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EDITORIAL.

Authentic or Spurious?

The secular press seems to be somewhat exercised just now over the discovery, by Prof. Henry A. Sanders, of the University of Michigan, of a lost saying of Christ. Prof. Sanders has been doing archaeological work in Egypt. The lost saying should follow verse 14 in the 16th chapter of St. Mark's gospel, and reads as follows:

"And they answered saying that this age of unrighteousness and unbelief is under the power of Satan, who does not permit the things which are made impure by the evil spirits to comprehend the truth of God and His power. For this reason 'reveal thy righteousness now,' they said to Christ, and Christ said to them:

"The limit of the years of the power of Satan has been fulfilled, but other terrible things are at hand and I was delivered unto death on behalf of those who sinned in order that they may return to the truth and sin no more, to the end that they may inherit the spiritual, indestructible glory of righteousness which is in heaven."

We undertake to say that this "lost saying of Christ" is no saying of his at all. It is a puerile invention of some scribe. There are several reasons for this belief. In the first place, the meaning of the passage is obscure, and so unlike anything else in Mark. If any one doubts this let him turn to Mark 16th and read, endeavoring to insert the passage after the 14th verse. It will be seen that every other sentence in the chapter is marked by that graphic and lucid style so characteristic of Mark; but the obscurity of this passage will stand out in contrast. You are not sure you understand the meaning after considerable study of the passage.

But when we arrive at the meaning of the passage we find that it attributes a sentiment to the eleven concerning themselves which it is not at all likely they entertained.—It is the first night following the resurrection. Christ upbraids the disciples for not having accepted the testimony of those who had declared they had seen him alive. This passage makes the disciples offer as an excuse for their unbelief the fact that the age was so under the power of Satan and they themselves had been made so impure by evil spirits that they could not comprehend the truth of God and his power! Does anybody believe that these men so rated themselves? The true reason why they were so slow to accept the fact of the resurrection was that their Messianic scheme made no sort of provision for the death of the Messiah, and therefore no place for his resurrection. When Christ died it upset all their plans and preconceptions. Jesus understood this, and therefore could tell them "Thus it is written in the prophets," and "thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise again the third day." It was a total misconception of the true Messianic plan and not the power of the devil that blinded their eyes.

This alleged excuse of the disciples, as well as the alleged reply of Christ, in its very spirit belongs to a later time; they both belong to a doctrinal period, rather than to a period

of mere facts, for they are doctrinal in form. One would not be greatly surprised to come upon such sentiments after the facts of the gospels began to be transmuted into doctrines; but there is no such doctrinal form to be found in either of the three Synoptic Gospels, all of which are older than John's gospel. John lived long enough to have written such sentiments, but John puts no such sentiments in any such setting, a conversation between Christ and the disciples.

This passage is said to be found in an old Bible which has been hidden in Egypt since before the Mohammedan conquest. That is, this Bible belongs to the sixth or seventh century. The only confirmation offered in proof of the genuineness of the passage is that it was known to Jerome, who cited part of it in certain Latin translations. Now Jerome made a Latin translation of the Bible, known to us as the Vulgate. If Jerome believed in the genuineness of the passage, why did he not place it in the Vulgate? It does not appear there. To Jerome the passage was spurious.

And what is the value of the testimony of a single MSS. of the sixth or seventh century with only such confirmation? No other MSS. at all contains the passage, and no version contains it, and nobody ever heard of it in ancient times except Jerome, who declines to adopt it in his own version. We have MSS. of the fourth century, but the passage is unknown to them. We have MSS. all the way down from the fourth century, but none of them, except this one MSS. of the sixth or seventh century contains the passage or gives any hint of it.

It is very likely that some scribe in making a copy of the Bible wrote this passage on the margin at this place, he having heard some tradition, or report, that such a conversation occurred between Christ and the disciples, so wrote it as a mere gloss. The next scribe who undertook from this copy to make another copy of the Scriptures assumed that scribe No. 1 had left out these words and had attempted to supply them by writing them on the margin—in which case he would incorporate them into the text—and there they are. Such has been the fruitful source of many errors in the ancient MSS. of the Scriptures.

The text of the Scriptures, however, is not therefore unreliable. For sound scholarship, by judicious comparison of MSS. and versions, has been able so certainly and so thoroughly to construct the true text that not a single important doctrine of the Scriptures is in any doubt at all. And because the scholars are careful we may depend upon it that they will never admit this so-called "lost saying of Christ" into the text upon any such evidence as has been submitted.

We do not know what Prof. Sanders himself thinks of the passage. We trust that his work in Egypt will bring important results—but this is certainly not one of them. The passage is spurious—useful only to afford a small sensation among the ignorant. We have written this brief discussion of it for the twofold purpose of putting our readers on their guard

against such sensations and of indicating in a general way the method by which sound scholarship tests such claims. The utmost care has been exercised to determine the words of the Bible; all ancient versions and thousands of ancient manuscripts have been compared. Many minor "readings" or variations may yet be found, but we know that we have a Bible that is substantially correct. Since the art of printing came into use there is no occasion for any further various readings, and it is not at all likely that any discoveries will add much to the record, though they may throw light on it.

It is as good to forget as it is to remember; if there are many things which ought to be remembered there are also many that ought to be forgotten. Useful facts and principles ought to be held firmly in the memory. Among these useful facts are deeds of kindness done to us by other people. But trivialities, follies, our own petty misdoings, the slights and petty injuries received from others, these are all to be forgotten. The perfect love which Paul describes in the 13th chapter of Corinthians has this, among other characteristics, that it thinketh no evil, that is to say, it does not "keep books" against the other man. He who treasures up in his memory the ills he has received will becloud his own life.

Nature has a beautiful way of overgrowing her wounds and hiding her scars; if the bark be knocked off a tree in due time the evidence of the wound will be obliterated, the vital processes in the tree itself will find a way to cover the scar. This is a lesson, a blessed lesson, that men should learn. We ought to outgrow the wounds we receive from others. If we have in us a full and abounding life we will outgrow them. A pin scratch will not make a permanent wound on a healthy skin.

The genuine egotist has of all men the keenest perception of egotism in others. Egotist No. 1 wants all men to circulate around him, but that is precisely what egotist No. 2 will not do, for he wants to be himself the center of his world; therefore they despise one another. So much for the theory: Practically, it is worth considering what are the feelings of the reader toward egotists.

Christ has come, you say! But to whom has he come? Only to such as long for him desiring him as their deliverer from all impurity. His having entered the world some two thousand years ago, or his being in the world now, means but little to the man who prefers his own appetites to the loveliness of life which Christ came to bring.

There is nothing better under the sun than that a man should preserve an humble, gentle and loving spirit. Contending for one's rights may be at times necessary, no doubt it is so, but it is a poor rule to live by if we intend to make it the primary point of view. The meek shall inherit the earth.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. R. P. Wilson, D.D., has been gladly received by his people at Searcy.

Whisky goes out of one more county in Arkansas; Prairie County goes dry, the temperance forces having won out in DeVall's Bluff. Arkansas must go dry.

Rev. Geo. W. Hively, Hermitage, Ark., reports a most kindly reception on his charge. He says that the Western Methodist is "tools to work with," and so it is.

Rev. J. W. Harrell, Monticello District, has secured a preacher for Watson circuit. He sends a cheering note as to the outlook on his district.

Rev. H. M. Conger has been employed by Presiding Elder Dunkle, of Muskogee District, to take charge of Boynton and Morris charge.

We extend our sympathy to Rev. J. E. Woodruff and wife, of Dardanelle Circuit, on the death of their dear little girl of five years of age. She was a sweet and beautiful child.

NOTICE.—We frequently get orders for Minutes of the Annual Conference. We do not handle them, for they are never put on the open market. Please apply to the secretaries.

On last Monday night the opera house of Royerstown, Pa., burned, catching fire during a performance, and 162 bodies have been removed from the ruins.

Shreveport, La., has gone dry, by the grace of temperance votes. Arkansas must go dry. Vote for no man for the next legislature who will not vote for that.

The net gain of the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, throughout the world, was 86,232. We congratulate our brethren of the North.

The Arkansas State Oritorical and Musical Contest Society, after consultation with the leading school men of the State, are arranging for a series of contests the first week in April, to be held in Little Rock.

Rev. John L. Williams, formerly of the Oklahoma Conference, now of Chico, California, has on the presses of our Publishing House a book, entitled "Our Brother in Red." We trust that it will be a success.

Hon. D. C. Love and daughters, Misses Bessie and Violet, of Dardanelle, made the Methodist a pleasant call on Wednesday of last week. Miss Violet was returning to Galloway.

On the 26th of December a vote of the people wiped the liquor traffic out of Raleigh, N. C., and thus another State capital goes dry.

The next in line is Little Rock—which must go dry next September.

Dr. H. G. Henderson has already won the favor of the people of Brownsville, Tenn., whither he was sent from White River Conference. This editor had the privilege of preaching for his staunch congregation a Sunday or two ago.

Our Mission Office is sending out to our pastors an appeal to make an early beginning on the missionary collections in view of the danger of being caught by any adverse circumstance that may attend upon financial conditions toward the close of the year.

Judge Landis, of the Federal Court, Indianapolis, Indiana, is making it warm for violators of the liquor laws. He recently fined one man \$1,000 and sent him to Leavenworth prison for fifteen months; fined another the same sum with imprisonment for eight months. The liquor men will die hard, but they must go. Oklahoma will be kept dry and Arkansas must go dry!

A brief communication from Rev. J. F. Armstrong, Ravendon Springs, Ark., commends the recent article of Rev. T. F. Brewer on the rotation of ministers. Meanwhile Rev. J. R. Smith, of Kiowa, Okla., thinks we have too much moving, especially among the circuits and small stations. Perhaps the matter will balance itself. Bro. Armstrong reports a good reception of Bro. Southworth at Ravendon Springs.

According to the Southern Methodist Handbook, by Dr. T. N. Ivey, the net gain in the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 1907, was 38,241, the total membership now being 1,705,635. The traveling preachers number 6,205; local preachers, 4,768. But our people who desire to be fully informed about the church would do well to order, of us, the Handbook.

In a private letter Dr. W. F. Andrews, Centenary Church, St. Louis, sends his love to his friends in these parts—and they are many. We noted last week, in the St. Louis Christian Advocate, a most kindly account of Dr. Andrews and his work in St. Louis. A good and large picture of him adorned the front page of that issue of the paper. May blessings be on him and his great church and his family.

Last week's paper mentioned the fact that one of the editors was in Tennessee at the bedside of his brother-in-law, Mr. John A. Crowder, of Brownsville. The good man passed into the heavens on the morning of the 7th. Long an official member in our church, he was an excellent citizen, a good father and husband. The family in which he married about seventeen years ago has but one regret, and that is that he is gone away. But he had lived well and nobly, and that is much to rejoice over.

Our office force has its afflictions as we go along. Our faithful bookkeeper, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, had a ten days' siege of the grippe beginning during the Christmas holidays. Meantime his wife's sister, Miss Mattie V. Dollarhide, came to help along during illness in the family, and she was taken with sudden illness on the 10th and died in three days. Her home was at Foreman, where her father and three brothers live. She was 21 years of age and had been a member of the Methodist church from childhood. She was buried at Allene, Ark. We extend sympathy to the family.

At the call of the pastor, Dr. Sharp, about twenty five men, made up of the leading members and friends of First Church, Little Rock, met last Monday night, and formed

a men's club. It is expected that there will be at least a hundred members in the club. The purpose is intellectual and social improvement. Those present entered heartily into the project and the success of the venture seems to be assured. We suggest that such clubs are vastly better than some other places to which men go. There is great need in these days of strenuous living for some wholesome recreation, and such a club, organized under the care of the men of a church, will furnish wholesome recreation. It will also bring its members personally closer together.

Rev. W. D. Matthews writes encouragingly of the outlook on Weatherford District, and says they propose to do as well in circulating the WESTERN METHODIST this year as they did last. May success crown all their efforts.

The Southern Christian Advocate awakens in us that fellow feeling which makes us wondrously kind by the following:

"We have received hundreds of replies to the postal cards sent out last week and it is quite a study in human nature to read them. Some of them are sweet and gentle, enclosing their dues, and expressing pleasant words and wishes. Then they vary all the way to harsh and cruel words. Some did not answer at all. Some paid cheerfully and enclosed sufficient to extend their dates for another year. Some flatly said they would not pay. We appreciate the kind words; we endure the other kind. Some mistakes occurred; these we correct with pleasure. Few of these mistakes, however, were made in our office.

