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EDITORIAL.

NUGGETS GATHERED AT THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

Dr. Homer C. Stuntz.

Methodism has never wasted any ammunition. God has never sent us to take a fort till he was ready. Morrison went to China long before we got there, and Carey went to India long before we got there—it was well enough for Calvinists to spend three years on translating Bibles, etc., before the Methodists got onto the job.

Wm. Taylor that mighty evangelist whose tramp has shaken every continent he ever walked on—the mightiest yet born of the womb of Methodism!

Bishop Thoburn nineteen years ago, with the vision of a prophet, declared that the time would come when God would deliver the Filipinos and give them a chance to hear the Gospel.

What we have done in the Philippines has cut the death rate down from 66 to 22 per thousand.

The Methodist Episcopal church has in the Philippines 128 circuits; 300 licensed preachers and exhorters and 21,000 members and probationers. Not one cent have we ever paid out there for a native worker. Bro. Rader of Colorado had 1400 converts in a single year, another man had 3200 in two years!

Since the Boxer movement 50,000 Christians have been added to the Chinese church, although 10,000 Chinese bit the dust as martyrs in that movement.

Col. Holdford on the Philippines.

The Roman Catholic Church dominated the Philippine Islands for 400 years!—but I would not trust the Methodist Episcopal Church nor the M. E. C., South with unlimited power.

I say without hesitation that the brightest page in the history of empire building is the 10 years occupancy of the United States in the Philippines. The advance of the Philippines has been one of the most wonderful in the world. It would be a crime even to think of abandoning them. In the Philippines we have to lay the foundations of civic order in the minds and the conceptions of the people—our notions of justice and equity, the establishments of courts and all civil institutions; to create in them a desire for a life that is above fish and boiled rice; to bring in a new social system, to bring education, all things.

"And ere their cannons cool,
They march in 2s and 3s to school."

Dr. Winton on Latin America.

The Roman Catholic Church has for three hundred years made conditions which render Mexicans incapable of making a republic, a free country. The Romish system fetters the intellect, obscures it, and paralyzes the will by putting the responsibility upon priests, not on people. No people can be made free

by law; they can be free only as they make themselves free. This is the bane of all Latin America.

John R. Pepper's Sayings.

The hidden treasure in our missionary assets is men; the women have been discovered as a missionary force, but the men! What about them? Why is this?

1st. Men have become so absorbed in business that they have lost their sense of responsibility.

2nd. We have not asked them to do much.

In the Laymen's movement of the Southern Church there are now more than 12,000 men enrolled, men whose names are listed and who may be called upon in emergencies.

At more than three-fifths of all the preaching places of Southern Methodism there is service but once a month. Cannot the laymen change this, giving one service every Sabbath?

How can the Laymen's movement be operated in the individual church? 1st. Do the next thing. It may be the pastor's salary that most needs attention. It may be the collections, or a church debt; it may be the distribution of our literature—a great campaign for it. In short, let a body of laymen grapple with the problems in sight.

Laymen should hold cottage prayer meetings. The British Wesleyan Methodists outstrip us in such work. They have 1637 traveling preachers, and more than 18,000 local preachers, and more than 24,000 lay readers; four-fifths of the sermons preached in the Wesleyan church every Sunday are by unordained men.

I do not know of a more helpful service that a pastor could do than make a list of the names of his men and study the list to determine what each man can do. Try it.

Dr. S. A. Steel's Nuggets.

In Methodism Christianity reverted to the original type of workers, men of high moral ideas and purposes. The circuit rider does not represent the ranks of earthly power. Methodism has not improved much on the circuit rider, notwithstanding all our modern methods, institutional churches, etc. Their chief characteristic was their intense earnestness. If there be foreordination, and it is more than hinted at in the Bible, God foreordained that Methodism should make a fuss in the world. The circuit riders were men of strong individuality. Some of them were eccentric, to the verge of lunacy, let us admit; God can always use an eccentric man, but he can never do anything with a fool who tries to imitate them.

If there is one place where the devil will cheat you out of your immortality it is in the ball room. Why is it that when you get a lot of young folks together they call on their heels instead of their heads to entertain them?

Bishop McDowell's Hits.

After Dr. Steel, "We never hear one of these gifted men from the South without a feeling

of envy. We are so stammering and hesitant—they are so fluent and felicitous."

The cities of America are our greatest peril and our greatest opportunity.

1. Are you in blood earnest about this business? Would you give a right arm for it?

2. Do you think there is any other name under heaven among men by which men can be saved? If I knew two remedies for sin I would go with both of them. I know but one remedy. But what do you think of sin? Ask men who have faced it in Chicago, in China, India, anywhere.

I would cross the street to give India a new theology, to give China a new system of ethics, nor Japan a new literature—they have more theology, ethics and literature than they make use of—but I would go around the world to tell them, "There is a fountain filled with blood," etc.

It matters but little what sort of clothes the heathen people wear—we want to know what character our preaching makes in them.

3. Do you know any better man or any better message than the Christian man and the Christian message? When David Livingston went into Africa there was not a native in Africa worthy to stand in the same county with him. When Alexander Duff went to India he was the tallest Archangel in white in India.

4. Have you prayed about this question? If you have as you ought there will be no foreign land, no foreign man.

5. Have you the missionary motive? A great motive? So many men have pure motives, but they are little motives. Sin is a great tragedy, but next to it is the loss of motive power in man. Little motives give out—it takes big motives to last. It takes two oceans to float the Oregon—it takes a big motive to float this missionary enterprise—not pity, nor anything smaller than the love of God.

6. Are you going to help bring about the goal of history? But this world will get toward the goal of history when we with passionate devotion get down into the struggle. What is the goal of history? Is it universal Anglo-Saxon rule, or German rule or Chinese rule? It will be reached when the king eternal, invisible, immutable sits upon his throne—then; not till then.

I am debtor—I am ready—to pay. I am not ashamed of the currency in which I propose to pay, the Gospel, for—having received anything from anybody makes me debtor to everybody; having received everything from Christ makes us debtors to all men, owing them all I have.

Rev. Dr. Wainwright on the Present World Missionary Situation.

Plurality of Nations is a great obstacle to the spread of the Gospel. Nations fused into one empire were the preparations for the coming of Christ. The British Empire has largely gathered up all heathen nations, with a breakup of the past, in state of silent revolution, ready for us.

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Methodist Calender.

Bentonville District Conference, Gravette, April 28-May 1.

Ardmore District Conference, Kingston, May 27-31.

Hendrix College Commencement, June 14.

Muskogee District Conference, Checotah, April 14, 2 p. m. to April 17.

Pine Bluff District Conference, Stuttgart, July 2 at 9 a. m. to July 5.

That staunch, noble layman, Capt. W. W. Martin, of Conway, was in our office last Tuesday.

The address of Rev. John H. Nichols has been changed from Liberty, Tenn., to Portland, Tenn.

Rev. R. H. Cannon, a student in Hendrix College, was in the city Monday and called on the Methodist.

Rev. M. A. Cassidy, of the Oklahoma Conference, doing Y. M. C. A. work and residing in Argenta, Ark., made us a call Monday.

Rev. Moss Weaver reports well of his work at Sulphur, Oklahoma and says he has a number of splendid Arkansas people in his charge.

The ranging editor found Rev. J. E. Vick of Wetumka, Okla., in the midst of a people who love and appreciate him. Mrs. Vick has just recovered from a serious attack of grippe. Wetumka is a good town.

We congratulate Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Wolf on the recent arrival at the Berryville parsonage of a sweet little lady, "Miss Margarette," who proposes to make it her home for some years to come.

Rev. Frank Barrett made us a brotherly call while passing through the city Tuesday on his way to Stuttgart where he delivered a stirring lecture on State-wide Prohibition Tuesday evening.

Rev. P. C. Fletcher and his Central Church, Fayetteville, assisted by Rev. John E. Brown, evangelist, and C. P. Curry, singer, are entering upon an evangelistic campaign in that city to continue through March. We wish for this effort the very best of results.

We are profoundly sorry to learn from Dr. T. G. Welch that failing health has necessitated his retirement from the pastorate of our Second Church, Jonesboro, Ark. It is to be hoped that with rest his strength may be renewed.

We regret to learn through Bro. C. W. Shaver, of Evening Shade, that his pastor, Rev. E. M. Davis, has been sick and a great sufferer since his arrival at the charge. We trust that with the return of spring his health may be restored.

The executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Epworth League Conference met at Fordyce last Tuesday and arranged a program for a great meeting at Prescott, April 14-15-16. Details will appear in due time.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, Okmulgee, is having a prosperous ministry in that town. They are about moving into another parsonage and are talking of a new church. An out-and-out man, Bro. Rippey could not sleep if things did not move.

We regret to learn through Rev. J. Webb, pastor of Ussery Circuit, of the death of David McKinley, the son of our local preacher, Rev. Jas. McKinley. His sickness was brief. A good man has gone. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

Rev. J. H. Glass, presiding elder of the Morrilton district passes through Little Rock occasionally in order to reach some appointments on the Rock Island railroad and while in the city Monday returning from one of these appointments made us an appreciated call.

Rev. A. C. Pickens is succeeding well in Weleetka and Okemah. His people are pleased with his ministry and are rallying to his plans. He recently closed a good meeting at the former place, with eighteen accessions to the church. On a recent visit there we noted with pleasure special zeal among the good women.

It was a great pleasure to meet at Okemah, Okla., recently several old friends, among them Mr. Geo. Harrell, former sheriff of Sebastian Co., Mr. Jno. Harrell, former sheriff of Faulkner Co., Mrs. J. A. Kirchner, formerly of Conway, and Mrs. T. L. Fuller, former treasurer of Logan Co., Ark. They were all full of courtesy to the editor. They are all prospering.

The General Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, will meet in Annual Session in Atlanta, Ga., at 9 A. M. Tuesday, May 19, 1908. In connection with this meeting there will be held an Educational Convention beginning on the evening of May 19 and ending on the evening of May 21. The program, which is now being prepared, will be given to the Church in a few days, together with information relating to representation, transportation and entertainment.

Death of Bishop W. W. Duncan.

Just as we go to press news comes through the telegraphic reports that Bishop W. W. Duncan had died at his home, Spartanburg, S. C., early in the morning of March 2.

Born at Boydton, Va., Dec. 2, 1839, educated at Randolph-Macon College and Wofford College from which he graduated in 1858, he was married to Miss Medora Rice, of Union, S. C., Mar. 19, 1861, after joining the Virginia Conference in 1859, in which he served as a pastor, with the exception of the time spent in a chaplaincy of the Confederate Army, until 1875, when he accepted the chair of Philosophy in Wofford College and held it up to his election to the office of bishop in 1886. At the last General Conference on account of feeble health it was agreed that he should be expected to do only light work. For sometime he had been growing weaker. His death this week was not unexpected. Having done faithful service as a bishop for twenty years he was, of course, well known throughout our Connection. He had presided over all of our Conferences in Arkansas and Oklahoma, over some of them several times.

Scholarly, clear and forceful in his preaching, keen in his sarcasm, devout, tireless, painstaking, firm, he was one of our great leaders, a good and useful man. The whole Church mourns its loss and joins in sympathy with the sorrowing wife and children.

In Oklahoma.

Since leaving Guthrie I have been swinging through two districts, Ada and Tulsa. I have already spoken of the work and workers as I saw them in Ada district, at Okemah, Weleetka, Wetumka and Okmulgee. It needs only to be added that the presiding elder of that district, Rev. S. F. Goddard, who is a new presiding elder, has a good name among the preachers and people. He and his preachers are conducting an aggressive campaign.

Getting into Tulsa district, where Rev. J. B. McDonald reigns, I was a day at Sapulpa, two days at Tulsa and am now writing from Vinita. At Sapulpa J. E. Savage is showing both grit and grace. He is about as plucky a little man as I have come up with. Sapulpa is, as matters go in this country, an old town. We have long had a church there, and I met some very excellent people there. I do not understand why we have not made better progress, but, whatever the past, the brethren may rest assured that our affairs are getting on a good footing in Sapulpa now. Brother Savage is to move this week into a new parsonage. As a direct aid to all church work he and the editor gave thorough attention to the paper, putting it into a number of new homes.

At Tulsa Rev. J. H. Ball is just getting into his new church. The building is admirable in every way, and its completion is a notable achievement. It represents sweat and money and tears, and it will stand as a monument to the indomitable energy and to the tact and perseverance of Bro. Ball and those who have labored with him. The formal opening will be celebrated on next Sunday, when Bishop Key and Dr. McMurry, through whose faithful aid as Church Extension secretary the building has been made possible, are expected to be on hand. But as a matter of fact the church was opened last Sunday, the writer doing the preaching. I had left Tulsa and gone to Vinita, though Bro. Ball had insisted upon my remaining over Sunday and performing this service. I had been in Vinita only an hour or two when he called me up over the phone and said that he had almost collapsed in the strain which he was undergoing and that he could take no denial, as he just could not preach the next morning, and that I must come back. There was nothing to do but to return to Tulsa. I spent Saturday night getting there, the train being a little off time. I got to bed at five o'clock Sunday morning, but was in the pulpit in front of a fine audience at eleven. We had a good rich service and the grace of God was with us.

