Strong drink and economic waste. To be of permanent value that which is put on the market must be able to give value received. When a man exchanges a dollar for clothing, groceries, home furnishings and such like, these things enter into his life and help him because a producer of other things necessary for his sustenance and comfort and for the common good of society. That dollar's worth adds to his power to feed and clothe his family, to educate them, to surround them with wholesome moral influences, to equip them for the high and holy duties of citizenship and church membership. That dollar becomes a producer of wealth, happiness, citizenship and Christian character. Take a dollar spent for whisky. Not only does this dollar not clothe, feed and furnish comforts for those in his home, but also entering his life, disables him as a producer. Thus invested it produces no wealth, no happiness, no citizenship, no Christian character. From an economic standpoint the dollar is wasted. So with every dollar spent by the consumer for intoxicating liquors. Then think of our nation's annual drink bill, aggregating about \$1,500,000,000, and add to this the annual cost of maintaining our criminals and paupers made so by the use of intoxicating liquors. What an enormous annual waste of money!

3. Strong drink and vice, poverty, and crime. Economically considered the money spent for liquors is wasted, socially consider-

ed it is a thousand times worse than wasted. In the hands of the consumer whisky produces no wealth and no happiness, but as a producer of vice, poverty and crime it stands without a peer. In this, its chosen field it is easily doing more than all other agencies combined. Drunkenness leads to low vice. "Thine eyes shall behold strange women." The saloon, the gambling house, and the brothel are closely akin. That which robs a man of his health, wealth, manhood, home and happiness, can lead only to poverty and wretchedness. Says the Bible, "The Drunkard . . . shall come to poverty." So argue the facts in the case also. Without doubt the whisky bottle is the greatest crime producer in the land. Read the accounts of crime in the daily papers and you will see that this is true. Said a criminal judge of Western Arkansas: "About ninety per cent of the criminal cases in my court is traceable to whisky as the cause." Doubtless his was a typical docket. To increase the amount of drinking in any given territory means to add to the length of the criminal docket of the court for that district while less drinking means a shorter criminal docket.

As a destroyer of wealth, health and happiness; as a producer of vice, crime and wretchedness, as a despoiler of ambitions, hopes, and virtue, as an enemy of society, of government, and of the home, the demon drink stands without an equal in the history of mankind.

Familiar Talks on the League Lesson.

The Evil of Strong Drink.

The story is told of a magician who offered to change any bright boy into an idiot. A mother consented to have him try his powers on her son. The magician tried his passes on the boy and soon the bright look faded away from the boy's face, a vacant stare took its place and the boy became an idiotic fool. At length the mother asked the magician to turn him back again. But, to her astonishment, this he could not do. He could turn bright boys into idiots, but had no power to change idiots into bright boys.

This story will bear repetition because it so aptly illustrates the deceiving power of strong drink over those who tamper with it. If the magician had told the whole truth at once, and said, "I will change this boy into an idiot, but I cannot turn him back into his original self," the boy and his mother would not have consented for a moment to the terrible transformation.

So if we could hold up to the youth this fifth chapter of Proverbs as a portrait of his future; if Satan were to say, "Come, follow strong drink and it will bring these woes upon you. It will deaden the conscience, destroy the will, debase and degrade. It will utterly destroy the body and at last cast the soul into hell," the intended victim would flee from such a possibility.

But all this is hidden under, "No harm in an occasional glass." Wine is at first shown in its attractiveness; presented as harmless, bright and inspiring. It is at last, when it is too late to undo its awful work, that it "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

It would seem that what history and science have taught concerning the effects and dangers of strong drink, the woe and ruin and wreck all over our land today, as the direct result of this evil, would be sufficient warning to men and women. But we are slow to learn from observation. We must taste the bitterness of sin for ourselves. The world has grown little wiser in this respect since the day of the prophet **Isaiah**.

He saw that the sins of vice and intemper-

ance that had almost destroyed the northern kingdom was very rapidly increasing in Jerusalem. He knew that unless they were made to forsake these things, they would be destroyed. To attract the attention of the people and awaken them, he spoke in a beautiful parable, comparing Jerusalem to a vineyard that had had every care of which a careful vine-dresser could conceive. For all this care, he expected fine fruit, but the vines yielded only poisonous berries. In disappointment, the vines were torn down and the vineyard laid bare.

We may well profit by this parable for it is applicable to our own nation. God has given us power, opportunity, possibility, responsibility. He expects great things of us. But woe and ruin will be our portion, except we rout these same evils of vice and intemperance that threaten to overcome us.

But our day-star of hope has arisen in the temperance agitation and advance of recent days and in the prevailing sentiment against employing men who drink. These and many other evidences, make us sure that temperance is gaining the day and that sometime this blot will be removed from our nation.

The hope of those who are already in the clutches of the demon Drink is that the Almighty touch can break the strongest shackle of sin. The hope of those who are yet free of the curse is that they forever refuse to touch one drop of intoxicating liquor.

Let us as Leaguers take our stand as the uncompromising foe of every form of intemperance, and so prove a defense to some weaker fellow-mortal, exposed to temptation and destruction. No one can live a true life without adding to the forces that uplift and save the world.

LUELLA R. SPENCER.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Class of the Fourth Year--Oklahoma Conference.

The Class of the Fourth Year will meet in the M. E. Church, South, Durant, on Tuesday the 12th, at 2 p. m.

ROBT. HODGSON, Chairman.

Class of Third Year--Oklahoma Conference.

Class of third year, Oklahoma Conference, will meet committee in our church at Durant on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 9 a. m. M. L. ROBERTS, Chm.

Class of Second Year, Oklahoma Conference.

The class of the second year will meet the committee in the Methodist church at Durant, Nov. 12, at 9 a. m. I. K. WALLER.

First Year, Oklahoma Conference.

To the Class of First Year: You are requested to meet the Committee at our church in Durant on Tuesday morning, November 12th, at 9 o'clock. Let all who are interested take notice and meet us promptly. W. J. MOORE, Chm.

Notice Oklahoma Presiding Elders.

I have word from Bishop Key saying that he wants the Presiding Elders to meet him at Durant, Monday night, Oct. 11th. W. J. SIMS.

Rates to the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

The Southwestern Excursion Bureau has granted the following rate to the Oklahoma Conference: Rate of fare and one third for the round trip on the certificate Plan, on basis of fares effective Feb. 1, 1907, from all points in Oklahoma and Indian Territory to Durant, I. T., and return, provided there is minimum attendance of 100 persons holding properly signed certificates showing the payment of fifty cents or more for the going trip; certificates to be signed by Mr. J. A. Parks, Secretary, Durant, I. T., and validated by Ticket Agent of the St. L. & S. F. R. R. as Joint Agent. Certificates which show the purchase of going tickets on Nov. 10-15 inclusive, to be honored for return passage up to and including Nov. 22, 1907.

J. A. PARKS, Sec.

Class for Admission--Oklahoma Conference.

