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EDITORIAL.

The Confusion of Moral Ideas.

Our Methodism in all its past has held clear and distinct ideas concerning certain forms of popular amusement. We have taught our people that it is wrong for them to engage in horse racing, to attend theatres or dances, to play at cards, to give countenance to clubs which foster the gambling habit or the drink habit. This has perhaps looked very narrow to certain "liberal" minded people. That would not concern us so much—what other people think of us—if there were not among our own people occasionally some who begin to be liberal minded after the same fashion. It often happens that a man who owes everything he is in this world to the training of a father and a mother who were quite old-fashioned in their notions, will take it into his head, after he has risen in intelligence and in position in life, that his father and mother were just a little narrow. He would not for anything discredit their religion, but the world has really learned some things since their day, and had they had the opportunity, to know the whole truth they would have been less strenuous in their opposition to these practices, at least toward some of them. Men and women delude themselves into the notion that their fathers and mothers saw harm in things that are not really harmful at all. They come to believe that really progressive and intelligent people get away from these notions, that they learn to discriminate, keeping fairly away from what is hurtful and enjoying many things, which, by a too narrow view their parents denied to themselves. Then, again, many families live no longer amid the simple conditions by which their parents were surrounded. Their parents lived in the country, where everybody thought as they did. The son is now head of a family, and lives in a town or a city, where notions quite different prevail. He does not see why the church should demand of him that he should keep his children out of society, and yet society indulges in these diversions. It often amounts to no small self-denial for a family to stand aloof from these practices of the world, and thousands who are not altogether easy in their consciences about it go down before the demands of the people about them. We are ashamed to record it, but it often happens that the families of Methodist church officers are not blameless. And what is worse, we hear occasionally of ministers' daughters who go to theatres, to dances, and to card parties. What is still worse, we hear once in a great while of some preachers going to the theatre. We are reliably informed that it became necessary some years ago for the faculty of our Vanderbilt University to adopt a rule against theatre-going on the part of ministerial students—a rule most proper, but what spirit possessed our young preachers to make such a rule necessary? Good ordinary Christian principle ought to have made it unthinkable to them. The theologian who will go to the theatre should be promptly sent home to rus-

ticate. We protest, we solemnly protest against this vicious tendency. We have heard just about all that has been urged in defense of it. We are familiar with the sayings, the excuses and the maxims(?) that are used to defend it. We are perfectly willing to admit that a man might, under some circumstances, go to a theatre, or engage in a dance, or attend a club which has wine or cards; he might under some circumstances do one or all of these things without harm. But one thing is true, must always be true, and that is that these things, all and severally, represent currents in this human life we are living, currents which sweep men and women down to death and hell. To deny this proposition a man must be either densely ignorant or else grossly careless of his relation to other men. It is not, therefore, a question whether, if you were in New York, where nobody would know you, where your example would not influence others, you would be at liberty to attend a theatre. You must deal with institutions and customs according to their main tendency in influencing the lives of men. Whatever has a direct tendency to draw men and women away from God and truth, you must let alone—or else you must give up your pretension of loving either men or God. You may positively know that so far as you are personally concerned it will not hurt you to indulge in certain conduct; you may know that he who thinks such conduct bad is simply ignorant. That was precisely the view of Paul about eating meat at Corinth; he knew that an idol is "nothing in the world" and that meat which had been offered in sacrifice to idols was neither better nor worse for that fact; he knew this; yet the tendency of eating such meat there was to damage other brethren, and Paul laid down the clear doctrine that a man's knowledge should be no criterion, but that we must be governed by love and consideration for others; this, or else we love neither Christ nor men for whom he died. This, when the case is a doubtful one. What shall we say of any professing Christian who goes into things which by the judgment of the wisest and best men are not at all doubtful?

Night Schools for Foreigners.

To get hold of the foreigners who come into our midst we must find some way of making ourselves helpful to them. We suggest to our pastors that night schools be organized. There is a school at Aspinwall, Pa., for instance conducted by Miss Sarah Wool Moore, under the auspices of the Italian Immigration Society, which has been in successful operation for two years. The school is conducted along practical lines, with text books compiled and copy books based upon the special phraseology need, such as "Get out of the way," "Look out for your head," "Listen," "Get off the track. Here comes the train," "Do you want a job?"

It has been found that immigrants are eager for such instruction, eager to learn those things that will help them to take care of themselves in a new country. Certainly they

need to know how to ask for protection and for justice, how to describe sickness and to obtain medicine. They need also to be taught how to reckon in our tables of measure and finance. Along with these things they may be taught the history and the geography of our country, the fundamental conceptions of American patriotism, and so on up. Who does not see in this an avenue to their hearts?

Some such a school is now being conducted by Rev. J. M. Workman, Rev. J. D. Hammons and Rev. J. C. Sinex at Crossett, Arkansas, where there is a great mill plant. We should be glad to see Rev. C. W. Clay organize one at Hartshorne and Krebs, Okla., where some seventeen different languages are spoken; to see one at Hartford, Ark., in the great mining camp there, and in other places where the Western Methodist circulates. Here is an open door for our conference boards of missions. No doubt Miss Moore and Bro. Workman will be ready to aid with suggestions.

The Point of Emphasis.

It is a pity for any preacher to miss it. But some are missing it. Some good brethren think it necessary to be always preaching what they are pleased to consider "doctrinal" sermons; that is they are preaching up points of controversy between Christian denominations. Some are combatting higher criticism. Some are palliating orthodoxy, so as to make it acceptable.

We do not wholly set aside any of these lines of preaching; all of them have their place. But we insist that it is very unfortunate when any man construes his call to the ministry of the gospel to be a call to devote himself primarily to either of these lines or to all of them. The first business of a preacher is to evangelize. To evangelize is to publish the fundamental doctrines of salvation, those doctrines that affect personal salvation from sin. It is to make known boldly and authoritatively to men Jesus Christ as the solution of all human need. It is a proclamation not an argument. It is an open testimony, not an apology. We need to be ever telling a blind and deaf world the things we have felt and seen concerning the power of Jesus Christ to save.

And this is not only what the world most needs; it is also, in the last analysis, what the hungry heart of the world most wants of us. The plain, simple truths of the Gospel, set on fire in our spirits by the Spirit of God, are the bread of life, the first need of the world and the first demand of the church.

Rev. F. P. Meyer, the well known London preacher says: "The four guides to a successful ministry are: 1. Never do a stroke you can get another man to do. 2. Drive with a slack rein and at a canter. 3. Have great schemes to offer your people. 4. Live out of reach of the man with a grievance."

Is it possible to have a real home without religious literature? Ponder this question.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Tuesday Mr. E. O. Griffin, of Lonoke, made us an appreciated call.

Rev. E. N. Watson, of Sardis, spent a few minutes with us Tuesday.

On his return from his trip to Texas, Dr. C. C. Godden looked in on us last Tuesday.

Last Saturday we had a pleasant call from Prof. T. C. Dawson, principal of the school at Jacksonville, Ark.

Rev. W. F. Evans passed through our city Monday on his way to the great Missionary Conference at Oklahoma City.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions will be held in Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Mo., beginning Wednesday, May 13th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Rev. H. M. Bruce, presiding elder of Arkadelphia District, dropped in Monday. He reports everything starting well among his charges and fine prospects for the year.

In a private note Rev. R. W. McKay, of Camden District, reports a great meeting at El Dorado, and plans for others. Although suffering for several weeks with the grippe he is now heavier and in better health than usual.

Rev. J. T. Newsome of Woodburn, Ky., is in a great meeting at Berryville, with Pastor W. B. Wolf, in which conversions among the men predominate. At a recent service the district judge and a bank cashier were saved.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. D. W. Mitchell, who died at her home in Altus, Ark., Feb. 17. Although long afflicted with paralysis, she died from the effects of grippe. For many years a staunch Methodist, she will be missed by the church and all who had learned to love and honor her.

The Sunday school of the Central Church, Fayetteville, has a class of married people that numbers 65. Prof. D. Y. Thomas, of the University of Arkansas, is the teacher. Dr. John L. Buchanan, ex-president of the University, the vice teacher, and Prof. W. B. Collins the class president. Prof. G. W. Droke has a class of 80 young men, and Mrs. W. G. Vincenheller a great class of young women. Prof. John H. Reynolds is the superintendent.

Mrs. Martha R. Kavanaugh, widow of Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, died at the home of her daughter, in Petaluma, Calif., Jan. 31, aged ninety-two. She had been feeble for years, although her mind had been clear, and she continued to have great interest in the church. She had strong faith and beautiful love for God and his people. She was born in Vir-

ginia, but spent much of her life in Louisiana. She was married to Bishop Kavanaugh in 1865. A beautiful life has glided into the eternal.

At the ripe age of eighty-five, Rev. R. S. Kirkman died last Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Beasley, in this city. A local preacher for sixty years, he was well known by thousands of our people. His religion was full of joy and hope. He cheered and encouraged all with whom he came in contact. His life has been a great blessing to the world. We shall miss him, but are sure that he has gone to his eternal reward with the Master whom he so lovingly served here.

Rev. J. W. McKay, pastor of a fashionable Presbyterian church in Pittsburg, Pa., abandoned his pastorate for awhile and on the invitation of the Superintendent, entered the State Reform School at Morganza, disguised as a gardener in order to mix with the inmates and influence them without letting them feel they had to be preached to. The result was that 230 out of the 400 inmates were converted, thus sustaining the idea of the superintendent that religion could be coaxed but not forced into their heads.

Mississippi Goes Dry.

On the 13th of this month the Senate of Mississippi passed, with only four dissenting votes, the statutory prohibition bill which had by a unanimous vote passed the lower house. The law takes effect Jan. 1st, 1909. The prohibitionists of Mississippi propose to go one step farther and submit an amendment to the State's constitution, covering the case, and putting an end to all agitation of the question. In this connection we note also that the legislature of North Carolina, now in session, submits the question of State-wide prohibition to the people, the election to be held in April. There is no doubt as to what the issue will be in that State.

The next State to go dry will be—Arkansas.

Brinkley and Jonesboro.

On the way to spend a Sunday at Jonesboro this editor spent a few hours at Brinkley, where Rev. W. B. Talkington is stationed. We circulated pretty freely among his people for an hour or two doing such business as was possible for the paper. Bro. Talkington is doing a good work and has the entire good will so far as I could see, of his people. An industrious and faithful man, he ought to see Brinkley make progress, now that the curse of liquor is removed.

Reached Jonesboro about night, and found both the pastor, Rev. W. C. Davidson and that most excellent layman, Mr. A. L. Malone, at the station looking for me. Brother Malone took me home with him, where I had the best of fellowship and rest, with him and his family. All things run well with Bro. Davidson and First Church. He has received twenty-three new members since conference. I asked the negro janitor, "Uncle George," after putting him on his honor, who is the best preacher they ever had at that church. He was very flat in his decision in favor of Davidson. They say such negroes know. We had a good congregation in the morning, and held a temperance rally at night in the interest of the State-wide prohibition campaign of the Anti-Saloon League.

Dr. Griggsby, of the Presbyterian church, and his congregation and Dr. T. G. Welch, of the Second Methodist church, and his congregation united with us in this service.

Jonesboro has had many a tussle with the saloon and with the blind tigers. They have

a clean town now, thanks to Judge Smith and Mayor Grigg, who are faithfully upholding the will of the people. There are just two questions about cleaning out liquor from any place: Do the people want it done? and will the officers of the law keep their oaths?

Circuit Judge Smith has given everybody to know that the whisky laws will be enforced in his court. If the prosecuting attorney will put the cases up to an honest judge, when the law shuts out whisky, the judge can invoke the whole power of the State to uphold the law. They can compel everybody concerned to do his duty, and they can clean out the worst situations in the country. This has been thoroughly demonstrated in Kansas City, Kansas. You may depend upon it, Jonesboro is corked up. We are going to cork up all Arkansas. You hear that!

It was a pleasure to meet at Jonesboro Dr. T. G. Welch, whom I have known for many long years. He is a good physician, but prefers to preach, and so is supplying our Second church at Jonesboro. This editor is glad to underwrite for him to anybody, who does not know him. He tells me they will soon have a church to dedicate.

JAS. A. A.

The Arkansas Methodist and Temperance Twenty-Five Years Ago.

As indicating the earnest spirit of this paper for more than a quarter of a century as respects temperance reform, we reproduce two short articles which appeared Oct. 20, 1883, one by Rev. H. M. Granade, one by Judge J. H. Hamiter. The Judge still lives to fight temperance battles.

"An Irresistible Conflict."

