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EDITORIAL.

An Emergency Call.

We desire to say to all the readers of the Western Methodist, with the utmost frankness, that the recent order of the Post Master General, to take effect April 1st, under which all who owe for their subscription for as much as a year must be stricken from the list, creates for the paper a genuine crisis. Nothing but prompt action upon the part of our subscribers and upon the part of the presiding elders and pastors will save the paper from heavy damage. This editor is writing from Oklahoma, and has had occasion, within the last few days to check over with pastors a great number of lists. The checking shows that in some towns the circulation of the paper will be entirely wiped out; in many towns it will be cut down one-half; in others, two-thirds; while in many of the country charges there will be but few readers left. The reason for this state of things is that the publishers of the paper have been, on their side, very indulgent toward their readers—have not pressed them to pay—and the readers themselves have in very many cases been careless. We tell our readers plainly that it is a very serious matter. We ask every preacher who believes that it is worth while to have a paper at all to write this office at once for his post office list, giving all offices in his charge, and get at the business at once.

If we do not "get busy" we shall see the work of years swept away in a day, so far as the circulation of the paper is concerned. And when the circulation of the paper is cut down half in some places and wiped out in others we shall quickly feel the loss of it in all the work of the church. We do not hesitate for a moment to say that the greatest single agency in the four conferences we serve for the spreading of missionary intelligence and creating missionary zeal is the Western Methodist; and the same may be said about our educational interests and about every other interest for which the church stands. We certainly cannot afford, just for lack of a little earnest effort in a real emergency to allow the sinews of a great arm of service to be cut. Cut they will be if something is not done and done quickly. Many of the preachers have already seen the situation, and are at the work. The office would gladly do all the work, but the thing is utterly beyond us.

To the subscribers themselves.—First, look at your own label, and see whether you are in arrears. Remember that we have no option as to whether we shall take off the list, after April 1st, those who are in arrears for a year; the conditions of continuing such a paper are such that we cannot meet them, and no subscriber ought to expect us to do so. We take it for granted that no honorable man wants his account removed from an account book without a settlement of the account, and remove it we must, if it is not settled, for the subscription book is the only account book we keep or can well keep. We must clean up the books. Please attend to it, without the delay of a day.

The Unity of the Christian Life.

Life is made up of what we think and feel and do. The unbroken continuity of right thinking, right feeling and right doing makes the unity of the Christian life intended to be indicated in the heading given above.

We speak of leading a double life, meaning thereby that the subject acts in two different characters. In certain abnormal mental conditions, as in the somnambulist, or in brief periods of hypnotism, a double life may be without moral quality. It is mental, not moral. That any man should of his own volition lead a double life as respects his moral sentiments is one of the greatest crimes that can be committed against human nature. We give it the name of duplicity, hypocrisy. In its last analysis hypocrisy is the consent to use one set of sentiments at one time, and another set at another time, according as the interests of the moment seem to dictate. The sure retribution of every man who persists in duplicity, double-dealing, hypocrisy, is that he shall lose the capacity to see the truth for him-

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self. He that loves alie shall ultimately be given over to believe a lie. This is the philosophy of the sin against the Holy Ghost. That sin is unpardonable not because of any arbitrary decree of God that it shall be so—God has no arbitrary decrees—but because there is no remedy for men but in the truth, and when men have destroyed within themselves their capacity for the truth, then, by the nature of the case, they are beyond any remedial agency in the earth or in the heavens, in time or in eternity. It is called the sin against the Holy Ghost because the Holy Ghost is the administrator of truth in the world. It is in its own nature the awfulest crime any man can commit against God or against himself. For a man who has gone the length of murdering within himself the capacity to know moral truths there is no hope. But many a man who stops short of that result does, nevertheless, greatly compromise the efficiency of his life. If he does not become within what Carlyle said Napoleon III was, "a mass of darkness," he is internally filled with lights and shadows.

The reader has seen men who really are full of light when they are walking in the light, when they have the single eye. The man is using then a certain set of sentiments. We

have seen this same man when he was swayed by a different set of sentiments, ignoble sentiments. We call him the same man; he is the same as to personal identity, not the same as to spiritual identity, is a different man, in that respect. So it is that the regeneration of the human spirit makes new creatures, old things passing away, all things becoming new.

But among Christians there is often a break in the continuity of the Christian life. This is the curse of many a Christian life—that it is not unbrokenly Christian. It is not a difficult matter, it may be, to adopt and use the sentiments that belong to the Christian when a man is preaching a sermon, or when one is in a prayer meeting. To carry those sentiments into all acting, into all life, that is a different thing. Pride, ambition, selfishness may creep into the heart of a man who was just now aflame with a gospel message, and the man has become a pitiable spectacle to the angels. He may not be fully aware of his condition, usually is not, but he knows he has changed, if he stops to think, is dimly conscious of it when he does not stop to think.

What we all need is to plant ourselves upon the highest plane of thinking and living and to make such thinking and living the perpetual habit of life. No man will do this except he is much in counsel with God. The man who rushes from his bed in the morning to his business and rushes his business through the day and rushes from his business to his bed will never live upon this plane.

A Brotherly Word.

Whenever the members of a board of stewards get too busy to give personal and individual attention to the details of church finance, too busy to collect the funds of the church, and instead of personal effort, hire some good woman, or some good man, to collect, it is time to hold an official prayer meeting. No church can thrive under such a system.

It is perfectly true to say that the members of the church ought not to give their officers any trouble about collecting their dues. They can easily save them trouble by handing in what they are to pay. Something like the envelope system ought to be universally adopted. It is a shame that any steward should be compelled to ding-dong a member for money that member owes to the cause of God. As for members who rebuff a steward, they are a disgrace to the church. Stewards are officers who do without compensation their work, except as they find satisfaction in the work of the church. The membership of any church ought to be thankful for the service which their brethren willingly render, and to show their appreciation by a cheerful acquiescence in the plans they adopt.

But it is the business of stewards to give personal attention to the members assigned to them. It is not a mere matter of getting money; the church must be developed, built up, and the wisest and best men among us must be used to build it up. The officers of

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Methodist Calendar.

- Fayetteville District Conference, Gravette, April 28-May 1.
Harrison District Conference, Berryville, May 7, 3 p. m.
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.

Rev. W. U. Witt, who never has but one way of getting along, is doing a good and steady work at Pryor Creek.

Rev. F. M. Tolleson is engaged in a good meeting in Van Buren, aided by his presiding elder, Bro. Johnston.

Mr. J. T. Hunt, of Wagoner, informed us the other day that they were resolved upon building a handsome church at Wagoner.

Rev. W. U. Witt, who went from Arkansas Conference to Oklahoma Conference, is commanding universal respect at Pryor Creek and among the preachers of that Conference.

On his way to Conway to visit his son in Hendrix College, Mr. R. M. Henderson, of Brinkley, paid us an appreciated call Wednesday.

Rev. T. H. Ware, presiding elder of the Prescott District, was in the city last Thursday and made this office a pleasant brotherly call.

On a recent Sunday night our people at Searcy were favored with an admirable address from that noble layman, Mr. T. B. King, of Memphis.

We regret that the Sunday School Lesson for next Sunday, after having been written, was lost and the loss was not discovered till it was too late to prepare it again.

Rev. J. D. Salter, Wagoner, Okla., has great affliction in the person of his little five years old boy, who has locomotor ataxia. Bro. Salter is off seeking relief for the child, and needs the sympathy of his brethren.

The ranging editor dropped in on our Muskogee forces for a few hours one day last week. Bro. Roper was just arranging to get off a few days; Bro. Dunkle had his strong hand upon all parts of the district; Bro. Goddard was full of labor; all were doing well.

The traveling editor recently spent a day and night most pleasantly with Rev. J. B. McDonald, presiding elder of Tulsa district. He

is always busy, but he took time to show the wanderer much courtesy. Matters are going well in Tulsa district.

Rev. F. E. Dodson, of Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs, called Tuesday while passing through our city on his way to the western part of Pulaski county. He reports his church in good condition, and a new organization effected at Oaklawn. This little band hopes to build. May they succeed.

Mrs. A. B. Haltom, wife of the pastor of Dye Memorial, Argenta, has been in St. Vincent's Infirmary, Little Rock, for six weeks, where she successfully underwent a severe operation a few days ago, and Bro. Haltom and all friends are rejoicing. She will be able to return home this week.

Rev. T. O. Shanks, of Afton, Okla., is doing a good work among that clever people, and has most excellent help in his good wife, as so many of our preachers have. On a recent visit of the editor to their charge they showed all manner of courtesy. The recent meeting at that place, which has been already reported, did much good.

Every time we go to Ft. Smith we are impressed with the good work of our preachers in that city. On a recent visit we came up with Rev. F. S. H. Johnston and Rev. M. N. Waldrip, and heard excellent report from Rev. E. R. Steel and our Epworth League Editor, Rev. C. W. Lester. Presiding Elder Johnston is living in the best parsonage in the Arkansas Conference. Bro. Lester is also newly housed. One and all they are a fine set.

One of the most admirable characters we have met in a long time is our good sister Mrs. G. W. Clark, of Vinita, Okla. She is nearly a fullblood Cherokee. Her early opportunities were meager, but the native balance of her mind, the quiet and calm devotion of her spirit to God would make her a power in any community. She contributes an article to this issue.

Rev. J. W. House, whose health was impaired last fall, and who was left to rest, is now in excellent health and hard at work. He is working with Bro. J. T. Newsome, the evangelist, and is giving special attention to the sale of good books. Just now he is in Norman, Okla., whither he went a few days ago in advance of Bro. Newsome, to open up the meeting at that place.

A few days ago the Arkansas Supreme Court decided in the case of Hendrix Academy property at Mena that the property belonged to the Church and should be under the control of trustees appointed in the Little Rock Conference, thus sustaining the interplea of Rev. R. R. Moore, who represented the Conference. Prof. Wooten's lease is cancelled and his hotel property is to be restored.

Rev. Edgar L. Young, of Welch, Okla., has things just about all his own way in that good town. The town has about 800 people. Bro. Young is the only preacher. The people all seem fond of him and his work is doing quite well. The editor spent a day in Welch recently and was greatly pleased with the people. They are quiet, keep busy, are moderately prosperous and are at peace among themselves.

Our Attitude on State-Wide Prohibition.

For twenty-five years the Methodist has been the one paper in Arkansas that has always and unwaveringly fought the battles of temperance and the legal prohibition of

the liquor traffic. The editorials, contributions, and clippings would make several large volumes. In addition the editors have been officially allied with the organized temperance movements and have probably made more prohibition speeches than any other men in Arkansas not giving exclusive time to prohibition work. It has brought against us the bitter hatred of the liquor interests and the criticism of the class of church members who believe in the control rather than the suppression of the traffic. Such men by the thousand would rejoice in our overthrow. Last year we devoted our energies to secure prohibition in Oklahoma. We were cruelly attacked because we refused to open our columns to the friends of alleged self-styled prohibition candidates, and persisted in standing for principle. The Oklahoma Conference before the campaign resolved, "That we will ourselves and we will urge upon our people to support for public office only such men as will stand in good faith for the foregoing (prohibition) principles; and we hereby declare that we will actively oppose the election of any man to any office in the administration of which this question is involved who does not stand for this principle, whenever a better man can be found for the place, regardless of his political party." After the election the editorial committee including several prominent Oklahoma preachers, said: "We take special pleasure in commending the editorial management of the paper and tender the editors our special thanks for their splendid leadership in the recent prohibition victory in the new State of Oklahoma;" and the Oklahoma Conference said: "We commend the editorial policy of the paper."

Now, however, because we are steadily pursuing the policy which commanded the hearty approval of the Oklahoma Conference, we are bitterly attacked, and even threatened by Methodists who seek to use our columns to advance the interests of their favorite candidates. Because our Conference urged our ministers and members to secure the public assurance of candidates that they would support State-wide prohibition, we are charged with disloyalty and hypocrisy when we refuse to make our Church paper the organ of certain individuals.

During the last two years we have rejected thousands of dollars of advertising in the form of political announcements both from men whom we supported personally and personally opposed. Two years ago a candidate for a State office offered us a large advertisement of himself, and, when it was refused, intimated that he would, under his construction of postal laws, bring us into Federal Court and force us to publish his advertisement. We advised him to try it, and we have consistently refused to commit the paper or try to commit the Methodist Church to the personal interests of any candidate. As publishers we have a right to adopt this policy, and as official representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we believe that our policy is in absolute harmony with the fundamental principles of our Church. Whenever our Church allies itself with any political party or any politician, Southern Methodism will founder on the rock of faction. We believe that it is the duty of our church to inject high principles into politics and to encourage the best men to run, but we do not as an ecclesiasticism assume to dictate to any member how he shall vote or to what party he shall belong.

Every voter is under the highest moral obligation.

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any church, like the pastor, ought to pass frequently through the membership, giving personal attention, taking personal interest. Nothing short of this makes a good officer; nothing less will keep vital a church. If official members cannot do this character of work the church will dry up. A man who cannot invest his personal attention in the work of the church is rather a poor Christian. Let him reflect how far he is from honoring a Savior who has poured his life's blood out for him!

If any man pleads that he has so much business that he cannot give time to the church, then either that man is mistaken or else he has more business than he ought to have, and he would do well to unload.

I recently was struck with a form of words used in the Acts of the Apostles when the apostles described the sort of men needed in the seven deacons—the analogues of our stewards. According to the Greek word they were to be men of the "martyr" spirit, men who were willing to devote themselves. What other sort of men did God ever use to make a church? What other sort can he use?

Our Attitude on State-Wide Prohibition.

