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EDITORIAL.

Our Episcopacy—A View From On A Side.

There have appeared recently in The Methodist Review two articles from Bishop E. E. Hoss giving an interior view of our episcopacy. These articles, like all else Bishop Hoss writes, are well written; they are in excellent spirit, and they evince a genuine regard for that public opinion in which our episcopacy is to be held. More recently there appeared in the Christian Advocate a very excellent article from Dr. W. F. Lloyd, giving an exterior view. Bishop Hoss is an active bishop, whose business it is to give preachers appointments; Dr. Lloyd is an active pastor, whose duty it is to receive appointment from a bishop and do his work as such appointee. We have seen nothing in what Bishop Hoss has said nor anything in what Dr. Lloyd has said with which we may not agree. There are some things, however, that may well be added to the discussion, now that it is up. We have entitled what we are here about to write as a view from on a side because the writer is not a bishop, making appointments, nor a pastor, receiving appointments. He is appointed annually, to be sure, but those of us who are "on detail service," as college presidents and editors, are not under any time limit, and are, for the time, at least, practically exempt from the roll of the itinerant wheel.

Both of the writers named above are loyal to our Methodist episcopacy as an institution among us. So also is this writer. We would not at all consent to dispense with it. But both Bishop Hoss and Dr. Lloyd tell us that no mere superstitious reverence should bar the way of discussing whether there may be a change for the better. With this sentiment also we agree. If there be a bad legal adjustment of our episcopacy to the times in which we live, or if there be errors of practice upon the part of our bishops, he is no friend to the institution who lifts up his hands in horror when suggestions are made; and this is true whether the objector be a bishop or a pastor or a layman. The worst treatment that can be given our episcopacy is to tolerate abuses in it under which good men suffer, and continue to suffer till the whole system is brought into disrepute. Bishop Hoss speaks of a certain aloofness upon the part of the church toward the bishops—that there is a tendency to simply let them alone. There is an aloofness, and one of the elements in it is a feeling that it is of no use to antagonize what a bishop does, a feeling that it is worth as much as a man's head to seriously antagonize a bishop. We have before recorded in these columns our conviction that such is the situation that it would be impossible to sustain any charge against a bishop short of a charge of some scandalous crime. It bodes no good to our system that it should be so. There ought by all means to be a redress for all wrongs, and must be, if we are to preserve intact the system itself. Dr. Lloyd is entirely correct when he says that the bishops of our church

are for the most part great and good men; that their leadership is generally wise, their labors ceaseless, their sermons of a high order, their bearing toward their brethren kindly and courteous. But he adds next a sentence about the few "dead flies that cause the ointment of the apothecary to stink." He thinks the greater part of the present friction arises from an arbitrary use of the appointing power on the part of an occasional stubborn bishop, and he suggests that a remedy could be found either in an episcopacy with limited term of office or in a statute binding the bishops to consult the presiding elders about all appointments.

Now, as to the making of appointments, we most heartily commend the sentiment expressed by Bishop Hoss, that "a bishop without a cabinet, or in contempt of it, or in opposition to it, is an unedifying spectacle." We have no hesitation in saying that for a bishop to make an appointment that is opposed by the presiding elders, or by a majority of them, is a high-handed use of power, and that such appointments will in nine cases out of ten result in damage to the church. For a bishop coolly to announce to a whole cabinet that none of them need say a word, that he is going to make a certain appointment, to which he knows that they are all opposed, and that on the ground that the man to be appointed is his personal friend—for any such situation as this to arise is terrible, and ought to be impossible. We do not know that anything so bald ever occurred, but we have heard it charged. If ever the church comes to believe that bishops will use their high office, not generally, but with even small frequency, to reward their friends or to punish those whom they do not like, then we shall have no episcopacy; and if bishops, any of them, are now in the habit of so acting as to generate the suspicion that they can do such things, it is time to amend the law governing their conduct.

Two things, in our judgment, are needed. It has for some time been our deliberate conviction that we ought to be quit of this aloofness of which Bishop Hoss has so well spoken. There ought to be a free and frank discussion of the methods of our bishops, just such as is found in the papers of Bishop Hoss and Dr. Lloyd. This discussion ought to be free from personalities. No bishop ought to be held up to public odium through the columns of a newspaper. But the practices that should govern them all ought to be settled as a matter of public opinion. The second thing is an effective tribunal where redress for wrongs can be found. The wrongs are not always matters of appointment; they may be matters of unkindness in other respects. We have no such tribunal now, notwithstanding the existence of the committee on episcopacy at the General Conference. The committee might be made effective, but the processes now in vogue must be changed if it is to become effective. We need a tribunal which will afford a guarantee to every man that his rights can be protected. It would doubtless often happen that the com-

plainant would fail to make good his complaint, but he will then have had opportunity to know that his complaint is groundless. Inasmuch as we are now without such a tribunal it becomes all our bishops to be especially considerate, as we verily believe they usually are. A man who is believed to be godly, brotherly and absolutely impartial will always be honored, loved and trusted in our episcopacy; but an episcopacy that is even exposed to such suspicions as we have indicated cannot command that unqualified respect that will enable it to do its best service.

The Saloon and Crime in Arkansas.

A recent examination of the statistics of the Arkansas Penitentiary gives startling figures and more strong argument against the saloon. Last year 564 convicts were enrolled. Of these 312 were from our seventeen wet counties and only 252 were from the fifty-eight dry counties. Using the vote cast for governor in 1906 as the basis of calculation (the census of 1900 being out of date) only twenty-seven per cent. should have come from the wet counties; but the per cent. was actually from the dry counties should have been seventy-three per cent. instead of the forty-five per cent. actually found. Do licensed saloons pay when they double the criminal population of a county?

On last Christmas day a photograph was taken on board the U. S. battleship Minnesota. In front of one of the big turrets hung in large letters the motto "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." The motto was suspended from two of the ship's big guns! The Watchman, of Boston, commenting upon the incident, pronounced the scene the most grotesque that ever entered the imagination of man. What if it should be true that big battleships and big guns are the best guaranty that there will be no war?

Is it really true that with what measure we mete it shall be measured to us again? that the man who bears a generous spirit towards his fellows, thinks generously of them, speaks generously of them, will in turn be treated generously? If it be true—and the greatest of all teachers says it is true—some of us are very foolish.

When you get to be old you will know that it pays to be kind and loving. What a pity so many of us must spend all of our lives learning how to live! What riches and blessing it would bring us if we only could use this wisdom all along the way of life.

Your attitude toward others will be determined by the way you feel in your heart toward them. The best set of rules on polite living may be comprehended in the one rule that we should cultivate a kindly disposition.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Last Saturday we had an appreciated call from Dr. W. G. Holland, of Pangburn, Ark.

Dr. Lambuth reports that an uncommonly effective laymen's meeting was recently held at Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. C. A. Burris, Clinton, Okla., has moved into a handsome parsonage. We congratulate both him and his.

Rev. D. P. Forsythe, of Carlisle Mission, reports a fine day at Hamilton last Sunday. He hopes to build a new church there this year.

The commencement sermon at the Vanderbilt University, will be, this year, preached by Dr. W. J. Dawson, of Brooklyn, N. Y. for 1907 can be had of Rev. W. F. Dunkle, Muskogee, for sixteen cents. It is in excellent form.

At Winfield Church, Little Rock, arrangements are being made to provide for a nursery in which young children may be cared for while their mothers attend the services.

The recent Missionary Convention at Oklahoma City was delighted and greatly edified by the singing of Mrs. H. B. Turner, a member of the M. E. Church in that city.

The presiding elder of the Little Rock District has found a man who proposes to become responsible for two-thirds of the cost of a certain country church much needed.

Dr. Collins Denny has been appointed our fraternal messenger to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, which meets next May in the city of Baltimore.

Rev. W. F. Evans, returning from the Missionary Conference at Oklahoma City, stopped in the city long enough to announce that he had been at a great meeting.

Rev. S. F. Brown, pastor at Bebee, was in the city Wednesday and made us a brotherly call. He reported his charge in good condition.

Rev. F. P. Doak, of Hamburg, Ark., visited Rev. R. G. Rowland, and looked in on us last Thursday and gave a very cheering account of his charge and its prospects.

Rev. G. M. Gentry, of Maumelle, Mission, was in our office Wednesday. Prospects for good work were brighter. It is probable that a new church will be built in the Ezra neighborhood.

We are glad to note that Rev. J. B. Smith, who has served several years as supply in the Oklahoma Conference is now pleasantly situated on the Pleasanton charge in Texas where he is doing a good work.

The annual meeting of the Conference for Education in the South will be held in Memphis, Tenn., April 22-24. Many distinguished men from all parts of our country will be there.

On account of ill health Bishop Atkins will not dedicate the new church at Tulsa, Okla., as announced last week in our columns on March 1, but will defer it one week making it March 8. Let all interested take due notice.

In a personal note from Rev. W. W. Nelson, of DeWitt, Ark., we learn that he has just let the contract for new pews, repainting and papering his church at an expense of several hundred dollars. His work is progressing and he is in love with his people.

Our St. Luke's church in Oklahoma City, whose dome is now lifted toward the sky and whose columns are in place, is a really imposing pile. There will be no better church building in that city. It will be a monument to the energy of Bro. Kniekerbocker and his people.

We note that the Russian court martial has condemned Gen. Stoessel. Our readers will remember that we predicted as much. After condemning him to die, they mercifully recommended that his sentence be commuted to ten years imprisonment in a fortress. The civil world will condemn the court.

Within a week or two past our brother W. D. Matthews gave up the last daughter he and his good wife had at home, Miss Mattie Freeman. She became the wife of a very excellent young gentleman at Wynnewood, Mr. J. H. Cooper. We wish the young couple all joy.

Several brethren from Arkansas attended the Missionary Meeting at Oklahoma City. W. F. Evans, Little Rock Conference, Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, M. N. Waldrip, E. R. Steel and W. T. Thompson, of the Arkansas Conference, were among the number.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Rev. James H. Miller, at Hartford, Ark., Feb. 21. Bro. Miller was aged and feeble, but notwithstanding this he had spent several years as supply in the Oklahoma Conference, his last charge being Pontotoc circuit and he traveled it last year. He was a good man and his works abide.

We are pained and surprised to learn that Rev. S. G. Thompson, presiding elder of the McAlester District, has been laid up for about six weeks, with the prospect that he will be laid up for as long a time yet to come. He was bitten on the ankle by a spider, before the session of the Oklahoma Conference last fall, and it has proven to be a serious matter. We trust our good brother will get out of the case without serious trouble.

Last Friday we had the pleasure of a brief visit from Dr. W. F. Andrews, formerly of First Church, Little Rock, now of Centenary, St. Louis, who was returning from the funeral of his father's friend, Dr. A. J. Nolan, at Haskell, Texas. He had also visited in Dallas and Amarillo. His many friends here were pleased to see him looking so well, and to hear such favorable reports from his work in St. Louis.

Feb. 19, by special invitation a company of Christian workers met at the Y. M. C. A. in Little Rock, in a Bible Study Institute. After brief addresses on special topics by Rev. J. S. Edenburn, Secretary S. W. Moore, and Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, Mr. F. S. Goodman, International Secretary, was introduced. In a very felicitous manner he discussed the campaign for the promotion of Bible Study. Those who were fortunate enough to hear Mr. Good-

man have a broader conception of the work of the Association and its relation to this vital problem. One of the finest features of Association work is its emphasis upon the value of the Bible. The Christian world is more and more appreciating the Word.

Sunday at Booneville, Ark.

It was Sunday 16th, and the day was fair and fine. I had written our pastor, Rev. G. M. Barton, that I could spend that day with him, preach in the forenoon and hold a temperance rally at night. He had made all necessary announcements. A large audience filled the church on Sunday morning, and a larger one packed it on Sunday night. We had delightful worship and a great rally. All the churches of the town joined in the rally, the Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists, the Baptist pastor being present, the Presbyterian pastor being absent from town. State-wide prohibition strikes a popular chord in this community.

The next day Bro. Barton gave me freely his time and his wisdom, and we worked the situation over for the paper, leaving Booneville in good condition. All our brethren know that Bro. Barton does well all he undertakes. Just now he is busy about locating and building a new church, which this congregation greatly needs. When Booneville was rebuilt some years ago there was a respectable frame church building which had served very well for the old town in the "good old times," but it does not meet the needs of the present situation. The community is just out of the building of a first-class high school building; but they cannot rest—and they will not. Some of the best people of the land live in that good town, and they will go forward.

JAS. A. A.

Epworth University.

During a recent visit to Oklahoma City I had the pleasure of spending almost a whole day in and about our Epworth University. The Board of Trustees was in session, and the courtesies of the Board were extended to this visitor. They were hammering away on some financial problem—produced by the successes of the institution. The meeting reminded me much of many a similar one I had been in with our Hendrix Board and with our Gallop Board. The one urgent thing is to find money enough to make these great schools strong for the work they are set to do. Epworth needs greatly now fifty thousand dollars for buildings and improvements. Rev. W. J. Sims, the Commissioner on the part of our church is in an earnest effort to raise at least twenty thousand this year. He is entitled, and Epworth is entitled that he should do it.

