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EDITORIAL.

Beginning A New Year.

As we enter upon another year let us turn all our faces to the future. Forget the slights—many of them imaginary—and the small wounds of the past. Wipe out the slate. Begin again. Forget also the wrong doings that have marred our own careers, if only we have carried them to God in humble repentance, and resolve to be our better selves. There is a lower self; there is also a better self, and this better self is the real man. Put the worse man out of mind, cherish the thought of the better man that is in each of us, and make this better self the abiding man.

Let us believe in God. He rules the world. He will work out for all men the best possible results. To them that trust him, he will bring good out of all things. No evil can prevail against his almighty purpose. Let us believe in man. God made him in his own image, and the instinct of religion stirs within him. The average man wants to be good and to do good. Help him. If a man knows you believe in him and seek to help him he will let you help him.

Believe also in yourself. The record of past efforts testifies that you are advancing; you mean more among men than you did a year ago. You can mean more and more as the years go by. We say once more, Put behind you your failures, your sins, your sorrows. Bind yourself in God's name for a nobler and surer life, for we can all achieve it.

A little more gentleness, a little more loving kindness, a little more attention to the Bread of Life, a little more prayer, a little more study of the word of God—be these our sentiments for 1908.

The Banks.

During the recent financial squall it was necessary for the banks to take vigorous action to prevent widespread disaster. The banks of the country were never in more solid and prosperous condition than they were when the panic was started. And yet it became necessary for them to suspend payment, except in limited sums. Some of our readers perhaps do not understand how this is, how a bank can be in prosperous condition and yet unable to pay the man who wants his money. Let us consider it.

Take for illustration a small country bank, with a paid up capital of say \$25,000. Such a bank will have on deposit perhaps a hundred thousand dollars. The bank has then liabilities of \$125,000, \$100,000 of which belongs to depositors. Such a bank will not be likely to have in its vaults on any particular day more than ten or twelve thousand dollars. Where is the other money? Some of it is loaned, subject to call any day, to some nearby bank or trust company, and is therefore in easy reach if the demand for it should arise. Some of it is loaned at more distant points, perhaps, on short time. Some of it is loaned to private individuals, merchants, farmers and others. All loans are on first-class secur-

ity; not a dollar of the bank's money is in jeopardy; but it has on hand ten or twelve thousand dollars only, sufficient for the business of the day, and amply sufficient. If the officials of the bank keep a pile of idle money lying in its vaults, they are not doing their duty; it is their business to keep this money out, as a part of the circulation of the country; and it is their duty to see that every dollar that goes out is properly secured.

As to the causes of this flurry, they were several. In the first place, there was a delirium of business. The great bulk of it was perfectly legitimate; much of it was widely speculative, and was growing more so. In the nature of the case, this would of itself in time produce a flurry. In the second place, the labor unions were never so exorbitant in their demands; they were riding high on the wave of prosperity, making it increasingly difficult for the large corporations to make a profit, and a profit they were, of course, determined to make. In the third place, the unearthing of the rascality of many of the managers of corporations had been going on for months, and this undoubtedly helped to cut the ground from under public confidence. In such a situation there comes a day when some wild gamblers in Wall Street, who have watered their stock, who have plunged at a furious rate, there comes a day when these fellows have to put up millions of cash—they are caught in the snares they have laid for others; they go to the wall, for millions. Somebody who has trusted them, perhaps loaned them money—a thing conservative bankers would be slow to do—finds himself short; and some one next to him is also unable to pay what he owes;—it is like dropping a rock into a lake, the waves widen, and as they begin to widen, men begin to take fright. In this situation a man who has money on deposit in a bank begins to say that he wants his money; another, frightened by his action, wants his also. A farmer who has a hundred dollars in the bank hears that there is a financial shake-up; he is certain that he can take care of his money, and he straightway mounts "old Beek" and goes in for his money; his neighbors follow suit; the man who does business in town sees that there is likely to be a run on the bank, and so he prefers to have his money out also. Thus there is a run on the bank, sure enough, and the bank has on hand about enough money to pay one dollar in ten that is demanded. What was it all about? A mere panic, without a grain of common sense in the whole of it; for the bank is perfectly solvent, even prosperous, if only left to go on in the ordinary and thoroughly legitimate way. It has often been said that men are the wildest of all animals when they are once stampeded—have less sense than a herd of stampeded cattle. So the soldiers tell us. And when the stampede is over money, they are as wild as when it is over possible danger to their persons.

This is about the situation that confronted us a few weeks ago. The bankers did the only thing there was to do when they said to depositors that they should not go into a wild

panic and make runs. They knew perfectly well that the country was full of money and full of resources; that the banks were in safe condition; they did not intend that a wild panic should upturn everything. A wild panic we should probably have had if they had not gotten in front of it like a solid rock, and stopped it. We have heard some foolish criticisms upon their conduct. Think what would have happened if these runs upon banks had gotten started! Once started, they would have gone throughout the country; bank after bank would have been forced to close its doors, for there is not a bank in the whole land that cannot be forced to close any day by such methods unless, indeed, there is some neighboring bank or friend who comes forward to cover the entire deposits. When the banks should have been put to the wall, all business would have been fettered on the spot; cotton would not have been worth six cents a pound, for there would have been no ready money with which to pay for it. Merchants would have gone crashing down, and we should have had a wreck which would have involved everybody in the land. But the banks said, No! there is no use of this alarm, and we are not going to permit runs! As the matter now is, we shall soon be readjusted, and business will go on.

The safest place a man can keep his money is in a bank; it is safer there than it is in his own house. The only thing to look after is the men who are behind the bank, the men who conduct it. If they are safe and conservative men, they know what they are doing. At all times they are good advisers of their depositors. The editors of this paper never felt a moment's distrust during the recent disturbance, except a distrust that people might go wild and upset in their wildness what was perfectly safe if let alone. The place for our money is in the banks, not in stockings and miser money-bags. Every dollar that is hoarded in a private way is simply out of circulation. It is said that during the recent disturbance more than five hundred millions of dollars were thus withdrawn from circulation of the country. Anybody ought to see that that fact alone would produce a money stringency; it is precisely what actually produced the stringency; and when the stringency is once created all classes suffer. Know your banker, know that he is honest, that he will tell you the truth, and then put your money with him. When you need it you can get it. As long as you do not need it, it is swelling the currency of the whole country while in bank.

Wiser Than She Knew.

An old negro woman on the street in Little Rock was being pressed by another negro to pay a debt. She made the plea that "since this money stringency come on" folks could not do what they might have done. Did the old creature speak more wisely than she knew?

If we were well, along with our New Year's resolutions, to resolve to be better. There is room for improvement.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The address of Rev. F. C. Sterling will for this year be 803 Henington Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.

Rev. W. C. Watson reports well of his work in Camden, as he begins his pastorate there. We have heard good reports of him from other sources also.

Rev. B. H. Greathouse, who lives at Camp, Ark., writes that his conference, at his request continued him on the list of superannuates for another year.

Rev. J. D. Hammons, of Crossett, Rev. F. E. Taylor, of Argenta, and Rev. T. Y. Ramsey, of Pine Bluff, were in the city this week, and each called at Methodist headquarters.

The correspondents of Rev. J. F. Lawlis presiding elder of Guymon District, Oklahoma Conference, will please take notice that his postoffice address is Hooker, Okla.

Rev. I. B. Manly, now of Queen City, Texas, gives a good account of his pastorate at Rusk, Texas, last year. All assessments were over-paid and forty-five members received.

Rev. G. W. Forrest writes: "Am warmly received at Gilham—pelted, pounded and being made to feel that we shall have a good year."

Bishop E. E. Hoss was visiting his sister, Mrs. P. H. Prince, in Conway for a day or two last week, and spent last Sunday in Searey, preaching morning and evening.

Last week while attending the State Teachers' Association in our city, Prof. G. W. Droke, of the University of Arkansas, and Prof. J. C. Womack, of Stephens, Ark., called at our office.

Dr. W. F. McMurray, our pushing and capable Church Extension Secretary, is to be in Dardanelle to speak at the laymen's meeting next Tuesday. He will always find a welcome in Arkansas.

Bishop Hoss after visiting Searey Sunday decided to exchange presiding elder and preacher in charge, putting Dr. J. H. Dye on the district and Dr. R. P. Wilson at Searey station.

Rev. R. A. Holloway, formerly of the White River Conference, was, at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference, transferred to the West Texas Conference. Rev. N. E. Bragg, formerly of the Little Rock Conference, was transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference.

Many of our readers in Arkansas will be interested to know that the appointments of the Louisiana Conference show that Rev. Berry T. Crews goes to DeRidder, in the Shreveport district, while Rev. J. R. Moore goes to Lake Providence, Monroe district.

Rev. H. A. Story, who was at the recent session of the Little Rock Conference appointed to Watson circuit, as a supply, has been relieved of his charge, at his own request, we presume, and is now living at Bristow, Okla.

Rev. R. W. McKay having resigned the chaplaincy of the Confederate Soldiers' Home, Rev. R. G. Rowland, pastor of Henderson Chapel, has been appointed. He is one of our truest and best men, and may be expected to render good service.

Last Thursday Rev. A. F. Skinner, presiding elder of Batesville District, and his daughter, Miss Lillian, paid us a visit. Bro. Skinner did very fine work on his district last year, and starts out with good prospects for a better year.

We are pleased to note that Rev. J. W. Boswell, D.D., continues, after all, as editor of the New Orleans Advocate. Two men were elected; both declined, and Dr. Boswell was re-elected. He is no experiment, and has the confidence of the entire church.

One of the most pleasant New Year's greetings we have received is a letter from Rev. R. R. Moore, of Monticello, in which he says that there is a freshness and an uplift in every issue of the Western Methodist that seems to place it ahead of the former issue. We thank Bro. Moore, for it is such words that make us do our best.

Rev. James McKendree Jenkins, son of our good layman, J. M. Jenkins, of Quitman, Ark., was married December 23 to Miss Lula Elizabeth Jeter, at the bride's home, Dresden, Tenn. Bro. Jenkins is a member of the Memphis Conference, stationed at Big Sandy, Tenn., and one of our best and most promising young preachers. We extend hearty congratulations.

A private note from Rev. J. E. Disch, Roff, Okla., shows that he has already found a place in the hearts of those good people. We thank him for these words: "The paper grows better with each issue and I trust that the New Year may bring to it increased prosperity and influence." Let every preacher push the circulation. We can do as much for any man as he will do for the paper, if he will only give us a chance.

Rev. Forney Hutchinson, of Hunter Memorial Church, spent the holidays among his home folks at Nashville, Ark., and preached last Sunday morning at First Church, Texarkana, and at 3 p. m. to a men's meeting in the opera house. His own pulpit was filled by the junior preacher, Rev. H. F. Buhler, who is a student of Hendrix College. Good reports come from his services.

Hon. George Thornburgh and Rev. E. A. Tabor, representing the Anti-Saloon League, appeared before the County Judge of Pulaski County and protested against the issuance of saloon license to certain parties. While the licenses were granted, several changes in application were made, and more than half of the saloon-keepers were shown to be law-breakers. A good beginning was made for the campaign for State-wide prohibition.

It is astonishing how long it takes some of our brethren to understand that the limit on obituaries is two hundred words. The worst of it is that they so frequently compel us to act upon a concrete case and decline a particular obituary because of its length. This

means that we must take the chances of offending good friends, and puts upon us a very unpleasant duty, even where no offence would be taken. An obituary is not a biography nor a eulogy—it is a death notice, and two hundred words is sufficient for the purpose.

For several years we have been advised by good friends of this paper and by business men to increase the price of the paper and require cash absolutely in advance. At the last meeting of our Editorial Committee we were authorized to make the price \$2.00 when advance payment was not made. The Conference Committees recommended this and the patronizing Conferences just held approved the suggestion. Hence, we would have full authority to put the higher price into effect. However, after mature deliberation, we have decided not to do so. Business reasons might justify it, but our relations to our subscribers deter us. We do not wish even to appear to take an advantage of our old subscribers. Some of them have their troubles. If they really want the paper and honestly expect to pay us, we much prefer that they should receive the paper without complications or embarrassment. These hard times increase our difficulties. We simply ask our friends to remember us and deal with us just as they would expect us to deal with them if our positions were reversed. May we not expect it?

Death of Bishop Andrews.

As we go to press the secular papers report the death of Bishop Edward Gayer Andrews, of the Northern Methodist Church. Born Aug. 7, 1825, at New Hartford, N. Y., he was over eighty-two years of age at his death. Educated at Wesleyan University, a pastor six years, then president of Cazenovia Seminary ten years, pastor again eight years, he was elected bishop in 1872, and served his church in that capacity with great efficiency until he was superannuated three years ago. He was one of the wisest and best men of his great church. With his own people we mourn the loss of our universal Methodism.

A Notable Gift.

In honor of her mother, Miss Cordelia P. Monnett has donated lands in Illinois and Indiana worth \$75,000 to the Chicago Training School for Missions. The inscription on the building to be "The Mary Delmar Kinnear Monnett Memorial Building, erected by her Daughter, Cordelia P. Monnett." The gift is remarkable in the fact that the donor gives practically all that she has and trusts to the management of the school for a home.

Are there not men and women in Arkansas and Oklahoma who wish to build at our own colleges memorials to their loved ones? Reader, will you honor God and perpetuate the memory of a loved one in some worthy way?

The Church Register.

In the Methodist of the 19th inst Bro. W. T. Ready undertakes to correct what he conceives to be an error in my article on Church Conferences, relative to the law as touching the matter of who shall keep the church register.

I presume he holds conferences regularly, but he writes like a pastor who has not held one for an age. When I take up a book and find it to be good I usually read it all. But Bro. Ready seems to have read only a part of our law, or else has forgotten a portion of it.

The reference he makes to paragraph 133 has no bearing whatever on the question considered. True, the pastor's duty is to keep a register for his charge as this paragraph

directs, but I have never yet seen one, neither have I ever heard a pastor say he ever kept one. These registers for pastoral charges are about as scarce as church conference records. Now, if Bro. Ready will turn to paragraph 89, page 46 of our discipline he will find some items of interest. The local church register, kept by the church conference secretary is altogether a different book from that to be kept by the pastor.

I reiterate, no pastor has any authority under the law to keep the church register, nor has any one else, except the church conference secretary.

GEO. N. CANNON.

Foreman, Ark.

Hendrix College.

The Fall term closed Dec. 20th. The enrollment reached 220. The term's work was very gratifying both as to the amount of work done and as to the scholarship and moral correctness of the student body. Most of the students will return after the holidays. For one reason or another some will not. Every room in the dormitory has been occupied during the entire term. On the account of their occupants not returning a few places in the dormitory are now vacant. Students desiring these should make application for them at once. The winter term will open Jan. 1st. New students may enter at that time without inconvenience, as new subjects will be begun, and new classes organized.