Let the Class for Admission meet at the Methodist church at Durant, Monday night, Nov. 11th, at 7:30. Be ready for a written examination on grammar, arithmetic, geography, and United States history.

T. L. RIPPEN.

Class of Fourth Year--Little Rock Conference.

The Class of the Fourth Year will meet for examination at the Church in Malvern, Tuesday, 3 p. m.

J. E. GODBEY, Chairman.

Little Rock Conference Notice.

The committee on admission, the class for admission and those who wish to represent any of the applicants, are called to meet at the Methodist church in Malvern, Tuesday, November, 26, at 2 p. m.

W. W. CHRISTIE, Chairman.

Oklahoma Conference Epworth League Notice.

At a meeting called by J. S. Lillard, chairman of the old Board of Trustees of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, South, of Sulphur I. T., it was agreed by Rev. R. W. Cummins, of the new Board of Trustees and J. S. Lillard, chairman of the old Board of Trustees, that a joint call be made of the two boards to meet in Durant, I. T., Thursday, Nov. 14th, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m. in the Baptist church of said town to consider matters of special interest to the League.

R. W. CUMMINS,
J. S. LILLARD

Sulphur, I. T., Oct. 22.

Class for Admission, Little Rock Conference.

Applicants for admission on trial to the Little Rock Conference will meet the committee on examination at the Methodist church in Malvern, Tuesday, Nov. 26th, at ten o'clock in the morning. Most of the examination will be written.

J. H. CUMMINS,
J. D. HAMMONS,
C. J. GREENE,
Committee.

Oklahoma Conference Entertainment.

The South bound "Katy Flyer" reaches Durant at 3:25 p. m. Those coming through Oklahoma City can leave there about 7 a. m. on the M. K. & T. and make connection with the "Flyer" at Atoka. This is the best train for all from the north, north east and north west to come on. Other trains on the M. K. & T. reach here at 11:15 a. m. and 3 a. m. Those coming on this last train cannot very well be taken to their homes till after breakfast. The Frisco train from Ardmore reaches here at 8:50 a. m. and from Hugo at 5:25 p. m.

Hotel accommodations in Durant are very limited. Almost all will have to be entertained in private homes. So all cannot be placed just across the street from the church. Those who are placed the farther east away, however, will have a conveyance at their disposal. We have made the best provision we could for preacher's wives whose names have been sent in. We cannot promise to take care of any who do not notify us a week before conference, though we may be able to do so. Praying that the good Spirit may be among us to control, I am Yours in His service, J. A. PARKS.

Board of Education, Oklahoma Conference.

The Board of Education of Oklahoma Conference is hereby called to meet in the Methodist church at Durant, Tuesday before Conference at 2:30 p. m. Let all who have business with the Board take notice, and let members thereof be present.

W. F. DUNKLE, Chairman.

Notice to the Preachers of White River Conference.

To the preachers and presiding elders of the White River Conference.

Dear Brethren: As Conference Treasurer, I want to urge every pastor to hand in his collections to me on the first day of the Conference, and if you can't be there on the first day, send in your money by the presiding elder. Put your Foreign and Domestic Mission money in one envelope, and write the amount for Foreign Missions, \$..... Domestic Missions, \$..... and write the name of your charge, and district, and sign your name as P. C. Put all the money that goes to the Joint Board in one envelope, which is Bishop's fund, Conference Claims, printing minutes and delegates to General Conference, carefully stating on the envelope the amount contributed for each fund, and the name of your charge and district. The Church Extension, Education and Children's Day collections put in separate envelopes also moneys collected for the American Bible Society. Your treasurer will not receive your moneys, unless the above conditions are strictly complied with. I would suggest that the presiding elders get enough envelopes for every preacher in their districts and when necessary assist their preachers in making their reports.

S. L. COCHRAN, Conf. Treas.
Melbourne, Ark., Nov. 1, 1907.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Nov. 10. Joshua Renewing the Covenant with Israel.

Golden Text.—Choose you this day whom ye will serve. Joshua xxiv.15.

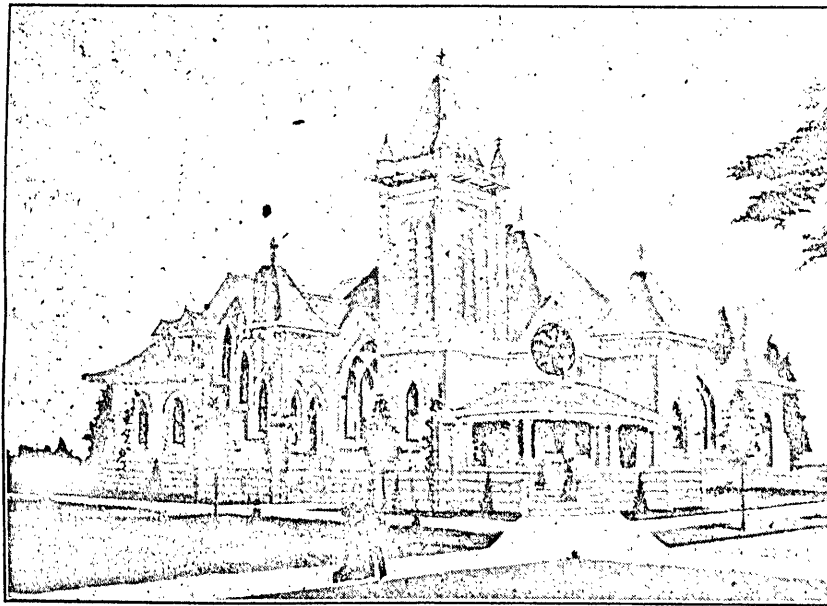
Lesson Text.—Joshua xxiv.14-28.

About two years have passed since our last lesson. The people are assembled at Shechem about fifty miles north of Jerusalem. The last few years have been taken up by the capture and division of the Promised Land. They have been busy years. Their weight has rested heavily upon Joshua's shoulders. They have been years of special providence. The hand of God has many times been visible in destroying the wicked Canaanites and favoring the Israelites. All the life of the hearers of Joshua's exhortation had been spent in the camps, in close association with the multitude. During this time they had been under the leadership of either Moses or Joshua; men of strong convictions and sturdy characters. Their allotments had been taken and they must now separate to set up for themselves. Joshua had watched over their fortunes for many years and now, before relinquishing his position as their leader, he is moved to make a strong plea to them in behalf of their demeanor before the God of their fathers. In this appeal he recounts how God had cared for them as a people, how he had brought them out of the bondage of Egypt and how good he had been to them at different times. He drew a conclusion which was truly personal as to his future plans. Religion is always personal. He could only speak as an individual and for his immediate household. In the most emphatic manner he declared his intention of serving the Lord: He attempted to influence them by making a strong declaration of this kind to follow the lead he had made. He was met by the declaration that they would serve the Lord also. His rejoinder plainly points out that he understood them better than they meant he should. Here comes out one of the great truths of the Bible. To serve God along with other gods is not to serve him at all. This was the besetting sin of Israel as well as of many other nations. In their conflict with other peoples they had found some things that they wished to preserve. One of these was the idols of the Canaanites. They did not intend to depart from God but they were struck with the worship of these idols. History tells how correct were Joshua's accusations. He frankly tells them that they were not prepared to make the declarations that they had made. That with idols in their groves and images in their homes it was impossible for them to declare their readiness to serve the true and living God. God is a jealous God and will not accept a partial service. If they worship and serve other gods the true God will turn to anger and they should be destroyed. From being their friend he would turn to be their enemy.