During the two years we have had the Advocate in control our losses from subscribers who have not paid their subscription dues to the Advocate amount to at least five thousand dollars. As our good friend, Brother Gus Höffmeyer would say, "That don't speak well for the Methodists of South Carolina." This experience forces us to the cash basis. Hereafter when a subscription expires the paper will be promptly stopped, it matters not whether he or she be rich or poor, Jew or Gentile, preacher or layman. Many will take exception and get angry with us, but we cannot afford to lose \$2,500 a year, so we will have to trust to the good sense of the great majority of the Methodists of South Carolina to sustain us."

And yet some of Brother Nettles' readers will believe the editor of a religious paper dishonest.

A Great Missionary Church.

The First (Southern) Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, Mo., of which Rev. Wm. Dobyms, D.D., is pastor, is planning to send out and support sixteen missionaries. It proposed to divide the church into groups of 20 persons, and each group to select a missionary for whose support it becomes responsible. It is said that this would mean a contribution of about \$30 per year to each man in the group, and that this amount can be realized if the men will set apart the price of ten street car tickets a day. There are 200 men in the First church, and if carried out, the plan would provide ten new missionaries, which 250,000 people could be reached the gospel, and all by 200 men giving ten street car tickets each a day. Again, it is said that there are 300 women in the First church, and if they will give the cost of postage stamp each a day, they can support three new missionaries, and these plus three already supported by the church would

make sixteen missionaries from one church of 500 members. Dr. Dobyns is determined to make the effort, and he invites the co-operation of the church. The attempt is a magnificent illustration of Christian daring. And the whole denomination will be interested to see if he succeeds, and praying that he will. It ought to be said that Dr. Dobyns has in mind both Home and Foreign Missions.—*Christian Observer*.

The International Sunday School Lesson Committee.

The International Sunday School Committee composed of prominent preachers and laymen while in session in Boston passed the following resolutions on the system of general lessons for the Sunday School:

"The following resolutions were the unanimous expression of the conference, and it is worthy of note that they were presented, substantially as adopted, by a remarkably strong committee: Justice J. J. MacLaren (Canadian Methodist), chairman; Charles Gallaudet, Trumbull (Presbyterian), secretary; Rev. J. T. McFarland, D.D. (M. E.); Rev. E. B. Chapell, D.D. (Southern Baptist); Rev. M. C. Hazard, Ph.D. (Congregationalist); Prof. J. R. Sampey, D.D. (Southern Baptist); Rev. A. L. Phillips, (D.D. (Southern Presbyterian); Pres. W. Douglas Mackenzie, (D.D. (Congregationalist)).

"It is the conviction of this Conference:

"(1) That the system of a general lesson for the whole school, which has been in successful use for thirty-five years, is still the most practicable and effective system for the great majority of the Sunday Schools of North America. Because of its past accomplishments, its present usefulness, and its future possibilities, we recommend its continuance and its fullest development.

"(2) That the need for a graded system of lessons is expressed by so many Sunday Schools and workers, that it should be adequately met by the International Sunday School Association, and that the Lesson Committee should be instructed by the next International Convention to continue the preparation of a thoroughly graded course covering the entire range of the Sunday School."

Old "Aunt Lucy."

She is an old time Southern darkey. About seventy-five years ago she was one of the house-women in the home of her "ole master," Major Hiram Bradford, and so she calls herself Lucy Bradford. I met her the other day on the street in Brownsville, Tennessee, which is perhaps the only town she ever knew. She was returning from the home of the grandchildren of her old master, who are now well on in middle life. Her gait was a composite between a shuffle and a creeping walk. She saw me approaching on the sidewalk and stopped at the street crossing.

"I's jus a-waitin here fur you," she said, as I came up. I had known her nearly all my life. Forty years ago, when I was a barefooted boy, I used to go by her house on my way to school, for she and old uncle Ned, who was then her husband, lived not far away from the spot where I now met her, in a house provided for her by her young master, Mr. A. H. Bradford, who was a colonel in the Confederate army. I was sure she would not know me now, for I had seen her only a very few times in thirty years. But I gave her the old-time salutation which Southern white children were accustomed to use toward all the grown-up negro women: "Howdy Aunt Lucy!" She had waited for me because of the direction from which I came, for she owns us

all down on that end of the street. As I spoke in a cheerful tone she knew she was not mistaken, but her eyes are dim, and I observed clearly marked around the iris of each that circle of white which the learned call arcus senilis. She was partially leaning upon a light cane, which she held in one hand, while clutched in the other hand was a chine bone which her "young mistus" had just given her, and which the old darkey had not taken the pains to wrap up before she started home. The top of her old white head, the hair combed and done up in pig tails, came just about on a level with my shoulder. To my salutation she responded:

"Which one of 'em is you?"

Giving her my nickname, by which she had always known me, I said, "This is Jack, Aunt Lucy."

She clutched the lapel of my coat and buried her face in it, and began, "Lor Jack, I's a gret mine to bite you all over! Lor chile, I's glad to see you. You gimme a dime!" As I handed her the dime, she continued, "Lor Jack, my son, whar you livin'?" "How many chillun you got?" "My son, you orter send me some money!" I told her pleasantly that I was in the scramble for meat and bread for a wife and six children, four of whom are girls. "Lor! den I knows you has to scramble." She still held on to me and repeated to me over and over how glad she was to see me once more, and asked me as I started off to tell my folks that Lucy Bradford is still here.

Now old aunt Lucy is not a common beggar. She is simply an old negro woman of the type which will soon be seen no more on the earth, the old negro house slave. Having been a house-woman she was a little "better" than the negroes who lived in the "quarters." And she claims yet special privileges with white folks of her acquaintance of the long ago. She calls all of us younger people of, say fifty years, by our given names. No mister and miss for us; but Laura and Chups, and Jack and Booker and Em and Sue. As to begging, we simply owe her tribute when we pass by her, and she levies on us. She is very welcome to the dimes and the nickles she asks for. Her "young mistus," Miss Laura would never see her suffer, but the old woman has a right to her own ways.

She met my father, a man of eighty-six years, but as active as if he were fifteen years younger—she met him not long ago, and had a passage at arms with him. She claimed to be "ailin" in her toes. He made light of her complaint, jocularly telling her to cut her toes off, and be rid of her complaints. Some days later she reported this encounter to my brother-in-law.

"What you reckon ole Nate tole me to do? He tole me to cut off my toes! I tole him I aint a-gwine to cut off my toes; to cut his own toes off!" The old man laughed heartily when told what she said.

A certain highly respected family of ladies in the community have not seen fit to humor the old negro. She once spoke of them on this wise: "All dese people is mighty good to me, cep dem heifers!" with a wave of the hand in the direction of their house. Yet there is no bitterness in the old soul. She simply wields a free lance, and nobody disturbs her about it.

Such are a few old-time negroes who yet remain on the earth, soon to be seen here no more. They are kindly in their feelings, for the most part pious in their dim way—a passing phase of our Southern life. Let us be kind to them.

JAS. A. A.

A Blessed Old Age.

Editors Western Methodist: I herewith enclose \$1.50 from W. H. Brock of Des Arc, (renewal). He is 82 years old; is a regular member of the Sunday School; has been for over 70 years—never misses rain or shine; never tasted liquor in his life and never uttered a profane oath. He is a nephew of Rev. Moses Brock of precious memory and an honored member of the Memphis Conference.

J. C. HOOKS.

Book Reviews.

How To Invest Your Savings.—By Isaac F. Marcossou. Published by Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia. A 16 mo. of 120 pages, paper boards, illuminated. This is a very sensible and straightforward presentation of the general principles of finance, useful to people who are not versed in business and who have money to invest. The price, we believe, is 50 cts.

The Bible As Good Reading.—By Albert J. Beveridge. Published by Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia. It is a 16 mo., bound in cloth and calf. The price is 50 cts. and \$1.00. The book is itself "good reading." Whoever reads it will be pleased and instructed. We are much gratified that Senator Beveridge, who is so versatile, takes delight in the old-fashioned Bible. His faith in its truth is of that simple sort that characterizes the plain men and women of today, and he takes time to help other people to a just appreciation of the word of God.

The Divinity Within Us.—This is a duodecimo of 180 pages, bound in cloth, issued by Smith & Lamar, Nashville, on sale by the author, Rev. W. P. Whaley, Hope, Ark., and by Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock. The book has been out for several months, and we have awaited a time when it would be possible to read it. The reading has given a higher appreciation not only of the author but also of all men. We do not think a man can honestly read the book and not think more of himself and more of his fellows. This is another way of saying that Bro. Whaley had a message for the world. He has written it out well, and the book deserves a good sale. The price is \$1.00 net.

Life of Stateler.—Rev. E. J. Stanley, of Montana, has done a good work in writing the life of this heroic pioneer Methodist preacher. It was Bro. Stateler's destiny to move on the front line as our forces went westward. He was born in Kentucky, but when a young man went to Missouri, and was a member of the Missouri Conference when that conference embraced practically everything to the setting of the sun. The book has therefore for the readers of this paper more than ordinary interest in the fact that its hero was once one of the preachers for Arkansas and Indian Territory. Record is made of his attending an annual conference in Washington county, Ark., and of several years of valuable service in the Indian Country. The whole book is as interesting as a romance. Bro. Stanley has rendered the church a real service. PP. 356. Duodecimo, cloth. Price \$1.50. Smith & Lamar, or Anderson, Millar & Co. will furnish the book.

Race Life of the Aryan Peoples.

After a careful and thoughtful reading of Joseph P. Widney's "Race Life of the Aryan Peoples," we unhesitatingly pronounce it one of the great books of this day. There is nothing—
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Church Extension, Oklahoma Conference.

Church Extension is God's permanent plan for the salvation of the world. The name suggests belief in God's promise, and a willingness to share its benefits with all the world, it is the Militant church on the firing line, where real battles are fought and where real sacrifices are made. These fortresses shelter the thin lines of Prince Emmanuel while they beat back the powers of darkness and turn whole nations unto God. The Board of Church Extension is the Great Commission embodied and moving to the front fortifying the ground taken and pledges the church not to stop in its conquest until the Gospel is given to all the world. This is the apostolic spirit and places us in direct apostolic succession. I understand that there is not a single heathen temple in course of construction at the present day, but through the influence of Church Extension millions of dollars are contributed annually to the building of homes for God's great world family.

God's children must have a home if they abide in any given place. A home means a lot and a deed to it and a house built upon it.

I shall not say much about architecture. Too many of our churches are unfortunately located and curiously built. The church building is an index of the spiritual and moral condition of the people who worship there. It should be beautiful, educative, and elevating. God gave the plan for the most splendid temple of worship this world ever saw. It was not noted for its magnitude, but for its good architectural proportions, its beauty of workmanship, and costliness of its materials. God selected a mountain top for the site of this church. He encircled it with a canopy of cloud and guarded it with the fiery presence of Jehovah Himself. The very sight of the Temple sent conviction to Isaiah's heart and he said "I am a sinful man." Many men since then have been lead to Christ by silent sermons of wood and stone.

Church buildings should be carefully arranged with reference to the comforts and needs of those who are to occupy them. We want to save the people. Hitherto we have saved the church while the people have gone to the Devil. A lot that is good for a bank is good for a church; build it on the corner where the people pass; let the doors swing easily on the hinges that even a child can find its way in. Cut the high steeple half in two and build a room for the children; build so as to have rooms for work and rooms for worship. That is God's plan.

Oklahoma is another word for opportunity. The tides are coming in; will our church do its duty by the multitudes some of whom are as sheep without a Shepherd? God has confidence in us and has heard our prayers; the church at large is praying and helping, and watching to see what we are going to do. My brethren we have the strength of a lion within us; let us wake up and meet the demands our faith and our prayers have created. Let's bring what we have and ally it with the infinite resources of Him who fed the five thousand in a desert place, and our people shall all be housed, the church shall be vindicated, and God will be glorified. Our conference wisely assessed itself this year \$8,000. That can be easily raised. Church building appeals to the public as no other collection does; business men from a business point of view will help in this work; the world recognizes the value of a church in the community. Some of us have too small ideas of what our people can do; we sometimes unconsciously hinder them

from doing what they might do if properly encouraged. Let full collections for Church Extension be our motto this year.

Yours for victory,
C. F. MITCHELL.

A Single Soul.