When I was a boy the social drink, the morning dram, the decanter on the side-board and liquors for sale everywhere were familiar things. But with the incoming tide of a great moral reform we had Sons of Temperance, Cadets and other secret orders, who with music, banners, regalia, public dinners and speeches began to awaken people to the fearful dangers of the trade and constant use of intoxicating beverages. This movement was so mild and seemingly so feeble in the presence of the mighty host of the dark enemy that few thought it would last long, or that much would come of it. But behold the changes wrought by this new sentiment and moral power! While old king Alcohol steadily advanced in his wide-spread work of death and ruin, the little lump of leaven hid in the mind and heart of the rising generation then has not failed to produce moral wonders. While thousands of brave men have gone down in the woeful battle and municipal, judicial and legislative assemblies have been shocked by the hideous monster, thank God, millions of free-born men and women have grown up in the land who declare we must, we shall be free. Books, papers, rostrums, pulpits, fireside altars, and a million pleading voices coming from the wounded ones in this great strife have reached the public ear and conscience, and now behold the dark and cruel tyrant reeling and certainly falling under these earnest blows. And this unrelenting crusade shall not subside until the happy song of freedom is heard all over our land; and peace, love and unity shall take the place of discord, hatred, strife and woe. Many communities in Arkansas as well as other States are free from the accursed traffic, and thousands who were two years ago opposed to or indifferent about the Prohibition movement now go quietly into the work, and will stand by us until the glorious victory is achieved. Even the poor freedman declares his race is

not yet free until we shall have broken the ruthless chains which had led millions into hopeless and eternal bondage; and this class are rising in their might to help on this holy war. Men and women of America, move steadily on, giving no quarters to the relentless foe, remembering that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." H. M. GRANADE.

Bro. Colburn: I was appointed by Bro. A. R. Winfield, vice president of the Union Temperance Society of this county, and as I have had very few opportunities to speak in public on the subject I feel it my duty to do something more for this great cause, in order that I may be able to render a good account of my stewardship. I would to God that every man, woman and child could feel and see the importance of total abstinence as I do, and I am glad to see so many people coming to the same conclusion. The use of any intoxicating drink in any form is a deadly evil, and we must "Touch not, taste not the unclean thing." I speak from my own experience, as I was once an habitual drinker, and it has now been sixteen years since I tasted any kind of intoxicating drink, and I am too much afraid of its power ever to be ensnared by tasting it, even in my food. When I quit my wife, in order to help me to be strong ceased to use it in any shape, either in cooking, medicine, or bitters, or any other way. But all this, I do not believe I ever could have accomplished if it had not been by the power of prayer both of myself and friends; and I now bless God that I am delivered of this great evil, and I always beg God's grace to enable me to stand firm. I now have a large family, mostly boys, who are growing up into manhood, who can now say they know not the taste of intoxicating drink, which is a great pleasure to me. Some persons think we do wrong to raise them as such, but we desire them to be total abstainers all their days; as such we teach them, and if they ever fall it will not be our fault. But nothing but pure and true religion will ever keep them entirely safe. I am glad that Bro. Winfield made me vice president, as I do feel the importance of this great work, and although I may not make as great a noise about it as some folks, still I am sowing the seed wherever I go, in the mansions of the rich, in the cabins of the poor. If I can be the means of rescuing one poor drunkard I shall be blessed.

It is impossible for me to express all that I feel on the subject with pen and ink.

I am very much pleased with the Arkansas Methodist, I love to read the many letters from Bro. Winfield and occasionally glimpses from Bro. Jewell, as I am well acquainted with both of them.

Success to Temperance and the Arkansas Methodist.

Your brother,

JOHN H. HAMITER.

List of Oklahoma Conference Delegates to the Laymen's Meeting, Chattanooga.

At the suggestion of our Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. O. E. Goddard, the following list of delegates to the Laymen's Missionary Meeting, April 21-23, 1908 is offered to the columns of the Western Methodist. The list has been sent, sometime since, to W. G. Cain, Nashville, Tenn., who conducts the correspondence of the proposed meeting.

The list is as follows:

Capt. A. S. McKennon, McAlester, Okla.
T. C. Humphrey, McAlester, Okla.
J. V. Connell, Durant, Okla.
W. F. Weaver, Centeahoma, Okla.
W. T. Culbertson, Kiowa, Okla.
H. M. Lindsay, Bennington, Okla.
Dr. I. D. Hitchcock, Afton, Okla.

S. H. Mays, Prior Creek, Okla.
J. T. McSpadden, Chelsea, Okla.
Dr. G. P. Terree, Vinita, Okla.
W. H. Darrrough, Vinita, Okla.
F. D. Pelsue, Welch, Okla.
C. C. Mathis, Monroe, Okla.
N. B. Ainsworth, Durant, Okla.
J. J. Thomas, Talihina, Okla.
W. P. Cochran, Antlers, Okla.
J. L. Dixon, Hugo, Okla.
B. A. Nelson, Grant, Okla.
T. S. DeArmon, Mangum, Okla.
S. L. Doughty, Martha, Okla.
W. H. Phillips, Olustee, Okla.
J. E. Nix, Altus, Okla.
J. W. Steward, Hobart, Okla.
I. W. Satterfield, Olustee, Okla.
W. H. Bane, Woodward, Okla.
J. R. Dean, Woodward, Okla.
J. L. Edens, Guymon, Okla.
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John Beard, Ada, Okla.
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J. C. Holman, Guertie, Okla.
H. L. Marshall, Eufaula, Okla.
J. E. York, Okmulgee, Okla.
A. E. Bonnell, Muskogee, Okla.
John J. Moore, Muskogee, Okla.
J. O. Calahan, Muskogee, Okla.
E. E. Lewis, Coweta, Okla.
J. B. Holmon, Stigler, Okla.
W. O. Breton, Muldrow, Okla.
Dr. C. W. Alexander, Temple, Okla.
R. A. Thompson, Ninckak, Okla.
J. W. Jackson, Duncan, Okla.
R. E. Schoolfield, Ryan, Okla.
E. E. Shipley, Lawton, Okla.
A. C. Jackman, Chickasha, Okla.
Dr. J. P. Miller, Cheyenne, Okla.
J. E. Turner, Elk City, Okla.
J. H. Pyeatt, Custer City, Okla.
Eugene Gum, Sayre, Okla.
J. A. Harrison, Sentinel, Okla.
Rev. R. M. Jones, Weatherford, Okla.
Dr. T. P. Howell, Davis, Okla.
B. C. Clark, Purcell, Okla.
W. M. Erwin, Paul's Valley, Okla.
W. T. Moore, Wynnewood, Okla.
Geo. Weems, Sulphur, Okla.
W. M. Baughman, Roff, Okla.
R. W. Rendol, Ardmore, Okla.
W. G. Ditzler, Ardmore, Okla.
J. Hamp Willis, Kingston, Okla.
W. H. Roder, Loco, Okla.
Frank Frensky, Ardmore, Okla.
N. G. Deckard, Marietta, Okla.
J. T. Ezzard, Guthrie, Okla.
J. W. Swarts, Chelsea, Okla.
C. B. Ames, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Summer Conferences.

Under the direction of the Young People's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada.

To meet the growing demand for trained workers in missionary activity, seven summer conferences will be conducted by the Young People's Missionary Movement in 1908. They will be held as follows:

Pertle Springs, Missouri, June 12-19.
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, June 23-July 2.
Whitby, Canada, July 2-9.
Asheville, North Carolina, July 3-12.
Silver Bay, Lake George, New York, July 21-August 2.
Alliance, Ohio, August 11-19.

In addition to the above, a special conference for Sunday School workers at Silver Bay, July 15-23.

There will be mission study classes in charge

of experienced leaders, Bible lectures, talks from home and foreign missionaries coming directly from the field, devotional services every day, and denominational meetings, when mission board secretaries and other leaders may confer at length with people concerning denominational work and plans for the coming fall and winter. This is an opportunity for missionary workers, pastors, and leaders in all kinds of Christian work. For information address the secretary of the mission board or society of your denomination, or C. C. Michener, General Secretary, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

One Consolation.

In the things that touch our lives here in the world, to distinguish between the direct providence of God, and the blunders and failures of our fallible brethren, is not always an easy thing to do. But this consolation always remains: He that rules also overrules: nothing harms a man absolutely except wrong-doing on his own part.

O. P. FITZGERALD.

Seabreeze, Florida, Feb., 1908.

My 70th Mile Post.

Dear Methodist: I have an idea that some of your readers in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference would like to read a report of the happiest birthday of my life.

Born December 5th, 1837, the seventieth anniversary was reached, December 5th, 1907. On Sunday night, December 1st, my last appointment before the meeting of my conference, and the last before my birthday, I preached in my church in the elegant little city of Abbeville, to a fine congregation, from Matt. xxv. 46. The doxology was being sung, when Dr. Schilling, a Baptist minister, being present, mounted the rostrum, with a purse in one hand, stopped the singing, and addressed me thus: "Brother Armstrong, the ladies of your congregation authorize me to say to you that they love you, and as a token of their high regard present you this purse by me." Squeezing it, he said: "I do not know what is in it, but it is not empty." It contained \$31.25. It was announced then and there that calls and congratulations would be extended at the parsonage on the night of the 5th and from 6 to 9 o'clock friends of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal churches, and outsiders came and congratulated the writer most lovingly, and left presents consisting of cash, silk handkerchiefs, stationery, post cards, loads of fruit, etc.

I have now been twenty years in this conference, and of course the end of my earthly pilgrimage is near at hand, and the nearer, the more fully assured I am of an eternal reward in the "Home of the soul."

God bless the Western Methodist, and all of its readers!

H. ARMSTRONG.

Olla, La.

England has at this time a "girl preacher," a Yorkshire lass—Miss Frances Bradley Stour—who is conducting mission services and carrying on her work under the auspices of a religious weekly. She is thirteen years old. We devoutly wish that she could have waited until she was at least fourteen before commencing her public career!—Western Christian Advocate.

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Is Suicide a Product of Insanity?

By Rev. J. W. Cunningham.

An editorial headed "Suicide," appeared in the Western Methodist of January 23d. The Editor says: "Beyond a doubt many who commit suicide are simply crazy." "Beyond a doubt many who commit suicide are not insane." He says that seventy thousand suicides occurred within the past eight years and that ten thousand seven hundred and eighty-two of them were in the past year. I do not call in question the statements made, but on making inquisition in that direction I have discovered that I have personally had knowledge of very few of them.

I have been a Methodist preacher, traveling and local, more than sixty-three years in Kentucky and Missouri. I have lived in eighteen cities and towns in as many counties in the two States but I never had personal knowledge of more than five persons who committed suicide. The first was a Methodist preacher who entered the Kentucky Conference at its fifth session. He was then a graduate of the first university of that State. He served as professor of the then oldest Methodist College in the world, and was its president for years. He was the first Kentucky Methodist preacher honored with the degree "Doctor of Divinity," when there were not a dozen Methodist D.D.'s in England and America. He was a preacher of recognized abilities. I became acquainted with him in 1844 on my first circuit, within which the college of which he was president was located. The "Cyclopedia of Methodism" says of him, "He was elected President of the State University of Indiana, but the death of a son had given such a shock to his mental powers that he felt himself disqualified. He suffered from despondency until, as the result of complete mental alienation he finished his course in Ohio, June 4, 1853. The implement of death was a razor drawn across his throat. He was fifty-one years old when he died."

The second victim of suicidal mania was a prominent layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born and reared within a few miles of the old college building, was a scholar there when it was a county academy and his later years there were under the tutorage of the Professor and President to whom I have referred. He was an official member of a church of which I was pastor at Newport, Ky., in 1859-61. He was principal, in a large wholesale grocery house, across the Ohio river in Cincinnati. The last time I saw him was since I have lived in Missouri. I spent some hours in that city and visited the store of my esteemed friend of other days. I have often thought of his cheerful facial appearance, the joyous expression of his eyes and his words, when he and I were alone in his private office. Taking my hand in his he said: "Give my kindest regards to your wife. Tell her that my face is Zionward, and that I expect to meet her in heaven." Within two months from that time he died as died his old tutor and college President.

The third unfortunate was a Methodist young man. When first I knew him he was deemed one of the most religious young men in his church. He became an itinerant preacher and was esteemed among his conference associates as he had been by his congregational companions. A mental affliction led him into an asylum for treatment. When his case appeared hopeful he went alone into a neighboring cemetery, whence he did not return alive. Between him and his surviving widow the most loving relations existed.

The fourth I knew when a boy. He was the

son of Methodist parents, whose funeral services I assisted in conducting. He was long chief clerk of one of the largest hotels in this city. He was happily married. He died away from home by his own agency. The fifth was the daughter of a widely known Methodist minister who became the wife of a conference preacher. When in a sanatorium for mental treatment she, one day, when walking alone over the grounds, entered a small body of water and spent her last moments beneath its surface.

I learned of the death of a preacher on a small circuit, whom I did not know, but I knew his Methodist minister father and his amiable mother. His death was by his own agency. I learned also of the death of a man in one of the learned professions in a large city. I knew his preacher father who had a reputation as a writer through our Southern Methodism. The son died by his own agency.

Recently I talked with an old man who was being propelled along the side walk by another old man, with a wheeled conveyance. I learned from the propelled man that in the midst of health and activity he was sitting at his desk and doing his accustomed writing with his pen. When through with his pen work he attempted to rise from his chair and found that he could not move either leg or foot. He had not felt a sensation of pain and had no idea at what time his calamity occurred.

Lately in a hospital through which I was passing, I found an old man with his left arm and left leg paralyzed. His prostration came in an instant. In another room I found a man whose whole body was motionless. His condition had been without his agency and suddenly.

Some persons die suddenly without any apparent cause. I knew a Methodist local preacher who thus died when a dozen miles from home. I knew a Presbyterian lawyer of prominence who dropped dead while addressing a General assembly.

Some persons instantly become insane and irresponsible for their conduct, conduct that deprives of life the dearest object of their affection. Others instantly become insane and, as instantly destroy their own lives. My verdict is that "Suicide is a Product of Insanity."

