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## EDITORIAL.

### Beneath Our Dignity.

The dignity of a sanctified human nature is worth insisting upon. It is not a question of what human nature is by its own strength. (It may be freely conceded that man is now by nature a fallen being.) Nor is it a question of what we may achieve without divine help—we could achieve nothing. It is a question of the worth of a nature which Almighty God made, first in his own image, and which, when it lost that image, he re-created in Christ Jesus, restoring his image, bringing to it all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places.

The fallen man, the man enslaved by his appetites, swayed by his passions, fettered by his evil habits, is not the real man; he is the abnormal man. God did not make him so. When God remakes him he does not so make him. It is the high business of redemption to disenthral, to emancipate, to enthrone. To become a son of God is not to be in any literal sense born of God, it is to have the nature of God poured into you, crowding out the evil nature, filling the whole man with light and life and liberty. Jesus Christ is the Son of God not because he was literally born of God, but because by an eternal process the whole nature of God has been imparted to him.

This then is the position and dignity of regenerated men; they are become sons of God; they have been made partakers of the divine nature; they are part of the household of God. Nor is this a mere figment, as if God for Christ's sake agreed to treat them as sons; it is a reality, a fact. "Now are ye the sons of God." "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God," and because we are sons God has sent his Spirit into our hearts awakening the instinctive cry of worship, "Abba, Father."

Now, it is this high place we surrender when we go into sin. Sin is a renunciation of dignity, of our only title of worth, of our only claim to honor. A man who holds his place as a son of God has a right to think well of himself. He may remember indeed that God gave him his place, but he gave it, nevertheless, and the high place is the man's. If his boast must be in the Lord, still he may rejoice that he can boast. But if a man consents to surrender his place—he has nothing left; neither self-respect, nor honor, nor dignity; for in surrendering his place he has surrendered his nature, has become a lower creature. There may be a suggestion of dignity still in him, but the suggestion is that of the ruins of some ancient temple, pointing not to what is but to what was. Let men who are tempted think on these things.

### Suicides.

The record of suicides is appalling. During the year 1907 the number in the United States reached 10,782. During the last eight years there have been 70,000. It is as if every man, woman and child in a good sized city had been wiped out by self-invoked and violent death in eight years. What is worse

still, the rate is steadily rising. There were twice as many last year as there were eight years ago.

Far be it from me to write down here one word that would add to the anguish of the thousands of loved ones who have suffered, and do yet suffer, because of this misdoing of the dead. We have nothing but tender pity and prayers for them. In the vast majority of cases they had no shadow of responsibility for the dreadful deed of the deceased. It was theirs to mourn in sorrow and in inexpressible humiliation.

But this terrible tide of death ought to be checked. It is to be checked by creating a sentiment that will make it impossible, for suicides arise out of false sentiments.

Beyond a doubt many who commit suicide are simply crazy. Reason has reeled, either under some great strain or under some form of disease. For these, again, nothing but great pity. A good and merciful God knows all about them.

Beyond a doubt, also, many who commit suicide are not insane. The circumstances that attend upon the act forbid the belief of insanity. They have their own reasons for deed never sufficient; they are reasons, nevertheless, and seem sufficient to the suicide.

It is useless to blame or to criticize the dead. We have no hard word for any one of this great multitude who has within the last eight years taken his own life. But we speak to the living when we say, Suicide is a crime; it is a crime against God, against these most loved and most loving, a crime against one's own self. It is needless to say that as a crime it is irreparable, since it is the end of life.

Moreover, suicide is a cowardly act, if the perpetrator be sane. It means that a man has reached a point where he is no more willing to bear like a man the ills of life but endeavors to slip out of life at the back-door and impose unspeakable burdens upon those who love him most. Because he is not brave enough to longer stand up and confront his difficulties, he is willing to impose burdens equally as heavy upon the very ones he ought to be most anxious to shield. This consideration ought to appeal to any man who meditates suicide. We believe it will appeal to such as think of it. It is to make them think we are writing.

The pulpit and the press ought to sound forth this warning. The people must be taught, and the weak must be helped.

### The "Beloveds."

In a recent number of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Rev. J. H. Light, of the Virginia Conference makes the following indictment of the presiding eldership as it now exists in our Methodism:

"The typical elder is the man of mediocre ability, with some capacity for details in business, and with vast capacity to hang upon the words of authority and take orders from his superior in office. He is rarely a man of real ability, of independence or initiative. He is a worshipper of power and a devotee at the altar of 'influence.' He is a conservative of conservatives, and fears a change in manner or custom as he fears fire, sword, and pestilence combined.

if he happens to get a chronic case of presiding elderitis, he becomes an accomplished politician and pervades the whole Conference with his spirit. He can lead his preachers only by fear, and is powerless to inspire the strong, independent laymen of his district to any high endeavor."

We do not believe this represents the average presiding elder. If we have any considerable number of the kind it is high time something were done. Nothing could be more pitiable than a cringing, boot-licking man in a place of power in our ministry. It is sure that a sycophant, on the one side of him, will be a tyrant on the other side of him, the primary fact being that such a creature lacks manhood in the center of him. Any presiding elder who will fawn on a bishop will bully a preacher. After all, it is the man, and not the office we must look to. Nor do we see much in the remedy Bro. Light proposes when he advocates the elective presiding eldership. That also would give ample scope for sycophancy and for the tricks of the conference politician. Nor do we comprehend how manhood is compromised in receiving an appointment as presiding elder, subject to the will of the bishop. That is the way the rest of us get our appointments.

One of our strongest suggestions is attention to the fact that it is the first duty of people in middle life to cultivate in the home the spirit of peace and unity. So we verily believe. One of the saddest of all sights is to see a man and his wife who have lost patience with one another, between whom there is occasionally a violent outbreak of temper. Such scenes must ever be among the saddest memories of the children who behold them. The time to prevent them is in middle life, when a father and mother are in danger of allowing the burdens of life to wedge them apart.

A man who does not take his church paper is usually ignorant of the doctrines of his church, and is certainly ignorant of the methods and achievements of his church. Such a man is of little account in the church. The moral of this ought to be plain—turn out and get somebody to subscribe for the church paper. We put this on the first page because it is preaching the gospel.

There is nothing in the demands of God upon us that is arbitrary; our heavenly Father is no tyrant; every single thing he requires of us looks to our own up-lifting. What he desires is to bring us to a strong, calm, serene and pure manhood, and he has adopted the only means by which this is to be done.

The center of gravity for every soul that would be true is God. Whenever, therefore, any man makes his business, or his pleasure, his center of gravity, he becomes a wandering star; it may be that the blackness of darkness is reserved to him forever.

The large gifts of the rich last year to religious and charitable purposes amounted to \$150,000,000, of which \$71,000,000 was given to education.

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS

Our columns are crowded this week. We trust the brethren will be patient; each shall come in his turn.

Rev. T. N. Lott writes that the work starts off well at Big Bay, and that they now have a meeting in progress at that point.

Rev. T. O. Rorie, Missionary Evangelist for the White River Conference, says they are having the best meeting at Wheatley they have ever known there.

Rev. S. C. Dean, of Texarkana, made us a visit last Wednesday. Somebody has said that an honest man is the noblest work of God. Dean is one of them.

have known it for twenty-four years I have taken it."—Rev. D. H. Colquette. We tip our hats to this dear brother, and say with sincerity that he also grows stronger year by year.

President John N. Tillman, of the University of Arkansas, was a welcome guest last Tuesday. We are glad to note that he is making speeches in various parts of the State in favor of State-wide prohibition.

A private letter from Rev. Z. W. Lindsey, a superannuated member of the Arkansas Conference, residing at Lorena, Texas, brings the very welcome news that his own health and that of his wife have very greatly improved.

Mr. W. H. Steed, of Wampoo, Ark., one of our old and appreciative readers, made us a very pleasant call Wednesday. His head is gray but he seems to have sunshine in his heart. Blessings on our faithful people.

Rev. S. F. Brown, secretary of the Board of Church Extension, White River Conference, writes to correct error of minutes relative to last year's report of Rev. J. M. Talkington, West Point and Higginson charge, saying that this charge paid its assessment in full, \$16.00.

We are under obligations to Rev. J. W. Cline, Shanghai, China, for a copy of the Minutes of the China Mission Conference; we are likewise under obligations to Rev. C. B. Moseley, of Japan, for a copy of the Year Book of our Japan Mission.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth has reached Nashville, after his journey around the world, having left the Mission Rooms last February, in company with Bishop Wilson for Japan. He was detained in Japan after the organization of the Japanese church, to edit the Discipline of that church. He has since been in all the great mission fields of the East.

We extend our sympathy to Rev. H. H. Hunt and other members of the family, upon the death of their father, notice of which appears elsewhere.

Dr. C. C. Godden passed through our office last week on his way to New Orleans and Texas for a stay of a month or so. May he have journeying mercies and blessings.

Rev. E. W. Crump, who was transferred last fall from the Oklahoma to the Memphis Conference, is now at Decaturville, Tenn. Mrs. Crump's health has not been good; on which account they left the West; but she is thought now to be improving. For the good words of Bro. Crump about this paper we are thankful.

Rev. J. E. Disch seems delighted with his new charge at Roff, Okla. Among other things he is giving business-like attention to the Western Methodist, going right through his charge with a canvass of its interests. We promise to make this profitable to any pastor—and give him our thanks into the bargain.

We are in receipt of resolutions passed by the Ministerial Association of Austin, Texas, commending Dr. S. H. Werlein for his most earnest and active Christian work of four years in that city, and for his unrelenting devotion to moral reforms and co-operative effort in the interest of the community.

Bishop Wilson and his good wife are supposed to have landed in New York last week, returning from a world-tour in the mission fields. We believe this is the seventh trip of Bishop Wilson to the Far East—probably his last trip, though he comes home in good health. The next time he meets many of the leaders of the church in the Orient will probably be in heaven.

Dr. Bennett reports a cheering outlook on Helena District. He asks us to say that the view be held Feb. 15 and 16, date first given Haynes circuit and later changed to earlier date. Helena district was the banner district last year on new subscriptions for the Western Methodist. Dr. Bennett knows what it takes to make a paper go.

The Methodist Social Club, organized a week ago, held its second meeting at the First Church in this city last Tuesday night. A royal good time was had, a large number participating in the discussion of the subject, "Arkansas." The speeches were both instructive and edifying. The next meeting will be on the evening of Feb. 10th, and the subject of discussion will be "The Wisdom of the Government in Sending the Fleet to the Pacific."

We call special attention of all our readers to an article in this issue entitled "The Order of the Post Master General." Nothing but prompt action upon the part of our subscribers can save us from serious embarrassment under this order. If we have any subscribers whom we have indulged and credited and who are now mean enough to take advantage of the situation which is thus created for us, to get their names taken off our lists without paying up, we want to know who they are. All honest men want to pay their just debts before their names are removed from account books. If we will all pay up and then keep up, the order of the Post Master General will prove a blessing to all of us.

Our good brother W. S. Maupin, Bluejack, Okla., sends us a brief communication to the effect that he thinks too much stress is laid on the collections and not enough on conversions in our annual conference reports. Our brethren can take the suggestion for what it is worth. We have only to suggest that,

while a man may give money, without having spirituality the test of a man's religion is, after all, what it will induce him to do. Down in South Georgia a vast increase in missionary collections has been attended by a large increase in the number of souls converted. We think this will usually be the case, provided the pastors appeal to the right motive in taking the collections. To pay money out of false pride is always a poor and defective service; to pay out of a conscience toward God is as religious as praying, and at times may be more so.

## Sunday at Augusta.

We had a fine day at Augusta, Ark., last Sunday. Rev. A. E. Holloway has already won his way to the hearts of his people, and has everything in motion. The people gave this editor a good hearing on Sunday morning, and the whole town turned out to listen to what he had to say on behalf of the State-wide campaign of the Anti-Saloon League at night. It was a great pleasure to have present with us the Baptist congregation headed by their pastor, Bro. Wise, who has fought a battle royal in Woodruff county for temperance, and who has won the respect of all the people for his open and manly ways. We had a great meeting, and the campaign for State-wide prohibition is on in that end of the country. They do not doubt that Woodruff county will be in line.

The hospitality of my good friends, Prof. A. L. Hutchins and wife and the Oakleys made my stay one of restful enjoyment as well as one of work. Hutchins is one of the most capable school men in this State. The Oakleys I knew many years ago, in Benton county and in Washington county. They are the salt of the earth. But numerous were the kindnesses and courtesies bestowed by the people of Augusta, enough to make a man strive to be good and worthy.

Our people at Augusta need very much a new church. Many of them live in ample and beautiful homes. They are able to build a good house for the Lord, and it is certain, so I think, they will build. But first let them build a new parsonage; for if they get into the church building project before building a parsonage it will be years before they attempt the latter. They will find it easier to build a church after they have provided a new parsonage than they will to build the church first. I am wishing them mighty well, and do not charge them anything for this suggestion—hand it over to them as part pay for their kindness to me.

JAS. A. A.

## Book Reviews.

The Deity of Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of John.—By Rev. S. W. Pratt, D. D. Published by the Sunday School Times Company, Philadelphia. This book ought to be of special interest to people who are now studying the Sunday School lessons in the Gospel of John. It is well written, and is about the best brief analysis of the Fourth Gospel we have seen. The price is 50 cents net, and the book is well worth it.

Simple From The Master's Garden.—By Annie Trumbull Slosson. Published by the Sunday School Times Company, Philadelphia. Price \$1.00 net. This is the rather vague title of a very attractively made book, which is a series of stories of the successes of an earnest Sunday School worker. The stories are edifying and instructive, excepting perhaps the last two, which deal with black people, and which betray that lack of understanding of the Negro nature so common in the North.

### Two Letters in the Same Mail.

When the editor has been out for a few days and looks into his mail on his return, he feels much like a man who is taking a shower bath which is alternately cold and hot. The two letters here given will illustrate the point. We print them as we received them, suppressing, for obvious reasons, the signature of one of them.