The solemn meeting did not close until Joshua had recorded their answer in the book of the law of God and a table of stone was set up as a witness to their determination.

"Joshua knew how lightly people could make an apparently earnest resolution like this, and so demands that they consider what they are doing. Though what they said sound-

ed well, he was enthusiastic, for he knew them (cf. Lu. 9:57,58), Joshua set clearly before them the character of God and the cost of serving Him (cf. Lu. 14:25,33). He emphasized the holiness of God (cf. Is. 6:1-5). He is, too, a God who will tolerate no rival in the affections of His people (cf. Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:23, 24). Since God is holy He will not shut His eyes to or pass over the sins of His people. Of course He does, on the ground of the atoning blood, pass over sin when one repents and believes on the Savior (Rom. 3:25-26). But it was aside from Joshua's purpose to state this truth. Being holy and a jealous God, He would turn against them and consume them if they forsook Him (cf. Heb. 12:28, 29). The people still persisted, "we will serve Jehovah." Joshua was a thorough dealer with souls; he was not satisfied even yet. He told them that they were witnesses against themselves. Many of us are witnesses against ourselves. We profess entire consecration to God but we do not practice it. In view of their resolution to serve Jehovah, Joshua demanded that they at once put away the strange gods that were among them. This was a necessary preliminary to serving Jehovah. This uncompromising command doubtless occasioned a great stir in Israel. A similar demand rigidly enforced would create a great stir in our



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churches today. Joshua demanded heart service (cf. Prov. 4:23). The people still held fast to their profession and added to it "and unto His voice will we hearken." A fine and significant addition."—Torrey.

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The Quiet Hour League.

Knowing how easy it is for a busy pastor or leader in Christian work, in the midst of a multitude of duties, to overlook even an important matter, we again call attention to a movement of vital interest to the church. The Quiet Hour League is an organized fellowship, composed of preachers, Sunday School teachers, members of missionary societies, and all other Christian people. Its purpose is to encourage devotional Bible study, enlarge the church's vision of the world's need, inspire personal and intercessory prayer, and stimulate individual effort for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Those wishing to unite with the League sign the following membership card: "Feeling the need of daily devotion for the deepening of my spiritual life and the quickening of my zeal in Christian work, I covenant, by the help of God, to keep the Quiet Hour, setting apart not less than fifteen minutes daily, in the early morning if possible to devotional

Bible study, meditation and prayer; and I hereby make application for membership in the Quiet Hour League, reserving the right to withdraw my name at any time upon written notification to the Central Office." More than three thousand members in the Southern Methodist church have signed the covenant card.

The movement is under the direction of a committee representing all the connexional boards of our church. The office management is in the hands of the Corresponding School.

The Quiet Hour, a quarterly magazine, gives daily helps in the form of scripture verses, devotional meditations, etc. Beginning with January 1st, 1908, the daily studies for the year will be based on the four gospels. Bishop E. R. Hendrix will write the studies on Mark for the first quarter; Dr. G. B. Winton, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, on Matthew for the second quarter; Dr. W. J. Young of Centenary Church, Richmond, Va., on Luke for the third quarter; and Bishop J. H. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on John for the fourth quarter.

The regular subscription price for the Quiet Hour quarterly is 25 cts. per year, but to the first one thousand new subscribers the quarterly for October-December will be sent free. Subscriptions should be sent to Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville, Tenn. Other correspondence regarding the League should be addressed to J. L. Cunningham, Director, Nashville, Tenn.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

(We will be glad to have the children contribute to this page. All letters must be addressed to Lillian Anderson, in care of the Western Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.)

Morse, I. T., Oct. 20, 1907.

Dear Methodist: Please admit another stranger to join the children's page. I am a boy fifteen years old and go to the Indianola Business College at Tecumseh, Okla., but am at home now helping my father pick cotton. My mother is a member of the Methodist church and my father is a Methodist preacher. I hope to see this in print. If I do I will write again.

Your new cousin,
HAMPTON YERBY.

Colt, Ark., Oct. 28, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I see you have given the children a page. I like to read the letters that the cousins write. So I thought I would write for the first time. Papa takes the Methodist and I am always anxious for it to come. I go to Sunday School nearly every Sunday. I like to go very much. My teacher's name is Mrs. E. L. England. I love her very much. My uncle is the superintendent of our Sunday School. I am twelve years old. I have been going to school but am picking cotton now. I like to go to school very much; I am in the sixth grade. Well I will close for this time, hoping to miss the waste basket. Your little friend and cousin,

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do enjoy reading the cousins' letters. I have three brothers living and one brother dead. I haven't any sisters at all. A friend of mine stayed all night with me about a week ago; her name was Miss May Thornton. Late that evening we went to see a sick neighbor, who had been sick nearly two weeks. I am glad to say she has recovered and is nearly well now. I go to Sunday School every Sunday; my teacher's name is Mr. Isaac Garrett; I like him fine for a teacher. I have been going to a writing school for two weeks. My teacher's name was Mr. Jim Johnson. I surely liked him fine for a teacher. For fear this will reach the waste basket, I will close.

BIRDIE LEE.

Egger, Ark., Nov. 1, 1907.

Dear Western Methodist: I thought that I would write again as this is my second time to write. I haven't any father or mother, I have three brothers and one sister and one sister dead. I have been going to a writing school at Cherry Hill. My teacher's name was Mr. Jim Johnson. He surely was a good teacher. Our school will begin at Cherry Hill the first Monday in November, with Prof. Paul as teacher. I certainly will be glad, for I love to go to school. I also love to go to Sunday School. I joined the Methodist church last summer. The doors of the church were opened last Sunday and just one joined. The Epworth League is still doing nicely. We had three new members last Sunday. I will close by asking a question: Where was Moses going when he was thirty-one years of age? As ever, your loving friend,

MARGARET E. MITCHELL.

Colbert, I. T., Nov. 1, 1907.

Dear Methodist: As I have not seen any letters from Colbert, I thought I would make an attempt to write. For pets I have a horse. I have two sisters and one brother. My brother's name is Frank, and my sister's names are Nma and Jessye. I go to school every day and to Sunday School every Sunday. My father is the pastor and Bro. Thompson is our presiding elder. I am in the fifth grade at school and am twelve years old. My teacher's name is Professor King. I will answer Willie Anderson's and Virgie Martin's questions: The word reverend is found in the Bible one time and is found in Psalms 111:9. The children of Israel wept thirty days after Moses' death. It is found in Deut. 33:8. I will close by asking a question: Of what tribe was Caleb?

