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EDITORIAL.

Contending for Our Rights.

That is not always the best way to obtain them. It is often the surest way to lose them. One reason for this lies in the fact that contention blinds people. He who contends is often blinded by the atmosphere of the conflict, so that he does not see clearly all the details and bearings of his own case, and he may therefore do petty injustices, albeit in substance his contention is a just one. He who is contended against is often blinded by the fact that there is a contention against him, and he will not see the substantial justice of the contention because he sees the petty injustices of the process. Contention is hostility; that is the long and short of it; and hostility makes a poor atmosphere in which to come at the truth.

The fatal blunder of many a man is that he can never see the difference between contending for the right and contending for his rights. He thinks he is sticking to principle. He thinks that to abandon his contention for his rights he would be consenting to wrong. He knows that he has a right to a certain thing or to certain things, and he knows he is right when he asserts such a right; he goes a step further and concludes that his failure to contend for a right which he may rightly declare to be a right would be, for him, a betrayal of the right, would be wrong: he tells you he will die before he will do that. Such a man has identified his own cause with the cause of right; the right and his rights have become the same. He will make you the most stubborn fighter in the world. He is, at bottom, a right-hearted man, he means well, but he is nevertheless wrong-headed, so wrong-headed that he is doomed to fail either to get his rights or to contribute much in upholding the cause of the right.

If the reader would understand this clearly let him ask himself this question: What would have become of the world, what would have become of the cause of righteousness, if the Savior of men had contended for his rights? He voluntarily laid down many of his rights, and men denied him many more of his rights. He was in the form of God, but thought it not a thing to be grasped after that he should be equal with God; it was his right to be clothed with the infinite dignities of the godhead but he made himself of no reputation, was made in the likeness of men; it was his right to have walked as a king among men, but, being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself; it was his right to have been honored, but he became obedient even unto death, to a most ignominious death.

Here then, is the case where one yielded up his rights at every point. He did not fail to assert his rights even in the face of death. When pressed for an answer by Pilate as to whether he was a King he declared that he was. What he declined to do was to contend for his rights. If asked to say what right, he calmly spoke the truth, but he would not strive! Ah, that is it, he would not strive! Suppose he had striven; what would have come to our world?

Ponder deeply this question. The King of kings and Lord of lords, he is so thoroughly stripped of all his rights that he could say of himself that the Son of man hath not where to lay his head, is poorer than the foxes and the birds. Nor is this a mere incident which happened a few times in his life; he lived that way.

Jesus adopted this way of surrendering his rights as being the only way of establishing in the world the right. In the hour of his agony he might have summoned the twelve legions of angels of which he spoke; it would have been such a display of force as the world had never dreamed of, but it would not have saved the world it would have simply crushed it; saving the world and establishing at last righteousness in it, that was what was on his heart.

Not only does Jesus thus save; he also wins the heart of the world. He saves it by winning it. He who consented to become its servant, to the lowest depths of humiliation, now becomes its king, to the highest heights of power.

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He has most plainly told us in the gospel this is the way of exaltation for us, as it was for himself.

Love makes a surer conquest than power. Power may crush opposition, if only the power is great enough. If the power be not great enough to crush, it may be great enough to go into an agony of effort and to fall into anguish of spirit over its failure. But love will disarm opposition, will do it at the last after suffering long, it may be, but yet it will do it. And when love has conquered opposition, it will transform it, transmute it into its own nature, and the conquest is complete.

The Temperance Situation in Oklahoma.

During a recent extended visit in Oklahoma we looked closely into the temperance situation. The battle there is not over. Nobody should have expected it to end with the adoption of the Constitution, containing provision for prohibition. Two things were yet necessary. It was necessary to "make the constitution walk." It was specially necessary to make the liquor men understand that it would walk, walk to the extinction of their business.

While the provisions of the constitution are definite, and while they provide process and penalties, it was to have been expected that a transition period would ensue, before the ma-

chinery of the law could be geared up, and put in motion, during which period the liquor men would be doing all in their power to make the law ineffective and odious. As a part of the machinery it was to have been expected that statutes would be provided. It was to have been expected that this would take time, and that it would afford occasion for division on some points among the friends of temperance. It was to have been expected that in such localities as did not favor prohibition, but were brought under it by the State-wide movement, there would be a period of lawlessness and that in these places liquor would flow freely. It was also to have been expected that the blind tiger element in all places would "try the thing on."