While in Tulsa on Saturday I went over to Bro. Sweet's church, of course, the Tigert Memorial. The roof is on, or partly so. It also will be quite a handsome building. But they greatly need money. All who subscribed to the Tigert Memorial fund should forward the amount at once to Rev. E. M. Sweet. He himself is fighting a good fight in North Tulsa, deserves success, and will achieve it, and our lamented Bishop Tigert, to whose honor this building is to be a memorial, is worthy to be thus remembered.

Getting back to Vinita for Sunday night, it was a great pleasure to be with my long time friend, Rev. Jno. M. Cantrell, and with his family. The brethren in Oklahoma, and certainly his friends in Arkansas, will be interested to know that he is meeting with immediate success in his new field. All the departments of church service are responding to his efforts, always untiring, whatever he goes at.

On this trip I have been greatly impressed with the great crowd of men that throng this country. On the streets of Oklahoma City, at the oil town of Keifer, at Sapulpa, on the

streets of Tulsa, there are to be seen multitudes of able-bodied men, representing brawn and energy. They are nearly always moving, often rushing; eager, pushing throngs they are. They are entering into the material development of this great country; they must also be persuaded to become a part of its ethical and religious force. It will require a manly and staunch gospel to arrest their attention; no "sissy" preaching will do it.

I spoke of Keifer.—It is the town of the Glenn Pool district. It is not incorporated, and has very little police supervision. It is thronged with men of all grades. The sides of what they call the main street are lined with new one-story wooden buildings—a fire would sweep it from the earth. It is in the midst of 3,200 oil derricks, 98 per cent of which represent producing oil wells, some of which produce several thousand barrels of oil per day. It is a phase of mining life, and all the characteristics of a vast mining camp are there; it is one huge, heterogeneous mass of greed, lust, rapine, not unrelieved by touches of nobler qualities. I was told that it would not do to walk about there at night; I could well believe it. But my train was to stop there for an hour or so, and I concluded to see the town, for it was about noon. I went pretty well over it, though I confess I was careful not to venture into every place I saw.

All over this country natural gas is burned for fuel. It is great. No dust, no kindling to split, nor coal nor wood to bring in, nor ashes to "take up"—simply the lighting of a match and a twist of the wrist in turning on the gas. Housekeeping is reduced in a marked degree. Would that Ft. Smith or Mansfield or Plumerville, Ark., would hurry its gas pipes toward Little Rock!

JAS. A. A.

In the Place of Saloons.

Conditions in Georgia are favorable to the new prohibition law, the sentiment against the saloon having been spread widely throughout the State under an effectual system of local option. The liquor traffic has been expelled, county by county. Atlanta, the chief city of the State, opposes the saloon not only from a sentimental standpoint, but on business principles. Preparations for enforcing the law are most business-like. Breweries are being transformed into ice-houses and manufactories of "soft drinks." In one city a saloon is being remodeled for a bank building. Districts have been laid out in which have been organized law and order leagues whose work will be to prevent any sale of liquor. The churches are undertaking to provide wholesome resorts in the place of the saloons—the Methodist Churches alone planning to invest \$400,000 in institutional features. For the negro population one colored church has prepared plans for an enlargement which will include a reading room, and library, a gymnasium, bath, model kitchen, sewing room, etc., the project being supported financially by the white people of the city and by contributions from the North.—Deaconess Advocate.

We notice in our exchanges from various parts of the State, that a strong sentiment is crystallizing and a formidable organization is being formed, the object and purpose of which is to bring about statewide prohibition. In some counties the issue is being put up to the candidates for the legislature while in others a different method is used, but all of which tends to the same thing. In our opinion it is only a question of a few short months until the people will be called upon to pass upon this question and when they do get a lick at it the liquor business in Arkansas will be settled.—Stephens News.

NUGGETS GATHERED AT THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

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Missions must now meet the test of whether we can strip the gospel of our ecclesiasticism and even largely of our theology, and make head in the midst of the intense nationalism that now characterizes the whole East, for this nationalism demands that we come without our peculiarities.

Quotes President Roosevelt as saying he did not know what religion would become Japan, but I do know America discovered her religious conscience in Methodism.

We need to lead out, in the Orient, in a great evangelical movement to reach the masses.

"The Yellow Peril"—is only a possibility; it is not at all a probability—that the impoverished yellow nations shall become rich enough to be our peril! The White Peril is to them a reality.

We say we love the world when we do not love a Chinaman or a Jap and we would shiver to think of loving a Negro. St. Paul not only loved the world but he particularized—Greek, Barbarian. Our loving "the world" may be an empty concept.

Mr. Dougty On Missionary Education of the Young People.

Every young man ought to be a volcano in a perpetual state of activity.

Mission Study is as catching as smallpox. When the microbe gets into a man it can never be confined, if the Chinese wall were 3,000 feet high.

There is just one thing worse than being a heathen. I would rather be a high-minded heathen, having never heard of Christ than to sit in a cushioned pew in one of our churches and not tell anybody about Christ.

We can make the Sunday schools missionary precisely as we make the children patriotic in day schools. Songs, heroes' pictures, celebration days and such like.

Bishop Hendrix On Our Foreign Immigrants.

God writes his history through migratory peoples—savages never move, emigrate. Abraham was the first immigrant, something began to stir.

God's purpose as to America indicated by the very physical structure of the continent—why did God build a barrier or mountains on our entire West line from Alaska to Magellan? God never intended America to be settled from Asia. So the mountain chains of Europe are East and West, opening the way out of Asia into Europe. So North America has its pendant (dependent) continent South America. God hath made of one blood, etc. and hath determined the boundaries, etc. (Finely wrought out illustration.)

God uses economic factors to produce migrations—famines, floods. Jacob goes into Egypt. Irish emigrate to America.

This planet is the temperate zone of the universe, neither too near the sun nor too far away. The temperate zone of the world holds all power. Our one danger is selfishness.

America would be 50 years behind what she is but for the immigrants; they have built our railroads, drained our lands, harvested our crops, built our subways. The Italians are docile, obedient, tireless, industrious. The Greeks who are coming to us—they are the most devoted people to their churches in the world. The Armenian—he has been true to Christ. The Jew—every nation has the kind of Jew they deserve. They have a part in this land. Of the six greatest names in history

four of them are Jews. The greatest name ever enrolled on a Roman census was the name of a Jew.

What this nation needs is a great task; we are cutting the Panama Canal, a task for which God has been waiting for a thousand years; but God has given us a greater task than that—it is the nations that are coming to us. What shall we do with them?

One of the results of this Laymen's movement will be the reminting of our coin so that it will bear the image and superscription of Christ.

Does the Constitution follow the flag? Even the Supreme Court cannot answer that, but we intend to be sure of one thing: Christianity shall follow the flag.

Rev. D. D. Vaughan, Chicago, Halsted Street Institutional Church.

Autoeratic doctrine (Calvinism) was never suited to a democratic people. It is the democratic doctrine of free grace that has made Methodism powerful in America.

Then our polity, Episcopal supervision—laughed at by some—but it is a great power, superintendency, that which make the trust so effective.

The standard of a prayer meeting for all people is "regular Methodist prayer meeting;" a "good old Methodist hand-shake"—our spirit suits the people.

The danger of Methodism is that with our padded carpets, fine churches, we shall forget.

Read Upton St. Clair's "Jungles," and read that it is not so.

I am extremely optimistic as to the foreigners, if we take care of them, but there is nothing but pessimism for us unless we change our way of dealing with them. Look at the power of the foreigner in Chicago!

A poor woman who said, "Mr. Vaughan, I can't go to church, my clothes, but I never have missed one of your street preachings." She is representative of a class we dare not neglect.

A lunch room will never feed a hungry soul unless you break also the bread of life; a bath-room will never wash away sin, unless it opens the way to that other fountain."

Dr. Elliot.

The difference between a Methodist and another man is that when they go to meeting the Methodist will tell his experience, while the other man will make a nice little speech about religion.

St. Paul had some advantages as a missionary—he did not have to explain how Bibles and booze and Christians should be carried in the same ship from Boston to Africa.

Tainted money, we all dislike it—taint mine!

Why has Japan taken our civilization, our war vessels, our commerce, all we have except our religion? It is because we have not made our religion look as good to them as those things.

We would be glad to figure with anyone having book or pamphlet printing to be done. We have the facilities for rapid work in any quantity.

Every good Sunday School teacher needs Peloubet's Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons for the year. Price postpaid, \$1.10. Anderson, Millar & Co.

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

Church Extension Loan Fund Day.

A Statement and Appeal.

General Methodism is bringing to completion more than forty houses of worship every week, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is contributing her proportional part toward this achievement. She is awaking to the fact that the spiritual family must have a material home. He who recognizes the relation of Church Extension to the other benevolences cannot escape the conviction which compels endeavor in its behalf.

This statement and appeal of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is sent forth just as it is receiving the last moneys due on the 25th Assessment made upon the Church; and notwithstanding that its resources were never so large as at the present, yet the Board is embarrassed by calls for aid from every quarter of the Church, to which it is powerless to respond.

We are in the midst of a revival of Church Building. The fact that our people are conscious of a need for better material equipment is most significant. Larger service in the conquest of the world for Christ is not possible without it.

Every Missionary Agency looks for support to the housed congregation, and the life of that congregation depends upon the character of its material home, to a degree not usually recognized.

The success of our Missionaries on the Foreign Field is turned into defeat for lack of Church buildings.

The growing cities, as well as the rapidly multiplying industrial centers of the South and Southwest cry to us for help, and words are not at our command to adequately express the need. Our effort to evangelize the foreign element, as well as the native born in the down-town section, has hitherto produced little result, on account of the lack of church edifices adapted to this end. The city has become in a peculiar sense the frontier. No city except the heavenly is safe without a Temple.

The foreign population already settled in many sections of our country must be reached by the gospel, and the man sent to break the bread of life to such must have a suitable house in which to preach.

The Great West, from Montana to Lower California, is crowded with opportunities for our Methodism, if we but enter the open door with adequate church equipment. The spiritual harvest everywhere must be garnered.

Church Extension as an organized department had its birth in the General Conference held at Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1882, and completed the first fiscal year of its work on March 31, 1883.

March 31, 1908, will witness the close of the 26th year of its history. The first year was one of organization. The first assessment was placed on the Conferences in the fall of 1882, and receipts from same received in 1883.

During the Quarter of a Century, more than two and one-half millions of dollars have been collected and invested in church buildings through this organization. These figures do not speak of the sentiment created and the inspiration given to church building by the messages of this department to the church at large. It is generally accepted that every Church Extension Dollar calls forth ten other dollars, and only the accountants of the skies can reckon the results of the efforts of these twenty-five years.

We speak the sober truth when we say that the vast majority of churches now owned by our connection have been erected since organ-

ized Church Extension had a place among us.

This will be readily seen from the fact that nearly 50 per cent. of our church buildings of today have Church Extension money in them. The statement of this fact alone will be recognized as a sufficient ground for this special appeal.

The constitution from the beginning gave the Board "authority to raise and administer a Loan Fund, which shall be held separate from funds raised for general distribution, and which shall be used only in loans on adequate security to be determined by the Board."

Believing that "such a fund would be especially useful from the consideration that a large portion of the work we are called upon to do might be accomplished by temporary loans which, after serving once come back and then go again, and repeat their work, and continue thus to go and come, reproducing their blessings year after year," the Board at its very first meeting ordered "That of all funds derived from Gifts, Devises, and Bequests, 50 per cent. shall go into, and be a part of the Loan Fund, unless otherwise directed by the Donors." And in addition to this, the Board set apart to the Loan Fund 20 per cent. of the amount received from collections through the Annual Conferences, for the first fiscal year.

About the same time, the Centenary Committee took the following action: "Resolved, that the cause of Church extension be strongly urged upon the attention of our people as a leading object for their contributions in 1884, and that we seek to raise a loan fund of \$500,000.00."

A consideration of these facts must necessarily impress the church of today, that the fathers who inaugurated this movement believed strongly in the necessity for a large Loan Fund Capital.

The church has not yet reached the mark set by the men of 1883. At the close of the last fiscal year, (March 31, 1907), the Loan Fund Capital was \$238,343.43. This amount is altogether inadequate for the needs of today.

After much prayer and thought and exchange of opinion, the Board has decided to inaugurate the beginning of its second quarter of a century's work by calling upon the Church at large for a Thank-offering of \$100,000.00 to be added to the Loan Fund Capital. We rejoice to be able to state that during the present fiscal year, already \$24,107.50 of this amount has been obtained in cash or good securities. Will not the entire church unite with us in an effort to increase this amount to \$100,000.00 by the date fixed for our Annual Meeting?