"Ruth, I have tickets for the concert of the Bell-Ringers on Wednesday night. Can you go?" Alice said to a friend, as she stopped at her gate.

"It is prayer-meeting night."

"I know; but they sail for Europe Friday night and this is their last concert."

"But I never stay away from prayer-meeting for anything."

"But this is a sacred concert—and only once. We can worship just as well there."

So, reluctantly, against her convictions, Ruth consented.

That night the girl dreamed that an angel in shining raiment stood beside her, and asked gently: "Where are you going tomorrow night?"

And she answered: "I thought I would go to the concert."

Then the angel said sadly: "Have you so little appreciation of the value of a single soul?"

Vividly the vision came back to Ruth the next morning, as she lay, saying softly to herself wondering what it could mean—"So little appreciation of the value of a single soul."

She decided that she must take back her promise to attend the concert, and go to the prayer-meeting.

Ruth sat in the house of prayer with a strange joy in her soul, singing:

"Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound—
Make and keep me pure within;
Thou of life the fountain art;
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity."

As the music ceased, the girl sprang impulsively to her feet:

"I meant to hear the Bell-Ringers tonight," she said, "but I decided that I would rather come to prayer-meeting; and I am happier here than I should have been at the concert; and I am sure no music could be sweeter to me than the hymn we have just sung."

As the hour for closing drew near, the pastor arose, and invited any who would give themselves to Christ to come forward.

As he waited in silence, a lady in mourning walked slowly up the aisle, and kneeling, was shown the way of salvation.

When service was ended a friend came to Ruth, and said: "The lady who went forward wishes to be introduced to you."

Much astonished, the girl went to receive the introduction to Mrs. Walters.

"I wanted to tell you," the lady said, "that I owe the fact of my being a Christian tonight to your testimony. I have not been inside please a friend, and when you would give up a concert for a prayer-meeting, and that no music could be sweeter to you than the hymn, 'Jesus, Lover of my soul,' I thought to myself: 'There must be something in religion, and I am going to have it.' So I wish to thank you that it is because of your testimony that I shall go home tonight a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ruth held out her hand and pressed gratefully that of her new friend. She knew now the meaning of the angel's message.

She could not tell Mrs. Walters how nearly she had come to proving recreant to her trust, nor of the dream which had influenced her in the true direction; so she answered simply: "I thank you for telling me this. I shall never forget it."

Yet she little guessed what cause she would always have to remember it. Ruth's home was close beside the railroad track. About midnight she was awakened by a horrible crashing sound.

Looking from the window she could see where the midnight express and the 11:30 freight collided. The frantic cries of the frightened, and the piercing shrieks of the wounded made her shudder. But she bravely put away all thoughts of self, and, calling her father, was soon ready to go with him to the rescue.

And the first face which looked into hers, as she stood beside the burning train, was that of Mrs. Walters. Pale and peaceful it was, though showing how intensely she suffered. She was extricated and borne to Ruth's home. The power of speech was almost gone. She rallied a little as they laid her on Ruth's couch. Taking her hand, and pressing it to her lips, she whispered, feebly: "Child, I'm going—it was my last chance—what if you had not spoken—what if I had not taken it?"

And kneeling there beside the dead, the tears raining down her face, Ruth promised her Father always to give her testimony; always to appreciate the value of "a single soul."—Selected.

The Unknown Philippines.

These great unknown islands spell neglected opportunity; millions and millions of acres have never known even the wild man's crude plow. One may, in regions, travel for days, even weeks, without seeing a native. He will pass through realms of extreme fertility and beauty, through vast upland meadows of rich pasture grass, growing knee high and concealing a soil rich and black as that of Egypt; across quiet Savannas where strange trees dot the landscape as do the mountain oaks of the California Sierras. But for the lack of sleek cattle, one might here fancy himself in a deserted orchard pasture in New England. Streams, clear, cold and crystal, spring from the mountain heights and bubble through the mountain meadows.

In the lowlands jungles of wild banana wave in the wind, their fruit uncropped; in the uplands thousands of acres of wild hemp are never stripped; on the mountain tops the Igorotes grow as fine long-staple cotton as anywhere in the world, but crudely. For each cotton plant stands alone on the summit of a hummock which is six or eight feet from the water of rice paddy. The cotton grows well enough and an immense quantity could be grown on the idle areas, but the Igorotes are skillful only in the raising of rice. Wild peanut, wild camotes (sweet potatoes), wild orange of many kinds and some of a delicious flavor, wild limes, wild rubber and gutta-percha, thousands of products of the tropical, semi-tropical, and, in the higher altitudes, of the temperate zone, are neglected. The valuable hardwoods that pass their usefulness without being lumbered and on to decay are almost everywhere. Game and fruit for the taking, cool nights—sometimes very cold—and beautiful, comfortable days, and a region as magnetically alluring as ever beckoned to the pioneers of the Great Plains. Who knows the Philippines who has lived only in the cities thereof?—The World Today.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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

Lesson for Jan. 19: Mark 1:35-39; Luke 6:12-16; Neh. 4:3-6.

Topic: The Example of Jesus in Prayer.

II. Prayer as a Preparation.

The life of Jesus affords a fine opportunity for the study of prayer in many of its applications to life. Indeed how full of prayer must his life have been. What a holy atmosphere of prayer must have surrounded it constantly. What depths of unuttered desire burned in His soul as He lingered before His Father in the silent solitudes. It was in such places we may believe his plans were wrought out, His will surrendered, His life empowered.

Today's lesson finds Jesus praying in the secret place. He is seeking preparation for important work. He has made other preparation. He must make this. He must seek His Father's face, open His soul to Him, lay out work before Him, and secure His approval. Nehemiah too is a man of prayer, secret prayer, standing in the presence of King Artaxerxes while making his request to the king, he silently prayed to the God of heaven. In fact his work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem was begun, continued and completed in prayer.

These scenes of prayer are taken from the lives of busy men. Doubtless two busier men never lived and yet each found time for prayer because prayer was necessary as a preparation for their work. Their work was impossible without it. Galilee must be covered by a preaching tour, apostles must be chosen, the walls of the city must be rebuilt and the one great preparation for these important duties is prayer. Hours of prayer must precede the beginning of this preaching tour. And he must snatch these hours from the earliest in the morning, a great while before day. "He is not ready to choose his apostles until He descends from the mountain, his garments wet with the dew of all night prayer. Preparatory to His choosing the twelve, He wrought out the question on the lonely mountain side while the stars in their courses looked down upon Him as He prayed.

Prayer is a preparation for duty because it implies a sense of dependence upon God. Until we come to distrust self and rely upon God for help our lives will be closed against His special help. Prayer is preparation for duty because it opens to us an inexhaustible source of help. We may be unable in strength or wisdom for the work God wants us to do. We may seek both in prayer. Prayer is a preparation for duty because through prayer God becomes real to us. It is then and only then we can do our best work.

We cheerfully call our leaguers' attention to the "Quiet Hour Quarterly." This movement is an effort by our church to enlist our people in regular daily devotional study and prayer. The following sent by Prof. J. L. Cunningham, we gladly give space to insisting that each leaguer take the Quarterly for 1908.

The Quiet Hour Quarterly.

To all who feel the need of help in their daily devotions the Quiet Hour Quarterly will prove a great blessing. It will help you to form the habit of daily prayer and study of God's Word: it will give you that insight into Scripture which can only come from systematic and consecrated study; it will bring to you the inspiration that comes from "the fellowship of the saints" in the joy of communion; it will help to lead you into the presence of Him who will cause your heart to burn with-

in you while He speaks to you by the way, while He opens to you the Scriptures. For the first quarter the studies in Mark by Bishop Hendrix are worth many times the cost of the Quarterly for a whole year. The remaining three series of studies on the other Gospels will conform to a very high standard. To secure the benefit of the studies in all the Gospels to as many as possible we will send a beautiful Vanderbilt Calendar, which sells for 50 cts, to every one sending a club of ten new subscribers to the Quiet Hour Quarterly for 1908. Send all subscriptions to Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville, Tenn. Subscription price, 25 cts a year.

Pious Huckstering.

In the Church of Corinth, to whom Paul sent a letter, moral and spiritual irregularities flourished in abundance. Among other things there were men who, to use an ordinary phrase, "played to the galleries." They made a show of pious exhortation where at heart they were ignorant of the spiritual meaning of Christ and his teaching.

To such he wrote: "For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God." The Greek word here translated, "corrupt," means "to huckster." Paul has in mind the wine hucksters of his day—men who mixed fine wines with harsh, cheap wines and palmed the mixture off as superior wine. These wine hucksters kept low wine shops and often peddled their adulterated commodities from city to city. Of course, only the low-born and vulgar patronized them, and it is said that these hucksters of adulterated wines did a thriving business.

There were pious hucksters in the Corinthian Church who proclaimed a corrupted gospel. They had the form of spirituality, but lacked its life. They drew a crowd, but gave them fine platitudes and empty vagaries. They were of that class of preachers that Carlyle had in mind when he caustically said, "There they go! Your popular preachers, larding out dishwater that they call the water of life!"

The sensational preacher would have found abundant material in those early days for grand pulpitering. There was the Roman government in all its corruption and tyranny. But Paul barely mentions it. When he does he counsels patience and silence. The social life of those days was rotten, but Paul does not pose as a censor of public morals, although he does insist upon the righteous living of Christian people. The churches themselves were not models of propriety, but Paul was working toward that end. He was leavening the whole race with the leaven of gospel sincerity.

Paul was not a teacher of national politics but he laid a train of influence that shattered that ungodly government. He was no self-styled reformer, unearthing the iniquities of the slums, but he was setting a church of sincere men here and there that were to speedily cleanse the cesspool of Roman vice. He was no narrow propagandist, tied down to a little ism, but he set his lever upon a fulcrum which in a few years dislodged vice and made way for the gospel life and ideals.

Paul records his protest against pious huckstering. He inveighs against your sensationalist. He preached a gospel that in itself is the power of God unto salvation. My soul sickens at some of the poor, pitiful attempts at pious huckstering in my day. Now it is a Roman Catholic bishop forbidding the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light" in Catholic churches, and dismissing it as mere sentiment. Again it is a young Congregational preacher

making a bid for Catholic applause by grandiloquently ridiculing Protestantism, lauding to the skies Roman Catholicism and avowing his belief in purgatory. Anon, it is a Sunday lecturer catering to the crowd and exploiting Sunday amusements in defiance of the fourth commandment. Finally it is a theatre preacher preaching lachrymose sentimentalism over a notorious rich young murderer and writing silly phrases for a yellow journal, all of which I think, Paul would have termed pious huckstering.

Paul records his protest against cheapening the gospel. He would have us understand that Christ's program needs no apology. It stands as the one great need of the race. When we try to make our Christian ideals fit into every worldly condition we are lowering our standard and cheapening the message of reconciliation dictated by God in the words "Love not the world nor the things of the world."

Finally, Paul records his protest against corrupting Christ's scheme of salvation. We stand shoulder to shoulder with him. We emphasize a Christ, divine, risen and loving. We emphasize a written revelation, word on word, line upon line. We emphasize the divine mission of the church.

Already we are victors. We have nothing to lose and all to gain. Let us not huckster or cheapen or corrupt our Christian faith.—Christian Intelligencer.

"How to Invest Your Savings."

By Isaac F. Marcossou.

(Published by the Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia.)

Mr. Marcossou shows in a very helpful chapter how anybody, no matter how small his or her income, may save money by a very simple system. After this he takes up in terms so plain that even a child can understand: The A B C of Investment, how to invest, stocks as investments, the different kinds of bonds, real estate mortgages as investments, investments for women, real estate as an investment, facts every investor ought to know. One of the most valuable features of this book is a complete little glossary of financial words and terms, which will enable the layman to understand easily any technical financial article. Not the least significant and helpful chapter in this book is that called Pitfalls for Investors, which shows how to avoid snares for the unwary investor laid by unscrupulous promoters. These include the industrial lures, the fake mining schemes, the suburban lot installment plan decoy, the bucket shop with the whole large speculative menace, and other devices instigated by "get-rich-quick" sharks to separate the innocent investor from his savings. Illustrated boards, 50 cts. Ooze calf, boxed, \$1.00.

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"Spiritualizing the Material,"

by Rev. A. C. Millar, is a little tract that will help the people to understand the religious use of money. Every preacher should distribute them among his members. Price post-paid, 10c. a dozen, 75c. a hundred.