St. Louis, Mo.

(But this does not make out the case. Many people meditating suicide perform a series of acts, leading up to the execution of the purpose, which show that they are not insane.—Ed.)

Some Interesting Facts.

Mr. Editor: I hand you some statistical facts about the Arkansas Conference which will possibly be interesting to many. I have gone carefully over the records for the past decade, and give here some things that will indicate our growth. When we come to the tables that deal with our membership, it affords amusement and pain. The figures stubbornly refuse to harmonize. First, I give the figures on finance. In 1907 we paid our five presiding elders \$7,307.00; in 1897 we paid our five presiding elders \$3,641.00; an increase in the salary of presiding elders of \$3,666.00. The average salary of the presiding elder in 1897 was \$728.00; in 1907, \$1461.00, or double that of ten years ago.

The amount of the pastors in 1907 was \$40,995.00; in 1897 was \$24,726.00; an increase of \$16,269.00. The average salary of our pastors ten years ago was \$264.00; the average salary last year, \$455.00.

For missions we paid in the year 1907 \$8,

796.00; in 1897 we paid \$4,154.00; an increase of \$4,642.00. In 1897 our membership paid per capita 17 cents; in 1907 they paid 32 cents per capita.

The total amount raised in 1907 for all purposes, \$147,275.00; in 1897 for all purposes, \$36,048.00; an increase of \$111,127.00. Our membership in 1897 paid \$1.50 per capita, in 1907 they paid \$5.40 per capita.

In 1907 we had 13,038 Sunday School scholars, who contributed for all purposes \$2,807.00. Last year we enrolled 19,793 and they contributed \$7,216. Our increase in membership of Sunday School scholars has been one-half; while the increase in contributions is

three times ten years ago.

The value of our church property in 1897 was \$191,469.00. It is now \$343,840.00. An increase of \$152,371.00. Our parsonage property has increased in the ten years from \$44,235.00 to \$75,100.00.

Our membership is not quite so flattering. In 1897 we reported 24,094 members; in 1907 we reported 27,081 members. During the time according to the statistical tables there have been 12,331 adults baptized, and 3,856 infants; total of baptisms, 16,187. There have been received on profession of faith during the ten years, 19,187, and by letter 14,386, which would give us a total of 33,573 members, received during the ten years. According to the reports we have lost by letter, death and otherwise, 18,301, when in fact we would have to lose 30,586 to make the tables balance. It is a fact that our losses are heavy. Being so near the line of Oklahoma our people leave by the hundreds every year. Still we have a good constituency. We are better organized, for the future, nor have our pastors been idle during the past.

J. F. E. BATES.
Rogers, Ark.

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 subscription 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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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester Editor

Lesson for Feb. 23: Luke 7:10; 1 Chron. 22:1-5.

Topic: Church building a Loving Service. (Church Extension Topic.)

This Roman military official, captain of the troops quartered in Capernaum and in the service of Herod Antipas, had learned to love and reverence the God of Israel. How this came about we do not know. Doubtless it was due to contact with the Jews. And more probably to some devout, consistent godly man among the inhabitants of that little fishing town where he was quartered; and out of love and gratitude he had built the synagogue in which the people of the village worshipped. The building was a monument of love and gratitude, reminding all who saw it of the generosity and the faith of this Roman centurion. It was a real service of love rendered to the citizens of that Galilean town by a man whose heart had been won to their religion. He had learned to love Israel and what was more he had learned to love Israel's King, and, blessed fruit of both, he had learned to render loving service to his fellowmen as well as loyal service to his country. It was no stingy service he rendered either, for the ruins of this synagogue are the "most splendid of those yet exhumed in Galilee." Now after eighteen centuries, the remains in their rich and elaborate carvings of cornices and entablatures, of capital and niches show with what liberal hand he had dealt his votive offerings.

David had intended to build a house for the worship of God but God ordered otherwise. God told him that because he had been a man of wars and blood he should leave the building of the temple to his son Solomon. David's work had lay in another direction. His was the bloody work of conquest. But he saw the necessity of a permanent place of worship among his people and was so true to their higher religious interests that God must interfere to prevent the undertaking of an enterprise which we may believe lay upon his heart. And all he was permitted to do was to gather together before hand some materials for the house Solomon was to build.

Church buildings are necessary to the permanence of religious work. The church building is the church home of the local congregation. If the congregation has no building of its own, it has no home of its own. And without this the work will suffer. Partial ownership of a union house, a friendly school house or a rented house will not serve the full purpose. No church can do its best work under such conditions. And yet in our Southern Methodism there are three thousand such homeless congregations. They are lacking in one essential, at least, a permanent home.

"The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized for the purpose of providing in part the means of building churches in eligible and needy localities where the people are not wholly able to build for themselves. The work is supported by annual collections taken in every congregation and by special gifts and legacies. The collections are divided equally between the General and Conference Boards. The Conference Boards help enterprises within their own bounds, while the General Board disregards conference lines, giving aid wherever it may appear to be most needed. The General Board administers a loan fund also.

"The parsonage building work is conducted by the Woman's Home Mission Society upon the same general plan.

"The Board of Church Extension consists of all the Bishops of the Church, and a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and the Secretary of the Board of Missions, and thirteen ministers and laymen chosen from the Church at large; all, except the Bishops, being elected quadrennially by the General Conference.

"Its meetings are held at its office in Louisville, Ky., as follows: Annual: On the last Friday of April each year; stated: On the last Thursdays of July, October and January, respectively, in the evening; special: On call of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

To the Little Rock Conference.

The treasurer of your Board of Missions has received the following appeal from the secretaries of our General Board of Missions which loudly speaks for itself:

Brethren, send in to the treasurer of the Board, Rev. W. F. Evans, Warren, Ark., every available cent you can raise between now and March 25th, and he will forward to our General Board. We cannot afford to fall behind last year's report.

From General Board of Missions.

We find by careful examination into the financial status of the Board of Missions, present and prospective, the following facts:

To make the receipts of this financial year equal to those of last year we must receive between now and March 31st, \$38,000.00.

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This would hold us where we are with all our crying needs for enlargement. We ought by every token to make at least an advance of \$25,000.00. This would make \$63,000.00 to be paid in by March 31st, 1908.

Your Conference, Little Rock, is \$846.00 short of last year at this time.

In view of the tremendous needs and rapid development of our work we feel we cannot afford to risk the possibility even of coming to a stand-still. We, therefore, most cordially solicit your fullest co-operation to swell the income for the next two months, that we may at the meeting of our Board in May have as large a margin as possible for enlargement.

Counting on your people, we are

Your brethren,
W. R. LAMBUTH,
W. W. PINSON,
JNO. R. NELSON.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

S. S. Notice.

To the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents of the White River Conference.

Dear Brethren: By referring to Sunday School report in printed Minutes of our last conference, you will notice that it is the purpose of the Sunday School Board to hold a Sunday School Conference this year. The

Board was impressed with the need of this for the purpose of creating a better interest and more systematic and thorough work in the Sunday School. It is to be noted that while we had an increase of \$456.01 collected for all purposes, our preceeding year; yet we had a decrease of six schools and four hundred pupils.

Our Conference will be held in Newport April 28-30. The program is now being arranged and speakers secured. We hope to have every phase of the Sunday School discussed. A number of our most active workers have already been slated. Dr. Chappell, our Sunday School editor, will preach the opening sermon Tuesday night and deliver address Wednesday a. m. Now please allow the Board to urge you each and all to co-operate with us in the work. Please begin to make announcements and plan to be with us, and likewise to urge as many of your teachers as possible to attend. Newport extends a most cordial invitation to one and all. Her doors will be thrown open to all who may attend. Bro. Galloway writes "No trouble to find homes." The program will be announced in the near future and a copy will be sent to each presiding elder, pastor and superintendent in the conference. Again let me say, please lend us your help in making this a very helpful meeting.

Sincerely,
W. P. TALKINGTON,
Chairman Sunday School Board.

A Standard Methodist Sunday School.

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after. Phil. 3:12.

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2. Attendance punctual and regular.
3. Teacher training class.
4. Teachers' Meeting, or Workers' council.
5. Methodist literature.
6. The Sunday School graded.
 1. Beginners—3 to 6 years of age.
 2. Primary—6 to 9 years.
 3. Junior—9 to 12 years.
 4. Intermediate—12 to 15 years.
 5. Adults—Young people 16 to 20, Senior, over 20.
7. Cradle Roll—0 to 3 years of age.
8. Home Study Department.
9. Young Men's "organized" classes.
10. Young Women's "organized" classes.
11. House visitation each year.
12. Children's Day, with collection.
13. The Sunday School a missionary society.
14. Decision day, conversions.
15. Missionary Rally Day, with collection.
16. Birthday offerings for Church Extension.

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Suicide No Exit.

A good deal of apprehension has been awakened in France and Germany by the increase in the number of suicides in those countries, and the cause of the apparently growing dissatisfaction with life have been discussed in the most serious temper. The proportion of people who take their lives in this country is much less than in France or Germany, because, on the whole, the conditions of life here are much easier, the opportunities more ample, the atmosphere more hopeful. But there is in this country as abroad, a regrettable number of men and women who destroy themselves: That the suicidal mania is contagious has been shown again and again; that it may be fostered and that it may be discouraged have been amply demonstrated. At times, and in localities extreme measures have been taken; and the fact that in certain places abroad indignities were offered to the bodies of those that destroyed themselves has had an almost immediate effect in diminishing the number of suicides.

It is true that in many cases persons who commit suicide are temporarily irrational and irresponsible. This is always the case when self-destruction results from disease; it is sometimes the case when it results from great calamities or bitter disappointments. In such cases men and women who die by their own hands are as much the victims of disease as if they had succumbed in the regular course to an inevitable end. No more responsibility attaches to their act, and it has no more moral significance, than the falling into the sea of a man blown from the yards of a ship. The great majority of suicides, on the other hand, are strong enough to will to live, if they choose to do it; and it cannot be too strongly insisted that no one has a right to do anything else than will to live. Responsible suicide is the refuge of the weak and cowardly. It solves no problem, ends no experience, brings no possible peace. Mr. Vedder's striking picture of "The Suicide" ought to be widely exhibited, because it indicates, in the most tragic and impressive way, that the man who goes out of this gate goes to face a heavier trial, a more terrible condition, a more exacting fate. He who disregards the sign "No exit!" written over this door does so at the supreme peril of his soul.

In the first place, his life is not his to dispose of; and in the second place, his attempt to secure release is desertion. It is a coward's way of trying to avoid a perilous duty or a piece of hard work. Whoever tries that path will find himself facing his past in a most menacing and implacable shape, and will discover on the instant that, instead of release from unhappy conditions, he has created a new set of conditions far more terrible than those from which he has lawlessly withdrawn himself. Phillips Brooks once said that the way to escape from God is to flee into him. There is no way of escaping God. The only way is to accept his will and the things which he has ordered. There is no escape from the discipline of life, however hard and apparently relentless it may be. The one true and sane way of dealing with it so as to master it is to accept what it brings, to bear with fortitude the burdens which it imposes, and to learn with intelligence the lessons which it teaches. As a rule, the suicide takes himself out of the way, and leaves the difficulties he has created, the responsibilities he has assumed, the tragedy which he may have brought about, to fall on his family or his friends. Instead of doing a man's work in the world and filling a man's place, he turns coward and leaves others to endure what he has brought upon himself.

For no man can escape the reaction of his own deeds, here or hereafter. He will be brought face to face with them, because they not only modify conditions, but they modify him. Instead of leaving the results of his acts behind him when he forces the door of death and goes out through it, he carries all these things with him, only to face them in a form and under conditions which must make them a thousand fold more terrible, because he can no longer blind his eyes to them.

Men and women in our generation must be taught again that life is not a pleasure-ground or a play-spell. It is a military service; a tremendous and searching education; a discipline which goes to the very roots of character. It is full of all kinds of interest; it overflows at times and in places with pleasure; there are deep springs of happiness in it; but fundamentally it is an education; and the chief business of men and women in this world is not to have a pleasant time, to make things easy for themselves, to live as in a Garden of Eden in which everybody is at ease because everybody is innocent. It is the danger of a luxurious and pleasure-loving age to forget the tremendous forces that play through society and the unescapable duties which are laid upon men and women because they are immortal. There ought to be more of the Spartan in Americans of today, more power of resistance, more strength to bear burdens, more courage to face disaster and apparent defeat. Too many men and women are morally flabby. They have no power of resistance; they are exhausted by the least strain; they surrender in the face of any sudden danger. In too many homes the disciplining and training of the will are forgotten; boys and girls grow up as if they were to be masters of their own time and conditions, and are obliged to learn later that every man and woman born into this world is born into a fixed moral order, and that success and failure, happiness and misery, lie in the acceptance or rejection of that order. We need fewer pleasure-seekers and more soldiers. We need the men and women who are not afraid to face dangers, whose strength is evoked by trials, and who know that their lives are not their own. The suicide is either insane or a coward. The Outlook.

Significant Missionary Notes.