To this end, we have designated **Sunday, May 10, 1908, as Loan Fund Day.**

This is the Sunday embraced in the dates set apart for the next Annual Meeting of the Board which is to be held in St. Joseph, Mo., May 6-10, 1908.

We most earnestly appeal to every presiding elder and pastor in our Methodism to present this cause to the congregations on the date fixed, and give the people in every place an opportunity to make an offering for the purpose of increasing the Loan Funds of your Board of Church Extension. This offering may be in cash, securities or subscription, as the donor may elect.

We most earnestly appeal to every Sunday School superintendent in the entire connection to present this claim to their Sunday Schools on May 10, 1908, so that this ever-growing constituency, sharing so largely as it does in the benefits of every church build-

ing, may have an opportunity to contribute to this important interest.

We appeal also to the Epworth Leagues of the church, and trust that without exception, they will make contributions for this purpose.

In a word, we pray that every organization within the church and every individual member of the church will lay to heart this great cause, and make an offering on the date mentioned, or as nearly thereto as possible.

It is not our desire to lay a heavy burden on any church or individual, nor to interfere in any wise with any collection ordered by the General or Annual Conferences. Of course, it is not designed that this call shall in any way interfere with the present Church Extension Assessment.

We simply ask in the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom that the people be informed of the need and given an opportunity to contribute, and that their contributions be sent to W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary of the Board, at his office, 705 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky., who will receipt for same, and cause the results of this appeal to be published in suitable form.

Our confidence in the merit of this appeal is absolute, and our faith in the church at large is such that we are willing to abide the results, if the leaders of Zion will open the way for providing information for the people, and an opportunity for them to make their contributions.

With grateful hearts for what has already been accomplished, and praying that the God of all grace may abundantly bless and prosper every one of the 1,700,000 of ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we are,

Your Servants for Christ's Sake,

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Louisville, Ky., March 2, 1908.

The Laymen's Conference.

Bro. G. W. Cain, secretary of our Laymen's Missionary Movement, has requested me to write a short article for your paper and call our Laymen's attention to our great Conference to be held in Chattanooga, April 21-23. This great movement was launched last September at Knoxville as your readers will remember. Arkansas has five representatives at that conference, Bros. Ramsey, Pinson, Farry, Dancit and this writer. This was a great conference and we hope the Conference in April will be much greater. We hope to have from 5,000 to 10,000 laymen at this Conference, and why not? We have half a million of laymen and I am out of that great number. We ought to be able to get 10,000 to attend. While we organized with 53 at Knoxville we want 10,000 at Chattanooga and this number of consecrated laymen can so enthuse our church until our missionary treasury ought to be full to overflowing. I wish all of our laymen would read the addresses delivered by Mr. J. Campbell White, also the following addresses by L. M. Penington, John R. Pepper, by C. H. Ireland and Samuel B.

Cape and a lot of short addresses by other laymen and a splendid talk by Dr. Lambuth and other ministers. All of these can be had by writing a postal card to Bro. G. W. Cain, secretary, at Nashville, Tenn. He will be glad to furnish our laymen with any literature they may want in regard to this great movement. We, as laymen, ought to rise en masse and push this missionary movement until we as a church have the means to have 1000 missionaries in the field in the next year and 2,000 in two years. We are altogether able to do it if we will. Will we do our duty now or will we wait and let some other church take our crown? Mr. Capen said we can evangelize the world in this generation and we will let this be the prayer of every layman in our great Southern Methodism. We can do our part if we will. Brethren write to Bro. G. W. Cain and read the addresses indicated. It will help you and the conference at Chattanooga will be a great spiritual up-life to us as laymen. Make your arrangements to go and go. You must not make feeble excuses, but go and the Lord go with you. Your Brother,

J. M. JENKINS.

Ripley, Tenn.

John R. Mott at Vanderbilt.

Beginning about March 24th, Mr. John R. Mott, International Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, will deliver before the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University a series of lectures dealing with the problem of ministerial supply. It is becoming increasingly evident that this problem is one of the most pressing before the Christian Church of today. Under Mr. Mott's direction there has been formed in the Young Men's Christian Association of schools and colleges in the United States a special department whose object is the enlistment of college young men in the work of the ministry. In projecting this enterprise Mr. Mott was led to make a study of the causes operating in the decision of young men for this life calling. The problem took on larger proportions in the course of his investigations, until he decided to make his study of it as exhaustive as possible.

These lectures will, therefore, embody the results of a vast amount of careful work on the part of this great leader of the religious thought of the world. For the past four years his agents have been going carefully through the great libraries of Europe and America extracting data, especially from the biographies of preachers. They have made a complete study of the leading periodicals of fifteen denominations; a large number of preachers have been interviewed; and in various other ways the necessary material has been gathered for these lectures. No effort has been spared to make this the most exhaustive and conclusive treatment of the subject ever made.

Vanderbilt University is to be congratulated on securing these lectures, especially because they will be delivered here for the first time. Every one interested in this important question would do well to hear them. It is hoped that many preachers of other denominations will be here, and to this end the Faculty has extended an invitation to the professors and students of other theological seminaries to be present. HENRY BEACH CARRE.

First International Convention, Pittsburg, Pa., March 10-12.

Arrangements for the first International Convention, to be held at Pittsburg, March 10-12, 1908, under the direction of the Young People's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada are being rapidly complet-

ed. The Home and Foreign Mission Boards and Societies are daily receiving applications for attendance. From the present outlook a full attendance is assured. Already some denominations are asking for more than their apportionment of delegates. The committee in Pittsburg is making superb arrangements, and the co-operation locally of many different forces is gratifying to those in charge.

The presiding officer of the Convention will be Mr. John Wallis Baer, President of Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, and ex-Secretary of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. The program promises to be one of the most effective that has been built, and among the participants of national and international fame are Mr. Robert E. Spear, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church in U. S. A., and Mr. John R. Mott, General Secretary of the World's Christian Student Federation, whose addresses are always of an impressive and helpful character. Among the noted educators who are to appear on the platform are President William Douglas Mackenzie, of Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, and Professor O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Other speakers of note are the Rev. James I. Vance, of Newark, New Jersey; Mr. J. E. McAfee, Associate Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in U. S.

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One of the strongest features of the Convention will be addresses by foreign delegates from Great Britain, India, China, Japan, and Korea. Well known missionaries from the Orient, South America, and Africa will also speak before the Convention.

Probably the most impressive session of the program is a series of addresses by prominent native Christians from Japan, China, India and Africa.

Space forbids the enumeration of the names of other participants on the program. The Association quartet, accompanied by 200 male voices from the city of Pittsburg, will lead in the music of the Convention.

A most valuable feature of the Convention's sessions will be the denominational group meetings. These will be held for the purposes of a thorough study of the plans and materials for Missionary Education and for the adoption of such policies as will be of special advantage to denominational work. The Methodist group will be presided over by Mr. John E. Mott, and the devotional exercises will be conducted by Bishop A. W. Wilson. Short addresses will be heard from Dr. A. Sutherland of Canada. Drs. Leonard and Forbes of the M. E. Church and Dr. Walter E. Lambuth of the M. E. Church, South. A full and free conference of the Methodist delegation will

prove helpful in the interchange of experience in this great campaign of Missionary Education.

This conference promises to be of great value to the leaders of the young forces in the church. The making of the missionary church of tomorrow will be rendered feasible and easy through the adoption of the plans to be presented and discussed at this convention.—By the Board of Missions, M. E. C., South.

Church Extension in Oklahoma—An Observation.

For a short time after coming to the Indian Mission Conference I served as a supply, in a town as old as Oklahoma City, in one of the most fertile sections of Indian Territory. Going to my first appointment on the Oklahoma side I was greatly impressed with the contrast between the material development of the two sections. In Indian Territory the people were living in dugouts, and miserable little old shacks, with out-buildings of the cheapest possible construction. Their streams were not bridged nor roads graded or kept up, and there were practically no school houses in the country. In Oklahoma I found well improved farms; with new improvements, barns, fences, and orchards, being added every year. There I found good school houses, bridged streams and improved roads.

It did not take long to find the reason for this difference. The settlers in Indian Territory were lessees—campers, sojourners—not citizens. No vision of an elegant home and a farm in every respect ideal, all his own, with convenient schools and good roads inspired the "Territory" farmer and spurred him on. What was the use? Of course he would not sacrifice and economize to build homes, plant orchards, care for and improve farms that were not his own. There was absolutely nothing for him to strive for in the way of private or public improvements. There was no cause for him to rally to, nothing to be loyal to, that would band himself and neighbors together. There was nothing to fight for. He could leave tomorrow as well as not. Sam Jones was right when he said, "No man will die for a boarding house." Who ever saw a "Territoryman," as such, very enthusiastic? His only enthusiasm came from his hope of future statehood. On the other hand a man can become an enthusiastic "Oklahoman" (can't help it) before he breaks himself from prophesying about the weather.

These observations suggest the one argument that cannot be refuted, in favor of building church houses as soon as possible for, or rather by, every congregation. It is as impossible to organize and build up a strong, loyal, effective church, that knows no defeat, in a school house as it is to find a man who will economize and sacrifice to improve an Indian lease or die for a boarding house. You cannot develop strong, stalwart Christian characters in the congregation that camps in a school house or secures an opera house for a lodging. The school house is a splendid place for enlistment. Enthusiasm may be generated there. But from the earliest organization the congregation needs to look forward to the time when they can have a house of their own, and to work and plan and save for it. You get men and women to put their money and their prayers, yes their very life-blood, into the building of a house of worship and you may count on them. It is their's, their home. They are a family. Family loyalty now unites them.

May I add that the church building is not the thing to which men and women are to be loyal? The building serves to unite them in

worship and service. Christian fellowship is one of the essentials for Christian living; and co-operation, unity of effort, must be if the Kingdom is to be built up.

This leads up to what I wish to say. We have scores of struggling organizations all over Oklahoma without church houses, congregations that are not able to build. Not one of these congregations ought to have a house given to them, but every one of them that needs help ought to have it. They must have help. The Parent Board and the Home Conferences are doing all we can justly ask. I believe the Lord is pleased with their efforts in our behalf. But what are we doing? What shall we do? No preacher ought to allow a congregation to ask for Church Extension money who are not willing to do all they can to help themselves. Then there are the congregations having church buildings of their own. Nearly, if not all of them have received Church Extension aid. I, for one, believe that if the matter is properly presented to our people they will be unwilling to do less than pay the Church Extension assessment. Brother pastor, shall we try it at once? What else can we do so easily and so quickly that will count for more in answering the petition, "thy Kingdom come?"

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The Bible and the Topic.

Luke 11:1-4. Jesus made one part of his model prayer emphatic by the comment he added to it, and that part is the one which gives us the power to choose how it shall be answered. When we pray, "Forgive as we forgive," we may be praying for our own pardon or our own doom. And we can decide which it shall be. God has put the power into our own hands. Here is a fine field for those people who "believe in answering their own prayers." They can answer this one by forgiving their enemies.

Luke 17:1-10. "Why don't you hit somebody your own size?" is the human way of resenting the mistreatment of a child. It is the demand for the square deal. Bad enough, to hurt a full-grown man; only a wretch could bring a child into harm or danger.

Some forgiveness is like a skyrocket, making a lot of fuss and glare for a moment; but the only true forgiveness is like a lighthouse, shining quietly as long as there is need. Where a skyrocket saves one ship, a lighthouse makes all ships safe. When you begin to keep count of your forgiveness, it begins to lose its power. Nobody can overdo his duty of service to God, and the only way to serve God is to serve those needy, imperfect, perhaps ungrateful people whom Jesus Christ has called his brethren.

Psa. 26. Whenever a man speaks frankly before God, he confesses that he needs no mercy, no matter how good his record may seem to be. It is only the ignorant or the insincere who claim any credit for goodness, or proclaim their own perfection. At best, we have missed the mark so often, and have gone so far away from God's purposes, that the last word we can say, after counting all our service, is to ask forgiveness and mercy and grace.

What the Topic Stands For.

You can overlook an injury, but an insult is another matter. "Everybody makes mistakes," so you are not always inclined to be severe when somebody blunders. Also everybody at times hurts somebody's feelings, but that's different, especially when they are your feelings. Such an offense is the hardest of all to forgive. The Franco-Prussian War arose from an insult, as many other wars have arisen.

Forgiveness is not reckoned one of the robust virtues. The man who is a "good hater" is received in society which would object to a successful burglar. But why? If it is bad to steal silverware, is it less bad to refuse mercy? Silverware may be replaced, but there is no substitute for the love which forgives.

We all believe in justice. But it is always easy to give sterner justice than we would like to receive. Every one of us is inclined to be more merciful to himself than to others.