Now, all of these things have happened. Some of them will continue to happen until the machinery of law and order are put in motion in good earnest. It is precisely here that the fight must now be made throughout Oklahoma. That it will be made, and effectively made, we entertain no doubt at all. But it will not make itself; the same forces that adopted the constitution must harness the forces that will make the law effective. Let there be no rest till it is accomplished.

Manhood.

We recently met a man whose keynote was that he would be a man. We liked his vigor, his decided virility. He said but little about it, but the undertone of it was in all he said and in all his movements. Yet he was sadly missing the mark. When it comes to taking care of himself among men he knows well how to do that, and he has the courage to do it. There is a great deal in his make-up that is hearty and strong and wholesome. He despises a weakling and does not mean to be one—not he. He is a hard worker, full of energy and push. But is simply mistaken in what it takes to make a thorough man. He is a very wicked, profane man, who seems to be utterly disregarding of his obligations to God. Here is where he fails. A sure enough man, an out-and-out man, will surely meet his sacred obligations.

Now, the trouble with my friend is that he has never understood this. As I looked at him I begrudged him for God, I thought of his strength, his vigor, his energy, and reflected on how much it would mean if he were really turned to the Lord. What is the appeal to be used in winning such a man to Christ? Of one thing be sure, no "sissy" preacher will ever win him. No tender-footed remonstrance to him against his wickedness will ever win him. It will take a man to win him; it will take a vigor like his own. I would get first a footing with him, a footing of man to man; then await the opportunity and tell him without blinking that he is entirely mistaken as to what constitutes manhood, that his wicked ways are thoroughly unmanly, pusillanimous. If we get him to see this, we have sounded a new note in him. Nothing but manliness transfused by the power of God will reach real men.

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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.
Guymon District Conference at Tyrone, June 4-7.
Ada District Conference at Ada, April 27-31.
Texarkana District Conference at College Hill, July 9, at 9 a. m. to July 11, 5 p. m.

Rev. W. Fred Long is attending the Texas State Sunday School Convention, at Austin, Texas.

Rev. J. P. Lowry goes next Saturday to Salisaw, Okla., to assist Rev. J. M. Rogers in a meeting.

On Wednesday we had an appreciated call from Bro. A. Brewster, one of our staunch Pine Bluff laymen.

We regret that on account of an accident to our press the paper is more than a day behind time this week.

Dr. Cadesman Pope, presiding elder of Jonesboro District speaks in most hopeful terms of the work within his bounds.

Rev. J. L. Cannon, of Benton, called last Tuesday. He reports good progress in his church. He is deservedly popular.

Rev. T. O. Rorie reports that Bro. Ed. Hamilton gives \$25.00 toward the White River Conference Missionary Evangelist's work.

We acknowledge an invitation to the Graduate Recital given by music students of Henderson College, Arkadelphia, March 23.

A private letter from another person assures us that Rev. D. C. Ross, formerly of the Arkansas Conference, is making full proof of his ministry in Texas.

The correspondents of Rev. H. C. Gullege will take notice that his post office address is Texmo, Okla., and not Texhoma as it now appears in the minutes of the Oklahoma Conference.

Dr. J. E. Godbey, former editor, now Professor of Philosophy in Hendrix College, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city, and honored us with a call. He is always welcome.

Rev. Henry Smith, one of our two Arkansas preachers in Cuba, writing from Mayari, Cuba, says that God is certainly working in Cuba; that Protestantism is the life of Cuba today.

Rev. B. B. Thomas has issued a folder concerning the Laymen's Conference and District Epworth League Conference for Texarkana District, to be held at DeQueen, Ark., Apr. 8th and 9th.

A note from Rev. S. G. Thompson, McAlester District, brings the cheering intelligence that he is about recovered from his recent dangerous affliction. We sincerely congratulate both him and his district.

Rev. Orlando Shay, presiding elder of the Creek and Cherokee (Indian) District Oklahoma Conference, reports well of his work. The domestic mission assessment has been raised and two new circuits will soon be formed.