Chancellor Bradford made me make a speech to the student body. They are a fine lot, the very flower of our Methodism in Oklahoma. If I correctly remember the number there are 525 in attendance this year. That is certainly a fine showing for an institution so young. We make no doubt at all at the quality of the work being done. I desire to acknowledge all sorts of courtesies extended by Chancellor Bradford and members of the faculty. They are incapable of doing any other than the courteous thing.

Help Commissioner Sims, brethren, help him!

JAS. A. A.

The Missionary Rally, Oklahoma City.

It is over. It was really a great meeting. The speeches made were of as high average as I have ever heard at any great meeting. I could not resist the feeling that managers on

either side of this Bi-Metholist meeting had organized a sort of speaking-match and were trotting out each their best. I shall not undertake to decide, if such was the case, which side won. It is enough that both sides did exceedingly well. Of course, it would be impossible in a short communication like this to give any idea of the speeches in detail. Bishop Hendrix did us good service, both in the chair and on the platform. Bishop Atkins had left the echoes of his work in the air, from the night before, when I got there. He was indisposed, however, during nearly the whole time, and could not attend. Bishop McDowell, of the M. E. Church, to me a most charming personality, did high service. I was delighted with his addresses. The winning power of our Dr. Lambuth is known to almost the entire missionary world, and he was on the platform several times with able speeches, being fresh from the Orient, as all our people know. Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, one of the Missionary Secretaries of the M. E. Church, is a great and worthy missionary leader, if what I saw of him there is a fair index. His presentation of what has been done in the Philippines is thrilling, as is the work in Cuba by our own church, of which Dr. Lambuth took occasion to tell. Dr. George B. Winton gave, on short notice, a statesman-like presentation of the work of Protestant Missions in Latin America. Dr. S. A. Steel gave his views of things in his celebrated lecture on the Pioneers of Methodism. President Boaz, of the Polytechnic College, Ft. Worth, spoke on the relation of the colleges to missionary problems. Dr. Elliot and Bro. Vaughan, of Chicago, the former the Field Secretary of Home Missions for the M. E. Church, the latter the superintendent of an institutional church in Halsted street, each struck the heart of the convention. Col. Halford, of the U. S. Army (a grand man he is, who spent several years in the Philippines, and was ready to lead a regiment or to preach a lay sermon at any time) won us all both by the breadth of his intelligence and the sweetness of his spirit. And our Mr. John R. Pepper, so broad and religious and strong—well, the Northern brethren wanted to have him transferred to the North.

Co-operating with the officers of the annual conference mission boards Revs. J. W. Sims, J. B. McDonald, L. L. Thurston, O. E. Goddard, and others representing our church, were Dr. Trimble, of the M. E. Church, and Dr. Jno. R. Nelson, of our church. I do not know what tribulations Dr. Trimble may have had to take care of his end of the program, but I do know that Dr. Nelson had a time of it with his, such were the contingencies created by sickness and other circumstances to defeat his well made plans. But he held it up well, and deserves great credit.

This was an interdenominational meeting. What of that feature? To be perfectly frank about it, I was not well impressed, till toward the last, with this phase of the convention. There seemed to me to be but little personal fellowship; there seemed to me to be a sort of constraint and a lack of that atmosphere which a sense of fellowship creates. I do not know just what it was or is. Perhaps we have some ways that our brethren of the M. E. Church do not like. Personally I would be willing to quit any ways if the quitting of them would make them love me more, if there seems to be no principle involved. I sincerely desire a closer relation between the two churches wherever they meet throughout the world. Perhaps some of our brethren do not like some of their ways. I frankly confess that it somewhat shocks my nerves to observe the rather blunt way in which they sometimes

obtrude politics upon us while ecclesiastically assembled. We met in the splendid auditorium of the M. E. Church in Oklahoma City for this missionary occasion. Flags of all nations may perhaps be well displayed at a meeting gathered for the consideration of world-wide missions, so that the display of U. S. flags was not particularly to be objected to on this occasion. But when I saw no sign of the cross in any window and an abundant display of U. S. flags, together with Grand Army symbols and an almost life-sized portrait of Abraham Lincoln, as part of the permanent furnishings of the church, in its most prominent and handsome window; then neither my love of the flag of my country, which is a genuine love, nor my admiration for Abraham Lincoln, which is a sincere admiration, saved me from a sense of the grotesque. Now, this is perhaps their business: but I do not like it. Nor do Southern Methodists generally like it; it is a real barrier between the two churches, and this must be my apology for speaking of it at all in this place. I was glad to be told by a high authority that the symbols are not satisfactory to many of their people. Nor is it because we are not patriotic, either; for the records of the Cuban War will show, and the records of other wars, that we have been as ready to smell powder as have our brethren of the North, when the country needed us. But no Southern Methodist Church ever yet displayed a Confederate flag or a portrait of Lee or Jackson. We think that these things do not belong in the church, even in our most devoutly patriotic moments. We want to enjoy our religion without any intimation that we must have somebody's political faith. These were some of the things that were on the surface; and yet I rejoice to believe that, deeper than these things we all came to see that we were all sincerely laboring for the spread of the gospel of Christ throughout the world, and we were each able to appreciate the fact that each of our great churches is doing a really great work. So far as we did appreciate this fact there was a real contribution of fraternity.—JAS. A. A.

Guthrie, Okla.

For the first time since my connection with our work in Oklahoma it has been my privilege to visit the capital city, Guthrie, spending Sunday, the 25th, there. I have never made any secret of my personal fondness for the present pastor there, Rev. Theo. F. Brewer. He blushed a little when I told his congregation that he was my father's pastor in Tennessee when I was a small boy. But, as a matter of fact, he was himself but little more than a boy at that time, and he does not look much older than some of the rest of us now. The spirit of a true and loyal soldier has been in him all the days of his life, is in him and in his wife, now.

The course of things has been going rather against the Southern Methodist Church in Guthrie for some years. It has been just a little above our line of latitude in Oklahoma. But with the incoming of Statehood a new opportunity has been created for us there. And it is a happy conjuncture of circumstances, for the interests of the church that Bro. Brewer became pastor as the new State officers went into Guthrie to take their places. No man in Oklahoma is better known to them or more trusted by them. The result is a marked advance. If Bro. Brewer stays there we shall go to the front in that city.

I preached to a good congregation morning and night. All departments of the church service are improving.

It was a great pleasure to meet in Guthrie

that bright woman Miss Rose Bennett, the daughter of one of the former editors of this paper, and known in her own right and name as a most capable woman. She is enrolling clerk of the Senate, and contemplates establishing a girls' school in Oklahoma. It was also a great pleasure to meet my old friend Mr. C. M. Oliver, of Fayetteville, Ark., out on an apple-selling tour. These two gave much late news from Arkansas.

I have been interested to watch the effect of prohibition in Oklahoma City and in Guthrie. It has not stopped the rush of business anywhere except in the police courts; stopped the rush of nothing except the rush of sin and shame and ruin. One can now walk the streets without having his olfactories saluted with the stench that pours out of the front doors of saloons. It is a happy change.

The legislature is now in session. I was in the Senate more than once. It has an air of business, straightforwardness. It is too young, if not too noble, to have organized cliques and rings. May it ever be too honorable to do so. JAS. A. A.

Hendrix College Notice.

The faculty of Hendrix College have elected Dr. T. E. Sharp to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon for Hendrix College on Commencement Sunday, June 14th, 1908.

S. ANDERSON.

Dr. D. C. Kelley, having been mentioned in connection with the death of Capt. William Forrest, son of the famous Confederate General, N. B. Forrest, as a "member of General Forrest's staff," has furnished one of the Nashville papers a brief account of his army career in which he states that he was never officially on General Forrest's staff. He enlisted with a Huntsville, (Ala.) company, preferring regular enlistment to a chaplaincy as a mode of influencing others for good, and was by that company chosen captain. The company soon became a part of the regiment which General Forrest (then Colonel) was then forming at Memphis; and its colonel, taking a liking to the preacher-captain, saw to it that he was promoted from time to time. When Colonel Forrest was promoted to the position of General of a brigade, Dr. Kelly became colonel of his old regiment. The General chose, as Dr. Kelley puts it, to keep his chaplain-colonel about headquarters, and frequently gave him temporary command in action or on other special occasions of other regiments and sometimes even a brigade or division. "When not in active service or with the old regiment," Dr. Kelley adds, "his headquarters were my home. When there he was careful to give me all the privileges of headquarters chaplain; and Willie, his son, whom we buried in Memphis last Sunday, was especially charged with the duty of acting as my aid in delivering orders for religious services. Chaplain by courtesy of Forrest headquarters, the colonel of Forrest's old cavalry regiment—such was my rank as shown by army records."—Nashville Christian Advocate.

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From Galloway College.

Though our friends may think we have maintained a long silence at Galloway, still we have not done it because of indifference nor a lack of something to write. Since the entrance into the duties of the presidency we have had to work and work hard.

Our labors up to the present time have been along two lines. First, we have striven to provide comforts sufficient for any well-bred southern girl. Our rooms are well lighted, well heated and are furnished with plain, comfortable fittings. The Galloway girls have good, wholesome food. In breads, butter and meats we have the best our market supplies. Our girls eat each day as good biscuits as are served in the best hotels of Arkansas. Those who visit our kitchen service find it as clean as that of most private homes. We are glad to have our friends come and see these things.

Our next effort has been to get the best results from the various departments of the school. It matters not what line of work our girls may chance to be pursuing we want them to learn to do their best. Above all else we are trying to implant this into their lives as a habit. We are placing before them the highest ideals known to us; for we know before a girl accomplishes very much, her ambition to do something must be aroused. We hope more and more to impress on them the dignity of womanhood, and to have them lift their eyes and see how great are its possibilities.

An education to be well rounded in its nature must train the body, the mind and the soul so that the union of these three will develop a person fitted for a bread-earner; one capable of dealing more intelligently with conditions of the family, the community and the state; responsibility, which, if rightly appreciated, effects a unity of action in life for personal and general good.

Is a thorough education for woman worth while?

If she become a bread-earner will she by reason of this training be better fitted? Necessity seems to be forcing more and more women to assume this role. To be sure it is a sad condition for the home and the nation, but present circumstances compel them to come into daily competition with skilled labor; therefore that they may work on the same level and save nerve forces for both present and future needs, women must be prepared to compete on even terms. Labor with skilled minds makes the fastest and surest headway in every field of action.

In my opinion this phase of woman's education is to be least considered. I do not think present conditions prove that she has elevated her sex or the opposite one by her entrance into business life, neither has she thereby gained in sweetness nor in moral height." Despite this, I am sure it is worth while for her to go into this work well equipped, if go she must. I think we would be far better off, if she could stay within the sphere of the home and expend her energies for the growth and betterment of a great nation.

Can an educated woman conduct the affairs of a home better than an ignorant or an ordinary one? Let me ask another question. Do not the duties of a home bring needs for knowledge and wisdom and skill of the highest type? In the rearing of a family a woman has a responsibility which is god-like; therefore let her get wisdom and knowledge not simply that she may know, but let her lend her talents to the training of men and to God to help the races yet to be. No woman can rear a family with conscious wisdom and foresight

who has not in some measure already trod that road herself. To be a competent guide one must know the way.

Woman more than man is a home-builder, and herein arise so many questions which later on affect our social and national life, that we must give her the power of directing intelligently the earlier forces which must needs grow either for constructive or destructive ends.

Women have lived too much by tradition. Mothers have handed down their household lore to their daughters, but have the daughters made the proper effort to increase this knowledge by personal research? Each generation should carry with it a conscious advance, an advance wherein its women act with knowledge and wisdom. Let definite acts be done with definite purposes based upon good theories or specific information both as to causes and effects.

He is the greatest father in the nation who sends forth from his home the greatest sons and daughters; she is the greatest mother who gives them of her own life and shapes their destinies. Can anyone suppose it is possible for her to get a proper grasp of so great a subject, unless her mind, her heart, and her body have received a training which will bring them in perfect accord with those great laws which underlie all life? There are thousands of shadings in the lines of life which have a conscious meaning for the trained mind but to the untrained they are both unknown and unseen. What a realm of thought and beauty and privilege comes to the mother conscious of her high calling! Let her study; let her know all that "harms not distinctive womanhood." Let her realize that in motherhood woman has attained the highest possibility of a woman's being, but that these things cannot be by accident nor can they come without long and definite preparation, because the narrower the mind the smaller the scope of vision and the less the results secured.

If a greater race developed with conscious knowledge for conscious power is worth while, then it is worth while to train a motherhood to produce it. I do not think this can be done until woman comes to know that in a home she becomes a partner with Divinity. Through her life must be projected whatever greatness the coming race may have and this cannot be save by definite and particular preparation.

J. M. WILLIAMS.

Galloway College.

Perils of the American Home.

One naturally, in reading this editorial heading, concludes chief among the perils to home life is the saloon. This possibly may be true. But we will not discuss it here, as we wish to call attention to other forms of perils to the home.