The present expansion of Protestant missions, as shown by statistics in the valuable American Board Almanac for 1908, is considerably in advance of current ideas of it. The United States, Great Britain with its dependencies, and Continental Europe have in the field a force of over 15,000 men and women, with a supplementary army of over 92,000 native helpers trained by them. These occupy nearly 36,000 stations and out-stations. Of communicants gathered into churches there are over a million and a half, of whom over one-seventh were added last year, while under instruction there are over a million and a quarter others. The offerings for the support of this work in 1906 were nearly twenty-one and a half million dollars, of which all but about twelve per cent. was contributed from American and British sources, the American slightly exceeding. It is significant that the native churches connected with the missions contributed out of their comparative poverty over thirteen hundred thousand dollars. The present rate of progress is shown by a comparison of two records for China thirty years apart, viz.:

	1876	1906
Number missionary societies.	29	82
Foreign workers	473	3,833
Stations and sub-stations....	602	5,734

Pupils in schools..... 4,909 57,683
Communicants 13,035 154,142
Native contributions (silver) \$9,271 \$301,263
Compare this with the result of the first third of the century since Protestant missionary work began in China: six converts in thirty-five years. Passing by at present the equally promising prospect in India and Japan, the situation in China should peculiarly interest the American churches. It is a time of crisis. China, after the example of Japan, is now seeking to modernize herself so as to cope with aggressors. An educational system planned, as was the case in Japan, by American advice has been adopted and initiated with wide welcome in face of reactionary protests. It is only the secular and practical side of Western education that Young China is hungry for. Of the latent power thus to be added for good or evil to international forces we have no adequate conception. Christian principles must temper it. Christian Chinese are aware of this, and have begun at Peking and elsewhere home missionary societies for the evangelization of their countrymen. The need appears in the fact that there are 1,557 walled cities in which there is neither foreign missionary nor Chinese pastor. Such efforts deserve seconding. The 407 missionary hospitals and dispensaries indirectly propagating Christianity through more than a million patients treated annually by their over-worked staff of three hundred physicians, need reinforcing and extending. The educational work for both sexes carried on co-operatively by different missionary societies in well-placed colleges needs endowment. "Ya-Li," a plant from old Yale in the strategic city of Changsha in the heart of China, appeals for aid to American patriotism as well as philanthropy. Here is "the open door" for investments of far-reaching historical effect.

In 1906 Professor Edward C. Moore, of Harvard, and Dr. James L. Barton, Secretary of the American Board (Congregational), were appointed by the Board to visit its missions in China. They did so, traveling over nine thousand miles in that country. Their report has just been published. Not only those interested in Christian propaganda, but all men, should read it, for it notes certain facts not generally appreciated. For example, while China and India have populations of about the same average density, China has very many, but India very few, cities of more than a hundred thousand inhabitants. As to agricultural resources, we do not realize that, despite primitive methods, two crops of rice and sometimes a third crop of some other product are produced in South China each year. If the land-tenure system were favorable, the more thinly settled North might be of incalculable value for grazing. Nor do we realize that, of the resources beneath the soil, there are vast coal areas, scarcely touched, in many provinces, that in Shansi alone being reported gigantic enough to supply the world with coal for a thousand years; and yet "the available supply of fuel is so small, and the means of transportation are so inadequate, that the suffering of the poor . . . is appalling." Nor do we realize that the Chinese are essentially a domestic people, though every one knows that a marked feature of their life is their reverence for parents. The status of woman in China is, on the whole, higher than in any other Oriental country; while as to children, though infanticide is not uncommon, they are "in the home objects of affection, and their training is followed with solicitude." Indeed, "the control of the family or clan over the individual offsets in many ways the weakness of the Government." The Government is an

absolute monarchy. Yet we certainly do not realize that China is one of the most democratic countries in the world. Though not only the viceroys but the great majority of lesser officials are appointed directly by the Throne, if they "cannot conduct the affairs of their office with a degree of quietness and order and with the favor of the people, they are removed." The village, the smallest unit of the Government, has control of its own affairs, and it is in his own village that the Chinaman gets his first lessons in the application of democratic principles. The new democratic era for China, however, dates from 1900. Reforms previously resisted have now been introduced. The most significant of them, we think, is the adoption of modern education as the basis for civil service examinations. Also, for the first time in the history of China, the idea is beginning to prevail, that the education of women should in a measure keep pace with the education of men. Another indication of the new era is the great increase in numbers and influence of the Chinese newspapers. They now quickly reach readers throughout the country, for though a few years ago the Government had no postoffice system, it is operating this year about twenty-five hundred offices and, what is more, because of the kind of training afforded by Christian schools in China, "Christian men out of proportion to their relative number in the country are employed in the postal administration." This is as it should be, for the educational work accomplished by the religious societies in China has been of a high order, especially that of the American Board, with its village and city day schools, its boarding and preparatory schools, its colleges and hospitals. Finally, the nearly two hundred thousand Chinese Christian church members show that China has come not only to a political but also to a religious self-consciousness never before evinced there. The missionaries in China have indeed a double opportunity.—The Outlook.

The Price of Paper.

Of late years we have read much regarding the shortage of our timber supply—a serious and practical problem that our country is facing with ever-increasing concern. Though metal and cement are being more largely used than ever, and will increase rapidly with time, still the legitimate and necessary demands for timber are enlarging at a greater rate than our ever reducing forests can adequately supply.

But in all literature on this subject, there is probably not one reader in ten who appreciate the vital relation of the paper upon which these words are printed to the problem. The connection is close indeed as shown by the Government Bureau of the Forest Service in a recently issued circular. It is not generally known that some metropolitan papers consume the product of several acres of spruce in a single edition. The amount of timber converted into wood pulp for paper product last year was three and a half millions of cords. The year 1906 marked an increase of 93,000 cords in the imports of pulp wood, the highest average value per cord for all kinds, and a consumption greater by 469,053 cords than that of any previous year. Spruce, the wood from which in 1899 three-fourths of the pulp was manufactured, is still the leading wood, but it now produces a little less than seventy per cent. of the total. The total value of the wood consumed in 1906 was \$26,400,000. The chief item determining the price of paper is the cost of pulp. An example of the increased price of paper is found in the case of a publisher of a daily in the

Middle West, who recently paid \$1,200 for a carload of paper. The same quantity and grade of paper cost a year ago but \$800.

It is not to be wondered at in the light of the above that publishers all over the country are forced to raise the price of their papers. It was a matter of necessity on the part of our own Book Committee to accede to the general advance, and, with the statistics here given, we are confident our readers more fully appreciate the wisdom of the change.—Western Christian Advocate.

A Tool Chest For The Methodist.

Just as every thrifty householder needs a chest where he may go at any time for the hammer, saw, auger, screw-driver, monkey-wrench, etc., so every Methodist preacher and live Methodist layman needs a book, containing the essence of all the information scattered about in Conference Journals, Annual Reports of Boards and Committees, newspapers, histories, etc.,—in short, a book which in answering about every question you ever think of in connection with your church serves as a regular tool chest to which you may go and from which you may get what you need without hunting all over Southern Methodism for it. You need this Tool Chest. It costs only thirty cents postpaid. It is the Southern Methodist Handbook for 1908—a brand new book of nearly 200 pages, profusely illustrated and no revision. Write to Thos. N. Ivey, Raleigh, N. C.

Some White Imitators.

The race question is a mystery. For the matter of that, life is a mystery. Whence we came, whither we are going, we know not. The Ethiopian is thought to be especially imitative—particularly the ultra "smart set" of high society—which, here on the seaboard, imitates the little it knows about the European nobility; and, in the interior, whatever it can find out about the set on the seaboard. It is an unfortunate characteristic of imitation to take for its examples rather the bad than the good of whatever attracts its imagination or its envy. "Jess like white folks" is sometimes heard in negro circles of fashion—that is, among the negro "smart set" of the negro "four hundred." For my part, I scarcely think much more of the negro "four hundred" than I think of the Caucasian "four hundred" who live for vanity and pleasure and who, if they can't go to heaven in their automobiles, don't want to go at all.—Henry Watterson.

Longevity in the Balkans.

London Tid-Bits, a paper that is well worth reading, publishes the figures of a German statistician, showing that of the 58,000,000 people, or thereabouts, who inhabited the Kaiser's empire, fewer than 100 are more than 100 years old; but the same authority reports 146 centenarians in England, 213 in France, and 410 in Spain. He infers from this that where life is less strenuous longevity increases. But the most astonishing figures come from the Balkan Peninsula, famous as a troublesome and turbulent region. Servia reports 573 people who are 100 years old or more; Roumania 1,084; and Bulgaria no fewer than 3,880. In other words, Bulgaria boasts one centenarian to every thousand of its population.—Christian Advocate (N. Y.)

Woman's Board of Home Missions.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will hold its Tenth Annual Session in Fourth Avenue Church, Louisville, Ky., April 23-30, 1908. The ses-

sion will open Thursday evening, April 23rd, with a sermon by Bishop John H. Vincent.

The names of delegates and visitors should be sent promptly to Mrs. Fetter Baird, 1219 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ky. Hospitality will be extended to all visitors to the meeting of the Board.

Every effort will be made to secure reduced railway rates. The Chairman of the Southwestern Passenger Association has announced the usual reduction if 100 persons are in attendance holding certificate receipts of standard form. If rates are obtained from other Associations announcement will be made in the April issue of "Our Homes."

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Feb. 23. Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda.

Golden Text.—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8:17.

Lesson Text.—John 5:1-18.

Our present lesson follows immediately upon our last, that if the healing of the nobleman's son. The student of the Sunday School lesson for the present quarter will observe that John's gospel is made up very largely of the miracles of Jesus. The account of them follows one closely upon another until we are irresistably forced to exclaim "Is not this the Christ?" Our Lord was regular in His attendance upon the feasts and public functions of the Jewish church at Jerusalem and they furnish many occasions for him to meet and instruct the people. He has scarcely had time to make a trip to the north of Jerusalem going as far as Cana—talking to the woman at the well and spending two days at Sychar, and healing the nobleman's son at Capernaum while he remains at Cana—until we find him returning to Jerusalem to attend another feast. The miracle in our present lesson is one of the most remarkable recorded in the history of his life.

It is not known where the pool of Bethesda was situated in the city of Jerusalem. Several places are pointed out as suiting the description here given. The miracle is the main thing with the writer and the place or surroundings are of little importance. The pool had five porches or booths where a multitude of sick folk were congregated. Like a great hospital there were many patients "waiting for the moving of the water." We should not understand that John means to verify the legend that there was healing in the waters. If there was it was surely very limited as only one could be healed at a time. But the people were there, hopeless and disconsolate. Many cases of long standing might be found among the number. This man who was healed by Jesus had been in the sad plight in which our Lord found him for thirty-eight years. One remarkable thing about this case is that our Lord seems to have gone to see him on his own motion. No one came to him to plead for this man, even the man himself was making no effort in his own behalf. When Jesus had selected him and stood before him he knew not who it was that spoke to him. The only effort that he made when spoken to was to recount his sad plight and story of sorrow. Disease is often an affection of the mind as well as of the body. Long affliction is liable to prey upon the mind until hopelessness results. This man revealed not a shadow of hope. After his long wait it would appear that he would have gone elsewhere if there had been anywhere else for him to go. Surely repeated disappointments had reacted upon his already feeble mind until it took the direct power of the Godhood of Christ to make him whole.

This was Christ's first recorded miracle in Judea. Judea was his native country. He had stirred Galilee by his miracle at the wedding and later that of the healing of the nobleman's son. For the opportunity had been given him to accomplish these things. But in Judea no one had asked him to work the works of God. He must needs do something to stir the people. Another feast is on, many people are gathered in the city and our Lord, filled with compassion, made his way to this desolate place at the pool of Bethesda and awakened this poor man from his awful slumber of disease and sent him down the streets carrying his bed. Immediate—there was a stir and the man must explain

how he came to carry his bed on the Sabbath day. The result was that Jesus preached to the excited people and departed into Galilee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

Want to Know.

1. We want to know where Siboney Sunday school is and to what district it belongs. We have the Children's Day fund from that charge and do not know where to place it.

2. A similar request for "Fame (Eufaula circuit)." We have \$5.00 to credit of this Sunday school.

3. Ethel Younglove will please let us know to what Sunday school and district the \$3.50 which she sent belongs.

An Aggravation.

Perhaps the most trying and aggravating thing with which we have to deal is the slowness, the carelessness, the indifference, with which some of our brethren respond to our requests for reports, information, etc. We are endeavoring to get material together for a Sunday School Year Book for Oklahoma. We have sent blanks to many brethren. Not one-tenth have responded. When the book appears they will wish they had done so. But we are patient.

A Standard Width Sunday School.

The Board has sent out a leaflet setting forth the 16 points constituting such a school. Of course, it is not perfect, other points could be added. We know that; but when you come up to this imperfect one, let us know and we promise to make a better one.

That Birthday Offering.

The Sunday School Board is sending out a leaflet on "Birthday Offerings—The Sunday School and Church Extension," in which are given brief but plain directions how to make this event beautiful and helpful. Are our pastors and superintendents looking after this important matter? Just think of how much the offerings would amount to if we realize only ten cents per member! That is not all of it. It is an impressive service for the young, and old, too.

We had 88 pennies dropped into the Birthday basket last Sunday by one person. Lawton Sunday school will put \$25 or \$30 in the Church Extension fund this fall through this medium.

Loyal to Our Own.