Your cousin,
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McCrory, Ark., Nov. 1, 1907.

My Dear Methodist: As it has been some time since I wrote you a letter, I will try tonight. I have been to school today and have been going six weeks, although it has rained several days. My little sister, Margaret and I have not missed any. It is not two months till Christmas. How many of the boys and girls will be glad to see the 24th night of December. I am sure all of us will. Mama and we children are invited to my aunt Annie Yarbroug's. Thanksgiving day, and we intend to go. I always have such a good time when I go to see them. Our Sunday School and League are getting along fine. We go every Sunday. Bro. Cloyes told us last Sunday that he and sister Cloyes were

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soon to leave us to go to Batesville, and we little folks were sorry to hear it. My baby sister Geraldine, is on the bed; she and Margaret are having a pillow fight. I must close and join them. Papa is at his office and mama is reading the Methodist. Margaret says she will write as soon as she learns how. She is five and I am eight years old. Your little friend,

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Weatherford District.

I left home Sept. 27, for the north-west part of the district behind Maud and Celem, returned yesterday, Oct. 28, after a drive of 263 miles, holding eleven quarterly conferences and preaching 23 times. Leave tomorrow by rail for Sayre, Doxey, Foss and Clinton, where I will close up the fourth round next Monday, Nov. 4th. Was with Bro. J. M. Holt last Friday night and Saturday at Cloud Chief. Holt has done a fine work on the Cloud Chief circuit. Built a splendid church, had 113 conversions, 83 additions to the church, and every financial claim paid in full. Was at Cordell Sunday morning and at night. M. L. Roberts has done well; 37 additions and will have all of his conference assessments in full. Salary is behind but the stewards promised to make a strong effort to pay out. Mauldin on the Rocky circuit leads the district in accessions to the church, having received 93. Salary and assessments will be paid. Fullingim on the Wood circuit reports 73 additions, all assessments will be full, salary behind. The new church at Retrop was built early in the year, commenced last fall under Bro. Weems' pastorate. The house was dedicated recently by Bro. C. F. Roberts, my predecessor. At Port they have a splendid house under way. In fact the most substantial framed house I ever saw, costing when completed, \$2,700.00 without the seats and pulpit.

G. R. Wright at Elk City is in every sense of the word a pastor. He has more than doubled the membership this year at Elk City, reporting 69 accessions, buying and paying the cash for a \$1,000.00 parsonage. They are expecting to soon reseat the church with up to date pews.

Bro. R. J. Hodges, a supply, has succeeded admirably on the Harmon cir-

cuit considering everything. Conference collections will be paid with 28 additions and considerable improvement done on the parsonage. His people want him returned next year. Gullidge on the Texmo circuit is a bundle of energy, never tires. He has had fine success, fine revivals, resulting in 76 additions and two new classes organized. He is wanted there next year, so says all of his official members.

Bachman and his assistant Bro. L. W. Harrison, a superannuated member of of the North Texas Conference, and once a member of the Arkansas, have done well. Bachman has built a neat church at Texola, out on the extreme western border, only one-half mile from the Texas State line and has had 64 additions. The Erick circuit has grown until it will have to be divided at our Conference at Durant.

My minute book shows over seven hundred additions and several of the charges are yet to report. Also 265 copies of the Conference organ taken. Twelve times 265 would give the Western Methodist over 31 hundred subscribers, in the Oklahoma Conference. I trust the other districts are doing even more than we are out here on the frontier.

This has been a laborious year, but a pleasant one indeed. Perfect harmony has prevailed. No friction of any consequence between preachers and people. God has been so good and merciful to us all. Crops are good all over the western part of the District and the people are improving their homes, and in addition to all we are to have Statehood with State-wide prohibition. Washita county gave the largest majority for prohibition of any county in the State, 1574. This district gave over four thousand majority.

We are losing some of our preachers. Bro. J. L. Henson has transferred to the Pacific Conference. He went on account of his health, and I am glad to learn from a letter from him that he is improving.

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W. M. F. S. Arkansas Conf.
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The following letter from Miss Churchhill will be of interest to the members of the W. F. M. S. of the Arkansas Conference. Miss Churchhill is one of the two missionaries our auxiliaries are supporting. As will be seen from the letter, she is at Laredo, and is enthusiastic, and full of faith concerning her work. Her graceful words of appreciation for the women at home, whose efforts make it possible for the missionaries to stay in the field, should strike a responsive chord in our hearts to renew our diligence.

While I am speaking of Miss Churchhill I shall like also to say a word about Miss Maggie Rogers, the other young lady our Conference is supporting. She is now at Soo Chow, China, and her work is proving effective and inspiring. Let us give these two missionaries our prayers, our encouragement and our dues.

We have also a missionary candidate, Miss Valerie Cazort, in the Training School at Kansas City, who expects to graduate next summer, and be ready for effective work. In a recent letter to Mrs. Hanesworth, she writes, "Just think! at this time next year I will either be already at my work, or on my way. Where do you think my conference would rather I would go? I can hardly wait for the time to come." Her tuition for the present half year has been paid from the treasury. Those who desire to give "free will offerings" for the remainder of her expenses (\$75.) can send to Conference Treasurer.

Another thing I have been urged to mention, is Mrs. Trueheart's letter concerning the many necessary and vital needs in our foreign work, and the total inadequacy of the funds in the treasury to meet these important calls. Unless the women of our auxiliaries meet their dues promptly, and give as the Lord has blessed them, I fear that expansion in our work will be greatly delayed.

Laredo Seminary, Laredo, Texas,
Oct. 10, 1907.

Dear Mrs. Hanesworth: Your letter was such a pleasant surprise to me, and I want to thank you and all the members in the Conference for their interest in me.

I have been here since the middle of July, and enjoy the work very much. I am not teaching in the school room, but am "mothering" the children.

The mother will think that is enough to take all my time when I tell you there are more than one hundred and twenty girls. Miss Parks has the boys.

School opened the second of Sept., and is very full, as there are quite a number of day pupils also. We have had to turn away quite a number who wanted to enter the home. We have no more room. It is so hard to say "no," and and to see the glad look go from their faces.

I have a Sunday School class of boys that I teach in Spanish. Pray that I may lead these boys into the way of life everlasting.

Across the town in our charity school and every Friday afternoon the children are dismissed and the Woman's class meets. I meet with them. Some are very faithful, and are never absent. The first Friday we have the Missionary Society, the officers being elected by the women just as we do at home. The second Friday is the Aid Society, and on the other days we just sew and have the prayer service at the close. Until Miss Holding and Miss Delia return, I have a part of their work, too. I am so glad that I am so well and strong, and hope to keep so.