Then nobody likes to be reckoned foolish or weak, and forgiveness of injuries sometimes seems like cowardice. It looks like "backing down." We would rather seem wicked than weak, and so forgiveness does not come easy.

But, in spite of all this, we cannot get out of it. Forgive we must; honestly, promptly, constantly. Of course, we can refuse. But that puts us outside the Christian scheme of things, and for just as long as we will not forgive.

We can't afford not to be merciful. The unforgiving are the unhappy; they are no more at peace with themselves than with others.

They have shut joy out of their lives. But no Christian will be foolish.

Then we must consider the other man. Has he injured you? Surely; but you are the least sufferer. He has wronged your Lord, who loves him. And you are Christ's disciple, reflecting his life so that men can see it. Perhaps the very light that shines in the act of your forgiveness will reveal Jesus Christ to him for the first time. Would you shut the door of life on anyone, even the most vile, for the sake of your own small pride?

And we must consider Christ. If he is to win the world to him, it must be by proving that his salvation is a working power. Does it work in you? Not unless you forgive. Every hateful spirit in you is an advertisement of Christ's failure. Every exhibition of bitterness is a denial of discipleship, and a sin that crucifies afresh the Lord of glory.

That is to say, nobody can be a Christian and unforgiving. Forgiveness is our business, as much as prayer. It is no special glory to forgive, but to be hard of heart is a sore disgrace.

Seasons of Prayer.

Pray for God's pardon. There is much need of it in the lives of those who come to the meeting.

Pray for the spirit of love toward the helpless and the hurt.

Pray for the courage of humility, so that you will not be too proud—and cowardly—to say, when you have wronged either your Father or your brethren, "I have offended, and I need to be forgiven."

Pray for the people who are in one thing like God, because we have wronged them and they need the forgiving spirit.

Pray for those who have done you harm. They have harmed themselves more than you, and have a special claim on your sympathy and love.

A Sidelight on the Topic.

An unforgiving spirit is one of the commonest hindrances to prayer. Prayer is answered on the basis that our sins are forgiven; but God cannot deal with us on the basis of forgiveness when we are harboring ill-will against those who have wronged us. Anyone who is nursing a grudge against another has fast closed the ear of God against his own petition. How many there are crying to God for the conversion of husband, children, friends, and wondering why it is that their prayer is not answered, when the whole secret is some grudge they have in their heart against someone who has injured them, or who they fancy has injured them.—R. A. Torrey.

The Chattanooga Conference.

Walter R. Lambuth.

Several years ago there was held in the city of New Orleans a great Missionary Conference. It was the greatest in the history of our Church, and can fairly be said to have created an epoch in aggressive evangelistic effort within and without the bounds of the Church.

The Conference to be held in Chattanooga, April 21-23, bids fair to occupy a unique position, and that it is to be composed of leading laymen throughout our connection. We are expecting at least one thousand delegates. Many more will probably be present. The Laymen's Missionary Movement at large is only in its initial stage, but has already an interest in the Evangelical Churches of the United States and Canada, such as no other Movement has done. The Secretaries of our Board of Missions had laid plans two years ago for the holding of a Laymen's Conference, and the Conference in Chattanooga prac-

tically synchronizes with the Laymen's Missionary Movement just referred to which took its rise in New York City a little over one year ago. The hand of Providence is evidently shaping our missionary affairs. It is God who times things. We have no human leader, it is Christ who is in the vanguard.

The purpose of the Conference to be held in Chattanooga for two days and three nights is the discussion broadly of the great question of Missions. Save for purposes of administration we make no difference between Home and Foreign Missions. It is only in the foreign fields that the need in the absence of the gospel, is more acute, with the added facts that the unreached millions outnumbering those at home by ten to one, throws the weight of responsibility on that side. But there are tremendous problems to be solved at our door. We propose to turn on the light and ask in a spirit of intercessory prayer that "the whole Church may be led to give the whole gospel to the whole world."

Our speakers will be such men as Bishops Wilson, Hendrix and Candler—men who are well acquainted with every phase of moral, social and religious need at home and abroad. The Hon. S. B. Capen, President of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and Chairman of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; Mr. John R. Pepper, Chairman of our own Laymen's Movement, the peer of any layman on the Continent; Dr. T. F. Staley, just returned from the Orient, Messrs. King, Pennington and others. Mr. Campbell White, the Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, himself a missionary for ten years in India, is one of the most powerful missionary speakers on any platform; and Mr. W. T. Ellis, just returned from a tour of the world, gives a panoramic view which is thrilling and full of inspiration. He knows the work of our church, and delights in telling about it.

Besides these men, and others, there are our own missionaries fresh from the field: Dr. D. L. Anderson, President of the Soochow University; Rev. J. L. Gerdine, for several years Superintendent of our work in Korea; Dr. S. H. Wainright, one of the leading figures of our Japan Mission, and educator, writer and preacher; and Rev. W. G. Fletcher, of Cuba, one of the most heroic and efficient missionaries in any field.

The Missionary Exhibit to be presented by the General Board, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, prepared by Rev. J. E. McCulloch, will be the most complete exposition of mission work ever set up south of the Ohio. Other features of the Conference will be mentioned later.

I sincerely hope that every delegate who has been appointed will be in his place on Tuesday night, April 21st., to hear the opening address. If the Presiding Elders, or the leading laymen who have been appointed to look after this matter, have not yet secured their full quota of delegates, we would be thankful to have G. W. Cain, Secretary Laymen's Missionary Movement, Nashville, Tenn., notified of same. No stone is to be left unturned in making this Conference one of educational value and of power in producing conviction. We are in earnest about this work of evangelizing the world. The field is ripe. The time is short. The meeting at Chattanooga will be a council of war. I hope that the entire Church will be in prayer day by day for that great gathering of laymen—the first of its kind in our history. Who can tell what the result will be? The door of opportunity has been flung wide open. Shall we

hesitate upon the threshold? With unparalleled resources in men and money beyond anything in the history of Christian nations, shall we shirk the responsibility of our prayers? We have prayed, "Thy Kingdom come," and the Kingdom of our God will be established among the nations, if we but claim the victory with invincible faith.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

March 8. Jesus the Bread of Life.

Golden Text.—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. John 6:35.

Time.—About April A. D. 28.

Place.—Capernaum.

Lesson Text.—John 6:22-51.

Our present lesson follows closely upon the events of the last one. After feeding the five thousand Jesus left them and later was discovered by them in the city of Capernaum. The multitude immediately came upon him and desired that he should work more miracles to satisfy their idle curiosity. To this he objected. He had done nothing to satisfy idle curiosity and did not propose now to depart from his former custom. In the desert beyond the sea he had fed them because they were hungry and food was not easily obtained, at least there were many who were in great danger of suffering for lack of it. He seems to have had three or more objects in view in performing the deed: (1) He had compassion on them and fed them because they were hungry. (2) He wished to inspire them to believe in him as the Messiah. (3) He wished to lay the foundation for future lessons in divine truth. The first two worked out their own legitimate ends. He must now call their attention to the third. He does this by calling them that if they were following him for the loaves and fishes they were overlooking the one thing needful. The loaves were consumed to satisfy a temporal necessity. Their effect was temporary. But he tells them that his real mission in life is to give them something that was eternal and spiritual. Not only did our Lord preach this on this occasion but often. To the multitude in Jerusalem, to the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well and on many other occasions.

It is the way of the world to feed the body and to neglect the spiritual and mental. All need to be fed, none to be neglected. There is much of ignorance in the world because we may live without knowledge. An education represents so much of toil and care. Weeks and months and even years are spent in the pursuit of knowledge. Some prefer to live without it rather than to undergo the toil that is necessary to its acquirement. Without it however we live much like the animal creation around us. It is not in the power of many to secure an education for instruction is necessary and instructors cost money and many are not able to give the time and money necessary to its pursuit.

Many there are who feed the body and neglect the soul. Spiritual development is the most important. This Christ kept constantly before the people. Yesterday he fed the multitude on the loaves and fishes, today he will not give the bread that perisheth, but offers freely the "bread from heaven." The people said, Moses gave the fathers manna, the bread from heaven. But Christ denies that manna was heavenly bread and declares that it was of the earth. Moses did not come down from heaven, neither did his bread, but Christ came from the "Bosom of the Father" and is able to give that bread which comes down from heaven. Christ is the bread of life,

the water of salvation. "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." In some inconceivable way those who really believe on Christ are joined onto him so that he declares that in the last day God will raise them up. The seed of eternal life is in them. They will break away from the grave and the dead and live forever. This bread from heaven is free to all. The bread for the body costs heavily sometimes, the food for the mind is hard to obtain even with money and effort, but the best of all and the most important comes without price—freely. It is the gift of God, the free gift of God. How eagerly we should grasp it and how fondly should we fill ourselves with it.

There are many operations in the human anatomy that are not well understood, but it is interesting to contemplate how the food is taken into the system, how it is digested or made ready for assimilation into muscle and tissue of the body. If we could behold how the atoms of food are carried by the blood and deposited just in the right place to supply the waste or to promote the growth of the body what an interesting sight it would be. This process goes on in every healthy body daily we are sure else withering and death would be the inevitable result. But we cannot see it and the manner of operation will doubtless remain a mystery to us.

How the soul may find food in Christ our Lord is also a mystery and because it is a mystery we neglect to feed upon him by faith and receive that nourishment that he alone can supply. He offers to supply that food which is needful for the spiritual man. This food is taken into the spiritual system by faith. Believe on him and thou shalt be saved. Refuse him and starvation is inevitable. Refuse him and we shall never know what spiritual health and growth is.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

Every Sunday School in Southern Methodism ought to have a birthday jar and ought to emphasize the collections which it represents. These jars are furnished free by our Church Extension Board to any school that will promise to take the collections promptly. We of all the conferences in the Connection ought to take hold of the opportunity to help do a thing that the whole Church is trying to do for us. On the jar is printed "Sunday School Birthday Offerings for Oklahoma." Pastors, superintendents, do not neglect this another day; but write to Dr. W. F. McMurtry, Louisville, Ky., and get a jar at once if you have not done so before.

"Sunday Schools and Missions."

This is a booklet on the topics indicated by its title, sent out by the "Young People's Department Board of Missions." It is a brief concise statement of the place and importance of missions in the Sunday School, and shows how missionary knowledge can be disseminated, and how the missionary spirit may be aroused. Some of us believe that the great problem of missions is to be solved—is now being solved in and by the Sunday School movement. We are raising up a generation that believes in missions. We have asked Dr. Ed. F. Cook to mail a copy to every pastor and superintendent of the Oklahoma Conference. Brethren, read it, act on it now.

State Rallies.

Our Sunday School leaders are planning for a great State rally at Fort Worth, April 1-4. Sunday School workers are to come together from all over the State for a few days.

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conference, and addresses are to be delivered by Sunday School experts from all parts of the Church. Immediately following this our Oklahoma Methodists are to hold a State rally at Oklahoma City, using a number of the same speakers. We are sure that both of these meetings will be largely attended. No more aggressive type of Methodism is to be found anywhere than in Texas and Oklahoma; and if we read the signs aright, the time is not far distant when a very large proportion of our entire membership will be found within these two great and rapidly developing commonwealths.—S. S. Mag. for March.

And let every pastor, superintendent, and other Sunday School workers be on hand in Oklahoma City April 6-8, to get the impetus and to catch the inspiration that will help to hasten that "coming day" when Oklahoma Methodism shall be in the front rank.

Don't forget the date and place of this "rally."

Getting Ready for Children's Day.

The Discipline requires that "the third Sunday in May, or as near thereto as practicable, shall be observed as Children's Day throughout our Church with appropriate services," and that a collection shall be taken in each Sunday School for certain specified purposes. Hitherto there has been a strange disregard in many of our conferences of this imperative requirement. In some conferences not more than a third of the Sunday Schools as far as our reports show, observed Children's Day last year. In many directions, however, we note a decided improvement over previous years. Our pastors and superintendents are rapidly coming to understand the educational value of an occasion that tends to awaken the interest of the children in the great benevolent activities of the Church by giving them a part in promoting these activities. We hope to have our Children's Day programs out by March 15, and we sincerely trust that our schools will begin early to make their plans to use them. If we do not mistake the signs of the times, the day is not far distant when the Sunday School that fails to observe Children's Day will be a bit lonesome.—S. S. Mag. for March.

It is not too early for the pastors and superintendents to begin to plan to observe this important and helpful day. You cannot afford to ignore or pass it by. The young people need the service, the Boards need the funds arising therefrom. Only 102 schools observed the day last year in our Oklahoma Conference; 277 did not. Just 37 per cent. observed it. The Board expects to furnish programs.

2000 came into the Kingdom last year in Oklahoma through the Sunday School. Marion Lawrence says that the Sunday School is the greatest evangelizing agency in the world. We believe it.

Don't You Think?