It goes without saying that the saloon is inimical to home and church life. It is not the glaring inconsistency, however, that is most damaging to character building in others. It is rather the honeycombed hypocracies. No man wants to be a drunkard when he sees a man lying in the gutter, loathsome, disgusting; in a stupor too deep to be awakened, his face covered with flies and himself with filth. If this were the only way the saloon keeper could make drunkards, he would speedily go out of business. No man wants to be an embezzler when he sees his unfortunate neighbor seized by the authorities and landed behind prison bars, under the grave charge of stealing from others.

The newspapers of this city have recently fairly reeled under the weight of great names

charged with these aggravating offenses, of whom the community had been led to expect better things.

And this leads us to observe that something is radically wrong when such is the product of our home life.

We care not what may be the world's temptation it can never be strong enough to drag down a man properly trained in his home life. Not all homes, Christian so-called, are real Christian homes. Many of them barely have the name, shorn of its power. They covet the place of respectability while doing things most despicable. Criminals, in low life today, as it has ever been, have reached their doom coming from Godless homes, never sharing the privileges of church life. But humanity is essentially the same, whether in high life or low life. If a family by reason of its long standing on the firm foundation of honor and integrity conclude it is invulnerable, incapable of being caught in the meshes of Satan, pulls down its watch tower of Christian vigilance, it is only a question of a short time when Satan will have captives in such homes.

The most alarming thing that we have observed in homes of refined respectability is their stolid indifference to church life, and total disregard of its claims upon the life and conscience of the home. The end is not for experimenting and trifling with sacred things after such a fashion. It is simply deplorable to find in any community men and, alas! women, who never darken a church door except to attend a marriage or a funeral. This is like the burrowing of the dykes of home life, letting in the tide of worldliness, bringing with it every form of godlessness that drown the home in destruction and perdition. It is an awful fact that the majority of our homes on the Pacific Coast today are without God and live without a sense of His presence. In such homes are being reared a generation without a definite religious faith, without even the shadow of family worship, the practical knowledge of the Scriptures. With no conscience as to the sanctity of the Sabbath, the church, and even the home, save as convenience, a sheltering place, a sort of tenement house, the great idea of home being lost sight of entirely. There are indications of a paganism such as Rome in her worst days of degeneracy never dreamed of. And it is right here, in enlightened America.

We are experimenting in the building of the home life. We seemed to be greatly shocked at the crime recently exposed in high life. But we need not be, for the reasons herein set forth. In nine cases out of ten, from Louis Glass down, of the San Francisco criminals in high life, it will be found that somewhere at no distant day, there was in such homes a breaking away from the habit of attending church, a consequent stifling of the religious conscience and a shaking off of the feeling to hold steadily to the plain principles of old-time honesty and integrity. Men know they can't raise horses, cows and hogs on chaff, but are foolish enough to think morals and religious convictions, the foundation of manhood, can be inculcated in boys by the normal growth of their physical being. They feed the boy on the husks which the swine eat and are astonished to find more hog than man in the grown up boy. Such a condition of things obtaining in our modern home life places at peril the most sacred things of life. Destroy the religious sanctity in the home and you have undermined the foundation of church and state and sent adrift every element worth while on the building of citizenship into a Christian civilization.--Pacific Methodist Advocate.

The Virgin Birth of Christ.

Through a ministry of forty-one years I have not heard a sermon preached especially on the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ. And I have attended seven General Conferences besides other meetings where opportunities for hearing the great men of the church preach were abundant. I have never seen in our church papers and Reviews what might be called an exhaustive discussion of the doctrine. Why this seeming want of appreciation of the importance of this doctrine? It is certainly not because the church does not believe it. All Christendom believe that our Lord "was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary." They know He knew no repentance, sought no forgiveness and confessed no sin. He at no time declared His unworthiness, but gave out to the world this challenge, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?"

But for the Virgin Birth of Christ, which includes the Immaculate Conception and the hypostatic union of His two natures, the sinlessness of His life and His Divine Sonship would fall short of satisfactory proof. If all men died in Adam who was the son of God by creation and not by generation, then all are made alive in Christ Jesus, who is the Son of God not by creation but by generation.

Anselm in "Cur Deus Homo" says "God can make man in four ways; out of nothing, as He made Adam; out of created material, as He made Eve; by natural generation, and Immaculate Conception."

The Virgin Birth of Christ was necessary to eliminate the "taint of sin from His Personality." No greater miracle can be cited in the Bible than the sinless life of the Son of God. The father of Jesus Christ was not Joseph, but God, hence His sinlessness and Divine Sonship. Therefore it is easy to see the doctrinal significance of the Virgin Birth when studied in reference to the salvation of the world.

I have just read with great interest and much profit "The Virgin Birth of Christ," by Dr. James Orr, and this article is written principally to call the attention of our young preachers to this book. It can be purchased, I presume, through the publishers of this paper.

THEO. F. BREWER.

Guthrie, Okla.

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Rock Me To Sleep.

Backward, turn backward, oh time, in your flight.

Make me a child again, just for tonight!
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart, as of yore;
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair—
Over my slumbers, your loving watch keep—
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Backward, flow backward, oh tide of the years!

I am so weary of toil, and of tears!
Toil without recompense—tears all in vain—
Take them, and give me my childhood again;
I have grown weary of dust and decay,
Weary of flinging my soul-wealth away—
Weary of sowing for others to reap;
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Tired of the hollow, the base the untrue,
Mother, oh mother, my heart calls for you;
Many a summer the grass has grown green,
Blossomed and faded—our faces between—
Yet with strong yearning and passionate pain,
Long I tonight, for your presence again,
Come from the silence so long, and so deep,
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Over my heart in days that have flown,
No love like mother-love, ever was shown,
No other worship abides and endures,
Faithful, unselfish, and patient, like yours,
None like a mother can charm away pain,
From the sick soul, and the world-weary brain,
Slumber's soft calm o'er my heavy lids creep—
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Come, let your brown hair, just lighted with gold,

Fall on your shoulders again as of old,
Let it fall over my forehead tonight,
Shading my faint eyes, away from the light,
For with its sunny-edged shadows once more,
Haply will throng the sweet visions of yore,
Lovingly, softly, its bright billows sweep—
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Mother, dear mother, the years have been long,

Since I last hushed to your lullaby song;
Since then and unto my soul it shall seem,
Womanhood's tears have been but a dream,
Clasped to your arms in a loving embrace,
With your light lashes just sweeping my face,
Never hereafter to wake or to weep—
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

—Elizabeth Akers Allen.

(Printed by request.—Eds.)

Bonfort's Wine and Spirits Circular of October 25, in an editorial headed, "Needed, a Leader," has the following to say: "The Anti-Saloon League knows exactly what it intends to do, and its plans are perfected for aggressive work in every precinct, every county and every State. This organization has determined to outlaw not whisky merely, but whisky, wine and beer, and it is succeeding marvelously well in every State in the Union. It has no plan of defense, and no disposition to co-operate. The brewers are being led by men who tell them not to affiliate with the whisky trade; the wine men hold aloof and hope that they will be saved as belonging to the elect, and the distillers fight each other with such viciousness that they really have no time to think of the army that is surrounding them, and that is seeking their destruction. Can it be that Fate has decreed the overflow of the trade in all of the States, and to facilitate it has blinded our eyes?" Commenting on this, the American Issue says: "Well, it does look as if Fate or Providence were against the liquor traffic in these times. And the Anti-Saloon League, together with all the other branches of the temperance army, is perfectly willing to be made the instrument of destruction in the hand of the Almighty against this curse of modern civilization."

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Dr. Corrigan's Sanitarium.

I spent a few days last week at Hot Springs. The thousands of visitors who go there to be benefitted by the wonderful waters make it a very lively and interesting place. Owing to the law recently enacted forbidding gambling at the races courses in the State of Arkansas physicians estimate that the number of visitors is not as large as usual. It seems that horse racing without its attendant gambling is too tame and therefore the race tracks in this section are forsaken. Lyman Abbott's position is that horse racing improves the horse, but deteriorates the man and that therefore the price is too high to pay for the improvement. The superintendent of the United States Reservation estimates that from 125,000 to 150,000 visitors come to the springs every year. The hot water is owned by the Government and is distributed among the bath houses and hotels at the annual rate of \$60 per bath tub. This creates quite a revenue for the Government and pays the expenses of the Reservation. A beneficence greatly to be commended is the free bath privileges provided by the Government for the indigent. Many a poor disease-eaten victim comes here and after a course of baths and medicine leaves healed and hopeful. Sights here very common are a graphic commentary on the fierce retribution created as the result of sin. Many who come here on crutches with limbs gnarled and twisted go to their homes walking and leaping as did the lame man at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful. There is a mystery concealed in the curative properties of the water. Dr. Gray, of Little Rock, recognized by the doctors as the leading bacteriologist of the State says: He believes that the discovery of radium in the water accounts for its wonderful remedial effect. Think of drinking liquid radium! These pools of mercy where so many thousands have had their physical ills healed are eloquent reminders of God's greatness. In a recent issue of the Western Methodist I noticed the statement that Dr. Corrigan, pastor of the Central Church at Hot Springs, had opened a Sanitarium. I visited the building which has been newly furnished and equipped for this purpose. The rooms are bright and cheerful and well ventilated—all of them outside rooms and daily flooded with glorious sunlight. Dr. Corrigan's purpose is to see whether a first class Methodist Sanitarium at Hot Springs may not become a possibility. If he succeeds with his present effort later on he will encourage the purchase of some large building or the construction of one suitable for a great sanitarium. It seems to me that Southern Methodism should have such an institution at this noted resort. The Seventh Day Adventists at Battle Creek, Mich., have in their Sanitarium a stronghold which while it blesses the sick, brings before the public the knowledge that Seventh Day Adventism is not extinct. Inasmuch as Dr. Corrigan has gone to considerable expense in fitting up his establishment, and which entails a daily outlay besides, he has concluded to open his rooms to the public for lodging, at a small charge, until the sick for whom it has been specially provided shall require the use of the whole building. Should any of the readers of the Western Methodist contemplate a visit to Hot Springs and desire comfortable quarters under the supervision of a Christian gentleman who will vouch for the moral purity of the atmosphere of the house, it would be well for them to engage rooms at the Sanitarium.

S. H. WERLEIN.

An Appreciation of Rev. E. L. Beard.

Editor Methodist: Please allow me space for a short tribute to the memory of our sainted and saintly brother, Rev. E. L. Beard. I feel greatly honored in having had this good man as my close, intimate, confidential, personal friend. We have interchanged letters regularly for seven or eight years. I met him at a time when I needed friends and he did not fail to prove one of the most reliable and trustworthy friends I have ever had and one of the most potent influences that ever came into my life. I have had an opportunity to know and study him from every standpoint. Though not a genius, he was possessed of the highest order of intellect. There was the absence of all eccentricity and objectionable peculiarity, leaving him mentally one of the best poised of men. Though deprived of early advantages, he was a life long student. He was fairly well posted in nearly every realm of human affairs. He had read much of science, medicine, law, literature, theology. He was entertaining on questions of farming, mechanics and the various departments of practical life. A few years back, in one of our annual conferences he was in the home of a cotton factor, and after he had gone, the cotton man said, "That old preacher knows more



Rev. D. J. Weems,

Field Editor and Agent of the Western Methodist, who will spend five weeks among our friends in Southeast Oklahoma.

We bespeak for him the co-operation of pastors and people.

about cotton and the cotton market than I do." He knew something of almost every question of life. He was a born logician. I know not that he ever read a work on logic, but the logician that had him for an antagonist found that he had a foe man worthy of his steel. Only to the scholar did he betray any lack of early training. As a preacher he was always instructive, entertaining and fresh. A student never grows stale and so E. L. Beard always had an interested audience. I have known no better listener than he. Quick to perceive and appreciate your thought, and so kind and charitable to your failures and defects. He never grew old. Though in his 77th year he was a young-old man. The man who thinks and studies retains and renews his youth. The dead line is not one of years but of stagnation. E. L. Beard was up with the latest thought and the freshest book—on church polity and church theology he was good authority.

In his religious life there were simply no flaws. Never was there a better rounded character. If ever a man would "swear to his own hurt and change not" E. L. Beard was that man. If ever a man was pure in the inmost recesses of his soul—if ever Jesus Christ had undisputed reign—the full

right of way in any human soul—it was so with our glorified brother. The Little Rock Conference never had a more unsullied name on its roll, nor a more valient soldier in its ranks. He was a manly man—he was God's man. Not only did he trust in God but God could trust in him—and so could his brethren. I feel a sense of personal loss in the departure of our glorified brother. I shall miss his interesting and charming letters. I shall miss his sweet companionship and father's counsels at our annual gatherings. The world does not ask if such a man goes to heaven. He goes by universal consent and universal verdict.

J. C. HOOKS.

Sunday School Census Returns.

The total returns of the recent census of Little Rock, taken under the auspices of the Pulaski Sunday School Association, with the exception of two districts and 16 scattered outlying blocks, which as yet have not been covered by the census takers, have been compiled by Secretary W. Fred Long and show a total of 20,332 white people in the city of Sunday School age. The number is much larger than that shown by any previous census taken by the Association, but is approximately the number predicted by Mr. Long the day the census was taken.