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ligation to ascertain either from a candidate's platform or from knowledge of his life and principles whether he is worthy of support, but the Church which can deliver the votes of its members to any candidate or party would be more intolerant than a mere party or than Romanism is thought to be. Even if the Church has a right to demand pledges of candidates, each pledge is to be valued according to the circumstances. Otherwise the best man for the best reasons might refuse to pledge himself on some question, and the worst man, knowing the Church's predicament, might give his pledge and force Church support. We know instances of county candidates scarcely sober making such pledges. On the theory that the candidate's pledge alone is to be considered, the Christian must vote for a pledged drunkard as against the unpledged Christian of highest standing. Surely we are not committed to such an absurd theory.

Another thing strangely overlooked by our good friends is that the present fight is simply a Democratic primary. Some of the most insistent and threatening of those who would require us to line up for Democratic candidates are Republicans who by common understanding have no right to settle a contest between Democrats. It seems never to have occurred that if we announced in favor of certain Democratic candidates, a slight change in the situation might force us to announce for Republicans or Populists or Independents.

Again, in consultation with many of the loyal friends of the four gubernatorial candidates, we decided that as all of them could be trusted on prohibition and none had announced on the subject in his original declaration, which might reasonably be supposed to contain the issues upon which each proposed to stand, it would be wise to let them fight their battle without involving State-wide prohibition. It was decided that, as the legislature must settle the question, attention should be turned to securing the best men from the several counties. Have our good friends cared for State-wide prohibition at this absolutely vital point? Are they also looking after election commissioners and other State and county offices?

We hold that the question will be settled in September in the vote for and against li-

cense. We are unequivocally in favor of State-wide prohibition and propose to help settle it in September, and in spite of threat or persuasion of candidates or their friends, we propose to stand for the historic policy of Southern Methodism and the inalienable right of every member to cast his vote in primary and in general election according to the dictates of his own conscience unawed by personal faction, political party, or ecclesiastical affiliation.

And Yet It Comes.

Dear Methodist: Please allow me space this once again and if I am coming to often just charge it up to an anxious heart. Since opening up the needs in Kobe, Japan, last November, I am glad to say we have been able to meet the demands of this appeal made by our efficient representative, Miss Garner. The \$500 was raised some time ago and on my return home last Tuesday I found a letter completing the call. This was a letter from one of our best college bred young men, and contained words as follows: "I have been keeping up with your busy life through the Methodist and the columns of Go Forward. I rejoice in your success. I have a matter on my heart and I want to speak to you about it. I have an amount I want to give to Missions, for I am interested in Missions and wish I were in the foreign field myself. I have all confidence in your judgment as to where such an amount could be placed to accomplish the most good."

I wrote the young man thanking him from the depth of my heart for the much needed gift and informed him that I had placed it to the furnishing of the Miss Garner building at Kobe, Japan.

I also found a letter from Dr. Lambuth which contained the following: "Our demands are tremendous. Your Emergency fund grows on me. If we can find two or three men who will take two or three items at \$1,000 it will lift an immense load from Bishop Wilson's shoulders and mine." * * * "as to the first \$1,000 you propose to raise as an Emergency fund I would suggest that it be applied to the building of the church at Mikage, which is not far from our College at Kobe. At that point a Japanese gave the land for the church—a beautiful site—and the church members have raised all but one thousand dollars for the building. They have done their best and can go no further. Nothing will so hearten them as the completion of their church, and it will be an inspiration to the brethren all along the line. This church has been a problem on my hands for ten years."

Brethren WHO WILL HELP TO RAISE IT? If the presiding elders will join me I feel sure that we will raise \$1,000 in each district in the Little Rock Conference as an Emergency fund with which to raise mired wheels. I think the Monticello district will raise its \$1,000 after paying over \$600 above assessments this year. Brethren, let's do it. Pray and faith will bring it. Hymn No. 718.

Yours hard at work,

W. F. EVANS.

Oklahoma Church Extension and the Loan Fund.

To the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Oklahoma Conference:

Dear Brethren: Doubtless each of you have received a communication from Dr. McMurtry, concerning the effort to raise \$100,000.00 to be added to the loan fund of the Church Extension Board. This is a call that should be responded to by every pastor in our conference. This year over half of the applications for loans from this conference will have to be

turned down, simply because the loan fund is not sufficient. The Board has been more liberal with our conference than any in the connection, and yet we have contributed a mere pittance to the loan fund. Won't each pastor get his Sunday School, Epworth League, and Woman's Home Mission Society, to make a special contribution to this fund, and then won't you on Sunday, May the 10th preach a sermon on Church Extension and take up a free will offering from your congregation for this cause. Let every pastor in our great conference answer to this worthy call of the Board of Church Extension.

Send your contributions to Rev. T. L. Rippey, Conference Teller, Ada, Okla.

N. L. LINEBAUGH.

Pres. Okla. Conf. Board of Church Extension.

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Church Extension Loan Fund Day.

By Bishop E. E. Hoss, D.D., LL.D.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, though created by the General Conference of 1882, did not get fairly to work until one year later. It is therefore, now completing the 25th year of its active existence. That it has abundantly justified itself by its history, there can be no manner of doubt. In the outset, prophets of evil were not lacking to fill the air with dismal vaticinations of defeat and failure.

They said that the Church was already organized to death, that the people were burdened beyond all reason with assessments of various sorts; that the other benevolences were not paid in full, and would suffer an additional deficit equal to anything that might be raised for this new cause; that the preachers were rapidly degenerating into mere tax gatherers, and losing thereby the sacred gift of evangelism; and finally that a single quadrennium would suffice to show the folly of creating an additional Board.

But the event has contradicted in the most striking way imaginable, every one of these predictions. Under the wise leadership of Dr. David Morton, who may be fitly described as a providential man, the Board began its career without a dollar in its treasury, and has gone on its widening way to the present time. Depending for many years on the scantiest of collections from the Annual Conferences, and always hard pressed by the lack of adequate means, it has gradually enlarged the scope of its operations, until now it takes cognizance of the wants of the whole church, both at home and in the foreign fields, and shows a constantly increasing boldness and vigor in all its plans.

As to the work already achieved, it is not necessary to do more than merely look at the naked figures. They tell the story better than any words could possibly do it. The annual collections since 1882 have amounted to \$1,507,892.54; the special donations to \$73,858.57 and the gifts for loan funds to \$161,836.93—a sum total of \$1,743,588.04. The foregoing present fiscal year, which ends March 31, 1908, and which already far exceed those of any figures do not include the receipts for the previous year. The aggregate contributions for church buildings in the same period directly provoked and stimulated by the Board, it is impossible to estimate; but it has certainly been very large. We know that the total number of churches aided by the General Board and the Annual Conference Board is 6,637. But there is yet a vast work to be done in housing our flocks. Of the 18,644 Societies in the whole church, 3,103 are without any buildings of their own, to say nothing of at least 5,000 others that need to enlarge and improve their quarters. This estimate moreover takes no account of the new fields into which we are constantly spreading, and of the new congregations that we are daily organizing. If we were to build one house every day we should not catch up in ten years; and if we should build two, we should hardly meet the increasing demand in the same time. In some parts of the country are just now especially imperative, and would be appalling, were it not for the fact that we are really able to rise up and meet them. The recently admitted State of Oklahoma, with its imperial domain of 70,000 square miles, and its population of nearly 2,000,000, destined to double inside of 20 years is absolutely wide open to our efforts. We have the start of all the other churches. Thirty-seven per cent. of the in-

habitants that belong to any denomination belong to us. Our present membership is over 40,000 and growing at the rate of more than 5,000 a year. It is gathered into 707 congregations, of which, it is a pity to say, only 320 have roofs over their heads. From all our foreign missionary territory come similar reports. We have reached a point at many places in the development of the work where our very success has made it almost as necessary to help our converts in the building of churches as it is to provide them with the preaching of the gospel. The most of them are poor. When they have done their best, they cannot do everything.

What are we going to do about it? Are we minded to sit still and turn deaf ears to this mighty appeal? Or are we content to answer it so feebly as to mock the need out of which it springs? Never in the history of the world did any body of Christians have a greater opportunity to show the sincerity of their love for Christ and His cause. Let us, then, take the broad and generous view of the situation. It ought to be evident to all that a flock without a fold is in almost as ill a case as a flock without a shepherd. To look for the largest possible results from our labors while the people who wait upon our ministry are compelled to gather in borrowed school-houses or hired halls, or private residences, is to betray a lack of ordinary common sense. We must, by all tokens, rise up and build. The day is at hand when the sound of the trowel and the hammer and the saw should be heard in every part of our Zion.

The very least that can be thought of in view of the pressing emergencies of the times, is the payment of every cent of the assessment put upon the Annual Conferences. But that is by no means enough—it has seemed proper to the Secretary, after a full consultation with the Bishops and other leaders of the church, not to let this 25th anniversary pass without some special effort to enlarge the resources of the Board. The foregoing facts and figures warrant us in believing that on a proper presentation of the matter, the church at large will listen and answer with worthy gifts.

It has already been stated that contributions to the various loan funds have reached up to the present time the sum of \$167,353.82. This money instead of being dead capital, has been and is most industriously at work, being loaned out at a very low rate of interest, it has helped to erect hundreds of churches, and at the same time has grown to \$238,343.43. If it were \$500,000 it could all be used to the greatest advantage. At this very moment there is an urgent call for \$200,000 more than it is possible for the Board to supply.

An average of ten dollars from each congregation would almost yield that amount. There is scarcely a single congregation that could not give so much, and there are hundreds of them that could easily make it \$100 or more, and would do so with the right sort of appeal from the pastors.

There are other interests demanding attention, but no one of them is more important than this. May we not ask, therefore, that on the

Second Sunday in May

every pastor in the church make a brief talk and give his people an opportunity to help where help is so supremely needed. And if these lines should come under the notice of any Christian, who has been blessed with a sufficiency of this world's goods, and is ready to return to God some portion of his substance, we beg him to consider whether he can

bestow it better than by turning it into a permanent fund for such uses as we have indicated.

Women and Church Papers.

The postal law which from April 1 will compel publishers of papers to drop the names of delinquent subscribers or pay heavy postage on copies sent them is of serious import to subscribers as well as publishers.

Every publisher of papers in the United States is likely to sustain some loss and those of our church papers will suffer most, for they have been very lenient to their subscribers, fellow members of the household of faith. These men now find themselves facing a deficit of no little magnitude, for many unpaid subscriptions aggregate large sums of money.

The amounts due these publishers are too small, individually, to justify recourse to law.

They cannot even afford to send papers as a "gentle reminder" to the delinquent subscribers because of the added expense of special postage.

Unless they can collect quickly what is due them, defeat and disaster may overtake them. They have had faith in us, the laity of the church; and shall we not prove ourselves worthy of their confidence?

We cannot afford to be careless nor forgetful about debts. Our Christian conscience demands that we deal justly with all men.

We are interested in every periodical that aims to enlighten mankind, but our chief concern is for those that are devoted to the building up of the church of God which is for the salvation of men. The women of our country must come to the rescue of church papers. Let them look to the labels, see that subscriptions now due are paid and that renewals are sent in. I would urge the women of Arkansas and Oklahoma to rally now to the assistance of our own papers, "The Western Methodist," "Our Homes," and the "Woman's Missionary Advocate."

These papers might exist without us, but without them we shall live at a poor, dying rate in church and missionary societies. Sometimes good women say they can't afford to pay for these papers, but most of them are surely mistaken. The best husbands on earth are in the United States of America, and, by the way, many, if not the majority, of them are in our own Southland.

It is only necessary for them to realize that church and missionary papers are household necessities, for these men are intent on making their homes comfortable and complete.

They may be a little forgetful sometimes, but they recognize the fact that a religious paper is most helpful in rearing a family to fear God and regard man.

The wife and mother is not so burdened with business cares, and upon her falls the duty and the honor of keeping the home a cheery and safe abiding place for the family. Wholesome food must be provided for her children and they must also be nourished in mind and spirit. Let her see to it that choice literature is supplied them. The educational value of the church paper is beyond computation. It is under no stress to publish news, but it tells something of the progress of science, literature and art. It gives information about world-wide movements in commercial, political and religious life. It keeps us in touch with co-workers in God's vineyard, and stimulates us to greater effort in His name.

It is helpful in the mastery of self, and calls to deeper consecration in service to humanity. It clarifies our vision and we long

to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The secular paper may be a luxury—the religious paper is a necessity in every home. Life becomes monotonous without tidings from beyond the threshold, and it becomes sordid without some spiritual uplift.

If the women of this Christian nation will rally to the support of worthy periodicals, secular and religious and continue steadfast, the stringent postal law will bring benefit to publishers and people.

The homes of our land shall be purer and our children will be strong men and women to grasp the opportunities and bear the burdens of tomorrow.

VIRGINIA C. PEMBERTON.

Little Rock, Ark.

Is Our Assessment for Church Extension Too High?

Since our conference has advanced the assessment for Church Extension to eight thousand dollars, I have been led to consider the wisdom of the action. While we make this as a special, the major part of which is to be used in our own conference, still I am sure that the amount is not beyond what we ought to pay annually for this great cause. The Parent Board has dealt very generously with us for the last two years and our great general secretary, Dr. McMurtry, has seen fit to lay our needs upon the heart of the whole church. As a great ecclesiastical statesman, he has properly estimated the work to be done and has actually shown more zeal in our behalf than many of our own men, who have been on the ground for years. I am convinced, thoroughly, that hundreds planted here now will mean more than thousands will mean in just a few years from now; (1) in territory occupied and held to our church; (2) in resources both in the value and influence of our membership and the income arising therefrom; and (3) in the reflex influence upon the church at large whence much of our revenue comes.