The Mangum District Board of Church Extension under the leadership of Mr. T. S. DeArman, of Mangum is doing a great work. Their motto is one dollar from each member within the district for their special work and Bro. DeArman expects to raise \$5,000 this year.

Rev. W. J. Moore and his co-workers of the Oklahoma Conference Sunday School Board deserve great credit for the enterprise they have shown in getting up the Sunday School Conference soon to be held in Oklahoma. It will be a significant meeting and ought to be well attended.

Rev. P. B. Summers writes of a most cheerful outlook in his charge, Flatonia, Texas, to which place he was moved after having served three years at Mason, Texas. He says that he gets lonesome sometimes for the fellowship of his brethren in Arkansas but has, nevertheless, good fellowship with the heroic band that makes up the West Texas Conference.

Bro. A. O. Evans, of Arkadelphia, writes: "I am sure the brethren of the Little Rock Conference are specially interested in Bro. J. C. Rhodes who lives here and is one of our superannuated preachers. Bro. Rhodes has been quite feeble ever since conference, not able to do any work for the paper as its agent, in fact he has not been able even to get down in town or to church but a few times, several times he has been at the crossing. While he is resigned and even in a state of great religious joy, still his desire and prayer is that he may live till his boys graduate at Vanderbilt in June and are launched in their ministerial work. Pray for him, brethren. He loves you all."

From the Texas Christian Advocate we copy the following about Rev. G. E. Cameron, a former member of Little Rock Conference. He is now pastor of Central Church, Texarkana, Texas:

"His Sunday school attendance has increased four hundred per cent and his congregations tax the capacity of this auditorium at most every service. The other organizations of the church are in first-class condition. The music is said to be the best in the city, and the membership is doing a great deal of benevolent work. Brother Cameron always develops the latent resources of his charge, and he has a wonderful faculty for utilizing his forces in some branch of useful service. His success with his present charge is in keeping with his record everywhere as a pastor and preacher."

THE SOUTHERN STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The plan of the Conference is as follows:

1. An hour each day is given to the careful study of the Bible. It is hoped that men will at this conference get sufficient methods of study, and sufficient love for some particular portion of the Bible, to help them become careful students of the great book. Many men date their genuine interest in the Bible from attendance at this gathering.

2. An hour is given each day to a careful study of the problems of missions. It is here that hundreds of men have gotten their inspi-

ration for the missionary work of the church.

3. An hour each day is set aside for the study of methods and plans of Christian work in the colleges. At this session the organization work, the needs of the field, and the training of the working force is carefully discussed in the light of the experience of all the colleges represented and also under the guidance of carefully trained experts in Christian work.

4. Still another hour is given to the discussion of the problems of life work. Those men who are planning to enter the ministry meet together, to discuss how they can make the best use of their college days, both as to training and as to practical service. Men going to the foreign field meet together for similar purposes, and likewise men who are planning to enter business or the professions—meet to discuss how the layman may count for Christian life in the world.

The attendance at such a conference as this will mark an epoch in the life of any college man. The conference will meet this year at Montreat, N. C., fifteen miles east of Asheville, June 12-21 inclusive. Last year there were 367 professors, students and leaders present, and the coming conference should be even larger.

If you wish further information write W. D. Weatherford, 606 Highland Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT PITTSBURG.
Mr. Editor:

On the night of March 8, in company with Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, our pastor at Bentonville, I started to Pittsburg, Pa., to attend the "First International Convention of the Young People's Movement of the United States and Canada," which was held in that city March 10 to 12, 1908.

This was my first visit to the Northern States. We traveled over the Pennsylvania line of railroad which takes us through the center of three great states, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, passing through the capital of the latter two. I had heard so much about farming in the Northern States that I very naturally gave close attention to the condition of the country as we passed along our way. The land is in a much better state of cultivation than it is in our states, and the beauty of the country is much enhanced by the absence of fences; but I was surprised and gratified to find that our farm houses in Washington and Benton counties would compare favorably with anything I saw in these states; and their barns do not surpass in the least, if on the whole they are quite as good as ours.