The census was taken on small cards, each card showing the name of each family and person visited, together with all information desired, such as the number of persons in the family, the church or Sunday School they prefer, etc. These cards will be taken to the Y. M. C. A. Monday and held there for the inspection of all the ministers of the city. This is done in order to give the ministers a chance to learn who in the city has a preference for their respective churches or Sunday Schools, and, in case the family or person in question does not attend either church or Sunday School at present, gives the minister a chance to gain a new member by calling on the family or person in question.

The census was taken in districts, each district being assigned to some certain church or Sunday School. The following list shows the relative church preferences of those visited: Baptist, 3,658; Catholic, 1,987; Christian, 1,115; Episcopal, 1,123; Jewish, 676; German Evangelical, 60; Lutheran German, 589; Lutheran English, 120; Methodist Episcopal, 890; M. E. South, 3,495; U. S. A. Presbyterian, 370; Associate Reformed Presbyterian, 351; Southern Presbyterian, 2,109; Congregational, 26; Universalist, 36; Christian Science, 51; Salvation Army, 34; Holiness, 66; Seventh Day Adventists, 26; Unitarian, 2; United Brethren, 1; City Mission, 2; Restitutionalist, 1; no preference, 3,522; refused information, 22, total, 20,332; not at home, 474, empty houses, 62.

Interesting Facts Brought Out.

The compiling of figures from the census brought to light various items of interest, among which are the following notes:

There were 22 families in the city that flatly refused to give any information.

A total of 474 homes were closed when the census was taken Saturday, being shopping day.

There were found only 62 vacant houses in the area covered, a remarkably small number for so large a city.

There were more than 600 families, totaling 3,522 people, in Little Rock, that have no preference of church or Sunday School.

The last census taken under the auspices of the Association included between 16,000 and 17,000 people.—Arkansas Sunday School Herald.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester Editor

Scripture Lesson for March 1: Luke 11:5-13;
Mk. 11:25; Luke 18:1-8; 1 Kings 18:41-46.

Topic: Some of Jesus' Teachings Concerning Prayer.

I. Perseverance.

Our last lesson but one was on prayer and faith. Last week we digressed from our general subject of prayer to take a lesson on the vital subject of church building. We now resume our general topic and study today perseverance in prayer or, better still to be called, the persevering prayer or the persisting prayer. Elijah on Carmel's summit praying for rain, the midnight friend persisting in his plea for bread, and the undiscourageable widow continuing her cause before a heartless court are fine illustrations of undiscouraged pleadings.

The persevering prayer is therefore the persisting prayer, the prayer that holds out. It is the continued, unending prayer. It does this in the face of difficulties and discouragements and disappointments. Difficulties are met but this kind of prayer holds out in spite of them. Discouragements arise but this kind of prayer holds out even through the times of severest trial or test. The answer seems to be postponed indefinitely but the persevering prayer does not quit nor faint because of this. The persevering prayer is the holding out prayer. The man who can pray and continue in undiscouraged prayer in the face of difficulties is the man who has the mark of persistence shown in the lesson. Intensity of interest and not mere length characterizes the persistent prayer. When we lose sight of other things by reason of the intense absorbing interest of the petition in hand we are well on the way to the lesson the Master teaches here.

We are not to believe, however, that our prayer will be heard because of its persistence, neither are we to believe that the length of the prayer is proof of its having the quality of persistence here taught. To affirm the one would be to subvert the whole grounds of prevailing prayer, while to incline to the other would be to misread the meaning of the Master in our lesson. But persistence is a test both of faith and earnestness. Because we believe in God's ability and willingness to hear and because we are intensely in earnest we persist in praying.

The following is from the Epworth Herald:

Persistence in prayer, as every Christian knows, is not first of all a matter of length. When Jesus instructed his disciples in the art of prayer he warned them against prayers which are merely long: he bade them use no vain repetitions, and still he often urged importunity in coming to God. That is to say, persistence is not length, but intensity of devotion; the more intense and ardent it is the more certain it is to find full and satisfying answer.

This intensity accomplishes important results. Without going into any discussion of the philosophy of prayer, it is perfectly certain that God will do for one who prays with holy passion what he will not and cannot do for the indifferent and the half-hearted.

This is true because persistence in prayer changes the whole situation in two important ways. In the first place, it transforms the one who prays so far as his relation to God is concerned. By his very intensity of devotion he has come into closer harmony and communion with God than he enjoyed before, and the nearer one gets into unison with the pur-

poses of God the more certain are his desires to be realized. In the second place, persistence in prayer fixes the petitioner's heart upon the thing for which he prays. Yesterday it would not have been safe to trust him with the answer to his prayer, because he did not realize all which the answer would mean; but now his earnestness has clarified his spiritual vision; he sees things with new distinctness, and his own character is transformed by his prayer. So God can trust him with his heart's desire.

Missouri Letter.

Thousands of barrels of Arkansas apples have been in cold storage in Springfield this winter and the stores have never lacked for a supply, but prices are high. I have paid from fifty to seventy-five cents a peck for all the apples I have eaten this winter. We hope to be independent of Arkansas on the fruit question this year as the winter has been favorable for fruit, especially apples. Four above zero is the coldest weather we have had, and fruit buds appear to be in good condition now.

We opened the conference year with quite an increase in the assessments for Domestic Missions, Church Extension and Education, and many of the charges advanced the salaries of the preachers. The financial panic which broke on us last October will likely have some effect on collections. I was fortunate enough to get the larger part of my collections subscribed before the panic came and think I will have no difficulty in raising the whole amount which is quite an advance on the assessments of the preceding year.

My present charge, St. Paul, is in some respects the most satisfactory appointment I have ever filled. Our house of worship is surpassed in the conference only by the New Central at Kansas City, and my morning congregations are the largest to which I have ever preached as pastor. But the night congregations are disappointing—about one-third as large as the morning audiences. And yet when I study conditions I cannot wonder that it should be so. The Sunday School superintendent lives over a mile from the church. I see him, his wife, and their five children at church on Sunday morning, and miss all seven at night. In small towns where people live near the church we may expect good congregations at night, but in the cities the large Sunday night congregation is the exception. Still I am not willing to surrender the evening service as quite a large proportion of those who hear me at night do not hear me in the morning.

Central Church, Kansas City, with a seating capacity of about 2,000, was dedicated a few Sundays ago and \$30,000 was subscribed to finish paying for the building. It represents an investment of about \$150,000, and is not only the best church in Kansas City, but I think will seat a larger audience than any other Protestant church in Missouri. The Presbyterians have asked for the use of the church for their General Assembly which meets in Kansas City in May.

In Springfield we are planning a simultaneous evangelizing campaign for next fall. We ask every church to hold special services beginning November 8, each church to conduct its own meeting in its own way. About four union day services will be held in different parts of the city on week days, but each church will be untrammelled in working its own plans. A well known brother pastor who knows how to preach and whose life corresponds with his preaching is to fill the St. Paul pulpit for two weeks or more at the beginning

of the meeting. I am aware that an Annual Conference session intervenes, but my stewards are in full accord with the plan, and should I be changed my successor will doubtless be glad to carry out my plans. 49 have been received this year at the regular services 12 of them on profession of faith, but Rev. J. F. Caskey, of Sedalia, has taken in 111 members in five months. A number of these came as the fruit of a meeting held for him by Rev. J. B. Andrews, of Arkansas.

C. H. BRIGGS.

415 E. Walnut St., Springfield, Mo.

Feb. 25, 1908.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

March 1. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

Golden Text.—"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd." Isaiah 40:11.

Time.—April 28 A. D.

Lesson Text: John 6:1-21.

Jesus had made a journey to an unfrequented spot to be alone with His disciples for much needed rest and counsel. But He did not get the rest. He lived continually in a crowd (Matt. 4:24, 25; 8:1; 12:15; 13:2; 14:14; 15:30, 31). There is nothing more wearisome than a crowd, unless the heart is very full of love. But when we grow so tired of the crowd, let us remember how the Master's life was spent. It was the incessant "coming and going" of the crowd that had driven Jesus to seek this seclusion (Mark 6:31). But He did not thus escape them. They followed Him. And how did He feel? "He welcomed them" (Lu. 9:11, R. V.). Oh, wonderful love! His own need sinks out of sight as he beholds theirs. The desire and need of rest is forgotten and the whole day spent in teaching and healing (Luke 9:11, 12). Jesus was interested in and solicitous about the multitude. They were never to Him "the common herd" or "the rabble." They were "sheep not having a shepherd," and He made Himself shepherd unto them. That throng drawing near the mountain was largely composed of the poor, but the souls of the poor were as precious to Him as the souls of the rich (Matt. 11:5). If He were really the acknowledged head of the church today, the church would not seek the boulevards where the few rich live to the neglect of the alleys where the many poor swarm. It was several hours (as we learn by a comparison of the accounts) before this crowd would need feeding, but Jesus considers their coming need at once and sets His disciples to considering it. He takes it for granted that they are to eat with Him. So He puts to Philip the question, "Whence are we to buy bread that these may eat?" It is to test Philip. Will he arise to the occasion and say, "Master, there is no difficulty at all about that, because you are here. Thy hand is quite sufficient for the emergency?" Philip might well have done that, for he had seen the water become wine in another hour of emergency, and he had seen other manifestations of the fulness of divine power that there was in Jesus. But alas! Philip was like us, slow of spiritual perception and slow of faith, and as Moses was utterly at loss to know how God could provide flesh for six hundred thousand footmen in the wilderness, so Philip is at a loss to see how Jesus can provide bread for five thousand (cf. Nu. 11:21-23; Ps. 78:19). How often we are aghast at the great work before us, or rather before Christ, and the small visible resources at hand. Philip's answer is most amusing. He figures out just how much it will cost to buy enough so that "every one may take a little." Ah! Jesus don't provide "a little" for those who sit at His table. Philip, though, is quite a typical church treasurer. He believed in "carrying on the Lord's work on strictly business principles." Andrew, for a moment, ventured a suggestion that there was a little boy present with five loaves and two little fish, but he was at once frightened at the apparent absurdity of his suggestion and blurted out, "but what are they among so many?" But they proved to be quite sufficient among so many, for the Lord Himself took these insignificant things into His own hands and multiplied them. We often are tempted to say of our insignificant gifts and possessions, "but what are these?" "Quite

sufficient," Jesus replies, "if you will only put them into my hand." The lad who had come along with his five little cheap barley crackers and two little salt fish played a great part in that day's working. Jesus took him into partnership with himself, and Jesus and he fed the multitude. A small boy with very meagre means is of vast account if he puts what he has in Jesus' hand, even though the Andrews think he don't amount to much. Jesus left His question to work all day in the minds of Andrew and Philip. "He Himself knew what He would do"—He always does. As evening drew on the disciples had not yet settled the hard problem and came to Jesus and told Him that He had better send the people away, for they certainly could not entertain them. They gave it up, then Jesus came to the rescue (Matt. 14:15; Luke 9:12; Mark 6:35).

Jesus' answer must have startled Philip and Andrew, "Make the people sit down." However, they stood this test better this time than the former; for they did as they were bidden. They doubtless did it with a good deal of misgiving, for they knew that there were thousands of mouths to feed and only five pitiful barley cakes and two insignificant fishes with which to do it. Common sense would have said, "the proper thing to tell the people is 'walk,' not 'sit down.'" But they had the uncommon sense to cast their reasonings to the wind and do as Jesus said. The multitude, too, obeyed and sat down. It was well they did, for Jesus "distributed to them that were set down." We must obey if we would be fed and we must find rest at Jesus' feet if we would receive bread from His hand. Philip had tried to figure out how each might take a little, but Jesus distributed to them "as much as they would." What we get from Jesus is what we will. But they were all "filled" in this case and so always at Jesus' table (Ps. 23:1; Phil. 4:19). Jesus would not have His bountiful giving teach us wastefulness. "The broken pieces" must be gathered up. The disciples got a basketful apiece to take away and so were well repaid for sharing with the crowd (Prov. 11:24, 25; Luke 6:38). The wondering crowd seeing the sign said, "This is of a truth the prophet." Of a truth He is, nothing could be plainer than that. The man who has creative power is surely the Son of God.—Torrey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

Take Notice.

Take notice, and read this page carefully for the next six weeks. There will be some things that will interest you very much. The following item is one of them.

A Great State Methodist S. S. Conference.

The Sunday School Board of the Oklahoma Conference has planned a great meeting in the interest of our Sunday School movement. This conference is to be held in Oklahoma City, April 6-8. We have arranged a program that will interest every man and woman who is at all interested in this line of church work.

We have secured such an array of talent on this program as will surprise and delight you. When we tell you we have secured three bishops with Drs. Cook and Chappell; and such experts as Miss Nannie Lee Frayser of Ky., Mr. R. H. Wester of San Antonio, Mr. Richmond of Philadelphia, Rev. C. S. Field and wife of Fort Worth, with Prof. Excell, that master of music, to lead us in song, you will begin now to arrange to be there. We have drawn large-

ly upon our own home talent for this program.