Our section is different from any other section of the church, in that, the admission of the state into the Union brings thousands of the best families from other states into our midst. If they came into one section of the state only, we could care for them by concentrating our efforts, but they come into every township, so that, right now we need at least thirty new charges. To organize these will mean the building of at least that many houses of worship and the employment of thirty men. If that were all we could do that, but on the charges already organized there is sore need of at least one hundred churches right now. There is in my district (Tulsa) crying need of eleven where we are making an effort to build. Several other places are greatly hampered for want of buildings but see no opportunity to build. To do the building necessary to our reasonable progress this year we ought to have at least a \$30,000 donation and the same from the loan fund. I speak conservatively, I feel sure I have not overestimated the amounts necessary. These amounts judiciously invested would turn into our building fund not less than \$200,000 and give us the use of all that amount of money from the time of its investment. Who can measure the results? Who will dare attempt it? The church at large could not do better than put the money here this year. Can we reasonably hope to receive that amount from without our borders? Certainly not. There will be permanent loss because of that fact. It is folly to sit by and say there will be time enough for this work after today. There will be no such thing.

While we wait the enemy is sowing tares and preempting the territory, the like of which if we regain it will be at tremendous cost both of men and money. If some other denomination takes the field, it is permanently gone from us, both as a source of revenue and as a source of power and influence in extending our borders into new and ripened fields. What then does the voice of Wisdom suggest? "Let us rise up and build wherever there is need even at a great sacrifice."

Finally, if all our people only knew the facts, there would be larger liberality toward this work. The call is being sent out now to all pastors, Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues to observe May 10 as Church Extension Day. May we not hope that one time in our history all our leaders will fall in line with the authorities and use this day as directed? Then we may expect great things. When our people—the rank and file—hear the wonderful story of our Church Extension work their faith will be strengthened, their zeal quickened and their church life and loyalty improved in every way.

J. B. McDONALD.

Vinita, Feb'y., 27, 1908.

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Anglo-Chinese College.

Dear "Methodist" Friends: The College year ended with us Jan. 23rd and we have been having some rest and a good deal of change of work on account of the enforced stopping that comes with Chinese New Year. We open our school again next week. Tomorrow is the middle of the first month of the Chinese year, and tomorrow will come the "Feast of lanterns," which, with all the parading and "gong" beating will really end all usual festivities, and all kinds of public business will begin in dead earnest again. While most kinds of ordinary business stops only four or five days at the new year, all kinds of official business in the interior and school work come to a standstill until after the middle of the first month. The ordinary general business is stopped till after the night of the fourth day of the first month, when the "god of wealth" is given a grand reception—making the whole night hideous. So we may see that the feast of lanterns closes out the new year festivities.

This whole section of country is now terrorized on account of the growing prevalence of the most daring robberies. It has grown to the proportions of holding up steamboats and launches on the canals. Men who have resisted have been killed. So far no foreigners have suffered beyond the point of losing their money and their quietude of mind. Several Chinese have been shot. The matter is very serious. Last week we were making a night trip on the canal from Sungkong, about thirty miles from Shanghai—the last we are ex-

pecting to make for sometime at night—and had a more interesting experience than we knew for several days later. We were traveling on a Chinese houseboat, and were making our way along a piece of lonely road, and our boatmen observed some small boats in the distance that they took to be boats of fishermen. About an hour after we passed a Chinese official passed that way and was attacked—presumably by the boats observed by our men—and robbed of his clothing and money. We were none the wiser for several days, but we have felt that we had more to be thankful for since we have known of the escape we made. The matter of greatest danger is not the loss of money, for here as at home a Methodist preacher may not be expected to lose much of that—however much the little must mean to him. But these men expect foreigners to have considerable of the article, and when they find none, or little, there is great danger that they will do violent things. One old missionary whom we know well was attacked lately, and was given the fright of his life. He had almost no money, and the robbers seemed to think he was fooling them, and he thought that they were bringing him to the end of his ministry militant in short order. Fortunately when they got his watch they were appeased sufficiently to leave him. Such stirring things make us think almost that we are getting back into Christian America and are getting into touch with a first class "hold-up."

Such things are far worse here than I have known before, and the authorities are powerless so far to stop them. The cost of living has advanced by bounds of late, and the poorer people are in distress. Matters are made worse, so reports go, by the secret importation of rice to Japan by some of the officials for their own enrichment, causing this principal part of the ordinary man's diet to about double in price. Last year's crop was not first class. These miserable men are led and officered by turned off Chinese soldiers. Chinese robbers and the old style Chinese soldiers are separated from each other by only a shadowy wall, and the ranks of the one are ordinarily recruited from those of the others. The old way of breaking up a strong band of robbers is to make the ringleader of the band an officer in the Imperial Army. What is more convenient then and natural than for the discharged or dissatisfied soldier to turn robber.

We closed a very good term's work. We had an interesting closing. We had seven graduates from the Preparatory Department, young men who have been with us from two to six years. So far as I know all of them are coming back to finish the higher work, a thing, I suppose unknown before in the history of the College. U. S. Consul-General Denby was present, and at my request conferred the certificates. His Excellency, Taotai Shen Tung-ho was present and made a very much appreciated address, also Mr. Darroch of the Translating Department of the Shensi University. The students had their part in addresses, essays and songs. We had hoped to be able to set up a memorable stone to Dr. Allen, the founder and first president of the College, but it was not completed in time. This granite tablet has been prepared by the "Old Students' Association."

We are about to begin another year's work, and the prospect is promising. We shall see what we are able to do with it. We need your prayers, and all else you can give us. I feel like "Uncle Eben," who said: "I admire a man who is always hoping for the best, but I don't admire for dat man to sit down and count it a full day's work." You will find the

moral. Don't let the readers of the "Methodist" forget our work and needs.

The greatest of blessings on all your labors.

With love and good wishes,

JNO. W. CLINE.

Anglo-Chinese College, Shanghai, China.

Anti-Saloon League Neutral.

Little Rock, Ark. March 10, 1908.

Editors Western Methodist: That your readers may know the attitude which the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas has assumed in the race for governor, I respectfully request that you publish the interview which I gave the Arkansas Gazette and which was published in that paper March 7th. I enclose you a copy of it.

GEO. THORNBURGH,

President Anti-Saloon League.

"Despite the mass meeting in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association, Fifth and Scott streets, on Thursday evening, when John H. Hinemon was endorsed as the State-wide prohibition candidate for governor, George Thornburgh, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, declared yesterday afternoon that the league, officially, had no candidate for governor.

"Has the league expressed a preference for either candidate?" was asked Col. Thornburgh.

"It has not," he emphatically replied.

"Has the matter been discussed in the league?" was asked.

"It has," he replied. "At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Anti-Saloon League, held January 30, there was present the largest membership we ever had at any such meeting. Not only were most of the trustees there, but Mrs. Markwell, president of the State W. C. T. U. also. The question of our right and duty to select one of the candidates for governor as the choice of the league was taken up and carefully considered.

"Each candidate was represented and his record ventilated. Mr. McFarlane was found to have been a no-license worker and leader at home for many years past. Mr. Kirby had a good record and had shown his loyalty to the cause on a number of occasions, notably by refusing a large fee from the liquor side and tendering his services free to the temperance side in the fight we had to put saloons out of Texarkana. For Mr. Donaghey, we had the evidence that for many years he had been an active prohibitionist. He had not only given his vote and influence, but had been a liberal financial contributor to the work. And before he became a candidate he was one of the first to join the 'patriotic hundred,' men who each pay \$50 a year to hasten State-wide prohibition. For Mr. Hinemon, we were assured that he was a prohibitionist, and that our cause in his hands would be safe.

League's Constitution in the Way.

"At the conclusion of the investigation it was unanimously decided that, under the circumstances and according to the constitution of the Anti-Saloon League, we could not declare in favor of either or against the others. Our constitution explicitly forbids the league endorsing any party or man, except under certain conditions, which do not exist in this race. The splendid success of the Anti-Saloon League has been, as correctly stated recently by the editor of the Gazette, by its conservative course and its freedom from political and personal alliances. The fact that one of the candidates has, since our meeting, proclaimed for prohibition does not change his attitude, nor that of the other candidates to the cause we represent. He has only openly an-

nounced his position to be what we had already given him credit for, and the same reasons for our neutrality still exist.

"The league constitution invites the alliance of all who favor the suppression of the saloon, and solemnly promises them that it will avoid affiliation with any political party. The league therefore is not so much non-partisan as it is omni-partisan, including in its ranks all parties and all people. There are among its trustees some Republicans, and many voters of that party support it throughout the State. For the league to go into a Democratic primary to advocate the nomination of a man violates the fundamental law of its existence. Democratic members of the league may do so, but not the league, as such.

For Principles; Not Men.

"The trustees of the State league themselves and prohibitionists throughout the State differ in their choice in this race. Every man must exercise his own judgment. We do not feel called upon, nor authorized, to dictate to the intelligent electors of Arkansas which candidate they should vote for. The Anti-Saloon League stands for principle, over party; for measures, over men, and for prohibition, above all. Arkansas must be free, regardless of who of these will be governor. We must not lose sight of the real issue in our zeal for men. Let the temperance friends of all the candidates, and the Republicans as well, see to it that such a majority shall be given against license at the September election as will influence the next legislature to give us statutory State-wide prohibition."

Locals Being Organized.

"Is the league organizing local or county leagues?"

"Yes, we have in the past few months, organized in a large number of counties, and are pressing the work every day."

"Will you make any special effort prior to the September election to influence votes against license?"

"Yes, we will repeat the program of two years ago on a larger scale. We canvassed several wet counties then with singers and speakers, and they did effective work. We made special efforts in other counties, including Pulaski, where great changes were made in the vote. We have for some time had four men regularly in the field. Two of them do detective work, and they have been signally successful in exposing blind tigers and convincing the people that prohibition can be made to prohibit with a little effort.

"Most of the preacher's in Arkansas regard prohibition as God's cause, and will exert themselves in its behalf, and they are a mighty force, notwithstanding the efforts of some men to belittle their influence."

Lest We Forget.

The Church Extension Society, which meets in St. Joseph, Mo., May 6-10 to appropriate the funds collected for church extension during the year, we shall find—judging from past experience—well grounded and urgent calls for donations and loans, aggregating three times the amount of money in hand with which to answer them. This will probably be the situation for years to come. The rapid growth of the church calls for a larger number of new church buildings every year, and by virtue of this, ever increasing demands for aid to congregations, for that help from the church at large which her church extension society administers. We rejoice at this ever increasing demand. It means God's blessings upon our work and his call to go forward.

Many societies, we may say most of them, need in the beginning, better houses of worship than they are able to build, and yet their future depends so much upon offering to their communities suitable places of worship that help at such a juncture is the one material condition to success. The help given in the crisis of need, secures, presently, a strong church, able and willing to return to the treasury of the church at large more than it has received from it.

The aid given by the Society stimulates effort at home and causes local societies to undertake and to accomplish what they would not attempt otherwise. The church, down to her smallest local societies, has faith in the future, that the cause she represents will strengthen. This is only faith in God's continued blessing, fortified by all the experiences of the past. The debt incurred through faith in God today is presently easily paid by the reason of prosperity which the Lord gives.

The loan fund of the Society represents its ever circulating life blood—an in-flowing and out-flowing current coming back in ever increasing volume by virtue of the growth and vital force it has given. The Church Extension Loan Fund is now \$238,343.00. This is a much larger sum than the aggregate of contributions given directly to constitute it. It represents an arm that has been strengthened by the labor which it has performed. The Bishop Andrew Loan Fund, contributed in the years 1888-93, originally \$5,338.07, is today \$9,480.00. The Green McFerrin Fund '87-91; originally \$1,332.81; is now, \$2,460. The Moses U. Payne Fund, original contribution \$25,000 is now \$35,000. With aid to this fund from year to year what a power it will become in a little while. This money is loaned at 4 per cent. to the churches. This aid tides the churches over the stress of financial weakness and the money comes back to the treasury.

"Cast your bread (seed) upon the waters, thou shalt find it after many days," and not a great many days either. The rising tide will bear it to a rich soil, and the return of the harvest is sure. It shall bring forth fruit "some thirty, some sixty, some an hundred fold."

Remember the 10th of May, Sunday the 10th of May. The Church Extension Society, which will, on that day, present this common interest of our Zion in the city of St. Joseph, and charges adjacent, through its secretary Dr. W. F. McMurry, asks us all to observe this day in the interest of the Loan Fund, throughout the whole church. Let us not forget.

J. E. GODBEY.

Temperance Songs.

Four songs, "Dixie Dry," "The Stainless Flag," "State-Wide Prohibition," and "Arkansas," have been put in a leaflet and are ready for use in the temperance campaign. They are suitable for church and Sunday School purposes. Get our people to singing about "State-Wide Prohibition," and the victory will be easier. Price: 5 cts. for three, or 75 cts. per hundred postpaid. Order of Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock, Ark.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester Editor

Lesson for March 13: Luke 4:16-29; Psal. 84.

Topic: The place of congregational prayer and the devotional habit.

With what ardent devotion did the old Jew who wrote this Psalm love the place of worship! "My soul longeth, yea, even fainted for the courts of the Lord." What a rebuke this is to those of us who find it a task to go to church, and who for this reason let the merest trifle keep us from attending the services of divine worship. Many of our people find it in their hearts to go only to one of the two services on Sunday and many more to not find it in their hearts to go at all. There is something seriously wrong with a man's religious life who feels this way about the Sunday services. The true man of God feels as the psalmist felt and can say in his heart: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!"