When a travelling agent for other literature came to a parsonage not long since to see the pastor, and show him the literature which the agent thought superior to any other, the wife said to him: "You need not see my husband. He believes that Methodist literature is the best for Methodists." "But if I could show him that mine is the best, would he not use it?" "No, he would not," said the loyal little Methodist wife. "You would have a hard time convincing him that yours is superior; for he doesn't believe any other is superior, and if you were to convince him that yours is the best, he would hold on to the Methodist literature still." And that is loyalty after my own heart.

A Genuine Missionary Spirit.

A general and genuine missionary spirit is prevailing throughout our Oklahoma Sunday school movement. And why not? Right in the school is the place to teach missions. If we are faithful to the trust and the opportunity in our hands today, the next generation will be doing things for God on a big scale.

Just think of it! Ten or a dozen missionaries in the foreign field supported by the Sunday schools of the Oklahoma Conference! Brethren, help! Don't discourage our young people. Get out of the way and give the children a chance.

"We can do it, and we will."

"On the Right Track."

"You are certainly on the right track when endeavoring to emphasize the missionary idea in your Sunday school work. It is with the

children and the young people that the missionary education should be stressed." The above statements are taken from a private letter to this Chairman by Dr. Lambreth. "Right track!" But a P. E., or a P. C., or a Supt., can help to switch us off this track. They may help; and we are praying that every one of them will help to keep us on the track until the Sunday schools of Oklahoma are supporting a dozen missionaries in the foreign field.

What We Did Last Year.

Below we give by districts the amounts of "Children's Day" offerings last year, with the number of Sunday schools in each district that observed the day and the number that did not.

Mangum, \$101.09. 12 schools observed the day, 26 did not.

Holdenville, \$63.57. 12 schools observed the day; 16 did not.

Wynnewood, \$63.46. 13 schools observed the day, 29 did not.

Oklahoma City, \$55.91. 11 schools observed the day; 19 did not.

Duncan, \$55.79. 8 schools observed the day; 16 did not.

Cherokee, \$55.57. 11 schools observed the day; 24 did not.

Ardmore, \$40.64. 9 schools observed the day; 17 did not.

Muskogee, \$35.08. 5 schools observed the day; 30 did not.

Choctaw, \$24.73. 6 schools observed the day; 37 did not.

Weatherford, \$24.48. 9 schools observed the day 26 did not.

McAlester, \$17.02. 4 schools observed the day; 28 did not.

Beaver, \$4.87. 2 schools observed the day; 9 did not.

Totals: \$542.21. 102 schools observed the day; 277 did not.

We give the above figures to show what might be done if presiding elders, pastors and superintendents would take hold of the matter in time. What a splendid sum of money the Board would have if the 277 schools had chimed in and helped. Our increase over 1906 is \$363.89; but we are not doing our full duty in this department. We must more than double the offerings this year.

We can do it again if all will help again.

Lawton, Okla.

Sunday Schools and Missions.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman S. S. Board.

The Oklahoma Conference at its last session passed a resolution urging the Sunday Schools in each district to assume the support of a missionary in the foreign field. Our Board is urging the movement, and it is meeting with great favor and success. Already several of the districts have complied, and we pray and expect that all the stronger districts will do likewise.

Here is the plan:

1. Set apart the collections on the first Sunday in each month for missions, and keep the fund for this purpose only.

2. Be sure to hold a "Missionary Rally Day," with good program, on last Sunday in October, and emphasize the collection.

3. Send these funds as you collect to Rev. T. L. Rippey, Teller, Ada, Okla., and he will put it to the credit of your Sunday School and your district as "special for missions."

4. When any district has enough money in hand or in sight for the missionary to be appointed, the Presiding Elder will then notify Dr. Lambuth, Nashville, and your missionary will then be appointed, and thus the "living link" will be formed between the Sunday Schools of the district and the foreign field.

Brethren, take hold now, and hold on until we accomplish what has never been done before. "We can do it, and we will."

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.

April 10th. Nothing of importance has happened in so long, and life is just the same old seven and six; my stars! I do get so tired of doing and saying the same things over and over every day that comes; Bonnie says that is what it takes to make up life—little things, but somehow I do get so tired of doing them, and long for a chance to do something else. If something would only happen out of the ordinary—a horse run away, or a house burn, but I hope it won't be ours; I'm mean to want any one's house to burn, and Bonnie would look at me so hard if she knew I wrote that, but I'll take it all back, for I don't want any one to have such ill luck as that.

But it is dull, awfully dull here, and I haven't a thing to write tonight, either good or bad.

Our baby is the sweetest thing I ever saw, and if every one in this family was as proud as I am of him, this house would burst with pride.

Well, I'll go to bed, hoping I'll have something worth writing tomorrow night. Goodby, Your lonesome JESSIE.

April 11th. Another dull day has come and gone—absolutely the same as every other day—get up in the morning at six, help cook breakfast, thank goodness I don't have to wash the dishes, "the kiddies" job. Then Bonnie and I clean up the house and dress for school; if I have even fifteen minutes before school time, mama makes me put that in practice at the piano. I do wish people could be born with an instinct like the lower animals, and then we would not have to study so hard to get a little learning, and the more we have, the more we feel our ignorance.

Then when I get to school there is such a sameness there, the same classes at the same hours, every day of the world, the same recess at the same hour, and the same dinner time, and nearly the same dinner every day; then more of the same lessons and the same recess and then home again to hunt the same kitchen safe, and find the identical same thing every day, a cold potato and a pickle and cracker. Once I found a dish of sausage, oh, happy find, but that was because Bob was kept in, and my room happened to get out before the "kiddies," but such things are too good to happen often in one's life. Bonnie wouldn't say a word if she was to find nothing but an onion, but I'm not as good as she is, and have almost given up trying to be; some people don't deserve as much credit for being good as others, for it is natural with them, and they just can't help it. I guess Bonnie took after her mother who was so good that she wouldn't even tell the children the bears would catch them if they were bad—said that was wicked. I guess I take it from papa's side of the house, for his people are mostly wild, and those who are good at all, have a struggle to keep it up; well I don't care if I have to struggle too, I mean to be good or die trying—so there.

Good night, here's hoping I'll have something better to write tomorrow night, and that things will get to happening. JESSIE.

April 12th. Well I have a little more to tell this time, for things have begun to happen, not much to my liking however; but to my subject: Bonnie and I were in the kitchen this morning baking a cake for Sunday. I was beating eggs and Bonnie was cream-

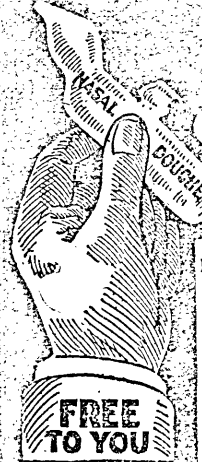


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ing the butter and sugar, (she always gives me the easiest job) when I walked Bob; I saw in a minute something was the matter, for he had such a mischievous look in his eyes.

"What have you been into, Bob," said I.

"You'll see in a minute," and opening his pocket a great big rat jumped out and ran right by my feet. I gave one good sized squeal, and lit in the middle of the table with one bound; I knocked over a pitcher of milk and broke the pitcher, but what is a broken pitcher when one is protecting one's life? I can't tell you what Bonnie was doing, for I didn't have time to look, but I heard her scream two or three times and Bob was rolling over the floor holding his sides and laughing fit to burst his buttons.

I always thought I was brave, and often bragged that I was not afraid of anything, not even snakes, but I forgot about rats, but from now on I take down my sign, for you could cover my courage with a postage stamp tonight.

Mama heard all the racket and came in a run to see what was the matter, and when we told her, she got out on the back porch in a hurry and looked in through the screen door; she made Bob quit rolling and get a stick of stove wood and kill the rat, and then I came down from the table, and Bonnie from the step-ladder in the corner, where she'd gone to the very top step.

I was so trembly that I sat down in the floor, for my knees seemed as if they didn't know what was expected of them, and absolutely refused to hold me up; I began to cry and laugh at the same time and I just couldn't stop, and mama said I had hysterics and made a pill of asafetida and made me swallow it; bah, I can taste it yet.

She said if I wasn't better in ten minutes, the dose would be repeated, but, bless your soul, with the prospects of such a dose ahead of me, I determined not to let ten minutes elapse before I was good and cured. I wouldn't say this out where mama might hear it, but I do believe if more mothers knew this remedy, there would be less hysterics, fainting and such like among girls, but I do hope mama will forget it before long, for if I had known what the remedy for laughing and crying at the same time was, I do believe I should have tried harder to stop, and have a sneaking suspicion that I might have succeeded without help such as I got. But next time I'll know.

I'm mad with Bob yet, and don't intend to make him a bit of candy, or a single ginger cake till he begs my pardon.

But I'm tired, and my knees haven't quit hurting yet, so will "ring off" and go to bed, a wiser girl.

JESSIE.

April 13th. Well this has been a beautiful Sunday, and every one of us went to Sunday school except mama and the baby; even papa went. He don't go often, but I put the "kiddies" up to begging him to go, so he did. I had a new waist, so of course I wouldn't miss going, but Bonnie wore her same old gray dress; she don't care for style, for just so she is in sight of it before it rounds the bend, that's as much as she thinks of it.

Mr. Lester, the superintendent, asked me to teach a little class this morning because the teacher was absent, and as I had studied my lesson well I agreed to do so; now I think that is one of the favorable symptoms, and I really think I am getting better, for two months ago I wouldn't have consented; maybe they'll have me praying in public before long, who knows?

When I told Bon I was getting better she said "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." She can always think of so many verses, and they fit so well.

I got a letter from Harry this evening, and I have read it limber, but must read it once more, for I might have slipped something, so goodnight dear diary, you are so dear to me, and I tell you more things than I would anyone else, even Bonnie. Lovingly, JESSIE.

April 17th. Dear Old Diary, It's been most a week since I wrote you a word, and don't you fear but that things have happened good and plenty in these days; I got sick Monday, and on Tuesday I had a high fever and my throat was swollen till I looked like a red doll; the doctor came and painted my face with some black stuff, and said I had the mumps.

O how I did hurt! I couldn't eat a bite, and it even hurt to drink milk; I can't think where I caught such a baby disease, and feel ashamed of it, for I thought I was too large to have such things. Bob said he guess I'll have to drink catnip tea, and go to cutting teeth, but mama says lots of grown up people have the mumps.

Hattie said that I had more than my share of "them" and brought me the hand mirror, one glance made me sick. I was scared for Pete! I started to cry, but remembered the asafetida pill, so I wiped my sleeve across my eyes and took a second look. I was a sight and no denying it! I don't believe I would have taken the prize at a beauty show; but all things have an end, I believe Solomon said, so the mumps had to let go at last, and it was not an hour too soon for me; I'm up now, but am as weak as a dish rag.

Say Diary, you can't guess what mama named our baby? Well I'll have to tell you, "Lillian Anderson"; mama is such a great Methodist that she

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named him for the two editors of the paper, and we couldn't decide what to call him. Bonnie wanted him called Millar, because she loves Dr. Millar best, but I love Dr. Anderson best and wanted the baby called for him; but daddy settled the matter by saying that no son of his should ever part his hair or his name in the middle, so no M. Anderson for him. Daddy said the baby has enough name to kill him, and he's afraid he will never have sense enough to make a living, but I can see that he don't mean it, for he is as proud of him as I am. Papa is not religious and don't care much for preachers, but he lets mama have her way about everything, even to naming the children; that's the kind of a man I am going to marry.

But it is such a long time off yet, that I may decide in favor of some other kind before the time comes; but I know one kind I won't have and that is one who smokes and drinks—Harry nor any other fellow.

I told him this, and he only laughed, but Bob told me he saw Harry smoking last week, and I haven't liked him so well since. Well I'll find out if it is true, and if so, I will drop you, like a hot cake Mr. Harry. If he likes his cigarette better than he does me, then he can take his choice. I'll let you know more about it later, so goodnight.

Yours lovingly,
JESSIE.

Minute Correction, Oklahoma Conference.

The minutes of the Oklahoma Conference do me an injustice, which I wish to correct through your columns. In the first place, the minutes show me to be in the class of the first year, when as a matter of fact I am in the class of the second year.

In the second place, it shows me to have appeared before the committee of the first year and having failed on examination was continued in that class. I was not before any examining committee and I do not understand why such a mistake should have been made. I do not know how soon I may fail on examination, but I would prefer that I have a fair and honest trial before judgment is rendered, and my case sent back for a new hearing.

E. H. DRISKILL.

Wilmot and Parkdale.

We have been very kindly received on the Wilmot and Parkdale charge. This is a splendid people to serve. The charge is compact, yet I find there is much to be done. We have good church buildings at all three of the places, and a good parsonage now well furnished. The good people of Parkdale put a nice suit of furniture in one of the rooms since we came, making the furnishings complete for the building. We are also putting in splendid lights in the church at Wilmot.

We are getting some splendid additions to our church at Wilmot. The church there lost heavily last year by people moving away, but we are getting back some of our strength. We will have received seven splendid members when their church letters are all in. The charge will assess for me a good salary and pay it. The outlook is very good for a pleasant year and all are praying that the Lord may make us useful to these big hearted people. We regret the loss by death of one of Wilmot's oldest and most honored citizens. Bro. Harris who passed peacefully away on the 13th of Feb. I will do what I can for the Methodist.