No. 1.

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mr editor der sur ples Stop the Western Methodist paper it aint no good i aint goin to be able to pay for it no how i will pay for all i hav resived when i get able

Yours truly

No. 2.

Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 30, 1907.

Dear Brethren: Please allow me to express my appreciation of this week's issue of the Methodist. It is the best issue I have seen and I have been reading the official organ of the Oklahoma Conference for fourteen years. Please send me a list of subscribers coming to Ardmore and I will divide them with our new **Carter Ave. man and will collect the list up.** The preachers in this section, so far as I have heard, all start off well. Success to you.

J. W. SIMS.

Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 30.

The man of letter No. 1 owes for his paper, but does not consult his label and send in the amount due along with his order to stop. We sometimes wonder if some folks pray for us at all.

### Impotent Rage.

The Wine and Spirit Gazette, the leading liquor paper of the United States, published in New York, is about to go crazy over what the church is doing to break up the liquor traffic. We copy the greater part of a recent sweet-spirited editorial. It will serve at least to inform our church people with what feelings they are regarded by this apostle of the liquor traffic. But Arkansas must go dry!

"The foulest and most brutal infamies of the centuries have been incited by, and enacted through the power of ecclesiastics in control of government.

"Priest and preacher have been the bane of liberty, the obstacle to progress, and the propagators of tyranny and oppression in every form.

"They have never been the leaders in the struggle for liberty, real liberty.

"Thomas Paine did more to plant the seed of liberty that produced revolution and the independence of the colonies than all the preachers of his day combined. In the abolition agitation not one of the orthodox clergy stands in the front rank of the prophets of freedom with Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Benj. Lundy, and John Brown.

"The foulest governments of the world have always been those under priestly domination and damnation. These satanic elements are working in the name of God to do the behest of hell. It is not for love of truth and purity that they and their women allies have in recent years gone wailing to Washington on various missions of "reform," to protest against the admissions of the adherents of another religion to seats in either house of Congress. It has rather been because of the growth of Mormonism in fields that they themselves would occupy.

"They are always the instigators of proscriptive laws. At present, ignoring the example of the founder of Christianity and His personal practice, they are proscribing the use and sale of the wine he used as a perpetual emblem of His redemptive sacrifice. They

even do this in His name and with prayers for His aid. They use blasphemies unthinkable and become liars in the name of God. They are no worse than those who mingled prayers with the groans of martyred innocents dying at the stake—and they are no better.

"They ignore evidence, they obscure facts, they deceive, and practice perjury for the sake of their fanatical notions, and, as in Maine, let loose lawlessness and lust, in the name of religion and morality. This is the spirit of the bigot, a new manifestation of medieval tyranny, which for centuries held liberty in chains, and committed the blackest crimes, in the name of Almighty God.

"The Church in politics today is as potent a power for evil and as great a menace to liberty as it has ever been. Let the Church attend to the ordinances of religion and keep its disturbing hand out of governmental life. No ecclesiastic, as such, should be heard in the halls of legislation. No religious body should have standing before the makers of our laws: they had none with the founder of the Republic. 'Let them render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.'

"They have no more rights and powers in public affairs than other men, and the Church should not, and must not overshadow the holy places of equality, the halls of legislation, the Chamber of the Executive, and the temple of justice. Under the sheepswool of amiability is the hide of the wolf; and behind the clerical smirk are the fangs of the serpent. They have been granted immunity enough. With vast properties and rich endowments, they pay nothing to the support of the government, the maintenance of its existence, or the enforcement of its authority.

"They are immune from the tax collector, and the great mass of non-tax-paying people to bear the burdens from which these professional clerical-political mendicants are released. They cry out against the saloon in politics; but the Church in politics has raised more hell a hundredfold than has the saloon; and we appeal to the written records of forty centuries to substantiate our statement."

### To Preachers White River Conference.

Please take your collection for the Orphanage at once. At a meeting of the District Stewards of the Helena District it was recommended that the assessment for this cause be collected through the Sunday Schools in that District. This will give the pastor and superintendent an opportunity to impress the children with some of the work of the church, something that will appeal directly to them. Send these collections to me and a receipt will be returned at once.

ED. HAMILTON.

Orphanage Treas. White River Conf.  
Wynne, Ark., Jan. 20, 1908.

### Origin and History of Methodism and What Methodism Stands For.

By J. H. Riggon, D.D.

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

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

J. E. GODBEY.

If you want Sam Jones' Own Book or His Book of Sermons entitled, "Quit Your Meanness" you will do well to order them of us at once. The editions of both books are limited and they are selling rapidly. The two volumes contain over a thousand pages, and they are the only books ever issued under Sam Jones' personal supervision. One volume, \$1.50; both volumes, \$2.50. Anderson, Millar & Co.

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### Some Good Books.

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The Making of a Teacher, \$1.00.  
Godbey's Foundations of Faith, \$1.00.  
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Bible Hero Classics, 80c.  
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Wiley's Divinity Within Us, \$1.00.  
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Bible Stories for the Young, \$1.00.  
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A Speaker for Our Little Folks, \$1.00.  
Book of All Religions, \$1.50.  
Manual of Business, \$1.00.  
Standard Book of Etiquette, \$1.00.  
Complete Family Record, Cloth, \$2.00.  
Complete Family Record, Leather, \$3.50.  
Life Triumphant, \$2.00.  
Our Martyr Presidents, \$1.50.  
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Old Time Religion, \$1.00.  
God's Financial Plan, paper, 35c.  
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Dying Testimonies, \$1.00.  
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Twentieth Century Cook Book, \$1.75.  
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### Dr. Winton on the Church in the West.

The people of the West are building a great civilization. Its foundation was securely laid by God himself when he locked up those treasures of minerals and grains and lumber and fruits in the fertile earth there and spread above it a canopy of bland, inviting air and golden sunlight which makes human life a joy forever. But the very richness of their physical heritage may prove a snare to them. A great civilization cannot be made of cities and commerce and ships and money. It must center in men and women, in civilized institutions, in morality and justice. That these great spiritual realities may not be forgotten, it is necessary that the preacher's voice be heard in the land, loud and insistent, with his "Thus saith the Lord." O yes, the West needs us; of that there can be no doubt.

I might supplement these somewhat abstract considerations by concrete facts. Portland, Oregon, has about 250,000 inhabitants. Her Protestant churches have on their rolls about 10,000, some three thousand of whom are Methodists. Probably other cities would show an equal disproportion. This will never do. Methodism cannot say that she has done her duty if she remain out of fields so wide open and needy as that. Many church members going from the East (and thousands are going every month) feel unsettled and do not deposit their letters. I was told that some pastors of our church in the South actually discourage their members who go West from removing their membership. That is deplorable. It is to endanger the souls of these people. Temptations are all too rife where they are going and backsliding too easy. Many of our people happen upon a place where we have no preacher. They go to Methodist Episcopal church and, consequently, is enough for most of them. After that it is the Presbyterian church for them or maybe the Episcopal, or, only too often, the world, and they are lost to us. Often they are lost in a still bitterer sense. Is it not true that the West needs us?

And secondly, though I am a long time getting to it, we need the West. Our church is too conservative. It needs the breeziness, the wide outlook, the freedom from sectional prepossession, the disregard of mere conventions and precedents so conspicuous there. It will be the better for some infusion of these influences for the shaking up and the emphasis on purely practical issues which will come to it by participating in the life of the West. By agreeing to remain south of an artificial line drawn through the other States certainly our fathers did not mean that the church should never venture forth from what was then called the South. Such a cribbed up future, would have been abhorrent to them. The West is a good place to grow. Why should we not expand in that direction? If as a church we do not grow, we cannot live. The money and the vigor of the hopefulness of the West will react upon the life of the church and its old home and make it all the fitter to meet the issues which it must confront there.

Personally, I look forward to the day when, in the adjustment of the affairs of American Methodism, the West will be set up for itself. This is much to be desired. A Western jurisdiction is as essential to the general success of our flexible itinerant system as is a Southern jurisdiction; and I do not believe the time will come soon, if it ever comes, when we can afford to be without the latter. And I believe that the coming Methodism of the West will not be what it ought to be without a strong infusion of our ideals. I will not say

that the Methodism of the South is superior to the Methodism of the North, but it is at least in some particulars different from it. The West should have the best of all that has gone before. Let it get from the North its aggressiveness and liberality and from the South its fervor and evangelical sincerity. We cannot do less than contribute to it our part.

To be perfectly frank, now that we are in the West it would be disgraceful and detrimental to us to withdraw. When those future adjustments come, do we wish to appear upon the scene with nothing to show? Can we make a decent trade with our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal church if we have no members, no property, no congregations, no ministers, no prestige? Can we afford to come to the day of reckoning unrolling a soiled napkin wherein is our original "Southern" pound and nothing more? The West is already rich. Our people there are among the best and the most favored. The day is coming when their millions of money, their bold initiative, their courage, and their optimism, will be at the service of the church, and a great gift it will be. We need a warm, working church home in Seattle and in San Francisco to speed and to welcome our missionaries to the Orient. We need a people's church downtown in every great city of the West, where our young men and women may try their mettle fighting vice. We need good churches and good preachers all through that land to receive and to care for the people, the young people especially, whom the search for health or fortune is carrying thither from our own Southland. And we need for Christ's sake to go on, with his testimony into that region which he seeks to save, and where the harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers are few. There is no part of that field which is not ours as the Methodist Episcopal church. Local adjustments can be made with our collaborators and of that church, of course, and ought to be, as has been done in Missouri and Oklahoma. But they have no claim upon any large section as against us. They do not, except occasionally in the person of some unworthy representative, resent or object to our presence there. We need the West; the West needs us. Let us leave to the future the solving of its own problems, and go boldly forth. The Lord of the harvest can not fail to bless us in a work that so manifestly needs to be done and that lies so near to our hand.

### A Letter From Arkansas.

By J. E. Godbey, D.D.

My Dear Dr. Boswell: I see from the papers you return to the tripod of the New Orleans Advocate. You feel at home there, and cannot better serve the Church than in that sphere and station. The service is onerous, and no doubt the compensation small. The editors of Church papers are often expected to make bricks without straw. Often an editor is required to assume all financial responsibilities, but if in that situation he looks to financial interests in the conduct of his work he is condemned as seeking to make a gain of his service to the Church, and if, on the other hand, he suffers loss, he must pay it out of his own pocket, and be called a bad manager. Our Church papers, like our colleges, serve the Church at large, and the cause for which the Church stands, and they should be provided for as to support by the laity of the Church, and our preachers should serve as editors at fixed salaries, without any care but editorial work. All these conditions you may have, I know not; if so, you are better favored than many of your confreres.

My disposition, as the years accumulate on me, is to withdraw, especially from business cares and responsibilities. You are aware that I am now at Conway and have the chair of Philosophy in Hendrix College. I never enjoyed my library more than now, and I find studies and class-work both congenial. There are twenty-seven young preachers among the students this year, and our enrollment of 225 is the largest the school has ever made. We have just closed a very satisfactory term.

Another comfort of my situation here is the thought that as respects my labors in the Church and the history of life—it is a finality. There is real comfort in the conviction that here I am serving my last appointment, and among friends, and in circumstances of comfort may draw my labors to a conclusion. I think I have never shunned to breast the waves when duty called, but I love peace, and the tranquil even-tide is grateful. Without regret or fears I shall see the sun go down.

Our Little Rock Conference gets two transfers of note, Dr. T. E. Sharp, former presiding elder of St. Louis District, and Dr. S. H. Werlein, who has just finished his pastorate at Austin, Tex. They are both stationed in Little Rock, Dr. Sharp at First Church, and Dr. Werlein at Winfield Memorial. I have known both of these brethren for many years. They are needed in Little Rock.

The Arkansas Methodist, now the Western Methodist, was never so prosperous. Since the patronage of Oklahoma is added to that of Arkansas, no paper of our Church has a better field. It is ably edited.

The three Conferences of the State have made a fine record touching all the interests of the Church the past year. Especially have we been grateful to receive an unusually large number of new members into the itinerancy. If as much had been written in the last two years to set forth the great work to which the preacher is called as has been written about his servility and poor pay we should have had more laborers for the harvest.

The laymen's movement promises to be extensive. It means more money and more influence of the laity in controlling affairs. If both are satisfied, very well. But our temporal prosperity is outrunning our piety. We have not as much faith in prayer and the operations of the Holy Spirit as we used to have. The ideals of Wesley are not the ideals we follow, and yet we believe that God directed Wesley and that God is leading us. Change of times needs no change of gospel, but enlarged resources and increased power point out new lines of conquest. There was never such confidence of the speedy Christianization of all nations as today, never such rallying of the forces of the church militant for the conquest of the world. The young men of today are wiser than their fathers, perhaps. There is reason that they should be. I am not afraid to trust the Church to their hands, and if I were, what of it? I rejoice in the breaking down of sectional prejudices and sectarian narrowness, and the tendency of the churches to an ecumenical creed. We need to be strenuous for vital truth. In being thus strenuous we will give to vital truth a speedier triumph. But in the battle against error we need to be unburdened of useless trumpery. —New Orleans Christian Advocate.

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My prayer that she would tarry in her flight.

But when the shadows fell, I mourned the beauty  
That made my path so fair, for Love I cried,  
When close beside me, radiant, white, stood Duty—  
"Lo, I am all you missed—and peace beside."

—FLORENCE A. JONES.

Oregon, Ill.

## A Historic Centennial.

The bishops, at their recent Conference, held at Spokane, Washington, adopted the following with reference to the appropriate recognition of the action of the General Conference of 1908 in making provision for the Delegated General Conference:

"Whereas: The year 1908 will be the centennial of the adoption of the constitution of the Delegated General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Board of Bishops that the year shall be utilized by the General Conference, the Annual Conferences, the individual Churches, and the Methodist press, for the appropriate celebration of that important event, by clearly expounding the fundamental principles, including the history, the doctrines, and the practical economy of our Church, and educating our people to a due appreciation of the same.