Your love of divine worship is a test of your piety and devotion to God. The church is the place appointed to meet with God. And the devout soul, the really hungry heart will find delight in going into the "courts of the Lord." And he can truthfully sing, "a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." You do not have to have an eloquent sermon, nor special music, nor a bishop, to draw him out to the services. He goes without any special attraction of this kind because he loves to go to God's house.

Some men attend church because they like the pastor. He is socially attractive or he is eloquent, or he is a thinker, or he is sensational, and for this reason they go to church. They are loyal to the man who preaches but not to the church. When he goes away they stop going to church. Such church going may result in good but it is defective, lacking the mark of genuine devotion seen in the psalmist.

"As his custom was," Jesus loved the place of divine worship. The Temple was to Him His Father's house and a place of prayer and worship. He was an habitual church-goer. From His childhood up we may think of Him as present at the Sabbath services of the synagogue. On this occasion He took part in the service. Any man will get more out of a service in which he takes some part. He should enter into the responsive reading, the singing, the praying, etc., feeling that some part of the service belongs to him. Our aim at any service should be to put something good into it as well as to get something good out of it. The surest way to get something good out of the service is to put something good into it.

The congregational prayer, as our lesson indicates, offers an opportunity for every worshiper to take part in worship. The one who prays aloud is a leader in the prayer. Those who listen are to follow him, making his prayer their prayer. The leader should always pray in such a way and for such things as to make it possible for others to follow. And those who listen, whether it be in a league service or in the Sunday morning service, should enter really and earnestly into the prayer, making it their own. This is the true function of the congregational prayer. It is to be the prayer of the congregation.

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And catch a glimpse of mansions nigh,
Behind the curtain.

Now go, itinerate your theme,
And I will linger here and dream,
Till some sweet day I'll slip away,
And join the hosts not far away,
Behind the curtain.

—J. E. THOMAS.

Sealy, Texas.

Religious Papers.

Every now and then a painful groan emanates from some quarter to the effect that religious papers are not being well supported, and that on account of great loss in advertising, many of them must go to the wall.

But the Sunday School Times has been inquiring into the matter, gleaning the following interesting facts:

"Twenty years ago there were 581 religious periodicals in the United States. Five years ago there were 836; three years ago there were 818; last year there were 809; this year there are 804. These figures include quarterlies, monthlies and weeklies. Twenty years ago four of the 581 religious papers had a circulation of 100,000 or over. Today, thirty-six of the 804 have an average circulation of 100,000 or over. Nine of these have a smaller circulation today than they had at one time or another during the last six years; seventeen show their largest circulation today.

"In other words, the total number of religious papers today is almost half as large again as it was twenty years ago. The 100,000 class today is nine times as large as it was twenty years ago. Less than one per cent. of the religious papers of twenty years ago circulated 100,000 copies; four and a half per cent. of the much larger number today have that circulation. And the largest circulation today is seven times as large as the largest twenty years ago. These facts do not look as though the field of the religious paper had disappeared yet. But the total number of religious papers has been slightly decreasing in the last five years."

It is a fact, however, that religious papers find it difficult to realize any profit from their incomes today. They have for various reasons cut out so much advertising, and the cost of white paper is so much greater than formerly, that the savings must of necessity be much smaller. Yet, if the church members are loyal to their home religious papers, and if these papers are true to their mission in disseminating church news and inculcating religious truths, the future of this class of papers is assured. The whole issue depends upon whether religious papers can furnish value received to religious people. We believe they can.—Wesleyan Advocate.

The "Family Worship Union," an un-denominational society founded by pastor F. G. Kemp, of which Rev. F. B. Meyer is president, is doing much to bring about a more general observance of family worship in the homes of God's people; and so great is the importance of this phase of the Christian life considered

to be, that clergy and ministers of all denominations are joyfully uniting in advancing this God-directed movement. Church members in whose homes the practice of family prayer is unknown should join this "Family Worship Union," in spirit if they do not in name, by at once establishing a family altar. —Northwestern Church Advocate.

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Program.

Monday, April 6—Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.—A service of song, led by Prof. Excell.
7:50 p. m.—Scripture reading and prayer, Dr. Chappell.
8:00 p. m.—Solo by Prof. Excell.
8:10 p. m.—Address, "The Problem of the Church is the Life of its Youth," Bishop James Atkins.
9:00 p. m.—Song, Prayer.
Announcements, adjournment, enrollment, getting acquainted.

Tuesday, April 7—Morning Session.

8:30 a. m.—Songs of Praise, led by Prof. Excell.
8:40 a. m.—Scripture and Prayer, Dr. T. F. Brewer.
9:00 a. m.—Words of Welcome and responses.
9:20 a. m.—"The Discipline and Sunday Schools," Rev. J. S. Lamar.
9:30 a. m.—"The Primary Problem," Miss Mamie Lee Frayser of Kentucky.
9:50 a. m.—"The Sunday School as an Educational Force," Prof. O. B. Staples.
10:00 a. m.—Song.
10:10 a. m.—"Why Missions in the Sunday School," Dr. Ed. F. Cook.
10:30 a. m.—"Soul Winning in the Sunday Schools," Mrs. Dickey, Olustee.
10:40 a. m.—"Where the Sunday School Begins," Mrs. McCollister, Mangum.
10:50 a. m.—"Where the Sunday School Ends," Mrs. Field of Fort Worth.
11:00 a. m.—Twenty minutes for practical questions and answers on the topics discussed at this session.
11:20 a. m.—"Our Boys; Can We Save Them, and How?" Bishop Key.
Announcements, adjournment.

Tuesday Afternoon—Third Session.

2:00 p. m.—Praising God in Song, led by Prof. Excell.
2:20 p. m.—Prayer, led by Rev. J. M. Gross.
2:30 p. m.—The Superintendent:
1—"What he should be and do," Dr. A. E. Bonnell.
2—"What he should not be and not do," Dr. I. D. Hitchcock.
2:50 p. m.—"How to Secure Mission Study in the Sunday School," Dr. Ed. F. Cook.
3:10 p. m.—"The use of Story in Sunday School Teaching," Miss Mamie Lee Frayser, of Ky.
3:30 p. m.—"What the Presiding Elder can do to Make the Sunday School go in his District," Rev. J. B. McDonald.
3:50 p. m.—"What the Church Should do for the Sunday School," Dr. Chappell.
4:10 p. m.—Song.
4:15 p. m.—"Our Sunday School Literature and Denominational Loyalty," Rev. W. J. Sims, of Oklahoma City.
4:30 p. m.—"The Oklahoma Sunday School Movement and Missions," Rev. O. E. Goddard of Muskogee.
4:50 p. m.—"Teaching the Sunday School Lesson by the Picture Method," E. Richmond, of Philadelphia.
Announcements, adjournment.

Tuesday Evening—Fourth Session.

7:30 p. m.—"Make His Praise Glorious," led by Prof. Excell.
7:50 p. m.—Scripture and Prayer, Bishop Ward.
8:00 p. m.—"A Magnet for Men," Rev. C. S. Field, of Fort Worth.
8:20 p. m.—"Prayer; its Relation to the Life of the Child," Miss Frayser.
8:30 p. m.—Solo by Prof. Excell.
8:40 p. m.—"The Baraca Movement," Mr. R. H. Wester, of San Antonio. This movement will be demonstrated by a class of 75 young men in the presence of the audience.
9:00 p. m.—"Our Preparation for Teaching," Dr. Chappell.
Announcements, adjournment.

Wednesday, April 1—Morning Session.

8:30 a. m.—Songs We Love, led by Prof. Excell.
8:40 a. m.—Scripture reading and prayer, Bishop Key.

9:00 a. m.—"Financing the Sunday School; How to Do it," W. G. Ditzler, Ardmore.
9:15 a. m.—"The Sunday School Missionary Rally Day," Rev. W. F. Dunkle.
9:30 a. m.—"The Messenger Service; How to use it," Mrs. C. S. Field.
9:45 a. m.—"How to make most of Children's Day," Rev. T. Lee Rippey.
10:00 a. m.—"The Organized Class Movement and its Possibilities," Hon. A. E. Hammonds, Lawton.
10:15 a. m.—Questions and answers on topics discussed.
10:25 a. m.—"What Materials are available for Mission Study in the Sunday Schools?" Dr. E. F. Cook.
Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon—Sixth Session.

2:00 p. m.—Praise and Song, led by Prof. Excell.
2:20 p. m.—Prayer by Rev. W. T. Freeman.
2:25 p. m.—"The Lights and Shadows of Sunday School Teaching," Miss Frayser.
2:45 p. m.—"Decision or Confession Day," Rev. W. M. Wilson, Duncan.
2:55 p. m.—Round Table, "Shall Oklahoma Methodism Employ a Sunday School Field Secretary?"
3:15 p. m.—Song.
3:20 p. m.—"International Work and Denominational Loyalty," Rev. W. M. Rogers.
3:35 p. m.—"The Sunday School Needs of Oklahoma," Dr. Chappell.
3:50 p. m.—"What the Sunday School is Doing for Oklahoma," Hon. D. H. Linebaugh.
4:10 p. m.—"What the Sunday School is Doing for Methodism," Bishop Atkins.
Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening—Seventh Session.

7:30 p. m.—Service of Song, led by Prof. Excell.
7:50 p. m.—Scripture and Prayer, Rev. N. L. Linebaugh.
8:00 p. m.—Address, "Child Life and Christian Faith," Bishop Ward.
8:40 p. m.—Song.
8:45 p. m.—"Is the Sunday School Worth While?"

REMARKS.

Entertainment.

An information bureau has been established where a list of all hotels and boarding houses will be kept, and by applying to the entertainment committee you will find a comfortable place to stay while attending the conference.

Plan.

The entertainment will be on the European plan. The committee will secure a room for 50 cents and upward for each visitor per day. We will secure breakfast at your rooming place if you so notify the committee. No free entertainment.

Railroad Rates.

As the two-cent rate is equivalent to the former one and one-third convention rate, we can expect no further reduction.

Music.

Prof. E. O. Excell, of Chicago, who is so well known in the religious and music-loving world, will have charge of the music. A large choir will be organized. We wish to make the music one of the great features of this great occasion.

Sunday School Supply Room.

A Sunday School supply room will be arranged in a convenient place in the building, with W. C. Everett, manager, in charge. He will be amply equipped with the latest Sunday School books and appliances, except during the hours of the session.

Special Conferences.

Two special conferences will be held. One under the direction of Miss Frayser, of Kentucky, for the benefit of the Primary and Junior teachers. The other conference will be held by Mr. R. H. Wester, of San Antonio, in the interest of the Baraca Movement for young men. These will be specially helpful to those who are interested in these departments. Times and places of these meetings will be announced in due time from the platform.

Place of Meeting.

The sessions of the conference will be held in the First M. E. Church, corner of Fourth and Robinson. This is a large, commodious and convenient building. All who attend will report there upon arrival in the city.

Local Executive Committee.

The following constitute the Local Executive Committee, and will have charge of the local details of the conference: Rev. A. L. Scales, Chairman, Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, Rev. R. S. Satterfield, J. O. Matison, J. S. Lillard, Ed. S. Vaught. Any who may wish to make arrangements for entertainment before coming will please to write to Rev. R. S. Satterfield, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

Who Should Attend.

The presiding elders, the pastors, the superintendents, the teachers and all other Sunday School workers who can possibly do so are expected to attend. It is not a delegated body; but it would be a wise thing for the pastor to call his Sunday School forces together at once and ascertain who can and will attend. It will pay any school to defray the expenses of one or more persons.

Why Do We Hold this Conference.

Because the Discipline recommends it. (See par. 244.) Because we think the great Sunday School interests of our conference demand it. We feel sure that this meeting will be a great inspiration to the cause. We hold it because the Board authorized it, and everybody endorses it.

Our First.

While many conference boards have been holding such meetings for years, and have found them great blessings, we have not undertaken it before. We assure you this, our first conference, has been planned with much labor and prayer; but if it proves a blessing to the great cause, we shall be amply repaid for our efforts.

Say, brother, sister, will you encourage us by attending? or will you discourage us and the cause by staying away?

That Primary Teacher.

Be sure that the primary teacher of your Sunday School attends this conference. It will pay any school to send her, and let her hear Miss Frayser and Mrs. Field. They are experts in their line. Let every primary teacher "be there."

That Pastor of Yours.

Yes, send him too. Don't let him stay away. He is commander-in-chief of all the forces; and he ought to be on hand to get the latest methods in the Sunday School service. In fact, an up-to-date pastor must be an up-to-now Sunday School man.

The Organized Movement.

So many pastors and other Sunday School workers have written the Chairman of the Sunday School Board about how to "organize" a class. If you will attend this conference, you will see the plan and attend this demonstration. Mr. R. H. Wester, of San Antonio, Texas, an expert in this department, will show you how it is done with a class of seventy-five young men. It is a great movement, and very popular among our young men. Hear him.

Everett Said Two Things.

First, of our program he said, "Brethren, I never saw a better one in my life."

Second, he said of Mr. Wester, "He is simply a business man who does things. At the National Baraca Conference in Atlanta some months ago, he gave an actual demonstration with 75 young men as a class that was probably the most attractive and instructive feature of the whole Convention."

Do you think you can afford to miss him?
W. J. MOORE,

Chairman Sunday School Board.

Lawton, Okla.

A Live P. E. Endorses It.

I wish to commend most heartily the plan to have a great Methodist Sunday School Conference, which is to be held in Oklahoma City April 6-8. I shall urge my people to attend in large numbers.

A. L. SCALES, P. E. Okla. Dist.

Another P. E. Thinks It Important.

As evident from the program and the exceptionally fine talent secured, no meeting has been held in this country in the interest of our Sunday Schools that equals in importance the "State Methodist Sunday School Conference to be held in Oklahoma City April 6-8."