WILTON C. TOOMBS.

Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes.

T. E. Sharp, chairman presided.

Capitol Hill, P. R. Eaglebarger, pastor, ten new members in Sunday school

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Hunter Memorial, Forney Hutchinson, pastor, largest Sunday School in history of the church. 180 scholars. Three conversions and six additions. Over \$8,000 subscribed to new church enterprise up to date.

First Church, T. E. Sharp, pastor, had 335 present at Sunday School, largest attendance in the history of the church; five additions to the church, making fifty up to date. Epworth League organized with several members. Dr. A. C. Millar preached at 11 a. m. and the pastor preached at night.

Asbury church, W. A. Swift, pastor. One profession and one addition. Large Junior League. About fifty on roll.

Winfield Memorial, S. H. Werlein, pastor, received up to date fifty members. 353 at Sunday School.

Henderson Chapel, R. J. Roland, pastor, 83 at Sunday School and largest congregation at night for some time.

A. C. Millar, P. E., has been preaching and holding quarterly conferences in the city during this month.

J. P. Lowry, who does evangelistic work, attended the meeting.

W. A. SWIFT, Sec.

Wolf Bayou.

I received a hearty welcome back on this circuit. There were some changes on the work, but we hope it will be for the better. The work was called Pleasant Plains last year but this year it is Wolf Bayou. We have about finished coiling our church at Oak Grove and when done it will be the best house on the work. We have seven appointments on the work. Our presiding elder, Bro. Skinner, held our quarterly meeting on Feb. 8. I think the work did well. I am expecting a good year.

J. W. COPELAND, P. C.

Church Extension 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

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consider all the applications to the General Board for donations and loans. Let all applications be in the hands of Rev. M. W. Mannville, secretary, by that time. Also will be pleased to see and hear any brother represent his petition who wishes to be present.

J. R. SANDERS, Chairman.

Harrison District Notes.

Summary of Pastors' reports for January: Number of pastoral visits, 980; number of conversions, 4; number of members received, 29; number of members dismissed, 58; number of infants baptized, 3; number of hours given to study, 1100; received on pastors' salary, \$452.81; total amount on salary, 1056.71; secured on connectional claims, \$304.87.

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 17, 1908.

From Senator Owen.

Applicants for Rural Routes upon the forms of petition furnished by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General should consult with the Postmaster and not double rural routes already established, as this leads to delay. I urge the citizens of Oklahoma to take advantage of the Rural Route System and send in their petition as promptly as possible.

ROBERT L. OWEN.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski
Clem A. Schaefer, Plaintiff vs. Howard B. Schaefer, Defendant, in the Pulaski Chancery Court.

The Defendant, Howard B. Schaefer, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of Plaintiff, Clem A. Schaefer.

February 10th, 1908.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.

GEO. L. BASHAM, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

Rev. J. A. Parker.

Rev. J. A. Parker died at Nettleton, Ark., Feb. 7, 1908, aged 58 years, 7 months and 2 days; was reared in White Co., Ark.; was married to Miss Maggie Moore, Oct. 22nd, 1872. Born unto them 8 children, one of whom died in infancy, of the seven remaining all are grown save two. Bro. Parker was licensed to preach near Searcy at a quarterly meeting, Searcy District, Arkansas Conference, in 1868. Our Bro. joined Arkansas Conference and traveled in that and the White River Conference several years and because of ill health he located at his own request, and labored in the local ministry faithfully till the time of his death. Our ascended brother was a physical sufferer most of his life, and often preached when he was not able, and would have preached oftener but his physical indisposition prevented. The writer knew our departed brother thirty-two years—a better man it was not my fortune to know. He was the most patient sufferer I ever saw afflicted. I regarded him almost as a second Job. As to our brother's preaching, it was highly spiritual—plain, logical. His thoughts were clothed in good English. Bro. Parker's private life was worthy of imitation. He was a Christian at home as well as abroad. His neighbors reposed confidence in him. He resided in this section thirty-five years and had no enemy. Our brother moved to Nettleton, Ark., about fifteen months ago, and had been bed-ridden only a few days previous to his call to come up higher. Sister Parker and children are in deep bereavement. We are all sad now that he is gone away. He was a good husband, a kind and affectionate father, a splendid neighbor. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. T. A. Bowen, M. M. Smith and T. G. Welch. Would write more of this Christian minister but your space forbids it. May God give sustaining grace to the bereaved family and may all his boys prepare well to meet their father in heaven. It was light with our brother in the evening. His sun set in splendor.

J. F. ARMSTRONG.

Crawfordsville and Earle.

I am in the midst of a changing order of things over here. Since conference Dr. Pope has very kindly divided our field of labor, so that, instead of this charge being Crawfordsville and Marion circuits, it is now Crawfordsville and Earle. It contains two half stations, and pays the neat little salary of \$900 for P. C. and they are going to do it on the monthly payment plan. Marion and Bethany will be cared for by Dr. Pope in a good and helpful way. To that section of our former charge may the Lord be with them, and give them victory in all things for his glory.

We are making plans for a revival campaign at Earle beginning the 4th Sunday of April. There is no place in the White River Conference where we have greater possibilities. They have a growing, aggressive town, with electric lights, city water works, and telephone exchange, with between 1000 and 2000 people. The town has grown up in the last few years, and only about 75 or 80 people are members of any church. We have 36 members in our church, who own and control many thousands of dollars, and are in every way able to plant our church in a most substantial and permanent way. Our church will be two years old in June, and our new church house is now com-

Personal Paragraph to our Readers:

Every lady reader of this paper ought to be interested in the offer made on this page. Here is a watch offered just for an effort. Here is a genuine gold-plated watch absolutely given away just for trying for a premium. Look at the picture of the watch, and ask yourself, how can any lady "pass up" this offer when the watch is given just for making an honest effort. Besides the watch there is a set of dishes. These dishes are not exactly free like the watch—it is a premium that you must earn with only a slight effort. You can earn it by a few hours' work. I know you can easily earn these dishes, and anyway you get the beautiful gold watch free. Send your name and address to-day, either on the coupon, or send your name and address to-day in a letter; but write to-day to Mr. Roberts.

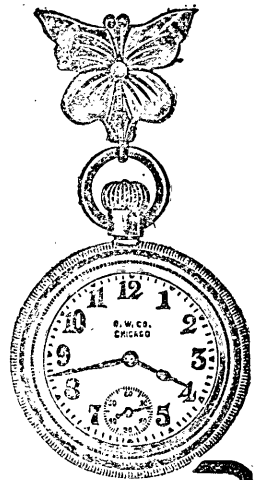
Ladies

Ladies, just write today for this elegant gold-plated watch, a watch that is stem wind and stem set and guaranteed to keep perfect time. You can have this watch just for your effort and promptness in fulfilling the simple conditions of the offer below.

Remember this beautiful watch is given away—it is sent you free, prepaid, just for your promptness and your effort in our behalf. Our object in giving you the watch is because we want to introduce our firm in your locality, but even if you do not earn the dishes, you can get the watch anyway. So send your name and address to-day. That is all we ask.

We will guarantee this watch to be gold-plated and genuine throughout. We guarantee it to you to be a good time-keeper, more substantial, more durable than many watches sold at high prices. It is only by special arrangement with the manufacturer, who want a few of these great watches introduced at once, that we are enabled to give this splendid gold-plated watch away with our magnificent and superb set of dishes.

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An Honest Dinner Set Offer

A Real, high-grade, genuine, gold medal dinner set. Not given away, but easily earned—when we say easily earned, we mean easily earned. We do not intend to give you this genuine gold medal dinner set for nothing. We want some of your time and some of your recommendation and some work from you. We do not want any canvassing nor peddling, but we want your help. We want just five hours' worth of your time, and you can give us your time in the evening, or in any of your spare hours. If you haven't the time yourself, you can have your children help you. In fact, your children can do all the work if you will only show them how.

Then this grand, glorious genuine gold medal dinner set will be yours. It will be sent you absolutely free of charge to you, and you pay absolutely nothing for it. Not one penny of your money will we accept.

We cannot describe the beauty of this genuine gold medal dinner set, with its handsome decorations of Arbutus Blossoms in all their natural colors and its beautiful gold bands. We know that a great many dinner sets have been sold which are not up to expectations, and when we tell you that this is genuine gold medal china it ought to be enough. It ought to convince you that what we mean what we say, that our offer is an honest one, and that when you have done the work for us, you will get this dinner set free. This grand dinner set is really worth your while, a dinner set of which you and your family will be proud—for this is not a cheap premium, but just the kind of a dinner set that you would buy at the store for a high price.

There are twenty-five pieces in this beautiful set. It is not as large a set as some people claim to give you, but we know you would rather have fewer dishes of a very higher grade than a lot of poor grade china, and as we do not want to ask too much of your time, and do not want to keep you busy on our little work for more than an evening or two, we are offering this 25-piece set. If you or your children can put in more time, or more work, we will give you larger sets, even a 175 piece set of genuine gold medal china.

But of the china that we do give you, the 25 pieces or more, will be of the highest genuine gold medal grade. I know you want that kind of china on your table. I want you to have the very best china—the kind of china used in the homes of rich people. I want you to have it and enjoy it, and I want you to picture to yourself how your table will look set with the beautiful, genuine gold medal china. Look closely at this picture of the dishes. See the fine wild rose decorations—a picture can hardly do justice to the set, but you can get a faint idea of the beauty of the dishes by looking at the picture.

See the gold—the rich, deep gold color—the pure white glaze quality. All these marks which have distinguished this china won for it the gold medal at the St. Louis World's Fair. This was the only china that won the gold medal at the World's Fair. Even though you become very rich and have the finest kind of house furniture you will always be proud to entertain your friends with this dinner set. You can truthfully and honestly tell your friends that this is the only china that won the gold medal at the St. Louis Exposition. You can show them the gold medal mark of quality on every set.

Now do you want this dinner set?—This beautiful, genuine, gold medal dinner set, just for a few of your spare hours? Would not your children, or your neighbors or some of the members of your family be willing to help you on the little work we ask? We do not want to delay you one minute. Our offer is limited. Those want to earn the dinner set, should earn it at once.

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pleted and is a little gem of beauty. The acoustics is fine, and I feel that our God will use it in a telling way for his glory and the good of all who have helped in its erection. We have had perfect harmony in all our work at Earle from the selection of church lot and plans, to the furnishing, buying organ, and organizing choir, etc. I am praying for the best year of my life, and think I see the day dawn of hope for this rich country.

BEDFORD L. HARRIS, P. C.

Crawfordsville and Earle.

Hot Springs Preachers Meeting Notes.

The following brethren met in pastor's study Central church, Feb. 17th. 10:30 a. m., Dr. M. B. Corrigan, J. R.

Rushing and F. E. Dodson, M. B. Corrigan presiding.

Park Avenue, J. R. Rushing, reported good services. Rev. Whitefield of the M. E. church preached morning and evening.

Tigert Memorial, F. E. Dodson, reported good congregations; received two members.

Central, M. B. Corrigan, reported good congregations and good services. F. E. DODSON, Sec.

Davidson, Okla.

I wish to announce through your columns that I want a good Christian young man who can play a guitar and sing well to sing for me in revival work in July, August and September. I don't want a flirt or dudo nor one

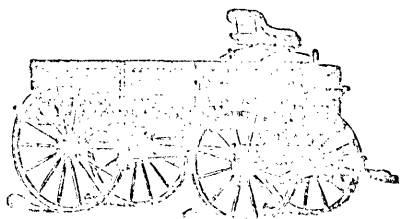
who parts his hair in the middle, but one who wants to sing for the glory of God and the salvation of sinners. Address me at Davidson, Okla.

T. M. WOOD.

Feb. 14.

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A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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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.)

BRAZZEL—Henry C., one of the best citizens of Bradley county, Ark., passed away when the man-loving and god-fearing Henry Brazzel went from us. He was forty six years. He was married to Miss Cecelia Smith who with three daughters survive him. This husband and father, for whose departure so many share the grief with the widow and children, was one of the most hospitable and generous of men. He had many friends. Noble in friendship himself that disposition in others naturally gravitated around him. His pastor had a warm place in his heart and cordial welcome in his home. His house like others with him on the Jer-

sey circuit ever had the "room and candlestick" for the prophet of the Lord. The writer of these lines owes to the friendship and favors of H. C. Brazzel a lifetime debt of gratitude. Deceased was for years a member of the Methodist church, and it was his custom to be at his place at the preaching services. This fact together with his personal friendship to his pastor makes his absence felt in a way to the pastor as it does to no one else except to the bereaved family. As this writer reflects on the three years he ministered on the Jersey circuit how thanksgiving to God abounds in him for Henry Brazzel and neighbors, deceased and living! They shall be appreciated not in this life only but in the ages to come. Money is trash comparable to the worth of their friendship. Born of God, such friendship cannot die. It is eternal. We would fondly believe that to his loved ones and friends the departed may be among the guardian spirits "sent forth to minister to the dead that shall be heirs of salvation." About his bedside was sung among others the much cherished hymn with the chorus "How I long to be there," and H. C. Brazzel's ears opened to the music made by the triumphant church. May his widow and daughters be faithful to a heavenly reunion.

JOHN F. TAYLOR.