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ing quite like it in intrinsic value in ethnologic investigation and information. Those who are vitally interested in the subject of "Race Life" will find, in this work, the foundations of destiny. The author evinces a clear intellectuality, sound judgment, striking analytical power, and a breadth of vision, which has given this subject, though often dry and uninteresting, a freshness which makes its perusal a real delight.

There are those who have long desired a work of moderately small compass, yet extensive enough to furnish all the facts needful to show the conquering race life in the world's history. Here it is—from a master pen. It is published by Funk & Wagnalls, and the net price for the two volumes, octavo, is \$4.00. Anderson, Millar & Co. will send this or any other good book to any who desire it.

The Great Bi-Methodist Missionary Convention.

This is to be one of the greatest missionary conventions ever held on the American continent. It will be worth more than it costs just to see the great missionary exhibit. It will be like a hurried trip around the world to spend a few hours in the exhibit room. The great missionary speakers of Methodism are on the program. There ought to be a clamorous demand for credential certificates which will admit one to the exhibit and to all the program. Hundreds of our best laymen should go.

O. E. GODDARD.

The Brannon Special.

The Conference Board of Missions has asked me to try to raise Bro. Brannon's salary as a special. I want twenty-four men, each to contribute fifty dollars for this purpose. If we do not secure this as a special it is likely that the Board shall not be able to pay the home missionaries in full this year. Surely there ought to be two dozen men in the Oklahoma Conference who are able and willing to contribute fifty dollars each to support one conference evangelist and thereby enable the Board to pay the home missionaries in full. I have written to several good laymen asking them to agree to be one of the twenty-four. Have some favorable replies but I need several more. Let me hear from any one willing to join this number. O. E. GODDARD.

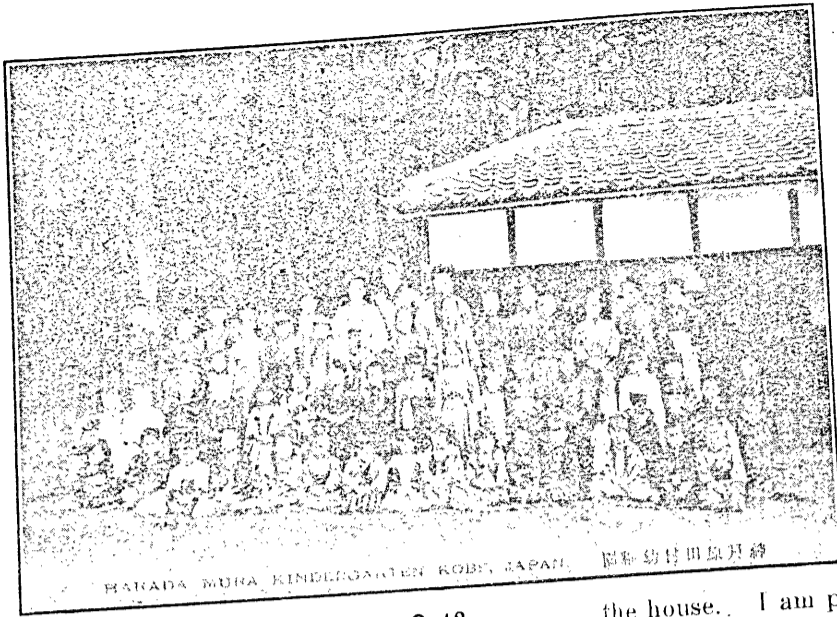
Hendrix College Notes.

The new term and the new year have opened up well. Some of those who were in school last term have not returned, but the number who did not come is not as large as we feared it might be. A goodly number of new students have entered, about balancing the number that failed to return. A spirit of buoyancy and progress pervades the air, and faculty and students enter upon the second term of the college year with more determination than ever to make this the best year in the history of the institution.

Tabor Hall and the dormitories present a lively appearance, with every room full, and applications for room being turned down almost daily. This writer believes that a more orderly and manly crowd of boys and young men could not be found anywhere. Will not some friend of the college make it possible for us to accommodate double the present number of students on the campus next year? The number at present in hall and dormitories is about sixty.

R. H. C.

We can sell you cards with which to make our conference collections cheaper than you have them printed, 75 cents a hundred.



Shall We Turn Them Out?

The above is a picture of the little Kindergarten class in Kobe, Japan, for which I continue to plead. Only \$500 is required to house them. Can you afford to turn a listless ear to their cry that comes through our representative and their teacher, Miss Virginia Garner? The following have contributed to the fund, Who will be the next?

The church at Fordyce, \$25; Rev. E. L. Beard, \$1; Rev. J. F. Taylor, \$5; Mrs. J. M. D. Sturgis, \$1; Miss Annie Sue Rogers, \$1; White Rock Sunday School, \$1; total, \$34.

Now brethren, you are settled down and can tell what you will do. Will you not hear and help?

I have just had another letter from Miss Garner in which she makes an earnest appeal for these helpless ones. Brethren, get your Sunday School, your Missionary Societies to subscribe to this fund.

I thought nothing would appeal to you like this appeal that comes through the earnest faces you see in the above picture. In their weakness be their strength. In their helplessness be their helper. Would not God be well pleased with some liberal heart if he would put up this building in honor of his sainted wife, mother, father, or child? Or better still, put it up in honor of some living loved one. If you will we will name it for them, and let them live and enjoy it. Who will reply? Send your amounts to me at once at Warren. Cash or subscriptions will be acknowledged through the Methodist. In loving sympathy,

W. F. EVANS.

Warren, Ark.

Texas Letter.

It is natural for one who has gone away from home to like to write back again to the homefolks so I shall satisfy that desire on my part by writing back again, to all my brethren, whom I have so dearly loved in the State where I was born and raised and among whom I labored for five years in the ministry. I transferred from the White River Conference in the fall of 1905 to the North Texas Conference and have been well situated in my new conference. The brethren here gave me a broad, generous, Texas welcome and gave me as a place to work one of the most delightful places in the conference. I had two great years of victory over sin in that place having had the last year 135 conversions and reclamations. At the conference this fall I was sent to one of the most desirable appointments in the Conference, which is Oaklawn Church in Dallas. The man is on the ground and hard at work with the determination of making this the best year's work of my life. My people have given me a royal welcome. We are determined to make this

year a year of special effort to build up the spiritual interests of the church rather than financial, numerical or any other interest. To this end I have been preaching some old time Holy Ghost sermons and they have borne fruit. "Last Sunday was the greatest day in the history of the church at Oaklawn," said Uncle Buck Hughes whom many of you know to be one of the brightest lights in Texas Methodism. "The slain of the Lord" were all over

the house. I am praying that next Sunday's service may have the same spiritual power manifested again.

We have a nice parsonage with all the modern conveniences of gas, water, sewerage, electricity, etc., and the street cars stop in a few feet of my door. We have a nice church but we are preparing to have a \$30,000.00 brick structure built and when it is finished it will be one of the nicest churches in this great city. Oaklawn is fast becoming the residence portion of the city for wealthy people, in fact, some of the finest residences of the city have already been built here. My people have assessed themselves \$1,400 for the support of the ministry and are paying it in monthly installments.

This is a great rich conference and in the finest part of the State. It covers the heart of the great blackland country and the land is as rich as the delta of the Nile. The conference is crowded down at the bottom but of course there is plenty of room at the top. I find several Arkansas men in this conference and they are doing well.

We have a great paper, "The Texas Christian Advocate" with Dr. G. C. Rankin at the head of it. He is one of the most versatile and brilliant writers I have ever read after and woe to the "liquorite" or any other "ite" that draws his fire. He has lately been training the "Houston Post" to walk in the path of rectitude with a rawhide whip.

I have taken two courses in the "Summer School of Theology" at Southwestern University which we have lately endowed with \$100,000.00 endowment fund.

I love the brethren of the White River Conference and I hope some day to be able to be at one of her sessions and meet all the brethren.

Yours in Christ,

JAMES H. GRIFFIN.

709 Cedar Springs St., Dallas Texas.

Christian Education.

T. P. Clark.

From early boyhood to date no question has given me more concern than that of Christian Education. My love for the school and for books seems to me to have been innate. Also my call to the ministry. The remembrance of my school days is not grievous, and the abiding interest in Christian Education an increasing joy. The educator is worthy of more honor today than ever. None are so poorly paid as he, excepting ministers of the gospel, and I am not sure that we should except them. I believe in our public schools, for they reach all classes, and open the way to higher education.

I believe in our Training Schools, and small colleges, since on the one hand they do a needed work which would never be done but for

them, and on the other hand, are feeders to the larger institutions of learning. I surely believe in the great institutions of learning that seek in some degree to satisfy the longings of an awakened intellect.

Yet it remains that Christian Education is not so much a question of schools as it is of society, homes and churches. Thus a question of great concern to every thinking person. The psalmist sang "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Christian education only, can make this possible, if considered in its highest sense.

Even an animal's usefulness and value depend upon its training, how much more man, whom God created in his own image.

The time has come when Christian education should be a qualification for parentage. Our children's training should begin with our training. At least we should so think with regard to our children's children. The father should begin the education of his grand children by educating his own child. There is no greater heritage than that of godly educated parents.

The price of true honor is service, service to Christ by serving our fellow man. Master workmen are needed everywhere.

There is much for every one to do, and the bluntness of steel costs both time and strength. The powers and possibilities of the soul cannot be measured, neither can we compute the loss of energy occasioned by misguided effort. The soul is infinitely potential, and here lies the buried talent. When shall come such perturbation as to enlist both young and old in manifest appreciation of the possibilities and opportunities of this generation? Deus vult.

Our Training School of Stuttgart is doing a great work, and deserves the patronage of all within her bounds. Boys and girls are in safe hands here. Prof. O'Rear is the right man, and his wife is a helpmeet indeed. Prof. Standley of this school, is superintendent of my Sunday School, and president of the League. All the teachers are first class.

I am interested in Christian Education throughout our church, and I am especially interested in the young people in reach of our school at Stuttgart. All honor to the laymen who are unselfishly promoting it.

A Word About Our Sunday School Literature.

My Dear Brother Editor: Will you kindly grant me the privilege of saying a few words through the Western Methodist to our Sunday School workers in Arkansas and Oklahoma?

1. First of all, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the many messages of appreciation of the improvements recently made in our Sunday School literature. The changes which have called forth these expressions are as follows:

(1). A complete readjustment of the matter contained in the Magazine with a view of more thoroughly meeting the wants of all teachers above the primary grade.

(2). The publication of the Adult Student, a beautiful illustrated monthly designed to meet the wants of adult classes, particularly of those that are organized for combined Bible study and Christian service. The rapidity with which subscriptions to this new periodical have come in show that it meets a real need.

Every adult class in the church that is not supplied with the Magazine should have the Adult Student.

(3). The publication of the Primary Teach-

er, an attractive 64 page illustrated quarterly written by one of the very best primary teachers in the world and giving just the help needed by those who are charged with the difficult and supremely important work of teaching our boys and girls between the ages of six and nine.

(4). The change of Our Little People and Junior Lessons from leaflets to quarterlies.

2. These additions and changes have been made at large cost both of money and labor by the Sunday School Department. It is always vastly cheaper and easier to continue to run in the old ruts. In no other department of Christian activity, however, has there been such rapid progress during the last ten years as in Sunday School work; and, of course, there has been a corresponding development in Sunday School literature. Our own church owes it to her large constituency to keep pace with this progress. There is no reason why our Publishing House should not issue and our people use as good literature as there is in the world. It is solely with the view of encouraging the most effective work in our Sunday Schools by furnishing to both our teachers and scholars the very best helps, that we have made the additions and changes mentioned above.

3. By way of illustration, let me call particular attention to the changes in our primary and junior literature.

Our Little People and Junior Lessons in their present form not only furnish original illustrations of each lesson, but also supply much fuller treatment of the lessons than the leaflets.

(1). The former gives the lesson in story form, as this is now universally conceded to be the most effective way of presenting truth to children of tender years. It should be kept in mind, however, that each primary teacher will need our Primary Teacher's quarterly which supplies additional illustrative stories and full information as to how each lesson is to be taught. Any primary teacher who will make an honest effort, will find that, with the help of this quarterly, she can use the story method much more easily and effectively than the old question and answer method. In this connection I may call attention to our Olivet Picture Cards which may be used to supplement Our Little People for children of the Primary grade (six to nine), or in connection with the Picture Roll to meet the needs of children in the beginner's grade (three to six) in case they are not supplied with the Beginners' Course. Later we hope to issue an illustrated paper in order more fully to meet the needs of children of both the primary and junior grades.