W. T. FREEMAN, P. E. Ardmore Dist.

Another Glad.

I am glad to know that our Sunday School Board propose a "State Methodist S. S. Conference" at an early date; for, as I see it, the Sunday School is to be the right arm of the church in the future. When our Sunday Schools shall have reached a high standard, with well-trained teachers and up-to-date methods, the church must go forward with leaps and bounds in its Christ-commissioned plan for the conquest of the world. 'Tis a wondrous vision, but it shall be realized.

C. H. MCGHEE, P. E. Duncan Dist.

A Live Pastor Whoops It Up.

The well organized Sunday School is a mighty factor in evangelizing the young. We need all the help and inspiration we can get. The proposed "State Methodist Sunday School Conference," with such a list of speakers, will be a great inspiration and benediction to the Sunday School cause of our new State.

No Sunday School workers can afford to miss it.
T. L. RIPPEY.

Ada, Okla.

A Layman Congratulates.

I congratulate the Sunday School Board of our conference upon the progressiveness with which they are taking hold of this great work. The State Methodist S. S. Conference should be an impetus to the work; and the enthusiasm and practical suggestions incident to such meeting should be of lasting benefit.

Yours for a great meeting,
J. M. RULE, Supt. Public Schools,

Hobart, Okla.

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.)

Buena Vista, Ark., Feb. 1, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I enjoy reading the Children's Page and so I thought I would write for the second time. I like to read the paper fine. I am a little girl 9 year old. I have one sister living and one dead. I haven't any pets. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Prof. Brodnex and our pastor is Bro. Moore. I like him fine. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Nana Ross. I study seven books at school. I will close for fear this will fall in the dreadful waste-basket.

Your new cousin,
IMA GRAVES.

Lorena, Tex., Feb. 14, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As I have never written a letter to the Methodist I thought I would write one. Papa has been taking the Methodist for about twenty years, and I am always glad when it comes so I can read the children's letters. Papa is a superannuated preacher of the Arkansas Conference. We have been in Texas five years. We are living on the farm. I like it fine. I have three brothers and one sister. I am going to school, and in the seventh grade. I was fourteen in the thirteenth of April. Well as this is my first attempt to write, I will close, with best wishes to all the cousins.

MABEL LINDSEY.

Doxey, Okla., Feb. 17, 1908.

Dear Children's page: I enjoy reading the children's page very much but I always look for Ruth Carr's piece first. Jessie's Journal is simply fine. I think she shows the disposition of a great many of us girls. I like her plan of keeping on trying to be good, "Practice makes perfect." Well, I have no trips to other countries to tell about but I think we have an ideal country here in Okla. We have nice fruit and every thing grows well here. I have just put out some nice varieties of shrubs in the parsonage yard. Papa put out quite a number of fruit trees so the next little girl that comes to live in the parsonage will have flowers and fruit. We have a good Sunday school. I like to go to Sunday school. Our Superintendent always meets us with a smile. I hope to be able to teach a class and be useful in many ways. I am like Jessie I am trying to be useful in my home—commencing on little things. I can milk the cow, cook and care for my little brother when mama wants to visit. I have four brothers. I have no sister. I am teaching the little boys to play the organ. We sing together and pass our Sunday evenings at home. Bro. Matthews is our Presiding Elder and we love him very much for he always has

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a kind word for the children. My little brother says every time he comes, "I will be good until you come back," and when he gets cross we remind him of his promise to be good till Bro. Matthews returns. I saw my first snow storm last Friday; it was dreadful. The train came in Saturday so covered with snow that we couldn't see the smoke stack. I should like to visit some parts of the colder countries, for I like the snow when it falls gently and covers the ground. I must close. My letter might be too long and crowd some other little girl out.

Yours Lovingly,
LEDA LAMBERT.

Vilonia, Ark., Feb. 16, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl 8 years old. I thought I would write a few lines to the children's page. My papa takes the Methodist. I like to look at it and read the children's letters. I am going to school every day. I am in the third reader. I like my playmates and teacher. My teacher's name is Miss Alice Dougherty. I have five little dolls to play with and many other toys. I like our new preacher; his name is Bro. Blevens. I have one brother; he is going to school at Hendrix. Mama and I get very lonesome without him. I will close, and if I see this letter in print, I will write again.

Your cousin,
ETHEL MAY FORTNER.

Pineville, Ark., Feb. 16, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As my first letter missed the waste basket I will write again. I am a little girl 11 years old, and will be 12 the 20th of this February. I am going to school. This is the last week of school. My deskmate is Estell Ducker. My pet is a dog; its name is Towser. My papa is dead and has gone home to live with the angels. Mama and I live alone. We feel lonely but God is with us. I am trying to love God so I can go home to my papa some day.

WILLIE STAGGS.

Booneville, Ark., Feb. 17, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I will write for my first time. I have a brother and sister. My brother's name is Elmo and my sister's name is Zola. I go to school. I am in the third grade. I like my teacher fine; her name is Miss Sunshine Fields. My deskmate's name is Vernie Barlow. I have a dog and two cats for my pets. I am a little boy 9 years old. I will close for this time.

Your new friend,
WAYNE STANFIELD.

Mt. View, Okla., Feb. 9, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write to the Western Methodist. I like so much to read the cousins letters; they are the first thing I read when the paper comes. I am a little girl eleven years old. I was born in Alabama and came to Oklahoma when one year old. I am proud of Oklahoma. We have good schools and good Sunday schools. I have a good Sunday school teacher. Her name is Mrs. Perothers. She cannot be beat for a teacher anywhere. I have two sisters and three brothers. My two oldest brothers are members of the Methodist church. Our Presiding Elder's name is L. L. Johnson. Quarterly Conference will be held tomorrow and we will get a sermon from him.

RUTH MERRILL.

Mountain View, Okla., Feb. 9, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write my first letter to the Western Methodist. I am so proud of the cousins' letters I want to be one among them. I am a little girl seven years old. I am going to school. We have a good teacher. His name is Prof. H. A. Goatcher. I go to Sunday school too, and my teacher's name is Bessie McKenzie. She is a good teacher. My

papa is superintendent. We have a good preacher. His name is Brother J. J. Crow. He is a good preacher and I love to hear him preach. I will close. If I see this in print I will write again.

MIRTT MERRILL.

Argenta, Ark., Feb. 14, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As I enjoy reading the cousins' letters so much I will endeavor to write a few lines to the cousins also. This is my first time and I think I shall write again in the near future. I am a little girl 9 years of age. I go to day school and also to Sunday school. Mrs. Rogers is my teacher. Our new preacher's name is Bro. Taylor. I think he is a good preacher and when I become better acquainted will like him better. But at the same time it made me sad to have to give up our good preacher, W. E. Hall. He was with us so long. We certainly do miss him very much. I have no sisters, but one brother; his name is Alton. He is six years of age. As for pets I have only one, and it isn't a very desirable one. Its name is the "Mumps." I think I will give it away in a day or two. So good luck and best wishes to all the cousins.

Your true little cousin,
VIDA BURDELL.

Hope, Ark., Feb. 14, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl seven years old. My aunt takes the Methodist, and I love to read the children's letters, and thought I would write one. I go to school and love my books. I have two dogs, one named Lady and one named Fritz, and three cats. I also have two rabbits and a pet calf named Starlight, and I have ten dolls. Your little friend,

NANNIE DUGGER ROBSON.

Jacksonville, Ark., Feb. 15.

Dear Methodist: Papa takes the Methodist and I like to read it, especially the children's page. I am a little girl 10 years old. I go to school and my teacher is Mrs. T. C. Dawson. I go to Sunday school. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. J. W. Gray. I also belong to the Junior League. I have two brothers aged 14 and 4. Bro. H. H. Hunt is our pastor; we love him very much. My older brother and I belong to the Methodist Church. Love to all the cousins. Your new cousin,

DEWEY HEARD.

Forrest City, Ark., Feb. 17, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the cousin's letters, and I thought I would write one too. I am a little girl eleven years of age. I have four sisters at home and one sister married, and one little sister dead, and I have two brothers. My sisters' names are Myrtle, Katie, Rosalie, Blanche, and Viola. My brothers' names are Archie, and John. I am going to school now. My teacher's name is Mr. Dennis; I like him fine. My desk mate is Fannie Pettus; she is a good girl. I went to services yesterday. Bro. Milton preached. It was Bro. Kelso's day, but he was sick and could not come. Your cousin,

LOUADA MAY.

Tupelo, Ark., Feb. 14, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy ten years old. I go to school every day and my teacher's name is Mrs. Woods. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My mama takes the Methodist and I like to read the children's letters, especially Ruth Carr's stories. At school when the pond close to the school house is frozen over we boys go down there and skate. The teacher will not let the little boys go down there and skate. Well I will close for this time. Your new cousin,

PAUL GARDNER.

Dardanelle, Ark., Feb. 15, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the cousin's letters and I thought I would write for my first time. I am

15 years old. I have three brothers and seven sisters. I am the only child at home. I have no pets but mama and papa. I am going to school; my teacher's name is Jennie Moore. I like her fine. I am in the fifth grade. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and my teacher is mama. Our preacher is Brother Woodruff and our presiding elder is Brother O'Bryant. I am a member of the Methodist church. My papa is a preacher and he is gone tonight. We live on a farm. I like Ruth Carr's letters very much. My youngest brother has been gone for a year and just came home the other day, and you know we were glad to see him. From a new cousin,

ETHEL LAMBIRD.

Haynes, Ark., Feb. 16, 1908.

Dear Cousins: I will send my first letter for publication. I am a little blue-eyed boy and will be three years old in July. My home is in Bebee but my papa is principal of the school at this place, so mamma and I are staying with him this term. Papa will not allow me at school only at play time, but I enjoy seeing the boys play ball. We have a fine Sunday school here and I like to go, too. We get a nice card for each Sunday we go. Bro. Hill is our pastor and I like him so much. Well, I will be glad when school is out, for papa has promised me a trip to Tennessee to see grandpa. Your little cousin,

JOE NEWSOM, Jr.

Moore, Okla., Feb. 19, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I live in Schwartz district in Okla. It is a very rough country. I live on the farm; our farm is small. We raise cotton and corn mostly. I hoe cotton in the spring and pick in the fall. I had rather pick cotton than hoe it. We raise fruit—apples, peaches, plums, and blackberries. I like to live on the farm. I go to school. I study the eighth grade studies. I am 13 years old. Our school house is a small one. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I like to go. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Olive Shultz. My superintendent's name is Mr. W. L. Schwartz. I got a Bible for a Christmas present. I read some in it every week. I will close hoping to see this in print next week.

HATTIE ASHER.

Ratford, Ark., Feb. 19, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As I have never written to the Western Methodist I thought I would write. I am 14 years old. I go to school in the summer. I am staying with my cousin, Ike Strong. He takes the paper. My home is in Thornton, Ark. I am down here on a farm. I go home once and a while. I have two sisters and two brothers living, and two brothers and one sister dead. My mother and father are living. Down on a farm we have lots of fun. We have all sorts of pets; they are 3 colts, one horse, 2 mules, hogs, cows, goats, chickens and 10 dogs. My cousins treat me nice. I have a nice time down here. When I am at home I go to Sunday school. Our pastor is Bro. J. C. Williams. He is a nice man. I love him so much. They have all got LaGrippe where I stay except me. I have not had it yet. I expect I will take it though. We have lots of fun killing birds. I like to read the letters from the others who write down here.

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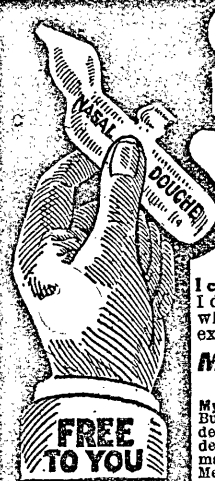
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We recently closed an interesting meeting at Erin Springs where we preach twice each month in the afternoon. We continued for nearly three weeks without ministerial aid. There were 35 conversions and 22 additions to the church, making 28 additions at that society this year, and 80 additions on the charge.

The Epworth Leaguers at Lindsay are doing fine work for beginners. The Juniors are especially enthusiastic, with 64 members, and additions at every service.

Our people are generally enthusiastic about the work. The Sunday School is constantly growing in numbers and interest.

W. T. READY, P. C.

Little Rock Preachers' Meeting.

Capitol Hill, P. R. Eaglebarger, pastor; Five new members added to Sunday school. Services both night and morning very good. Prayer meeting well attended.

Winfield, S. H. Werlein, pastor, Sunday school attendance 330, 6 additions to the church, good prayer meeting.

Hunter Memorial, Forney Hutchinson pastor, Sunday school attendance 180, received 2 into church. They have raised up to the present on new church ten thousand dollars.

Henderson Chapel, Bro. Roland pastor, Sunday school well attended; services very good.

First Church, T. E. Sharp pastor, Sunday school attendance 209; morning and night services well attended, 10 additions to church, prayer meeting well attended.

W. Fred Long preached at Crittenton Rescue Home and reported a fine meeting. He leaves this week for Montgomery and Pike Counties in interest of Sunday Schools.

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Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting.

Dr. M. B. Corrigan in the chair.

Park Ave.: J. R. Rushing reported Good Epworth League.

Third St.: J. H. Cummins, reported good congregation, four accessions on profession of faith. Fine League services.

Tigert Memorial: F. E. Dodson reported good services, increase in Sunday School.

Central Ave.: Dr. M. B. Corrigan reported fine congregations, good services. Good Sunday School and Epworth League. Expect to begin work on church soon.

Rev. E. M. Shields, of New Jerusalem church, was present and reported good day.

F. E. DODSON, Secretary.

Manila and Dell.