FIRKINS—Mary E., daughter of John and Mary Althouse was born in Clinton county, Mo., Sept. 17, 1868. Sister Firkins gave her heart to God at an early age and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. Oct. 17, 1888, she was united in marriage to Arthur F. Firkins, and of this union there were six children born, two boys and four girls. Sister Firkins came with her husband and children to Oklahoma about five years ago and had endeared herself by her life of love and service to a host of friends who mourn her early demise. Last October Sister Firkins with her husband united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, having spent more than twenty-five years in God's service, she has entered into her rest, for she had this testimony that she pleased God. One by one our treasures are being transplanted to the heavenly city. Death came to liberate the soul from its temple of clay, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1908. Another soul has found its way to that city which hath foundation whose Builder and Maker is God. Her children shall rise up and call her blessed. Her pastor,

H. C. GULLEDGE.

Texmo, Okla., Feb. 7, 1908.

DEAN—Libbie M. Read was born in Ohio, November 25, 1857. Early in life she sought the higher life and found peace in Christ Jesus, Our Lord, and continued to the end of her pilgrimage, February 7, 1908, when she went home. She moved to Arkansas, Yell county, in 1879. She was married to Bro. E. P. Dean, January 13, 1884. They walked side-by-side happily, though sometimes affliction was heavy. They were blessed with three children who are still at home with Bro. Dean—Lizzie, Herbert, and Goly. For five years she was frail but patient, loving and kind. She was laid to rest in Harris graveyard by a host of friends. May the sorrowing family each one come down to the River in Peace as Sister Dean, and meet her upon that bright shore. Amen.

EUGENE WOODRUFF, P. C.

SOWELL—Leonard A. Sowell was born at Searey, Ark., July 10, 1883.

Died at the home of his father near Yellville, Dec. 25, 1907. He had lived a good moral life until within a short time before his death, when he felt the need of a Savior and gave his life to Him. His conversion was bright. A few weeks before his death he sent for me to come and receive him into the church. It was good to be there on that evening, as the family and friends of the family heard him take those solemn vows. Leonard died a victorious death, and left a good example for his mourning loved ones to follow. May our Father in heaven comfort the sorrowing family.

JOHN WOMACK.

Yellville, Feb. 11, 1908.

OWEN—Mrs. Arcenia Frances Owen was born in Columbia county, Ark., Sept. 3, 1881, and died Jan. 24, 1908, living altogether a little over 26 years. We can truthfully say she has gone to rest, after a short travel over the rugged paths of this life. But her influence still lives. In early childhood she professed religion and joined the Baptist church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dumas, of Horsehead, Ark., in which she lived a consistent member. In 1900 she was married to Mr. J. E. Owen, and in a short while she transferred her membership to the M. E. Church, South, and continued a true Christian as long as she lived. To this union there was born two children, one of whom with the father still lives to mourn her loss. Yes, she was a true Christian. She was kind and gentle and loving to all, and so patient in her affliction. She was like my own daughter to me. We did all we could for her in her last illness, which was of nine weeks duration. We all loved her; every one did that knew her. She has gone not to return. Weep not, Edgar, for your darling wife, but live so as to raise little Alva so that you can meet her in the sweet by and by.

MRS. L. F. OWEN.

Brister, Columbia Co., Ark.

NICHOLSON—Mrs. S. A. Nicholson, widow of Rev. S. A. Nicholson, and mother of Rev. J. A. Nicholson, who was for many years prior to his death a member of the Little Rock Conference; departed this life in great peace at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Presley, in Carlisle, Ark., Jan. 30, at the ripe age of seventy-two years. Her noble husband had preceded to the "Glory World" about twenty years, leaving her with a large family. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom, four daughters and three sons survive her. Her children are among our best men and women and reflect credit on the life and character of their splendid mother. Sister Nicholson was one of God's saints in the earth, and her death was a triumphant one. Her remains were conveyed the following day to Hickory Plains where her funeral was conducted by the writer after which her body was interred beside that of her ascended husband. May God bless the bereaved children.

Her pastor,

F. N. BREWER.

Carlisle, Ark., Feb. 12, 1908.

McCoy—Mrs. Mary McCoy, wife of Jacob McCoy, died at her home in Prairie Grove, Feb. 9th, 1908. She was born near Prairie Grove in the year 1841, and has lived in the community all her life. Very early in life she embraced faith in Christ, and has

SALVATION ARMY WORKER

Wife of a Captain in Charge of Army Work at Jonesboro, Ark., Writes Interesting Letter.

HER MOTHER ALSO

Mrs. J. Donaldson, of Jonesboro, Ark., a well-known worker in the Salvation Army, found herself ten years ago in very poor health, as the result of hard work, a weakened constitution and household cares.

In a letter recently written, she tells the story of how, after much suffering, she finally managed to permanently cure herself at home.

She writes: In 1895 and 1896 I suffered much with ovarian trouble. My limbs would swell, until great ridges would form out over my shoes. I was weak, with scarcely energy enough to do house-work at all.

Having read much of the merits of Wine of Cardui for female complaint, I decided to try it, and after taking two bottles was never troubled again.

During change of life, four years ago, my mother, Mrs. G. W. Wadsworth, nearly died. She had from sixteen to twenty-four cramping or sinking spells during a day and night, and many times we laid her down for dead. At last I persuaded her to take Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, which cured her.

In De Kalb, Ill., a young woman had taken cold and was irregular six months. I recommended Cardui, and after taking three bottles, she was entirely well."

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You need it, dear reader, whether you are young, middle-aged or old—married or single. Get it at the nearest druggist's, in \$1 bottles.

If you want Medical Advice, write us freely and frankly, in full confidence, and we will send you the advice you need, in plain, sealed envelope. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

been a consistent member of the Methodist church ever since. She was a true and faithful wife, a loving and tender mother, and a congenial neighbor. She leaves an aged husband and three devoted boys behind; and three daughters and one son have gone on before.

Her pastor,

J. E. McCONNELL.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski. Della Priestly, Plaintiff, vs. Felix Priestly, defendant. In the Pulaski County Court.

The defendant Felix Priestly is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Della Priestly.

Feb. 5th, 1908.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.
MARSHALL & COFFMAN,
Solicitors for Plaintiff

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

HARRISON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Green Forest ct., at Rule.....Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Fairview ct., at Right's Chapel.....Mar. 7-8
Yellville ct., at Ware's Chapel.....Mar. 14-15
Yellville Station.....Mar. 15-16
Cotton ct., at Cassville.....Mar. 21-22
Mtn. Home at Mtn. Home.....Mar. 20-23
Bellefonte and Marshal, at Olvey, Mar. 28-29
Kingston at Kingston.....Apr. 4-5
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.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
Houston & Perry Ct. at Fourche Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Pottsville Ct., at Davis Chapel Mar. 7-8
Clinton Ct., at Wesleyan Chapel Mar. 14-15
Plumerville Ct., at Hill Creek Mar. 21-22
Cleveland Ct., at Cleveland Mar. 28-29
Atkins Station.....Apr. 5-6
Morrilton Station.....Apr. 12-13
Russellville Station.....Apr. 19-20
Conway Station.....Apr. 26-27
JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
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. 15-16
Charleston Ct., at Grand Prairie Mar. 21-22
Branch Ct., at Branch Mar. 28-29
Paris Station.....Apr. 5-6
Huntington & Mansfield at H.....Apr. 12-13
Abbot Ct., at Abbot Mar. 20-23
Greenwood Station.....Apr. 4-5
Hackett Ct., at Excelsior.....Apr. 11-12
Washington Ct., at Excelsior.....Apr. 11-12
Hartford Ct., at Midland.....Apr. 13-13
Magazine Ct., at Sugar Grove.....Apr. 18-19
Roanokeville Station.....Apr. 19-20
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
Fayette Station.....Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Gravette & Decatur at Decatur Mar. 7-8
Farmington Ct., at Illinois Chapel Mar. 14-15
War Eagle Ct., at War Eagle Mar. 21-22
Springtown Ct., at Mt. Tabor Mar. 28-29
Siloam Springs Station.....Apr. 5-6
Poa Ridge Ct., at Buttra Chapel Mar. 28-29
Rogers Station.....Apr. 4-5
Centerton Ct., at Oakley's Chapel Apr. 11-12
Bentonville Station.....Apr. 12-13
Prairie Grove Station.....Apr. 18-19
Parksdale & Winslow at P.....Apr. 25-26
Goshen Ct., at New Cross.....Apr. 29-30
Fayetteville Station.....May 11
Springdale Station.....May 16-17
Rim Springs Ct., at Ebenezer.....May 23-24
Wm. SHERMAN, P. E.

DARDANELLE DIST.—SECOND ROUND
Dover Ct., at New Hope.....Feb. 29, 24
London and Knoxville, at Knoxville.....Feb. 29, March 1
Lamar Station.....Mar. 7-8
Prairie Ct., at Etchison's Chapel Mar. 14-15
Clarksville Station.....Mar. 21-22
Clarksville Ct., at Hartman.....Mar. 28-29
Coal Hill and Hartman, at Hartman.....Mar. 28-29
Spadra Mission.....Mar. 14, 15
Roseville and Webb City, at Roseville.....Mar. 15, 16
Alzark and Denning.....Mar. 21, 22
Ozark Ct., at Gar Creek.....Mar. 22, 23
Ozark Station.....Mar. 24, 25
Ozark Station.....Mar. 28, 29
J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

GUYMON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Mutual at Mutual.....Feb. 24-25
Woodward at Woodward.....Feb. 26
Optima.....Mar. 1-2
The District Stewards will please meet me in Hooker, Okla., on the 12th of Dec., 1907.
J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Bethel Ct., at Towall.....Feb. 29, Mar. 1
Kullit-Tuklo Ct., at Water Hole.....Mar. 7-8
Atoka Ct., at Pleasant Hill.....Mar. 14-15
Owl Ct., at Salt Creek.....Mar. 21, 22
Chickasaw Ct., at Kullit-Tuklo.....Mar. 28-29
Rufe Ct., at Black Jack.....Apr. 4, 5
Kiamitia Ct., at Old Cedar.....Apr. 11, 12
Long Creek.....Apr. 18, 19
C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—2ND ROUND
Gentry Station at Mt. Hope.....Feb. 23-24
Geary Station.....Feb. 26
Clinton and Arapaho.....Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Weatherford Station (At night).....Mar. 7-8
Erick and Texola at Dabney.....Mar. 8-9
Berlin Ct., at Short Creek.....Mar. 14-15
Sayre Station.....Mar. 15-16
Doxey Ct., at Prairie View.....Mar. 16-17
Elk City Station (At night).....Mar. 18
Foss at Hagar's.....Mar. 21-22
Butler at Shiloh.....Mar. 25
Texmo at Texmo.....Mar. 26-27
Roll at Dudley.....Mar. 28-29
Cheyenne.....Mar. 29-30
Hammon at Kiowa.....Mar. 30-31
Cowdon at Sappington.....Apr. 3-4
Cloud Chief at Dill.....Apr. 4-5
Rocky and Sentinel.....Apr. 7-8
Wood circuit.....Apr. 11-12
Gip circuit.....Apr. 18-19
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
(Additional.)
Marlow Station.....Feb. 16-17
Arlington.....Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Hastings, at Lone Star.....Mar. 1-2
Rush Springs at Woodlawn.....Mar. 8-9
Alex, at Amber.....Mar. 14-15
Minco and Tuttle at Tuttle.....Mar. 15-16
Randlett, at Liberty Hill.....Mar. 21-22
Eachite, at Spring Valley.....Mar. 21-22
Chickasha.....Mar. 29-30
Bailey, at Doyle.....Apr. 4-5
Lindsay.....Apr. 5-6
Duncan Circuit.....Apr. 11-12