Don't you think we of the Oklahoma Conference, with 426 congregations without houses of worship ought to chime in heartily in the "Birthday offerings for Oklahoma" from the Sunday Schools? If we do not get \$4000 for Church Extension this year from our own conference Sunday Schools it will be the fault of pastors and superintendents. This offering is to be a "special" and not to be applied on "conference collections." Take notice.

"A Foreword" about our great "State Methodist Sunday School Conference" will be in the hands of every pastor and superin-

tendent by the time you read this. Programs will follow soon.

Remember the time, April 6-8, 1908.
Remember the place, Oklahoma City.

We Suggest.

We suggest that the superintendent of each Sunday School call his teachers and other workers together, and select such persons to attend the Sunday School Conference as can go. Every school that expects to keep in the forefront of the movement ought to have a good delegation in attendance. Be sure to send your primary teacher, and pay her way if necessary, of course. The pastor and superintendent will be there. Oklahoma City, April 6-8.

Everybody is Going.

WHERE? To Oklahoma City.

WHEN? April 6-8, 1908.

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Decision Day.

The observance of this day is quite important in the Sunday School. Call it by some other name, if you wish; but, pastors, we ought to have the service every quarter, at least. Of course every Sunday should be a decision day. Let us not quibble over that. But get ready for it, and the Lord will bless you in it, and bring many of you young people into the Kingdom. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Set the Day sometime in advance, but do not announce it to the school.
2. Let the pastor, superintendent and teachers and all focalize their teaching toward that occasion. Find out who are Christians and who are not. Talk to the students privately. Visit them in their homes.
3. Read books on the conversion of children, and be ready for some efficient service.
4. Pray much. Let the pastor, superintendent and teachers meet each Sunday morning 15 minutes before the Sunday School hour, to pray for the salvation of the young.
5. On the Day appointed let every teacher be ready to help in the service by getting his or her pupils to seek Christ, and be ready to instruct them and to lead them into the Kingdom.
6. Of course, the pastor will prepare his very best sermon. Let him leave out fun and such things as will take the minds of the young people from the vital point. Talk sense and religion to them. They will understand you.

Do it, brethren, do it; and may the Lord bless you.

An Interesting Incident.

Rev. O. W. Stewart, of Olustee, gives account of the following interesting incident:

"Recently in one of our 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, I could but say, The passing generation is sublimely faithful until the last, while the succeeding one is promptly taking up the

work of extending the Kingdom with equal interest and understanding."

And so they both helped the great cause of Church Extension.

"Many schools are woefully ignorant of the missionary work of the denomination. We superintendents are at fault. The schools ought to know to be interested. Then they will give. No information—no inspiration."—Marion Lawrence.

Well, if you are on hand at Oklahoma City, April 6-8, you can get both. The study of missions among our young is prominent in the program.

Lawton, Okla.

As a Texan Sees It.

I have just finished reading the corresponding Editor's report and comments on Bi-Methodist Missionary Rally at Oklahoma City. I must confess I like the straightforward, honest way he talks about this matter. What he likes, he says he likes; and what he does not like, he plainly says he does not like. This is the way to speak about such things. Writers upon this and similar subjects very often endorse such things as a whole and then proceed to say "so much a great deal" about fraternity and bubble over with all sorts of sweet things about the exceeding good feeling which permeated; when as a matter of fact all meetings of the denominations are characterized by just such a feeling of estrangement and there is always that "aching void" which cannot be filled by mere words of gush and pretense upon the part of either one side or the other that there is any real love existing.

It occurred to me that we are straining a point here by carrying this matter of seeming fraternity too far. As a matter of fact, we, generally, do not specially love nor admire in any great degree the brethren of the M. E. Church and they can say the same about us, and why should we be continually trying to "play like" such is the case? There has always been a wide difference—sectional, and otherwise, between us. We are not the same kind of people. What one likes, the other does not like, and often the one does not like a thing because the other does like it. It has always been thus and time has but little to do toward eradicating it. It must be acknowledged that the two are rival churches as much as any others in the sisterhood. It is true they are both Methodist and are almost identical in doctrine, but there is a vast difference in the method of promulgating these doctrines.

The M. E. Church, South, is a great institution. It is great in the point of members and great in the point of intellect. It has gone on from a small beginning, fighting against many difficulties, until it now has practically two millions of members and it really seems that in this time it should not any longer feel dependent upon "The Mother Church" for her intellect or institutions or territory. In fact her right to existence is no longer a matter of doubt. She has borrowed from the M. E. Church the Epworth League, the Deaconess, and in a measure, the right to remove the time limit. These things may all be good and it is no reason why we should refuse them because they are our mother's old dress, but why show that we need some one to lead us on or to show us how? Let us maintain our identity.

Yours truly,

W. F. HODNETT.

Mahl, Texas, Feb. 29, 1908.

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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.)

London, Ark., Feb. 24, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I will try to write a short letter to the Children's page. I am a little girl thirteen years old. My grandpa takes the Methodist and I enjoy reading the Children's page so much. Our pastor is Bro. Gray. I go to Sunday School every Sunday that I am not sick. Our superintendent is Mr. Bennett. I am in the fifth grade at school. My teacher is Mr. Thompson and I like him very much. I will write again if I see this in print.

MAUD DAVIS.

Bono, Ark., Feb. 25, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As this is my first time I have written to the Children's page I will write a short letter. I am a little girl twelve years old. I belong to the Methodist church. The pastor's name is Rev. McKelvey. I go to the Methodist Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mr. Richards. I like him fine. Mr. Lamb is our superintendent; we like him fine. I have been going to school but my school is out now. I was in the fourth grade. My teacher's name was Miss Mirt Cathey; I like her fine. I live on a farm. I have one pet; it is a little dog. I have three brothers; the older one is dead; he was fourteen years old; his name was Marcus. One of the others is thirteen years old; his name is Ira, and the other is ten years old; his name is Jesse. I haven't any sisters. I will close for this time.

PARTEE BRUMLEY.

Brighton, Ark., Feb. 23, 1908.

Dear Methodist: Here I am again, after such an awful delay, but just thought I would write again. I have just finished reading Ruth Carr's story. I surely do enjoy reading it, for it is so nice. Well so many things have happened since I wrote that I hardly know what to write, but there has been one thing happened that I am going to tell all the cousins about, that is, I spent some few weeks with my uncle in Tennessee. I certainly had a nice time, but the best of all when I returned I found that all were well, and we should be thankful for our health. I have not heard our preacher but twice; he preaches very interesting sermons. Our Sunday School has just gone dead, but I think we will have it reorganized again in the spring if nothing happens. I hope that all of the cousins have spent the day pleasantly. I have for one. How many of the cousins go to school? I do, and am learning very well. I think that if all of us would listen to Jessie's Journal we would be better, don't you? Well, this has been such a beautiful day, and it is a pretty night and I wish we had singing, prayer meeting, or something to go to, for I'm a little lonesome, and am so sleepy that I can't hardly hold my eyes open, and I guess I had better close for fear this letter will reach the waste basket, but hope it will escape. Give Ruth's story plenty of room. Goodnight to all the cousins.

I am as ever your cousin,
EFFIE ROE.

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 18, 1908.

Dear Methodist: My uncle takes the Methodist and I enjoy reading the Children's page very much. I go to church nearly every third Sunday. I live four miles from church. Our pastor is Bro. Stroud. I like him very much. I am in the fourth grade. I take music lessons from my aunt. My pets are a cat and a pig. For fear this will reach the waste basket I will close.

Your new cousin,
BLANCHE TIMMINS.

London, Ark., Feb. 24, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl nine years of age. As I have seen nothing from London in the Children's page in the Methodist, I will write. I love to read the children's letters. I attend Sunday School every Sunday. I am Mr. I. G. Bennett is our superintendent. Bro. C. E. Gray is our preacher. I go to school; I am in the third grade. I am just getting up from a spell of the measles. I got a little set of dishes

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and a little table, a little chair and some candy, oranges, nuts, and apples for Xmas. I have two brothers; they are both younger than I; they have one sister, but I have none. I have no pets but one kitten. Grandpa and grandma Davis live next door to us. I love to visit them every day. I will write again if I see this in print. I will close.

Your new cousin,
FLORENCE RYE.

Arkansas City, Ark., Jan. 13, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I have been reading some of the children's letters and I thought I would write too. I go to church and Sunday school as often as I can. I am a member of the Methodist church. Bro. Johnson is our teacher at Sunday school and I love him very much. Miss Walker is my school teacher. I like her very much. I am in the second grade.

Your friend,
IDA MAY FUQUAY.

Vilonia, Ark., Jan. 19, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I like to read the cousins' letters. There are some good letters printed in the paper. I am a little girl 12 years old, or will be the 13th of February. I am a Methodist, but I have a right to be, for papa and mama are Methodists. There are six of us girls in the family and four of us are going to school. I am in the fifth grade. I like to go to school. I hope my friends will see this letter.

Your new cousin,
ADA JONES.

Pitman, Ark., Feb. 6, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: My mama takes the Western Methodist and I like to read the children's page. I enjoy reading the letters so much that I thought I would write you a short letter. I am eight years old and live on a farm. I am in the fourth grade in school. Our teacher is Mr. Henry Vester, and I like him fine. My papa is a doctor and is the Representative of Randolph county; he is now running for the Senate. I am sorry to say that we have no Sunday School. I have a sister ten years old named Flavia and a little baby brother named Lehman. We all belong to the Methodist church. I guess I will close for this time for fear this will go to the waste basket.

Your new cousin,
EWING RUPE.

Hot Spring, Ark., Jan. 26, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little girl ten years old. This is my first letter to the Methodist. I have been very much delighted reading the children's letters. My papa takes the Western Methodist. He is the Superintendent of our Sunday School. We have a nice little church. I am in the

fourth grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss Carry Murphy. I hope to see this in print.

Your friend,
MARY DISHEROON.

Van Buren, Ark., Jan. 31, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am glad when the paper comes. How many of you cousins have sent Ruth and Myrtle Hoyle post cards? I sent Ruth one and my sister sent Myrtle one. In return they sent us a pretty one. I think Ruth Carr writes such beautiful stories. I think Jessie was very wicked about her little baby brother, wasn't she? How many of your cousins can sneeze like a cat? I can. How many have twelve little pigs at your house? We have. We have got 22 new caldarse and there's not an ugly one in the lot. We have an old horse, "Jim," that is 18 years old and "shies" at every stick and rock in the road. We children drive him to school sometimes. It is funny to see him shy around in the road. We have two pretty shepherd dogs, one yellow and one black; their names are Shep and Fanny. My brother Cecil has a beautiful white pigeon and a little calf. Papa is killing hogs today. Some of you cousins had better come over and help us eat spare ribs next week. For fear this will find the waste basket I will close and write again sometime. I will ask a question, "Who caused the iron to float?"

Your loving cousin,
GRACE THIRSAINE SHIPLEY.

Faber, Ark., Jan. 30, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As I have written one letter will write again. I am going to school every day that I can. My teacher's name is Miss Peltie Erwin. They have two teachers where I go to school. I go to Brown Springs, Arkansas. I just think it is the best watering place in the state for pleasure seekers. I forgot to tell you I had to write a composition last Wednesday and you know it was a dandy too! I had to write about what I saw in Philadelphia. Last week was my little sister's and brother's birthday. They were ten years old and mama cooked them the nicest cake you ever saw. She trimmed it with candy. Their names are Guss and Gusta; they are twins. My sister in Pine Bluff sent Gusta a little red diary. I have just been reading in the Western Methodist. The first thing that I look for is the children's page and I read Ruth Carr's letters. I certainly like to read it when I get the chance but I have to study so much that I don't have time to do anything else. I will tell you what kind of a time I had Christmas. I just had a fine time. My sister came home. I was certainly

glad to see her; she brought me a little battle ship, and a little basket, and my brother came on Christmas Eve and brought me the prettiest little water set you ever saw. Your new cousin,
RUTH DUTHERAGE.

Morris, Okla., Jan. 31, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little girl 9 years old. I never have gone to school any. My papa takes the Methodist. For pets I have four black cats and two dolls. We came from Texas about a year ago. I like Ruth Carr's letters fine. If I see this in print I will write again. I will close. Your new cousin, ESTHER MILLER.

Bexar, Ark., Jan. 26, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I have been reading the children's page. I like to read it very much. I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Lillie White. Mr. Robbers is our superintendent. My Robbers is our superintendent. My For pets I have none, but a little brother and two sisters. I think they are the sweetest pets of any. I will tell you their names: Amy, Jewel and Ernest. Your loving cousin,

MAE FREEMAN.

Moor, Okla., Jan. 27, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I have been reading Ruth Carr's letters. I think she can write lovely letters. I like to read them. I am going to school. I went today and had a nice time. My papa is dead but mama takes the paper. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is E. L. Ogle. I like him fine. I will close.

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Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting Notes.

Hot Springs preachers met in pastor's study, Central church, Monday, 10:30 a. m.