I hope the ladies will let me hear from them sometimes, and I shall write just as often as there is something to interest them. We missionaries get so busy doing our little part that we often neglect to write to those who stand behind us, helping and praying that we may give to those in need.

Really, I think the workers at home get less than their share in good words and honor. All is saved for the missionary, who would not be able to carry on the work were it not for the faithful ones at home, who so lovingly do their part.

May God bless and keep each one.

Your friend,
ANNIE CHURCHHILL.

WILSON—HARRIS.—On Oct. 27th, Dr. J. F. Wilson of Dalark, Ark., and Miss Ida Harris of Bryant, Ark., were united in holy wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents, Bryant, Ark., the pastor, J. H. McKelvy, officiating.

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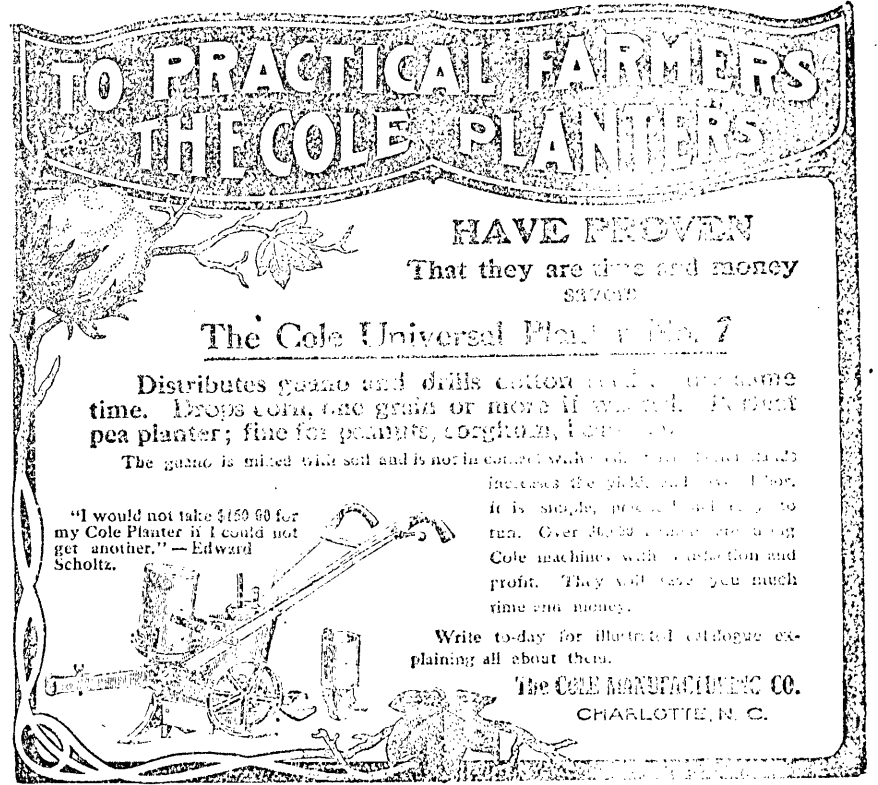
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Waldo, Ark.

Our Presiding Elder was with us at McNeil, (when our last quarterly conference was held) looking well after all the intrests of the church and preaching acceptably to the people. The reports showed the work to be in fairly good condition. Some very important things in the way of material improvements were made during the year. Our house at Mt. Prospect has been re-covered, repainted inside and out, which makes it look like a new house altogether. An annex was built to our house at Stephens. The annex was built especially for the primary department of our Sunday School. At Waldo two lots adjoining and just south of the lot upon which our house now stands has been purchased, also a good warranty deed to the lot upon which the house stands has been secured and an old debt against the church paid off. All of which makes a very good showing. Collections were not quite up at the time of the quarterly conference, but I think will be out by the annual conference, which is pretty near at hand. Have had some professions and some additions, but not as many as we had hoped for. But we still have faith in God and give him thanks for whatever good has been accomplished.

J. J. COLSON.

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Church Dedication.

On the third day of this month, our presiding elder, Bro. Sims, dedicated the Union Chapel church, on the Mc-Loud charge. The occasion was a great one. The sermon was masterly in every respect. There was a great multitude of people present at the close of the discourse a collection of \$85.00 was taken. This church is the prettiest and best equipped and most commodious country church I have ever seen. The ground plan of the church is a cross. The center is twenty-four feet square. The wings on either side of the center are ten by twenty-four, thus making it forty-four feet from wall to wall through the center of the building. The walls are wainscoted three feet up, then

plastered and papered from the wainscoting to the ceiling. The building is four-gabled and the ceiling is hipped back from the center to correspond with each gable. The pews were made in the planing mills in Shawnee and are all adjusted to the building. The house is lighted by nine acetylene gas lights. The generator is of a modern make. The light plant is located in a small basement. The house is finished inside and out, well furnished and free of debt. Two acres of ground belong to the property. The entire property is estimated at \$3,000.00. This building was made possible by the most heroic band of men I ever knew, the names of whom are too numerous to mention here. The project was launched and completed and paid for between the third and fourth quarterly conferences. The men who built this house live on school land, and yet they never even mentioned the help they might secure from the Church Extension Board except to say they would not seek after it. Now, Dr. McMurray, I contend they have won the prize.

I wish now to say that my finances will close in round numbers \$4,300.00 at the conference session. All other phases of the work are on a corresponding level.

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Oklahoma District Meeting W. H. M. S.

October is a busy month in Methodism, and of the various meetings held during the one just ended none were fraught with deeper interests, and fuller of love to Christ and humanity than the district conference of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Oklahoma District held in St. Luke's church, Oklahoma City, October 8, 1907. Inspired by the sunshine without and the Spirit within the large number of delegates were ready for work when called to order by the District Secretary, Mrs. Bobo of Norman.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Hardie, after which organization was perfected and reports heard from the auxiliaries. "The Model Corresponding Secretary," and "How Can I Enlarge and Increase the Interest in My Auxiliary?" by Miss Sammon, were papers heard with profit, bringing out informal and helpful discussion. Mrs. Moore also acted agent for "Our Homes" and received a fine subscription list. After an appetizing luncheon served by the ladies of St. Luke's, the gavel again fell, and Mrs. R. M. Campbell, conference president, led the scriptural service. There could have been no sweeter prelude to the afternoon program than the selections on pipe organ and violin by Miss Lillian Dechman and Mrs. Percy Knickerbocker, and the dear old hymn, "Just as I am Without One Plea," sung by Miss Ruth Graves. The remaining time was devoted to the following papers, "Our Schools as Character Builders," Mrs. Springer. Discussion by Mrs. Goodrich. "The Home Mission Society a factor in City Evangelization," Mrs. W. W. Braswell. "Tithing, or the Lord's Tenth," Mrs. Shackelford. "The Home Mission Society a Means of Spiritual Development," Mrs. Curtis. Discussed by Mrs. Hardie. "How does the H. M. S. Help the Pastor?" was answered by Rev. J. E. Disch of Guthrie.