I had heard so much of their style of architecture, but, even this was not so different from ours but I do remember that a great many of our north Arkansas homes are somewhat "Yankee" in their construction and therefore a comparison is not so easy to one living in this section.

At six o'clock (Eastern time) on the morning of the 10th, we arrived in Pittsburg, a city (counting Allegheny City, which lies just across the Allegheny river), of almost 500,000 inhabitants. It ranks fifth in commercial and industrial importance of all the cities in the United States, the largest coal fields in the world and out of their hills they dig iron in large quantities. It was not of the trip or city, however, that I started out to write, but of the meeting of the delegates from the United States and Canada to discuss the one question that confronts the Christian world, to-wit, The World's Evangelization.

The Young People's Missionary movement,

of which this was the first international gathering, was organized July 18, 1902, and is international in its character, every great Protestant denomination in North America taking part in it.

The object of the movement is to create a deeper interest in missions both in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. To disseminate missionary information in the church and to create a literature that is trustworthy and within the easy reach of all our members. This it is accomplishing in a remarkable degree. Such books as "What Home Missions Have Done and Can Do for Our Country," "Our Island Possessions," "Aliens or Americans," "The Challenge of the City," among the books on home missions. "The Uplift of China," "Daybreak in the Dark Continent," "The Christian Conquest of India," are among the foreign mission books that can be had for 35 cents per copy, paper, or 50 cents, cloth bound, and think of it, the first year of this organization 17,000 persons were enrolled in study classes, the second year 22,000, the third year 50,000, the fourth year 61,000, and the fifth year approximately 100,000. Surely a brighter day is dawning for missions.

The convention met in Music Hall at 11 a. m., March 10, and after singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," and prayer, Rev. James I. Vance, of Newark, N. J., sounded the keynote of the convention in a great address, "Christ's Ascension Gift." "I will send the Comforter," "Not a comforter, but the Comforter," said he, "was the promise of Christ. He reveals Christ. He convinces of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He is our leader. He comforts (1) by the knowledge He gives; (2) by the strength He imparts."

The afternoon was given to a report from the Board of Managers and addresses from countries having an organization corresponding to the Young People's Missionary Movement. The evening to moving pictures showing the work at home and abroad.

On Wednesday we heard from representatives from the fields. In the forenoon the missionaries stirred our hearts by telling of the triumphs of the glorious gospel of Jesus in all lands, and in the afternoon our hearts burned within us as the natives from India, China, Japan, and Korea told us how the gospel was liberating their own land. At the close of this session Prof. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, spoke to us on the subject "The Bible and Missions."

In the evening we had "Systematic Benevolence as a Power in Evangelization," by Rev. L. C. Barnes, and "The Relation of the Young People's Missionary Movement to the Evangelization of the World," by C. C. Michener.

The third day was given to denomination meetings, and three great addresses. Dr. W. Douglas Mackenzie spoke on "The Place of Missionary Education in the Life of the Church." Mr. R. E. Speer, "Prayer and Missions," and last came John R. Mott on "The Consecration Adequate to Victory." If I had the space I would like to tell of some great things that they said but just one thought from Mr. Mott must suffice. He said, "Christ has purchased us, let us be honest enough to deliver what is his own." May we say Amen! and Amen!

Then comes our denominational meetings. The three great American Methodisms, Canadian Methodist, M. E. and M. E., South, met in a body for one hour and then we went to separate rooms, where we discussed problems that pertained to our own rank. About 75 were at our meeting, Drs. Lambuth and Cook, of the parent board, a few returned missionaries and

delegates from a number of the Conferences. Plans for carrying forward the work were discussed. Rev. J. L. Gerdine, from our mission in Korea, spoke of the great work that was going on there, and said that with ten more missionaries they could take care of our share of Korea. At this time Dr. Lambuth called to know how many present would take one or more of those ten after a number of responses, he said, I assure you that the ten men will soon be on the field.

This was indeed a great meeting. To see 5,000 people clamoring for seats and then after the meeting was over a stream of people issuing from the building impressed one that the Christians of North America were waking to their responsibility and that the world would be evangelized in this generation.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHERMAN.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

Below is given a partial list of those who have agreed to be at the Laymen's Missionary Conference, at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 21 to 23, 1908, and either make addresses or participate in the discussions:

Hon. S. B. Capen, Boston, Mass., Wholesale Carpet Dealer, Chairman of the General Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Rev. D. L. Anderson, D. D., President of Soochow University, for twenty-five years a missionary to China.