"Adopted November 6, 1907.

"JOHN M. WALDEN, Secretary."

## Church Extension in Oklahoma.

The greatest need of Methodism in the Oklahoma Conference today is more church buildings and better ones.

The greatest problem that our church has to solve in this State at this time is the problem of church houses.

Our towns and cities are growing, our country is developing fast, people are pouring in to the country from everywhere. The little chapels built ten years ago are no longer adequate, even many good church buildings erected five years ago are inadequate to meet the needs of today. New classes are being organized as our preachers push forward in enterprise and zeal, hence the demand for more church houses.

Here in the bounds of the Mangum District there are forty-seven organized classes without houses of worship of any kind, and of the other classes where they now have houses, many of them are too small for the congregations, and are altogether insufficient for the work of our growing Sunday Schools.

In some places the children must be sent home after the Sunday School is over, to make room for the grown people who come to preaching.

Thus instead of training our children to attend the public worship and grow up to be a church going people, we make them feel that the church service does not amount to much, and if they attend Sunday School that's all they need.

What shall we do?

What can we do?

First: Let every pastor see to it that his assessment for Church Extension is raised and paid in full, and that at once.

Raise your assessment at once, brethren, there is absolutely nothing to be gained by delay, and let the money go on on its mission of service where it is so greatly needed.

Second: Let every one of our pastors see

to it that the birth day offering for Church Extension is strictly and regularly observed by all our Sunday Schools. If the superintendents do not call attention to this, then the pastor should not fail to do so.

Third: Let all our presiding elders organize at once a district board of Church Extension as the law provides. If we have need of a General Board of Church Extension, and of a Conference Board of Church Extension, is there not the same need for a district board of Church Extension?

If the General and Conference Boards have helped and are helping largely in church building, then the district board properly organized, and carefully managed, could be made very helpful in all our borders in building new church houses.

J. S. LAMAR.

Mangum, Okla., Jan. 17, 1908.

## Church Extension.

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension will be held in St. Joseph, Mo., May 7-10. Letters of inquiry as to the method of procedure to secure assistance from this Board, are reaching the office. It is well for all interested to know that applications to this Board must be made upon a printed form furnished by the Corresponding Secretary. The Annual Conference Boards have blanks for use by all who apply to them for help, but they differ from the forms used by applicants to the General Board. Do not get them confused.

The application blank to be used may be had for the asking and it explains itself. After being properly filled out, it must go to the Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension in order that the following rule may be complied with, viz:

"The annual meeting of the General Board of Church Extension must receive the approval of the Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board, or its Executive Committee, to be held in the month of March. Said Board or Committee, shall consider all the applications from their respective Conferences and forward such as they approve so as to reach the Board's office at Louisville, Ky., by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved must have the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the president and secretary, and all applications from a given Conference must be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. The secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity to the rule."

W. F. McMURRY.

## Spaulding College Notes.

When we learned that Dr. Brewer and his family were to leave Spaulding College, which had been their home so long, there were many sad faces.

"Character is the compass of life." When we review the life of Dr. Brewer, thinking of his many years of usefulness, his kind words and noble Christian character, we can estimate the influence he had on his pupils.

Mrs. Brewer was fond of the girls and did much to render the place homelike by planting beautiful flowers and lovely trees. These remain as monuments of her many years of labor.

Miss Brewer, who is an artist in music, often played for us and contributed to our pleasure in many other ways.

Having been associated with such thought-

ful people, we looked forward with great anxiety to the coming of the new president. Dr. Brewer often told us he would never leave Spaulding until some one could be secured who would fill the place as well or better than he had filled it; and he most heartily recommended Dr. O. B. Staples.

We find Dr. Staples so very enthusiastic that he keeps in touch with everything pertaining to the interest of the college. He is a fine disciplinarian, an ideal Christian, and he and his sister do everything to promote the happiness of the teachers and pupils. He wishes the girls to be developed morally, mentally and physically, realizing that it is necessary to grant along all those lines in order to attain the highest standard of usefulness.

Our teachers are earnest, Christian women and we hope to do efficient work.

Rev. O. E. Goddard, who has manifested such an interest in our school, is conducting revival services, which have been of incalculable benefit to his people. So many of our girls have accepted the Saviour and many of us have decided to live on a higher plane. A wave of religious enthusiasm seems to pervade the school, there is a change in the deportment in chapel, and greater effort on the part of the pupils to do conscientious work.

We feel so grateful to our pastor and other friends of the First Methodist church for the deep interest they have manifested in the pupils during this meeting. Of the number who are not Christians only seven or eight remain unconverted and four of these have expressed a determination to lead better lives. We hope to see them saved yet. The moral and religious tone of the school as a whole has been greatly improved and strengthened as is shown in the work and deportment of the student body.

Life. "Spare moments are the gold dust of time." We hope to train our girls to be useful workers in the vineyard of Christ. We endorse the following thought of Bailey, "He most lives who thinks the most, lives the noblest, acts the best."

WILLIE MONTGOMERY.

Lady Principal.

Muskegee, Okla., Jan. 18, 1908.

## The Laymen's League—Better Pay for Pastors

Meeting by request, the laymen of the South Georgia Conference organized as follows:

The Hon. W. B. Stubbs was elected President, and Mr. C. C. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. James Bishop, First Vice President, Mr. DuPont Guerry, Second Vice President. On motion this organization was made permanent under the name of the "Laymen's League of the South Georgia Conference," and its chief purpose declared to be to aid in raising the salaries of the most poorly paid preachers in the South Georgia Conference.

Mr. Guerry, upon being called upon by the chair to do so, stated briefly the object of the meeting and purpose of the organization, and moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Laymen's League of the South Georgia Conference, in no spirit of complaint or officiousness but in brotherly love and under conscientious conviction, submit to all the Boards of Stewards of said Conference the following facts:

That because of the increase of living expenses, the salaries of many of our pastors are insufficient for common necessities to say nothing of ordinary comforts or the proper education of their children.

That as a rule, these meagre salaries are their only means of support and they properly have no time to spare from their sacred call-

ings to other employments to sufficiently supplement their inadequate incomes;

That better and more general education in the pew is demanding greater studiousness if not higher education in the pulpit;

That besides preaching the word of God and performing their pastoral duties, these faithful men are working and making collections for all of the causes of the church, with great success and to the glory of God.

We do not presume to indicate the particular class requiring relief, but we do, on our own motion, and in the interest of our great and growing Methodism, as well as in behalf of those worthy servants of God, urge the Boards of Stewards of all our churches, to make due investigation of the needs of their pastors and their families, conferring freely with their pastors themselves; and that they act justly if not generously upon the truth that may be thus developed, so that these pastors and their families who are not now doing so, may enjoy their share of the prosperity with which God is blessing our Church and country.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

#### Board of Church Extension, Oklahoma Conf.

I hereby call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Oklahoma Conference, to meet in J. O. Mattison's office, in Oklahoma City, Thursday, Feb. 20th, 1908, at 10 a. m.

All who wish to apply to the General Board for aid must have their applications before the Conference Board at this time. Send applications to Rev. C. F. Mitchell, Secretary, Anadarko, Okla., by Feb. 15th, or else bring them to the committee meeting.

N. L. LINEBAUGH, President.

Oklahoma Conf. Board of Church Extension.

#### THE ORDER OF THE POST MASTER GENERAL.

At first mention we had some doubt about the report. But upon careful investigation it is a fact that the Post Master General has issued an order, effective April 1st next, under which no newspaper can be sent to any subscriber who is in arrears for as much as one year, unless the paper is sent out under postage stamps at four times the rate now charged. This will compell all publishers, however unwilling, to cut off all such subscribers. It is very important, therefore, that we take the matter up at once, and get ready to comply with what we cannot help. Where a subscriber is not paid ahead the simplest solution of it is that he should pay, and thus avoid all confusion. Where he will be owing more than a year by April 1st, we shall be forced to stop his paper, settlement or no settlement. Experience has clearly taught us that when names are taken off without settlement we sustain losses. It is certain that sudden application of a sweeping rule of this sort will cause the paper great loss unless our subscribers act promptly, especially where they already owe as much as a year, and we cannot think that any such subscribers will be willing to take advantage of the situation to beat us out of an honest debt. But it is of great importance that all our subscribers look at once at the labels on their papers and remit to us promptly what is due. The decree of the post master general leaves us no option; we must conform to it.

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#### January 26: Jesus Cleanses the Temple.

Lesson Text.—John 2:13-22.

Golden Text.—"Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever."—Ps. 93:5.

Soon after the miracle of Cana we find Jesus and His disciples, and His mother and brethren at Capernaum, which henceforth was the principal place of His staying; as to home He had none. He remained here at this time only a few days when He and His disciples went up to Jerusalem to attend the Passover Feast. This was one of the three great annual feasts which commemorated the exodus from Egypt and extended over a whole week. John is the only one of the Gospel writers who gives an account of this visit. The Passover was attended by Jews from all parts of the world. Josephus estimates that as many as 2,000,000 Jews attended this feast. To accommodate this vast crowd a large number of animals would be required about the temple grounds for the sacrifices. When Jesus came He found in the court of the temple "those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting. The Court had been turned into a market and presented all the confusion of an animal traffic place. The pilgrims brought with them the coinage of their own country which had to be exchanged for coin that would be accepted in the temple treasury. For this exchange these money changers made a charge which aggregated a large sum of money. Through their hands also would pass the immense votive offerings of the foreign Jews or of proselytes, to the Temple. There were various other modes of traffic and means of profit by which the Priests and Levites enriched themselves.

When Jesus saw this degradation of the Temple, His "Father's House," He was filled with holy indignation, and with a scourge of small cords He drove the sheep and oxen out of the court of the Temple and poured out the changers' money and overthrew the tables; and said to them who sold doves, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise."

"One of the most thrilling scenes we witnessed in the Passion Play at Ober-amergau was the cleansing of the Temple. The Revised version corrects the translation and modifies the apparent harshness of Jesus as in the old version. The correct reading is: "And cast all out of the Temple, both sheep and oxen." He calls it 'His Father's house,' and here takes up the thread of His story when, at the age of 12 years in this same Temple He had told His mother He "must be about His Father's business." He was now entering formally on the business and for the first time was making a public announcement of His divine mission.

"There could be no more appropriate initiatory step in entering upon this mission than that of ridding 'His Father's house' of the den of thieves" who were bartering the holy things of the Temple for private gain. The "zeal of His Father's house" filled and thrilled Him with a burning indignation against these hypocritical officials who did not scruple at any means of gratifying their avaricious desires. He instituted against them an open war that should rage bitterly for three years and culminate in their nailing Him to the cross, which to them would seem victory, but would prove to be the triumph of right over wrong, and of love over hate.

"So obviously proper was Christ's conduct on this occasion, from every standpoint of judgment that there was no resistance, but only a demand for a "sign of His authority."

There was something in the imperial majesty of His presence and manner that commanded respect and obedience. The only thing these guilty cowards could do was to ask: "What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?" The meaning was: "Show your credentials by which you presume to take the law into your own hands." Wheldon says: "His display of might and their paralysis were of themselves a sign, had they not been too blind to see it." His only reply was, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." This was a prophecy and a challenge, which they understood not. "This is the sign and the only sign that Christ has ever given to His enemies. He is ever raising up the temple which they are striving to destroy. His resurrection was a triumph over all enemies. Even His disciples did not understand His saying at the time, but after the resurrection they remembered it."—H. K. Hinde, A. M., in St. Louis Advocate.

#### Appointments of Arkansas Conf. M. E. Church.

Fort Smith District—W. C. Wheeler, presiding elder; Bentonville, R. W. Reynolds; Chester, W. E. Gibson; DeLany, supplied by A. T. Nickell; Ellsworth, supplied by W. A. Franks; Europa Springs, A. O. Lockwood; Fort Smith, Grace First Church, A. D. Linsey; Fort Smith, Grace Church, to be supplied; Fayetteville, supplied by M. E. Bramhall; Hazel Valley, supplied by W. P. Hammett; Healing Springs, E. S. Webb; Jenny Lind, to be supplied; Mansfield, N. W. Womack; Mena, A. B. Campbell; Norwood, T. J. Wilson; Paris, to be supplied; Rogers, W. R. Nelson; St. Paul, supplied by T. L. Smith; Sulphur Springs, L. W. B. Long; Springdale, supplied by F. M. Romines; Siloam Springs, H. J. Cockrill; Texarkana, to be supplied; Vesta, M. F. Layman; Van Buren, to be supplied; Waldron, supplied by A. S. Harris; Westfork, E. L. Torrence.

Harrison District—L. W. Elkins, presiding elder; Balboa and Cord, supplied by J. A. Mobley; Batesville, M. M. Lewis; Cave City, J. W. Due; Cushman, J. L. Masters; Everton, D. C. Thurman; Green Forest, H. N. Lewis; Guion, supplied by R. L. Taylor; Harrison, R. W. McMasters; Jasper, F. J. Johnson; Marble City and Bergman, to be supplied; Marshall, H. N. Lewis; Mount Judea, supplied by A. C. Phillips; Oxford and Wild Cherry, W. R. McNeese; Ravenden, supplied by M. E. Ratcliff; Snowball, supplied by J. S. Taylor; Witt Springs, P. D. Cooper.