The ministers present were given witty introductions by Mrs. Josephine Dorsey, and the responses were pertinent and pleasing. The remarks of Rev. W. J. Sims, Presiding Elder, were of special interest. His reference to vigils on the starry plains, each a Bethel, and faith under all circumstances, brought tears to every eye. All were glad to show appreciation of him and his faithful wife by attending the evening reception in their honor at the parsonage, which Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Knickerbocker and their mother have made the synonym of gracious hospitality. Owing to the late hour the consecration service was omitted with regret though it was evident that the coming together had quickened zeal for Christ's kingdom on earth and deepened the desire for the kingdom of Heaven. The shadows were lengthened when the motion to adjourn was carried. The first district meeting was over, and had been a success. A fact largely due to the preparation and prayers of the District Secretary, whose attractive personality, sweet spirit, and executive ability won the hearts of all her people.

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ple. So sad that our church has been neglected there. Bro. McCance is as true as steel. I praise my Lord for strength to labor some little in his vineyard this year. I was not able to do regular work in the beginning of the year, but strength increased until in some respects I have done the best year's work of my ministry. I have preached about 300 sermons and assisted in 133 other public meetings, conducted 495 cottage prayer meetings. I have had 900 professions, more than 500 have joined the Methodist church, South, other churches 179. Thirty one babies have been baptized. I have traveled over 5,000 miles. I have talked for the Methodist everywhere I went and insisted on the people handing in their subscriptions to the pastor. I have done some good work for our schools, I think. I am stronger at this writing than at the first of the year and looking forward to the 13th of November with bright anticipation of meeting the brethren at Durant. The Lord give us a spiritual feast at that time and place.

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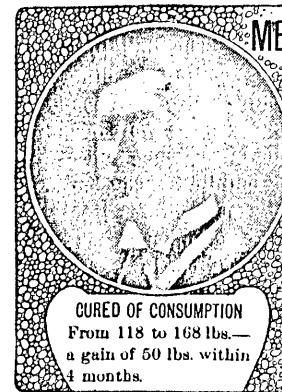
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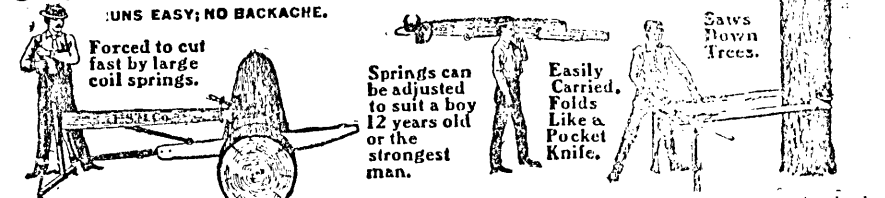


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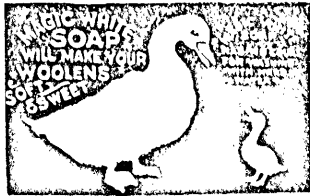
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Let us read carefully this leaflet and make larger investments of our time, our prayers, and money, than ever before:

How Much Shall I Give this Year to Missions?—A Little Argument With Myself.

(1) If I refuse to give anything, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary, both in the home and foreign fields.

(2) If I give less than heretofore, I favor a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.

(3) If I give the same as formerly, I favor holding the ground already won, but I oppose a Forward Movement, forgetting that the Lord never intended His army should simply take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go."

(4) If I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join this class? If I add 100 per cent to my former contributions, then I favor doubling the missionary force at once. If I add 50 per cent, I say, send out half as many more; and if I add 25 per cent, I say to our Executive Committee, send out one-fourth more than are now in the field.

What shall I do? I surely do not favor the recall of our whole missionary force, or any part of it. Neither am I satisfied to simply hold our own so long as the great majority of the heathen world as yet have not heard of Christ. I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our mission-

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Dear Methodist: It has been some time since you have heard from this part of the vineyard, not that we are dead, but to the contrary we are very much alive. This year has been one filled with hard work. The greater part of the year has been spent in a hard fight for State-wide Prohibition and at this point the fight was a hot one on both sides. The forces were equal in numbers and each fought for a victory and in the struggle for this great cause it seems some of our people lost sight of the fact that we were sorely in need of a great revival of religion. Consequently when the effort was made for a great revival there was not the interest that we think should have existed. There was only a few conversions but many were helped to a better life and the year is closing with a splendid spirit among our people. All the Conference claims will be in hand at the close of the year; also the presiding elder's and pastor's salaries I think will be in full. I have finished my Conference course and am ready for the Conference hallelujah. I am looking for one of the best conferences that we ever had. May the Lord be present in much power.

We had our fourth quarterly conference on October 22nd. Our beloved presiding elder, J. S. Lamar, looked after the interests of the church and pastor

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in that sweet spirit that always characterizes him and makes us all love him. We have no words to express our regrets that he can not be with us for another quadrennium as his place will be hard to fill. Not that he is the only man of a sweet spirit but his faithfulness and love for all has so entwined itself around the heart and life of the people that to forget him or let another step in and take his place in all that word means seems almost impossible. Yet the work will not lag nor even halt for a day. Our great system keeps all parts moving on. May the Lord bless all the brethren and bring us together at Conference to sing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds our Hearts in Christian Love." H. H. EVERETT, Pastor.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 19th day of October, A. D., 1907, in a certain cause (No. 10499), then pending therein between Martha J. Choinaki and S. A. Ray, complainants, and John C. Ray, et al., defendants, the undersigned, as commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the East door or entrance of the Pulaski County Court House, in which said Court is held, in the City of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, A. D., 1907, the following described real estate, to-wit:

East half of Northeast Quarter (1-4), and West half of West half of Northeast Quarter (1-4), of section twenty-one (21), Township three (3), North, Range thirteen (13) West, containing one hundred and twenty (120) acres, more or less, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

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 6 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 22nd day of October, A. D., 1907.

F. A. GARRETT, Commissioner in Chancery.

OBITUARIES.

(We find it impossible to publish manuscripts in this department containing more than 200 words. We therefore ask our contributors to limit their obituaries to that amount of space. Poetry is often very expressive but we find it necessary to ask that it be left out of all obituaries as we cannot publish it. A due regard for these suggestions will save our friends annoyance and the Editors much labor and trouble.)

EAST—Thomas Milton East was born September 16, 1830, in Lawrence county, S. C. Came to Arkansas in 1857. Was married to Susan A. Haynes, Nov. 16, 1858. She died in a short time leaving an infant child. In 1863 he was married again to Tolitha Weir. He professed religion in 1860 and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was elected steward in his church at Okalona in 1871, and held this responsible office in the church from this time until the day of his death without one moment's cessation. For these 36 years Capt. East performed the duties of steward as no other man in this country ever did. He was liberal to the church, always heading the list with his money. If all other stewards failed to reach the quarterly conference, you could look for Capt. East to be present. He never let business or worldly matters come between him and his church. He knew the doctrines and polity of his church fairly well, and loved them as he loved nothing else except his family. As church and pastor we feel our great loss, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain. He was a good citizen, always standing with money and influence for the right. He was a noble husband. No father ever left to a family of children a cleaner record. He was upright in all his ways. On the night

of October 16th, 1907, he was stricken with paralysis. He struggled for several days, but the blow proved to be too severe for him. On the peaceful Sunday night of Oct. 20th the end came. Truly a great man has fallen. But look up dear ones, you know where to find him. He can't come back to you, but by right living and imitating his life by faith and good works in Christ, you can go where he is.