Present: Dr. M. B. Corrigan, M. W. Manville, F. E. Dodson and H. M. Bruce, P. E. Arkadelphia District; Dr. Corrigan in the chair.

H. M. Bruce led devotional services. Malvern Ave.: M. W. Manville reports good services. Presiding Elder preached at 11 a. m.

H. M. Bruce preached at Park Avenue, 7:30 p. m. Good congregations. The pastor, J. R. Rushing, is on the sick list.

Central Ave.: Dr. M. B. Corrigan reported fine congregations both morning and evening.

Tigert Memorial: F. E. Dodson reported increase in Sunday School. Good congregations; received one by certificate.

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Feb. 9th. Another fiscal year for our W. F. M. S. is closed and the record of our work made.

Against how many of our names has the recording Angel been permitted to write, "She hath done what she could." Let us severally as members of this organization look back upon the year just closed and see if we can take comfort in the thought that we must face the record in eternity. Have we used our best possible effort to build up the society in our local church? have we spoken the word in season that might have added a number to our roll? or have we just drifted along satisfied to pay our monthly dues, leaving to our president the unenviable task of putting the work before the indifferent women of the church? Have we read missionary literature during the days intervening between monthly meetings, and culled therefrom, to take to these meetings, such items as would tend to foster or strengthen a missionary spirit; or have we given our time to the perusal of trashy romance or study of fashion's frivolous fads which are so enticing to many who delight in things new and old? Have we held daily communion with the loving Father who is our "refuge and strength," and prayed earnestly and constantly for the spread of Christ's kingdom over all the earth, prayed for our missionaries who represent us among the heathen nations, and who ask to be remembered at a throne of grace, and are looking to us to make it possible for them to remain at their posts; or were our prayers only petitions for our own petty temporal wants, the granting of which could not add to our spiritual well being? The beginning of the year is usually a time for "turning a new leaf," for making resolutions. As March begins our conference year let us resolve that whatever we may have failed to do in the past year, shall not be set down against us in the months to come. I have for years realized that woman's sins of omission need more to be fought against than those of commission. It is so easy to put off the unpleasant duty for a more convenient time, that we often delay until the opportunity is lost forever. Who was it said, "There is no time like the present." No words could be more applicable to our woman's work, as regards opportunity for service. Every field on which our Board is working demands recruits, and increased appropriations. The work abroad grows faster than the Board's resources. Every District Secretary, Conference Secretary and General Secretary, is waiting with anxious heart for the report of the closing quarter.

What shall it tell? Brother Evans' appeal in behalf of Miss Garner's Kindergartens, in those thrilling words, "Shall we turn them out?" was indeed a clarion call to action, and should have aroused the most apathetic. The conditions which hindered progress in Miss Garner's work prevail in great measure in every station of our Board. Many desiring to be taught by our missionaries of the things that make life worth while, must be turned away for want of room to receive them or teachers to give them the lessons they would learn. Two leaflets recently published, "Toksunie" by Miss Ellasue Wagner, and Dr.

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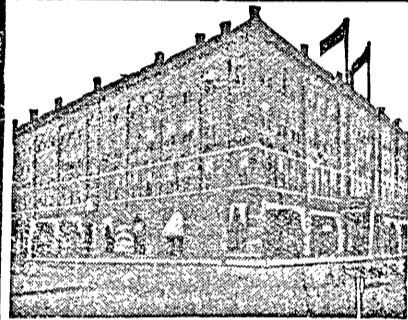
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Margaret Polk's report of medical work and appeal for help, at the China Mission Conference, held at Soochow in October of last year, tells the sad tale of neglected opportunities by Southern Methodist women. I have noticed that our missionaries when making their reports frequently speak of the need of more Bible Women to help in visitations and work among all classes of their country-women. How easily might many of our Auxiliaries, by a little systematic planning and by self-denial support one or more of these efficient and faithful workers. Dear sisters, shall we not be more zealous in this great work which God has committed to us? Will the women of the there, to carry on this campaign against ignorance and idolatry, while the large majority "sit at ease in Zion" taking no part with us? "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "Not every one that saveth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven."

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I would like to stress at this time the importance of putting the right women in offices in our Auxiliaries, but as the matter was so well treated in the Home Mission column in Western Methodist of Feb. 20th, I desist, only asking that the article be studied and applied to our elections soon to be held.

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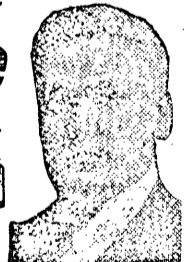
Searcy Station.

The church at this place is progressing nicely under the leadership of Dr. R. P. Wilson. The mid-week prayer meetings are well attended, and the church is taxed to its fullest capacity to hold the crowds that come every Sunday morning. The attendance on the Sunday evening service is good and is getting better all the time. Dr. Wilson is a scholar, a great preacher and is a man full of the grace of God. He preaches practical Christianity and his sermons are a benediction to all who hear them. He is winning his way to the hearts of his people and is getting the church in line for a great year's work. Our Heavenly Father will surely bless the efforts of this consecrated soldier of the cross.

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To Members of Little Rock Conference Home Mission Society.

Dear Co-workers: Though your president has not addressed you often through the columns of the Western Methodist during the year just closed, she has not been unmindful of you or the cause of missions so dear to us. I'd really prefer writing a personal letter to each one but that is impossible, and our "Methodist" is so kind, but you don't know how much I appreciate the letters received from the different members and my heart was glad all the day.

The lids have closed upon the book of the past year's work, so far as adding anything to it, and I hope we have been faithful to the trust and true followers of our Leader. Encouraging news is beginning to reach us already about our year's report and I am sure we shall have cause to rejoice when we meet in annual session at Nashville, Ark., when we remember that God has been so good to us and our people have honored Him with their offerings. If any Auxiliary has failed so far to re-

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port (quarter and annual) do so at once to your district secretary, and conference treasurer, Miss Edith Curl, 641 Quapaw Ave., Hot Springs, as they will hold their books open for delayed reports till March 10th. Let every Auxiliary tell what they are doing this year.

If changes have been made in your Auxiliary officers notify your district secretary and conference officers at once.

Elect your delegates to annual meeting early enough for us to make an interesting and helpful program, sending the names to me or Mrs. Pemberton.

Use some care in selecting delegates that they may represent you well and bring in return a full report that you may catch the enthusiasm and inspiration of the meeting. If any one has a subject they wish discussed at the meeting, or have any suggestions to offer on the program, we shall be glad to hear from you at once.

Nashville is a fine place to hold an annual meeting as there will not be so many counter attractions to draw the attention of some delegates who enjoy sightseeing.

Let the success of this meeting be the subject of our daily prayers and when we come together in love and thanksgiving our Master will reward us with a glorious outpouring of His Spirit, without which all is vain.

Yours for service,

MRS. F. M. WILLIAMS.

408 Prospect Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

Fairview Station.

Had a good day Sunday (23). Received five new members. Bro. Weems preached us a helpful sermon the 2nd inst. Sorry I could not assist him more for the paper. Bro. B. B. Thomas our presiding elder, preached us several good, earnest sermons while the pastor was laid up with grip. Our second quarterly conference embraced third Sunday (16 inst.). Stewards raised salary some and planned to pay most of it monthly. The presiding elder spoke favorably of our report and outlook for the future. Our Sunday School is planning for larger and better things this year. Our superintendent, J. W. House, has introduced the Birthday offering for Church Extension in Oklahoma. We have recently organized an Adult Bible Class, with W. W. Watts as teacher, which promises good results. It has a most excellent name, "Miss Virginia Garner Class." New scholars are being enrolled each week in the school. We need more room for our school. Really good interest in League prayer meetings. Elected new officers last Sunday (23). About 30 in attendance last night (Wed. 26) at regular prayer meeting.

Your editorial of Feb. 20, "The Confusion of Moral Ideas" has my approval. Give us some more along that line.

S. C. DEAN.

Valley Springs Circuit.

Dear Editors: We serve a pleasant and appreciative people for whom we feel the deepest interest and entertain most sanguine hopes for their steady progress. We have four good Sunday Schools and two Epworth Leagues; others in prospect. We do not believe there is a Sunday School in the district doing better than the one at Valley Springs. The League is also prospering. We have held a protract-

ed meeting at Valley Springs lasting one week and resulting in three conversions, and a church. Bro. Davidson was with us about 24 hours when he was called home on account of Rev. J. J. Galloway's sickness which has been protracted now about one month. We are glad he is slowly improving. Prayers for his recovery have been going up all over the district. When he resumes his work, he may feel like Hezekiah—that the Lord has added some years to his life for greater usefulness. Have baptized six infants; we have held church conference at every church on the work and dropped from the roll 31 names and lettered eight. Have received 10 persons into the church and others have expressed their intention of coming in soon. The spiritual state of the church is rising, but not yet what we hope to see it.

Have one W. H. M. Society on the work, at Valley Springs, and also a Juvenile. Hope to establish others during the year.

Our second quarterly conference convened at Gaither on Feb. 22 and 23. In the absence of the presiding elder, Bro. Davidson came and rendered valuable assistance, giving us four excellent sermons, which were much appreciated by all. We had a good attendance of the officials with a lively interest; finances coming up nicely on all lines.

We expect to pay out in full. There is a spiritual awakening which indicates a coming harvest of souls. Many are seeking salvation and a few have already accepted the light. We expect to press on with steady faith and zeal for the Master's cause.

L. L. SEAWELL, P. E.

Feb. 25.

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Railway Rates and Rebates.

In "My Experience with Railway Rates and Rebates" in the March Century, Andrew Carnegie will tell just how the practice of "special rates" grew up, writing from two points of view: first, as a secretary and telegraph operator of Thomas A. Scott, superintendent Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and second, as head of the Carnegie Steel Company.

Corner Stone Laying at Poteau.

Corner Stone laying of M. E. Church, South at Poteau, Okla., March 22, 1908. Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, LL.D., will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. at the Auditorium in Poteau. Corner stone will be laid at the church grounds at 3 p. m., Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, officiating, assisted by Rev. S. G. Thompson, P. E., W. L. Anderson, P. C., and the officers of the local church and W. H. M. Society. All former pastors and presiding elders cordially invited, as also the public generally.

W. L. ANDERSON, Pastor.

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Camden District Notes.

To the Pastors and Churches in Camden District:

I call a Laymen's Meeting to meet at Camden on Monday the 30th of March, at 7:30 p. m. also for Tuesday the 31st, all day. I want each pastor to appoint one delegate from each congregation in circuit and four from each station. Please send to me at Camden a list of your delegates at once. Dr. W. R. Lambuth can be with us as well as other prominent men. Let us have a full delegation and a fine meeting.

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

SALVATION ARMY WORKER

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

HER MOTHER ALSO

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

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

After a few days of delightful rest at home I am off again for a five weeks' trip in Southwest Arkansas and South-east Oklahoma. I was reading Bishop Fitzgerald's Upper Room Meditations when we passed the place about three miles west of Perry, Perry county, Ark., where Sam P. Jones died on the train en route home Oct. 15th, 1906. Having known him from boyhood I watched his eventful life with intense interest. We shall not see his like perhaps again.

Mansfield and Huntington.

This is Rev. J. L. Bryant's pastoral charge. They are both nice railroad towns, and are building new houses constantly. The two-story brick school house at Mansfield and their abundance of natural gas, has been a great help to the town. Here we found our noble brother Dr. Warren Sorrells, suffering with grippe. Rev. Miller, a worthy local preacher, was also there quite sick.

Bro. Bryant and wife are in loving favor with their people, and will no doubt have a prosperous year. They are having the church at Huntington papered and otherwise improved. Here we met Bro. J. C. Galloway, father of Rev. J. J. Galloway, the presiding elder of the Harrison District; both of them were quite sick. Nine new subscribers were added to the Western Methodist and a goodly number of renewals.

Hartford.

This is a flourishing coal mining town. Rev. D. N. Weaver, who has succeeded everywhere he has served, is the popular pastor. He and family have had much affliction in person and among their people. But we look for a brighter day. Though hardly able he helped all he could in my work, securing four new subscribers, and collecting

well on the old. Here I met my old friend, Prof. W. W. Lundy, who is principal of the public school; Dale McGaughey, who has been such a faithful steward, and his father-in-law, Bro. Brinks; Anderson Davis and good wife, whom I married about twelve years ago; and J. A. McConnell, proprietor of the best hotel, who knows how to treat his guests.

Poteau, Okla.

A day was spent in Poteau, rushing around with Rev. W. L. Anderson in forenoon, and with his obliging son, Wesley in afternoon, securing ten new subscribers with as many more to follow soon. Also collecting from all the old subscribers that we met. This is a growing town; has three banks, good stores, a fine school. Prof. Rodman, of Altus, Ark., principal. Bro. Anderson is in his second year. Is in great favor with his people. They are building an elegant brick church. The foundation is finished. The corner stone to be laid soon. Poteau is the home of the widow of Rev. J. M. C. Hamilton of precious memory. Here I was also delighted to meet Prof. S. J. Love, and Bro. Wm. R. Rogers, who was my district steward two years. Here as in Arkansas he stands for the church and all that is good. His precious wife is not, for God took her a few months ago to himself.