Little Rock District—C. M. Hollett, presiding elder; Adona, supplied by R. L. Burroughs; Almyra, W. P. Barnhill; Amity, J. C. Blizzard; Beebe, William Anthony; Belton, supplied by A. H. Burroughs; Bismarck, to be supplied; Carlisle, J. P. Williams; Center Valley, supplied by R. J. Rail; Crystal Springs, supplied by B. N. Fitzwater; Gifford, J. J. Kindy; Germania, to be supplied; Gillett, W. E. Twyford; Goldman, supplied by F. E. Madden; Heber, to be supplied; Holmes, to be supplied; Hot Springs, H. C. Adams; Judsonia, W. S. Fitch; Liberty, supplied by Edward Bennett; Little Rock, Frank Lynn Memorial, B. P. White; First Church, F. E. DuBois; West Twelfth Street Church, to be supplied; Olona, N. Hockensmith; Pottsville, G. F. Bieber; Russell, supplied by Henry Hatton; Russellville, C. E. Draper; Russellville circuit, to be supplied; Stuttgart, J. T. Bainbridge; Sweet Home, supplied by J. L. Gray; Washita, supplied by J. W. Southard; Womble, to be supplied.

Thomas Mason, president of Arkansas Conference College; W. A. Fitzgerald, missionary of American Sunday School Union; E. L. Parks, professor in Howard University.

## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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

Lesson for Jan. 26: Acts 14:21-28; Isa. 19:18-22.

Topic: The Planting and Training of the Church in the Foreign Field.

The work of the home church upon the foreign field always has this double object of planting and training, just as this is the true object in every Christian's life. It is not enough to accept Christ and begin the Christian life. There must be training and development. It is not sufficient to plant a church in the foreign field. It could live if left to itself even then. Such has been done. But to get the quickest and largest results from any effort on the foreign field is to follow up the planting and founding by a process of training.

This was the plan followed by the first Christian missionaries sent out. On their out-going journey they founded a line of churches in Pisidian-Antioch, Iconium, Lystia, Derbe, and it may be, in other places. This required some time. When they had finished this work they deemed it necessary to re-visit these places for the purpose of strengthening these newly planted churches by exhortation and prayer and better organization.

The planting of a church in a foreign land is often a long and slow process. Christianity will win its way with any people but it takes time. It takes time for a faithful presentation of it and for the working out of the results. Robert Morrison, the pioneer Protestant missionary to China in twenty-seven years work, averaged a convert every nine years. Adoniram Judson toiled for years in Burmah before he saw a single convert to Christianity. So it has been often.

The planting of a church in a foreign land often has a meagre beginning. It is like the planting of the "despised seed" in the Gospel of Mark. Though less than all other seeds it grows up to be a mighty shelter. Listen to the following story recently written by one who is doing this work: "A little more than three years ago the writer stopped off the train at Santa Ana, intending to take the stage next day across the desert to Pitiquito. Hearing of a missionary in town a young man called on me and requested me to conduct service for the few members of our church living in Santa Ana. It rained heavily that night; nevertheless, ten persons came to the little meeting held in the house of Jose Rios, a blacksmith, and for many years a consistent member of the church. Seeing an opportunity of opening the Lord's work there, I remained a week visiting among the people and conducting service each night. The congregation grew to thirty attentive hearers, and four professed faith in the Saviour. These I baptized on the Sunday and organized a Sunday School of twenty-five scholars. That was the beginning of our work in Santa Ana." How often has this story been repeated in all mission lands for all these centuries.

Following this work of planting is the work of training the church in those fields. Schools must be founded and conducted where the work of Christian education can be carried forward. Printing plants must be put into operation by which the new church can be supplied with Christian literature in their own language. Hospitals must be erected where this important department of work can be done. Besides the native church must be trained for the largest results in evangelistic efforts. In all this the native church must be developed not simply to the point of its

self-support but to missionary effort themselves. The Chinese Christians are already sending native Chinese Christian missionaries into Tibet.

Dr. Josiah Strong is authority for the statement that the average income per family in all parts of the United States is \$751 per year, and the total expenditures \$689. According to this no preacher should receive less than \$751 a year, but F. M. Barton, publisher of the Expositor, estimates that one-third of the preachers in the country receive an average of less than \$400 a year from their churches. Thirteen trades in New York pay their workmen \$1,200 a year. A union hod-carrier in New York receives \$900 a year. In Bucks county, Pa., five of the thirteen Methodist preachers receive less than \$350. In Idaho, six of the twenty Congregational preachers receive less than \$400. Of the forty-four Methodist preachers in Idaho, twenty-three receive less than \$400. Mr. Barton says that "if people would spend as much on religion as they do on either tobacco, amusements or intoxicating liquors, no pastor would receive less than \$600, while another third (of the pastors) would receive \$1,200 a year, and the other third \$1,800 a year." But according to the amounts expended for various purposes, the average American cares several times as much for tobacco, amusements and liquor as he cares for religion. A pastor in Pennsylvania has been obliged to leave the pastorate owing to increased expenses of living. —Northwestern Christian Advocate.

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To God who gave His Son to be a man.

—GILBY CAMPBELL KELLY.

Lynchburg, Va.

## God Loveth Me.

What of good and what of ill  
My remaining days shall fill,  
Know I not, but know I still,  
God loveth me.  
Loath hath Time been to reveal,  
Secrets able to conceal -  
God loveth me.

In despondence, all but sin,  
Losing out when others win,  
Longing for a peace within,  
God loveth me.  
Though cast down I can but rise  
With the gift to realize;  
God loveth me.

Reading sorrow's open scroll,  
With a grief beyond control,  
Yet can feel my inmost soul,  
God loveth me.  
Underneath the billows' strife,  
Floweth on the stream of life;  
God loveth me.

In my fullness and my want,  
Doubts rise up and greatly vaunt,  
Seeking much the thought to daunt,  
God loveth me:  
Yet a consciousness I feel,  
Sweetest joy of all my weal,  
God loveth me.

Fears assail with nimble feet,  
Falling back they soon retreat,  
To refrain divinely sweet,  
God loveth me.  
Holy then the silence deep,  
Peace, sweet peace my soul doth keep -  
God loveth me.

Waiting thus in ecstasy,  
Visions of eternal day  
Flood my soul repeating, "Aye,  
God loveth me."  
Be it mine, when I shall go  
Home from earth, still thus to know,  
God loveth me.

E. A. TOWNSEND.

Key West, Fla.

## The New Version of John 3:5.

Editors Western Methodist: I see an article in the Methodist of Dec. 12th, headed "A New Version of John 3:5," written by T. P. Clark.

I agree with Bro. Clark that being born of water in this text does not mean Christian baptism, nor fleshly birth, but I do believe it meant John's baptism.

In order to get a correct version of this Scripture it is necessary to take in consideration some facts connected therewith.

(1). It is a fact that this was a transition period in the church's history, to be accomplished by the ministry of John and Christ jointly. To succeed they must be in harmony, John must prepare the way for his superior and point him out to the people, giving them all the evidence at hand of the genuineness of Christ's claims as the promised one.

Christ must also respect and honor John and his work, else there would arise confusion and

disappointment. This he did first, by being baptized by John. Secondly, by calling his first disciples from John's disciples. And we may infer that he called them all from those John had baptized—in fact it would be unreasonable to suppose otherwise.

Thirdly, he commended John very highly and did this after he had convinced many that he was the Christ.

Now, I submit was it probable that when he wanted to announce some of the most important truths or doctrines that ever engaged the minds of men he would change his course of action and draw a man to him to be the recipient of these truths who had rejected his forerunner's ministry, thereby discrediting the whole of John's work and testimony?

Is it not the more probable that Christ drew a man who was deeply interested in the ministry and testimony of John to communicate such truths to, thereby honoring his worthy servant and his work?

Could anything be more honorable to John and his ministry than the linking of his baptism with Christ's as the agencies by which a man is prepared to enter into the kingdom of God? (I think not). When Nicodemus approached Christ he at once confessed his convictions concerning him in very strong language. John 3:2. "We know that thou art a teacher come from God for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him."

Jesus knowing his wants did not wait for him to communicate them, but proceeded at once to tell him what he needed. v. 5. "Jesus answered and said unto him. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot enter the kingdom of God." At this Nicodemus was astounded. Jesus then proceeded to give him the agencies by which he could enter into the kingdom of God. 5:6-7. "Thee, except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto you ye must be born again."

At this Nicodemus still wondered, and well he might, for it was something new. Never before had such an idea been presented to man for his consideration. No wonder he was slow to understand and believe.

Christ proceeds to give Nicodemus further instructions and to announce other important doctrines to him. Read to v. 23. We get from these verses some idea of Jesus, high estimate of Nicodemus.

"After these things his disciples came into the land of Judea and there he tarried with them and baptized. John was also baptizing in Enon."

John 4:2, it is said, "Jesus himself baptized not but his disciples." It is reasonable that the disciples of Christ baptized in the same way that John was baptizing. John was doing his last work and we have no account of Jesus or his disciples baptizing any more. So John's ministry ends with Christ's approval, fulfilling John's joy.

I doubt Christ's ever bringing a Jew into favorable prominence during his whole ministry who had rejected John's ministry. Being born of water and the Spirit meant to be brought into the experimental knowledge of the Spirituality of the kingdom of God. By water at the hands of John. By the Spirit when he should come.

John's baptism as a condition of entering into the kingdom of God lasted no longer than the life of John; that of the Spirit through all time. Those who accepted John's ministry

placed themselves in a position to receive Christ and his ministry. Those who rejected John's placed themselves in a position to reject Christ's ministry and did it.

That Nicodemus was a life long friend of Jesus is evidenced by two circumstances in which he took an important part—first, when he defended Christ by an appeal to the law; secondly, when he assisted in the burial of his body, and contributed a hundred pounds of sweet spices to embalm the same.

Perhaps for these two occasions Nicodemus was kept in the background. In neither case would an open friend have succeeded.

I have not written this to provoke discussion nor to reflect on Bro. Clark (for his is the best I have seen from anyone), but because I think it is in harmony with the facts connected with the incident.

H. TOWNSEND.

#### "The States and the United States."

In the Methodist of Nov. 7, 1907, appears an editorial under the above caption in regard to which this writer wishes to make a few remarks. And as it is natural that an editor should desire his readers to think on what he says, it is hoped that he will not take it unkindly if one dissents from some of his views. While many truths are well stated, it is believed some errors have crept in and some unwarranted conclusions reached.

One purpose for which the editorial is written, to point out the tendency of the nation to encroach on the powers of the States, is praiseworthy, and this tendency should be kept before the people; for, by every token, the drift of public sentiment is towards the centralization of power in the Federal Government and, consequently, the destruction of the rights of the States. The other object, to impress Christians that it is their duty to re-impress the nation, etc., is a superfluous work; for the notion that God exercises a special providence over fools, idiots and the United States is already too prevalent.

It is stated, incidentally, that John Brown was a fanatic but not wicked at heart. Do not murder and treason indicate heart wickedness? If not, John Brown may not have been a wicked man. But the tree is known by its fruit. "Out of the heart proceedeth murders."

It is truthfully said that the constitution left with the States the right of secession. But this right, the editorial, very erroneously, we think, says should have been abridged or entirely taken away. That right inalienably belongs to the States, and the framers of the constitution wisely left it with them. That right denied would have made the adoption of the constitution impossible, for no sensible man or enlightened State would enter an indissoluble union. To deny the right of secession is to affirm the right of coercion, and even the destruction of the States. In the constitutional convention of 1787 it was proposed to clothe the Federal Government with the power of coercion. But the proposition was voted down by every member except the mover, even Alexander Hamilton, the centralizer, speaking and voting against it.

But the editorial said it was according to the design of Providence that the right of secession should be destroyed, and that it was destroyed. Where is the evidence? Every agreement between the States is in the constitution. But there is no evidence in that instrument—even in its illegally and forcibly adopted amendments—that the right has been taken away.

But it may be contended that the question

was settled by the war. True, the secessions of 1861 were suppressed by force illegally and unconstitutionally used, but the legality of the question was not touched. The right of the withdrawal of a State has never been tied by the only tribunal authorized to decide upon such questions, the Supreme Court of the United States. Why? Doubtless because those who so vehemently asserted the illegality of secession feared to refer to its decision to their own judges, lest it be decided right. For the same reason, President Davis, though indicted for treason, was never tried, though he repeatedly demanded it. The question of his innocence or guilt depended on the legality or illegality of the secession of his State.

It is unfortunate that sentiments like some expressed in the editorial should find utterance. To say God did guide the counsels of the framers of the constitution, but still it was not what He wanted and must be changed, would indicate that the plan was "not well conceived of God." To teach that Webster, though the perverter of the constitution, was the instrument of Providence to effect that change; that he was prepared for his task as truly as ever Moses was prepared, and that he led the pan-national consciousness along its appointed path until what he erroneously said was the true interpretation of the constitution was to be forever made its meaning by a struggle which was bathed in blood from ocean to ocean is, if received as truth, leads to the acceptance of Seward's deadly heresy that "there is a higher law than the constitution." That may be sound political doctrine for the latitude of Boston, but seems very heterodox for the parallel of Little Rock.

There can be no higher law for the statesman than the constitution of his country. As well might the minister of the gospel claim higher authority than the Bible. The preacher has no right to preach otherwise than God's word doth allow. Neither have statesmen, though "in congress assembled," a right to act outside of the powers granted them by the States. Had ministers and statesmen always been content to exercise the functions of their office without assuming others, the cry of persecution in the church and usurpation in the State would have been strangers. We are glad the Editor notes the fact that the people of the South stood on the constitution. That they did, is to their everlasting credit. The Bible severely condemns covenant breaking. The compact between the States was broken. Who broke it?

Can men be true to God and false to their fellowmen? Or are they under no obligation to keep faith with men, provided the stars will fight on their side? Is the voice of the people the majority—the voice of God? So, by implication, the editorial teaches. But is it right to do evil that good may come? If so, why did Paul, when charged with advocating such practice, denounce the charge as slanderous?

J. A. FAIR.

(Well, this is a free country, and Brother Fair is entitled to his opinion.—Ed.)

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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.)

Jessie's Journal.

By Ruth Carr.