(2). Junior Lessons in its new form takes cognizance of the fact that the junior age, namely, from nine to twelve, is the memorizing age, and is prepared with the view of encouraging children of this grade to store their minds with precious gems from the Word of God. It is also designed to encourage the use of the Bible itself by the scholars—a matter which all must regard of the very greatest importance. Indeed, one of the serious objections to the leaflet for children of this grade is that it tends to banish the Bible altogether and to develop loose and haphazard methods of study. It may be that some of our junior teachers may not be able at once to induce their scholars to do all the work outlined in Junior Lessons. In that case, they should use in the beginning so much of each lesson as they find available, endeavoring meanwhile to lead their classes as rapidly as they are able into the practice of more thorough methods. Note also that the Magazine is hence-

forth to contain a special department of "Suggestions for the Junior Teacher."

(3). Do not be content to run along in the old rut, but adopt an ideal and work towards it. You will not be able to accomplish everything in a month or a quarter, but if you will adopt improved methods, and resolutely try to put them into practice, you cannot fail to make substantial progress.

4. Because it is easier to stand still than to go forward, some teachers may be tempted to complain at the demand for study and preparation made upon them by the changes which we have introduced; but we trust that no earnest teacher will for a moment yield to this temptation. And we particularly ask that our superintendents and pastors take pains to encourage any who may be timid about trying to take a step forward. Tell them that our church is just now only undertaking to do what every other great Protestant denomination in the country has already successfully done, and that we owe it to the children of whose religious training we are responsible to use the best helps and the best methods, and not to be content simply with the easiest. Finally, take these primary and junior quarterlies and carefully study a few lessons for yourself in order that you may personally understand their vast superiority over the old leaflets and so be able to make it clear to your teachers.

Meanwhile, if there about which you need further information, write to the Sunday School Department. It is our business to study Sunday School problems and to help in every possible way our Sunday School workers, and we always welcome both enquiries and suggestions.

Let me in conclusion express for the Sunday School Department our deep and sincere appreciation of the loyal and hearty support and co-operation of our Sunday School leaders in our efforts to improve the quality of our literature.

Sincerely,
E. B. CHAPPELL,
Sunday School Editor.

"The Divinity Within Us."

"Any one who thinks and aspires—who is not dead—will be benefitted by reading it. You have done a good service. May God reward you for it."

REV. J. J. GALLOWAY.

Origin and History of Methodism and What Methodism Stands For.

By J. H. Riggon, D.D.

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

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

J. E. GODFREY

Do you want a thousand acres of fine river bottom land? We have a friend who has more than he cares to hold. The land is well drained protected by a good levy, and about seven hundred acres is well cleared. The price is very reasonable. It is near one of the best towns in Arkansas. Address Jas. A. Anderson, of the Western Methodist.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

January 19. Jesus and His First Disciples.

Golden Text.—We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth. John 1:45.

The time is practically the same as that of our last lesson, only a few hours having intervened.

Lesson Text.—John 1:35-51.

Home Readings.

Monday, John 1:35-51.

Tuesday, John 15:16-27.

Wednesday, Matt. 10:32-42.

Thursday, Matt. 5:3-16.

Friday, Matt. 10:1-16.

Saturday, Luke 10:1-16.

Sunday, Luke 10:17-24.

The real character of John the Baptist is beautifully portrayed in the first verse of this lesson. He had gathered around him a company of disciples who had labored with him in the preparation of the people for the coming of the Messiah. There had grown up a brotherly affection which made it pleasant to dwell together and labor in the same cause. It therefore must have been painful for them to part. But John gave them every encouragement to go after Christ the Holy One of Israel. Under this encouragement two of his disciples left him and followed Jesus. Some of them, however, like Ruth to Naomi, clung to him and refused to leave their great prophet and teacher. Those who did leave him, however, became the first or charter members of that innumerable host of believers, part of whom have crossed the flood and some are crossing it now while yet others are following him in the progressive work of saving the world.

One of these disciples of John who turned to follow Christ was Andrew. He findeth his brother Simon and told the story of his find in these words: "We have found the Messiah." In turn Jesus findeth Phillip and spake to him the words of authority, "follow me." Then Philip findeth Nathanael and adds him, by an assurance which was the outgrowth of confidence, to the company of the disciples. Can any one fail to note the process by which the company of the apostles was formed—one by one. This looks like a slow process but we venture the assertion that this is the best way to work for Jesus. It is the way that churches are built up and that the world is lead to Christ. Men seem sometimes to be drawn into the fold by the multitude but if we could know the secrets of every heart we should find that they were won as individuals by individual effort.

Note the satisfaction with which these men were joined to the company of our Lord. The first two desired to spend awhile with him and they "abode with him that day." What they talked about we do not know but we do know that they were convinced of his Messiahship and went forth to call others. When Peter came to him the Lord received him as a matter of course. The Lord's simple call to Philip made of him at once a zealous supporter and believer. When Nathanael came to him he found the object after whom his soul had sought. "When thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." This sentence caught him. He was under the fig tree meditating and praying doubtless. No one was near but the prayer-hearing God. Jesus saw him and heard him and that fact was convincing. An Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile. A noble soul he had found the Lord of Lords the Saviour of souls. The answer of Nathanael was frank and honest. He felt the power

of the divine speech and was free to confess the state of his convictions. And so the lesson ends. The college of the apostles was made up of choice spirits. Choice spirits had found a choice in the Lord and the Lord placed upon them the work of saving the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

How the Sunday schools in each district may support a missionary is the topic we promised to discuss in this week's Methodist. The resolution, looking to this effort, was passed by the last annual conference, and the Sunday schools in each district urged to assume the support of one missionary. The schools of Muskogee did it last year. We are sure that there would be very few dubious persons as to the feasibility of the plan and our ability to work it, if we would only figure it out, and then all unite to do it. Here is the plan:

1. Let every Sunday school be resolved into a missionary society. Set apart the first Sunday in each month as "Missionary Day." Do not let one cent of this money go on the conference collections.

2. Observe the "Missionary Rally Day" the last Sunday in October, with a good program, take a collection for missions. These occasions usually draw large crowds, and they will help the cause if you let them. Let them.

These two methods put together and managed wisely and earnestly, will put the Sunday schools in each district in the conference in a position to support a missionary easily. Of course, I do not mean the Indian districts. Brethren, let us rise up and do it.

Two Suggestions.

That the Sunday schools may be lined up in our missionary effort, as per resolution of the annual conference, we suggest:

1. That the pastor, the superintendent and the teachers in each Sunday school confer together and agree to assume a definite amount for the support of a missionary. Then notify your presiding elder.

2. Or let the presiding elder take up the matter with the pastors and superintendents, and suggest amount for each school to pay. When they agree, let it stand. Do one or the other, or both—now.

The Sunday Schools of Mangum District to Support a Missionary.

At a meeting of the pastors and quite a number of representative laymen in the Mangum District last week, they resolved to assume the support of a missionary by the Sunday schools. Good for Mangum District! And they will do it, too! Hope every other district will "go and do likewise."

Give Them a Chance.

Give the Sunday school people of Oklahoma Conference a change, and they will do something for the cause of missions, and will "grow in grace and knowledge" of the missionary movements of the Church. Help them, brethren, help them!

Two Districts in Line.

With two of our districts—Muskogee and Mangum—in line each for the support of a missionary, may we not confidently expect all the other districts to do likewise? We can do it. Let us be at it.

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How They Turn Out.

The number of ministerial "failures" is very large, and doubtless includes a considerable proportion of those ministers who are sent of men, but not of God; and who are qualified by men, but not by the Holy Ghost. This fact affords matter for serious reflection; and some have drawn from it an inference unfavorable to the methods of ministerial education which are pursued. It is perfectly true that no amount of theological education can make a man a good minister of Jesus Christ. It is also true that a man whom God has called to the ministry may be helped in his work by a judicious course of study; while it is equally true that he may be hindered by devoting his time to injudicious and unprofitable lines of education. There is something to be said on both sides of the question. Dr. Matlack, when speaking on the subject of theological education, related the following conversation:

"Sometime since a leading banker of New York met me, and said: 'I am growing skeptical about the work of your society. So much is said of the unemployed and unsuccessful men in the ministry. I wish you would call at my office and talk over the matter. I made the call and was greeted with the question, 'What proportion of your young men turn out well?' My reply was, 'What proportion ought to succeed in their work?' 'I don't know.' 'Oh, yes, you do; you know better than I. You have been a banker in Wall Street for half a century. What proportion of bankers have been successful within that time?' 'Very, very few.' 'You have known nearly all the leading business men in New York; what proportion of them have been successful?' 'Not three per cent.' 'You have several thousand lawyers in New York; to how many could you vouch with perfect confidence consign an important case?' 'Not fifty.' 'You have several thousand doctors; to how many could you apply with the same confidence in case of dangerous illness?' 'Very few, indeed.' 'In the light of these facts of your experience, what proportion of my men ought to turn out well?' 'If you get one-third I will be perfectly satisfied.' 'I will say, as an honest man, if I did not get two-thirds I would give up the work.'

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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.)

Jester, Okla.

Dear Western Methodist: I believe this time I will tell you about my home. We live twenty miles from the railroad and on a farm. We have a creek running through our pasture. We go over there in the spring and go in the water. Some places are deep and some shallow. Last spring I invited some of my friends down to play and we went to Deer Creek and we fished awhile, then played with our dolls, then found a nice shady place and ate our dinner. While we were eating a snake ran out of the bushes and jumped into the water. We threw fat meat into the water and watched the fish come up and eat it. This is all I can think of. I will close.

Your cousin,
CLARA PARTON.

Cave City, Ark., Jan. 5, 1908.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I have never seen any letters from Cave City I thought I would do my best and that is all a man can do. I am a little boy nine years old. I am going to school every day. Mrs. Wann is my teacher. I like her fine. I go to Sunday School when it is pretty. Bro. Ellis is our preacher; I like him. I have one sister and one brother living and one brother dead. I have two grandpas and one grandma. I like to visit

them. Who of the cousins have my birthday—the third of April? I had a good Christmas. I love to read Ruth Carr's letters. I will close for this time, hoping to see this in print. I wish some one else would write from Cave City. Your new cousin,

ELMER MEACHAM.

Tahlequah, Okla., Dec. 8, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I have seen so many little girls have their letters in the Western Methodist I thought I would write too. We have a new pastor and his name is Bro. Murray, and my papa is the superintendent of the Sunday School. I have two sisters; one is older than I and the other is younger. I go to the public school and my teacher is Mrs. Harnage and I am nine years old. Your new cousin,

MILCHED PARKS.

Dell, Ark., Dec. 20, 1907.

Dear Methodist Cousins: I will write for my second time to the Methodist. Cousins it will soon be Christmas and I will be glad, won't you? I hope Santa Claus will fill my stocking for I will be sure to hang it up. I have just been reading the Children's page, and decided to write again, as my first letter missed the waste basket. I am going to school now. I am in the fifth grade. I am ten years old. My desk mate is Ora Ellis. Lollie's desk mate is Alma Ellis. Mrs. Della Angleton closed out school for Christmas. Our preacher for this year will be Brother Hudson. We were sorry to see Bro. Lott leave us this year. How many of the cousins have got flowers. We have a good many. They got frosted but we put them up stairs and they will come out green this spring and be pretty and green. How many of the cousins love music? We have an organ. I am learning to play. Lollie is taking music lessons from Mrs. Self. We ought to all write letters and fill up our page. I do wish Ruth Carr would write some more stories; I think they are fine. I will close. Goodbye to all the cousins.

I am your cousin,
VIRGINIA TAYLOR BROWN.

Roland, Ark., Jan. 6, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As I enjoy reading the cousins' letters so much I thought I would write too. My papa has been taking the Methodist ever since Dr. A. R. Winfield was the editor, and is still taking it. I enjoy Ruth Carr's stories very much, and wish she would write again. It's strange to say we don't have any Sunday School here. I go to school every day, and I am in the seventh grade. My teacher's name is Miss Florence Gilla. Well I will close and if I see my letter in print I will write again. Your new friend,

BESSIE SNIPES.

Velma, Okla., Dec. 23, 1907.