STONEWALL ANDERSON.

University of Chicago.

The Autumn Quarter of the University of Chicago closed last week with examinations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The convocation sermon was preached by Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, of Union Theological Seminary, who had just finished the delivering of the Haskell Lectures before the University. Dr. Hall is a very impressive speaker and convinces his hearer that a fine delivery adds much to the impressiveness of his sermons. There are some ministers who have no delivery and contend that thought is everything in a sermon; there are others who have no thought and so rely upon delivery. But what a rare thing it is to find a minister who combines these two in so splendid a way as President Hall! His Haskell Lectures were on "The Witness of the Oriental Consciousness of Jesus Christ." They were delivered in the same form in which he delivered them hundreds of times in India last winter, when he made such an impression upon his learned hearers there. Your readers will remember that Dr. Hall was Borrow's Lecturer to India and the Far East from the University of Chicago in the winter of 1903-04 and again in 1906-07. The purpose of these lectures is to acquaint learned Orientals with the fundamental truths of the Christian religion. Dr. Hall needed no interpreter as the learned men of India not only spoke English but thought in English and the halls in which he spoke were crowded. He approached his hearers with due reverence for their own religious traditions and tried to overthrow their Pantheistic Philosophy by force of argument and reason. He showed them how fully they were prepared by their past teachings for the acceptance of the Christ and appealed to them to accept Him and restore to the world the element of mysticism which the progress of the Western World was eliminating from Christianity. The Western world needs the restoring of the mystical element which was characteristic of Christianity in the second century and the East alone can supply it. "Europe

hurled her crusades Eastward to recover a lost tomb; may the time come when the East shall send its crusades Westward not to recover a lost tomb, but to proclaim a Resurrection!"

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It is impossible to give an outline of the lectures in so little a space nor can I describe their effect upon the listener. How they stirred India and what an effect our missionaries might have if they went in the spirit of Dr. Hall! But there are so few like him and so few who can do it!

The convocation orator for the exercises on Dec. 17 was Dr. William Henry Welch, Professor of Pathology in the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Welch is almost the father of the medical profession in the United States and was practically the founder of our best medical school—the Medical Department of John Hopkins. At present he is President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His address on "Medicine and the University" was characteristic of the man and full of useful suggestions for the improvement of medical schools, emphasizing the fact that no great medical school can exist separate from a university.

The University preachers for the quarter have been President McClure of McCormick Theological Seminary, Dr. W. C. P. Rhodes of Brooklyn, Dr. Galusha Anderson, and Dr. Charles C. Hall. Of other visitors perhaps Gen. Wm. Booth is the most notable.

The attendance has been the largest in the history of the University. Although the institution has been founded only fifteen years, there were 5079 enrolled this quarter. Only one University in America surpasses this record—Harvard—with an attendance of 5343. During the year 45 books have been published by members of the faculty, but one member has especially distinguished himself—Prof. A. A. Nicholson of the Department of Physics. He was awarded the Copley Medal by the Royal Society of London for his discoveries and only once before has it come to this country. While he was on his way to London to receive this reward news came to him that he had been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of a new method of measuring the velocity of light. This prize carries with it \$38,000 in money and is the greatest honor that can come to a scientific investigator. Prof. Nicholson is the only American physicist who has received this honor.

In my department I find that some of the best work ever done in Semeties here has been done by two members of our church Rev. R. B. McSwain and Dr. Allen H. Godbey, of Morrisville College, Missouri. A very high opinion of their scholarship is held by all who were associated with them.

This is our first Christmas in the North and we are surprised to have had such pleasant days for Christmas Eve and Christmas! The sunshine and warmth reminded us of our Southern weather and we have felt almost at home since the conferences are over, all are settled for another year and we wish them the best year of their lives.

I. S. H.

Chicago, December 25.

PRACTICAL READER AND SPEAKER.

—By Prof. John W. Chambers, Mayhew Pub. Co., Boston. The book is a duodecimo of 350 pages, in good binding. A cursory examination leads us to commend it for the uses for which it was written, in schools, colleges and homes.

Nations stand or fall according to their observance of the law. When they cease to re-

spect it, they perish. How is it to be with our own country? Gov. J. W. Folk of Missouri has written for the Youth's Companion an impressive article on the subject, enforcing his argument with striking historical illustrations.

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To Our Sunday Schools.

To keep pace with the progressive spirit that confronts us, and furnish our Sunday schools with the very best literature—both in literary merit and mechanical make-up, our Publishing Committee has found it necessary to make several changes in the series now issued.

Two new publications will be added.

THE ADULT STUDENT. A 32-page monthly magazine, designed to meet the demands of the adult classes. Besides an appropriate treatment of the lessons, it will contain suggestive articles on various phases of the work, notes from the field, class pictures, and all sorts of helpful information for those engaged in Bible study and Christian service.

The JUNIOR LESSONS will be changed to a quarterly publication of 32 pages, and is designed for children between the ages of nine and twelve. It will be illustrated, and will contain, besides the lessons, maps and other helps suitable to the class it serves.

The PRIMARY TEACHER, A 64-page quarterly, prepared by one of the leading primary teachers of America; beautifully illustrated and containing maps, children's songs, and suggestions for the teaching of each lesson. Primary workers will find this just what they want.

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Texas Notes.

After my long silence, caused mainly by physical suffering, I will now with the consent of the editors of the Methodist, tell of some of the happenings in our Texas land. We have been visited by unusual seasons, and many pests to crops of nearly every kind. Small grain was cut short in the spring. The corn crop is abundant, while cotton will fall at least one-third below the crop of 1906, and the bulk of it is stored away, awaiting an advance in price. Only the late planting remains ungathered, the past month being so rainy, has prevented farmers from picking it. The financial flurry has only resulted in a scare, which has resulted in cautious procedure upon the part of business. Those who are compelled to have money get it, but things in the business world move slowly, and wasteful extravagance seems to be retarded. The finances of the church suffered but little. Here and there a pastoral charge fell behind with the pastor and collections. Our Conference, the Northwest Texas, made a fine showing, when everything is considered. I here give some figures: For Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$31,292.14; from all sources, more than \$38,000. For Conference Claimants, \$13,875.00; Presiding Elders, \$32,314.00; Pastors, \$214,169.60. We have 14 districts and 14 district parsonages. Last year we had 284 pastoral charges, and 267 parsonages. We now have 310 pastoral charges. Nearly 20,000 accessions, and a net gain of more than 8,000. Twenty-one received on trial and twelve by transfer. Bishop Candler won golden opinions in the cabinet, chair, pulpit, and as a collector. In 1886 I met and heard him in Richmond, and said to one at my side, there is a bishop. I still hold that opinion. The North Texas Conference closed its session yesterday at Sherman, and old Texas Conference is to open its 68th session in Houston tomorrow. The Northwest Texas Conference is entirely too large, stretching over a territory of 500x200 miles as it does with 14 districts, 310 charges, 89,878 members. All this indicates the actual necessity of division at the next General Conference. Our church schools were never so full and prosperous as they are today. The Southwestern is on a boom, with all departments well supplied with scholars, and many thousands already raised on the second hundred thousand dollars of endowment, which will be raised no doubt in a year's time.

Thirteen of our best preachers and most successful pastors are engaged in teaching, or as agents in these schools. Would it not be well to employ laymen in our schools and let those called of God to preach the gospel continue in the one and greatest of all works? We have on the roll of supernumeraries in our conference forty-five names, many of whom declare they are neither diseased nor worn-out. The growing demand for young men and the crime of getting old seems to prevail with the appointing power, regardless of law. We also have thirteen supernumeraries, making a total of 58 on the superuseless list, with forty-three supplies to fill the charges of this conference. It is appalling to look at the many vacant charges to be supplied in twenty-two conferences held up to this date. I notice the number of supplies to be 326. We have no doubt legislated this shortage upon our church and the end is not yet in view. It is time to send up a universal and daily prayer for more laborers to enter the already whitened fields awaiting harvesters. It is not on account of a money consideration. The Northwest Texas Conference for 1906 paid an average salary of \$740.00, and this year in-

cluding the missionary appropriation the average salary runs up to \$812.00. This included "high steeple" city charge and "hard scrabble," and "Lick Skillet" missions away out on the border, together with the presiding elders. We need more prayer and deeper conviction, with a great spiritual upheaval, such as came upon us in 1858.

I read the Methodist with great interest. You are making it a good paper. Each number grows better. While not one of the men I knew in the Arkansas Conference from 1844 to 1850 remain on earth, yet there are a few younger ones remaining with whom I have met, and I love them and the old State in whose borders I first felt the touches of grace that started me heavenward. I see something in our connectional organ, I think would sound and look better unwritten. I think the editor had just as well let the miracles, the falling walls of Jericho have remained as it is written and the supplying of the quails and manna in the wilderness, as a display of divine power and an act of mercy, and not have told just yet an earthquake demolished the walls and nature brought the quails. It is strange they never came before, and that no one was harmed by the earthquake, except those within the walls of Jericho. I do not believe any man in our time can make any improvement on the miracles recorded in the Bible. They are either true or false; if false, we are woefully benighted, and our faith is a delusion. The very idea of a land slide choking Jorda's stream just at the right moment for the host of Israel to pass over is perfectly preposterous. I seriously protest against all such infidelity finding place in any of our church papers.

The prohibition wave rolls on in Texas. More than 150 counties are totally dry, and the number is increasing monthly. Occasionally one falls on the anti side. Fraud and a bountiful supply of money placed this county in the wet column a few months ago. The election was contested and the case has been on trial for more than two weeks and the end is not yet reached. It will only be a short time until State-wide prohibition will prevail in Texas. It is generally believed that State-wide prohibition would carry overwhelmingly just now if we could have an election. I will continue as long as I am able to write for the Methodist. I am past my 71st birthday by five months. Fifty years an itinerant preacher and thirteen years a helpless "shut in" waiting for my change to come, doing the best I can for time and eternity. I love God and all good people, especially Methodist preachers.

Fraternally,

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Corsicana, Texas, Nov. 27, 1907.

Bentonville Distillery.

I did not know there was a distillery in Arkansas until I went to the Arkansas Conference at Bentonville, Nov. 6, 1907. I visited the distillery. My, my! They pay from 8c per bushel up for apples worm-eaten, rotten—anything, just so it was once an apple and now has juice in it. They don't retail whisky in Bentonville, but Benton county is on the "dry" list, but there is the old mother sitting down in one corner of Bentonville, hatching out the debauchery for others to be ruined. They have large tanks filled with apples ground to ferment. I heard that each tank contained 30,000 gallons and that there were 40 of them. Just think of us hundred preachers going to the conference and did not even disturb the old viper. I talked with the owner. He is a pleasant man, but he is

stronger than I. I know I need back-bone. That distiller ought to be saved. But it made me think of the nine disciples when Jesus came down from the mount of transfiguration; they were wrestling with a devil and the devil was stronger, but Jesus drove the devil out. Wasn't he a power for the redemption of the race! There are many men we cannot move—they are stronger. I am not condemning any one, but thinking how we need backbone. Our conference was too harmonious. It makes me think of Jesus saying he came not to send peace but a sword. Don't you know how his presence always stirred the devil? At our temperance rally we aired Ft. Smith at long range like I am right now. The people at Bentonville are as good as we—we let it alone. I live in Dardanelle and yet blind tigers are here. I had a pleasant home at conference, Bro. W. J. Howard's. He gave me a gallon of apple vinegar. He will not sell the distillery apples. I will always feel under obligations to them for their kindness to me. Brethren I believe we ought to petition our President Roosevelt to use his influence to stop the manufacture of liquor. Fight the saloon at this end and victory would be ours. I notice the value of bonded whisky in Kentucky is greater than the railroads of Kentucky. Bro. Tabor said agitate. We will not control this country till the distillery is put out. If our government would not legalize it the matter would end and if President Roosevelt had the law back of him I believe he would do his duty. If some one will start at this I will canvass Dardanelle circuit for petitions to the President and Congress to abolish the manufacture. I believe there are enough Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians in these United States to petition our President and Congress to wipe it out if we would.

EUGENE WOODRUFF.

New Southwestern Agency.

The American Bible Society has just established a new Domestic Agency, similar to its great foreign agencies, to cover the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. It has appointed as Agency Secretary for this region, the Rev. Glenn Flinn, of the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. Flinn was born in Texas, July 1, 1877, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was converted when he was 15 years of age, and licensed to preach at 17. He is a graduate of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and of the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University.

Both in the university and in the theological school he received honors for literary work and oratory, and attained distinction in his class and in the general life of the college community. He has been pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Alexandria, La., and Galveston, Tex.

Mr. Flinn will soon develop an active system of colportage and place himself in touch with all the Home Missionary work of this great region. This is the sixth of the new Domestic Agencies to be established by the American Bible Society.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Jan. 8. The Word Made Flesh.

Golden Text.—"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14.

Time.—A. D. 95. Place.—Ephesus.

Lesson Text.—John 1:1-18.

The deepest and richest book in the Bible is John's gospel. Any exposition of these words seems so tame and so inadequate. John carries us back to the dawn, not of man's history, but the history of the universe, and way back there we behold a Being who then, not began to be, but "was", the Word "was." And why is this One, who then was, called "the Word?" The word is that in which the speaker reveals himself, and Jesus Christ is the perfect revelation of God's inmost being (Heb. 1:3; 1 Jno. 1:2; Jno. 1:14; 14:9). But that in which God reveals Himself is a person. This person here called "The Word" "was with God," in His presence, in close intimacy with Him. And this person "was God." From all eternity that person who became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth was God (cf. Phil. 2:6). There could not be a more definite and explicit statement of the true deity of Him who tabernacled among us in the person of Jesus Christ. He "was God" (comp. Isa. 9:6; Rom. 9:5; Titus 2:13, R. V.; 2 Pet. 1:1, R. V.; Heb. 1:6, 8; 1 Jno. 5:20). The entire gospel of John is given to a proof of this statement. Everything in the gospel revolves about this center (Jno. 20:31). This verse brings out the fact that there at least two persons in the God-head. "The Word was with God," there is one divine person in company with whom the Word was; but the Word was Himself also a divine person, "was God." Having learned His eternal divine nature, we next turn to His divine work. He is the one through whom all things became to be. God has executed all His creative plans through Him. He who by His incarnation became our brother and our Saviour was first our creator and the creator of all things. Apart from Him came not one thing into existence, (comp. Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Ps. 33:6; Heb. 11:3). There was life in Him before His incarnation. He is the eternal source of life. All life has come forth from Him. Eternal life is in Him (1 Jno. 5:11). The only way to get eternal life is by taking Him in whom it is 1 Jno. 5:12). Not only was life in Him but He was Himself the life (1 Jno. 1:2). And He who was the life was also "the light of men" (Jno. 8:12; 9:5; 12:35, 36). "The Word" did not become "the light of men" by His incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth. He ever was "the light of men." No ray of light has ever shone upon man except from Him. The light that shone in Old Testament times shone from Him, yes, even the glimpses of light the heathen have had are from Him. When sin came, night came. The condition of the whole world since the fall has been one of moral, spiritual, intellectual darkness. But in the midst of this universal darkness there has ever been a light shining. No matter how deep the darkness, He has shone. The light shone, but the world did not, indeed, would not, lay hold of it (1 Cor. 2:14; Jno. 3:19, 20). That is why the world continues in darkness still. The world would not lay hold of the light in His unincarnate form, so God gives the Word in a form more easily apprehensible, an incarnate form.