March 17. My dear diary, it has been such a long time since I told you anything, that I have gotten far behind; so much has happened, that I don't know where to begin, but O I must tell you of the death of my dear grandmother, the very first thing. Uncle Ben wrote for me to come and stay with them, for he needed help while grandma was sick, and she kept getting worse, till God took her home. It was awful lonesome after she went away, but mamma and papa came, and after that I was not so lonely. We all came home yesterday, and I got you right out to see how far behind I was. I have been a better girl since grandma died, and I am going to try to be good all the time like she was. I haven't spoken cross to Minnie and Hattie in a long time. There was a party at Mrs. Moore's last night, but I didn't go, for it was so soon after grandmother died; I saw Harry today and he said they played cards at the party; I don't think Mrs. Moore ought to allow it, for she belongs to the church, and papa says it is wrong for girls to play cards, for they will not rest till they teach boys how to play, and they may be gamblers some day. I have written enough for tonight, so good-by, Lovingly Jessie.

March 18. Well another day has come and gone, and this morning before I got up, I told Bonnie I was going to do right all day, but in less than an hour, I looked for my blue waist, and would you believe it, those horrid children had slipped it out while I was gone, and cut the lace off it, to put on doll dresses. I forgot all about my resolution to be good, so I gave them both a spanking, and mamma made me go in the parlor and practice two hours without stopping—an hour for each spanking; next time I will take one at the time.

Bob got a whipping at school today for fighting. He said a country boy was trying to get a biscuit out of his own pocket at recess, and as the pocket was small and the biscuit large, it was a tight fit, so he was helping the boy, and Tim Temple ran up and snatched the biscuit and the little boy cried. Bob always did hate to see a big boy impose on a little one, so he slapped Tim, who ran off and threw a rock and hit Bob on his nose, and made it bleed and swell big. Some one told the teacher, I think it was that hateful Fannie Bolls, and he whipped both the boys, but Bob said it didn't hurt him much. Tim said if the teacher had struck him one more lick, he meant to stick his knife clean through him—Tim's awful dangerous.

March 20. I didn't write last night, for I spent the night with Mary and Annie. I didn't do right about it; but did a real selfish thing that I am ashamed to tell you about; Mamma and Annie live two miles in the country, and nearly every Friday afternoon they take some girls home with them, and bring them back on Saturday. It's lots of fun out there, for they have more good things to eat than a little, and Annie's papa lets us ride the horses to the pasture and drive up the cows, and after supper we pop corn and play games and tell dreams. I just love to go out there. I went just a month ago and had such a good time, so this was Bonnie's time. She and Annie are just the same age, so she was getting ready to go, and I was trying not to want to go, and just then Buck, he's Annie's big brother, came riding up, and Harry, my real good friend, was with him—going out there for the night. O how I wanted to go! I thought of all the fun they'd have, and of how they'd gallop out on their horses, and as soon as they got there they'd go to the cupboard and get all sorts of good things to eat, and then get some salt and go to the turnip patch and get some good sweet turnips, and then drive up the cows, and after supper they would tell fortunes, and go to the cellar for apples, and play domi-

noes and do dozens of other nice things. I wanted to go so bad that I just couldn't keep from crying, but I tried not to say a word, for it was Bonnie's time to go; so I walked to the window to keep the girls from seeing me cry, and as I looked out Harry and Buck both waved at me and beckoned me to ride the bay pony. I commenced to cry sure enough now, for I just could not help it. Both of us could not go, for there'd be no one to help mama.

"Are you crying because you want to go Jessie?" said Bonnie.

"Y-e-s-s-s," I sobbed.

"Then you go and I'll stay till next time."

I knew it was a very selfish thing to do, but I was most crazy to go, so I ran out and got on the horse. As we rode off, I saw Bonnie on the front porch, where she stood watching us till we were out of sight. Somehow, every time I got to having a good time that night, I could see Bonnie's big brown eyes looking so sad at me. O dear unselfish Bonnie! how I wish I was as good as you are! I didn't enjoy my trip like I thought I would, and besides Harry had a chill soon after we got there, and went to bed, and I didn't see him any more during the visit.

I came home early Saturday morning, for I was so unhappy that I couldn't be pleasant, for I kept thinking of how I treated poor patient Bonnie. O how I wish I could be good like she is—maybe if I keep on trying I will.

As soon as I got home I ran to tell her, and tell her how sorry I was, but she said she was not mad, and hoped I had a nice trip—but I didn't. I'm going to bed now, and when the lights are out, I will tell her I will never be so selfish again, if she'll only forgive me this time.

Goodby—your miserable

Jessie.

(To be continued.)

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 10, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I have been reading the Children's page. I like to read the boys and girls letters very much. I am twelve years of age. My papa takes the Western Methodist. I am always glad to get the paper so I can read the letters. Dear Cousins, I am going to school now, and I am in the sixth reader. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mrs. Shoots. I think she is a fine teacher. I go to Sunday School every Sunday that I can. I like to go to church. My aunt is my Sunday School teacher; my papa is the superintendent. Brother Dotson is our pastor, and I think he is a good man; he has been our pastor for one year, and we surely are glad that he is our pastor for another year. I will tell you about my little pet now. I haven't got any pets but a little sister; she is thirteen months old; her name is Bettie Arora. Your friend,

LEE ECHOLS.

Conway, Ark., Jan. 6, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I enjoy reading the children's letters, and I thought I would write too. My papa takes the Methodist. I am a little boy 11 years old. I go to school. I am in the sixth grade. I like to go to school very well. My teacher's name is Mrs. J. B. Wallace. I like her very well. I have three sisters and four brothers; two of them are living. I will close for this time, and if I see this in print I will write again. Your little friend,

FLOYD NELSON.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy eight years old. Grandma takes the Methodist. I thought I would write a letter. Our pastor's name is Rev. Pulling. I have a pet dog. His name is Ship. I have three brothers. Their names are Ray, Earl and Virgil. I go to school and I am in the third grade.

VINSIE M. BOWHERD.

Wattensaw, Ark., Jan. 1, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As I haven't written any to the Children's page I will write now. My grandma takes the Methodist and I like to read the Children's page. I am twelve years of age and I am in the 4th grade. I go to school every day. I like to go to school very much. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My Sunday School

teacher's name is Mr. Jim Watters, and my school teacher's name is Lela Mitchell, and I like her fine. For my pet I have a little dog. Its name is Cricket. My own father is dead, but I have a step-father who is very good to me. I have two brothers and one sister.

Yours truly,

FLOYD GLOVER.

Van Buren, Ark., Jan. 4, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I will write for the first time. Well, I have one sister and four brothers. My sister's name is Grace, and my brothers' names are Cecil, Horace, Aman and Ernest. My name is Woodie. I am thirteen years old and am in the fourth grade. I got a doll for Xmas and a lot of candy and some nuts. I will ask all of you cousins when you get for Xmas. Well, our pastor's name is E. M. Tolleson, and we have a choir and organist. I will close. So good-bye to all of you cousins.

WOODIE SHIPLEY.

Wattensaw, Ark., Rfd., Jan. 1, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As I haven't written to the Children's page, I will write now. My grandma takes the Methodist and I like to read the Children's page. I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Lela Mitchell. I like her fine. My desk mate's name is Lillie Welch; she is a fine girl. I have three sisters and four brothers. I have a pet cat and calf. I think lots of them. My own mother is dead but my step-mother is very good to me. I have a little half brother. Well I will close.

Your friend,

MAMIE ARTHUR.

Wattensaw, Rfd. No 1, Jan 1, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have never written to the cousins. For pets I have nothing but a cat. I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Lela Mitchell. My desk mate's name is Nettie Milum. Our preacher's name is Brother McGuire. We like him fine. I have one sister in heaven. I have three brothers. My own papa is in heaven. My mama and two brothers belong to the Methodist church. Well I will close for this time, for fear this will reach the waste basket. Hoping to see you in print.

Your cousin,

FLOSSIE GLOVER.

Rfd. No. 4, Jan. 1, 1908.

Mist, Ark.

Dear Methodist: I will write for the first time. My mother takes the Methodist and I like to read the Children's page. I am a little girl twelve years old and am in the sixth grade. My mother belongs to the Methodist church. Our pastor's name is M. P. Timberlake. We like him very much.

Your loving cousin,

ALLIE KIDWELL.

Viola, Ark., Jan. 1, 1908.

Dear Methodist: Will you admit another little girl from North Arkansas into your happy band? I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. Miss Nancy Hesson is my teacher. I do not get to go to Sunday School as we live so far from the church; it is three miles. I have three brothers and four sisters, all of whom are at home except my oldest sister who married two years ago. I have no pets but my little brothers and sisters, and I think they are the sweetest little pets to be found. Then there are the horses, cows, sheep and pigs, and the dog and cat. I pet them all; I love them so much. I love to ride horse-back by myself. As this is my first letter I will close, for fear that you will become worried and consign it to the waste basket.

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M. B. UMSTED.

## W. F. M. S. Little Rock Conf.

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"Information is the Key to Interest."

Taking it for granted that every auxiliary in this conference has already in operation a mission study class, or, if not, will soon effect the organization of one, and that these classes are preparing to take up the study of the seventh volume in the series of the united course, "Gloria Christi," I thought it apropos to give some suggestion for the less experienced leaders of the classes, which might aid in their work. As some one has said, "Modern missionary literature abounds in thrilling incident, graphically told, and covers a wide range of topics, including tragedy and comedy, pathos and humor."

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From Rev. H. H. Hunt.

I lost my father the 9th of January at 7 p. m. He was 72 years of age and had been a member of the M. E. Church,

South, 43 years. He died in the faith. He and mother were the parents of 13 children, four of whom died in infancy, and nine living and grown. Seven of the living are professors of religion and members of the M. E. Church, South. Up to the time of his death, the youngest son, Johnie, and the oldest son, Newt, were out of the church. Before I left Mammoth Spring I called the family (who were all there) together for prayer before we left for our several homes. I read the 146th Psalm and had prayer. I explained the way of salvation as best I could to the two boys who were out of the church and opened the doors of the church and Johnie and Newt were converted and joined the church.

After baptizing my sisters', Mrs. Geo. Trevathan's Mrs. John Hunt's and Mrs. Harris's babies, I left for Cabot with a sad heart and at the same time a rejoicing heart. One of the saddest days of my life was the day my father lay a corpse, and the brightest day of my life was when those boys accepted Christ and united with the church. I see God in everything.

H. H. HUNT.

## Thornton Circuit.

This is a new but delightful charge of six appointments. Bro. McKay held our first quarterly conference Dec. 28-29. The attendance was good; I believe the best I have ever had. Bro. McKay's sermons were fine and enjoyed by all present. He looked well after every interest of the church. We are starting off well. Have organized one new church (Providence) with 30 members and others to join at next services. We have the prayer meeting going again at Thornton. Also have a good prayer meeting at Providence. We have just received a large poundage consisting of many good and useful things from a bar of soap to a barrel of fine flower. We are serving a good people. May God help us make this the best year of our lives. There is a large number of good, kind, generous hearted, liberal people here, who are not religious, but whom we love, and sincerely desire to see saved this year. May God help us to reach them in some way or by some means. Yours in Christ.

C. C. GREEN, P. E.

January 15.

### Fort Smith District Preachers' Meeting.

The Fort Smith District Preachers' Meeting convened in Central church, Ft. Smith, Tuesday morning. Present: Johnston, Steel, Faust, Waldrip, Lester, Tolleson, Lark, Etchison, Bryant, Barton, Morris, Horton, Dyer, Williams, Sturdy, Taylor, Ray, Howard, and Colquette. Devotional service by L. H. Eakes, after which Rev. F. M. Tolleson gave us a very helpful paper on the "Quiet Hour League." Several earnest talks followed on the importance of prayer life. All agreed that this is the one essential to our Christian life and ministry. In the afternoon J. L. Bryant led the devotional service, after which a conference of plans was held.

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It was a helpful conference. The preachers' meeting is to meet each month, on Tuesday after the second Sunday, in Central Methodist church, Ft. Smith.

The District Conference to meet to embrace the 5th Sunday in March at Central church when the presiding elder hopes to have Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Dr. W. F. McMurry, Dr. W. W. Pinson, and perhaps other connectional men.

The chairman, Bro. Johnston, called attention of the preachers to the importance of taking collections for mission assessments early in the year. The work by the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, of the district of supporting a missionary was considered and will be undertaken.

This conference being over our Rev. N. M. Waldrip, the eloquent pastor of First Church, discussed "The Chief" followed by Bros. G. L. Horton, G. M. Barton and C. W. Lester.

It was an inspiring meeting.

D. H. COLQUETTE, Sec.

Jan. 15.

### Sheridan Circuit.

Dear Methodist: I have been here since the 10th of December. After having spent two pleasant years in many respects on the Kingsland circuit, we left familiar scenes and dear friends to come here to form new acquaintances and try a new field of labor. I have made one round on my work except one small church. I have met a good number of my people and learned the way to various points.

The people of this work have given us a warm welcome. The Sheridan people have given us a very nice donation which is appreciated.

We are having some little sickness. I have had the gripp since the 26th of December. Have been rather poorly, and hardly able to be up but am better. We have the mumps in the family now.

Sheridan is a nice clean little town with many beautiful and attractive houses. It is a quiet, moral place to live. I hope our stay here may be for our good and for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

B. F. SCOTT.

Jan. 16, 1908.