Dear Western Methodist: I have written once before and thought I would write again. We haven't any Sunday School now, but are going to try to organize one, soon. My school teacher's name is Prof. Hill; he is a good teacher. The pastor of our church is Rev. Joe Bailey; he hasn't been on the work but a short time. Hello Ruth Carr; come again and bring us a story. Well I will close, wishing you all a Merry Xmas. Your true cousin,

WESSIE MILLER.

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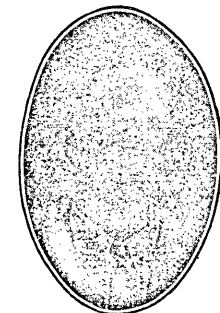
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odist. I like to read it very much. Our pastor's name is J. R. Rushing. We like him very much. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. We have a Brigade. I am president of it. We have about 35 members. We organized the Brigade last April. I go to Ramble School and I am in the fifth grade. It is a very pretty school, made of brick. My teacher's name is Miss Burks and the principal's name is Mr. Cubage. I will write again, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If this escapes the waste basket, I will write again. I will close by asking a question. Where did Abraham die? From a new cousin,

BERTHA RUNYAN.

DeVall's Bluff, Ark. and Victory.

Editor Western Methodist: Congratulations are in order to us of DeVall's Bluff. A better whisky fight has never been known in these parts than the one just now pulled off. The whisky forces were confident and defiant. The Prohies were undismayed and determined. The fight lasted about twelve days. Today the saloon people conceded their defeat and withdrew the contest. That closes, if I am correctly informed, the last saloon in Wayne county. Our forces were lead by that sterling Methodist, Judge J. G. Thweat, who is one of the very ablest lawyers in Arkansas.

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J. C. HOOKS.

Muskogee, Okla.

A gracious revival in First Church. Souls are being converted at the altar from night to night in the old fashioned way. The pastor is doing all the preaching. The revival will continue indefinitely. Twenty professions up to this time.

O. E. GODDARD.

W. F. M. S. Little Rock Conf.
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 Miss A. B. Wadley, Editor.

This week I offer to the readers of the Western Methodist, and especially those who read this column, an interesting letter from Miss Henry McKinnon, who is the Missionary candidate from the L. R. Conference in the Training School at Kansas City. Miss McKinnon not only because of her own personality, and because she is the daughter of Bro. and Sister McKinnon, who were instrumental in organizing the first foreign missionary society in this State, and she being the first from this conference to offer herself for service in foreign fields, is well known and well beloved. Last September she entered the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, from whence, after her two years' course, she will go out to active duty at the command of the Woman's Board.

In response to my request that she write this letter, in a personal one to me, she said: "I am glad to write, because I want in any way I can to express my gratitude to the Little Rock Conference Society for enabling me to come to the Training School this year. Then I have had so many blessings since I came, that I feel as if I would love to share them with all my friends. We have had a very happy Christmas season, rather full, but still restful. The Christmas spirit pervades the home. The home-life here is very sweet at all times, but it is even sweeter at the special seasons." Her letter to the Conference Society is as follows:

Scarritt Bible and Training School,
 Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6, 1908.
 To the Members of the Little Rock
 Conference Woman's Foreign Mis-
 sionary Society:

I wish for each of you that the year 1908 will be filled with helpful service and rich blessings. As I thought of the many blessings that have come into my life during the past year my heart was filled to overflowing with gratitude to you for the part you have played in bringing these blessings into my life. I want to thank each of you for your gifts that have enabled me to spend this year in the Scarritt Training School and I thank you too for your loving interest and prayers. The thought that you love me and pray for me has been such a strength to me.

I would love to share the blessings of my life here with you but as that is impossible I will try to tell you something about them.

The home life here is almost ideal, from the moment that you enter the home you feel that the law of Christ is supreme with teachers and students. It is an inspiration just to live here. It is helpful too for us each to have our share of the house work to do. The "work list" that is posted every Tuesday evening is of great interest to each of us. I know it would rejoice you good house keepers to see us Monday morning, and then by eleven o'clock to see the result of our industry. Monday is our "Labor Day."

Now for a little glimpse at our school work. I will refer to the junior work and if I have the good fortune to be a senior next year I will tell you of their work then. We spend our mornings from nine to twelve-ten on recitation, our study hours are from two to five and from seven to nine-fifteen in

the afternoon and evening. On Friday afternoon from two to half past three we have our industrial work, we had basketry before the holidays and will have sewing this term. Tuesday and Thursday evenings we have medical lectures, each lecturer is a specialist in his line. I wish that I might tell you what a delight and inspiration each of the courses has been but I realize that with so many things to tell there is danger of my letter growing too long. As soon after the session of the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference as possible the students were assigned to the different churches in the city for work, some in the Sunday School and some in the Leagues, in fact to be used where they are most needed. Our Saturday afternoons are spent in visiting for our pastors, in the interest of our Sunday school classes or Leagues, or just the kind of visiting that is needed most in that district. Some of the Home Mission Seniors are working in the factories with the factory girls. They are quite enthusiastic over the work. My appointment was to the Garland Avenue Church in the East Bottoms. On Sunday morning I teach a class of young ladies in the Sunday school and on Saturday afternoon I visit in a large district where a great many of the people never go to church, are poor, and need to learn the value of soap and water. My visiting has been a great joy to me. I feel keenly my responsibility as a witness for my Master among "my people" and I want you to pray for me that I may so hold up Christ before them that they may look to him and be saved.

We have a large Foreign Missionary Society which meets the first Thursday afternoon of each month. We are making a study of the different fields in which our board has work. Our Home Mission Society, also quite large, meets on the third Thursday afternoons. Our Society meetings are always enjoyed very much.

Our Saturday night meetings are also very interesting. On the first Saturday night of each month we have report meetings. The students meet in two sections, one to Miss Gibson and the other to Miss Howell, and report the work of the month. These meetings are very interesting and inspiring, though we are usually tired from our afternoon's work. The girls come to hard places in their work but their reports are for the most part joyous and hopeful. The third Saturday night we have our students' prayer meeting. These are very helpful. The second and fourth nights we have our band meetings. They are such an inspiration. There are thirty-six or seven volunteers in school. Our Volunteer Band room has become very dear to me. We spend the ten minute recess between the ten and eleven o'clock recitation in there praying for the work and workers.

For years I had heard of Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Training School, but I did not realize what sweet, joyous seasons they were, till I came and saw for myself.

Several new students have come in since the holidays, one of them is from Arkansas, making six from our State. I hope that we will have at least twice as many next year.

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Your friend,
HENRY MCKINNON.

A Correction.

Dye Memorial paid its assessment of \$29.00 for Church Extension in full, and my books so show, so that it is simply a typographical error. I regret the error very much, but trust that this explanation will be satisfactory.

GEO. A. HENRY.

Statistical Secretary White River Annual Conference.

Searcy District.

I desire to say to the pastors and members of the Searcy District that I will meet the appointments outlined in Dr. Wilson's round published in Methodist. May this be the most useful and successful year of our lives.

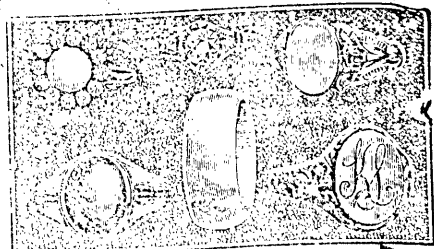
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MARRIED. — At the Methodist church, DeQueen, Ark., on Christmas Day, 1907, at noon, Mr. John Hartsfield to Miss Roxie Cole. H. M. Bruce, officiating.

MARRIAGES

Married.

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Mangum, Okla., and Else.

Western Methodist: In our preachers' and district stewards' meeting at this place a few days ago, a good layman remarked "that he did not like our Conference Organ, that it was too much Arkansas and not enough Oklahoma."

I replied to that criticism of our Conference Organ by saying "that if that was true it was our fault and not the Editors, that I had never heard of the Editors refusing to publish any matter sent them by any Oklahoma preacher or layman." If there does not appear in our Conference Organ as much news from Oklahoma as we would like to see, it is because we preachers and laymen do not write, and send into the office the information.

If all of our pastors would write short newsy letters, once a month, telling about their work, their congregation, Sunday School, Leagues, collections, revivals, successes or failures, I am sure the Editors would be glad to publish them, and so furnish our readers with more of what our church is doing in Oklahoma.

Our work moves along very encouragingly. Have had full houses to preach to every Sunday. We had an attendance of 233 in Sunday School last Sunday. The collection, special for Missions amounted to \$11.65, which was an average of 5 cts. per member of Sunday School. We hope to keep up this average for every first Sunday through the year. I have sent our Conference Teller the full amount of our assessment for Domestic Missions, viz., \$105.00, and expect to have every dollar of my assessment in full by first quarterly conference which is the last of February.

We have arranged to have our Conference Missionary Evangelist, Rev. A. M. Brannon, with us in a meeting beginning March 1st. I beg an interest in prayer for the success of that meeting.

Rev. Wm. J. Sims, our Commissioner of Education, was with us on last Sunday and preached two splendid sermons which were greatly appreciated by all who heard them. We will be glad to have Bro. Sims with us again when it is possible for him to come this way.

Love to all the brethren.

J. S. LAMAR.

Mangum, Okla., Jan. 10, 1908.

Rocky and Sentinel, Okla.

Have been kindly received by the good people of this charge. This is our second year with them. The pounding came just before Xmas and a goodly number of people came with it. Some good instrumental music was rendered, and a pleasant social time enjoyed by all who attended. We serve a very fine, appreciative people, who are loyal to their pastor. Our work is progressing very nicely and the outlook is encouraging.

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Farcell, Oklahoma.

The first month of the new conference year at Purcell Station is gone. I came here in the clutches of the gripe, from which I have not yet fully recovered. However I have missed but one service from it. One Wednesday evening prayer meeting. The assessment for pastor and presiding elder is \$268 above any previous assessment for this place. It is all paid up to date and a slight margin over. The Sabbath preaching services are fairly well attended. A revival is much needed. I am glad to see the Methodist wearing such a bright shining face. It is much improved in appearance. Cordially

C. F. ROBERTS.

Paoli, Okla.

Dear Methodist: At the last conference I was returned to Paoli. The kind people received us kindly with a pounding of such as flour, sugar, coffee and all manner of canned goods, which were highly appreciated. We have made one



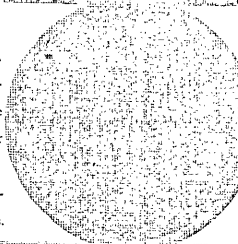
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round since conference. In the restricting of the conference I was put in the Ardmore District under Bro. W. T. Freeman, who was with us on the 23rd of December and held my first quarterly conference and preached once for us. We like the elder very much. We are hoping and praying for a good year. Pray for us. Yours in Christ.

P. A. SMITH, P. C.

Siloam Springs, Ark.

We have just closed a gracious revival in our church at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The revival was conducted by Evangelists Jno. B. Andrews, Jno. E. Brown, L. P. Low, C. P. Curry, and E. G. Philips, all of whom belong to our church here. They were home to spend the holidays and to rest and while they rested they held this meeting in their home church. As a result about fifty persons were saved and since the meeting began fifty-five persons have been received into the church and there are several more that will come in later. We hope to have at least a hundred additions this year. There is no reason that our church here with these strong men belonging to it should not in the next few years become one of the best in the conference. Our evangelists are untiring workers at home and everywhere and great success is attending their efforts all over the land.

Our finances for the year are well provided for and the pastor is relieved of all possible worry along this line. The Board of Stewards is also planning to extensively repair the parsonage this winter.

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Keeping Sunday Saves Life.

Belgium, a Roman Catholic country, has abolished by statute, 2,227 Sunday trains. The result has been, as the Minister of Railways informs us, that there has been more than 50 per cent. decrease in fatal railroad accidents due to any fault of the employees. Switzerland was the first European country to enact and apply practically the Fifty-two Weekly Rest Day laws for every railway and trolley laborer. That was five years ago. At the end of the first twelve months, the report showed a whole year without a single fatal accident on railway or trolley! When will

America learn the lesson taught by the experience of these countries? The Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States, in August, 1906, reported that there have been on an average these last eleven years, nearly forty accidents daily on railroads, an average of twenty-one persons killed every day of the year! The total was 84,244 persons slaughtered and 555,585, maimed or injured in that period. A terrible record! The numerous and horrible railway disasters of the last two or three months of the year 1906 verify the statement of the Interstate Commission, that in two years, 1904 and 1905, compared with previous years, there was an increase of nearly one hundred per cent. in the number killed by railway accidents. Seven days in the week of railroading and trolley labor, being continuous toil for weeks and months, unfit any man physically, mentally and morally for efficiency and reliability.—From the Report of the American Sabbath Union.