But God's condescension to man's infirmity does not stop even at that, He sends a witness to this incarnate light. To men who can see, light needs no witness but itself, but men are blind and so need one who can see to bear wit-

ness to light. God sent such a witness in John the Baptist. "A man sent from God." That is a glorious title. No earthly patent to nobility so glorious as that. But mark the clear line of demarcation between John and Jesus. John is "a man sent from God;" John was a wonderful man, a man whom God delighted to honor, but he was "a man." Jesus was God become flesh. John came to be a witness and the purpose of his testimony was that all men might believe through him. Men are not asked to believe blindly, but upon sufficient and abundant testimony.

III. The Word Become Flesh, 10-18. Here the hostility of man to the light and to God appears in still darker aspect. Not only did the darkness not apprehend the light (v. 5), not only did the world which He was in and which was made by Him, not know Him (v. 10), but His own home and people (or household servants), even they "received Him not" to themselves. How complete is the alienation of man from God and light! While the world, and even His own, as a whole, rejected, there were an elect few who "received Him," and to every one of them the door of His Father's house was opened and they entered as "children." They who receive the Son of God by that act themselves become children. No matter who they are, what they are. The vilest sinner of earth that receives Jesus Christ—takes Him into his heart to be all Jesus desires to be, Saviour, Lord, Teacher, Friend—that instant that sinner becomes a child of God. And who are they who thus receive Him? Those "which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." It is not of man's natural heart to receive Jesus Christ. What is natural to man is seen in verse 5, 10 and 11. But God by His grace begets men anew, and those who are thus begotten receive Jesus Christ, and thus become "children of God." (Jno. 3:3-15; Jas. 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:17). The Eternal Word became a real human being. Deity clothed itself with real humanity. His divine glory became a matter of sensible perception (cf. 1 Jno. 1:1-3). Of the divine fullness that is in the incarnate God every believer receives. Over against every grace in Him there is wrought a corresponding grace in us. He fully expounds, not merely by His words but in His person, all that is in God.—Torrey.

Wherein John's Gospel Is Unique.

John H. Bernard, D.D.

To enumerate, even briefly, the characteristic and essential features which distinguish John's Gospel from the Synoptics would require a volume. Let us notice a few of the more striking of these.

1. The evangelist writes as one to whom the incidents and the personages connected with the story of Christ's ministry are thoroughly well known, and he presupposes the same knowledge on the part of his readers. The ascension is not described, but allusions to it occur twice (John 6:62; 20:17), it being assumed that the allusions will be understood by those into whose hands the Gospel comes. "The Twelve" are mentioned quite naturally and incidentally (6:67; 20:24), but no account is given as in other gospels of the choice and mission of the twelve chosen companions. The reader is expected to know who Martha and Mary are (11:1), and what was the fate of John the Baptist. "John was not yet cast into prison" (3:24) is a passing note which we could not interpret unless we had the other gospels to guide us.

2. Then the scene for his narrative is laid by John for the most part in Judea, while the Synoptics place the Lord's ministry in Galilee, and do not bring him to Jerusalem until the last days. At least, that is the general impression that they leave on the mind. But we must not exaggerate this contrast. Even in the fourth Gospel Galilean episodes are introduced; for example, the marriage at Cana (2:1-11), the healing of the nobleman's son (4:46-54), the feeding of the five thousand (6:1 to 7:14). And on the other hand the Synoptists give hints of visits to Jerusalem, although they do not describe them. The lament "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, . . . and ye would not" (Matt. 23:37; Luke 13:34) presuppose former

appeals to be inhabitants of that city. It would, indeed have been extraordinary had Jesus not gone up to Jerusalem, the Holy City, and the center of the national life, while he was preaching the gospel of the kingdom; and John's narrative here supplies just what we should expect to hear.

The Length of Christ's Ministry.

3. In this connection, we are reminded of another apparent contrast (not a contradiction) between John and the Synoptics; namely, as the duration of the Lord's ministry. From the Synoptic Gospels we would naturally infer, had we no other guide, that Christ's public teaching did not last for more than a single year, and some early Christian writers speak as if this were the meaning of the "acceptable year of the Lord" to which the evangelical prophet looked forward (Isa. 61:2). It is true that attempts have been made by commentators to find traces (in the first three Gospels) of a longer period, but their arguments are at best precarious. And the prima facie inference from the Synoptics would be that Jesus was crucified in the passover season which followed his baptism. It is from John that we learn that he made several journeys to Jerusalem to attend the national feasts, as follows: a passover (John 2:13), an unnamed feast, probably Pentecost of the same year (5:1), a second passover (6:4), the feast of tabernacles (7:2), the feast of the dedication (10:22), and a third passover (12:1). Now, three passovers being mentioned, it would appear that the total period of the Lord's ministry was between two and three years. This is the conclusion which Christians have usually adopted, and they owe it to John's Gospel.

4. As in John and in the Synoptics the scene and the duration of the Lord's ministry are differently described, so is there a difference in the persons who enter into the narratives. Neither lepers nor demons nor scribes nor publicans nor Sadducees appear in John, and they are among the most familiar figures in the Synoptic history. No doubt there are hints which might suggest them, but that is all.

5. Nor are there any parables in the fourth Gospel. Their place is taken by the seven great similitudes: (1) I am the bread of life (6:35); (2) I am the light of the world (8:12); (3) I am the door (10:7); (4) I am the good shepherd (10:11); (5) I am the resurrection, and the life (11:25); (6) I am the way, and the truth, and the life (14:6); and (7) I am the true vine (15:1). Each of these similitudes is full of sublime teaching, and they might almost be described as compressed parables.

As there are seven similitudes, so there seven miracles in the Fourth Gospel, and seven only (if we reckon chapter 21 as an appendix or supplement to the direct narrative). John knows of other miracles (6:2; 11:47), but he mentions these seven only: (1) the wine at the marriage (2:1); (2) the nobleman's son (4:46); (3) the impotent man at Bethesda (5:1); (4) the feeding of the five thousand (6:1); (5) the walking on the sea (6:16); (6) the man blind from birth (9:1); and (7) the raising of Lazarus (11:1). These are all, it will be observed, representative signs, and it may be that they were selected because of their representative character. But it is clear—at any rate, it seems clear to the present writer—that they are described as historical incidents, and that they cannot be explained away as allegories in tale. John is just as literal when telling of the feeding of the five thousand as the Synoptics are, although he tells (which they do not) of the spiritual lesson derived by the Master from the "sign."

The "Sevens" of John Not Significant.

Other groups of seven have been discovered in the Gospel by ingenious and devout students. For example, a sevenfold witness of Christ is mentioned, namely, the witness of the Father, the Son, the Son's works, Scripture, John Baptist, the Spirit, the disciples. (It will be a useful exercise to discover the references). But it is very doubtful if this sevenfold arrangement is intended. Where it is intended, as in the Revelation (where the number 7 occurs 54 times), there is no mistaking it. But one cannot help thinking that if the "sevens" had been deliberately arranged in the Gospel, the arrangement would have been made more prominent and more readily discoverable.

7. Some critics have found a contrast between John and the Synoptics in regard to the Baptist's view of the Lord's person. His witness in the Fourth Gospel is perhaps more explicit and constant than the Synoptics would suggest. They do not ascribe to the Baptist anywhere such a sense of the majesty of the Christ as is found, for example, in John 1:29. The nearest approach to it is in Matthew's account of the baptism, where John is described as saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" (Matt. 3:14). But we have at every point to remember that the plan of the Fourth Evangelist is not to provide a complete biography, or even a chronologically arranged story; but to give representative incidents which may bring out clearly the manifested glory of Jesus. The Gospel-writer is interested in John Baptist only because John's witness to Jesus' glory at a critical moment was so emphatic and so convincing. This he records as necessary to his purpose; for the rest, he neither repeats nor contradicts what former evangelists had told; he simply ignores their accounts however true, as foreign to his aim.

8. It is in accordance with this plan that in John there is no hint that the faith of the Twelve in Jesus as the Messiah did not arise all at once, but was the

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

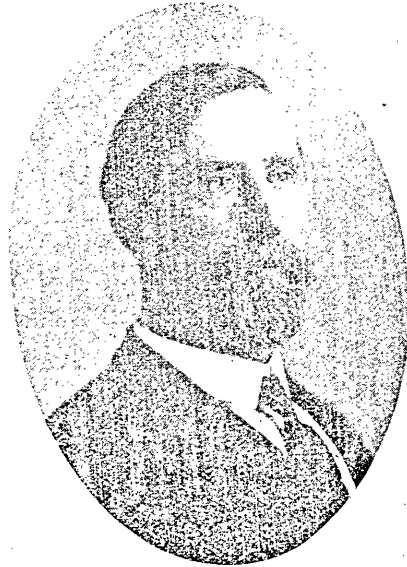
C. W. LESTER..... Editor.

Lesson for Jan. 5. Matt. 6:5-15; Psa. 119: 105-112.

Topic: Secret Prayer and the Informing Power of the Word.

With the opening of the new year we come upon some very important topics. We are to have a series of studies on prayer. Nearly all the lessons of this quarter are devoted to this general subject. Our Leaguers should be greatly profited by such a continued study of this vital topic. Along with our study, let each of us resolve to enlarge his own prayer life.

In our present lesson the Savior insists upon secret prayer. "When thou prayest enter into thy closet." Not only is prayer urged by Him upon his followers but the most successful kind is insisted upon. Since prayer is communion with God it can be best done when alone with Him. One's best praying is done behind closed doors. When one is freest from things that distract the mind whether that be business cares or the presence of other persons or things about him then it is that conditions are most favorable for praying. We may be-



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lieve that. When our Lord would do His best praying He would leave the multitude and even His disciples and hide Himself up on the mountain side. His soul sought the quiet of solitude where to pour itself out to His Father. Who of His disciples has not found it even so? How sweet are such moments, how fruitful too!

Another instruction of our lesson is found in the words, "Pray to thy Father which is in secret." Realize the presence of God when you pray. This is very difficult to do sometimes. It is doubtless as a rule easier to do in secret than in public praying. Difficult as it is we could hardly call any thing else real prayer. For prayer is talking to God. And yet you would hardly call it talking unless you realized His presence to whom you talked. We should constantly practice the presence of God then in our praying. We should not pray to empty space above our heads, nor to the congregation if we are praying in public, but to God, realizing His presence. The ability to realize His presence will come to you only through a constant and continued practice of His presence. And this is best done in secret prayer. And secret prayer is hardly prayer without it. Pray to your Father much in secret and your Father's presence will become very real to you. Pray until His presence is real and then your prayer will be real. Such praying, our Lord says, will bring its

reward. And thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. No man can come into contact with the real presence of God and not be richly rewarded. The holy touch of a single moment of this kind upon his life will make him stronger and nobler. Five minutes thus spent in the early morning, some one has said, will change the face of the whole day for you. And why not? A single vision of God has sufficed to change the whole course of men's lives. Such was true of Isaiah and Paul.

Our topic connects with secret prayer the study of the Word of God. What a picture of a Christian. Upon bended knees with open Bible and uplifted heart. This is the Christian who is seeking light through the prayerful study of His Word. He can say, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet." This kind of Bible study will always bring light and strength and a warm heart. He who thus prays and studies shall have light in the morning and at noon and in the evening tide of life.

As usual the interest of those who cultivate the land will receive special consideration in well chosen articles by leading authorities on horticulture and agriculture, which the Youth's Companion will publish during 1908. Among the contributors to the series will be Prof. B. T. Galloway, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Prof. L. H. Bailey, of the Cornell College of Agriculture, and the Baroness Orey.

Far removed from the remotest implication of personal advantage in the matter, Ex-President Grover Cleveland, after long and deliberate consideration, will make public through the Youth's Companion in January his views as to what should be done on their retirement for those who have served the nation as its chief executive. He hesitated as to the propriety of dealing with a topic with which in one sense he may be regarded as being more closely identified than any other person, but being persuaded that his motives could not by any possibility be misunderstood, he chose The Companion as the medium for an article which is sure to attract general attention.

Italy possesses no uniform method of farming, but the most characteristic and most profitable is that which prevails in Tuscany. It is a curious and unique system, and is well described in an article written for the Youth's Companion by Miss Zimmern, the distinguished authoress, who has long been a dweller among the Tuscans.

Most people suppose that the peasant properties of France are a creation of the Revolution, but the real originators of peasant property were the crusaders, who parted with their land in small parcels in order to get money to equip themselves for the Holy Land and who, when captured, had literally to go to the peasants' stocking for ransom. This and many more facts equally unfamiliar appear in a very entertaining and instructive article on French farming, which Miss M. Betham-Edwards, the author of a series of standard works on France, will contribute to the next volume of The Youth's Companion.

Dr. Elmer Ellsworth, United States Commissioner of Education, has some original views as to what makes a successful teacher, and he presents them in the most persuasive and illustrative way in an article which will soon appear in the Youth's Companion.

slow fruit of their association with him. Such a process of development may, it is thought, be traced in the Synoptics; and the confession of Peter, "Thou art the Christ" (Matt. 16:16), marks a new stage in the education of the Twelve. There is no hint of this in John. "We have found the Messiah" is the joyful tidings brought by Andrew to Peter in the first chapter (1:41). But then it is no part of John's purpose to describe the training of the Twelve. For him, the important matter is to bring out the impression of his person which Jesus at last left upon them. It is not of supreme importance that they should know the stages by which they reached this conclusion; it is of the utmost importance that there should be no mistake as to the conclusion—which they did reach at last: "These are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (20:31).