Yours in much sympathy,
J. A. PARKER, Pastor.

WARREN—W. H. Warren was born Nov. 15, 1857. At the age of 22 he professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consistent member of the same until his death, September 21, 1907. He was a steward most of his Christian life and Sunday school superintendent a great deal of the time. Truly the church has lost an efficient member, the wife a loving husband, the children an indulgent father and the community an upright citizen. Live for God, loved ones, if you want to meet father in yonder's world.

Bunion, his fourteen-year-old son was stricken with fever also and died Sept. 6, 1907. His mother said that he had made a profession of religion during his sickness. We rejoice to learn that he had made his peace with God. We would not advise the living, however, to defer their preparation for death so late. The hour of death is too critical for consideration of such matters.

HUGH REVELY, P. C.

TURNER—Sister Martha Turner was born in North Carolina, Sept. 19, 1826, and died in Carden Bottom, Yell county, Arkansas, October 10, 1907, aged 81 years, 21 days. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when fifteen years old. She married Wm. B. Turner about 1850. They moved to Arkansas, Pope county, in 1859. When the war broke out he joined the Confederate army, took measles, came home and died January, 1862. She remained a widow until death—45 years. She moved to Carden Bottom 35 years ago. There she continued until death. She has two children living. Sister Elizabeth Hamlett and Bro. J. O. Turner. She was a quiet, feeble, patient Christian. Although unable to travel her faith was strong, her hope was sure and steadfast. She was ready, willing and waiting to cross death's river. Heaven was her home. It was pleasant to be in her company.

EUGENE WOODRUFF.

An Age of Internationalism.

The increasing extent to which national problems and development all over the world are becoming matters of internationalism is one of the most noteworthy and remarkable signs of the times. Certainly if the nineteenth century was one of nationalism the twentieth is rapidly becoming a cycle of internationalism. Great Britain's pressing problems are those of her foreign relations or the relations of her home government with the dependent alien peoples. The questions that press for settlement at the Japanese capital are largely of international import, concerning the emigration of Japan's citizens to other lands. Germany is concerned with the balance of power in Europe. The fate of the Austro-Hungarian Empire is dependent on the centrifugal forces acting upon the diverse nationalities within its borders. The French Republic, which is becoming more and more nearly a purely social-

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istic state, is concerned with class problems, which, however,—socialistic as they are,—involve the recognition of class rather than nationality, but are international in that they are causing a drift away from the old conception of patriotism and breaking down barriers between nations. China is schooling herself in Western ways, that she may the more effectively protect herself against the forces of Western civilization led by Japan. The motives which move most of the South American statesmen have their origin and guidance in the inter-relations of the Southern continent, Europe, and the United States. Our own national tasks are becoming more and more closely interwoven with our necessary relations to the people and governments of the rest of the world. And, as a final expression of the international drift of men's thoughts today, the month of October saw the closing sessions of the second world congress of peace at the Dutch capital, where for four months representatives of forty-five nations have been talking over in the friendliest of spirits the vexed questions between them.—From "The Progress of the World," in the Review of Reviews for November.

The New Education.

Of yore the educator was wont to look at the work-a-day world from afar, and somewhat askance. At college he had passed from the student's desk to tutoring, from tutoring to a professor's chair. He was accustomed to regard men and things chiefly as depicted in books, tabulated in statistics, or reported in the proceedings of legislatures and courts. How the college looked from the outside, wherein it failed to prepare its graduates for the toil and tug of actual life, he knew not. And thus usually the college staffs of

a generation ago were even indeed, but even that kept to its own corner, secluded from the lump. In contrast to these aloof educators of times past are thousands of teachers throughout the technical and agricultural schools of America today. They stand for a revolution profoundly affecting all other schools. Not many years ago all boys were educated as if to become clerks, or pass to the profession of law, the ministry or medicine. But most boys must earn their bread at farming or railroading, in the factory or workshop; why not, therefore, begin at school to teach how these life tasks may be performed faithfully and well? And why not also, bring out the significance of these tasks, involving as they do principles of the highest importance and interest?—George Hes, in the Review of Reviews for November.

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W. J. SIMS, P. E.

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Will the exhorters be at the Fourth Quarterly Conference with their license and will the trustees have a report in answer to question 29. Bro. Steward, see that your pastor is paid in full if possible. Let every preacher see that the conference collections are in full. Yours in the work
W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