Dear Methodist: We are moving along nicely at Manila and Dell, but we found the panic, talked so much about, did hinder us in our collections at our first quarterly conference. Dr. Pope, our presiding elder, held the first quarterly conference here last Saturday and Sunday. The folks like him very much. We have made some material improvement in the purchase of a parsonage since our annual conference. Bro. B. W. Cowan, one of my noble stewards, and the Ladies Aid, got busy and soon had the P. C. snugly housed in a neat parsonage. Success to the Methodist.

W. F. HUDSON, P. C.

Moral, Okla.

Western Methodist: Our second quarterly conference was held at Pioneer last Monday. Bro. Goddard was on hand, rendering valuable services preaching twice. We have our missionary collections in hand. Have finished a nice little church and are ready for dedication. Our finances were bet-

ter than last quarter. We are having a severe epidemic of measles and small-pox with some diphtheria, which has hindered in our Sunday School work. We have four Sunday Schools, one prayer meeting. We reported 12 more lettered out than received this quarter, but we hope to gain them back in our revival work. I expect to give my whole time to the charge. There was not a meeting held on the work last year; had no pastor. We have not been pounded but a continuous shower of good things have found their way to the parsonage. Surely the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. We serve a good people and are expecting a great year.

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Program for Laymen's Meeting, Camden District, to be Held March 30-31, 1908.

March 30, 3 p. m.—Opening; Organization; appointment of Committees.

7:30 p. m.—Address, Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D.D.

March 31, 9:00 a. m.—Prayer for Revivals and Missions in this District.

9:30 What has the Layman a right to expect from his pastor? Led by J. D. Clary.

10:30—This hour of opportunity. The Layman's place. His duty. Led by W. J. Pinson.

2:30 p. m.—What part shall the Layman take in making appointments? Led by T. J. Sifford.

3:15—Shall the Layman take all the collections, or shall the preacher continue to be responsible for them? Led by W. H. Askew.

7:30—Address by John R. Pepper.

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To members of the Little Rock Conference, W. H. M. Society:

Dear Co-Workers:

On March 7 a meeting of the Executive Board of the Little Rock Conference W. H. M. Society was held in Hot Springs at the residence of Mrs. F. M. Williams.

The members present were Mesdames F. M. Williams, President; W. A. Kirke 2 V. Pres.; W. H. Pemberton, Cor. Sec., and Miss Edith Curl, Treasurer.

The meeting was opened with the reading of Job 28 by Mrs. Williams, who made beautiful and appropriate comments on it. Its reference to the wonders of earth and its dust of gold reminded her of their visit to Colorado years ago, and how the heels of their shoes became gilded by the dust in the vicinity of the wonderful gold mines. She loves this chapter most because it answers the great question of the Christian's heart in declaring: "the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom."

The devotional service was closed by Mrs. Kirke, who invoked divine blessing and guidance for the members of the W. H. M. Society.

After the review of the work for the year ending March 1, which showed progress in nearly every department, the little company united in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

In order to save on postage it was deemed wise to have the leaflets sent hereafter to the Supt. of Press, Mrs. V. S. McLellan, Pine Bluff, that they may be mailed with the monthly bulletin to the auxiliaries.

The application for help from the parsonage at Tillar, Monticello District, was presented and carefully considered, and a donation of one hundred dollars was granted it.

It was determined that if agreeable to the good people of Nashville, the annual meeting will be held in April this year.

This change of time may enable us to secure the assistance of Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, or some other notable leader en route to the Board meeting in Louisville, Ky., April 23-30. However, we are not dependent, and a fine program was arranged to be carried out by our own members and friends in Arkansas.

It is important that delegates to the annual meeting be elected at once as it may be held about the middle of April.

The business session was followed by an hour of good cheer and refreshment in the family circle of Dr. and Mrs. Williams. Their three daughters are not mythological Graces, but lovely children and heirs of the kingdom.

Our Honorary Life Member, dear little Frances Marion, is as graceful as a lily and promises to be the "fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely."

The poet, Wordsworth says, "Heaven lies about us in our infancy," and it is in the Christian home that we may have a foretaste of heavenly joy.

As the train hurried us along, the Ozarks were alluring under the canopy of blue. The lonely vigil of the pine, stately sentinel of the everlasting hills, had been broken by impetuous Dogwoods and inviting Hawthornes dressed in white. Maples saw draperies of pink and green, and the oak, monarch of the forest, was beginning to awake from his restful slumber. Wild violets peeped out and pink phlox nodded in the breeze while the birds sang joyously the advent of Springtime.

As in the natural world, so in the spiritual, now is the seedtime. Let us sow wisely that the harvest may be great.

Sincerely,

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON.

Cor. Sec.

The Methodist Ladies Meet.

The most successful meeting ever held by the ladies of the Duncan Home Mission Society was the all day meeting held at the home of our President, Mrs. G. E. Leftwich, Feb. 7th, 1908.

This being the time for the annual election of officers we had been invited to meet with her in the afternoon but as there was a probability of her leaving us soon and wishing to show in a measure our appreciation of her untiring efforts during the year we decided to take our dinner and surprise her by spending the day.

According to previous arrangements about fifteen of our members met at the residence of Mrs. J. S. McClure, loaded with bundles and packages and marched to her home.

The surprise was complete and it was only necessary to see the expression of mingled surprise and pleasure with which she greeted us to feel fully repaid for our visit.

After a half hour spent in exchanging pleasant greetings, some of us retired to the kitchen and began preparations for spreading the dinner, and such a dinner! We feel sure it does not often fall to the lot of any of us to enjoy such a feast.

After we had finished that part of the programme it was found to be time for our devotional meeting which was led by our president in her usual impressive and gracious manner. Next the business of the Society was disposed of until we came to the election of officers, when the president was called down for a few moments and Mrs. Howe, in a few well chosen words, presented her in behalf of the Society, with a beautiful cut glass salad bowl and hand-painted berry dish, as a slight token of our appreciation of her devotion and the untiring zeal with which she had labored during the past year. Words were inadequate to express her appreciation and for a few moments a miniature love feast ensued.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Leftwich, president; Mrs. Howe, first vice president; Mrs. Marcell, second vice president; Mrs. McClure, third vice president; Mrs. Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Ridge, secretary; Mrs. Frost, corresponding secretary.

After the election of officers refreshments of cake and chocolate were served, our number having increased to 21, and we departed feeling truly that it was good to be there.

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We are expecting good revivals and everything to be in full at Conference.

Dr. Dye, P. E., was at his post and did good work.

H. H. HUNT.

Pine Bluff District Conference.

District Conference will convene at Stuttgart July 2, at 9 a. m. and run until Sunday night. Epworth League Conference will convene at the same place July 1, at 9 a. m. Rev. J. D. May will preside over the League Conference. Rev. T. O. Owen will preach the opening sermon for the District Conference July 2 at 11 a. m.

Let each pastor see that his Quarterly Conference record is on hand for examination. Let each local preacher be present or send a written report.

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A Layman Conference.

Responding to the call of the Presiding Elder of the Pine Bluff District, Rev. W. W. Christie, for a laymen conference, the laymen, together with the pastors from all the Methodist churches of the city, met at the First Methodist church Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, and the following program was rendered:

1st. Devotional services, led by the P. E., Rev. W. W. Christie.

2nd. The election of W. T. Wooldridge, chairman, and J. W. James, secretary.

3rd. The needs of the Pine Bluff district, by P. E., Rev. W. W. Christie.

4th. The needs of Lakeside Church, by W. T. Wooldridge.

5th. The needs of Carr Memorial, by Rev. R. A. McClintock.

6th. The needs of Hawley Memorial, by W. A. Lowe.

7th. The needs of the First Church, by W. T. Young.

The meeting was then opened for general remarks and Rev. T. Y. Ramsey, Rev. T. O. Owens, and R. H. M. Mills addressed the meeting.

At the close of the conference the good ladies showed their appreciation of the movement by serving refreshments.

Throughout the meeting pastors and laymen alike were very enthusiastic,

and it is believed it is the beginning of an advance movement for Methodism in Pine Bluff.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.
Howe, Okla.

In all my travels I have not met a more obliging and courteous gentleman than Rev. James F. Hendry, our pastor at Howe. He changed his own plans to accommodate me, knowing I could only be with him a short time. He has a large field, and I am quite sure he will have success. He has the elements of success and is already in high favor with his people. Howe is the crossing of the Rock Island and the Kansas City Southern Railroad, and is a prosperous town. Here I met the Newmans, who are active in church work as they were at Van Buren, and the Kyles, who once lived at Magazine and are now active in school and church work at Howe.

Heavener.

This is the junction of the Waldron road with the main line. They have a fine two-story brick, Rev. J. A. Chaney, principal. They are planning to build a Methodist church. The town is building and has a bright future. We secured several new subscribers for the Western Methodist at each of these places.

Waldron.

A few hours only were spent in Waldron. Having good success. Brother Burrow, the station preacher and Bro. Harris, who is on the circuit, were both hopeful of a good year. They are loved and respected by their people. Waldron was my first pastoral charge in Arkansas twenty-six years ago. There are several of the old members still faithful to the church and the right. Bro. and Sister Bates, Canes, Forester, Enett, Cox, Sullivan, Harvey, Fuller, Smith, Stone, Lemin and others. Major Huff, who has passed four score years, is still cheerful and well preserved.

Mena.

This is a prosperous town, a fine summer health resort with good school and churches. Rev. J. A. Henderson is finishing a fine brick church. He expects to occupy it the second Sunday in March. They have a fine location. He is finishing his quadrennium. His people would love to have him four more years. Rev. W. M. Crowson, a superannuate preacher, is running the Hotel Southern. Brothers Littlejohn and Pipkin were especially helpful to me.

Hatfield.

This is a small town fifteen miles South of Mena. Has good mill, several nice stores and we have a neat church, with a live Sunday School. On short notice we had a good week night congregation, and did real well for the paper. Brother Richardson, the postmaster, and Brother Allen, a successful merchant, brought us under special obligations for their kindness. Senator Penix was with us in the service, and closed with a very earnest prayer. It is refreshing to meet men in public life, who fear God and keep his commandments.

Janssen.

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De Queen.

Although we added a good list of subscribers last year at De Queen, with the aid of the devout pastor, Rev. W. R. Harrison, we secured nine new subscribers and collected well on the old. Bro. Harrison is one of our best and most successful preachers, and he has a most delightful charge. With whisky out of De Queen and Mena, which we hope will soon be, they will be indeed charming little cities.

Horatio.

Sunday was spent very pleasantly at Horatio, with Brother Williams and his kind people, Prof. Martin and wife furnishing royal entertainment. Here we added new subscribers. Though I had canvassed the town last summer, Bro. Williams is blessed with a nice family of singers. I shall expect his mantle to fall upon one or more of his noble sons.

Ashdown.

Only a short time between trains was spent in this rapidly growing town. Brother Robertson was at Richman, so I only collected from a few old subscribers. It is true here, as it is wherever Brother and Sister Robertson goes,



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So full of missionary information
are all of our religious periodicals, and
so urgent are the calls to the church
for a forward movement in missionary
activity, that one feels further words
to be almost superfluous. But as the
water dripping may wear away the
stone, so we hope that continued rep-
etition of the same thought, clothed
possibly in different words, may at
last wear away the flint-like shell of
indifference, and let loose the spirit of
love which must be somewhere in every
woman's nature.

For our Missionary column I send
this week some clippings which are ap-
propriate and timely.

THE EDITOR.

The Coming of the Kingdom.

In view of the fact that the oft re-
peated performance of an act of duty
or worship is liable to become merely
perfunctory, and, in the case of pray-
er, only vain repetition, we are led to
appreciate more keenly the wisdom
and profundity of the Interior when
it says:

"It should not be forgotten that he
who utters the petition taught us by
our Lord—"Thy kingdom come"—is
by it logically committed to a Chris-
tian life. The kingdom will not come
by slow, insensible changes independ-
ent of conscious volition. Whatever
we have seen of God's kingdom so
far emphasizes our Lord's declaration
that it is the reward of force. Every
triumph of righteousness has cost blood,
and has been won by the men who
counted not their lives dear. Error
has never given up the ghost because
pricked with a pin. The man who is
not prepared to do something to bring
in God's kingdom has no moral right
to pray for its advent. Every step of
its progress is marked with the blood
of the bravest. It cost the lives of half
the "Mayflower" passengers to plant
the seed of civil freedom in American
soil. It cost tens of thousands of
lives to make the whites of this nation
free, and hundreds of thousands to
raise labor from degradation of the
slave pen to the possibilities of citizen-
ship. The kingdom of God cannot be
established or widened in any commu-
nity by men in their slippers or women
wholly devoted to their clubs. It will
take prayer and labor and self-denial,
and sacrifice of much that is most dear
to bring that kingdom in for which
we pray. A life divided between bus-
iness and amusements never yet
brought in God's kingdom anywhere;
and God's people are called, especially
now, to decide whether they will cease
to offer the petition or do something to
make the prayer effective.—Methodist
Magazine.

A heathen widow lay dying. She
had walked many miles upon the dusty
road to reach the dispensary. She was
sad, worn, weary, and heart-broken. As
the nurse administered the medicine,
she told of Jesus. The next day the
woman said, "Tell me His name again,
tell me His name again!" The nurse
repeated the story, the woman caught
it and all through her dying hours she
murmured the name of Jesus. This
woman is but one among many millions

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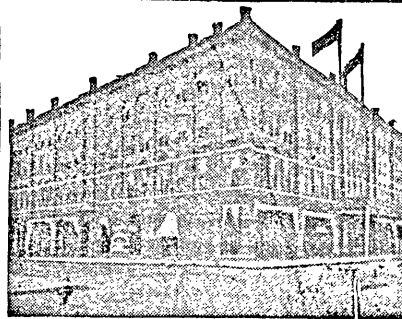
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who, if they could, would say to you
and to me, "Tell me His name again."
If God in His providence has closed up
the way for you to go, then in His
name send some one. God forbid that
any of us in the last great day shall
hear the wail of the lost saying, "You
might have told me of Jesus."