Rev. J. L. Gerdine, for several years Superintendent of the Korea Mission.

Mr. J. R. Pepper, Memphis, Tenn., President of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. J. Campbell White, New York City, Secretary of the General Laymen's Missionary Movement, and for ten years missionary to the students of India.

Bishop A. W. Wilson, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.

Bishop W. A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. T. F. Staley, Bristol, Va., the first layman of our church to make a tour of China, Japan, and Korea under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Mr. T. B. King, Memphis, Tenn., Conference for over twenty years a missionary to Japan.

Rev. S. H. Wainwright, D. D., St. Louis, Mo., leader of the Memphis Conference.

Rev. W. G. Fletcher, Santiago de Cuba, Superintendent of the Eastern District of the Cuba Mission.

Mr. L. M. Pennington, Eatonton, Ga., Conference leader of the North Georgia Conference.

Mr. W. T. Ellis, Philadelphia, Pa., one of the editors of the Philadelphia "Press," just returned from a tour of the world, studying missions from the standpoint of a representative of the secular press.

While the Chattanooga Conference represents the laymen of the church, it will be gratifying to these men of the ranks to know that several of our chief pastors have promised to be present at the Laymen's Missionary Conference at Chattanooga. Our Bishops are enthusiastic in their advocacy of this movement and have everywhere lent their voices and influence to it. Their presence and counsel in the conference will count for much in the success of the gathering.

There are about 500,000 laymen in our church. These men enlisted and combined can do great things. The meeting to be held at Chattanooga April 21 to 23 is the outcome of a distinct effort to mobilize this great army.

It will be a council of war, at which the plan of the world's greatest campaign will be studied. It is expected that from 1,000 to 2,000 of the loyal and capable laymen of Southern Methodism will here join hands and hearts for a great advance.

Listen, laymen of Southern Methodism. Do you not hear the sounds of war? Does there not come to your ears the tread of gathering armies? Can you not hear the shouting of the captives, and the heartening cheers of the lengthening columns? It is the army of your brothers North, South East, West, rallying and girding for battle. They are about to vindicate their citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. Will you violate the traditions and deny the heritage—to finish that sentence would convey a doubt that would be next to treason.

The Laymen's Missionary Conference at Chattanooga April 21 to 23 will furnish an opportunity for hearing some of the distinguished laymen of the country. Such an opportunity, under such favorable circumstances, does not come many times in a lifetime.

Mr. William T. Ellis, of the Philadelphia Press, has done more than any other man to popularize foreign missions. By his personal visits and study as a newspaper man, and by his unbiased accounts printed in a syndicate of newspapers, he has put foreign missions in its rightful place alongside other great world-movements. Since his return from this tour he has spoken with great power to many gatherings, particularly to laymen. He will be one of the speakers at the Laymen's Conference, Chattanooga, Tenn., closing April 23.

Our laymen should make a note of time and place of the Laymen's Missionary Conference, and allow no other engagement to get in the way of it. It promises to be a notable meeting from every standpoint. The opening hour is April 21, 7.30 p. m., in the great Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tenn., closing April 23.

We learn from headquarters of the Laymen's Missionary movement at Nashville, that excursion rates have been secured on all railroads leading into Chattanooga for the Laymen's Conference, April 21. Full information will be published soon. All plans for program, entertainment, transportation, etc., are progressing most satisfactorily.

This is the get-together age. The Laymen's Missionary movement is a most significant illustration of that spirit. One of the best features of the Chattanooga Conference April 21 to 23 will be the bringing together of so large a body of representative laymen. For men who are like-minded to know each other is a great gain. The touch of elbows in the ranks inspires courage.

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Church Extension Loan Fund Day.

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D.

It is proposed by the Board of Church Extension to raise One Thousand dollars to be added to the Loan Fund. This would be Four Thousand dollars a year for each of the twenty-five years of the existence of the Board. During all these years it has been signally blessed of God. If ever a people had abundant reasons for making such a thank offering, we are such a people. Three reasons suggest themselves:

First the money is needed. Five times as much as comes into its treasury could be used by the Board.