### Wiser in Their Generation.

Editor Western Methodist: We have just come out of the most hotly contested whisky fight I ever witnessed. Consecrated men and women had gone carefully over the field involved and had secured every signer to their petitions, both white and black, man and woman, that they could possibly procure. They had made a careful calculation of the census and decided that they had a safe majority. They were so sudden and fast in their movements that the saloon people did not know what they were doing until it was done. They were too busy selling whisky to note what else was going on. Our people were wise enough to file their petitions without delay. Then the saloon men waked up to find that their craft was in danger. They got busy, and here is where I got a valuable lesson. The little saloon keeper took the streets, alleys, and every country road and by-path. He went into every hut, cabin and shack. He had the name, age, sex, history and antecedents of every individual within three miles of DeVall's Bluff. The thought occurred to me that if the ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ all over Arkansas and Oklahoma would be as vigilant and as zealous in seeking the lost, in going into the dark alleys and among the fish



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boats and section houses to win souls for Christ as this saloon keeper was to get votes for his ruinous business, many thousands of these dangerous classes would be Christianized before January, 1909. In the contest this saloon keeper passed no one by. Every vote counted and every one, however obscure, and however low in the scale of being was of importance. May we not take the same view in our Christian work? Every human being we find is one "for whom Jesus died." Strange and unknown though he may be; fallen, degraded, ignorant and vicious though we may find them, the fact remains that "Christ died for him." If He gave His blood for him, surely we ought to be glad that we can give our time strength and energy to save him. Looking at men from Mt. Calvary no one is insignificant. About us are the dirty and unclean beggars in rags, crime-besmeared and felons in prison, thieves and prostitutes, masses of ignorant and vicious—the filth and scum of society—all traces of virtue and purity seem to have been obliterated. Why should we care for them? Because they are our brethren and as they are such would be but for the grace of God which has been given, accepted and improved. The great practical lesson of the cross has not touched our hearts if it has not kindled in us a strong yearning for those "for whom Jesus died."

I got another very precious lesson out of this contest. What a contrast between the motives that actuated the two parties. The main spring to the saloon keeper's action was to gain money. He hunted up these people not because he loved them or cared one straw what became of them after he had voted them. The people who carried the petition not only got no money out of it but it lost them money. They were moved by that great philanthropic spirit that moved the Son of God to die for the world. The men who were pleading for the saloon made no other plea than a money consideration. The people who are seeking its destruction have never made any other plea than the salvation of immortal souls. Another lesson I learned or rather which was forcibly demonstrated. There was no neutrality. There was no sitting on the fence. Not to sign the petition was to vote against it. Literally it was true, "Whoever is not for me is against me." Is it not true in all moral battles fought for the good of society? It was humiliating to see the saloon keeper vote the names of many church members for his iniquitous traffic. But we beat and had a hundred names to spare.

J. C. HOOKS.

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### Conference Minutes.

I think Bro. Thornburgh is due a vote of thanks for the minutes he has given us. They are neat and I suppose in the main correct. Their marked improvements as I see it puts them in advance of any minutes we have had for the past 20 years.

But the thing I want to speak of is the mistake in my report. When a preacher with the assistance of his presiding elder makes a special effort to get all of a particular assessment and succeeds, and the minutes show that collection short, it shows the preacher up in a bad light.

The assessment on the Chidester circuit for Orphanage was \$9.80. Brother Harrison made a special appeal for that collection and raised the full amount. I so reported it and have Bro. Ramsey's receipt for the \$9.80, while the minutes show I only paid \$5.80. The footing up of the column in the Prescott District shows a deficit of four dollars compared with the footing in the minutes, hence we know it was a typographical error.

Thinking it due me that this correction be made I write these lines.

J. L. JOHNTON.

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The good people of this little city, on last evening, came en masse and gave us an agreeable surprise in the way of a pounding. But such poundings as this one do not leave any bruises, but filled the pastor's and wife's hearts with joy and thanksgiving. After enjoying a pleasant evening and taking their departure we found that they had left behind, flour, meat, coffee, sugar, canned goods and other good things too numerous to mention. May the good Lord abundantly bless them for their kindness, and we will give them the right of way to our home at any time. Well, the good Western Methodist is a regular and welcome visitor to our home. I hardly know how we could do without it. W. F. HUDSON, P. C.

Jan. 15.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Little Rock Conference will hold the regular annual meeting at Stuttgart, Wednesday, March 11, at 10 a. m., to consider all applications to the General Board for donations and loans. Let all applications be in the hands of Rev. M. W. Manville, secretary, by that time. Also will be pleased to see and hear any brother represent his petition who wishes to be present.

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## Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, White River Conference.

Dear Friends: There was evidence of increase in our missionary forces at the close of the third quarter, as the reports from district secretaries showed a total membership of 961. Surely our numbers will touch the thousand mark by the close of the year, when so small an addition is needed to reach that point.

Some special effort on the part of each Auxiliary might bring into our ranks many women, earnest and willing, who are only waiting an invitation, and that one thousand could be easily passed, and our strength and usefulness largely increased.

From Helena and Searcy Districts come the encouraging news that new auxiliaries have been added.

The Marvell Junior League takes its space among us with thirty-six live young people, under the lead of an enthusiastic manager, and promises to do good service, and to be a help to the adult auxiliary at that place, which has also taken on new life, and I most doubled its membership—in the quarter.

Searcy District Secretary rejoices over the re-organization of the Beebe Auxiliary for more than a year disbanded, which resumes active work with eleven members and capable officers.

Searcy Auxiliary deserves especial mention on account of the intelligent study which is being done by its members in their mission study class, which gives time and thought to the study of the history and progress of missionary effort in various fields, and through knowledge cultivates zeal.

The Week of Prayer was generally observed, and each auxiliary that took note of this special season of prayer and thanksgiving, was helped and strengthened in its spiritual life.

Three auxiliaries availed themselves of their opportunity to make life members, and eight new names were added to that "roll of honor," our life members.

It was note-worthy that although our list of members, adults and juveniles was longer, that there was no corresponding gain in the number of subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate and the Little Worker. As reading does indeed make a full man, the value of these two periodicals, cannot be over estimated, and many of our members are teaching the inspiration and information that would come from a reading of them.

Cannot our auxiliaries while soliciting these new members whom we need also make special canvass to lengthen the list of 156 subscribers to the Advocate and 123 to Little Worker?

Our Miss Case who has spent two months at home, has just returned to Mexico City to resume her school duties when Mary Keener Institute re-opens February first.

Batesville Auxiliary was indeed fortunate in this opportunity to see much of her, to come in closer touch with her work, to hear her tell of the successes and achievements of the noble institution under her care and also to know of the embarrassments which come from lack of a home of its own for this school, now in a hired building. We regret very much that her resting time was too short to allow her to visit other places throughout the conference that more might enjoy the same privilege.

Miss Case, however, sends a cordial message of love and appreciation to her friends and supporters, and asks very earnestly that she and Mary Keener In-

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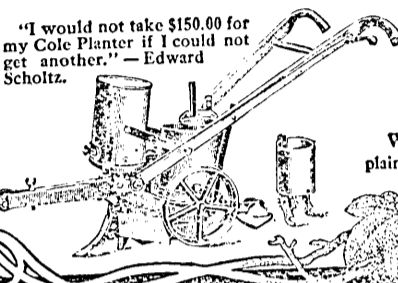
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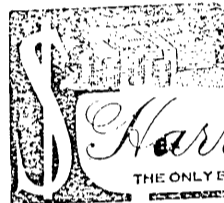
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The end of the last quarter rapidly approaches, and less than two months remain for the discharging of our biennial obligations for 1907-08. One-half of the \$1500 pledged for the support of two missionaries remains unpaid, but from every quarter has come assurances that each auxiliary will do the part assigned it in redeeming the pledge.

We hope and believe that these auxiliaries, if prayerful and faithful, will not fail to meet all obligations.

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Dear District Secretaries and sisters of the W. H. M. Societies of Oklahoma Conference: There exists in Germany a beautiful custom; on the first of the New Year, whatever may have been the troubles or estrangements between friends and relatives, mutual visits are interchanged, kindly greetings are given and received—all is forgotten and forgiven. Let us imitate this throughout the bounds of our grand conference by telling what we are doing in our special corner. Cherokee district (as H. M. workers still know it) extends to you each her warmest greetings and will speak of her different auxiliaries.

Adair: Small in number, but brave, and prompt to report, thanks to her most faithful secretary, Mrs. A. W. Herron.

Afton: An extract from a personal letter received from one of her ardent workers, tells how they do things. "When we avail ourselves of the opportunity of meeting together at the appointed times and seeing each other's faces, increasing each other's faith, and inspiring to best efforts by social contact and experience, the far-reaching effects of H. M. work well done, begins to dawn upon us, and the mental vision leaps the bounds of present environment and extends to the limit of Home Mission work: even beyond, to the uttermost parts of the sea, when the knowledge of God shall cover the earth. The Lord gives us all a part to do in setting up His Kingdom. May he endow us not only with wisdom, but a ready willingness to do whatever is allotted to us."

Chapel: A country auxiliary with good faithful members who accomplish a great deal by keeping the parsonage cosy and alleviating suffering, if found in a thrifty community where plenty abounds.

Choteau: Keeps pace, under the wise leadership of Mrs. Hayden and the promptness and efficiency of her corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. S. Cameron.

Claremore: Is now to the front; the past year has been very successful.

Chelsea: Is very much alive. Keeps up a H. M. Column in her home paper, has a fine brigade of some 35 or 40 members, and is planning to have an all day meeting some time in the near future, which we hope you will all do before the heat and enervation of summer comes on.

Centralia: Small in number but mighty in valor, and come what will, her quarterly report is always in on time.

Grove: Has 20 members, and with such ladies as Mrs. Carr President and Mrs. James Corresponding Secretary, the work can not fail.

Miami: Has a brave band who look to Mrs. Wormington for guidance. Mrs. Rice, Corresponding Secretary, feels the importance of reporting promptly.

Pryor Creek: A large auxiliary, has a most noble helmsman, hence the work is good, if the quarterly letter to District Secretary is sometimes forgotten.

Stillwell: Is prompt with reports—an example worthy of emulation.

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Westville: Is a new, but inquiring auxiliary. We expect good results there.

Woodall: Recently organized, but eager to learn.

There are near 450 members in this district. If they could only realize the importance of reading our official papers. Our Homes and The Western Methodist more that old, old cry, "I know so little of the work" would never be heard. Do you remember at Annual H. M. Conference when you elected your Conference Press Superintendent, Mrs. J. T. McSpadden, of Chelsea, you, with one accord, agreed to help her with her work, by telling her of the many things you were accomplishing, have you been idle. She is now quite ill, but when convalescing, how cheering and encouraging it might prove, not only to her but to all to have a letter from each district, or from any auxiliary. Now, let us all give to the New Year nothing to keep that will not prove an honor to God's name, and a blessing to the world, nothing we shall not be willing to learn of again, when we stand before heaven's bar. Take heart and begin again.

Whittier very beautifully describes our mission, when he says:

Thine to work as well as pray,  
Clearing thorny wrongs away;  
Plucking up the weeds of sin,  
Letting heaven's warm sunshine in.

Your Cherokee District Secretary,  
MRS. W. R. GREER.

Chelsea, Okla., Jan. 12th, 1908.

## Searcy District.

When I was connected with the Arkansas Methodist as one of its proprietors and editors, I urgently solicited Field Notes. That was a very popular department of the paper then. Here is my first field note for 1908.

I reached Wixville last Friday afternoon. Bro. Wilson met me at the train in the rain, and took me to the new parsonage, and he and his good wife allowed me to share with them the sub-

stantials and toothsome dainties of their recent pounding. The rain prevented any service Saturday except quarterly conference which was not largely attended, but they put the salary of the preacher in charge \$100 in advance of last year. I preached twice, talked to children once, and on temperance once, on Sabbath. Six bright boys at the altar Sunday at 11 a. m. Visited the public school Monday. Prayed with and talked to them, and returned to Augusta on the noon train.

Bro. Holloway met me and gave me a warm welcome, and did his people. He told me of the homes ready for me, more than I could occupy at one visitation. My visit there stirred tender memories of which I can not now write, but may later. The glad greeting I thoroughly enjoyed. The quarterly conference was largely attended. Only one absent and he out of the city. They raised the salary of the preacher in charge \$100 over last year, and will make it \$200 if they can. It is difficult to say who is the better pleased—Bro. Holloway or his people. Both have gone to work for a great year. Bro. and Sister Branson are lovingly remembered and would have been loyally supported if they had been returned.

Dr. R. P. Wilson has entered actively and hopefully his new field, and First Church will support him morally and financially. The official board here also unanimously raised the presiding elder's assessment for this church from 14 to 16 per cent. West Searcy had already done so in their quarterly conference.

Bro. Talkington will bring things to pass on his work this year. I am deeply indebted to my preachers for brotherly words of welcome that I hope to merit. The revival fire has already begun to burn.

JNO. H. DYE, P. E.

## Notice Weatherford District.

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.

## Notice.

Dear Methodist: I have appointed Rev. H. M. Harris as pastor in charge of the DeWitt Circuit.

W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

## OBITUARIES.

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

**PARKER.**—Martha Ann, fourth daughter of James and Sarah Slaughter, was born Oct. 21, 1872, was baptized in infancy by Rev. W. A. McAdoo; converted in 1885 and united with the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. F. Scott at old Mt. Home church; was married to Mr. Stanfield Parker Jan. 25, 1898; and departed this life Dec. 2, 1907, leaving the husband and two sweet little children to mourn their loss. Being raised by Godly parents and giving her heart and life to the Lord in early life, she became a useful Christian girl and was of great service to the church as a leader, especially among the young, until she was married and the duties of her home demanded her attention. Indeed a good woman has gone from the home, the community and the church, and will be greatly missed. To the bereaved ones we would say, love and serve the God she loved and served and there awaits you a happy reunion. Her pastor,

J. H. CUMMINS.

**McKINNEY.**—Charley Z. McKinney, son of W. T. and Noree McKinney, was born March 16, 1896, at White Hall, Ark., departed this life at Hartshorn, Ark., on the morning of Dec. 19th, 1907. The funeral service was conducted in the M. E. Church, South, in the presence of a large congregation by this writer, assisted by Rev. M. M. Smith. Charley was baptized in infancy, was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the Rev. W. H. Evans. His father said of him, "he was always a good boy." It is well with Charley. While you cannot bring him back, you can go to him. He is not dead, but gone to the home of the good to live forever with Him who died for us. Sorrowing friends, he is waiting for you on the other side.

FRANK P. JERNIGAN.