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Okmulgee Nov. 10, 11
O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Mangum Circuit at Center Point, Nov. 9-10
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L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT—4TH ROUND.
Hickory, DoBerg, Nov. 9-10
Roff, R. Nov. 10-11
Mill Creek, M. O. 8 p. m. Nov. 11
J. S. LAMAR, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—4TH ROUND.
Stigler ct., at Dukos, 8 p. m. Nov. 9
Stigler Sta., 7:30 p. m. Nov. 9
Let the Stewards have salaries collected in full; pastors be ready to nominate boards for next year; Trustees have complete reports on church property; the Woman's Missionary Societies have reports; and let Conference collections be in hand. A steady pull now will bring us out. Let nobody fail.
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CAMDEN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Fordyce Sta. Nov. 23-24
Eldorado Sta. Nov. 20
Camden Sta. Nov. 24-25
Now, brethren, this is our last round, and our Lord expects every man to do his whole duty, by every interest committed to him. Can he depend upon you?
B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—4TH ROUND.
Gillett Nov. 9-10
St. Charles, at Prairie Union Nov. 10-11
DeWitt Nov. 12
Rison, at Bethlehem Nov. 14
Kingsland Nov. 16-17
Redfield Nov. 20
Sheridan ct. Nov. 21
First Church Nov. 23-24
Carr Memorial Nov. 24-25
Let the trustees be ready with their reports, also the women of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.
W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Center Point ct., at Trinity Nov. 9-10
Nashville Station Nov. 10-11
Mineral Springs ct., at Columbus, Nov. 16-17
Washington ct., Nov. 17-18
Emmett ct., Nov. 23-24
Prescott Station Nov. 24-25
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Capitol Hill Nov. 20
Asbury Nov. 21
Mablevale & Primrose at M. Nov. 24
A. O. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Cherry Hill Ct., at Miller's Ch. Nov. 10, 11
Mona Sta. Nov. 11
Janzen Ct., at Hatfield Nov. 12, 13
Umpire Ct., at Umpire Nov. 16, 17
Gillham Ct., at Gillham Nov. 17, 18
Bright Star ct., at Olive Branch Nov. 21-22
Texarkana Ct., at Holly Springs Nov. 23, 24
First Church Nov. 24, 25
T. O. OWEN, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—4TH ROUND.
Palestine ct., Nov. 9-10
Snyder ct., Nov. 16-17
Crossett Station Nov. 17-18
Lacey ct., Nov. 23-24
Monticello Station Nov. 24-25
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Desha ct. Nov. 23-24
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Maynard ct., at Maynard Nov. 9-10
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Pocahontas Station Nov. 17-18
Reyno ct., at Success Nov. 17-18
Imboden ct., at Hopewell Nov. 23-24
Mammoth Spring and Hardy at Mammoth Spring Nov. 30-Dec. 1
J. E. FARRIS, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Rock Island Circuit Nov. 9-10
Helena Station Nov. 17-18
Goodwin Circuit Nov. 23-24
Wesley Circuit Nov. 30-Dec. 1
McCrary at DeVine Dec. 7-8
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—4TH ROUND
Monette and Manila Nov. 9-10
Yarbro and Dell Nov. 16-17
Blytheville Sta. Nov. 17-18
Promise Land Nov. 19-20
Lake City Nov. 23-24
Bay and Marked Tree Nov. 28
Cotton Belt Nov. 30-Dec. 1
Jonesboro, First Church Dec. 7-8
Jonesboro, Second Church Dec. 8-9
M. M. SMITH, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Bethany ct., at Copper Springs Nov. 9-10
Beche ct. at McRae Nov. 10-11
Searcy Station Nov. 12-13
Heber Station Nov. 16-17
Pangburn & Mt. Pisgah Nov. 18-19
Gardner Memorial Nov. 23-24
Dye Memorial Nov. 24-25
Newport Station Nov. 30-Dec. 1
Auvergne & Weldon at Weldon Dec. 1
Tuckerman Dec. 3-4
Cato Ct., at Shiloh Dec. 7-8
Cabot ct., at Cabot Dec. 8-9
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A Debate in Bee Branch, Ark.

Our pastor, Rev. A. C. Benson and Rev. Mr. Harvey of the Christian church held an interesting debate of two days in Bee Branch, Oct. 16th and 17th. The attendance was good and the interest lively.

Of course each side was good or bad in accordance with the peculiar belief of the hearer. However this may be, I feel sure that Bro. Benson's arguments will be of interest to the readers of the Western Methodist. He began by showing (1) that salvation is a cleansing of the heart. This was not denied; (2) That cleansing is by sprinkling. He showed that Peter says that baptism saves us, and that he took care to say that water baptism does not save—not that it puts away the filth of the flesh. So it must be the filth of the heart or conscience that is put away, and water can't do that. 1 Peter 3:21. He then showed that the filth of the conscience was put away by being sprinkled. "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience." Heb. 10:22. From this it is seen that it is absolutely certain this saving baptism is by sprinkling.

It was also shown that this sprinkling of the heart from an evil conscience is the same as the heart circumcision that "puts off the body of the sins of the flesh." (Col. 2:10.)

Bro. Benson was challenged to show that the body was cleansed by sprinkling. This he easily did by reading Num. 8:7, 19:13, 20, and Heb. 9:13, 14. In this last passage both cleansings of body and heart are mentioned together. The mode of the body cleansing is given, but the mode of the conscience cleansing is given in the next chapter, where the mode of body cleansing is not given. "Let us draw near . . . having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

Bro. Benson showed that the baptism mentioned in Rom. 6:4 and Col. 2:12 was spiritual baptism or the saving baptism of the heart, in this way. The body of sins is "put off," (Col. 2:11) and we are to be delivered "from the body of death," (Rom. 7:24) and in Rom. 6:6 we see that this body of sin is to be destroyed. Now, how is the body of sin to be put off or destroyed? We see in Col. 2:11 that it is done by the "circumcision made without hands," of course that of the heart. So if it is the circumcision of the heart that does this work it must be the baptism of the heart that does the same work.

Again, in two places the "old man" of sin (same as the "body of sin") is

to be "put off." (Eph. 4:22, Col. 3:9) In Rom. 6:6 we find that this same "old man" of sin or "body of sins" is crucified by spiritual circumcision he must be crucified by spiritual baptism. Water baptism cannot do what spiritual circumcision does. Now, it must follow that the man who is crucified is the man that is buried, so it is beyond all doubt that we are dead and buried by the work of the spiritual baptism. In this same baptism the new man is "put on." (See Eph. 4:24 and Col. 3:10) This "new man," not the old one, is "risen with him" and "walks in newness of life." It is called bury or said to be a burial, and he showed it was not for the burial; it is the effect of the baptism, like a tree is felled to the ground by sawing. He showed that whatever changes a man's heart from evil to good kills and burys that man to the world or to sin, like our Savior died to sin and lived to God, so we are dead and our lives are hid from the world with Christ in God. This change from an evil to a good conscience is the effect of sprinkling.

On the meaning of baptize he showed that the pouring in prophecy is called baptism in the New Testament, and that the same is true of sprinkling. Again, that the nations are to be sprinkled and if this is not done in baptizing them he demanded in what way this prophecy was ever fulfilled.

As to the baptism of Christ he showed that Christ was in Jordan and could have been baptized "in Jordan" when he was only at the edge of the water. (See Joshua 3:8.) Also that APO always means "from" and never "out of." This was not disproved, and it was not shown that Christ was in the water.

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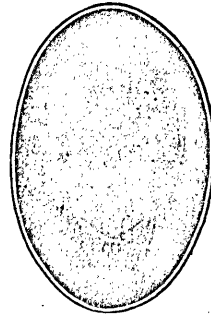
Our second year's work will soon be closed on this charge. We have enjoyed religion in preaching the gospel to our people, but sorry we have not seen all the results we worked and prayed for. We have had a few conversions and accessions by profession, and some by letter, but we have given so many church certificates that we will be compelled to report a decrease in membership. Two of our good families left here this week: Mrs. Mary L. Swenson and three daughters, Misses Johnnie, Mary L. and Willie, moved to Hempstead county, their old home, and Mr. Allen D. Bradley, and son, Grady, and two daughters, Misses Kimball and Stella, went back to Alabama, and Albertville will be their future home. All the above young people were specially helpful to us in our choir, and we shall miss them very much. While we love them we trust the Lord has greater work for them to do where they go.

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J. R. SANDERS.

Good News.

It looks like most all the works will be ahead of last year where I have been. Our pastor, Bro. Hunkapillar, at Wagoner, will report in full I think. Also Wagoner circuit, Bro. Wiley Smith, the pastor and I have just talked with Bro. Dunkle, the presiding elder, and he thinks all demands will be met on the Muskogee District, with possibly one or two exceptions. I say this is good news. J. D. EDWARDS.

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