Second, the money can be raised. This movement may be made eminently practical and altogether successful. With such a cause properly presented, we should look for larger returns than any hitherto received.

Third, the contributors have grounds for the fullest confidence that the money they give will be safely and wisely invested, and will therefore be disposed to promptness and liberality in their contributions.

This work of Church Extension includes the whole field of Christian progress. It means what is best and most gladdening in Christian service in this our day. It means the spread of the Gospel. It means all that the Church means. It means the largest results for the smallest expenditure.

It is believed that if these facts should be understood by our people everywhere, they will raise this One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and do it in such a spirit as to secure the blessing of the Lord promised to cheerful givers. One Hundred Thousand Dollars is the minimum figure. It is hoped that this movement will acquire a momentum that will sweep it far beyond. The more it is pondered the stronger will its claims appear.

Every pastoral charge should be ready to respond to this appeal. Many hearts should be prompted to liberal things.

Let the second Sunday in May be set apart as Church Extension Loan Fund Sunday in all our pastoral charges. Call our people to the house of God, give them the information they need, and then proceed to take this collection.

This one hundred thousand dollars ought to be raised. It must be raised. Up, then, and at it, one and all.

Nashville, Tenn.

Notes from Vanderbilt University.

The International Convention of the Young People's Missionary Movement, which convened in Pittsburg March 10-12, was addressed by Dr. O. E. Brown, of the Biblical faculty, on the subject of The Bible as a Missionary Book. This was the first International Convention of this great movement among the young people and marks an epoch in the history of Christian missions. One of the notable and unique features of the gathering was the presence and personal testimony of numbers of native Christians from China, Japan, India, and Africa to the saving and uplifting power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The foremost religious speakers of the United States and Canada were present, and Dr. W. R. Lambuth, of our church, also addressed the gathering.

Messrs. Thomas and Barnett, students in our Biblical Department, represented Vanderbilt University at the College Y. M. C. A. Convention at Louisville, the last week in March. They report a representative and enthusiastic gathering, which was addressed by such men as Zwemer, Fred B. Smith, Penfield, and Mullins. The report of the religious activities of the students of Wesley Hall made by them at-

tracted a great deal of attention, no institution represented making a better showing in point of the Christian zeal of its student body.

The second annual Student Volunteer Conference of Middle Tennessee met at Lebanon March 6-8. The music was rendered by the Vanderbilt Quartette the members of which, in addition to the regular delegates, gave Vanderbilt a large representation. One of the most important addresses of the occasion was delivered by Dr. Lambuth. A number of Volunteers were present and took a prominent part in the exercises.

The last monthly Mission Day was observed in connection with the Annual Missionary Institute February 28 to March 1. Some of the principal speakers were, Drs. Walter R. Lambuth, John R. Nelson, and Wm. M. Cook. Dr. Brown preached a strong sermon on Sunday morning to the students and visitors. Dr. Lambuth's address on the Emancipation of the Women of the Orient was full of rich thought. Dr. Nelson brought out the needs of the western territory of our own country. Dr. Lambuth was a little late in meeting his engagement, but his excuse was ample. He had been answering telegrams and making arrangements whereby our church has secured a choice lot in San Francisco. On this lot it is hoped at no distant day to erect a great institutional church.

Before the Vanderbilt Students' Class at the West End Sunday School, Chancellor Kirkland is delivering a series of eight lectures on the subject, What think ye of Christ? More than sixty students were in the class on last Sunday morning. At McKendree Sunday School, Dr. Dyer is delivering before his class a series of great lectures on Life, which are also attracting wide-spread attention.

William Rainey Harper.

A. H. Godbey.

I have been wishing for some one with a genius for biography and an intimate knowledge of the man could be found to write the story of Dr. Harper's life and work. In its broader lines this could be satisfactorily done by many and it is briefly dealt with in a recent volume. But personal acquaintance with this deceased scholar makes me wish that his Boswell might be discovered. For his interesting personality was a connecting link between the old and the new in a period of readjustment or transition.