**RUSSELL.**—Joseph Stephens, son of W. G. and E. E. Russell, was born in Leno, Ark., July 31, 1883, and died at his old home in same county Jan. 7, 1908. Joe was a bright and useful young man, loved by every one who knew him. He loved his home and was devoted to the church. He was a steward when God called for him. He was confined to his bed 52 days with slow fever, he was perfectly resigned. Three weeks before death came he was wonderfully blessed and was shouting happy when he was called, to come up higher. Being dead he liveth. May God give sustaining grace to his bereaved ones.

His pastor,

W. F. BLEVINS.

**TODD.**—Mrs. Sarah L. Todd was born in Sevier county, Ark., Feb. 2, 1844, was married to J. W. Todd, Oct. 7, 1863; nine children were born to them, four of whom are still living. She was converted and joined the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church, South, in early childhood and remained true to the end. She suffered much during the last six months of her life, passing into sweet rest on September 18, 1907. May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved children and sorrowing friends.

W. C. HILLIARD.

**KINARD.**—Jack J. Kinard was born April 18, 1855, married to Miss Rebecca Thomas, Dec. 24, 1877. To this union was born one sweet little girl, Emma Thompson, whom God took home when about three months old. Bro. Kinard joined the church under the ministry of Rev. R. P. Wilson, September, 1881, and lived a Christian life until God called him home Dec. 19th, 1907. His wife preceded him July 12th, 1907. What a happy meeting when husband, wife and child meet around the throne of God. United family in Heaven.

J. W. VANTREASE.

Poteau, Okla. Jan. 12th, 1908.  
Dear Methodist: Will you please admit your two Oklahoma girls again? We enjoy reading the Children's Page so much. Doesn't Ruth Carr write beautiful stories? We do enjoy them so much. We saved "Bill's One Accomplishment" and sent it to our cousin who lives at Eufaula, Okla. How many of the cousins like to read? We surely do. We have read three very interesting books since Christmas. We do not go to school as we live too far from town to attend. Our sister teaches us at home. We spend half of the day in the school room. We study the seventh grade studies. Girls you may think she lets us have an easy time, but she doesn't, or at least we think so. "We are here to walk the chalk line," Gertrude Barton, you must write again also, our cousin, Inice Hopkins. We go to Sunday school every day that we can. Bro. Anderson is our pastor. This is his second year at this place. We like him fine. Bro. Dick Miller is our Sunday school superintendent. He is certainly a faithful Sunday school worker. Our sister is also our Sunday school teacher. Cousins, we wish you all were here to play snowball with us. How many of you cousins live near a mountain? Our home is situated right at the foot of the Kavanagh Mountain. There are lots of beautiful pine and cedar trees near our home. Sometimes we go up on the hill above our house and roll rocks down it. You just ought to see the pretty flowers that grow up there during the spring and summer. Mr. Editor we would like to gather a nice bouquet and send it to you, for it's so good of you to give us children a page all to ourselves. We joined the M. E. Church last summer and we try to be good girls. We would appreciate a post card. All who can please send us one. We have a few already. With best wishes to the Methodist and its many readers, we remain your true friends and cousins.

MYRTLE and RUTH HOYLE.

Cecil, Ark.

Our people are moving along nicely and looking forward to our great King to lead us on to victory. We have just completed our new parsonage. We have the nicest location in this great land on ours. It is a beautiful scenery. Our new house will be worth \$750.00. We have it mostly paid for. Our people are very proud of it. I moved in on the 3rd, and to our surprise about 75 of our dear people came in and gave us a great pounding. My table was piled until it could not hold any more and the piled underneath. It consisted of everything from a box of matches to a sack of flour. Among them was Rev. James Brewer, a Baptist minister. Bro. Brewer gave us a good talk that found way to our hearts, and it was a blessed time. So I will say to our brother preachers, should you ever get this appointment, that you will not be disap-

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pointed when you meet our people here. They have big hearts and make you feel like you had gotten home. Bless God for it all.

W. D. DESHAN, P. C.

Cowden Circuit.

I reached the Cowden Circuit December 12, and found a fine country and a prosperous, law-abiding people. I have three appointments. We have two good church buildings and are raising money to buy another one. The people received me very kindly. Good congregations come out to the preaching service. The prospects are altogether encouraging for a good year's work. We have two good live Sunday schools on the work and will start another soon. I have met some of the best people I have ever had the pleasure of serving since I have been here. The new church at Cowden, "Sappington's Chapel," is a nice frame building and an honor to the neighborhood. With an active membership of eighty it demands half of my time.

I am well pleased with my appointment and with God's help intend to make this the best year's work of my life.

ISAAC W. ARMSTRONG.

Kiowa, Okla.

I reached my new station a few days after Conference. The Woman's Home Mission Society had newly papered four of the five rooms of the parsonage and cleaned the floors until the entire building was as bright as a new pen. Our welcome here was in all things inviting. On the 11th inst we experienced something new to us. The good ladies of the town, regardless denominations, gave us a "kitchen shower." After depositing everything that is needed to cook with in the best of ware, the table was spread with everything good to eat and our dinner announced. I'll tell you it was good to be here. We made them a dinner speech, and after some hours of social talk, we parted feeling a warm heart one for the other. Our people are intelligent, social and religious. No people in the conference are better than these whom I serve. They have raised my salary \$100 over last year.

We are just about ready to let the contract for our new church. It would have been nearing completion but for the fact we have had trouble securing a site; but at last we have it and it is the most desirable in Kiowa, 200x150. We fear we have lost all our household goods and my entire library of books in shipping from Davis. It is believed they were burned in a wreck. My books could not be replaced for less than \$600, and some of our family relies can never be replaced. I've only my Bible left. These things are hard. This is the result of moving.

Our first quarterly conference has come and gone. Rev. Sam G. Thompson, Presiding Elder, was on hand and did

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things right. He is a broad-minded, warm-hearted, and far-seeing man. He knows a man when he sees him and believes in promotion when it is justifiable. It is a pleasure to have such a man in the lead. Love to all the brothers.

J. R. SMITH.

## MARRIAGES

At the Methodist church in Lewisville, Ark., Nov. 27, 1907, Mr. Luther Rogers to Miss Laura Bradshaw; W. C. Hilliard officiating.

Mr. Conlan, of Texarkana, Ark., and Miss Cecyl Grant of Lewisville, were united in matrimony at the family residence on January 9, 1908; W. C. Hilliard officiated.

At the family residence in Lewisville, Ark., on Dec. 31, 1907, Mr. Olin Haynes and Miss Cora Nance were married; W. C. Hilliard officiating.



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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

**HARRISON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
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  
Cottler ct., at Gassville Mar. 21-22  
Mtn. Home at Mtn. Home Mar. 20-23  
Belleville 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**  
Quitman Ct., at Mt. Pleasant Feb. 1-2  
Quitman Station Feb. 2-3  
Appleton ct., at Zion Hill Feb. 8-9  
Adona Ct., at Appelo Feb. 15-16  
Holland Ct., at Bethlehem Feb. 22-23  
Houston & Perry Ct. at Fourche Feb. 29-Mar. 1  
Pottsville Ct., at Davis Chapel Mar. 7-8  
Clinton Ct., at Wesleyan Chapel Mar. 14-15  
Plumerville Ct., at Hill Creek Mar. 21-22  
Cleveland Ct., at Cleveland Mar. 28-29  
Akins 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.**  
Bates Ct., at Bates Feb. 1-2  
Waldron Ct., at Center Point Feb. 8-9  
Waldron Station Feb. 15-16  
Mulberry Ct., at Shiloh Feb. 22-23  
Alma and Prairie Grove at Alma Feb. 29-Mar. 1  
Van Buren Ct., at Chester Feb. 29-Mar. 1  
Central Church Mar. 7-8  
Ft. Smith Ct., at Cavanaugh Mar. 14-15  
First Church Mar. 21-22  
Charleston Ct., at Grand Prairie Mar. 28-29  
Branch Ct., at Branch Mar. 28-29  
Paris Station Mar. 28-29  
Huntington & Mansfield at H. Mar. 28-29  
Abbot Ct., at Abbot Mar. 29-30  
Greenwood Station Apr. 4-5  
Hackett Ct., at Excelsior 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  
P. 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  
Centeron Ct., at Oakley's Chapel Apr. 11-12  
Bentonville Station Apr. 12-13  
Prairie Grove Station Apr. 18-19  
Parkdale & 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.

**DARDANELLE DIST.—SECOND ROUND**  
Gravelly and Bluffton, at Gravelly Jan. 18, 19  
Walnut Tree Ct., at Walnut Tree, Jan. 22, 23  
Rover Ct., at Wing Jan. 25, 26  
Bellville Ct., at Havana Feb. 2, 3  
Danville Ct., at Danville Feb. 4, 5  
Dardanelle Station Feb. 6  
Dardanelle Ct., at Pisgah Feb. 8, 9  
Ola Mission, at Mt. Carmel Feb. 15, 16  
Dover Ct., at New Hope Feb. 23, 24  
London and Knoxville, at Knoxville Feb. 29, March 1  
Lamar Station March 1, 2  
Prairie Ct., at Etchison's Chapel, March 3, 4  
Clarksville Station March 6  
Clarksville Ct., at Hartman March 7, 8  
Coal Hill and Hartman, at Hartman March 14, 15  
Spadra Mission March 15, 16  
Roseville and Webb City, at Roseville March 21, 22  
Altus and Donning March 22, 23  
Ozark Ct., at Gar Creek March 24, 25  
Ozark Station March 28, 29  
J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

**CHOCTAW & CHICKASAW DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Long Creek at Long Creek Feb. 1-2  
O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

**ADA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND**  
Wellcotka & Okema Jan. 26-27  
Okema Ct., Jan. 28  
S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

**WEATHERFORD DIST.—FIRST ROUND.**  
Cloud Chief ct., at Bethel Feb. 1-2  
Cordell Station Feb. 2-3  
Wood ct., at Pleasant View Feb. 15-16  
Wm. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

**GUYMON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Gresham at Gresham Feb. 1-2  
Reaver at Sunset Feb. 8-9  
Grand at Almon Feb. 15-16  
Ioland at Camargo Feb. 22-23  
Mutual at Mutual Feb. 24-25  
Woodward at Woodward Feb. 26  
Optima March 1-2  
The District Stewards will please meet me in Hooker, Okla., on the 12th of Dec., 1907.  
J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

**MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Eufaula sta., 9 a. m., Jan. 27  
Checotah ct., at Middleton's chapel, 2:30 p. m., Jan. 29  
Muskogee ct., at Brushy Mt., 2 p. m., Feb. 1  
Haskell and Bixby, at Haskell, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 5  
W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

**OKLAHOMA CITY DIST.—FIRST ROUND.**  
Stroud and Davenport, at Davenport Jan. 26-27  
Sparks, at Sparks Feb. 1-2  
Piedmont sta., at Piedmont Feb. 2-3  
El Reno sta., at El Reno Feb. 8-9  
Blanchard ct., at Blanchard Feb. 9-10  
Lexington Feb. 15-16  
Shawnee ct., at Bethel Feb. 15-16  
McLoud and Union Chapel, at McLoud, Feb. 16-17  
Arcadia and Wheatland Feb. 22-23  
Oak Park Feb. 26  
A. L. SOALES, P. E.

**MCALISTER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Howe ct., at Howe Jan. 26-27  
Quinton ct., at Quinton Feb. 1-2  
Canadian ct., at Canadian Feb. 2-3  
SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

**MANGUM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Frederick sta., at Frederick Jan. 26-27  
Olathe and Eldorado, at Eldorado Feb. 1-2  
Mt. Park, at Mt. Park Feb. 2-3  
Reed, at Union Chapel Feb. 8-9  
Granite and Gotebo, at Granite Feb. 15-16  
Mt. View, at Mt. View Feb. 16-17  
Willow, at Headquarters Feb. 23-24  
Mangum sta., at Mangum Feb. 24-25  
L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

**ARDMORE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Lone Grove ct., at Hewitt Jan. 26-27  
Marietta sta. Feb. 2-3  
Thackerville ct., at Thackerville Feb. 8-9  
Overbrook ct., at Overbrook Feb. 9-10  
Tussey ct., at Tussey Feb. 15-16  
Woodford ct., at Woodford Feb. 16-17  
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

**CHEROKEE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND**  
Afton Station Jan. 26-27  
Grove ct., at Grove Jan. 28  
Kansas ct., at Minihaha Feb. 1-2  
Owasso ct., at Owasso Feb. 1-2  
Let all be prepared to answer question 5 and 6, and as far as possible 7. District stewards will meet at Vinita, December 17, at 1:30 p. m.  
J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

**DUNCAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Ryan and Terral at Terral Feb. 2, 3  
Waurika at Addington Feb. 8, 9  
Walter Station Feb. 9, 10  
Cement at Nimickah Feb. 15, 16  
Duncan Station Feb. 16, 17  
Lawton Station Feb. 22, 23  
Temple Feb. 23, 24  
C. H. McGHEE, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

**LITTLE ROCK DIST.—FIRST ROUND.**  
Henderson and Highland Jan. 29  
Carlisle Mission, at Rogers' Chapel, Feb. 1-2  
DeVall's Bluff and Dus Arc, at Devall's Bluff Feb. 3  
A. O. MILLAR, P. E.