We expect it to be the greatest conference ever held in Oklahoma in the interest of Southern Methodism. It will be, we trust, only the beginning of greater things for our Sunday school work. In another place is a further statement concerning the conference.

The Program.

The programs will be in the hands of every pastor and superintendent in due time. Don't be uneasy. Get busy and make your arrangements to be there. We'll do the rest.

What Everett Says.

When the Board met in Oklahoma City the other day and went over the program for the Sunday School Conference, W. C. Everett, of Dallas, who had been invited to be with us said, "Brethren, that is as fine a Sunday school program as I have ever seen." And when you shall have heard these various topics discussed by the talent that we have secured, you will say the same thing—and more.

Two Days—Three Nights.

That is exactly the length of time you will have in which to hear a full, rich, program discussed by an array of talented men and women on April 6-8, in Oklahoma City. Such an opportunity and such a privilege may not come to you again soon.

Prof. E. O. Excell.

With such a leader of sacred song as Prof. Excell in charge, who can afford to miss the Sunday school conference April 6-8. Let every Sunday school man and woman who can attend, be on hand to catch the inspiration from the service of song. This feature will pay you if there were nothing more.

"What Would You Do?"

Almost every week I have a statement and a question about like the following: "We have a church building, an organization, and a union Sunday school. The Superintendent is a Methodist. Now what would you do?" Not knowing the local surroundings and details of such cases, I frankly say, I would organize the school, and put full-blood Methodist literature in it, too. If you have a house, or a Methodist superintendent you can have a Methodist school in nine cases out of ten. I admire the loyalty of the Baptists. They organize Baptist schools in private homes and put a woman in as superintendent if they have no man for the place. The result is that 30 per cent of the Baptist church in Oklahoma grew out of these mission Sunday schools. My Methodist brother, go thou and do likewise.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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

Cabot, Ark., Jan. 25, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I will write a few lines for my first time. My papa has been taking the Methodist ever since I can remember and I enjoy reading the children's letters very much. I am eleven years old and am in the fourth grade. My school teacher's name is Mr. Freeman. My deskmate's name is Sallie Gardner. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. For pets I haven't any now, but did have a pigeon, but it got killed. I would like to exchange postals with some of the cousins. I will close, hoping to see this in print.

Your new cousin,
DIRENA HILL.

Dear Cousins: I would like to add my name to this page. Papa takes the Western Methodist. Bro. W. L. Anderson is our pastor. Papa is a local preacher. I attend Sunday School regularly and enjoy it. I would like to tell you cousins of a fishing trip that occurred last Fourth of July, I being one of the number that enjoyed the day. What a pleasant time a few families of us spent on the banks of a stream of water well filled with fish. We started early in the morning to drive about eight miles to the appointed place. The crowd consisted of eight or nine wagons, two surries, several on horse back. The fun we boys did have running through the woods, dressing fish, preparing fires for the cook, and bringing water. Be right quiet and listen. Last but not least of the morning's work was dinner, plenty fish, ham, chicken, cake, pies, and other good things. After dinner was over, back to the creek into the water up to our necks, hurrying to see what our game was we found it to be fine. At last with the memory of a happy spent day we left for our homes, reaching home about the time our great lamp was going out. Supper over, we retired to our beds to rest and dream, and of course we felt like retiring.

CARLIOSUS CLELIA MILLER.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 16, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write a letter as I have not seen any letters from here. Papa takes the Methodist. I enjoy reading Ruth Carr's letters and the other cousins. We all belong to the M. E. Church.

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South. Our pastor's name is J. R. Rushing. Our presiding elder's name is H. M. Bruce. I go to Sunday School nearly every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mrs. Wallis. I have two sisters; one older than myself and one younger. I have one brother in heaven. I am ten years old. I will close, hoping that this letter will jump over the waste basket.

Your friend,
BLANCHE GREEN.

No. 1 Westbrook Ave.

Coal-Hill, Ark., Feb. 1, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy nine years old. In school I am in the fourth grade. I have one brother and two sisters. My little sister has a little Angora cat named "Coir." I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. Joe Gresham. I like her fine. My school teacher is Mr. R. E. Thompson. I have a dog named "Jip." He is a water-spaniel. My brother and I have a bicycle. My papa takes the Methodist. Our preacher is named Bro. S. Lawson. I have some roller skates and I have learned to skate. I hope this will escape the waste basket.

Your friend,
FRANK WINBURNE.

Idabel, I. T., Jan. 25, 1908.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I have been intending to write for a good, long while, but have kept putting it off until now.

We moved from Colbert here, about a month ago. I like here fine. Of course we found plenty to do. The Woman's Home Mission Society there is not very strong and they have built a church and it is still in debt, and we have no parsonage so you see we have plenty to do.

Papa was pastor at Colbert, Okla., last year, and we left lots of good friends there. My sister is still there; she is at work in the postoffice.

How many of you cousins like music? I am trying to educate myself for a music teacher. I was organist for all the churches last year at Colbert except the Presbyterian church. I love music and flowers and cats better than anything—except, of course, mama and papa and my two brothers and sister.

I am glad most of the cousins go to Sunday School. I have been going all my life and expect to keep going the rest of my life. I had the sweetest little class last year; it was composed of little children from three to eleven years old. I surely loved them all.

How many of you keep a "Journal?" I kept one last year and expect to keep another one this year. I have been reading "Jessie's Journal" in this paper and I am afraid mine would sound something like hers to other people. I hope to have a better one at the last of this year. New Year's day I made three resolutions: One, that I would read my Bible before retiring, each night this year! Another, that I would regularly attend the prayer meeting. And the next was, that I would not miss Sunday School, unless I was sick. I made two of these same resolutions last year and I did not miss prayer meeting at all when I was well. I was sick with typhoid fever for two months and of course that could not be helped.

I will close by asking this question: How many times is the word "eternity" found in the Bible?

Will ask you cousins—all of you—to write me a letter March 17th—I'll be 17 years of age. I want Myrtle Rines of Platter to be sure and write to the Methodist. Would be glad to see a letter from any of my friends.

Your new cousin,
JESSIE ROGERS.

Afton, Okla.

It has been quite a long time since I wrote an article for our paper. Two years ago I was transferred from the Indian Mission Conference to the St.

Louis Conference by Bishop Key. The session of the St. Louis Conference for 1905 was being held at Caruthersville, Mo., on the bank of the Mississippi.

Bishop Hendrix sent me to Malden Station, in the Southeastern part of the State. Malden is a town of about twenty-five hundred people, has three railroads and extensive manufacturing interests.

We have a pretty church and we beautified and enlarged the parsonage until it was a "thing of beauty." My church was lighted during my pastorate of two years by the city free of charge. So much for city ownership of electric plants, etc. During my two years' pastorate there were about seventy conversions and a goodly number of additions to the church. The finances made a decided advance over preceding years. Greater expressions of appreciation of my ministry I had never experienced before. The ministers were very cordial and brotherly. Several calls came to me to assist in meetings, when it was not possible for me to go. However, I had some opportunity in this regard, and was in a meeting at Commerce, a historic town on the west bank of the Mississippi, where I was entertained in the home of an old Texas friend and school mate. What made me further rejoice was to see one of the hardest sinners in all that country come to the altar and find Christ after I had preached on Sunday at 11 a. m.

At the conference held at West Plains in September last, where I staid during the session in the home of Rev. J. J. Lovett, the "beloved" of the West Plains District, I requested Bishop Key to transfer me back to the Oklahoma Conference, as I was anxious to get back to the scenes of my boyhood ministry. He very readily consented, telling me that Afton was then open and that he would immediately appoint me there. So I came and served nearly two months before the meeting of the Oklahoma Conference. God blessed us most graciously from the first service. Congregations were fine and interest steadily increasing. At the session of the Conference I was returned. All departments of the church are prospering. The Sunday school is making rapid advancement under the wise and efficient leadership of Rev. J. L. Duncan. We closed, on Feb. 2, a great revival of four weeks continuance, in which forty-four professed faith in Christ. There were two bright conversions in cottage prayer meetings before the protracted meeting began. During the first ten days of the meeting we had only local help. Rev. J. L. Duncan, L.D., is a fine worker in a revival. He preached a number of strong, practical, evangelistic sermons. He is spiritual and sensible. If the brethren are desirous of good practical work in revivals—work that will abide—invite Bro. Duncan to help. Bro. Denny, of Miami, was with us several days and preached some fine sermons. He preached from the heart and his sermons are fraught with deep emotion. Bro. Cantrell dropped in and attended one service, then came back and gave us some good help for a week. Rev.

W. J. Sims, Commissioner of Education for the Oklahoma Conference, gave us a strong address last night and secured a good subscription to the cause he so ably represents. Sims will succeed. We are in the midst of the best people I ever served during my entire ministry. There has been a constant shower of good things arriving at the parsonage from the time of our coming until now. May God help us to do them great spiritual good.

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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. McMurry, Louisville, Ky.

P. B. WALLIS, Chairman.

Ardmore District.

I am just closing the first round of Quarterly Conferences and find a spirit of harmony and hopefulness in almost every place throughout the District. The pastors of the District are as faithful, hard working and loyal, with scarcely a single exception, as can be found in our Methodism. Most of them are trying to live on inadequate salaries. I trust that the time is near at hand when our laymen will see the need and wisdom of increasing the salaries of their pastors in proportion to the increased cost of living in this age.

Payments are hardly up to the average at this time—due to two chief causes, viz., (1) the financial condition of the country, and (2) the lack of systematic effort on the part of the stewards with the emphasis on the latter cause. The following churches paid one-fourth or more of the pastor's salary at the first Quarterly Conference, Hewitt, Dixie, Hennepin, Woodford and Florence Chapel. Several others paid nearly one-fourth. I am delighted to place the churches named above on the "Honor Roll." What these churches have done could have been accomplished by almost every church in the district if the same effort had been put forth. Every few weeks I will publish in this paper the names of all the churches that get on this honor roll by paying one-half of the pastor's salary at the second Quarterly Conference. Also I will publish at the close of the second round in list No. 1 the names of each charge whose pastor has by that time reported to me the Conference Assessments paid in full or secured in good subscriptions. List No. 2 all that have 65 per cent or more. List No. 3 all under 65 per cent. The second round closes May the 25th. I trust that all will enter list No. 1. Surely none will fall below No. 2.

I wish to call the attention of the pastors to the fact that on April 1, the names of all who are behind one year or more with their subscription to the Western Methodist, will have to be stricken from the mailing list of the paper by reason of the Postal laws then operative, in this country, by which the paper will not only sustain heavy loss but your pastoral charge as well. Therefore I urge each of you brethren to furnish the Editors with a list of all the Post Offices in the bounds of your charge where your people get mail. As soon as you receive the list which they will send you go to work at once and see that none of your people lose the paper on account of this new law. Do this now brethren as the time is short and is very important.

The Ardmore District Conference will be held at Kingston, Okla., May 27-31. W. T. FREEMAN.

Do It Now!

Dear Brethren: While at Oklahoma City the other day attending the Great Rally, I met Dr. Anderson, one of the editors of our Conference organ, the Western Methodist, and I took occasion



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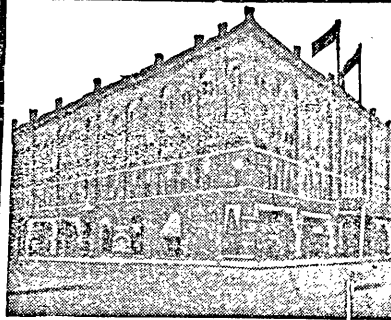
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to go over the mailing list of subscribers within the bounds of Muskogee District. This we did in view of the recent ruling of the Post Master General which is, that on April 1, 1908, all publishers must pay extra heavy postage upon all subscriptions which are in arrears one year or more. To our surprise and dismay it was discovered that just about half of the circulation of the paper will be lost on April 1st, unless, indeed, we can get those in arrears to pay up by that date. The crisis is immediate. Practically the work of years will be swept away unless we do immediately bestir ourselves. Brethren, the peril is great. Delay spells ruin. What shall we do? What will you do?

We found that our District has 278 subscribers and of these 136 are either past due or will fall due by April 1. Will you not throw yourself into the breach in the next few days and collect from those in your charge and forward to Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock, Pray do. Do it now! Write to the publishers for your mailing list. That will show who are behind and due April 1st.

W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

Oklahoma Notes and Personals.

We are having a most pleasant winter in Oklahoma, farmers have their farms in good condition, many of them will be ready for planting when that time comes.

Rev. C. S. Walker is preaching to large congregations at Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, and the church gives promise of large growth.

Your correspondent spent Sunday the 23rd with Rev. L. L. Thurston and had the pleasure of preaching to his people. Thurston has the ear of the citizens of Pauls Valley, and is doing a great work, and under his pastorate some of the young people have already expressed a purpose to lay their lives on the altar of the church for work in the foreign mission field.

Rev. H. B. Vaught has just closed a great meeting in his church at Caddo, and reports more than one hundred conversions since conference.

Rev. Sam Goddard is getting his hand on the work of the district and has the

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co-operation or a band of splendid men, and from reports we look for that field to return to us this fall, full reports and a forward movement on all church lines.