Cameron.

Sunday was spent in this nice little town on the Frisco R. R. Dr. Harrison and brother W. M. Atkins, formerly of Arkansas, and their families, were especially kind to me. We had two precious services and I hope some good was accomplished.

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Tecumseh Station.

While sitting in my room on the evening of the third of February, absorbed in the study of the Devil, there came two heavy raps upon the door. It sounded as though Satan had made his appearance. I sat there trembling(?) while my wife approached the door and admitted some of the best people of our town. Well, it was not the devil, but they certainly did make it warm for me. After robing me in an elegant overcoat, they did not hesitate to use the "sprout" with which they had announced their coming, at the door. There were some sixteen or eighteen present, and they had no mercy on the poor "sprout." A speech was called for, but for once I was speechless. Words cannot express the deep emotions of the human heart. After a pleasant evening these good people went to their homes. We were loath to see them go. I shall ever remember my twenty-eighth birthday.

But this was not the first surprise. On New Year's evening some twenty-five or thirty of our people gave us our first pounding. They brought so much good to eat that I am actually getting fat, and if these good things continue I shall soon be fit for nothing but a presiding elder or a bishop.

May God bless these people, fill their pocketbooks with gold, their lives with fruitfulness, and their hearts with the boundless, perfect love of Christ.

JESSE CRUMPTON, P. C.
Feb. 13, 1908.

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On last Sunday evening, Feb. 23, our Epworth League held one of the most interesting and important services in the history of the League at this place. A special program had been prepared for the public installation of the newly elected League officers, and the reception of a class of eighteen young people who were advanced from the Junior to the Senior League. Bro. Brewer conducted the service in his usual interesting and impressive way. After the reception of the Junior members, Bro. H. C. Curtis, of Lonoke, addressed the class and the large audience assembled, on "Loyalty to Conscience," an excellent lecture which will be of great help to our young Leaguers. The house was crowded to its full capacity, and it was a great service for our church and League.

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Comanche, Okla.

Three months of the new conference year have gone. In some respects the work here is improving. When I came here last November I found a very good Sunday school, and a church membership of 118, and like many other places many of them a burden to the church.

I don't think I have ever seen people labor under greater discouragements. More than a year ago they sold our church property and bought closer in town, and since that time we have been worshipping in halls and old store buildings, and we are now paying \$3.00 a Sunday for the opera house.

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The workmen are now laying the foundation for our new church. I don't know just when we will be able to finish it. I hope to be able to report our collections in full by next Nov.

We have organized both a Senior and Junior League, and each class in the Sunday school is organized, and we give one Sunday's collection to missions and observe the birthday offerings.

I hope by hard work and prayer to get things cleared up this year and ready for the new preacher next year. I am now trying to raise money for the church, and feeling good during the week and preaching from twice to three times on Sunday. I am sure God is giving us strength. M. T. ALLEN.

Fayetteville District Conference.

The Fayetteville District Conference will be held at Gravette, Arkansas, beginning at 2 p. m. April 28th, and continuing until May 1, 1908.

The afternoon and evening of the first day will be given to Sunday Schools and Rev. George McGlumphy, of Russellville, Arkansas, will have charge of the program.

The conference sermon will be preached at 11 a. m., April 29th, by Rev. J. M. Bull, of Gentry, Ark.

The following examining committees are appointed:

For license to preach and admission on trial: T. A. Martin, J. F. E. Bates, and H. W. Ledbetter.

For Deacons and Elders Orders: R. E. L. Bearson, Lawrence Orr and Y. A. Gilmore.

WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

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Send all communications to the editors

Notes From Duncan District.

March 1st closes our fiscal year, and as we look over the records of the past year's work of the auxiliaries in the district we can readily see that the work has not grown by leaps and bounds, but in a steady, substantial way.

Chickasha is the largest auxiliary in the district. It has done very efficient work during the past year.

Ninekah: Small in number but constantly working to increase its membership and add to the interest of the society. Mrs. Thompson, the corresponding secretary, has been very prompt in her official duties.

Rush Springs: We could not find a more energetic band of Christian women. They have labored hard during the past year to secure funds for their parsonage, but have not been so occupied with self that they neglected to send in their connectional money. Their Week of Prayer offering was \$19.45.

Bailey: A country auxiliary with

faithful, conscientious members, who are endeavoring to advance the interest of Home Mission work in their community.

Marlow: A wide-a-wake society and her corresponding secretary, Mrs. Proctor, never fails to report the good work done by them.

Comanche has a very small membership, but the faithful few are doing most excellent work.

Temple has a band of faithful workers under the leadership of the President, Mrs. Jamison, who has the spirit of "get up and go." We regret that they sometimes fail to report the good work they are doing.

Duncan has had a very prosperous year. We enter the new year determining to make it our best.

Waurika: Organized a few months ago with a number of willing workers. They will accomplish much during the coming year.

Eschite: A new society in a new town. I regard them as a band of enthusiastic women anxious to help in the great forward movement of Home Missions.

Walter is planning to do greater work this year. I am sure their faithful efforts will win success.

Lawton has a large membership and they are doing good work. Thanks to their faithful corresponding secretary Mrs. Hammonds, who keeps me in touch with their auxiliary.

Anadarko: A few noble women have kept the work going though oftentimes under many discouragements.

Cement is pushing onward and looking forward to a good year's work.

Minco has willing workers and sends in some good reports.

Fletcher is a very small band but they are pressing forward with this great work.

May the coming year find us busily engaged in the Master's work.

MRS. GEO. E. LEFTWICH,
District Secretary.

Duncan, Okla., Feb. 20, 1908.

Mangum Station.

Dear Methodist: Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 23-24. Rev. L. L. Johnson, our presiding elder, preached an able sermon to a large congregation on Sunday night. The sermon was just such a sermon as all our presiding elders ought to preach frequently all over their districts. It snowed very clearly and forcibly what our laymen can do, and what they ought to do, in bearing the burdens and sharing the responsibilities of the church, in pushing forward the kingdom of God.

Bro. Johnson is greatly beloved by all the preachers and people of Mangum district. He has his district well organized, and his work well in hand.

Bro. Johnson is the first presiding elder in the conference, so far as I have learned, who has organized and has in working order, a District Board of Church Extension. This is an accomplished fact in this district, and we started the fund in our church here a few Sundays ago by raising a subscription of more than \$600.00 to be used by this Board during the present year.

The following is a summary of the report we made at our quarterly conference last night:

Received during quarter, 16; Sunday School enrollment, 243; average attendance on Sunday School, 213; congregations large, prayer meetings good.

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Our revival meeting begins next Sunday, with our Conference Missionary Evangelist, Rev. A. M. Brannon in the pulpit. I beg an interest in your prayers for the success of that meeting.

Let me say also that we are not overlooking the claims of our Conference Organ. I am going to see to it that every delinquent subscriber has an opportunity to pay up, and other Methodists who are not taking the paper, have an opportunity to do so, between this and April 1st.

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ritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo. for special training for her chosen work. But God, who knows best, called for her and her labors ended here and she enlisted in the School Celestial.

Her devoted parents, Brother and Sister Johnston, are anxious that Jessie shall live and work, in some sense, in her chosen field. So they have established A JESSIE JOHNSTON MISSION FUND, the nucleus of which is a house and lot in Greenwood, Ark. This was to have been Jessie's if she had lived. This has been deeded to the Mission Board. Brother Johnston hopes to increase this fund until the proceeds will support a single missionary in the foreign field.

In this way, Miss Jessie Johnston, though dead, will still live and work in her chosen field.

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LILE.—Little Ruby Lile, the daughter of John and Lena Lile, departed this life Feb. 12th, 1908; age two years three months and five days. Little Ruby was a promising little child. She was loved by all that knew her. She was stout and healthy apparently in every way up to within a few days of her death when congestion seized upon her and death soon came. O how sad it was to be in the home. A father, mother and grandparents and a number of relatives to mourn her loss. It seemed like it was more than we could bear. We would say weep not for those precious blossoms. God is only increasing the family in Heaven. Trust in Jesus and be prayerful, and it will not be long till all will be together around the throne of God. We put

her body away in the Coop Prairie graveyard. May God bless us all.

Her Grandmother,
C. A. LILE.

GOLDSBY.—Lillian Grace Goldsby, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Goldsby, died at their home in England, Ark., on the morning of Feb. 17, 1908. Lillian was born here in England July 9, 1902; was one of the sweetest and brightest little children in our Sunday School and Junior League. She was a great sufferer for one month from a complication of afflictions. In her hour of severe suffering and delirium she would talk of her Sunday School teacher, her little class, of death and heaven, evincing of the thorough religious training she had received from her Christian mother and devoted Sunday School teacher. Even children brought up in such homes as that of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsby, die like Christian philosophers. The pastor accompanied them to Pine Bluff the following day where her little body was laid away to await the morning of the better resurrection. M. K. IRVIN.

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Muskogee District Conference—Date, Place, Committees, Etc.

The Muskogee District Conference will convene in Checotah April 14, at 2:00 p. m. and will set until Friday noon.

The following brethren are hereby appointed and asked to serve as committees:

License to Preach: W. M. P. Rippey, P. C. Atkins, J. F. Thompson.

Elders and Deacons Orders: J. R. Murray, G. W. Martin, T. R. Houghton.

Admission and Re-admission: W. H. Roper, W. D. Neale, John H. Rogers.

Quarterly Conference Records: W. M. Spain, H. M. Conger, J. B. Holleman, T. H. Martin, B. Nicholas.

Spiritual State: R. C. Taylor, Chairman.

Sunday Schools: A. E. Bonnell, Chairman.

Education: O. B. Staples, Chairman.

Bible Society and Religious Literature Circulation: John W. Shoemaker, Chairman.

Epworth Leagues: A. B. L. Hunkapillar, Chairman.

Missions and Church Extension: O. E. Goddard, Chairman.

Church Finances: Jno. D. Salter, Chairman.

District Parsonage: John J. Moore, W. J. Henson, W. R. Smith.

Let attention be given to the following:

1. Each pastor is to send a list of his delegates and local preachers and others who are members of the District Conference to the presiding elder and also to Rev. R. C. Taylor, Checotah. Let there be no delay about this. Bro. Taylor must have homes and I must have a roll.

2. Let those who do not expect to go notify their pastor so that other delegates may be chosen. I wish to have one delegate from each organized society and four from each station.

3. Local preachers should understand

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that it is their duty and their business to be present. Their character will be passed upon and their license renewed the first day. They are required by law to make written reports to the District Conference (See Discipline P. 169).

4. Recording Stewards are required to have their quarterly conference record at the District Conference for inspection. No excuse will be taken for failure to do so. Let pastors see that records are either sent or brought.

5. All pastors are expected to be present and stay until Conference adjourns, and if any unforeseen hindrance arises, an explanation should be sent to the Conference. A failure to perceive the moral obligation here is often indicative of moral obliquity in other matters.

Suitable arrangements will be made as to preaching, etc., and a program announced later. We expect chairmen of the various Conference Boards to be present and speak to their interests. The Publishing House will have a supply of Books on hand. A profitable three days is hoped for.

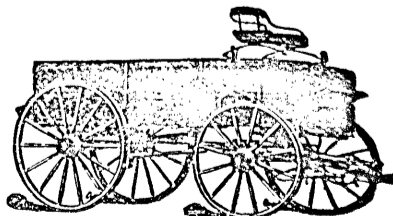
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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

HARRISON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Yellville ct., at Ware's Chapel Mar. 14-15
 Yellville Station Mar. 15-16
 Cotter ct., at Cassville Mar. 21-22
 Mtn. Home at Mtn. Home Mar. 20-23
 Bellefonte and Marshall, at Olivey, Mar. 28-29
 Kingsport at Kingston
 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.

MORRILL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 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
 Morrill Station Apr. 12-13
 Russellville Station Apr. 19-20
 Conway Station Apr. 26-27
 JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Charleston Ct., at Grand Prairie Mar. 14-15
 Branch Ct., at Branch Mar. 15-16
 Paris Station Mar. 21-22
 Huntington & Mansfield at H. Mar. 28-29
 Abbot Ct., at Abbot Mar. 29-30
 Greenwood Station Apr. 5-6
 Hackett Ct., at Excelsior Apr. 11-12
 Washburn 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.
 War Eagle Ct., at War Eagle Mar. 14-15
 Springtown Ct., at Mt. Tabor Mar. 21-22
 Shiloh Springs Station Mar. 22-23
 Pea Ridge Ct., at Buttra Chapel Mar. 28-29
 Rogers Station Apr. 4-5
 Centerville Ct., at Oakley's Chapel Apr. 11-12
 Bentonville Station Apr. 12-13
 Prairie Grove Station Apr. 18-19
 Parkdale & Winslow at P. Apr. 25-26
 Goshen Ct., at New Cross Apr. 9-10
 Fayetteville Station May 1-17
 Springdale Station May 16-17
 Elm Springs Ct., at Ebenezer May 23-24
 Wm. SHERMAN, P. E.