"The work of the world is done by
few
God awaits a part to be done by you."
—Selected.

A Hindoo once said to a missionary,
"Reviling our gods, criticising our
shastras, and ridiculing our ritual will
accomplish nothing, but the 'gospel
story,' which you tell of Him Who liv-
ed, and pitied, and came, and taught,
and suffered, and died, and rose again
—that story, sir, will overthrow our
temples, destroy our ritual, abolish our
shastras, extinguish our gods, and es-
tablish righteousness in our land." This
old gospel story is the greatest
agency in the universe for transform-
ing men and nations. It is "good tid-
ings" to body, mind and soul. It trans-
forms the face and keeps the body
pure, clean and wholesome, it develops
the intellect and awakens desires with-
in the soul that lift us out of ourselves
and make us indeed new creatures.
Whoever has heard this story is under
inalienable obligation to tell it to oth-
ers.—Selected.

Amity Charge.

This is our second year at Amity.
We were well received on our return.
On the account of much sickness we
have been able to do nothing much
but hold our place. Some of the lead-
ing men on the work have passed away
—such men as Brothers S. M. Coker
and Wm. McLean, and Ed Cash and
others. Looking after the sick and bur-
ying the dead has occupied our atten-
tion for much of the time since con-

ference. In our own family we have
suffered but little. Measles has set in
bad since lagrippe has somewhat stop-
ped. Several fatal cases have occur-
red.

New people are still coming to our
town and business interest is generally
good. There was scarcely no com-
plete shut down in the public works
during the money crisis.

We are working, preaching and pray-
ing for a good year. The leagues are
looking forward to the coming of the
League Conference at Prescott.

The visit of Bro. Weems was enjoy-
ed very much. We hope to have oth-
ers of you before the year is gone.

JESSE L. LEONARD, P. C.


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GEO. W. LEWIS, P. C.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the
bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. S.
Hackler, of Pea Ridge, Ark., March 5,
1908, Mr. Leo Jones, of Mountain
Home, Ark., and Mrs. Achsah Tallcy,
of Pea Ridge, Ark., Wm. Sherman, offi-
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OBITUARIES.

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

JACKSON.—Annie H. Haney was born in Cleveland, Tenn., June 15, 1869, moved to Yell county, Ark., in 1879; was converted and joined the Methodist church when 13 years old. She married John M. Fields, Feb. 3, 1887. To them were born three children; all of them preceded her to the Good World, also her husband. She married Dr. Norman H. Jackson March 30, 1892. To them were born three children—Earl, Roscoe and Laura Grace, all living. She died Feb. 11, 1908. She was often found in the humble home of the poor, administering to the sick and dying. And was a true and great friend to children. She lingered for sometime in the dark valley, but was perfectly willing to die. Her only regret was leaving her husband and children. Hers was a noble life of Christian character. Our prayers are that the family may be reunited above. She was buried in the Dardanelle Cemetery Feb. 13, 1908.

MARK LIMBIRD.

GREGG.—David William Gregg, little son of Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Gregg, was born at Lometa, Texas, Dec. 31, 1903, and passed from his earthly home at McLoud, Okla., March 3, 1908. Little David was in some respects a remarkable child, manifesting a deep interest in matters pertaining to the church and Sunday School. A short time before his death, his father being absent at bedtime, he read a lesson from the Bible (as he supposed), and led the family in prayer. He would preach little boyish sermons from time to time, and Bro. Gregg was looking forward to the time when he could give his son David to the church for the work of the ministry. The disappointment is great; but in this, as in all things else, it is well for us cheerfully and submissively to say, "God's will be done." Little David is safe in God's keeping. Let the parents think of him day by day as beckoning them with loving hands to the realms of endless day. Thus their present sorrow may be transmuted into a sacred and holy joy, and "day shall break, and shadows flee."

A. L. SCALES, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference Board of Missions.

The Oklahoma Conference Board of Missions will meet in Mid-Year session at Ada, Oklahoma, March 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. Each member of the board, clerical and lay, is urgently requested to be present. We will try to complete the work in one day. The following items will receive attention:

- 1st. Such as may be suggested by Rev. O. E. Goddard, the Conference Missionary Secretary.
- 2nd. Receive reports from committee appointed at the last session of the board held at Durant on "Mining Population," "Indian Population" and "Rural Conditions."
- 3rd. Steps will be taken to secure maps of the several districts with statistics from these districts.
- 4th. Secure as far as possible the history and present condition of "Chronic Missions" in the conference and arrange to render all the assistance

possible to relieve the conditions making them chronic.

5th. Arrange for any work the board should undertake during the year.

6th. Plan to conserve the results of the Oklahoma Convention.

In addition to these items we will consider any further business requested by any member of the board or any member of the conference.

Let us meet under the guidance of the Spirit and make the day memorable. I had a letter from Dr. Lambuth yesterday saying, "Undertake the impossible, my brother."

JOHN W. SIMS, Chairman.

HOWARD.—Martha P. Howard, daughter of Edward and Mary Underwood, was born in Maury county, Tenn., Jan. 5, 1834; converted at the age of 14, and joined the M. E. Church, South, living a devout, loyal and consistent member about sixty years, till her departure from her home in Brinkley, Ark., to her heavenly home Feb. 28, 1908. On Dec. 23, 1852, she became the wife of Rev. Thomas H. Howard, and as a loving, devoted companion for fifty-six years she passed with him through the varying seasons of cloud and sunshine, discharging faithfully all the duties of an affectionate wife, some years helping him greatly in the itinerant ministry, but for a longer time gladly aiding him in cordial welcome and cheerful hospitality to the preachers of their Conference. She was ardent in her attachment to her church, delighting in privileges of worship and opportunities for service till she passed under the rod of great bodily affliction, confining her to her home and often to her bed through many years. In this long period of suffering her religion afforded sweet and sustaining comfort, enabling her under all circumstances to say the Lord's will be done, willing to suffer longer, though preferring to be released from the body, to be at rest in heaven. Before her translation she expressed the wish to fall on sleep in her husband's arms, and this she realized, while cheering him with designated signs, after her speech had failed, that she was at perfect peace with God, and her way through the dark valley was clear and bright. If not permitted to serve as others, she was honored by her Lord with grace to witness for Him, and in her triumphant faith to rejoice even in the hour of death—now a sweet memory to her aged companion in his loneliness, only waiting for the dawning of the blessed day to come, when he shall lay his armor by, and dwell in peace with Christ at home.

Z. T. BENNETT.

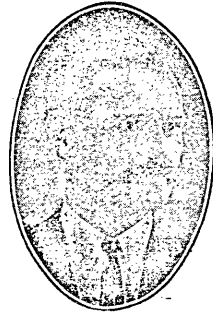
Rev. John C. Rye.

In the death of John C. Rye, who died of paralysis, Dec. 19, 1907, the church lost one more of those staunch, loyal men to whom she has owed her very life and maintenance in the past. He was a native in this State, born in Pope county near Dover, where boyhood and young manhood was spent. He was converted about the time he became grown and at once became active in the work of the church. This activity never ceased 'till he entered into the larger life above. When he was first converted he filled the place in his little home church of Sexton, Sunday School Superintendent and Steward. To these various offices he gave his time and strength till age obliged him to resign from the active leadership to younger men and he then fell in the rank and file and the very

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last service he attended was to fill his place in his Sunday School class of which he was an honored member. He had a vivid recollection of the time and place of his conversion. He had an experience to give and no man was more at home in the church than he. He was a good soldier in time of war but a better one in time of peace. He did not cease to fight at the close of the war. But he has stood in the front rank of those who have fought for righteousness, and home and native land.

His last illness kept him about one month and his suffering was very severe. He died in his own home surrounded by his wife and his two children, George and Mrs. Rodgers, and a number of friends; whose love, patience and care watched over him until the end.

Sister Rye still lives in the home provided for her in this city—a cheer and a benediction to all who know her. She will spend her declining years among the friends and neighbors who know and love her and who loved the partner of her life who has just gone on before.

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Centre Point.

Nearly three months of the conference year have passed and I am now prepared to say that truly I have fallen into good hands for the present year. We have been well received and with the usual pounding which always has a place in the welcoming of the new preacher on this well known work.

The first thing encouraging we found was that they had the highest regard for the former pastor, Rev. S. K. Burnett and where this is the case I never feel any fears. Our long move, near four hundred miles, called to play most all the Methodist nerve we possessed but "we came, we are seeing and expect to conquer" in the name of Him who said "Go." The work in general is in good shape now. A revival is our watchword and to this end we are working and praying.

We have, I think, one of the most largely attended prayer meetings at Centre Point, in the entire Conference, which has a regular attendance of from forty to sixty each Wednesday evening. The interest is at boiling heat. Our topic is most always the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday. We have good crowds all over the work and good interest with it. The preacher's and presiding elder's salary is almost in full to date. The Boards of Stewards are true and loyal men of ability and forethought who are ever ready to supply the needs of their preacher. Our young people are of the highest grade and type.

Our presiding elder was with us at the first quarterly conference and made a very favorable impression, as he always does. He is highly esteemed here. I find him to be a friend to the "Young Preacher" which of course furnishes inspiration to the moral and religious development of the preacher. I am making a thorough canvass for the Western Methodist.

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CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Owl Ct., at Salt Creek	Mar. 21, 22
Chickasaw Ct., at Kullu Tuklo	Mar. 28-29
Rufe Ct., at Black Jack	April 4, 5
Kiamitia Ct., at Old Cedar	April 11, 12
Long Creek	April 18, 19

O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

McALESTER DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Calvin Ct.	Feb. 22-23
Atoka Mission	Mar. 1-2
Wilburton Station	Mar. 7-8
Stonewall Ave.	Mar. 8-9
Colbert Ct.	Mar. 14-15
Caddo & Sterrett	Mar. 15-16
Poteau	Mar. 21-22
Kiowa Station	Mar. 28-29
Kiowa Ct.	Mar. 29-30
Stuart Ct.	Mar. 30-31
Hugo Station	Apr. 4-5
Grant Ct.	Apr. 5-6
Bennington & Boswell	Apr. 6-7
Bokchito & Freney	Apr. 11-12
Albany Ct.	Apr. 12-13
Durant Station	Apr. 18-19
Atoka Station	Apr. 19-20
Ft. Towson Ct.	Apr. 25-26
Idabel Ct.	Apr. 26-27
Imperial Valley Ct.	May 1-2
Antlers Ct.	May 2-3
Talihina Ct.	May 3-4
Albion Ct.	May 4-5
Phillips Memorial	May 9-10
Hartshorne Ct.	May 10-11
Pocahontas	May 22-23
Spiro & McCurtain	May 23-24
Howe Ct.	May 24-25
Quinton Ct.	May 30-31
Canadian Ct.	May 31-June 1

SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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
Kelly, at Red Hill	April 5, 6
Reed, at Pleasant Hill	April 11
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
Granite and Gotebo, at Gotebo	May 3, 4
Mt. View	May 9, 10
Willow Ct.	May 16, 17
Mangum Station	May 17, 18

L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Broadway, Ardmore	Mar. 22-23
Lebanon Ct., at Okmankville	Mar. 22-23
Garter Ave., at Okmankville	Mar. 28-29
Pauls Valley Station	Apr. 4-5
Wynnewood Station	Apr. 5-6
Cornish Ct., at Loco	Apr. 11-12
Grady Ct., at Grady	Apr. 13-14
Lone Grove, at Newport	Apr. 18-19
Paoli Ct., at Florence Chp.	Apr. 25-26
Berwyn and Springfield	Apr. 26-27
Elmore Ct., at Antioch	May 2-3
Tussy Ct., at Tussy	May 3-4
Woodford Ct., at Elk	May 4-5
Thackerille 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	May 23-24
Overbrook Ct., at Marsdon	May 24-25

W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bushy Ct. at Maple, 7:30 p. m.	Mar. 20
Muldrow, 7:30 p. m.	March 21
Sallisaw, 9 a. m.	March 23
Honeyetta and Dustin at Dustin, 7:30 p. m.	March 28
First Church, 7:30 p. m.	March 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
Boynnton and Morris at M., 7:30 p. m.	Apr. 12
Warner Ct., at Warner, 7:30 p. m.	Apr. 19
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
Cowlington at Cowlington, 7:30 p. m.	May 14
Whitefield Ct. at Dukes, 2 p. m.	May 16
Stigler, 9 a. m.	May 18
Oktoha Ct. at Oktoha, 2 p. m.	May 23
Haskell and Bixby, 7:30 p. m.	May 24

Brothers, please send in at once the names of your delegates to District Conference. Let all pastors have Church Extension and Domestic Missions collected in full by this quarterly conference. Make a special effort to circulate good literature, and take subscriptions 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

Tecumseh 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
Arkadia & Wheatland at A.	Apr. 18-19
Okahoma City, Oak Park	Apr. 19-20
Sparks Ct., at Johnson	Apr. 25-26
Blanchard Ct., at North Canadian	Apr. 26-27
Noble & Shiloh at S.	May 2-3
Lexington Station	May 9-10
McLoud & Union Chapel at U. O.	May 16-17
Epworth University	May 17
Piedmont Station	May 23
El Reno Station	May 24-25

A. L. SCALES, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

KIOWA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Adawka Ct., at Hog Creek	Mar. 28-29
Caddo & Wichita, at Foster	Apr. 4-5
Ft. Sill, at Mt. Scott	Apr. 25-26

C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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.