9. To describe the contrast between the words of Christ as presented in the Synoptics and in John could not be attempted in the space that is left; still less is their room to speak of the distinctive way in which his awful claims are asserted in the Fourth Gospel, although implicitly the same claims underlie the Synoptic narratives. But no reader can miss the difference in style and in vocabulary, as he passes from the first three Gospels to the fourth. We pass from the concrete to the abstract. Words such as "light," "life," "grace," "truth," "glory," meet us on every page. John uses the verb "to believe" about one hundred times; that is with a frequency about nine times as great as that with which it is used in the Synoptics, although—curiously enough—the noun "belief" or "faith" never occurs at all in the Fourth Gospel. And the phrase "to believe in Christ," as distinct from believing his teaching or being convinced of certain facts about him is (with one exception, namely, Mark 9:42; Matt. 18:6) not found in the Gospels outside John.

Christendom's Most Precious Inheritance.

The vocabulary of the Fourth Gospel is then remarkable for the habits of thought which it reveals. The mind of the author deals much in abstract ideas, and his phraseology reflects his tendency to dwell on what Christ was and is in himself rather than on what he did or what he said. His acts and his words are recorded only because they reveal his personality; they "declare his glory." The choice of language is dominated by the author's anxiety to present the great principles of religion in universal terms. His theme is not only Christ, but Christianity, although he never allows us to forget that for him Christ is Christianity.

The Fourth Gospel records, therefore, not only the memory of past events, but the experience of a lifetime. The writer does not so much aim at telling us what like was Jesus of Nazareth, as who is the Christ whom he knows. "We beheld the glory." This is his witness, and it is the witness which generations of Christian believers have given with a thankful heart. That is what Clement meant by calling this "the spiritual gospel;" that is why it has been regarded throughout the Christian centuries as the most precious inheritance of Christendom.

Child Labor Day.

The National Child Labor Committee asks the pastors and churches of America to set apart Saturday, January 25th, or Sunday, January 26th, 1908, as Child Labor Day.

The awakening of America against the evil of child labor is evinced by the enactment of improved laws in eighteen states and by the Congressional authorization of an investigation of the conditions of working women and children, within the past year. Such improvement has been made, under light of public criticism that many sensational tales of little working children, true a decade ago, are based upon a description of conditions that no longer exist.

Despite these signs of improvement, there are today hundreds of tender children among the two million employed, engaged in forms of labor that deny opportunity for health and education and that offer a serious menace to the moral and spiritual health and educational, moral and spiritual life.

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Our Views of the Presiding Eldership.

When the whole subject is considered one must be impressed with the fact that no office in the Church has finer opportunities for noblest service; and that none is more capable also of showing the dreariest round of routine. What the Marshal was to Napoleon, the presiding elder can be to the bishop. More than that, he should be; or else he is, in great part, a failure.

His work is not that of holding quarterly conferences, or even of preaching so many sermons a week or visiting so many charges a quarter. His task is not to know everybody and be popular with all. His battle is lost or won in his dealings with a couple of hundred people among all the thousands he faces in the course of the year. For you and me to walk down the street and for me to tell you that the head of the great establishment yonder with hundreds of employees is in Europe and that yet no one is needed to take his place, would be very strange. You would think your own thoughts. Just so it is as to the eldership. Because somebody may not have shown himself the leader that he should, is no reason for thinking a leader is

not needed. Bad generals there have been it generals there must be.

A few great generals only are made in any war. Then, because every man who is put into the leadership has not the genius of real leadership, we are not to get at outs with the office. It is awfully hard and bitter work to be a really great presiding elder. Such a man stands isolated. His preachers do not understand him oftentimes. He would like to be popular and yet he knows he may not be until he is dead or has passed on. He would like to please the people, but that oftentimes cannot be. The burden of all the work is upon him and he is of the kind to see that success comes or else perish in the fight. Surrounded by thousands whose sole conception of his office is that it is routine, he must needs be really a great man or else he is soon found in a treadmill. To be a great presiding elder he must not be afraid to have his preachers hold their own or other quarterly conferences and he must himself oftentimes appear to the many to be doing nothing. Then it is he is shaping new work, organizing and laying hold of special sources of financial aid. To be successful he must fear the face of no man, except to hold his office only one year and to receive not a single vote for the General Conference, and to not care in his heart of hearts a single thought's worth. He must be his own man, do his own thinking and deciding, have his own plans, and carry them through if it takes a year's effort. His, too, must be the patient spirit that can take sharp words and sharper letters and still be sweet. His must be a life inspired by visions of what the Church in each place can be and for each pastor he must be an inspiration and a guide.

We doubt not that some who read these views will be displeased. We are sorry; but

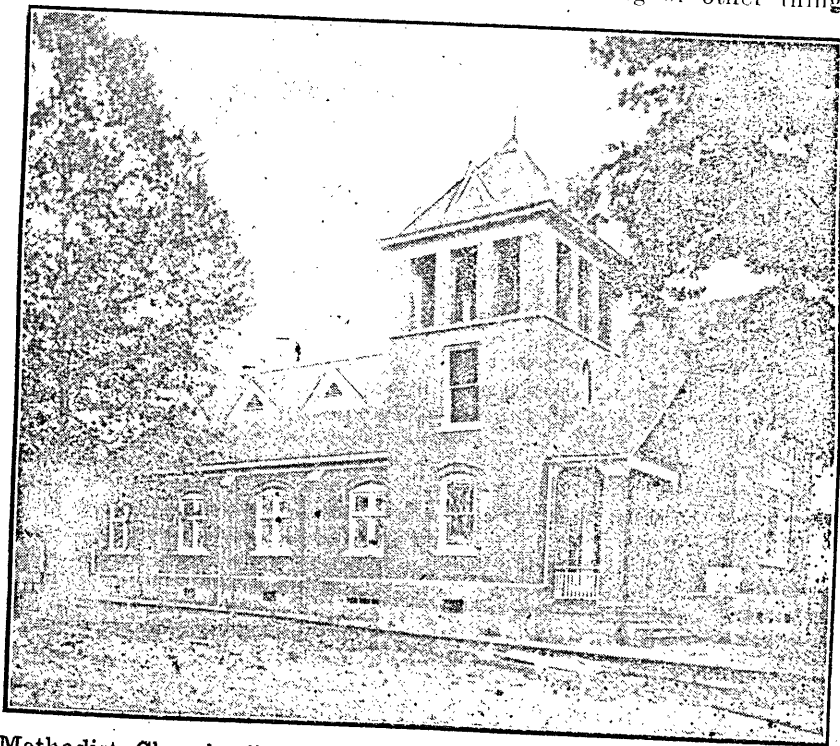
they are our views and we can but say what we think. Others may find what is here set down to their liking. However that may be, it should be remembered that next time in this same column may be something you do not like. Let it be possible to discuss in the Church paper such a question as the presiding eldership without getting warm over it.

Nor should we fail to add this word:

As we travel from place to place and note the progress of events and learn something at least of the movements of the Church, we are convinced that there are no men among us who carry greater burdens or who are more honestly facing the difficulties of their respective positions than our presiding elders. There is an ever-increasing disposition to recognize them as true leaders because they are showing themselves to be leaders.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

Preparation for Communion.

Some Christians make no preparation for communion. They even forget that the day has come for the communion, and go to the house of the Lord thinking of other things.



Methodist Church, Corning, where the White River Conference was Recently Held.

How can they celebrate this holy feast properly and profitably?

No one can make such preparation that he will be worthy to receive the communion. After all the preparation he can make, he will still be unworthy and go to the table feeling that he is not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under the table of the Lord.

But everyone should make such preparation that he can take the sacrament in the spirit of faith, of gratitude, of charity, and of consecration.

Each communicant should think what he is about to do. He should think over it for days before the season of communion arrives. It is most unwise to enter upon this holy service thoughtlessly. It is folly to go to the table of the Lord with a mind which for many days immediately preceding has been altogether taken up with the things of this world.

Self-Examination should precede the communion. This is a duty strictly enjoined in the Scriptures, and too frequently neglected. It would be a mistake to be always examining ourselves. It is a duty which belongs to occasions, and one of these occasions is the communion season.

In this self-examination several questions should be asked. Do I truly repent of my sins? It is a fault which cannot be too severely

condemned to take the holy communion without a spirit of repentance. How many things we have done since last we sat down at the table of the Lord which have grieved the Holy Spirit. How many words have we spoken which have eaten as doth a canker. How many evil thoughts have we indulged about which no one save God Himself. How many things have we done in which we took some pride, but of which our God was ashamed. See to it that your repentance is true and hearty.

Am I in love and charity with my neighbor? This question will stagger many communicants. Some will say, I am not in love and charity with my neighbor, and therefore I will not commune. But this is a grievous error. If one is not in a proper frame of mind to take the communion he is not in a proper frame of mind to offer an acceptable prayer. To turn away from the communion because of a feud or quarrel is to turn away from the way of heaven, and to place a barrier in the way of acceptable prayer. Better go and be reconciled to thy brother. This must come sooner or later, or worse will come.

Do I intend to lead a new life? My old life has not been in all things pleasing to God nor to my neighbors, nor to myself. I see faults. I have not lived such a life of prayer and love and obedience as I should live. I do intend sincerely to lead a new life. Wherein I have neglected a clearly known duty I will make immediate and permanent change. I will lead a new life.

"Search me, O God, and know my thoughts. Try me, and know my way in me, and lead in the way heart, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

While searching one's own heart he should pray for himself, for his family, for his brethren in the church, and for his enemies, if he has any. He should pray frequently for the church that the approaching communion season may be a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

All who take pains to prepare for communion in the fear of God and by the assistance of His grace, will be preparing also for an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where he shall go in with joy, and sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb.—Exchange.

A quarter of a century has witnessed a revolution in horticulture, and the results are described in a very interesting article written for the Youth's Companion by Professor Galloway, director of the National Bureau of Plant Industry. He shows how rose, carnation and other specialists work to make every inch of earth give a high yield and what their profits are. He also points out opportunities for beginners.

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Rotation In The Ministry.

"Bishop Morrison has gained for himself the reputation of a "Mover," especially in the Presiding Eldership. He believes in rotation of office, and that no man ought to continue in the Presiding Elder's office, unless under very exceptional circumstances, more than four years. He therefore followed his usual course and appointed eight new presiding elders out of twelve. This action of the bishop has been the subject of considerable discussion, and has awakened some adverse criticism in the papers. But we fully commend the bishop's action, and believe, that if this course had been pursued years ago, the South Carolina Conference, the cause Methodism, and the cause of God in this State, would have been greatly benefited."

The above is taken from the Way of Faith of December 12. In this particular case no doubt Bishop Morrison was right. I am sure he thought he was right. Bishop Key pursued practically the same rule at the recent session of the Oklahoma Conference. For the last ten years I have noticed a growing tendency towards establishing a four-years' rule—to govern the appointment of the Presiding Elders. This seems to be more popular with our bishops than with our ministers and laymen. If this should become a generally practiced rule it remains to be seen if it will prove to be a wise one. And if it is applied to the office of Presiding Elder how long will it be until it is applied to the other offices of the ministry? Already some are claiming that our Bishops are only officers in the church and should be subjected to the same regulations imposed on other ministers. One of our great men remarked in my hearing, "An unlimited Episcopacy tends to autocracy, therefore, the time of the Episcopal office ought to be limited to eight or twelve years." Some Presiding Elders ought to be relieved at the end of the first year. They can demonstrate in that length of time, their unfitness for the office; others can serve the church in this office efficiently for many years. Rev. Geo. W. D. Harris, D.D., of the Memphis Conference was a Presiding Elder continuously for more than forty years. And I never knew a better one. If I am not mistaken, he was serving in that office when he died. I have known others to serve well for more than a quadrennium. It may be best for us not to go too fast in this direction.

THOS. F. BREWER.

Guthrie, Oklahoma.

"I Believe—"—An Every Day Creed.

I believe in my job. It may not be a very important job, but it is mine. Furthermore, it is God's job for me. He has a purpose in my life with reference to his plan for the world's progress. No other fellow can take my place. It isn't a big place, to be sure, but for years I have been molded in a peculiar way to fill a peculiar niche in the world's work. I could take no other man's place. He has the same claim as a specialist that I make for himself. In the end, the man whose name was never heard beyond the house in which he lived, or the shop in which he worked, may have a larger place than the chap whose name has been a household word in two continents. Yes, I believe in my job. May I be kept true to the task which lies before me—true to myself, and to God who entrusted me with it.

I believe in my fellow man. He may not always agree with me. I'd feel sorry for him if he did, because I, myself, do not believe some of the things that were absolutely sure in my own mind a dozen years ago. May he never lose faith in himself, because if he does,

he may lose faith in me, and that would hurt him more than the former, and it would really hurt him more than it would me.

I believe in my country. I believe in it because it is made up of my fellow men—and myself. I can't go back on either of us and be true to my creed. If it isn't the best country in the world, it is partly because I am not the kind of man that I should be.

I believe in my home. It isn't a rich home. It wouldn't satisfy some folks, but it contains jewels which cannot be purchased in the markets of the world. When I enter its secret chambers and shut out the world with its care, I am a lord. Its motto is service, its reward is love. There is no other place in all the world which fills its place, and heaven can be only a larger home, with a father who is all-wise and patient and tender.

I believe in today. It is all that I possess. The past is of value only as it can make the life of today fuller and freer. There is no assurance of tomorrow. I must make good today.—Charles Stelzle.

A Distiller's Opinion of His Business.

Dr. McAfee, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Brooklyn, received an advertising circular from a distiller offering to ship him liquor in "plain packages," etc. Somewhat surprised that such matter should be sent to a minister, he wrote a polite note to the liquor dealer, whether he found it worth while to try to secure trade among ministers, and inclosing a sermon on the evils of intemperance. He received the following frank and instructive reply: "Dear Sir: I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 29, and in direct reply to your inquiry beg to state that it was not with any knowledge or consent of mine that my circular reached you. My experience would not at all justify me, I am pleased to say, in wasting any postage stamps on ministers of the gospel. The circulars are sent out by an addressing company, and possibly the animal who addressed yours had an idea in common with many others that ministers are consumers of whisky. For myself, I am glad that I know to the contrary. I could certainly have no quarrel with either your letter or your sermon, which I read with much interest. If I were the one to give the decision, and it rested entirely with me, I would wipe out the whole traffic in intoxicating liquors without a moment's hesitancy. I quite agree that it is opposed to the Church's principles and the betterment of humanity, and I only regret that circumstances are such that I am compelled to remain in it. I do not care to enter into any discussion or arguments on the temperance question, because there would be really no chance for an argument against yours. I apologize for having been the innocent means of your being troubled with my circular. The reason is given above."—Ex.

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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.)