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Weatherford District.

While there was no change made in the boundaries of the Weatherford, two new circuits were organized and ten new men were assigned to works in the District.

J. C. Fowler comes to Weatherford station. He and his most excellent wife are moving off with most excellent prospects for a fine year. Congregations are growing right along and the people are delighted and pleased with both pastor and wife. Bro. Fowler is planning for a forward movement with a revival in the near future in which he has the promise of the help of Rev. Joe M. Ramsey of Tennessee.

W. A. Randle, after several years of physical afflictions which necessitated a superannuated relation, is back in the pastorate at Elk City station. He has made a fine start and it getting hold of the situation with a strong hand. We have no safer man than Randle, nor one who has done more in laying the foundation for Southern Methodism in Western Oklahoma than he did the four years he served as presiding elder of this district.

C. A. Burris has been delayed in getting settled at Clinton owing to sickness in his family; and having no parsonage there it has been almost impossible to secure a house to live in. He has been on the ground and the Woman's Home Mission Society has secured a house for the present and will build a parsonage at once in that important charge. The people are delighted with Burris, both as a pastor and preacher. He will succeed.

W. H. Duncan was returned to Sayre. We have no finer young man than Duncan. Sayre was a circuit of four appointments last year. It is now a station. The stewards made a good start by putting the salary from three hundred last year to six hundred this year and promised to pay monthly. The handsome new church commenced before conference will be ready to occupy by February 1st. The District Conference meets there this year. The new church is a credit to our people

there and to the untiring young preacher.

H. K. Monroe, one of our faithful local itinerants is supplying Butler charge, a new circuit as now formed. He reached Butler on the 29th of November and on Monday, Dec. 2nd, the brethren there, as they promised to do, commenced to build a new parsonage. On the 20th Bro. Monroe and family were housed for the year in a neat three room parsonage. Butler gets half time and last Saturday the stewards fixed pastor's salary at \$500, an increase over last year. Sister Monroe has been quite sick ever since she reached Butler. When I left there Sunday afternoon she was much improved and we anticipate her early recovery.

J. M. Holt, true, tried and faithful, is supplying Pioneer out on the western border. He is a perfect fit on that new circuit and we shall be disappointed if there is not one and perhaps two church houses built on that work this year.

J. W. Nigh, who supplied Doxey circuit last year is now supplying the Berlin work. Has no parsonage, six appointments and no house of worship. This is also a new work in a section where there are great opportunities and a future for us if we can build houses of worship. Nigh is a true consecrated pastor, never murmurs nor complains and is serving the hardest charge in the District. The people are well pleased with the pastor and have promised to take care of him by increasing the salary \$250.00 over last year.

Lambert on the Doxey circuit has made a fine impression and starts off with much to encourage both pastor and people. Lambert will consummate at an early date what we started at the fourth quarterly conference last, to wit: the consolidation of three weak school house appointments into one and building a church house. All three classes readily consented and a brother offered to give one acre of land centrally located and \$25.00 towards the building. This work also made a very satisfactory increase in pastor's salary and in addition have furnished the three room parsonage located at Doxey since Conference.

Bro. Wright, who is one of the most untiring pastors I know, is giving fine satisfaction at Custer City. He did a most excellent year's work at Elk City last year and we anticipate a similar work this year. Sister Wright has few equals as a worker, especially with the children.

Foss, which is a half station, is served by Fullingim. His people are well pleased with their pastor and his wife. They have added a splendid new barn to the parsonage property since conference and will enlarge the parsonage property by adding two more rooms. They realize the necessity of this as never before, as they have the biggest preacher they have ever had.

Bro. Nash at Geary is moving off nicely in his difficult field. His people like him and if Geary can be prised out of the rut it has been in for several years, I believe Nash will do it.

The other charges I have not visited as yet. Reports received are all very gratifying, and we are looking for a year of fruitfulness all over the District. I leave in the morning for a two week's trip to the northwest behind the ponies, a drive of over two hundred miles. I trust the weather man will keep his hand on affairs and give us the bright, pleasant weather he has been furnishing us out here all the win-

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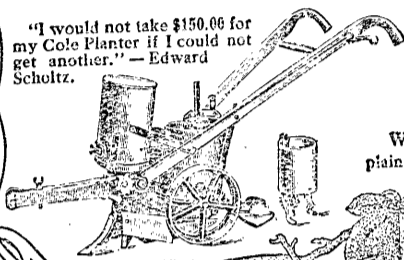
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I find it necessary to change the time of the first quarterly meeting as follows:

Cloud Chief et., at Bethel Feb. 1-2
Cordell Station Feb. 2-3
Wood et., at Pleasant View. Feb. 15-16
Wm. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Cato, Ark.

I wish to say to all of my friends that I have been well received on this charge for the second year, and that I never lived among a better people than those of Cato, and as an expression of their gratitude to me for the past services, they sent me, as a Christmas present, dollars' worth of groceries, such as sugar, coffee, rice, flour, etc. and a variety of things to numerous to mention, and a little money for good measure. All of which we greatly appreciate, and pray God's blessings upon all those who were so thoughtful of our interests.

Yours in Christ,
R. H. GRISSETT.

Chickasha, Okla.

I am delighted with my charge. The official board has relieved the pastor of all financial worry; looking after the conference collections and all other financial matters. Large congregations are attending the preaching services. Have received 13 new members and baptized 10 infants. Our laymen are organized and they held their first service last Sunday evening which was a great success. Our people are exceed-

ing kind to us. Bro. McGhee, our presiding elder, is filling the bill in every particular. He is planning largely and wisely.

It is a source of inexpressible gratitude to God upon our part to be back among "home folks." God bless the dear brethren and all the Oklahoma Conference.

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Erick and Texola.

We have made two rounds on our new charge. Have found a good people, as usual: they gave us a splendid reception. The pounding came ahead of the preacher. Found a good parsonage, well furnished with all the furniture that we need. The good women of the church had the parsonage in excellent condition and the table was fairly groaning under the weight of the many good things that was put on it, waiting our incoming. We are praying that we may make the people as proud of us as we are of them. Our first quarterly conference has come and gone, with good impressions. Our P. E., Brother Matthews, was on hand looking after all the interests of the church. We all appreciate Bro. Matthews. We have known him twenty-four years, but never knew him as P. E. before. We think he is the right man for Weatherford district.

We will begin a church house at Erick immediately. Hope to have it completed before our annual conference. Have the stone on the ground for the foundation. Our church is well located. The people of Erick are struggling to build. They are not rich in money, but are rich in faith. They believe they can build. I hope they will get the amount from the board they ask for. If they do we can build without a great sacrifice.

Have good Sunday school, Bro. S. T. Davis, superintendent. W. H. Missionary Society is doing some splendid things. They have paid \$100 on the church fund.

Success to the Western Methodist. It is a splendid paper, gets better all the time. Several copies come to Erick. I want to swell the number soon.

My work has been handicapped most all the time since we came here on account of sickness in our own home, and the smallpox is in lots of the homes of our people. I think the yellow flags are being thinned out somewhat now. I know our church will have a greater opportunity since the saloons have been closed out. They were the greatest menace to the progress of the church in this Western country. Have added eight new names to our Erick class since conference. W. M. TAYLOR.

Erick, Okla., January 8, 1908.

"Sometime, Somewhere."

A pathetic incident occurred at Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, April 21st, in connection with a mass meeting of the temperance forces who had just been defeated in a long and hard fight for local option. The largest hall in the town was filled. In the course of the meeting a prominent citizen, a bank president, who had been a leader in the campaign, sang with a clear and tender voice that beautiful song that runs:

"Unanswered yet! the prayers your lips have pleaded
In agony of heart these many years?
Does faith begin to fail? Is hope departing?
And think you all in vain those falling tears?
Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer,
You shall have your desire—sometime, somewhere."

As the song ceased, men and women all over the house were seen to be affected to tears as they applied the words and sentiment of the song to their present defeat.

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The most moving occurrence of the meeting was when a merchant, who was one of the most active workers for the cause of temperance, arose and said: "This morning when I went to my store I found it decorated with streamers of crape and an insulting note was pinned with it. Just thirty years ago today there was crape on my father's door and he had gone to a drunkard's grave. Can you blame me for advocating prohibition?" There was not a dry eye in the theatre when the speaker took his seat.

Here is indeed a tragedy; but the words of that song, "It shall be done sometime, somewhere," will verily be fulfilled in that little company. We know they shall win. Let a community have that spirit and then stand face to face with such a foe as the saloon, and as sure as spring and summer follow winter, will hope be fulfilled and they shall bequeath to their children and children's children that which for years they have fought for and had faith would prevail. Bury a spirit like this and you bury it alive.—Western Christian Advocate.

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Be generous.
Be a good listener.
Never worry or whine.
Study the art of pleasing.
Be frank, open and truthful.
Always be ready to lend a hand.
Be kind and polite to everybody.
Be self-confident but not conceited.
Never monopolize the conversation.
Take a genuine interest in other people.
Always look at the bright side of things.
Take pains to remember names and faces.
Never criticize or say unkind things of others.
Look for the good in others, not for their faults.
Forgive and forget injuries, but never forget benefits.
Cultivate health, and thus radiate strength and courage.
Rejoice as genuinely in other's successes as in your own.
Always be considerate of the rights and feelings of others.
Have a good time, but never let fun degenerate into license.
Have a kind word and a cheery, encouraging smile for every one.
Learn to control yourself under the most trying circumstances.
Be respectful to women, and chivalrous in your attitude toward them.
Meet trouble like a man, and cheerfully endure what you can't cure.
Believe in the brotherhood of man, and recognize no class distinctions.
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The Northern Church in Arkansas.

Fort Smith District.—The work on the Fort Smith District was never more encouraging than it is at this time. All the pastors have taken hold of the work with faith and zeal. Splendid reports have come from many of the charges. The most notable thing which has happened since the Annual Conference is the formulation of plans for a new church building at Rogers, to cost not less than \$10,000. Under the inspiring leadership of W. R. Nelson this strong society will push this much-needed enterprise to completion as rapidly as they possibly can.

S. A. Wanless, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, is making rapid strides toward the achievement of the greatest success of any year in the history of this church.

A recent revival was held at St. Paul, in which the pastor and presiding elder served as evangelists. The meeting lasted two weeks and resulted in about sixty conversions and the strengthening of the churches of the town. Thirty-four persons joined our church.

H. C. Adams, at Texarkana, has taken hold with the faith of an apostle.

Chas. C. Draper, at Mena, is pushing things with his usual vigor.

Rev. F. A. Campbell, financial secretary of the Arkansas Conference College, will soon begin a revival campaign in this district, which will last several weeks. The Arkansas Conference will soon come to the front if our people will take care to hunt up the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church when they come South.—W. C. Wheeler, Presiding Elder, in Central Christian Advocate.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

Plumerville.

The last Sunday of the old year was spent with Brother Floyd, preaching in the morning at Hill Creek and at night in Plumerville. Congregations were large and very helpful services. Bro. Floyd starts well in the new year. He is a faithful, good preacher, and will succeed. Did well for the paper. They are building a fine two-story brick academy.

Morilton.

I found Bro. Hughey just ready to re-roof his parsonage for repairs and improvements but he gave me one hour and we added in that time six new subscribers, two others later, making 221 new subscribers sent in by this agent in 1907. It was a delight to be with my brother, Dr. Joe N. Weems and family, who came to Morilton from Georgia about a year ago. He, like most all who come from the Eastern States is well pleased with Arkansas.

Bro. Hughey was cordially received for his second year. He has a noble people to serve, and is doing a good work.

Atkins.

The revival conducted by Brother Newsom was in full blast. Bro. Giffen, the pastor, was laying himself out for a great meeting. The town was taking deep interest. More than a hundred have professed to be saved, and the good work goes on. Bro. Griffin and his accomplished wife have recently transferred from Mississippi. We give them a cordial welcome.

Russellville.

Dr. McGlumphy rendered valuable service in helping place several new subscribers. He is our great Sunday School worker. He claims the largest married Sunday School class in the State. Has over fifteen in it. I predict he will have a return to the Sunday School work as a specialist. Judge Wilson and Bro. Munday brought me under special obligations.

Dardanelle.