Bishop Hendrix did us great service in the recent convention, and won his way into the hearts of people, North and South. His addresses were of a high order, and we extend to him an invitation to come again. Our G. B. Winton delivered one of the most statesman like addresses of the great convention. He is one of the best informed men in the church on our mission fields, and by the way, he is giving us a paper second to none.

Rev. Sam G. Thompson has been confined to his room for several weeks. We trust that it is nothing serious, and that soon he will be out in the field again.

Bro. Satterfield is making good at Epworth. He has two hundred in his Sunday school, and more than a hundred in his League, with all other departments of church work in good shape. He is loved by his people, and, under God, we hope will be able to lead this great host of young people to the full development of Christian experience and character.

Epworth University has enrolled to date this year 518, and the school otherwise bids much for the future. Our success is already our embarrassment. We will have to enlarge our buildings. The trustees have committed themselves to the building by September, the main body of a dormitory to cost thirty thousand dollars, the building when completed to cost fifty thousand dollars.

Rev. Jno. W. Sims was taken sick while in attendance on the missionary convention, and has been quite ill since, but is reported better at this writing. More anon. W. J. SIMS.

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W. M. F. S. Arkansas Conf.
Mrs. P. H. Prince, Editor.

Hindrances to Missions.

No work of great importance and philanthropy was ever begun, but that hindrances arose to weaken the faint-hearted, and dampen the ardor of the most zealous. Hills of difficulty had to be climbed, tunnels of darkness to be gone through, and obstacles of all kinds had to be met and conquered.

As Holland so well expresses it in his "Bitter Sweet,"
"All common good has common price
Exceeding good, exceeding,
Christ bought the gates of Paradise
By cruel bleeding."

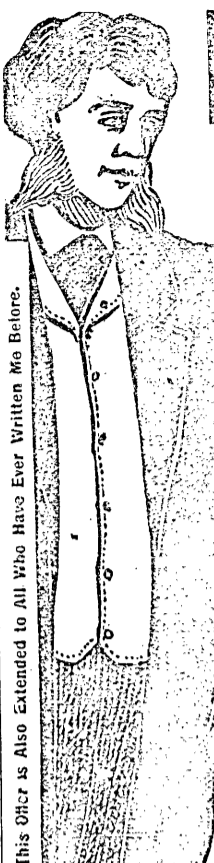
It is a matter of deep regret that we have so many hindrances in the way of missionary work. A cause having for its purpose the obeying of Christ's command, and the extending of his kingdom should meet with nothing but help and sympathy, but the pity of it is, that even in the church many stumbling blocks are placed in the way of this divinely appointed work.

Indifference is one great obstacle to be met with in the cause of missions. Among many of the members of our church, there seems to be a moral and mental apathy on the subject. These good people—and there are good people among them—are not antagonistic to the missionary work—they are well wishers in the cause, if somebody else will do the work; they pay their dues when called upon, but they forget the appointed meetings and lose sight of the fact that enthusiasm in the assembling of the members counts for as much, and that a community of interests shared, and a bright interchange of thoughts, and discussion of plans and means is helpful and inspiring to the highest degree. Yet they hope that somehow, sometime in the happy golden future the Gospel will be spread over the face of the earth, and that every one will come to a knowledge of Christ.

The oft repeated cry of "Charity begins at home"—and ends there, so far as many who give utterance to it are concerned, has also been another hindrance in the missionary cause. The principle that I must do nothing in this world except for "me and my wife, my son John and his wife, and my four and no more," is the very essence of selfishness, and would destroy the brotherhood of man. Where would you be today, what position occupying in the moral kingdom, if the disciples had tarried at Jerusalem until this good hour? These antagonizers to foreign missions lose sight of the fact that the gospel, in its great philanthropic arms embraces and elevates the uncultured and the unenlightened of our own great republic, and reaching still further it raises from idolatry and degradation the inhabitants of the islands of the sea, the sons of the Celestial Empire, the superstitious dwellers by the Ganges, the people of Japan, Brazil, Mexico, and other nations and puts a new song into their mouths, even praise to the Lord our God.

Financial stringency, or "financial stringency," as the old negro woman expressed it, is another lion in the way of missions. We have no words of condemnation for those, who out of a limited income, cannot give large sums to this cause, but out of an overflowing unselfishness and cheerfulness give their mites and contributions. It is

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Neglecting to read church papers, and all kinds of missionary literature is also another obstacle in the way of missions. People will talk flippantly of the fruitlessness of foreign missionary work, and of the waste of money and energy in trying to convert the heathen, who have never spent an hour in the whole course of their lives studying the deep significance and wide scope of the mission field, or in reading the marvelous things that the Gospel has done for those across the sea. If they would but open their eyes to the floodtide of enthusiasm that is sweeping over China; how National pride is forcing their ambition beyond limits never dreamed of before; how the Chinese are aiding our schools and universities in that country; how young men are sent abroad to study the government of other nations; how more Bibles are sold now in one year than in ten years before, how the emancipation of woman is bettering and brightening her life, surely they would see what foreign missions have wrought.

Let them read of the marvelous, and almost phenomenal, growth of Christianity in Korea, where one of the highest officials of the country, has given up political honors, and national fame to engage in the upbuilding of a great Christian school. It is a matter of rejoicing that two of Arkansas' young missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wason, are aiding this great man in his Christ-like efforts. Let them read of

Japan, of Brazil, Mexico and Cuba, and surely they will catch the heavenly enthusiasm coming over the whole mission field, and no longer can they speak of the uselessness of foreign missions, and the folly of bringing heathenism to the light.

A lack of faith is another great hindrance in this work. Alas! for those who cannot

"Dip into the future, far as human eye can see;

See the vision of the world, and all the wonders that would be."

They cannot see the harvests of the years to come, cannot see the wide spreading oak from the acorn, or the palace of beauty that will grow upon the foundation stone. They cannot grasp the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Bishop Galloway, in writing of Robert Morrison, who went to China as a missionary one hundred years ago, says, "Nothing but absolute faith in the all sufficiency of Christian truth, and the utter inadequacy of non-Christian faith, could apologize for the daring recklessness of the attempting to change the religion of a great nation; that to all human seeming it was a case of ludicrous knight-errantry to attack a great Empire, containing one-fifth of the earth's surface, and one-third of the population of the world, with one young man. And when the ship owner, in whose ship Mr. Morrison sailed, sneeringly said, "And so, Mr. Morrison, you really expect that you will make an impression on the idolatry of the great Chinese Empire?" "No, sir," said Morrison. "I expect God will."

How the faith, the enthusiasm of our missionary workers, and of men high up in our nation's councils should inspire us. Never before has there been such an awakening of mind and heart as on this subject. "The world for Christ" is the cry echoing around the earth, and in spite of all the hindrances in the way, lack of faith, indifference, selfishness, and desertion of rank, the missionary host is marching right on,

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Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute of Dardanelle District Held at Belleville, Feb. 12-13, 1908.

Feb. 12, 9 a. m. Devotional half hour by J. M. McAnally.

9:30 a. m. The urgent need of the hour, J. H. O'Bryant.

10 a. m. The success of the Missionary Cause.

(a) Upon the Pastor, Jeff Sherman.

(b) Upon the Layman, M. F. Johnson.

(c) Upon Missionary Literature, H. W. Wallace.

Speeches limited to fifteen minutes.

11 a. m. Cause and Cure for Indifference, J. M. McAnally.

11:15 a. m. Sermon, Rev. Jeff Sherman.

11:45 a. m. Should We Pay to Missions? If so, why? J. C. Shipp.

General discussion. Speeches fifteen minutes.

2:30 p. m. Devotional half hour, H. W. Wallace.

3 p. m. How to Make a Missionary Church, W. M. Adecock.

General discussion. Speeches limited to five minutes.

3:45 p. m. Evangelization of the World, H. W. Wallace.

2. How can it be done, Jeff Sherman.

3. When should we undertake it, J. H. O'Bryant.

Speeches limited to twenty minutes.

7:30 p. m. Sermon by H. W. Wallace.

Feb. 13, 9:30 a. m. Devotional half hour, J. M. McAnally.

9:30 a. m. What are the resources at our command for the conversion of the world?

(a) As to men and wealth, J. H. O'Bryant.

(b) As to organization, M. F. Johnson.

(c) As to promise of Divine power, J. C. Shipp.

Speeches limited to fifteen minutes.

10:30 a. m. General discussion. Speeches limited to five minutes.

2:30 p. m. Devotional half hour, W. M. Adecock.

3 p. m. Lander day in our Sunday Schools, Jeff Sherman.

General discussion. Speeches limited to five minutes.

4 p. m. Conference of Pastors on a Revival Campaign in the District.

4:30 p. m. St. Paul's opportunity and ours, J. H. O'Bryant.

Every man did his work well and in all the meeting was a gracious uplift to the churches and quite a benediction to the town of Belleville, because of the manifest interest of the preachers and the good attendance of the people.

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Crossett Station—A Correction.

I said in my note last week that we raised \$1250 in a public collection to pay for our new Sunday School rooms. Mr. E. W. Gates corrects me in that statement and says we raised \$2500, for the Crossett Lumber Company agreed to put up as much as the church would raise. Here are some men that do not believe in withholding from the Lord if there is a money stringency, and I have been told that this is the only sawmill company that has not cut wages during the panic. It perhaps would be interesting to those who do not already know, to know that most of our leading business men here, like Messrs. Gates, Bushner, Trieschman and others are tithers, although some of them are not members of the church. I believe the Lord delights to bless the labors of such men.

J. D. HAMMONS.

Feb. 20.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

Waldo.

Here I found Bro. Colson, our pastor, watching by the bedside of a sick wife, but getting some of the lady visitors to take his place, he gave me an hour, which proved very profitable both in getting new and old subscribers to the Methodist. This is a very prosperous railroad town. The two banks have consolidated. They have had a good public school for years. The Methodist is the leading church of the town. Bro. Colson is much loved by his people.

Stephens.

There are thirty-five copies of the Western Methodist coming to this office. We secured the renewal of about all we met. Rev. C. O. Steel was off to spend a while but we heard good things said of him. Bro. A. T. Blount brought me under special obligations. Prof. Garner has retired from business but is cheerful and somewhat improved in health. He and wife are honored by having an accomplished daughter, a graduate of Galloway College, as a missionary in Japan. It has been necessary to add a large room to the church to accommodate the Sunday School, and the special congregations.

Hampton.

This was my first visit to Hampton. Since the railroad has been completed it has taken on new life. A two-story school house is almost finished. They have an excellent hotel. J. L. Holinsworth and wife, proprietors. They know how to treat their guests. They were especially kind to me. Rev. J. C. Williams did everything possible to help me in my work. Here we added nine new subscribers and several renewals. We had a good service conducted by the Baptist pastor, by previous appointment. Bro. Williams joined the Annual Conference rather late in life, but he is making a very successful preacher. He has thirteen appointments.

Thornton.

Twenty-four hours were spent with Rev. C. C. Green at Thornton. It rained almost incessantly while there but Bro. Green and I took in the town and did some business.

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During the time the congregations named have constituted the present charge, four preachers have been privileged to go in and out among the excellent people of the two towns and surrounding communities. Bishop Key graciously allowed the present pastor to come to this charge after the session of Annual Conference held at Tulsa, Okla.

A notice of the dedication of the Eldorado Methodist church appeared in the Methodist a few weeks before the last session of the Oklahoma Annual Conference. On account of the death of Brother L. L. Johnson's daughter the dedication was postponed. However, the house was formally dedicated by Bro. Johnson Sunday, February 2nd. The sermon preached by Bro. Johnson was unusually strong, very appropriate, and much appreciated.

The outlook at the beginning of this conference year is truly encouraging. Two active, fast-growing Sunday Schools serve to quicken the heart-beat of a sometimes-too-solemn pastor. The first Sunday's collections are counted with some pride, and the desire most known is that very soon we shall have direct communication with a worker among the neglected little ones of another country. The Church Extension plans are made fully ours. Recently in one of the Sunday Schools two members reported having had a birthday. First came a man of seventy and seven years; next a child of six. Looking upon the two as they contributed as many pennies as they were years old,

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Another year's work in our Foreign Missionary Society draws to a close. How is it with you? Have you met the requirements? Our motto says: "She hath done what she could." Does that apply to you? How about your pledge? Let us not fall short. Remember what it must mean to those in foreign lands. If we refuse to open our purse, we soon cannot open our sympathy. Refuse to give and we soon cease to enjoy that which we have. Give as the Lord hath prospered you.

Grandma Marshall, now in her ninety-sixth year, and one of our first missionary workers, sends this greeting to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The letter was written at her dictation Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, and is as follows:

Dearly beloved friends:
This greeting comes to you from one who hopes, when you come together in our annual meeting, she will be in her heavenly home. Although I shall not be with you in body, I shall be, as I always have been, with you in spirit. And I pray that it may be your happiest meeting, that your resolutions may be heightened and that you may do a greater work for those who sit in darkness.

Accept my heartfelt thanks for the loving care you have shown me. I pray that our Heavenly Father will inspire you to realize your great responsibility, and that you may do more for him than you have ever done before.