Roland, Ark., Dec. 7, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I enjoy the cousins' letters ever so much, so I thought I would write too. My grandpa, C. L. Davis, talks the Methodist, and the first thing I look for are the cousins' letters. I enjoy Ruth Carr's and Jessie's stories ever so much. My mama and I live with my grandpa at Roland, Ark. I love grandpa very much. He is so kind to us. I am a little Methodist myself, and hope to grow up to be a good Christian girl. My mama is sick most of the time. I would be glad if you all would help me pray for her to get well. I go to school every day. I am in the seventh grade. I am sorry to say that we don't have any Sunday School. Bro. Forsythe was our pastor last year and we liked him very much. Bro. Gentry is our pastor this year. I will close for this time and hope to see it in print.

Your true friend,
SUSIE SAVILLE YOUNTS.

Marshall, Ark., Dec. 4, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write today. I go to school every day. Our school has been going on for three months, and I haven't missed a day. My teacher's name is Miss Parkie Mainard, and I like her. I am in the fifth grade. I have six lessons a day. I had to write a composition about A

Sunflower yesterday. I am a little girl nine years old. My birthday is the 22nd of February. I have two sisters and one brother living; their names are Daily, Ima and Claude. I have one pet, a little white kitten. I will close.

Your friend,
ZETAH BRATTON.

Marshall, Ark., Dec. 4, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write to you today. I have been to school today. My teacher's name is Miss Dorkie Mainard. I like her fine. I am in the sixth grade. I am twelve years old. I have seven lessons: literature, arithmetic, complete geography, spelling, grammar, and physiology. One little girl in my grade is very sick with pneumonia fever. Our new pastor, Brother Stroud, preached his first sermon here Sunday. I write with my left hand. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. L. Williams. Mrs. Williams is also the leader of our League. Oh how I do wish some little cousin that I am acquainted with would write.

IMA BRATTON.

Carolan, Ark., Dec. 8, 1907.

Dear Methodist: As I have not seen any letters from this part of the country I thought I would write a few lines. I am a little girl eleven years old. My mama takes the Methodist, and I like to read the cousins' letters very much. I live on a farm and I like it very much. Bro. Ray is our preacher and I like him fine. I have two brothers and two sisters living and one sister in heaven. I will close for this time. If I see this in print I will write again. With best wishes to the cousins, from your new cousin,

HELEN SANDERSON.

Northern Methodism in Arkansas.

Little Rock District.—Rev. J. T. Bainbridge, pastor at Stuttgart, and district missionary secretary, is making a tour through the district in the interest of the China Jubilee. He is doing good work. He has an interesting mission study class in his own church.

The Russellville church, under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. R. L. Kirkland, is making commendable progress. The excellent church property will be made more beautiful before the close of the year. The church is now planning to give the members of the Arkansas Conference a royal welcome when they assemble in a few weeks for its thirty-sixth annual session.

Some of the country charges are suffering in their finances because of short crops and stringent money conditions. But the salaries and benevolences can be met. Earnest, faithful, heroic officials are much needed in many of our charges. Now is the time for heroic work. Many of our charges leave too much to be done near the close of the year. Let us make this our motto: "Do it now." B. B. McElroy has given up the Russellville circuit and C. H. Wells has been appointed in charge.

The first meeting of the Social Union of the Little Rock city churches was held recently in the Frank Lynn church. A goodly number from different parts of the city, and representing each of our three churches, was in attendance. Much time was spent in social pleasure. An impromptu program of music and addresses was rendered. The presiding elder, who is the president of the City Evangelical Union, presided, and interesting and helpful

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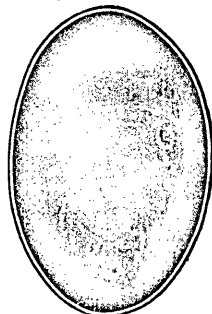
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H. B. VAUGHT.

Dec. 26.

Stuttgart, Ark.

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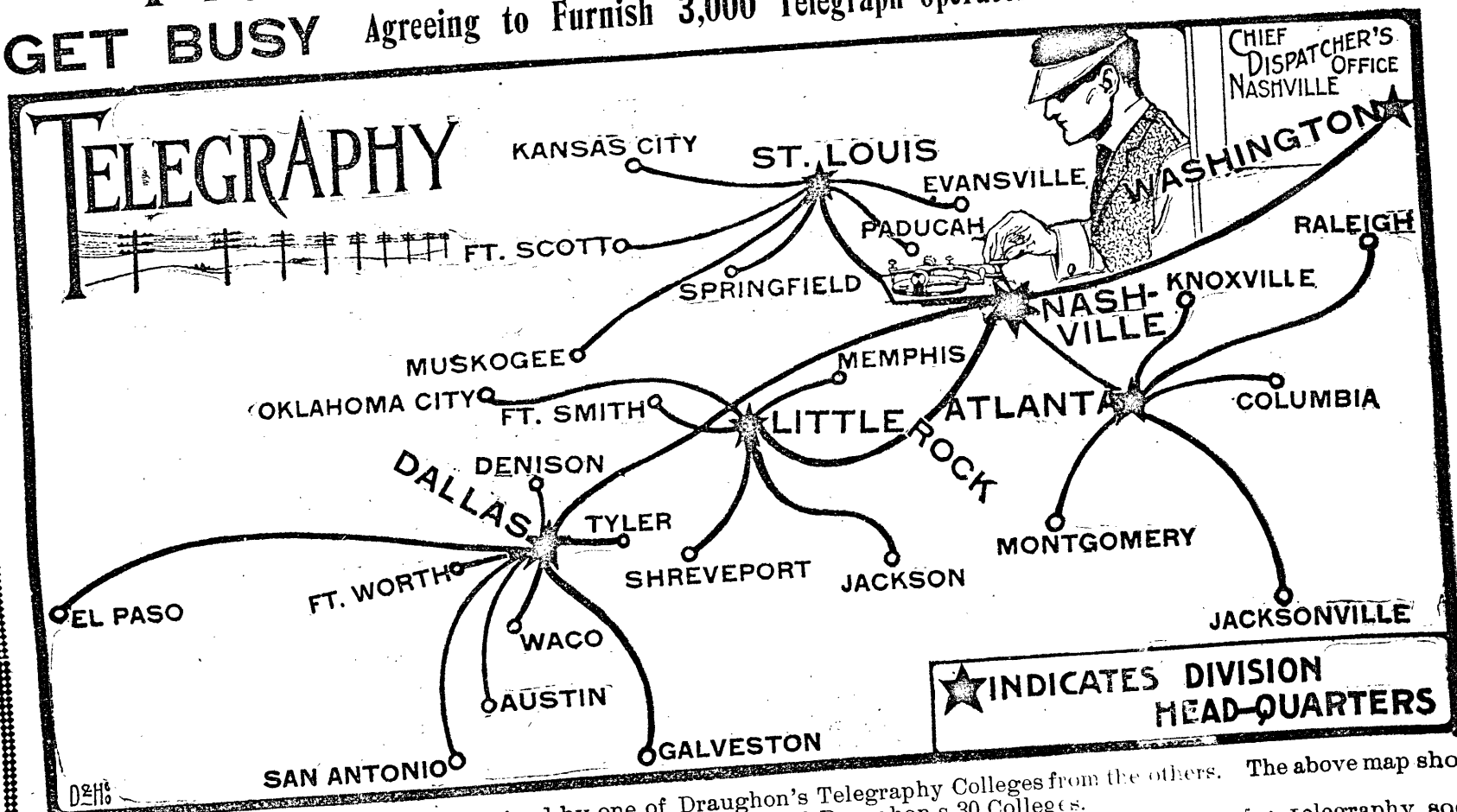
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Our pastor which we have had for two years was moved at the recent session of conference and all regretted very much to lose him for he did us good service during his term, both in the pulpit and out of it. Our good wishes follow him to his new field of labor and we all hope that he may have a better place and one where he may be able to accomplish more good for the church.

We have as his successor the Rev. H. W. Hardin, a transfer from the State of South Carolina, who has been a member of that conference for about 28 years, and who, as represented by his presiding elder in the State and some others, has a very fine record.

He met his first appointment at Al-

theimer the Sunday following adjournment of our conference and has filled all appointments to date unless prevented by rain. He has been in our midst long enough to meet quite a number of his members, all of whom have given him quite a hearty welcome.

Our first quarterly conference embraced 28-29 of December, 1907, when our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. W. W. Christie gave us two fine sermons listened to by a very appreciative congregation. The financial showing was about \$56 in advance of the same period last year. Our presiding elder gives us credit for making a first class beginning and to my mind and from a steward's standpoint we are starting better all around than has

been the case in this charge for the last eight years. Will say in conclusion that Bro. Hardin is beloved by all here and we hope his daughter's health will soon be restored and he can have his family with him. Yours truly,
STEPHEN IVEY GARRETT,

STEPHEN IVEY GARRETT,
Steward.

Little Rock Conference Minutes.

I began mailing out the minutes of the Little Rock Conference January 1st. That was quicker than usual and I would have had them out sooner but the tables were not completed when I received the copy. It took four days hard work to get them ready for the printer. If any of those entitled to the minutes have not received them please write me.

GEO. THORNBURGH.

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MARRIAGES.

RODGERS HICKS. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 25th, in Roff, Okla. at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Hicks, Dr. A. W. Rogers of Teague, Texas, and Miss Mary Hicks were united in marriage, Rev. J. E. Disch officiating. The nappy couple left on the evening train for their future home in Teague, Texas, followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

THORNE-REYNOLDS. — Dec. 30
1907, at the parsonage in Junction
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Spearsville, La., and Miss Mae Reynolds,
of Junction City, Ark., Rev. J.
R. Sanders, officiating.

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Miss A. B. Wadley, Editor.

"Break, new-born year, on glad eyes break!

Melodious voices move!
On, rolling Time! thou canst not make

The Father cease to love.

Lord! from this year more service win,
More glory, more delight.
O make its hours less sad with sin,
Its days with thee more bright!"

With the dawn of the new year comes the time for a readjustment of old ways. In retrospection we see wherein we have failed in the last twelve months and new plans are formulated for the coming year. We start out bravely to "do the things we ought to do, and to leave undone the things we ought not to do." Resolutions upon resolutions are jotted down either in diaries or on memory's tab; to be kept or to be broken. And while this is the order of the day, I hope every woman, girl and child within the bounds of this conference will make a genuinely good resolution like the following, and determine to keep it:

I resolve from this day forth, if not already a member of some missionary society, to become one, and this year to be more zealous, more loyal, more faithful, realizing more deeply each day my personal responsibility, and to give to his service the best that is within me.

Though the year just ended is probably the greatest in the history of organized missionary endeavor, it still falls so far short of what it should be that instead of boasting, we should feel ashamed of our offering when weighed with His bounteous gifts to us, it is as I once heard a thoughtful minister say, not long ago, "We are but playing at missions." We lack the Carey faith, and the widow's liberality. We make prominent our mite box, putting in it our penny mite, and putting on ourselves the rest. Few, if any, have attained the great generosity of the poor woman who gave her all. We should discourage the penny habit and bring in silver offerings.

Some do not realize their paltry gifts, rather like the woman, who when asked to become a tither, replied indignantly

"Give a tenth, why I already give a twentieth!"

There are scores of young women and children in this Conference, who are apathetic to Foreign Missions. Many perhaps have never been asked to become members, others having been asked, from some reason or other seek to excuse themselves.

I once heard a young girl say "If I could read a piece like Miss Blank, I would like to be in the missionary work." And because she felt she could not do this one thing, she did not seek to utilize and cultivate some talent of her own. She was a good mathematician, and would have made a fine treasurer. I have in mind a young man with a crude, undeveloped talent for drawing, but he used this to the greatest good in making outline maps and charts for league work, mission study classes or wherever needed.

The immortal Spurgeon said:

"There is not a spider hanging on the King's wall but hath its errand; there is not a nettle that groweth in the corner of the church yard but hath its purpose; there is not a single insect fluttering in the breeze but accomplisheth some divine decree; and I will never have it that God created any man, especially any Christian man, to be a blank, and to be a nothing. He made you for an end. Find out what that end is; find out your niche and fill it. If it be ever so bitter, do something in this great battle for God and truth."

"And I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

So in framing our new year resolutions let us each honestly resolve to do better this year than our best of last year, for as Charlotte Yonge said:

"My deeds are the result of my will, and it is the will only that makes them of any value. Let this one thought occupy our minds. To do well what is given us to do, for this is all that God requires at our hands. It may be summed up in four words: Simply, zealously, cheerfully, completely."

I wish for every reader of the Western Methodist a joyous and prosperous new year!

A. B. W.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of Woman's Home Mission Society, Little Rock Conference for quarter ending Dec. 1st, 1907.

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| Dues | \$ 430.41 |
| Baby Roll | 26.50 |
| Honorary Life Membership .. | 10.00 |
| Week of Prayer | 378.22 |
| Baby Mite Boxes | 63.41 |
| McEachern Brigade | 81.84 |
| Conference Pledge | 141.50 |
| Conference Expense | 52.49 |
| Total | \$1184.37 |

This amount was contributed as follows:

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| Arkadelphia District | \$ 259.40 |
| Camden District | 178.36 |
| Little Rock District | 137.27 |
| Monticello District | 111.80 |
| Pine Bluff District | 256.74 |
| Prescott District | 93.62 |
| Texarkana District | 147.18 |
| Total | \$1184.37 |

Local Work.

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| Supplies Sent off | \$ 201.95 |
| Supplies local | 423.39 |
| Needy | 378.87 |
| Parsonages | 1145.54 |
| Churiches | 612.52 |
| Scholarships | 126.00 |
| Total | \$2888.27 |

LIZZIE McKINNON,

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Capital Hill, Oklahoma City.

We closed a nineteen days' meeting at Capital Hill church, Oklahoma City, the fourth Sunday in December. Bro. Brannon was with us the last week and did some excellent work for us. Although it rained a great deal during the meeting we had fourteen conversions and seventeen additions to the church. Have paid over a thousand dollars on our church debt, since conference. Things were in good condition when we came in November. Bro. Crumpton had done a good year's work, and our people speak well of him.

With best wishes for a prosperous year both to the Western Methodist and to all the brethren, I am

Yours in His service,
C. S. WALKER.

Dec. 30.

Quinton and Kinta Charge.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, we started at Kinta what has proven to be a good meeting. We had the efficient assistance of Rev. S. M. Sartin, our pastor at Calvin, Okla., who recently transferred to the Oklahoma Conference from the Kentucky Conference.

Bro. Sartin did some good, strong preaching for us during the meeting. I think it is the general opinion of those who heard him that he may be depended upon in revival services to say the right thing at the right time. Bro. Sartin is not only good in the pulpit but he is very efficient as a personal worker in the homes of the people.

As the direct results of the meeting there were six conversions, six additions to our church and a general interest for religious services created among the people of Kinta.

The reader will better appreciate these results when I say that we had an unusual obstacle in the form of a debate on church questions between parties of other persuasion. We are under the embarrassing necessity of using the school house for our services. We will begin our church building at Kinta within a few days and when it is finished we will not be hindered in our meetings. Our building at Quinton is under good headway.