**CAMDEN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Camden Circuit Jan. 28  
R. W. McKAY, P. E.

**MONTICELLO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Monticello Jan. 29  
Dermott and Ark City Feb. 1-2  
Tiller, at Tiller Feb. 2-3  
Parkdale and Wilmo Feb. 8-9  
Collins ct. Feb. 9-10  
Hamburg ct. Feb. 15-16  
Cassett and Mission Feb. 16-17  
Watson ct. Feb. 22-23  
Wilmar sta. Mar. 1  
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

**PINE BLUFF DIST.—FIRST ROUND.**  
Gillette, at Gillette Jan. 26-27  
Douglass and Grady, at Grady Feb. 1-2  
Roe and St. Charles, at Hunter's chapel Feb. 8-9  
DeWitt sta. Feb. 9-10  
Kingsland, at Kingsland Feb. 15-16  
Sheridan, at Sheridan Feb. 22-23  
Redfield, at Redfield Feb. 29-Mar. 1  
Rison, at Rison Mar. 7-8  
The District Stewards will meet at Lake-side church, Pine Bluff, Dec. 27th, 1907, at 7 p. m. Each member is urged to be present at this important meeting and help to plan the work for a successful year.  
W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

**TEXARKANA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Mena Sta. Dec. 28-29  
DeQueen Sta. Dec. 30  
College Hill Jan. 4-5  
Bright Star Jan. 8  
Janssen Ct. Jan. 9-10  
Ashdown Jan. 10-11  
Foreman Jan. 15  
Wilton Ct. Jan. 16  
Horatio Ct. Jan. 18-19  
Lockesburg Ct. Jan. 22  
Gillham Ct. Jan. 23  
Mt. Ida Ct. Jan. 24  
Cherry Hill Ct. Jan. 25-26  
B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

**ARKADEPHIA DIST.—FIRST ROUND**  
Amity, at Amity Feb. 1-2  
Arkadelphia Ct., at Hartsville Feb. 8-9  
Arkadelphia Sta. Feb. 9-10  
Princeton, at Carthage Feb. 22-23  
Ussery Ct., at Sage's Chapel Feb. 22-23  
Hot Springs ct., at Social Hill Feb. 23-24  
Park Ave. Feb. 26  
Tigert Memorial Feb. 27  
Malvern Sta. Feb. 27  
Malvern Ave. Mar. 1-2  
Let all official members be present at first quarterly conference.  
H. M. BRUG, P. E.

**PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Pike City Jan. 1-2  
Murfreesboro Feb. 8-9  
Nathan Feb. 15-16  
Blevins Feb. 22-23  
Prescott Feb. 23-24  
Emmett Feb. 29-Mar. 1  
Harmony Mar. 8-9  
Spring Hill Mar. 15-16  
Fulton and McNab Mar. 22-23

Bingen Mar. 29-30  
Washington and Ozan Apr. 4-5  
Chidester Apr. 11-12  
District Stewards will meet in Proscott, Jan. 15th, at 11 o'clock.  
THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

**CAMDEN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Junction City Feb. 2-3  
Lewisville Ct., at Lewisville Feb. 8-9  
Waldo at New Hope Feb. 15-16  
Stephens at Mt. Prospect Feb. 22-23  
Eldorado Station Mar. 1-2  
Bearden at Eagle Mills Mar. 7-8  
Thornton at New Hope Mar. 14-15  
Camden Station Mar. 21-22  
Hampton at Hampton Mar. 28-29  
Eldorado Ct., at Bethel April 4-5  
Strong Ct., at Bolding Apr. 11-12  
Fordyce Station Apr. 19-20  
Stamps Station Apr. 26-27  
Atlanta Ct. May 2-3  
Magnolia Ct. May 9-10  
Magnolia Station May 17-18  
Camden Ct. May 23-24  
On the second round we will discuss Sunday Schools, Womans' Missionary Societies and church finances. Let all the pastors have their best workers present and prepared to take part in the discussions. On the circuits we will open the Quarterly Conference at 9 a. m. and continue the whole day. We can make this conference very helpful if the members of the quarterly conference will be present.  
R. W. McKAY, P. E.

**TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND**  
Texarkana, First Church Feb. 9-10  
Texarkana, Fair View Feb. 17-18  
Texarkana, College Hill Feb. 23-24  
De Queen Station Feb. 29-30  
Mena Station Feb. 30 Mar. 1  
Bright Star Ct. March 7-8  
Janssen Ct. March 14-15  
Texarkana Ct. March 21-22  
Foreman Ct. March 28-29  
Horatio Ct. April 4-5  
Wilton Ct. April 11-12  
Gillham Ct. April 18-19  
Dierks Ct. April 25-26  
Locksburg Ct. April 26-27  
Ashdown Ct. May 2-3  
Mt. Ida Ct. May 9-10  
Cherry Hill Ct. May 16-17  
Now brethren of the Stewardship, you have ample time and notice of the second round, and you ought to bring up fully half of your assessments on these dates. Come with it sure.  
B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

White River Conference.

**PABAGOULD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND**  
Knobel ct., at Peach Orchard Jan. 26-27  
Maynard ct., at Maynard Feb. 1-2  
Pocahontas ct., at Oak Grove Feb. 4  
Pocahontas & Hoxie at Pocahontas Feb. 8-9  
Reyno ct., at Datto Feb. 9-10  
Mammoth Spring Station Feb. 15-16  
Hardy ct., at Hardy Feb. 16-17  
Imboden Station Feb. 19  
Black Rock & Portia at Portia Feb. 22-23  
Walnut Ridge Station Feb. 23-24  
The District Stewards will please meet me at Walnut Ridge, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1907 at 1:30 p. m. All the preachers are cordially invited to meet with us also.  
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Newark Station Jan. 26-27  
Calico Rock & Mt. View, at O. R. Feb. 1-2  
Wolf Bayou ct., at Oak Grove Feb. 8-9  
Pleasant Plains ct., at Aydlott's Chapel Feb. 15-16  
Desha ct., at Salado Feb. 17  
Bethesda ct., at Bethesda Feb. 22-23  
District Stewards will please meet me at Batesville on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p. m. Hope every charge will be represented.  
A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

**HELENA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Colt ct., at Forrest Chapel Jan. 26-27  
La Grange ct., at La Grange Feb. 1-2  
Wheatley ct., at Wheatley Feb. 8-9  
Haynes ct., at Haynes Feb. 15-16  
Marianna Station Feb. 23-24  
St. Francis Mission Feb. 23-24  
Clarendon Station Mar. 1-2  
Helena Station Mar. 8-9  
The District Stewards are requested to meet in the Methodist Church in Forrest City at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1908, and to write Rev. B. L. Wilford, P. E., when they expect to arrive.  
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

**NOTICE.**  
The first quarterly meeting for McCrory and DeVine charge will embrace February 15, 16, dates first given Haynes Circuit and later changed to earlier date.  
Z. T. BENNETT, P. P.

**JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Marked Tree and Tyrone Jan. 1-2  
Luxora and Rozell Feb. 8-9  
Osceola Sta. Feb. 9-10  
Bardstown ct. Feb. 11-12  
Trinity ct. Feb. 15-16  
Shiloh ct. Feb. 18-19  
Blytheville Sta. Feb. 22-23  
Blytheville ct. Feb. 24-25  
Manila and Doll Feb. 29-Mar. 1  
Monette and Lake City Mar. 2-3  
Bay ct. Mar. 7-8  
District stewards will meet at Nettleton, Jan. 8th, 1908, to assess the salary of presiding elders and apportion Conference benevolences. Please come, brethren, as I am a new man on the district and want to meet you in consultation and plan for a good year's work.  
CADESMAN POPE, P. E.

**SEARCY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Bald Knob Circuit, at Bradford Jan. 27  
Gardner Memorial, at Argenta Feb. 1-2  
Dye Memorial, at Argenta Feb. 2-3  
Newport Station Feb. 8-9  
Aurvergne & Weldon, at Weldon Feb. 9-10  
Pangburn & Mt. Pisgah, at Mt. P. Feb. 15-16  
Heber Station Feb. 17-18  
Cato Circuit at Concord Feb. 23-24  
Cabot Circuit, at Cabot Feb. 24-25  
M. F. WILSON, P. E.

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### The W. F. M. Annual Conference Society of Oklahoma Conference.

If there is one time more enjoyed than another to my heart in the mission work, it is the day and hour, when the Womans Board of Foreign Missions and the Womans Board of Home Missions convenes in annual sessions. It has been my privilege to meet with each of these consecrated bodies in nearly all the noted cities of our Southland. It is at these annual gatherings, we joyfully scan each other's faces, and watch for the glowing smile of recognition, and feel the warm hand-clasp of friendship, that with many of us, has ripened into the truest affection, and these friendships will bear fruit in eternity, because they are branches of the true vine.

The nearest relation to our Board's Meetings, is the annual session of each of the conference societies. We rejoice then in the completion of another year's work of faith, and labors of love for the Master, though it may be on a smaller scale, than the work of our Boards. And each worker, having the spirit filled heart, rejoices with her who has brought in the greatest number of sheaves. There is no time for strife of feeling; no discordant seeds, of things to propagate distrust or unkindness. But as a band of workers, we can rejoice with the sister who has lighted a candle and swept her door, and found the lost coin of opportunity for enlarging the borders of the Master's Kingdom which have fallen within her own lines. In such a frame of mind and heart as this, the delegates and members of our W. F. M. Conference Society hope to meet in annual session, in Oklahoma City, on the evening of February 17th, to Feb. 18th.

The New Year of 1908 has dawned upon us, and what is the message it brings to the women of our Oklahoma Conference? To you, who are young, as counted by the glowing summers, and invigorating winters, the New Year brings an imperative message, and high privilege. "Go work in my vineyard," "Feed my lambs; feed my sheep." The opportunities open before you, in this Christian land to work and prepare for more extensive work, are exceptionable. It depends upon you, whether, or not, you will improve them. Let us all step out of self, stagnated self, and trust more implicitly in the promises of Him, who is able to work out for all the best possible results. Discouragement should never enter the heart of the young; do the little things assigned you, remembering "grains of sand make the mountain, drops of water make the ocean," so little deeds of kindness, go to make up a useful life; and the small sums, given into the treasury of our Lord, go to help equip our workers, for the various fields, and produces mighty results. "Hear my voice ye careless daughters, Rise up ye women that are at ease," enter the open door of opportunity, enter the field white to harvest; and garner in some sheaves, for the Master, so that your crown may not be starless in the day of His coming.

Let us all in the beginning of this New Year, by pious inspection, improve over past years, and pay up every dollar of our membership dues, contingent fund, and all on our pledge; that we may aid those on the firing line, to save some benighted soul from China, Korea, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba and from our Indians in Oklahoma Conference. These are the six countries where our Womans Board of Foreign Missions

have been laboring for twenty-eight years, and with the blessings of God, have brought forth fruit that will remain. Our plant at Anadarko, under the auspices of our Board, has been for years, a most effective means in the salvation of many of those border Tribes of Indians. Service done among those superstitious minds, is as truly missionary work as any done in China. There never was a people more needy, because none more lost and helpless. They claim upon us, for religious instruction, and training, to a higher life are imperative. There have been many difficulties peculiar to superstition, but we have had some good returns, under Brother and Sister Methvin's labors; and our glorified sister is now rejoicing among some of her sheaves. If there has not been that measure of success, we are not discouraged, God is able and His cause will prevail, whatever the hindrances. We call to mind the trial of John Williams in the South Seas, who lost his life on his day "Enomanga." Robert Morrison in China, Judson and his noble wife in Burma. These all having labored under trials and persecutions incidental to early missionary life, continued faithful, until they were called to a glorious inheritance. Personally, I know some of the trials, persecutions, endured in the early days of missionaries in our Indian Mission Conference of fifty years ago. Our workers now are sailing on flowery beds of ease compared to the days of yore. But with a zeal that knew no longing, we necessarily became inured to hardships, even watchful to improve every opportunity, and became masters of more than one kind of manual labor, which was the best possible preparation for the many duties of an early missionary career. Having come to the field religiously and zealously equipped, with the help of our Lord, we have only to go forward in His strength, and do well what we have to do, for that was what God required at our hands, so discouragement is not in our catalogue. We are still praying, working and expecting more fruit from our labors of love. Our school directed by our Woman's Foreign Board, is now under the management of Bro. and Sister Mitchell as the superintendents, and they have started bravely, with faith, and consecration. They too will accomplish good for the Master, in establishing His Kingdom in many hearts. So our Board will continue to follow the divine leadings, in the religious, educational and industrial training among those deserving our Christian sympathy and aid, until the time comes, when we may be able to go, guiltless before Him, who has commanded, "Go teach all nations" and lo! I am with you." We do not reflect upon any, knowing as we do, the vast expenditures of life and money, in all superstitious lands. But "The blood of the martyrs, has been the seed of the church in all ages." We gladly give ourselves, our talent, and our means to aid in the extension of God's Kingdom throughout the whole wide world, and, when we have done the little we feel ashamed of our paltry gifts when weighed with His bounteous gift of love to us. Hoping to see you face to face very soon, my dear co-laborers, I send you all a full heart of love, with a prayer for a blessed, joyous, prosperous New Year, personally and in our loving service, for God and the betterment of humanity.

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### Dardanella District.

The Laymen's Conference at Dardanella January 6-8 was one of the greatest meetings in the history of the district. Judge Hugh Basham was elected chairman and Mr. J. L. Jacobs secretary. Rev. E. R. Steel of Fort Smith gave us a strong and helpful sermon on the evening of Jan. 6. Judge Basham and a number of other laymen discussed in a thoroughly vigorous fashion the question, "How the Pew Can Help the Pulpit." Rev. W. M. Sherman delivered a fine address on "The Support of Individual Missionaries by Sunday Schools, and How to do it." The brethren adopted a resolution looking to the support of Rev. J. M. Lander, our special missionary in Brazil, by the Sunday schools of the district. Rev. F. S. H. Johnston opened the discussion on "The Better Support of the Ministry." He did it in his own unique way and brought to light some facts which will be very helpful to the brethren throughout the district.

President Stonewall Anderson favored us with one of his magnificent addresses on education with special reference to the ministry. Dr. W. F. McMurry, Secretary of Church Extension, reached high water mark preaching for us once and making two addresses. All in all it was a great meeting. The brethren,

laymen and preachers, went away with higher purposes and a stronger faith. Every indication now is that this will be a great year. The laymen are wide awake and the preachers are all at their posts.  
J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

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