I have remarked at different times that a perfect analogue for his work and its significance could be sought in the period of the German Reformation. Luther and his coadjutors originated little in that epoch. Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome of Prague, Albigense and Waldense had said it all before. The voice of German popular protest had been heard repeatedly. But Luther summed up the argument and forced it home: becoming a powerful and marvelously versatile medium of communication rather than a source of unique individual opinions.

The uncritical public, having only a yellow journal knowledge of Dr. Harper and his work looks upon him very differently, regarding him as the originator of numerous erratic ideas: just what, they do not know. But a most interesting fact about him is that he originated methods rather than ideas, and seemed to have a real dread of publishing entirely independent views. Of Covenanter antecedents, he was temperamentally a profound respecter of authority, and instinctively revered that which was ancient. I have heard him express a deep admiration for the Catholic church, and have felt that a keen, critical, scientifically trained intellect combined

with a necessity for ceaseless activity formed the counterpoise in his nature to a tendency that might have made him a John Henry Newman. There was nothing of the free lance about him. When relentless research and intellectual convictions drove him to discard the authority of one school of Biblical study, it was but to accept the authority of another—not to boast his independence. An excellent illustration of this may be found in his most scholarly work—the Amos and Hosea volume in the International Critical Commentary series. It is an unsurpassable symposium of the best that has been contributed by modern scholarship in recent years, and most generally accepted: of Harper's personal comments it contains practically nil. His position in this age then was that of transmitter and organizer of a scholarly movement in religion, and Luther was the intermediary between Wycliffe and Huss and the people of his own age.

Nor is this the whole of the parallel. The general cry of the Reformation was "Back to the Bible;" it was a protest against the shackling traditions of the elders. But it partially failed in its object because it did not realize fully the inaccuracy of the scholarly methods of the past. The Christian Church has been unconsciously swayed by Judaizing teachers. The commentators and exegetes walked in the footsteps of the Targumists and Rabbins. Strange mystical meanings were found in commonplace items. Every historical allusion, obscure because of the limited knowledge of the commentator, became a prediction of the Messiah, a mystic Babylon the Beast or his number, or the Church. That this remained dominant in Protestantism is familiar: that it is simply the degenerate apocalypsis of later Jewish scribes is not generally known. That the method is essentially false was realized slowly: the moral monstrosity of representing the Almighty as destroying a people for failure to act in accordance with that which did not refer to them but to a far distant era and which could not be certainly understood by any era, seemed to be unperceived. Nor did the Christian public seem to realize that it was Christ's repudiation of this method that caused the people to be astonished at his mode of teaching, and to find authority and certainty in place of symbolic glamour and the mystical speculation of the scribes.

Now the significance of the modern impulse in Biblical study is found just at that point. It is completing the work of the German Reformers by the perfection of a truer method of study. And as it was the Old Testament that remained under the dominance of an extravagant apocalypsis, it is necessarily the Old Testament that becomes the center of interest in revised methods of study. That this historical method of study is the one thing needed to complete the work of the Reformers, and to give the coup de grace to Romanism should be readily apparent. For the whole Roman assumption of final authority in religion and exposition rests upon the apocalypsis of the Targumists: the hypothesis that the scriptures are marvellous and incomprehensible mysteries, to be interpreted to the masses by the select few. Destroy the apocalyptic hypothesis, and the whole structure erected upon it must fall. The historical method with the Old Testament is the mightiest weapon yet forged by Protestantism. The recent Papal encyclical is a wail of despair. The golden image has been smitten upon its feet of clay.

The more intelligent students of the Bible know how great a change has taken place in America within thirty years. The book of rid-

dles and mystical visions, solutions of whose enigmas were as many as the solvers, has become a wonderfully living and picturesque literature, replete with human feeling and historic interest. And no other person in America has done so much to effect this change as William Rainey Harper. Thirty years ago even an elementary knowledge of Hebrew was almost nonexistent in America. A few theological institutions maintained an academic interest in it, largely through the agency of periodically visiting rabbis. Historical study of the general Semitic field was not a college function. At this time the young Harper abandoned Sanskrit in which he had won his doctorate and took up the study of Hebrew and related tongues. The popular impression in America then was, that few could possibly learn Hebrew. On the platform, at Chatauqua and religious conventions, in classroom and through the press the young Harper labored tirelessly to arouse interest in the neglected field. The importance of the work and the magnitude of his achievement, were realized by him. The popularization of Oriental studies he called the real work of his life. The creation of the University of Chicago was to him trivial in comparison. And he was right. He had organized a religious and scholarly impulse that must be felt through the centuries of the future and involve the whole field of comparative religion. Yet be it remembered that he was not the creator of this new learning; he was but its apostle with a genius for inspiration and organization. Of this magnetic and lovable personality, with its fervent energy the general public knew nothing.