The first Sunday of the new year was spent with Rev. J. E. Woodruff and his people, celebrating my 61st birthday by preaching three times and riding twenty miles through the country. Congregations small as the day was gloomy and roads very muddy. Bro. Woodruff's home has been saddened by the death of their sweet little girl. He was especially helpful in a canvass of the town and surrounding country. Bro. Jeff Sherman, the town pastor, had his hands full taking care of the Laymen's Conference. He is well received and will do a good year's work. They have bought and improved the home nearest the church for a parsonage. In eleven days my report showed over \$200.00 in cash for the paper. I state this to let you know the money paid is off. With fidelity, grace and love, this should be a great year with us all.

Notes from Kiowa District and School.

Soon after our opening the 10th of September we enrolled seventy pupils, which is all we can accommodate with the present arrangement for lodging the children. We have graded our school to correspond with the public schools of the State. The children for the most part, are bright and learn fast. All of them speak good English. The children are taught to do all kinds of domestic work and they do it with commendable skill. We make a special effort to teach them the Bible. The stu-

dent body can repeat from memory 12 or 15 chapters from the Old and New Testament. The children love to sing and enter heartily into all Sunday School and League work. Our Sunday School is self supporting and is organized into a missionary society, paying \$5.00 to missions last Conference. Miss Swanson resigned her place as teacher in November, and I secured the services of Miss Parris, a graduate of Morrisville College, Mo. She is a fine character and a valuable acquisition to the school.

The school is well managed and is doing good work in all the departments. Our Christmas entertainment and tree was as creditable as I have seen anywhere.

The Indians are pleased to have a Kiowa District. We have organized the Indians into three circuits, with prospects of adding more from time to time. Bro. T. H. Ward has the Anadarko Circuit; this lies along the Washita and has four preaching places. Ward is taking hold of the work with vigor and has his heart set on building two new churches this year. He has taken his collection for Missions and raised considerable money for one of his churches.

W. S. Stanley is in charge of the Cad-do and Wichita Circuit; he, too, is building a new \$1,000 church.

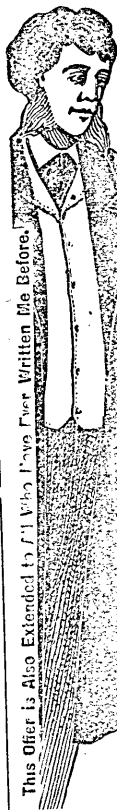
Stanley is full of faith and the Holy Ghost and wherever he goes he has a revival. He will have two or three circuits over there by next conference. M. A. Clark, the apostle of the Indians, is on the Ft. Sill circuit and has never done better work in his life than he is doing now. His splendid stone church at Mt. Scott is a monument to his faith in God and what the gospel can do for the Indians. His quarterly conference was held Christmas week. I found him in a revival seconded by Kickingbird, one of the most consecrated Indian preachers. It has been my pleasure to meet Kickingbird was one of the leading spirits in the building of the church at Mt. Scott, as were also other faithful men whose names are too numerous to mention. Clide Cocoa is in the local ranks yet but is preparing for Deacon's Orders as soon as eligible. He has the course of study for Local Preachers.

Truly,

C. F. MITCHEL.

Mangum District.

Dear Methodist: Your many readers will doubtless be glad to hear cheerful words from Mangum District. In connection with and a part of the District Stewards' meeting, Jan. 7th and 8th at Mangum, our wide-awake Presiding Elder, Rev. L. L. Johnson, had prepared and sent out a splendid program, and called for the ministers and a large number of laymen to meet together and talk and plan and pray for a forward movement by all the forces for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom. All the pastors of the District except two were present and a goodly number of the laymen. I think I do not overstate it when I say the interest shown there during these two days work of planning would have put courage into the heart of the most pessimistic. All the interests of our Zion were discussed. A district board of Church Extension was organized, composed of one layman from each organized society in the District, with an Executive Committee composed of three clerical and three lay members, sent afield under a constitution and by-laws to stimulate interest, raise, and expend



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money in the building and repairing of church houses. The Sunday Schools of the district are now pledged to the support of a Foreign Missionary. The Laymen's Movement was discussed and in the near future they will organize in harmony with the Movement in other parts. A more cheerful and consecrated set of workers, both clerical and lay, it has not been my good fortune to be associated with for these years. Our Presiding Elder is both capable and consecrated, and those who do not follow his lead, must expect to turn up in the rear ranks. The good people of Mangum laid the delegates and visitors under lasting tribute for their welcome and royal entertainment. Lamar holds a steady rein. In the fear of God we face the difficulties of the future believing we will succeed. God bless you, Mr. Editors. You, too, have difficulties. J. J. CROW, Secretary.

Mountain View, Jan. 10, 1908.

Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes.

Hunter Memorial, Forney Hutchinson, pastor, had 151 at Sunday School. One conversion and two additions.

Capitol Hill, P. R. Eaglebarger, pastor, had an increase in the Sunday School from 47 to 64. D. J. Weems, field editor of the Western Methodist, preached at 11 a. m.

Asbury church, W. A. Swift, pastor, had their annual installation service of officers on Sunday night. Dr. Millar will hold quarterly conference on Wednesday night.

First Church, T. E. Sharp, pastor, had communion service at 11 a. m. Six additions. Dr. Sharp will organize a

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Men's Club for First Church. Misses Leverett, a returned missionary will speak at First Church Thursday night.

Henderson Chapel, R. J. Boland, pastor, had the largest Sunday School last Sunday for some time.

Dr. Millar held quarterly conference at Mabelvale Sunday. He made a temperance address while there.

W. Fred Long organized Perry county into Sunday School work last week.

D. J. Weems spent Sunday in the city preaching at some of the churches.

F. E. Du Bois, of the Methodist Episcopal Church 14th and Scott Sts., preached his last sermon for the year.

T. E. Sharp made an address on pastoral visitation followed by A. C. Millar, Forney Hutchinson, D. J. Weems, F. E. Du Bois.

Present: Millar, Sharp, Hutchinson, Boland, Eaglebarger, Kirby, Long, Weems, Swift, Gregory and Du Bois.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

HARRISON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Berryville ct., at Pleasant Ridge	Jan. 18-19
Berryville Station	Jan. 19-20
Leslie Station	Jan. 25-26
Eureka Springs	Feb. 1-2
Lead Hill ct., at Bergman	Feb. 8-9
Harrison	Feb. 15-16
Valley Springs ct., at Gaither	Feb. 22-23
Green Forest ct., at Rule	Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Fairview at Right's Chapel	Mar. 7-8
Yellville ct., at Ware's Chapel	Mar. 14-15
Yellville Station	Mar. 15-16
Cotter ct., at Gassville	Mar. 21-22
Mtn. Home at Mtn. Home	Mar. 20-23
Bellefonte and Marshal, at Olvey	Mar. 28-29
Kingston at Kingston	Mar. 28-29
Huntsville at Presley's Chapel	Apr. 4-5

The delegates to the District Laymen's meeting must be elected this round, four for each station and two for each appointment, on the circuits.

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

MORRILLTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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
Quitman Station	Feb. 2-3
Appleton ct., at Zion Hill	Feb. 8-9
Adona Ct., at Oppelo	Feb. 15-16
Holland Ct., at Bethlehem	Feb. 22-23
Houston & Perry Ct. at Pourche	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.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Van Buren Station	Jan. 19
Dodson Avenue	Jan. 19
Midland Heights	Jan. 26
Bates Ct., at Bates	Feb. 1-2
Waldron Ct., at Center Point	Feb. 8-9
Waldron Station	Feb. 8-9
Mulberry Ct., at Shiloh	Feb. 14-15
Alma and Prairie Grove at Alma	Feb. 22-23
Van Buren Ct., at Chester	Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Central Church	Mar. 7-8
First Church	Mar. 7-8
Charleston Ct., at Grand Prairie	Mar. 14-15
Branch Ct., at Branch	Mar. 15-16
Paris Station	Mar. 21-22
Huntington & Mansfield at H.	Mar. 28-29
Abbot Ct., at Abbot	Mar. 29-30
Greenwood Station	Apr. 4-5
Hackett Ct.	Apr. 5-6
Washburn Ct., at Excelsior	Apr. 11-12
Hartford Ct., at Midland	Apr. 12-13
Magazine Ct., at Sugar Grove	Apr. 18-19
Booneville Station	Apr. 19-20

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

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.

Falling Springs Ct., at Bloomfield	Feb. 8-9
Lincoln Ct., at White Rock	Feb. 15-16
Viney Grove Ct., at Viney Grove	Feb. 22-23
Gentry Station	Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Gravette & Decatur at Decatur	Mar. 1-2
Farmington Ct., at Illinois Chapel	Mar. 7-8
War Eagle Ct., at War Eagle	Mar. 14-15
Springtown Ct., at Mt. Tabor	Mar. 21-22
Siloam Springs Station	Mar. 22-23
Pea Ridge Ct., at Buttra Chapel	Mar. 28-29
Rogers Station	Apr. 4-5
Centerton Ct., at Oakley's Chapel	Apr. 11-12
Bentonville Station	Apr. 12-13
Prairie Grove Station	Apr. 18-19
Parksdale & Winslow at P.	Apr. 25-26
Goshen Ct., at New Cross	May 9-10
Fayetteville Station	May 11
Springdale Station	May 16-17
Elm Springs Ct., at Ebenezer	May 23-24

Wm. SHERMAN, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

CREEK & CHEROKEE DIST.—1ST ROUND.

Illinois Ct., at Catchertown	Jan. 18-19
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The District stewards are called to meet at Okmulgee, December 11th, at 10 a. m.

ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

CHOCTAW & CHICKASAW DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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

O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Asher Ct.	Jan. 12-13
Stonewall Ct.	Jan. 18-19
Pontotoc	Jan. 19-20
Wetumka	Jan. 25-26
Wetumka & Okema	Jan. 26-27
Okema Ct.	Jan. 28

S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

Texmo at Shirley	Jan. 18-19
Cowden at Pleasant View	Jan. 25-26
Cloud Chief ct., at Bethel	Feb. 1-2
Oordell Station	Feb. 2-3
Wood ct., at Pleasant View	Feb. 15-16

Wm. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

GUYMON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Carthage at Carthage	Jan. 18-19
Midwell at Midwell	Jan. 25-26
Gresham at Gresham	Feb. 1-2
Reaver at Sunset	Feb. 8-9
Grand at Allmon	Feb. 15-16
Inland 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 in Hooker, Okla., on the 12th of Dec.

J. F. LAUGHLIN, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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Bailey Circuit, at Payne.	0.6	Jan.
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New York Trust Companies and the Panic.

The most remarkable development of the banking business of New York City during the past ten years has been the growth of its trust companies. By paying interest on deposits thereby attracting business; by not observing—not being obliged to do so by law—certain safeguards required of the national banks, as, for instance, in the matter of reserves, they have cut heavily into the banks' business. In New York City alone they have deposits of hundreds of millions. To be able to make money after paying the high rate of interest on deposits that they paid, they were naturally obliged to take chances and run risks that no conservative banker would approve. They engaged in

ventures, underwritings, development schemes, etc., that nothing but the amazing prosperity of the past decade prevented from failing disastrously. Now, the public knew all this in a vague way, but the public always insists on astutely waiting for the horse to be stolen before locking the stable door. But when Mr. Barney resigned as president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, it believed that all it had ever heard about the business methods of certain trust companies was true of the Knickerbocker. The run began—somebody asked for a dollar!—and then there was panic—sheer blind, unreasoning fear.

Of course, the suspension of payment by the Knickerbocker Trust Company, an institution with \$62,000,000 of deposits, was the signals for runs on other institutions; and not only in New York City, but elsewhere, trust companies and banks closed their doors. After sleepless nights and much thought the majority of the banks of the great metropolis of the United States decided to issue Clearing House certificates. Other cities followed the example of New York—anything in order not to have to pay out the money that they did not have!—Edwin Lefevre, in the January Everybody's.

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Must I give up every little selfish indulgence? Certainly a trifle like this can do no particular harm! Yes, all; crucify self. Is it so necessary that I tell the truth in every single instance? About little social matters? I can't see that they can make any difference, do you? Yes; Christ is truth. Liars, big or little, can't walk with him.

Can't I give God just one-tenth of the money I earn and do wholly as I please with the rest? No; all. Can't I give him one-seventh of my time without admitting his claim to the other six days? No; all. Do I have to wholly consecrate my life to him? Not Wholly? Yes, wholly.

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