DARDANELLE DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
 Card 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.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Atoka Ct., at Pleasant Hill Mar. 14-15
 Owl Ct., at Salt Creek Mar. 21, 22
 Chickasaw Ct., at Jullik Tuklo Mar. 28-29
 Rufe Ct., at Black Jack Apr. 4, 5
 Lamita Ct., at Old Cedar Apr. 11, 12
 Long Creek Apr. 18, 19
 C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
 Berlin Ct., at Short Creek Mar. 14-15
 Sayre Station Mar. 15-16
 Doherty Ct., at Prairie View Mar. 16-17
 Elk City Station (at night) Mar. 18
 Foss at Hagar's Mar. 21-22
 Butler at Shiloh Mar. 25
 Texmo at Texmo Mar. 26-27
 Choyenne Mar. 29-30
 Hammon at Kiowa Mar. 30-31
 Cowden at Sapington Apr. 8-9
 Cordell Chief at Dill 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.)
 Alex. at Amber Mar. 14-15
 Minco and Tuttle at Tuttle Mar. 15-16
 Randlett, at Liberty Hill Mar. 21-22
 Eschick, 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 Circuit Apr. 12
 Carnegie and Ft. Cobb, at Boise Apr. 19-20
 Comanche Apr. 25-26
 Verden and Anadarko, at A. Apr. 26-27
 C. H. McGEHEE, P. E.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Okmulgee Ct., at Little Chusseta Mar. 14, 15
 Wewoka Ct., at Lumbee Tulsa Mar. 21, 22
 Illinois Ct., at Moody Mar. 28, 29
 ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

GUYMON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Hooker Station March 1-7
 Guymon Station March 8-9
 Tyrone at Nobisco March 14-15
 Grand Valley at Fulton March 15-16
 Carthage at Wesley Chapel March 21-22
 Midway at Hornby Ch. March 28-29
 Gresham at Paradise March 28-29
 Postal at Dry Creek April 4-5
 Boyd at Dry Creek April 11-12
 Beaver at Golden April 14-15
 Woodward April 18-19
 Mutual at Mutual April 19-20
 Inland at Inland April 22-23
 Grand at Lone Tree April 25-26
 Optima May 2-3

ADA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Tishomingo Ct., at Tishomingo Mar. 15, 16
 Roff Station Mar. 21, 22
 Ada Station Mar. 22, 23
 Hickory at Flood Creek March 27, 28
 Mill Creek and Ravia Mar. 29, 30
 Holden Station April 1
 Pontotoc at Onward April 4, 5
 Stonewall Ct., at Tupelo April 5, 6

Ada Ct., at North Ada April 6
 Byars Ct., at Johnson April 11, 12
 Asher Station at Oak Grove April 13
 Wetumka April 18, 19
 Weleetka April 19, 20
 Bearden Ct., at Bearden April 25, 26
 Okemah Ct., at Paden April 26, 27
 Holdenville Ct., at Sasakwa April 28, 29
 S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

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

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Cumberland Ct., at Cumberland Mar. 14-15
 Providence Ct., at Durwood Mar. 15-16
 Broadway, Ardmore Mar. 22-23
 Lebanon Ct., at Oakland Mar. 22-23
 Carter Ave. & Mannville 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
 Tussy Ct., at Tussy May 3-4
 Woodford Ct., at Elk May 4-5
 Thackerville Ct., at Love's Valley May 9-10
 Marietta Station May 10-11
 Leon and Burneyville at Leon May 16-17
 Whitehead and Mayesville at W. May 23-24
 Overbrook Ct., at Marsden May 24-25
 W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 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. 23
 Honeyetta 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
 Boynton and Morris at M., 7:30 p. m. Apr. 12
 Warner Ct., at Warner, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 13
 St. Paul's, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 19
 Eufaula Ct., at Deer's Chapel, 2 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
 Cowling at Cowling, 7:30 p. m. May 14
 Whitefield Ct., at Dukes, 2 p. m. May 16
 Stigler, 9 a. m. May 18
 Oklahoma Ct., at Oktoha, 2 p. m. May 23
 Haskell and Bixby, 7:30 p. m. May 24
 Brethren, please send in at once the names of your delegates to District Conference. Let all pastors have Church Extension and Domestic Missions Churched 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.
 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
 Prague Ct., at Mt. Hope Apr. 11
 Guthrie Station Apr. 12-13
 Arcadia & 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
 Blanche Ct., at Blanchard May 2-3
 Noble & Shiloh at S. May 9-10
 Lexington Station May 10-11
 McCloud & 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.
 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
 Chelsea Apr. 6
 Chelsea Apr. 9
 Reggs 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.
 Anadarko Ct., at Hog Creek Mar. 28-29
 Oadde & Witchita, at Foster Apr. 4-5
 Ft. Sill, at Mt. Scott Apr. 25-26
 C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
 Spring Hill Mar. 15-16
 Fulton and McNab Mar. 22-23
 Bingen Mar. 29-30
 Washington and Ozan Apr. 4-5
 Chidester Apr. 11-12
 District Stewards will meet in Prescott, Jan. 15th, at 11 o'clock.
 THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
 Parkdale and Wilmot 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
 Eudora 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
 Crossett and Mission Apr. 26-27
 Collins Ct. May 2-3
 Selma Ct. May 9-10
 Wilmar Station May 10-11
 J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 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 Bethel Apr. 11-12
 Fordyce Station Apr. 19-20
 Atlanta Ct., at Atlanta Apr. 25-26
 Stamps Station May 3-4
 Magnolia Ct. May 9-10
 Magnolia Station May 17-18
 Camden Ct. May 23-24
 On the second round we will discuss Sunday Schools, Womans' Missionary Societies and church finances. Let all the pastors have their best workers present and prepared to take part in the discussions. On the circuits we will open the Quarterly Conference at 9 a. m. and continue the whole day. We can make this conference very helpful if the members of the quarterly conference will be present.
 U. W. MCKAY, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Lonoke March 15
 Bryant Ct., at Sallis 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
 Maumelle Ct., at Spring Valley May 2, 3
 Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen May 10
 DeVal'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.
 Janssen Ct. March 14-15
 Texarkana Ct. March 21-22
 Foreman Ct. March 28-29
 Horatio Ct. Apr. 4-5
 Wilton Ct. Apr. 11-12
 Gilham Ct. Apr. 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.

PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
 Paragould, East Side Mar. 8-10
 Piggott Ct., at St. Francis Mar. 14-15
 Recker Ct., at Harvey's Chapel Mar. 21-22
 Gainesville Ct., at Beech Grove Mar. 28-29
 Boydsville Ct., at Cummins' Chapel Apr. 4-5
 Brighton Ct., at Hartso's Apr. 11-12
 Lorado Ct., at Bethel Apr. 18-19
 Knoble Ct., at Moark Apr. 19-20
 Corning Station Apr. 24
 Maynard Ct., at Siloam Apr. 24
 Pocahontas Ct., at Vernon Apr. 25-26
 Pocahontas & Hoxie at P. May 2-3
 Reyno Ct., at Biggars May 3-4
 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 Mammoth, 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.
 Smithville Ct., at Flat Creek Mar. 8, 9
 Jesup Ct., at Marvin Mar. 14, 15
 Cave City Ct., at Maxwell Mar. 21, 22
 Evening Shade Ct., at Sidney Mar. 22, 23
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Sulphur Rock Ct. at Walnut Grove, April 4, 5
 Melbourne Ct., at Pleasant Grove, Apr. 11, 12
 Bexar Ct., at Corinth Apr. 12, 13
 Salem Ct., at Viola Apr. 15
 Calico Rock and Mt. View Ct., at Flat Rock Apr. 18, 19
 Newkirk 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.
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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 & Marvell 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
 Clem A. Schaefer, Plaintiff vs. Howard B. Schaefer, Defendant, in the Pulaski Chancery Court.
 The defendant, Howard B. Schaefer, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of Plaintiff, Clem A. Schaefer.
 February 10th, 1908.
 F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.
 By T. J. Oliphant.
 GEO. L. BASHAM, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

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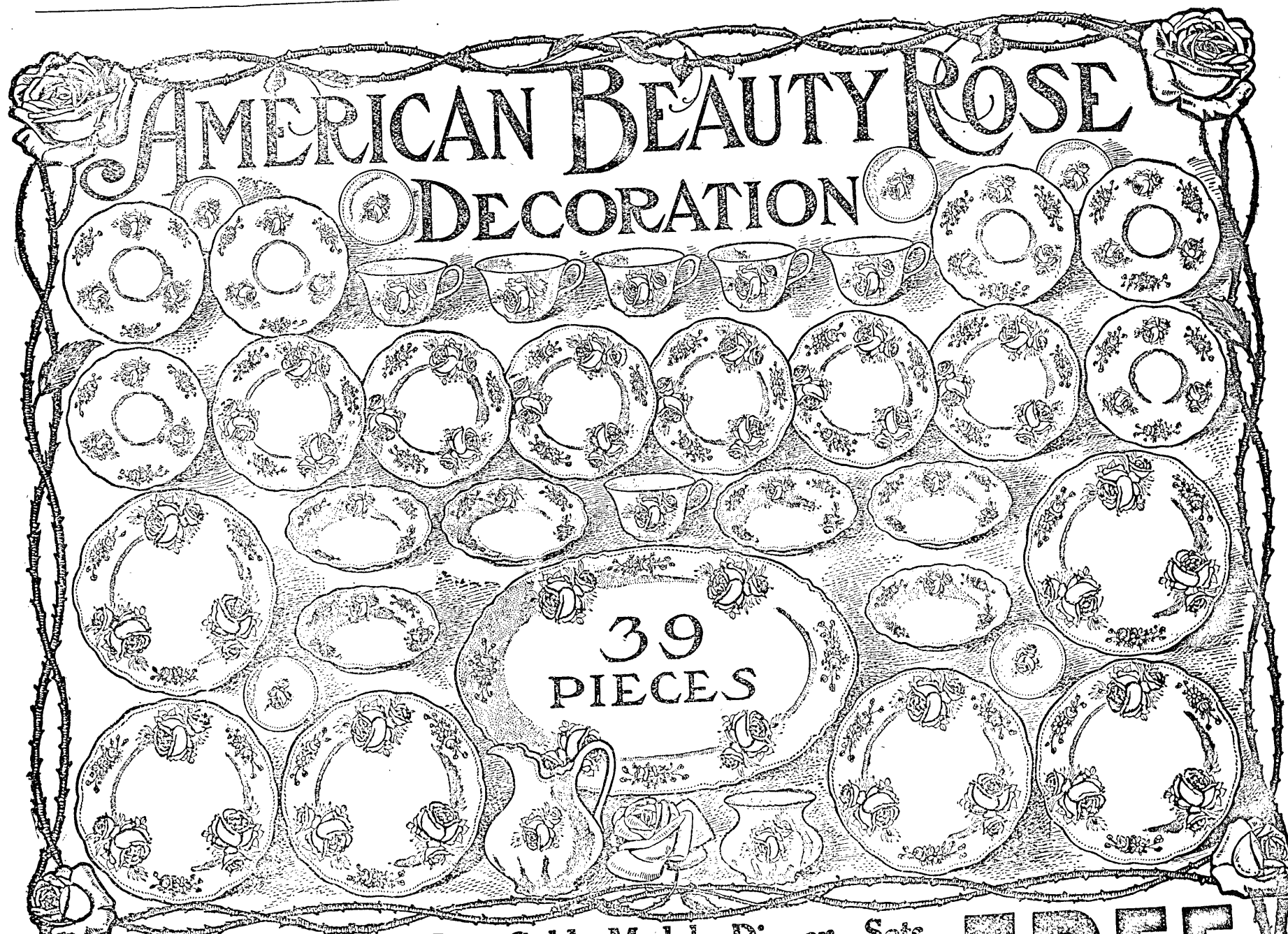
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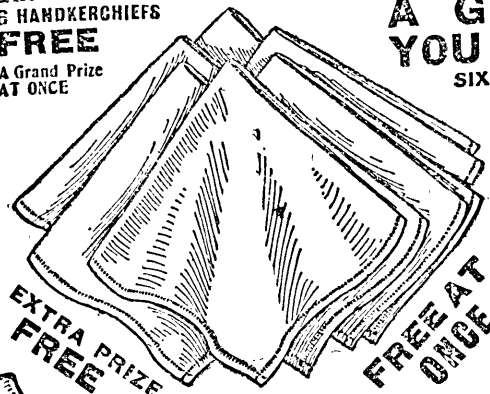
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