We are expecting a great year among these good people. They treat us royally.

JAS. F. RUSSELL, Pastor.

Dec. 30.

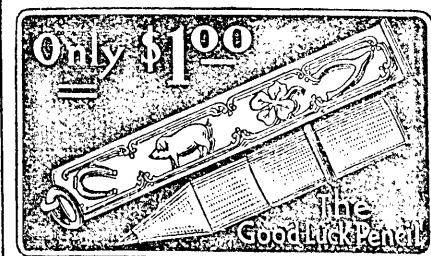
White River Conference Minutes.

Saturday, Dec. 28, I distributed the minutes of the White River Conference, shipping them from Little Rock by mail and express prepaid. If any pastor failed to get the package intended for his charge, he should promptly notify me of such failure. Bro. F. M. Daniel, Mammoth Springs, can supply 30 or 40 more copies where specially needed.

As heretofore, I tried to be careful in editing the Minutes, considering some changes in copy necessary, making the minute of the last session, and by request adding the postoffices of the Treasurers of the Conference Boards. The few typographical errors will seriously disturb only those innocent of any practical knowledge of printing.

Competent judges will be much pleased with the excellent work of the Democrat Printing and Lithographing Co., the largest and perhaps the best printing house in the Southwest. Its courteous President, Mr. Horace G. Mitchell, worthy son of a noble father, was most accommodating in his kind and thoughtful efforts to issue the Minutes quickly and in best possible manner. I wish he could have taken the job in 1905 and 1906. Fraternally,

Z. T. BENNETT,
Editor Conference Minutes.
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The January Woman's Home Companion.

The Woman's Home Companion for January begins well with a handsome and showery cover design by James Montgomery Flagg. It is a notable number from the standpoint of illustrations. In addition to Flagg's striking cover design, there is a full-page reproduction of W. Balfour Ker's painting, "Forgotten." It represents a winter farm scene, the house and barn in the distance, and the old family horse standing dreadingly by the pasture bars, ankle deep in the falling snow—forgotten.

Dr. Hale's Monthly Talk is on the subject of "New Year's Wishes." Jack London contributes the first letter of his important series of first-hand impressions for which the Woman's Home Companion sent him around the world; it is the record of a marvelous adventure among the lepers of Molokai. In the January number begins a series of programs and selections of the music of today of the great music-loving nations. The January program, which is American, is supplemented by the music and words of two songs by Clayton Johns, hints as to the making of a program, by Madam Nordica, and instructions as to the rendering of each peace on the program by the composers themselves.

Among the fiction is an important installment of Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' great novel, "Though Life Us Do Part;" "The Adjusted Honey-

moon," by Annie Warner; "A Lesson in Consequence," by Mary Wilhelmina Hastings; "Rose Mary," a Quaker love story by Carrie Hunt Latta, and "The Lamps of Psyche," by Zona Gale, author of the new popular novel, "The Loves of Peleas and Ettarre."

An interesting feature of this issue of the Companion is a new department entitled "Teens and Twenties," conducted by Lucy Norman. The horticultural authority, Samuel Armstrong Hamilton, contributes a valuable article on "Plants for the Winter Window." Anna Steese Richardson's department for The Girl Who Earns Her Own Living is as valuable as ever, as is Mrs. Sangster's Home Page.

A new departure is a study of Three Important Successful Plays, by Anne Peacock.

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Color-Photography.

Photography having become one of the most popular of sciences, there has been wide interest on the part of the general public as well as the photographic world, in the recent exhibition by Mr. Stieglitz at the rooms of the Photo-Secession in New York, of the examples of color-photography recently made by him and Mr. Eugene in Munich and by Mr. Steichen in Paris. There will be special interest, therefore, in the January Century's presentation, in full color, of full-page portraits of Mr. Alfred Stieglitz and of Mrs. Gertrude Kassebier, two examples of Mr. Steichen's work, in color-photography, the first reproduction in color made in America from such originals. These reproductions will not be the actual results of the new process, which as yet are to be seen only on glass, but are transcriptions, and are said to indicate admirably the subtlety, range and beauty of the new process. They will accompany an article on "The New Color-Photography," by J. Nilsen Laurvik.

The attention of our readers is called to the card of Walden's Business College in this issue, announcing their special holiday rates.

The Country's Ability to Meet a Panic.

The strong men in the financial world have a better command over the situation than they ever had in the past. They co-operate more promptly, and with greater effectiveness. In the recent disturbance the New York Clearing House Committee, without having any legal authority for this act, compelled certain banks to turn out the speculative gamblers among their officers and put conservative men in their places. The committee did this, even though those gamblers, in most cases, held a controlling interest in the banks which they directed. In 1873, 1884, and in one or two other crises, New York issued clearing-house certificates, but in the recent flurry this improvised emergency currency did its work quicker and better than ever before.

Not only did the men in charge of New York City's banks move earlier in 1907 than they did in 1893, or in any previous financial disturbance, but the assets which they had under their control were three times as great as they were in 1893. Had the savings banks

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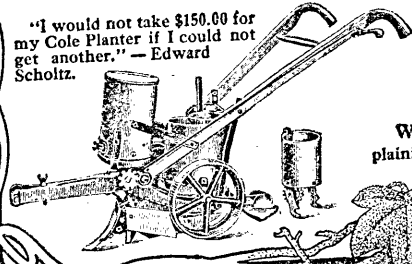
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of the country taken the precaution in the previous flurries to apply the sixty days' notification rule at the outset, as they did in 1907, the runs on them which prostrated many of them would have been averted, and they would have had an opportunity to extend aid to the national banks.

Moreover, the financial chiefs who were at the front in the recent crisis were in a position to get the aid from the outside world which was denied to their forerunners. Europe charged us extortionate prices when we compelled to buy wheat and other articles of food there in 1837 to supply the shortage of our own farms and gardens. Our Government's revenues were so far short of its expenditures in those days that President Van Buren could not always get his salary on time, although the salary then was only \$25,000. Just after the 1857 collapse, our Government bonds had about the same standing among Europe's money-changers that Haiti's have now. In the 1873 and 1893 panics, our securities of all sorts which were held in Europe were thrown back on us by the hundreds of millions of dollars.—From "Why We Need Not Fear a Panic," by James W. Van Cleave, in the Circle for January.

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Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes,
Dec. 30th.

Meeting presided over by the chairman T. E. Sharp.

Winfield gives a reception to the pastor, S. H. Werlein, tonight (Monday). Two additions Sunday and prayer meet-

ing attendance doubled.

T. E. Sharp preached at the Y. M. C. A. building 3 p. m. yesterday. Had one addition to the church at the night service. Had a good service at Wednesday night prayer meeting.

F. H. Buhler preached at Hunter morning and night in the absence of the pastor.

Asbury Epworth League will give a Magazine Social on Tuesday night at the home of S. M. Alley. Had good song service Sunday night.

W. Fred Long preached at the Deaf Mute yesterday.

Samuel Warr, Secretary of Y. M. C. A. of Little Rock, spoke at the Capital Hill church Sunday night. The children of the Sunday School were favored with a Christmas treat Christmas night.



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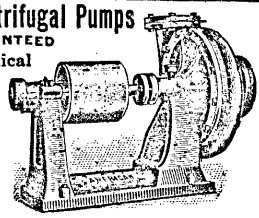
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McAlester District.

The district was considerably changed in form at the recent session of our annual conference. All the white charges from the Choctaw district with fragments from the Muskogee and Holdenville districts were added. The district has twenty-eight appointments.

It is a matter of regret that many faces of pastors hitherto well known in the McAlester district are in other districts. J. W. Head, F. E. Shanks, and J. R. Brooks went with the southwest corner of the district to the Ada district. No more faithful, lovable and loyal men are to be found in the church.

There was much regret in the congregation at South McAlester over giving S. F. Goddard to the Ada district. There was urgent demand for the very brightest and best men for the Big Pasture and the Bishop took Lewis McVeigh for one of the appointments in the Big Pasture. No young man in the church has a greater future.

Rev. P. C. Atkins, one of the best preachers and as fine a Christian gentleman as one ever meets, after three years in Caddo and Sterrett goes back among his old time friends in Muskogee district.

N. L. Linebaugh has been enthusiastically received in South McAlester and begins the new with flattering prospects and under favorable conditions. Four years of great success on the Duncan district seem to have fitted him for greater usefulness and success in the pastorate. Linebaugh is a great gospel preacher.

W. P. Pipkin, another Ex-beloved, takes up joyfully the duties of the pastorate in Hugo Station. A \$30. gold headed cane presented him by the Choctaw district from which he was retiring, did not arrive until after the annual conference had adjourned. Imagine Pipkin with a gold headed cane and kid gloves but he enjoys them with becoming modesty and dignity. He is enterprising a new parsonage.

At Poteau and Cameron, W. L. Anderson begins his second year much encouraged. He serves a fine and appreciative people and will build during the year a very handsome church at Poteau. Anderson is a cultivated preacher and has struck a responsive chord in the literary world as the author of a book entitled "The Legend of McNutt."

Geo. A. Lovett is in his second year at Bennington and Boswell and is one of the best loved preachers in the district. He runs smoothly and neglects no duty pertaining to his office as pastor in charge.

R. C. Alexander, the handsome bachelor of the district, thinks he has the best people at Bokchito and Freeny in the district. They naturally think they have the best preacher. It pays for a pastor to think well of his people. Bro. Alexander is devout, earnest and successful.

W. W. Crymes, full of zeal and of great energy, enters upon his second year in Atoka Station. The church has shown its appreciation of his return by increasing his salary and many other tokens of love. At the present time he is in Alabama on a visit to his old home. His widowed sister and her daughter will return with him. In recent years we have not had a more successful pastor to come to us.

E. P. Eubanks has just recovered from a long spell of slow fever. No preacher in the conference has been more delightfully received. This is his second year. He enjoys the confidence of the mining population. So that

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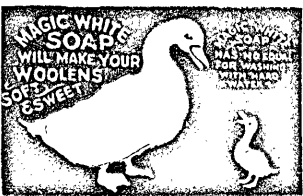
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Geo. G. Smith, a fine young man from Texas, has been appointed to supply the Albany circuit which was left to be supplied at the recent session of the conference. Bro. Smith is a young man of much promise and has been well received.

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Laymen's Conference for the Dardanelle District.

Dardanelle, Ark., Jan. 6-8, 1908.

PROGRAM.

Monday, Jan. 6. 7 p. m. Devotional services, by H. Hanesworth.

7:15. Latent Resources of the Laymen, by J. A. Anderson.

Tuesday, Jan. 7. 9 a. m. Devotional services, G. W. Denton.

9:15. "How the Pew can help the Pulpit," Judge Hugh Basham. Discussion by the laymen.

10 a. m. The Laity and Ministerial Education, by Pres. S. Anderson.

10:45. The Laymen's Missionary Movement, by Dr. W. F. McMurtry.

2:15 p. m. Devotional services, by I. N. Martin.

2:30. Address: The Personal Touch, by J. J. Galloway.

3:00. Address: The Support of Individual Missionaries by Sunday Schools. How to Do It, by William Sherman.

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7:00. Devotional service, by F. S. H. Johnston.

Address: Dr. W. F. McMurtry.

Wednesday, Jan. 8. 9 a. m. Devotional services, by W. T. Thompson.

9:30. The Question of Ministerial Support, by F. S. H. Johnston and J. H. Glass. Discussion by laymen.

10:45. Sermon by E. R. Steel.

2:15 p. m. Religious services, by C. B. Winburn.

2:30. What the Laymen's Movement Means, by H. Hanesworth. Discussion by the laymen.

3:15. Open parliament. What I Have Gotten out of this Meeting and What I am Going to do with it.

7:00. Sermon.

Notice.

The District Stewards for Searcy District, will meet at Searcy in the Methodist church at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, January 1st, 1908. It is important that each member be in his place to represent his pastoral charge. All the pastors in the district are invited.

R. P. WILSON, P. E.

Rev. P. S. Herron of the Murfreesboro circuit, made us a pleasant call on Thursday of last week while passing through the city. He has been delayed in moving to his new work on account of sickness in his family but, we are glad to report that those who have been ill are able to move.

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The world wants to smile and be cheerful, and unless you are cheerful and smile, at least, occasionally, you will have few friends, fewer opportunities, no success, and you will go down in defeat—defeated by dyspepsia and a bad stomach.

A good and thorough digestion has a quick, wonderful reaction upon the brain. You must have noticed it many times, for the brain and stomach are as intimately connected as a needle and its thread, one can hardly be used to advantage without the other. If your stomach is slow and lazy in digesting your food, it will produce at once a slow, lazy and cloudy influence upon your brain. Mark it! If your stomach has absolutely quit work, and fermentation is poisoning your vitals as a result, surely your brain is going to be sluggish and correspondingly depressed. No one need tell you that.

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Sallisaw, Okla.

I was transferred from the North Mississippi Conference and stationed at this place, a progressive and growing town of 2,500 or 3,000 inhabitants. I find a well organized church, an excellent Sunday School, a wide-awake Epworth League, a working Home Mission Society, and a well attended prayer meeting. Upon our arrival here the people gave us a cordial reception and have proved themselves kind and considerate of our needs. The services at our church have been largely attended, and we are praying that this may be the most fruitful year of our ministry, that the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may be built up in Sallisaw and made a more potent factor for good.

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Notice to Brethren of Oklahoma Conference.

The Conference Board of Church Extension will administer its funds this year through the Parent Board at Louisville, Ky., who will require a refunding bond for all moneys paid out also that all houses receiving aid from Conference Board be insured. Art. 6, By-laws of Con. Board adopted at Durant.

On request of Dr. McMurtry the Conference Board elected N. L. Linebaugh to represent the General Board in this Conference. All persons having business with the General Board will do well to correspond with N. L. Linebaugh, McAlester, Okla.

Truly, **C. F. MITCHELL,**
Secretary Ch. Extension Board.
Dec. 30.

The C. S. Bell Co., Hillsboro, Ohio, announces their new artistic **STEEL ALLOY** **BELL** catalogue No. 908 is now off the press and ready for distribution. Catalogue will be sent free upon request to anyone interested in the purchase of a church or school bell.

A Correction.

The last minutes of the White River Annual Conference correctly reported the finances of Dye Memorial, except on Church Extension. The assessment was paid in full and so reported to the statistical secretary. I turned Bro. Bowen's receipt for the full amount over to the Conference Treasurer, Bro. Cochran.

The Conference Minutes show that the Searey District was the only district in the Conference to receive an assessment for delegates to the General Conference. The several pastoral charges paid \$27.80 on the assessment, but the minutes do not show what disposition was made of this amount. I feel quite sure that we will not be asked to pay the \$40.00 assessed against us this year as the minutes would indicate.