Maud Ct.....Apr. 12
Carnegie and Ft. Cobb, at Boise.....Apr. 19-20
Comanche.....Apr. 25-26
Verden and Anadarko, at A.....Apr. 26-27
C. H. MCGHEE, P. E.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Cherokee Ct., at Pawpaw.....Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 8
Seminole Ct., at Hitchita.....Mar. 14, 15
Okmulgee Ct., at LittleCusseta.....Mar. 14, 15
Wewoka Ct., at Lumbee Tulsa.....Mar. 21, 22
Illinois Ct., at Moody.....Mar. 28, 29
ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Maud Ct.....Feb. 23, 24
Wanette Ct., at Jefferson.....Feb. 29 Mar. 1
Moral Ct., at Pioneer.....Mar. 1 2
Twelve Mile Prairie at Bee.....Mar. 7 8
Conalga and Wapanucka, at Wapanucka.....Mar. 8, 9
Tishon-ngo Ct., at Tishomingo.....Mar. 15, 16
Roff Station.....Mar. 21, 22
Ada Station.....Mar. 22, 23
Hickory at Flood Creek.....Mar. 27, 28
Hill Creek and Ravia.....Mar. 29, 30
Holdenville Station.....Apr. 1 3
Pontotoc at Onward.....Apr. 4, 5
Stonewall Ct., at Tupelo.....Apr. 5, 6
Ada Ct., at North Ada.....Apr. 6
Byars Ct., at Johnson.....Apr. 11, 12
Asher Station at Oak Grove.....Apr. 13
Wetumka.....Apr. 18, 19
Weleetka.....Apr. 19, 20
Bearden Ct., at Bearden.....Apr. 25, 26
Okemah Ct., at Paden.....Apr. 26, 27
Holdenville Ct., at Sasakwa.....Apr. 28, 29
S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Davidson, at Sanford.....Mar. 1, 2
Mangum Ct., at White Flat.....Mar. 7
Duke, at Rock House.....Mar. 8, 9
Lone Wolf.....Mar. 14, 15
Hobart.....Mar. 15, 16
Martha and Blair, at Blair.....Mar. 21, 22
Altus.....Mar. 22, 23
Headrick, at Headrick.....Mar. 28, 29
Vinson and Deer Creek, at Deer Creek.....Apr. 4
Reed, at Red Hill.....Apr. 5, 6
Kelly, at Pleasant Hill.....Apr. 11
Hollis and Dryden, at McNight.....Apr. 12, 13
Elmer, at Carmel.....Apr. 18, 19
Olmsted and Eldorado, at Olmsted, Apr. 19, 20
Mt. Park, at Mt. Bend.....Apr. 25, 26
Frederick Ct., at Good Hope.....May 2, 3
Granite and Gotebo, at Gotebo.....May 9, 10
Mt. View.....May 10, 11
Willow Ct.....May 16, 17
Mangum Station.....May 17, 18
L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.
Mangum, Okla.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Kingston & Woodville at Aylesworth.....Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Madill Station.....Mar. 1-2
Dougherty Circuit, at Tools.....Mar. 7-8
Davis Station at Davis.....Mar. 8-9
Cumberland Ct., at Cumberland Mar. 14-15
Providence Ct., at Durwood.....Mar. 15-16
Broadway, Ardmore.....Mar. 22-23
Lebanon Ct., at Oakland.....Mar. 22-23
Carter Ave. & Mannsville at M.....Mar. 28-29
Pauls Valley Station.....Apr. 4-5
Wynnewood Station.....Apr. 5-6
Cornish Ct., at Loco.....Apr. 11-12
Grady Ct., at Grady.....Apr. 13-14
Lone Grove at Newport.....Apr. 18-19
Paoli Ct., at Florence Chp.....Apr. 25-26
Berwyn and Springer at Springer Apr. 26-27
Elmore Ct., at Antioch.....May 2-3
Tussey Ct., at Tussey.....May 3-4
Woodford Ct., at Elk.....May 4-5
Thackerville Ct., at Love's Valley May 9-10
Marietta Station.....May 10-11
Leon and Burneyville at Leon.....May 16-17
Whitehead and Mayesville at W.....May 23-24
Overbrook Ct., at Marsden.....May 24-25
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Wilmar sta.....Mar. 1
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DIST.—FIRST ROUND.
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.

ARKADEPHIA DIST.—FIRST ROUND
Park Ave.....Feb. 26
Tiger Memorial.....Feb. 27
Malvern Sta.....Feb. 27
Malvern Ave.....Mar. 1-2
Let all official members be present at first quarterly conference.
H. M. BRUC, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
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
Chidister.....Apr. 11-12
District Stewards will meet in Prescott, Jan. 15th, at 11 o'clock.
THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
Hermitage ct.....Mar. 7-8
Jersey ct.....Mar. 8-9
Parkdale and Wilmos.....Mar. 14-15
Dermott and Arkansas City.....Mar. 15-16
New Edinburg Ct.....Mar. 21-22
Warren and Mission.....Mar. 22-23
Snider ct.....Mar. 28-29
Hambur Station.....Mar. 29-30
Lacey ct.....Apr. 4-5
Monticello Station.....Apr. 5-6
Eudora ct.....Apr. 11-12

Lake Village and Portland.....April 12-13
Watson ct.....April 18-19
Tiller ct., at McGehee.....April 19-20
Hamburg ct.....April 25-26
Crossett and Mission.....Apr. 26-27
Collins ct.....May 2-3
Selma ct.....May 9-10
Wilmar Station.....May 10-11
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Eldorado Station.....Mar. 1-2
Bearden at Eagle Mills.....Mar. 7-8
Thornton at New Hope.....Mar. 14-15
Hampton ct., at Hampton.....Mar. 21-22
Camden Station.....Mar. 29-30
Eldorado Ct., at Bethel.....Apr. 4-5
Strong Ct., at Bolding.....Apr. 11-12
Fordyce Station.....Apr. 19-20
Atlanta ct., at Atlanta.....Apr. 25-26
Stamps Station.....May 3-4
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.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Winfield Memorial.....March 1
Tomberlin.....March 7, 8
England.....March 8, 9
Lonoke.....March 15
Bryant Ct., at Sardis.....March 22
Oak Hill at Pleasant Hill.....March 28, 29
Mablevale Ct., at Mt. Pleasant.....Apr. 4, 5
Austin Ct., at Austin.....Apr. 11, 12
Benton.....Apr. 19
Hickory Plains Ct., at Hebron.....Apr. 25, 26
Mauumelle Ct., at Spring Valley.....May 2, 3
Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen.....May 10
DeVall's Bluff and Dos Arc, at D. A. May 24
Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton.....May 30, 31
A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
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.....Apr. 4-5
Wilton Ct.....Apr. 11-12
Gilham Ct.....Apr. 15, 5, 6
Dierks Ct.....Apr. 25-26
Locksburg Ct., at Belleville.....Apr. 18, 19
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.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND
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.

HELENA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Clarendon Station.....Mar. 1-2
Helena Station.....Mar. 8-9
The District Stewards are requested to meet in the Methodist Church in Forest City at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1908, and to write Rev. B. L. Wilford, P. C., when they expect to arrive.
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
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 Dell.....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.

Notice.

The Executive committee of the Board of Church Extension of White River Conference is called to meet at the First M. E. Church, South, at Jonesboro, Ark., March 10, at 10 o'clock a. m. Any who desire application blanks to the General Board for aid may get them from Rev. S. F. Brown, secretary, Beebe, Ark., or Dr. W. F. McMurtry, Louisville, Ky.
P. B. WALLIS, Chairman.

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WOMAN'S H. M. SOCIETY.

Mrs. A. L. Malone,
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Mrs. G. G. Davidson,
Mrs. Tom McSpadden,

Little Rock Conference.

We are so glad to have a word from Mrs. S. B. Proctor, District Secretary Camden District. We wish we could hear from each of the other six secretaries in our conference, and also the superintendents of the different departments.

MRS. V. S. McELLEAN.

Supt. Proctor Work, Little Rock Conference W. H. M. S.

Mrs. Proctor says:

We are reaching the end of another year's work in the Woman's Home Mission Society. Have we given our very best? If so, what a blessing is ours.

The majority of the ladies in the Camden District are doing well. Their reports throughout the year have been encouraging. We have created leaders and with each edge of the work comes new interest. Have noticed each year at our annual meeting, the number of women presented there by delegates and visitors receive new inspiration, and they show marked improvement. There can be no better investment of financial money than in meeting year after year with that noble body of women who make our King's business first of all. The president of one of our Auxiliaries writes that their financial report will be full, and as to the spiritual condition is assured that it continually grows stronger. When about two years ago they had only five or six members

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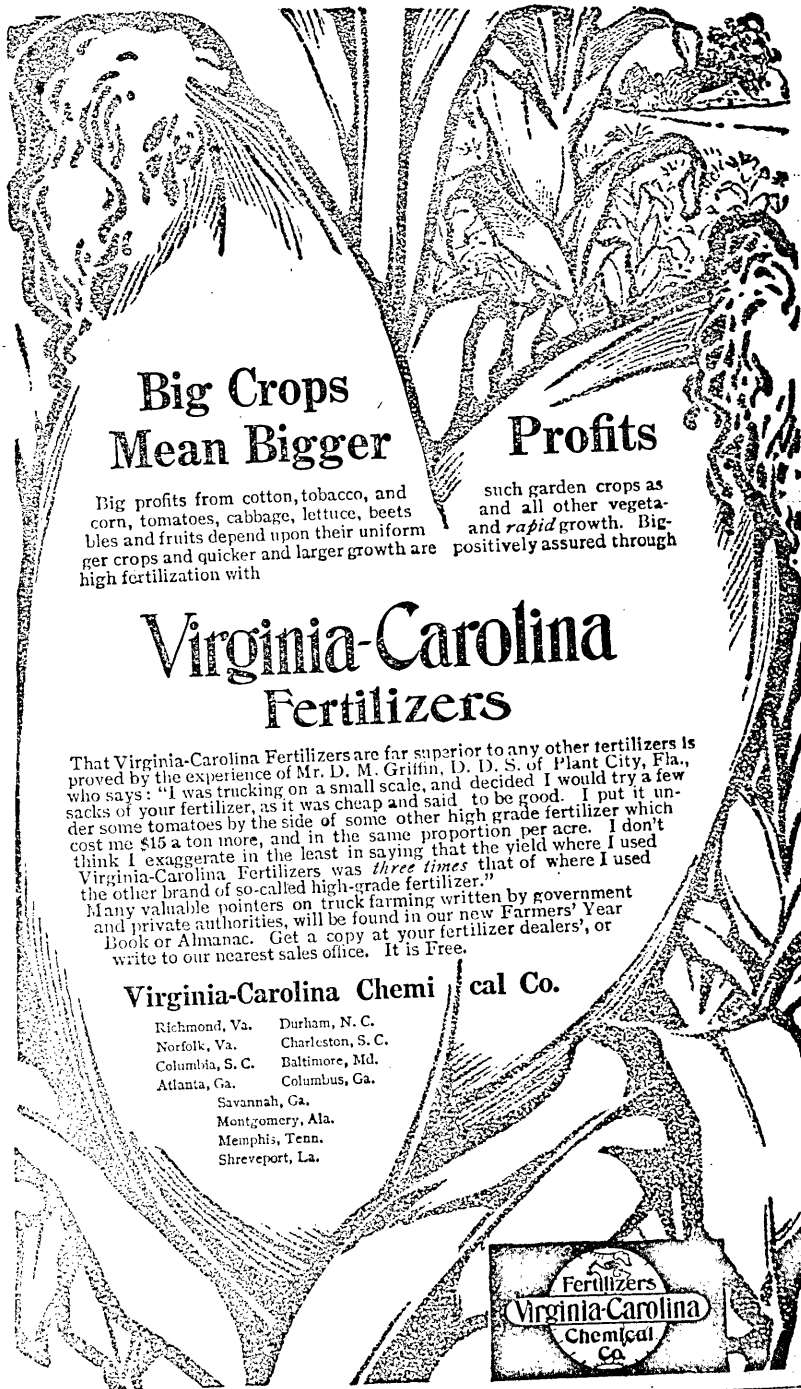
who would lead in prayer now with a membership of forty-five only a few refuse when called on. That has the true ring. God speed the day when we will count it a privilege to be permitted to do these things.

The children in many places seem to have taken on new life in the work. Brigades are being organized. Perhaps a large part of this is due to our third vice president, for one would be hard put to catch some of her zeal and enthusiasm. We rejoice that we have her strong influence.

In the February number of "Our Homes" in the editorial notes we find "The election of Officers of the Auxiliary" perhaps would be well to repeat here. Though the officers may have been elected, the suggestions we will find most helpful.

The election of Auxiliary officers is often a perplexing question to our women, and the February meeting is one much dreaded. Many letters are received asking that an easy way out of the difficulty may be shown the writer. The individual cases discussed put these difficulties in three classes: (1) To find qualified women, (2) To induce such women to take the office, (3) To get rid of inefficient women without hurt or offence. To one unacquainted with the practical working of the Auxiliaries these would seem questions easily answered; but they are not, and the subject involves the welfare of the Auxiliary for the year. Too often the inefficient women are not the least interested and are unwilling to give the time and thought required by the office, or they have other duties they deem more important. Alas that so many Christian women are willing to give to church work only a bare fragment of their time! On the other hand, women continue to hold an office without fulfilling its duties, yet seem to be interested. Some lack knowledge, and some lack religion. The case stated, what is to be done? There should be much private and public prayer for anything to be done; also much self-remembering. Then the truth should be spoken and received in love, and an honest effort be made, "without fear or favor" to elect the best available women. These should be asked to read the duties of the office and each pledge herself to perform them and promise that the first quarter's failure will bring her resignation. Then all members should pledge themselves to be faithful to help the officers in every way possible. Here, after all, is often the cause of failure. The finest program a president can make will amount to nothing unless the members carry it out with spirit. A woman may be a good treasurer yet be unable to make the members pay their dues. A fine recording secretary may find it impossible to keep the minutes where no order is observed. Are we not more exacting of each other than we are of ourselves?

We see that the success of an Auxiliary depends not on the officers, nor on the membership as a whole, but on each individual member. Perhaps some of you remember how Miss Mabel Head made this so clear to us in her most helpful talks, as she told us of the many very pressing calls for help, which must be refused for lack of workers and means. The Woman's Board is dependent on the conference societies. The conference societies on the Auxiliaries. The Auxiliaries on each member. Shall we by giving ourselves, our prayers and our money, answer these calls? Shall you? Shall I?



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for the purpose of relieving themselves of their burdens which consisted of the many good things of this life that go to make the preacher's home happy. Then they were invited to the front room where we had prayer, reading for our lesson the twelfth chapter of Romans; and after prayer gave a short talk and thanking them for their visit to our home, they then left us while we felt that it was a great blessing to live among such a kind people. We are very hopeful of the future. Praying for a great revival all over the work.

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