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.

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
Pordyce Station	Apr. 19-20
Atlanta Ct., at Atlanta	Apr. 25-26
Stamps Station	May 2-3
Magnolia Ct.	May 9-10
Magnolia Station	May 17-18
Camden Ct.	May 23-24

On the second round we will discuss Sunday Schools, Women's Missionary Societies and church finances. Let all the pastors have their best workers present and prepared to take part in the discussions. On the circuits we will open the Quarterly Conference at 9 a. m. and continue the whole day. We can make this conference very helpful if the members of the quarterly conference will be present.

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bryant Ct., at Sardi	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
Carroll and Hazen, at Hazen	May 10
DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc, at D. A.	May 24
Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton	May 30, 31

A. G. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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.

PINE BLUFF DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Pine Bluff Memorial	Mar. 21-23
Carr Memorial	Mar. 22-23
Altheimer, at Wabaska	Mar. 28-29
Lakeside	Mar. 29-30
Sherlock at Sherrell	Apr. 4-5
Swan Lake	Apr. 11-12
Star City & Dumas, at Dumas	Apr. 18-19
Roe and St. Charles, at Bethel	Apr. 25-26
Stuttgart	Apr. 26-27
Royal at Prosperity	May 2-3
DeWitt Ct., at Forester	May 9-10
DeWitt Station	May 10-11
Douglas and Grady, at Bethel	May 16-17
Gillett, at Haller's Chapel	May 23-24
Kingsland, at Camp Springs	May 30-31
Rison	June 2
Redfield	June 3-4
Sheridan, at New Hope	June 13-14

W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Malvern Ct., at Rock Port	Mar. 14-15
Malvern Station	Mar. 15
Lono Ct., at Cypress	Mar. 21-22
Holly Springs at Holly Springs	Mar. 28-29
Social Hill at Friendship	Apr. 4-5
Arkadelphia Station	Apr. 5
Dalark at Rock Springs	Apr. 11-12
Arkadelphia Ct., at Holly Wood	Apr. 18-19
Amity at Pleasant Hill	Apr. 25-26
Princeton, at Princeton	May 2-3
Park Ave	May 10-11
Tigert Memorial	May 10-12
Hot Springs Ct., at Oason's Chapel	May 16-17
Third Street, Hot Springs	May 17-18
Ussery Ct., at Friendship	May 23-24

Central Avenue	May 31
Malvern Ave	May 31

H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Rector Ct., at Harvey's Chapel	Mar. 21-22
Gainesville Ct., at Beech Grove	Mar. 28-29
Boydsville Ct., at Cummin's Chapel	Apr. 4-5
Brighton Ct., at Hartson	Apr. 11-12
Lorado Ct., at Bethel	Apr. 15
Knoble Ct., at Moark	Apr. 18-19
Corning Station	Apr. 19-20
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 Mamaduke, Thursday, May 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon Thursday night by Rev. W. F. Walker. Committees: License to preach and admission on trial, E. M. Pipkin, 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.

Cave City Ct., at Maxville	March 21, 22
Evening Shade Ct., at Sidney	March 22, 23
Ash Flat Ct., at Bethel	March 28, 29
Sulphur Rock Ct., at Walnut Grove	April 4, 5
Melbourne Ct., at Pleasant Grove	April 11, 12
Bexar Ct., at Corinth	April 12, 13
Salem Ct., at Viola	April 15
Calico Rock and Mt. View Ct., at Flat Rock	April 18, 19
Newark Station	April 25, 26
Wolf Bayou Ct., at Marcella	May 2, 3
Desha Ct., at Oak Valley	May 9, 10
Pleasant Plains Ct., at Corner Stone	May 10-11
Bethesda Ct., at Cushman	May 16-17

District Preachers' meeting at Melbourne, Apr. 21-23.

A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

W. Searcy Ct., at Pleasant Grove	Mar. 14-15
Augusta Station	Mar. 21-22
Wiville Ct., at Gray's Station	Mar. 22-23
McRae Ct., at Mt. Olive	Mar. 28-29
Searcy Station	Apr. 4-5
El Paso Ct., at Mt. Olive	Apr. 5
Tuckerman Ct., at Elgin	Apr. 11-12
Auvergne Ct., at Tulip	Apr. 18-19
Newport Station	Apr. 19-20
Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn	Apr. 25-26
Heber Station	Apr. 26-27
Dye Memorial	May 2-3
Gardner Memorial	May 3-4
Cato Ct., at Bethel	May 9-10
Cato Ct., at Jacksonville	May 16-17
Beebe Station	May 17-18
Bald Knob Ct., at Kensett	May 23-24
West Point Ct., at Higginson	May 24-25

JOHN H. DYE, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Cotton Plant & Howell at H.	Mar. 21-23
Brinkley Station	Mar. 22-23
Laconia Ct., at Laconia	Mar. 27-29
Haulin Mission at Haulin	Apr. 4-5
Parkin Station	Apr. 5-6
Haynes Ct., at Millbrook	Apr. 11-12
Forest 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 & DeVew at DeVew	May 9-10
Turner & Shiloh at Shiloh	May 16-17
Clarendon Station	May 17-18
Whentley 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.

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Harrison District Conference.

The Harrison District Conference convenes at Berryville, May 7, at 3 p. m. Examining committees: For license to preach and admission on trial: J. W. Griffin, H. A. Stroud, and J. A. Womack.

For Deacon's and Elder's orders: W. T. Martin, G. G. Davidson, and A. L. Cline.

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

Ada District and Western Methodist.

I hereby urge each pastor in this District to make a canvass for our Church paper, the Western Methodist, at once. Don't delay. Let us not lose any subscribers in our District. I have asked Bro. A. C. Pickens to assist the brethren in the north half of the District and Bro. J. E. Disch to assist in the south half.

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Your brother,
S. F. GODDARD, P. E.,
Ada District.

Pioneer Circuit.

We have five appointments on the Pioneer Circuit in Western Oklahoma, three in sand, two in hard land, and the people are talking church building at three appointments. Oh! if we just had houses of worship in this country, what a wonderful change

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, White River Conference.

Collegio Piracicabano,
Piracicaba, E. de Sao Paulo, Brazil,
Jan. 29, 1908.

My Dear Sisters: I appreciate more than I can tell the kindly interest and sympathy of my unknown friends in the W. F. M. S. of the White River Conference which is manifested in such a practical way, and I certainly feel that it is my duty as well as a pleasure to let you hear from us and keep in touch with our work.

I have recently attended the Annual Meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in Brazil, which was held this year in Juiz de Fora.

We had a very delightful meeting; our only regret was the absence of so many of our sister missionaries. Out of twenty-one there were only ten present—four are on a furlough in the home land, and seven absent on the field. All of our stations had representatives however except Riburao Preto, and Rio Grande Sul.

The reports of the work and workers were very encouraging indeed. In making our estimates to send up to the Board we remembered the great financial crisis through which our friends are passing, and we tried to do with as little as possible. But, oh how we long to extend the work! There are open doors all around us and they are begging us to enter.

Our Annual Meeting usually opens on 28th of December, so that in order to reach there in time we have to rush off the day after Christmas.

This year I decided to make a tour, visiting our different schools, at least four of them. I first went to Bello Horizonte, a week before the meeting and spent Christmas with my brother, Rev. J. L. Kennedy, who is pastor of the church at that place. My brother's family is in the States at present, so I was a guest at "Collegio Isabella Hendrix." Miss Watts, our pioneer missionary, has charge of the school and has as her helpers, Misses Lamb and Andrews. They have moved into their own new building within the last few weeks and are very happy in it. My visit was during the Christmas holidays, so I did not see their school in session, but heard favorable reports.

Bello Horizonte, the State capital, is a beautiful modern city, with many handsome public buildings, broad avenues, with four to six rows of trees running through them, beautiful public gardens and parks and magnificent mountain scenery upon which to feast the eyes.

We have a very pretty little stone church there and I was pleased to note the large and interested congregations. On Christmas night the house was crowded to its utmost, and all seemed greatly interested in the Christmas service given by children of the Sunday School.

Our Mineiro sisters, Misses Shaffer and Christine are also rejoicing in their new comfortable home and good school.

In Juiz de Fora we also have our school for boys and young men, Collegio Granbury. They have in all the different departments over two hundred students and ninety boarders. It has not been long since their new building was finished, but they are already so full that they are planning for other buildings.

From Juiz we went to Rio, stopping over a few days in Petropolis on my way. It was there I began my work

for the Woman's Board in Brazil as a missionary teacher and I was naturally pleased to note the progress in our work there. I was there at the beginning of our work, when we opened with only three pupils. It has passed through many trying experiences and we all rejoice to see it so well established. It is one of the best equipped and furnished schools we have in this mission, and is the idol of Miss Perkinson's heart. She has almost given her life-blood for it and 'tis natural that she should love it. She is a fine and very capable woman to have charge of such a school.

We spent nearly a week with our Rio sisters, Misses Glenn, Davis and Dye. They have only a day school, but even so, they find it difficult to secure a suitable place without paying enormous rents. We hope some day to have our own property, and such a school as a city like Rio demands.

Beside this school, Collegio Fluminense, we have other parochial schools and work at the Central Mission which has been recently opened.

We are so grateful to our sisters for making it possible for us to have the new building that we are so much in need of. We are now laying the foundations in order to let them settle well before beginning to build.

During the holidays we have been repairing, painting, house cleaning, preparatory to the opening of the new school year on Feb. 6th. Our school in Piracicaba has made wonderful progress during the last year, and we praise our Heavenly Father for His love and mercy toward us.

We rejoice that we have been able to help so many poor girls to get an education. Of those we helped last year—between sixty and seventy-five, about half, were altogether charity pupils. We have several scholarships which help some, but the greater part is done by ourselves and the college.

Loving greetings to our kind sisters and other friends who have worked so nobly for us and for me. God's richest blessings upon you all.

Yours sincerely,
FANNIE K. BROWN.

The above message from one of the two missionaries supported by the W. F. M. S. of White River Conference, has just been received, and is warmly commended to the attention of its members.

MRS. J. M. HAWLEY,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.
Batesville, Ark., Feb. 27, 1908.

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Kingston, Okla.

We have remodeled our parsonage since Conference and now have a good five room parsonage finished and painted inside and out. We have set out fruit trees, blackberries, raspberries, roses, etc., so when I leave here some one will have a good place to come but I have two years more after this one. I returned from Woodville on March 17, and went to the meeting of the Home Mission Society and on returning to the parsonage I found a storm had struck in my absence and when I began to examine to find the damage I found flour, meal, canned goods, and good things to eat and use to the amount of over \$40, and besides that receipts on quarterage amounting to

over \$80. So we thanked God and our good people and took courage. Last Saturday and Sunday our second quarterly conference was held at Aylesworth. Our splendid presiding elder preached us three good sermons. Our stewards raised the preacher's salary over \$100 and overpaid him to date. We are serving a good people. Our district conference will meet with us at Kingston May 27-31 and we expect a great time. **M. B. McKINNEY.**

Fordyce.

Our meeting at Fordyce, led by Bro. Joe M. Ramsey, of Manchester, Tenn., continued just two weeks, closing the first Sunday night in March.

Large and attentive congregations were present at every service, and on more than one occasion numbers of people were turned away for want of room.

The spiritual life of the church was greatly enriched and strengthened. Between forty and fifty persons were led to a public profession of faith in Christ and forty-three have joined the Methodist church to date with others to follow soon.

Bro. Ramsey greatly endeared himself to the people of our town. Although totally blind he is as genial as a May morning and seldom ever refers to his affliction. In his work he is never sensational or spectacular. He uses no high pressure methods; never rants or scolds, and seldom ever alludes to those hackneyed themes which are so unduly emphasized by many evangelists. He preaches a plain, simple and scriptural gospel with marvelous freshness and force, and relies on the power of the truth, attended by the Holy Spirit to produce results.

One other thing I cannot forbear to mention. Joe Ramsey has not yielded to the subtle temptation to turn his peculiar gifts as a revivalist to account as a source of large revenue for his own pocket. He does his work without so much as mentioning the matter of financial returns. He has no "notes about to mature at the bank," no nameless "missionaries dependent on him for support," no "orphan asylums," or other charities to be maintained at his expense. He simply receives what the people desire to give, thanks them for it, and says no more about it.

The good results of the meeting here were especially manifest among the students in our Conference Training School. A number of them were brought to Christ, and into the church. Some of the most active and efficient workers were from the ranks of the student body. Parents who have children in this school may congratulate themselves, not only that their children are under the care of competent Christian teachers, but also that they are associated with a choice group of Christian students.

J. A. SAGE.

March 5.

An Interesting Parallel.

The Bible tells the story of Demetrius, the shrine-maker of Ephesus, who saw in the gospel of the true God that Paul came to preach an end of his profitable business as a maker of shrines of Diana. Demetrius realized that if Diana ceased to be the goddess of the Ephesians, they would no longer worship at her shrines of silver and gold. He did not put his protest on the true ground that if Paul's teachings were accepted his business would

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be interfered with. He was too shrewd for that. He warily appealed to the religious patriotism of the people, and raised up a mob against Paul by crying out, "Great is Diana, the goddess of the Ephesians, and this man has come to destroy her!" So we bear today protests against enforcing the law relating to corporations and tending to prevent evil practices. The protest is usually placed on the ground that prosperity is interfered with. No legitimate business can be hurt by eliminating the evil that may be in it. The insurance companies and the beef packers are in a better position today than they would have been had they not gone through the cleansing process. —Governor Folk of Missouri on "Respect for Law," in the Youth's Companion.

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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.

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