The minutes are neatly gotten out and will give better satisfaction than usual. Dr. Bennett deserves much praise for turning out the minutes so soon after Conference—less than two weeks.

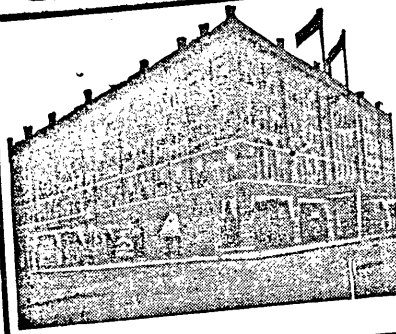
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Oklahoma Conference Education Commission—First Meeting.

The Commission met Dec. 27 in McAlester. W. F. Dunkle was chosen chairman; W. L. Anderson, secretary.

Rev. W. J. Sims, the Conference Commissioner, made a full report, telling of good work already done and laying out plans for the year. Already he has secured more than \$2,000 and several students for Epworth University.

The Commission decided to have our Commissioner canvass the Districts of the Conference one by one in interest of our two colleges—Epworth and the Woman's College. And the presiding elders were requested to communicate with the Commissioner as to time and dates for their districts. Already the following Districts have asked for him one month: Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Muskogee, Ada. It is earnestly hoped that each presiding elder and all our pastors will cordially co-operate with our commissioner; secure dates for him, advertise his coming, pave the way for his entrance into the hearts, homes, and pockets of our people.

Spaulding College was adopted as the Conference Woman's College for the time being, pending such action as the Board of Missions may take in meeting the proposition made to them by the Conference Board of Education asking that the property be deeded over to the Oklahoma Conference, and the president of the College was requested to correlate his curriculum with that of Epworth University in like grades of study, so as to make required hours, credits, entrance requirements, and text books the same. Thus placing the two colleges on a parity in like grades.

Propositions were submitted to the Commission by two towns asking for the location of training schools, and by one asking for the location of the Woman's College. But the Commission declined at the time to take any action believing it wise to move slowly until our way is clearer.

It is the earnest wish and confident hope of the Commission that it may have the full confidence and co-operation of all in this onerous task; and, that with heart and hand we all may set ourselves to establish fully our Conference System of Colleges and Correlated Schools, and fill them with the bright boys and girls of our great State.

W. F. DUNKLE.

Chairman.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 30, 1907.

Maud, Okla.

I arrived at Maud at five o'clock the day my appointment was read. Maud is a nice town. Though she has been burdened with seven saloons, she has a small band of true loyal Christians. We had only been in the parsonage a few days when they gave us a splendid donation of the substantial of life.

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The proverbial chicken was not omitted. Our presiding elder came at the appointed time and gave us his valuable service and council which was highly appreciated. Bro. S. F. Goddard is a fit at Maud. We were glad to be able by the assistance of our local brethren to report fifty conversions and thirty three applicants for membership. Bros. Warren, Swift, Hodges, Wooten, and Shubert are doing good service as local brethren. Brethren, let us use our local brethren. They are good help. Try them. Our congregations are large and are still growing. We were not able to seat the crowd Sunday night at Maud. The men who were engaged in the sale of liquors are taking things in a sane way and we hope they may all find a business that will bring profit, peace and happiness.

VADA DAVIS.

Central Avenue, Batesville.

We have received a very cordial welcome on our return to Central Avenue. The people have shown many tokens of appreciation. Among them was a copious pounding, consisting of money and good things to eat.

We are starting off well both spiritually and financially. My people pay monthly. More than one-twelfth of our assessments have been paid and one month has not passed since Conference.

We have a good Epworth League and a very excellent Sunday School. The second Sunday in each month is our Mission day. We hope to make this a profitable year in the salvation of souls.

EDW. FORREST, P. C.

The U. S. Government Wants You.

A late Press dispatch from Washington says: "A SERIOUS FAMINE of stenographers afflicts the Federal service throughout the United States and other countries. So greatly does the demand for shorthand writers from EVERY BRANCH of the Government Service EXCEED the supply that the heads of bureaus and chief clerks are trying to induce younger clerks to attend NIGHT SCHOOLS to learn Stenography. The number of Government calls last week for stenographers exceeded the supply by 107."

A Government official today said: "While the demand for stenographers is increasing, the supply is decreasing. The requirements are not excessive, a speed of only 80 words a minute being required. The salary is \$75.00 a month to BEGIN ON."

Last week the appeals to the Civil Service Commission to relieve the situation became so urgent that the advisability of suspending the regular examinations, and by permission of the President appointing fairly competent stenographers to the Government service, was seriously considered. Examinations are to be held at various places throughout the country, with special efforts to induce candidates to take them."

Drayton's College Company, through its Washington City College, is now communicating with the U. S. Government in regard to furnishing with stenographers from Drayton's chain of THIRTY Colleges. Stenographers are however, in great demand in all lines of business. A single issue of many of our daily papers often contains as many as one dozens ads. from business wanting stenographers. For further particulars and catalogue, address Drayton's Practical Business College, at any place shown on Map found elsewhere in this issue.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

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| Arkansas Conference. | | |
| FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND | | |
| War Eagle Mts., at Rocky Branch | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Pea Ridge Ct., at Brightwater | Jan. 5-6 | |
| Elm Springs Ct., at E. S. | Jan. 11-12 | |
| WM. SHERMAN, P. E. | | |
| FT. SMITH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | | |
| First Church, at Ft. Smith | Jan. 1 | |
| MORRILTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND | | |
| Conway Ct., at Graham's Chapel | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Flat Rock Ct., at Goodlow | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Springfield Ct., at Greenbrier | Jan. 18-19 | |
| Bee Branch Ct., at Steel's Chapel | Jan. 25-26 | |
| Quitman Ct., at Mt. Pleasant | Feb. 1-2 | |
| Appleton Ct., at Zion Hill | Feb. 8-9 | |
| Adona Ct., at Appelo | Feb. 15-16 | |
| Holland Ct., at Bethlehem | Feb. 22-23 | |
| Houston & Perry Ct., at Fourche | Feb. 29-Mar. 1 | |
| Pottsville Ct., at Davis Chapel | Mar. 7-8 | |
| Clinton Ct., at Wesleyan Chapel | Mar. 14-15 | |
| Plumerville Ct., at Hill Creek | Mar. 21-22 | |
| Cleveland Ct., at Cleveland | Mar. 28-29 | |
| Atkins Station | Apr. 5-6 | |
| Morrilton Station | Apr. 12-13 | |
| Russellville Station | Apr. 19-20 | |
| Conway Station | Apr. 26-27 | |
| JOHN H. GLASS, P. E. | | |
| Oklahoma Conference. | | |
| CREEK & CHEROKEE DIST.—1ST ROUND | | |
| Okmulgee Ct., at Cussetah | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Wewoka Ct., at Thlewahle | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Illinois Ct., at Catchertown | Jan. 18-19 | |
| The District stewards are called to meet at Okmulgee, December 11th, at 10 a. m. | | |
| ORLANDO SHAY, P. E. | | |
| CHOCTAW & CHICKASAW DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | | |
| Owl Ct., at Black Jack | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Chickasaw Ct., at Lewis Chapel | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Rufe Ct., at Frazier's Chapel | Jan. 18-19 | |
| Kiamitia Ct., at Big Lick | Jan. 25-26 | |
| Long Creek at Long Creek | Feb. 1-2 | |
| C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E. | | |
| ADA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND | | |
| Hickory Ct., at Ada | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Mill Creek and Ravia | Jan. 5-6 | |
| Tishomingo | Jan. 6 | |
| Twelve Mile Prairie | Jan. 7 | |
| Byars Ct., at Ada | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Ashor Ct., at Ada | Jan. 12-13 | |
| Stonewall Ct., at Ada | Jan. 18-19 | |
| Pontotoc | Jan. 19-20 | |
| Wetumka | Jan. 25-26 | |
| Wolokta & Okema | Jan. 26-27 | |
| Okema Ct., at Okema | Jan. 28 | |
| S. F. GODDARD, P. E. | | |
| WEATHERFORD DIST.—FIRST ROUND. | | |
| Clinton & Arapaho | Jan. 1 | |
| Butler at Butler | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Foss at Foss | Jan. 5-6 | |
| Hammont at Sandtown | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Chewenne | Jan. 12-13 | |
| Roll at Roll | Jan. 14-15 | |
| Texmo at Shirley | Jan. 18-19 | |
| Cowden at Pleasant View | Jan. 25-26 | |
| Ward at Pleasant Grove | Feb. 1-2 | |
| Rocky & Sentinel at Rocky | Feb. 8-9 | |
| Cloud Chief at Bethel | Feb. 15-16 | |
| Cordell Station | Feb. 16-17 | |
| WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E. | | |
| GUYMON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | | |
| Boyd at Range | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Postal at Postal | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Carthage at Carthage | Jan. 18-19 | |
| Midwell at Midwell | Jan. 25-26 | |
| Graham at Graham | Feb. 1-2 | |
| Reaser at Reaser | Feb. 8-9 | |
| Grand at Allmon | Feb. 15-16 | |
| Ioland at Camargo | Feb. 22-23 | |
| Mutual at Mutual | Feb. 24-25 | |
| Woodward at Woodward | Feb. 26 | |
| Optima | March 1-2 | |
| The District Stewards will please meet me in Hooker, Okla., on the 12th of Dec., 1907. | | |
| J. F. LAWLIS, P. E. | | |
| DUNCAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | | |
| Lindsay Station | Jan. 4, 5 | |
| Alex Circuit at Alex. | Jan. 5, 6 | |
| Chickasha Station | Jan. 7 | |
| Comanche Station | Jan. 11, 12 | |
| Mingo and Tuttle at Mingo | Jan. 12, 13 | |
| Andarko and Verden at Verden | Jan. 14 | |
| Duncan Circuit at Hopewell | Jan. 16 | |
| Eschitt, at Eschitt | Jan. 18, 19 | |
| Roundlett | Jan. 19, 20 | |
| Ahepatone, at Emerson | Jan. 21, 22 | |
| Bailey Circuit, at Payne | Jan. 25, 26 | |
| O. H. McGEHEE, P. E. | | |
| Westville ct., at Westville, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 4 | |
| Stillwell ct., at Stillwell, 8:30 a. m. | Jan. 6 | |
| Sallisaw sta., 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 6 | |
| Brushy ct., at Hanson, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 7 | |
| Muldrow sta., 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 8 | |
| Vian ct., at Vian, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 9 | |
| Et. Gibson ct., at Et. Gibson, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 10 | |
| Boynton and Morris, at Boynton, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 11 | |
| Okmulgee sta., 9 a. m. | Jan. 13 | |
| Henryetta and Dustin, at Henryetta, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 13 | |
| St. Paul's, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 15 | |
| Cowlington ct., at Cowlington, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 16 | |
| Whitefield ct., at Whitefield, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 17 | |
| Stigler sta., 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 18 | |
| Warner ct., at Porum, 9 a. m. | Jan. 20 | |
| First Church, 7:30 p. m. | Jan. 22 | |
| Enfauca ct., at Lenna, 2 p. m. | Jan. 25 | |
| Enfauca sta., 9 a. m. | Jan. 27 | |
| Checotah ct., at Middleton's chapel, 2:30 p. m. | Jan. 29 | |
| Muskogee ct., at Brushy Mt., 2 p. m. | Feb. 1 | |
| Haskell and Bixby, at Haskell, 7:30 p. m. | Feb. 5 | |
| W. F. DUNKLE, P. E. | | |
| OKLAHOMA CITY DIST.—FIRST ROUND. | | |
| Stillwater and Pawnee, at Pawnee | Jan. 4-5 | |
| Morrison and Perry, at Morrison | Jan. 5-6 | |
| Guthrie sta. | Jan. 11-12 | |
| Oklahoma City, St. Luke's | Jan. 12-13 | |