Though I go soon I want you all to feel that I shall be waiting and watching for you.
Yours in ardent love,
MRS. A. J. MARSHALL.

The following is a letter from Mrs. W. F. Barnum, one of the vice presidents of the board, giving account of the mid-year session of the Executive Committee of the board, which I think will be interesting to all. She urges "prompt and full payment for the fourth quarter."

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 10, 1908.
My Dear Friend:
The Executive Committee has met in mid-year session and we make haste to give account to you. The reports from various officers were gratifying because of notable results.

Miss Davies, our splendid secretary of young people's work, reported more than 300 new members added, many volunteers and scores of conversions from definite evangelistic work.

Truly, "All things good are working for the Kingdom of God." We heard the report of the treasurer with "pain and pleasure." The collections of the three quarters amount to \$121,000, an increase over the same quarters last year, but the small balance in bank to meet the summer expenses of 1907, and the \$54,000 for the purchase and improvement of property ordered by the Board in Annual Session leaves us a very small balance at this time. You can fully appreciate the absolute necessity of prompt and full payment for the fourth quarter. Please see to it that your Conference meets its obligations. Again we say our successes are our embarrassments.

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Bishop Hoss was present and gave us a most delightful "trip to Brazil" and a character sketch of our work and workers. He holds both in high esteem and says that the Woman's Board has wrought well in the character of women sent out and the work done on the field. Dr. Lambuth gave a careful report of the China and Korean work. Of the remarkable growth of the work in Korea he said "Give me ten more missionaries and I will give you Korea converted in ten years." We must do it now or the opportunity is gone forever. Our work in China holds an enviable position among all denominations. We must sustain our hard-fought victories. As good reports come to us from other fields,—the Indian work especially having taken on new life under the management of Rev. C. F. Mitchell and wife.

The program for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans May 1-8, was carefully outlined and will be most attractive in every way. The returned missionaries for this occasion are Misses Bomar, Anderson and Mary Culler White from China, and Misses Howell and Fullerton from Brazil.

We regretted the circumstances that necessitated the absence of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Cobb from the meeting. The former has undergone a very serious operation, but is able to be taken to her home. The latter has been detained in Europe on account of sickness but will reach home some time this month.

The results, the successes of our work in Mission lands depend on us individually. I hope you are arranging a stirring summer campaign and Annual Meeting.

Sincerely yours,
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The Reaper and Civilization.
The harvester is the best barometer of civilization. It is not found where slavery and barbarism exist. There is no call for it in a land where the luxury of a city is built on the plunder of

the men and women who work in the fields. Whoever operates a harvester must not only be intelligent; he must be free. The American harvester is the machine that makes democracy possible. It reaches the average man, and more—it pushes the ladder of prosperity down so far that even the farm laborer can grasp the lowest rung and climb. It has become one of our national emblems. It is truly and exclusively American as the Stars and Stripes or the Declaration of Independence.—Herbert N. Casson, in the March Everybody's.

Financiering in the Kitchen.
Anna Steese Richardson, in the March number of Woman's Home Companion, gives some helps that are of inestimable value to the housewife, and especially to the girl who earns her own living.

One woman writes her:
"How can I earn money without leaving home? Can a woman whose one talent is housekeeping turn it to a practical account?"

Her reply in part is:
"The woman who can cook well, who knows how to prepare dainties as well as wholesome food, who has something worth offering in the culinary line, is really better off today than the home girl who is an indifferent cook, but free to turn to office or store work when the family income drives her to wage earning.

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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.)

POPE.—Mrs. Ida C. Pope, (nee Pryor) was born in Lawrence county, Ark., June 14, 1873. She was converted and joined the Methodist church in the summer of 1885, under the ministry of Rev. S. D. Evans of the White River Conference. She was married to John A. Pope, Sept. 19, 1887. To them were born four children. Their first died in infancy. The other three, two sons and a daughter, still live. On the 7th of February, 1908, at 8 o'clock in the evening, Sister Pope left her home and loved ones on earth and went away to her home in glory. She was a woman, who in strength of character was above the ordinary. She was modest, unobtrusive, never very demonstrative, but she lived her religion. To her, religion was not a mere sentiment, but a divine spiritual power, that transforms human nature into holy living. With this conviction she read her Bible, and prayed for her children, and her friends. And in this fixedness of purpose she counseled her husband and was a strong stay to him in his religious work. In the joys of her religion she passed away without a struggle. Just went to sleep in Jesus. May God's blessings rest upon her children, and Brother Pope, and other loved ones. **W. F. WALKER.**

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DEAN.—William Warren Dean, son of John and Elizabeth K. (East) Dean, was born in Laurens District, S. C., Jan. 14, 1849, and died at Bills, Ark., Jan. 2, 1908. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, served as steward for some years. Was married to Miss Amanda Williams, Nov. 2, 1890. This was a happy union, and a congenial life. They had no children. He was kind-hearted, a good neighbor. He had no fears of death. He said the Christian's religion was his support. The writer quoted some Scripture as John 3:16; 14:24, and 2 Cor. 5:1 to which he gave consent as true in his case. His power of speech had gone some weeks before his death. So he could not talk to us about his departure. His mind was clear and active to within an hour of the end which came peacefully at 5 minutes to 5 p. m. The four remaining brothers and his wife and many other relatives and friends were at his bedside. His pastor, Bro. P. S. Herron, conducted funeral services, and we laid him to rest beside our mother and father. Sometime, somewhere, we hope to meet again. His brother, **S. C. DEAN.**

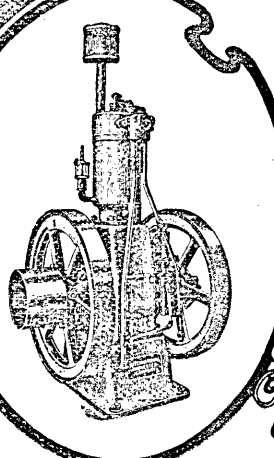
FISHER.—Sister Mollie Fisher, nee Owen, born at Curve, Lauderdale Co., Tenn., May 5, 1875, died Dec. 23, 1907. She was the daughter of Robert and Willie Owen. She was married to H. E. Fisher, April 17, 1889. To this union were born three children, two of whom were already in heaven to welcome the mother's home-coming. Sister Mollie was one of the brightest, cheerful Christian women it was ever my pleasure to meet. When she had trouble she bore it in fortitude, and when she had joy everyone shared it with her. She was converted and joined the Methodist church at the age of twelve. She died in sight of heaven. She exhorted all around her till the last to live for God, and when her earthly vision had darkened, her last words to Bro. Fisher were, "I can't see you but I see my precious children and will soon be with them," and thus ended her beautiful life on earth. **J. T. SELF.**

CAMPBELL.—Mrs. Sallie M. Campbell, mother of Rev. J. W. Campbell, died at her home near Tecumecari, New Mexico, Feb. 16, 1908. Sister Campbell had been a life-long Christian and a devoted member of the Methodist church. She was born in Augusta county, Va., Sept. 30, 1832. So she had passed her three score and ten. Her husband was killed at the battle of Manassas, 1861, leaving her the one child. She moved to W. Virginia, later to Oklahoma and last month to Tecumecari, New Mexico. Our acquaintance with Sister Campbell was limited, but sufficient to reveal the fact that she lived a life hid with Christ in God. She was not so demonstrative as some we have seen, but her daily life was of that silent majesty that carried a volume of influence for good. She rests from her labors but her works will follow her. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the honored son as he goes from place to place preaching the unsearchable riches of divine truth. May the mantle of her true and consecrated life still rest upon him.

S. E. WILSON.

Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting Notes.

The following brethren met in pastor's study, Central Ave., 10:30 a. m., Feb. 24th:



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Dr. M. B. Corrigan, J. R. Rushing, M. W. Manville, J. H. Cumins and F. E. Dodson.

M. B. Corrigan in the chair. Devotional services led by F. E. Dodson.

Malvern Ave., M. W. Manville, reported good congregations; received two members. Good Sunday School.

Park Ave., J. R. Rushing, reported good congregations at 11 a. m.; good Sunday School, with good house at night, also good League service.

Tigert Memorial, F. E. Dodson, reported growing congregations. Increase in Sunday School.

Third Street, J. H. Cumins, reports good congregations, two accessions, good Sunday School and League services.

Central Ave., Dr. M. B. Corrigan, reported good congregations, good Sunday School and good League services.

Rev. E. W. Shields, of New Jerusalem church, was with us and reported good day yesterday.

F. E. DODSON, Secretary.

Oklahoma Notes and Personals.

This has been a great week in Oklahoma Methodism, the great convention, great in attendance, great in the interest manifested, great in its speakers, and we trust it may be great in its results.

Bishop Atkins has been visiting among us for several weeks, but now on his way to Nashville. We are much rejoiced at his probable location in Oklahoma City.

Bro. Knickerbocker is pushing the great new church, and expects to have George Stewart to hold a meeting this fall. Knickerbocker is pure gold, and a most brotherly man. May he bring

this great temple to completion. Bro. Scales has made a splendid beginning, and the work starts off with every prospect of enlarged success.

The Conference Board of Church Extension held a meeting in the parlors of the Grand Avonne Hotel this week. From the number of applications before the board it looks as if all records in church building will be broken this year. This board is composed of some of our best men and we feel sure that this department of our interest will be well taken care of.

Rev. H. C. Garrett of El Reno, is planning to build in that gateway of our conference a twenty thousand dollar church. This done and we will lead the forces in church work in that city.

Our conference educational policy is meeting with approval throughout our bounds, and we are enterprising a forward movement that will mean much to the church in the future. So far as I have gone the brethren have given me every assistance and manifest every desire to be of help to me in this work.

W. J. SIMS.

To the Pastors of the Oklahoma City District.

My dear brethren: I desire to call your special attention to the matter of securing renewals to the Western Methodist in cases where subscribers are several months in arrears. The new order from the Postoffice Department will soon be in effect, and unless special attention is given the matter, many papers will doubtless be stopped. This would be a serious calamity, and should be avoided if possible. Let us make a united effort in this direction.

A. L. SCALES, P. E.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

HARRISON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Fairview at Right's Chapel Mar. 7-8
Yellville Station Mar. 14-15
Yellville Station Mar. 15-16
Cotton at Gassville Mar. 21-22
Mtn. Home at Mtn. Home Mar. 20-23
Bellefonte and Marshall, at Olvey, Mar. 28-29
Kingston at Kingston Mar. 28-29
Huntsville at Presley's Chapel Apr. 4-5
The delegates to the District Laymen's meeting must be elected this round, four for each station and two for each appointment, on the circuits. J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

MORRILLTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
Pittsboro 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
Russell Station Apr. 12-13
Morrillville Station Apr. 19-20
Conway Station Apr. 26-27
JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Central Church Mar. 1
Ft. Smith Ct., at Cavanaugh Mar. 7-8
First Church Mar. 8
Charleston Ct., at Grand Prairie Mar. 14-15
Branch Ct., at Branch Mar. 21-22
Paris Station Mar. 28-29
Huntington & Mansfield at H. Mar. 28-29
Abbot Ct., at Abbot Mar. 29-30
Greenwood Station Apr. 4-5
Hackett Ct., at Excelsior Apr. 5-6
Washburn Ct., at Excelsior Apr. 11-12
Hartford Ct., at Midland Apr. 12-13
Magazine Ct., at Sugar Grove Apr. 18-19
Booneville Station Apr. 19-20
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
Gravelle & Decatur at Decatur Mar. 1-2
Farmington Ct., at Illinois Chapel Mar. 7-8
War Eagle Ct., at War Eagle Mar. 14-15
Springtown Ct., at Mt. Tabor Mar. 21-22
Siloam Springs Station Mar. 28-29
Pea Ridge Ct., at Buttra Chapel Mar. 28-29
Rogers Station Apr. 4-5
Centerton Ct., at Oakley's Chapel Apr. 11-12
Bentonville Station Apr. 12-13
Grady Ct., at Grady Apr. 18-19
Prairie Grove Station Apr. 18-19
Parksdale & Winslow at P. Apr. 25-26
Goshen Ct., at New Cross May 9-10
Fayetteville Station May 11
Springdale Station May 16-17
Elm Springs Ct., at Ebenezer May 23-24
Wm. SHERMAN, P. E.