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| Stroud and Davenport, at Davenport | Jan. 18-19 |
| Tecumseh sta., at Tuskahoma | Jan. 19-20 |
| Prague, at Prague | Jan. 25-26 |
| Sparks, at Sparks | Jan. 26-27 |
| Piedmont sta. | Feb. 1-2 |
| El Reno sta. | Feb. 2-3 |
| Blanchard ct. | Feb. 8-9 |
| Lexington | Feb. 9-10 |
| Shawnee ct., at Bethel | Feb. 15-16 |
| McLoud and Union Chapel, at McLoud | Feb. 16-17 |
| Arcadia and Wheatland | Feb. 22-23 |
| Oak Park | Feb. 26 |
| A. L. SOALES, P. E. | |
| McALESTER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Talihina ct., at Tuskahoma | Jan. 4-5 |
| Albion ct., at Esta | Jan. 5-6 |
| Impson Valley ct., at Jumbo | Jan. 10-11 |
| Antlers ct., at Antlers | Jan. 11-12 |
| Grant, at Kent | Jan. 12-13 |
| Ft. Towson ct., at Valliant | Jan. 18-19 |
| Idabell ct., at Idabell | Jan. 19-20 |
| Pocola ct., at | Jan. 24-25 |
| Spiro and McCurtain, at Spiro | Jan. 25-26 |
| Howe ct., at Howe | Jan. 26-27 |
| Quinton ct., at Quinton | Feb. 1-2 |
| Canadian ct., at Canadian | Feb. 2-3 |
| SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E. | |
| MANGUM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Lone Wolf and Lugert, at Lone Wolf | Jan. 4-5 |
| Hobart sta. | Jan. 5-6 |
| Elmer, at Elmer | Jan. 11-12 |
| Altus sta. | Jan. 12-13 |
| Kelly, at Bethany | Jan. 18-19 |
| Hollis and Dryden, at Hollis | Jan. 19-20 |
| Frederick ct., at Alpin | Jan. 25-26 |
| Frederick sta. | Jan. 26-27 |
| Olustee and Eldorado, at Eldorado | Feb. 1-2 |
| Mt. Park, at Mt. Park | Feb. 2-3 |
| Reed, at Union Chapel | Feb. 8-9 |
| Granite and Gotebo, at Granite | Feb. 15-16 |
| Mt. View, at Mt. View | Feb. 16-17 |
| Willow, at Headquarters | Feb. 23-24 |
| Mangum sta. | Feb. 24-25 |
| L. L. JOHNSON, P. E. | |
| Mangum, Okla. | |
| KIOWA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Ft. Sill Circuit at Mt. Scott | Dec. 28-29 |
| O. F. MITCHELL, P. E. | |
| ANDMORE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Lebanon ct., at Lebanon | Jan. 4-5 |
| Province ct., at McMillan | Jan. 5-6 |
| Leon and Burneyville, at Simon | Jan. 11-12 |
| Grady ct., at Orr | Jan. 12-13 |
| Daugherty ct., at Daugherty | Jan. 18-19 |
| Berwyn & Springer, at B. | Jan. 19-20 |
| Cornish ct., at Loco | Jan. 25-26 |
| Lone Grove ct., at Hewitt | Jan. 26-27 |
| Marietta sta. | Feb. 2-3 |
| Thackerville ct., at Thackerville | Feb. 8-9 |
| Overbrook ct., at Overbrook | Feb. 9-10 |
| Tussey ct., at | Feb. 15-16 |
| Woodford ct., at Woodford | Feb. 16-17 |
| W. T. FREEMAN, P. E. | |
| CHEROKEE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND | |
| Claremore Station | Jan. 1 |
| Inola and Talala, at Inola | Jan. 4-5 |
| Peggs Station, at Hulbert | Jan. 6 |
| Bluejacket and Centralia | Jan. 9 |
| Chapel ct., at Pryor Creek | Jan. 11 |
| Pryor Creek Station | Jan. 11-12 |
| Chelsea Station | Jan. 18-19 |
| Vinita Station | Jan. 20 |
| Vinita ct., at Vinita | Jan. 25 |
| Miami and Wyandotte | Jan. 25-26 |
| Afton Station | Jan. 26-27 |
| Grove ct., at Grove | Jan. 28 |
| Kansas ct., at Minihaha | Feb. 1-2 |
| Owasso ct., at Owasso | Feb. 1-2 |
| Let all be prepared to answer question 5 and 6, and as far as possible 7. District stewards will meet at Vinita, December 17, at 1:30 p. m. | |
| J. B. McDONALD, P. E. | |
| Little Rock Conference. | |
| LITTLE ROCK DIST.—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Bryant, at Alexander | Jan. 4-5 |
| Benton | Jan. 6 |
| Oak Hill, at Oak Hill | Jan. 7 |
| Mabelvale, at Primrose | Jan. 11-12 |
| Asbury | Jan. 15 |
| Austin, at Mt. Zion | Jan. 18-19 |
| Hickory Plains, at Bethlehem | Jan. 21 |
| Carlisle and Hazen, at Carlisle | Jan. 23 |
| Maumelle Mission, at Ezra | Jan. 25-26 |
| Henderson and Highland | Jan. 29 |
| Carlisle Mission, at Rogers' Chapel | Feb. 1-2 |
| DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc, at Devall's Bluff | Feb. 3 |
| A. O. MILLAR, P. E. | |
| CAMDEN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Hampton Circuit at Yeager's School | Jan. 4-5 |
| House | Jan. 5-6 |
| Camden Station | Jan. 7 |
| Fordey Station | Jan. 7 |
| Eldorado Circuit at Nordest | Jan. 11-12 |
| Strong Circuit at Strong | Jan. 12-13 |
| Atlanta at Atlanta | Jan. 18-19 |
| Magnolia Station | Jan. 19-20 |
| Magnolia Ct. at Christie's Chapel | Jan. 25-26 |
| Camden Circuit | Jan. 28 |
| R. W. McKAY, P. E. | |
| MONTICELLO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Selma ct. | Jan. 4-5 |
| Lake Village and Portland | Jan. 11-12 |
| Eudora ct. | Jan. 12-13 |
| Snyder ct. | Jan. 18-19 |
| Hamburg sta. | Jan. 19-20 |
| Lacey ct. | Jan. 25-26 |
| Monticello | Jan. 29 |
| Dermott and Ark City | Feb. 1-2 |
| Tiller, at Tiller | Feb. 2-3 |
| Parkdale and Wilmot | Feb. 8-9 |
| Collins ct. | Feb. 9-10 |
| Hamburg ct. | Feb. 15-16 |
| Cassett and Mission | Feb. 16-17 |
| Watson ct. | Feb. 22-23 |
| Wilmar sta. | Mar. 1 |
| J. W. HARRELL, P. E. | |
| PINE BLUFF DIST.—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Star City, at Star City | Jan. 4-5 |
| Shorrill, at Flat Bayou | Jan. 11-12 |
| Lakeside | Jan. 12-13 |
| Rowel, at Mt. Olivet | Jan. 18-19 |
| DeWitt ct., at Prairie Union | Jan. 25-26 |
| Gillette, at Gillette | Jan. 26-27 |

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| Douglass and Grady, at Grady | Feb. 1-2 |
| Roe and St. Charles, at Hunter's chapel | Feb. 8-9 |
| DeWitt sta. | Feb. 9-10 |
| Kingsland, at Kingsland | Feb. 15-16 |
| Sheridan, at Sheridan | Feb. 22-23 |
| Redfield, at Redfield | Feb. 29-Mar. 1 |
| Rison, at Rison | Mar. 7-8 |
| The District Stewards will meet at Lake-side church, Pine Bluff, Dec. 27th, 1907, at 7 p. m. Each member is urged to be present at this important meeting and help to plan the work for a successful year. | |
| W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E. | |
| TEXARKANA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| The District Stewards will meet at De-Queen on Tuesday, December 31st at 2 p. m. promptly. | |
| Fairview (Held) | Dec. 11 |
| First church | Dec. 15-16 |
| Texarkana Ct. | Dec. 21-22 |
| Mena Sta. | Dec. 28-29 |
| DeQueen Sta. | Dec. 30 |
| College Hill | Jan. 4-5 |
| Bright Star | Jan. 8 |
| Janssen Ct. | Jan. 9-10 |
| Ashdown | Jan. 10-11 |
| Foreman | Jan. 15 |
| Wilton Ct. | Jan. 16 |
| Horatio Ct. | Jan. 18-19 |
| Lockesburg Ct. | Jan. 22 |
| Dierks Ct. | Jan. 23 |
| Gillham Ct. | Jan. 24 |
| Mt. Ida Ct. | Jan. 25-26 |
| Cherry Hill Ct. | Jan. 30 |
| B. B. THOMAS, P. E. | |
| White River Conference. | |
| PARAGOULD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND | |
| Gainesville ct., at Gainesville | Jan. 4-5 |
| Piggott ct., at Piggott | Jan. 11-12 |
| Rector ct., at Rector | Jan. 12-13 |
| Boydsville ct., at Mary's Chapel | Jan. 14 |
| Brighton ct., at Brighton | Jan. 16 |
| Lorado ct., at Warren's Chapel | Jan. 18-19 |
| Corning Station | Jan. 25-26 |
| Knobel ct., at Peach Orchard | Jan. 26-27 |
| Maynard ct., at Maynard | Feb. 1-2 |
| Pocahontas ct., at Oak Grove | Feb. 4 |
| Pocahontas & Hoxie at Pocahontas | Feb. 8-9 |
| Reyno ct., at Datto | Feb. 9-10 |
| Mammoth Spring Station | Feb. 15-16 |
| Hardy ct., at Hardy | Feb. 16-17 |
| Imboden Station | Feb. 19 |
| Black Rock & Portia at Portia | Feb. 22-23 |
| Walnut Ridge Station | Feb. 23-24 |
| The District Stewards will please meet me at Walnut Ridge, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1907 at 1:30 p. m. All the preachers are cordially invited to meet with us also. | |
| J. K. FARRIS, P. E. | |
| BATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Batesville, Central Avenue | Dec. 21-22 |
| Batesville, First Church | Dec. 22-23 |
| Swifton ct., at Arbor Grove | Dec. 28-29 |
| Smithville ct., at Smithville | Jan. 4-5 |
| Jesup ct., at Raney's Chapel | Jan. 5-6 |
| Cave City ct., at Cave City | Jan. 7 |
| Evening Shade ct., at Sidney | Jan. 11-12 |
| Salem ct., at Salem | Jan. 16 |
| Bexar ct., at New Hope | Jan. 18-19 |
| Melbourne ct., at Melbourne | Jan. 19-20 |
| Sulphur Rock at Sulphur Rock | Jan. 25-26 |
| Newark Station | Jan. 26-27 |
| Calico Rock & Mt. View, at O. R. | Feb. 1-2 |
| Wolf Bayou ct., at Oak Grove | Feb. 8-9 |
| Pleasant Plains ct., at Aydlott's Chapel | Feb. 15-16 |
| Desha ct., at Salado | Feb. 17 |
| Bethesda ct., at Bethesda | Feb. 22-23 |
| District Stewards will please meet me at Batesville on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p. m. Hope every charge will be represented. | |
| A. F. SKINNER, P. E. | |
| HELENA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Forrest City Station | Dec. 22-23 |
| Cotton Plant and Howell, at C. P. | Dec. 28-29 |
| Brinkley Station | Dec. 30-31 |
| Wynne Station | Jan. 4-6 |
| Hamlin Mission | Jan. 4-6 |
| Parkin Station | Jan. 5-6 |
| Laconia Ct., at Melwood | Jan. 11-12 |
| Turner & Shiloh at Turner | Jan. 18-19 |
| Holly Grove & Marvell, at M. | Jan. 19-20 |
| McCrory & DeWitt at McC. | Jan. 25-26 |
| Colt ct., at Forrest Chapel | Jan. 26-27 |
| La Grange ct., at La Grange | Feb. 1-2 |
| Wheatley ct., at Wheatley | Feb. 8-9 |
| Haynes ct., at Haynes | Feb. 15-16 |
| Marianna Station | Feb. 23-24 |
| St. Francis Mission | Feb. 23-24 |
| Clarendon Station | Mar. 1-2 |
| Helena Station | Mar. 8-9 |
| The District Stewards are requested to meet in the Methodist Church in Forrest City at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1908, and to write Rev. B. L. Wilford, P. C., when they expect to arrive. | |
| Z. T. BENNETT, P. E. | |
| JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | |
| Jonesboro, First Church | Dec. 28-29 |
| Jonesboro, Second Church | Dec. 29-30 |
| Nettleton Sta. | Jan. 4-5 |
| Harrisburg ct. | Jan. 11-12 |
| Harrisburg Sta. | Jan. 12-13 |
| Vandale ct. | Jan. 18-19 |
| Crawfordsville and Marion | Jan. 25-26 |
| Marked Tree and Tyrone | Feb. 1-2 |
| Luxora and Rozell | Feb. 8-9 |
| Osceola Sta. | Feb. 9-10 |
| Bardstown ct. | Feb. 11-12 |
| Trinity ct. | Feb. 15-16 |

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Manila and Dell Feb. 29-March 1
Monette and Lake City Mar. 2-3
Bay ct., Mar. 7-8
District stewards will meet at Nettleton, Jan. 8th, 1908, to assess the salary of presiding elders and apportion Conference benevolences. Please come, brethren, as I am a new man on the district and want to meet you in consultation and plan for a good year's work.
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SEARCY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
West Point Ct., at Griffithville Dec. 28-29
West Searcy Ct., at Gum Springs Jan. 4-5
Wiville at Wiville Jan. 11-12
Augusta Station Jan. 13-14
El Paso Circuit, at Cypress Valley Jan. 18-19
Beebe Station at Beebe Jan. 20
McKae Circuit at 16th Section Jan. 21
Searcy Sta. Jan. 23
Tuckerman & Kenyon, at T., Jan. 25-26
Bald Knob Circuit, at Bradford Jan. 27
Gardner Memorial, at Argenta, Feb. 1-2
Dye Memorial, at Argenta Feb. 2-3
Newport Station Feb. 8-9
Auerger & Weldon, at Weldon Feb. 9-10
Pangburn & Mt. Pisgah, at Mt. P. Feb. 15-16
Heber Station Feb. 17-18
Cato Circuit at Concord Feb. 23-24
Cabot Circuit, at Cabot Feb. 24-25
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McINTYRE.—Rev. Daniel Thomas McIntyre was born June 22, 1816, in Tennessee. Married Miss Bettie Riddle in Alabama, 1845. Of this union there came three girls—Harriet, Charlotte, and Mary Elizabeth who's M. S. J. N. Stewart, the only child now living. He was converted in 1855 and joined the Methodist church. He began preaching the same year. His wife, youngest sister, and youngest daughter are the only near relatives surviving to men in his loss. He was a soldier in the war with the Indians in Florida. He has lived many years in Crawford county, Ark., where men and women usually called old say that they have known him as "Grandpa McIntyre" ever since they were children and have always loved him. All who knew him had the uttermost confidence in his profession of Christianity. His daily walk was in harmony with his preaching and profession. One man remembers when as a boy he was in "Grandpa's" house when a storm rose which blew down trees and fences and brought terror to all hearts but Grandpa's. While others expressed their fear, Grandpa sat in his room singing:

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His pastor,
L. H. EAKES.

WOODS.—Sister Celia Emma Woods, wife of J. E. Woods (maiden name Celia Emma Cheek) was born in Heard county, Georgia, Jan. 11, 1855, was married to J. E. Woods June 24, 1875. Celia Emma Woods was converted in Heard county, Ga., joined the M. E. Church, South, August, 1878; moved to East Texas, December, 1884, thence to Burneyville, Okla., November, 1887. The mother of eight children, one boy and seven girls. Two had gone before to glory, one and twelve years of age. Sister Woods lived a consistent Christian life from her conversion until her death at Burneyville, Nov. 18, 1907. Her departure was one of triumph, in death. Emma has gone to glory to meet companion, a loving wife, and an affectionate mother. Look up loved ones, mother

is waiting at the pearly gates to welcome you home. The Lord bless you all. Bro. Woods, you have our sympathy and prayers.

D. E. SHAFFER, P. C.

SIMPSON.—Bro. T. H. Simpson, a steward of the Piedmont charge, Oklahoma City District, departed this life and passed to his reward Dec. the 12th, 1907, aged 53 years. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for 23 years, and for 17 of these has faithfully discharged the duties of a steward. Since my coming to this work, two years ago, I have always found him true to his trust. No matter what the condition of the weather, or how inconvenient the hour set for a quarterly conference, he was always ready to give in his report. Now that he has been called to make his report to the Great Bishop of our souls, I feel sure that he will be placed upon the right hand, and that our Master will say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

His Pastor,
J. ARVIN,

HULSEY.—Leona Gertrude Hulsey was born at Oil Trough, Independence country, Ar., Nov. 10, 1867, and died at Desha, Ark., Nov. 10, 1907, on her birthday anniversary. Her father dying when she was two years old, she and her brother were reared by the widowed mother in the home of Judge Henry Neill, Miss Hulsey's grandfather. She was converted and joined the Methodist church at the age of fifteen, under the ministry of Rev. Z. T. Griffin, by whom the funeral service was conducted. She will be remembered in the community where she lived, as a useful worker in church and Sunday School, as a lover of little children whom she so faithfully taught in the school room and as a loyal friend and kind neighbor. The surviving mother and brother have the sympathy of friends and relatives.

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