DARDANELLE DIST.—SECOND ROUND
Lamar Station Mar. 1, 2
Prairie Ct., at Etchison's Chapel, March 3, 4
Clarksville Station Mar. 6
Clarksville Ct., Mar. 7, 8
Coal Hill and Hartman, at Hartman Mar. 14, 15
Spadra Mission Mar. 15, 16
Roseville and Webb City, at Roseville Mar. 21, 22
Altus and Denning Mar. 22, 23
Ozark Ct., at Gar Creek Mar. 24, 25
Ozark Station Mar. 28, 29
J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

GUYPON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
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.
Kullik 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 Kullik 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
O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—2ND ROUND
Weatherford Station (At night) Mar. 1
Erick and Texola at Dabney Mar. 7-8
Pioneer Ct., at Pioneer 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. 22
Texmo at Texmo Mar. 26-27
Roll at Dudley Mar. 28-29
Choyenne Mar. 29-30
Hammon at Kiowa Mar. 30-31
Cowden at Sappington Apr. 8-9
Cordell Station Apr. 4-5
Cloud Chief at Dill Apr. 5-6
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.)
Hastings, at Lono Star Mar. 1-2
Rush Springs at Woodlawn Mar. 8-9
Alex, at Amber Mar. 14-15
Mince and Tuttle at Tuttle Mar. 15-16
Randlett, at Liberty Hill Mar. 21-22
Eschite, 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
Duncan Station Apr. 12-13
Carnegie and Ft. Cobb, at Boise Apr. 19-20
Comanche Apr. 25-26
Vorden and Anadarko, at A. Apr. 26-27
C. H. McGHEE, P. E.

OREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Seminole Ct., at Hittchita Mar. 7, 8
Okmulgee Ct., at LittleOkaneta 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.
Moral Ct. at Pioneer Mar. 1 2

Twelve Mile Prairie at Bee Mar. 7 8
Coalgate and Wapanucka, at Wapanucka Mar. 8, 9
Tishomago Ct., at Tishomago Mar. 15, 16
Roff Station Mar. 21, 22
Ada Station Mar. 22, 23
Hickory at Flood Creek Mar. 27, 28
Mill Creek and Ravia Mar. 29, 30
Holdenville Station Apr. 1
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
Wetumka 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.
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
Olustee and Eldorado, at Olustee Apr. 19, 20
Mt. Park, at Mt. Bend Apr. 25, 26
Frederick Ct., at Good Hope May 2, 3
Frederick 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.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
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
Carver 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. 18-19
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's Valley 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.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Checotah, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 29
Wagoner, 9 a. m. Mar. 2
Tahlequah Ct., 2:00 p. m. Mar. 8
Tahlequah Station, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 8
Westville Ct., at Alberty's, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 9
Stillwell Ct., at Oak Grove, 2 p. m. Mar. 14
Stillwell Station, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 15
Brushy Ct., at Maple, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 20
Muldrow, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 21
Sallisaw, 9 a. m. Mar. 28
Henryetta and Dustin at Dustin, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 28
First Church, 7:30 p. m. Mar. 30
Vian Ct. at Webber's Falls, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 4
Fort Gibson Ct., at Illinois, 2:30 p. m. Apr. 5
Okmulgee, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 11
Bokyn and Morris at M., 7:30 p. m. Apr. 12
Warner Ct., at Warner, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 18
St. Paul's, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 19
Bustula Ct., at Deer's Chapel, 3 p. m. Apr. 25
Eufaula Station, 9 a. m. Apr. 27
Muskogee Ct., at White Church, 2 p. m. May 3
Wagoner Ct., at Victor, 2 p. m. May 10
Covington at Covington, 7:30 p. m. May 14
Whitefield Ct., at Dukes, 2 p. m. May 16
Stigler, 9 a. m. May 18
Oktoha Ct., at Oktoha, 2 p. m. May 23
Haskell and Bixby, 7:30 p. m. May 24
Brothers, please send in at once the names of your delegates to District Conference. Let all pastors have Church Extension and Domestic Missions collected in full by this quarterly conference. Make a special effort to circulate good literature, and take subscribers to our conference organ. Will the stewards be faithful to look after the pastor's and P. E.'s salary? Special effort should be made to keep paid up to date. If all will be faithful and the membership be honest with God, then no place will fall behind and no pastor have need. Let all plan and pray for a gracious revival in each charge.
W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIST.—2ND ROUND
Oklahoma City, St. Luke's Mar. 1
Oklahoma City, Capitol Hill Mar. 1
Franklin Ct., at Bennett Mar. 7-8
Purcell Station Mar. 14-15
Norman Station Mar. 15-16
Tucumseh Station Mar. 21-22
Shawnee, 1st Church Mar. 22-23
Shawnee, Trinity Mar. 23
Stroud & Davenport at D. Mar. 28-29
Stillwater & Pawnee at S. Mar. 29-30
Morrison & Perry at M. Apr. 4-5
Prairie Ct., at Mt. Hope Apr. 11
Guthrie Station Apr. 12-13
Auradia & Wheatland at A. Apr. 18-19
Oklahoma City, Oak Park Apr. 19-20
Sparks Ct., at Johnson Apr. 25-26
Shawnee Ct., at North Canadian Apr. 26-27
Blanchard Ct., at Blanchard May 2-3
Noble & Shiloh at S. May 9-10
Lexington Station May 10-11
McLoud & Union Chapel at U. O. May 16-17
Epworth University May 17
Piedmont Station May 23
El Reno Station May 24-25
A. L. SCALES, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Bristow Feb. 15-16
Coweta Feb. 22-23
Broken Arrow Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Tulsa, First Church Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Tulsa, Tigert Memorial Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Sapulpa Mar. 1-2
Claremore Mar. 7-8
Inola and Talala, at Talala Mar. 9-10

Peggs, at Shady Grove Mar. 14-15
Bluejacket & Centralia Mar. 21-22
Pryor Creek Mar. 26
Chouteau Mar. 27
Adair, at Vann's Chapel Mar. 28-29
Welch Mar. 31
Chapel Apr. 4-5
Vinita Apr. 6
Chelsea Apr. 9
Beggs Apr. 10-11
Red Fork and Mounds Apr. 11-12
Miami and Wyandotte Apr. 18-19
Afton Apr. 19-20
Grove Apr. 21-22
Vinita Ct. Apr. 22-23
Kansas at Rose Apr. 25-26
Spavinaw Apr. 26-27
District Conference, Chelsea, Ok., April 29, May 2.
J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

KIOWA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Pocasset Circuit Mar. 1
Anadarko Ct., at Hog Creek Mar. 28-29
Caddo & Wichita, at Foster Apr. 4-5
Ft. Sill, at Mt. Scott Apr. 25-26
C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

PINE BLUFF DIST.—FIRST ROUND.
Rison, at Rison Mar. 7-8
The District Stewards will meet at Lakeside 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.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Harmony Mar. 8-9
Spring Hill Mar. 15-16
Fulton and McSabb Mar. 22-23
Bingen Mar. 29-30
Washington and Ozan Apr. 4-5
Chidester 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 Wilmet Mar. 14-15
Dermott and Arkansas City Mar. 15-16
New Edinburg Ct. Mar. 21-22
Warren and Mission Mar. 22-23
Snyder Ct. Mar. 28-29
Hamburg Station Mar. 29-30
Lacey Ct. Apr. 4-5
Monticello Station Apr. 5-6
Endora Ct. Apr. 11-12
Lake Village and Portland Apr. 12-13
Watson Ct. Apr. 18-19
Tiller Ct., at McGehee Apr. 19-20
Hamburg Ct. Apr. 25-26
Crosssett 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.
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 2-4
Magnolia Ct. May 9-10
Magnolia Station May 17-18
Camden Ct. May 23-24
On the second round we will discuss Sunday Schools, Women's 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.
Tomberlin Mar. 7, 8
England Mar. 8, 9
Lonoke Mar. 15
Bryant Ct., at Sardis Mar. 21-22
Mablevale Ct., at Mt. Pleasant Mar. 28-29
Oak Hill Ct., at Pleasant Hill 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 Des Arc, at D. A. May 24
Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton May 30, 31
A. O. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
Bright Star Ct. Mar. 7-8
Janssen Ct. Mar. 14-15
Texarkana Ct. Mar. 21-22
Foreman Ct. Mar. 28-29
Horatio Ct. Apr. 4-5
Wilton Ct. Apr. 11-12
Gilham Ct. Apr. 18-19
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.

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

JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Monetta and Lake City Mar. 2-8
Bay Ct. Mar. 7-8
CADESMAN POPE, P. E.

PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
Paragould Ct., Wood's Chapel Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Paragould, First Church Mar. 8-9
Paragould, East Side Mar. 8-10
Piggott Ct., at St. Francis Mar. 14-15
Rector Ct., at Harvey's Chapel Mar. 21-22
Gainesville Ct., at Beech Grove Mar. 28-29
Boydsville Ct., at Cummins's Chapel Apr. 4-5
Lorado Ct., at Bethel Apr. 11-12
Knoblo Ct., at Moark Apr. 18-19
Corning Station Apr. 19-20
Maynard Ct., at Siloam Apr. 25-26
Pocahontas Ct., at Vernon Apr. 25-26
Pocahontas & Hoxie at P. May 2-3
Reyno Ct., at Biggars May 9-10
Hardy Ct. May 9-10
Mammoth Springs Station May 10-11
Imboden Station May 16-17
Black Rock and Portia May 17-18
Walnut Ridge Station May 24-25
District Conference will convene at Mamaduke, Thursday, May 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon Thursday night by Rev. W. F. Walker. Committees: License to preach and admission on trial, E. M. Phipps, C. H. Newman and P. B. Wallis; Elders and Deacons orders, E. N. Brickley, J. S. Watson and A. C. Griffin.
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
Batesville, Central Avenue Mar. 1, 2
Batesville, First Church Mar. 5
Swift Ct., at Arbor Grove Mar. 7, 8
Smithville Ct., at Flat Creek Mar. 8, 9
Jesup Ct., at Marvin Mar. 14, 15
Cave City Ct., at Maxville Mar. 21, 22
Evening Shade Ct., at Sidney Mar. 28, 29
Ash Flat Ct., at Bethel Mar. 28-29
Sulphur Rock Ct., at Walnut Grove, Apr. 4, 5
Melbourne Ct., at Pleasant Grove, Apr. 11, 12
Bexar Ct., at Corinth Apr. 12, 13
Salem Ct., at Viola Apr. 19, 20
Calico Rock and Mt. View Ct., at Flat Rock Apr. 18, 19
Newark Station Apr. 25, 26
Wolf Bayou Ct., at Marcella May 2, 3
Desha Ct., at Oak Valley May 9, 10
Pleasant Plains Ct., at Corner Stone May 10-11
Bethesda Ct., at Cushman May 16-17
District Preachers' meeting at Melbourne, Apr. 21-23.
A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
Wynne Station Mar. 15-16
Cotton Plant & Howell at H. Mar. 21-22
Brinkley Station Mar. 22-23
Laconia Ct., at Laconia Mar. 27-29
Hamlin Mission at Hamlin Apr. 4-5
Parkin Station Apr. 5-6
Haynes Ct., at Millbrook Apr. 11-12
Forrest City Station Apr. 12-13
Colt Ct., at Colt Apr. 18-19
Holly Grove & Maxwell at H. G. Apr. 26-27
La Grange Ct., at Spring Creek May 2-3
McCrory & DeView at DeView May 9-10
Turner & Shiloh at Shiloh May 16-17
Clarendon Station May 17-18
Wheatley Ct., at Prairie Chapel May 23-24
Marianna Station May 31-June 1
St. Francis Mission June 1
Helena Station June 7-8
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

WARNING ORDER.
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski
Olem A. Schaer, Plaintiff vs. Howard B. Schaer, Defendant, in the Pulaski Chancery Court.
The Defendant, Howard B. Schaer, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of Plaintiff, Olem A. Schaer.
February 10th, 1908.
F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.
By T. J. Oliphant.
GEO. L. BASHAM, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

Church Extension Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference Board at McAlester March 17, 9 a. m. Also at El Reno March 18, 19, 9 a. m. It is desired that as many members of the board attend the meeting at El Reno as possible.

Those having applications to come before this board will please have them in the hands of the committee before that time. It is not necessary for those who have represented their churches to do so again. By order of board.

N. L. LINEBAUGH, Ch.
C. F. MITCHELL, Sec.

Dedication at Tulsa Postponed.

Please state that Bishop Atkins cannot dedicate our church for us Sunday, March 1, and so it is postponed one week to March the 8th, and Dr. W. F. McMurtry will be with us.

J. H. BALL.

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.

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My moto being to win the goal,
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To recognize this gift in Gipsy Smith is not to minimize the value of training. He illustrates its value in a disciplined mind and a pure transparent English speech, which has been gained by long study, though not in academic halls. But his success suggests that what our churches are called on to do is to search diligently and pray for guidance to find boys with the prophetic gift over whose shoulders they may throw the prophet's mantle. Such boys may be found on farms or in gipsy camps as often as anywhere else.—Congregationalist.

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Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes.

T. E. Sharp, chairman, presided.

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than could very well be accommodated with seats.

Asbury, W. A. Swift pastor. One addition at the morning service.

Henderson Chapel, R. J. Roland pastor. A. C. Millar, P. E., preached at both morning and night service. Good congregations and a hopeful outlook for the church.

First church, T. E. Sharp pastor, large congregations; one addition to church and six additions to League.

F. E. DuBois pastor of the First M. E. Church had one addition and good services.

B. P. White, pastor Frank Lynn M. E. Church has been engaged to preach at the Rock Creek M. E. church on Sundays 3 p. m.

W. Fred Long general Secretary of the State Sunday School Association has been quite ill for nearly a month.

Next Sunday will be communion service at the various churches in the city. W. A. SWIFT, Sec.

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