Funds are being raised to erect a monument to their great President upon the University grounds. But the memorial that will appeal more strongly to the scholarly public is of a literary character: two volumes of Old Testament and Semitic Studies, "containing also a sketch of Dr. Harper's life and work. Twenty-six papers are furnished by as many leading American Semitic scholars. All these contributors, of various schools and wide divergences of opinion are united in their common regard for a lost leader in the church for truth.

These volumes cost \$10 net. But a few hundred will be published, as the topics can appeal only to the more scholarly. The University of Chicago Press issue its work. The volumes will be sold through direct subscription. The general public would find more interest and profit in Dr. Harper's own publications.

Simply My Opinion.

It seems to me that the articles, so far submitted to the readers of the Western Methodist, concerning the "Presiding Elder," have failed in several particulars. These failures have, in my judgment, been far more important to the issue than the subject matter of the articles. By this I mean that the things not considered are of more significance than the things embraced in the articles. Permit me to suggest a few.

1st. They have failed to give the history of the formation of the system of which the Presiding Elder is a part. This might of itself justify the office.

2nd. They have failed to show how this office became a part of this system. This also might have a direct bearing on the discussion.

3rd. They have failed to give a review of the part this office has played in the development of the church. They might discover some profit or some loss by so doing, which

certainly would add much fact and less fiction to the issue.

4th. They have failed to show whether Methodism has reformed other systems bringing them nearer and imparting to them the logic of the P. E.'s office or as other features whether she is being diverted, conquered and destroyed. In other words, has she, and is she, supplanting or being supplanted?

5th. They have failed to show whether the advantages to be gained, are supererogatory in number and quality, in abolishing the P. E. to those now sustained by his presence. Better think a couple of times before saying.

6th. They have failed to suggest a better system. This alone, in my estimation, is an evidence that the inspiration behind the articles was a sour stomach.

7th. They have failed to reckon with the humanity of the Presiding Elders. It has been wisely said, "It is human to err, divine to forgive."

8th. They have failed to record the deeds of heroic love that has characterized the Presiding Elder on all the fields of battle when "the world, the flesh and the devil" have fought, haunted and sneered, every step of the way, and even when this trinity of hell has led the preacher(?) in charge at their back, how still with that "charity" that "fadeth

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not and is kind" the P. E. deals as Christ indicates and in answer to the P. C.'s case he arises and says, "Nothing against him Bishop." Have we not heard these men of God many times say this—when we knew much could have been said?

In view of these failures, especially the 3rd, 7th and 8th, I desire to say that I have no sympathy whatever with the articles of criticism. I am constrained to think that many of the articles have appeared more through the courtesy of the editors than because of their value as contributions to the pending issue.

I cannot be accused of being a presiding elder's pet, for in seven years my average salary has been only \$206.00 per year, and I have had many lectures which cost me several hours of sitting, listening and retrospecting, none of which was overly pleasant but highly profitable if heeded.

I write this article not because I think that it is a master-defense but to show our people that the real things to fairly consider this question have not been employed by the enemies of the P. E. but rather shunned, and furthermore I wish to state that they have appealed to the faults known and imagined and many things that appeal only to men who fail to think for themselves. Then who are the first to "holler" hurrah and the first to flee when the battle is on. It makes my blood boil when I think of the unfair arguments used against the Presiding Elder and his place in our system.

In conclusion, I have noted that the scholarly articles fail to contain very much of the true spirit of reform and do not appear on their surface to have been inspired by any noble impulse or by the 13th chapter of 1st Cor.

I say "on their surface" because I am not able to go beneath it. I shall be forced to allow some other persons that privilege. I do not claim that this article is freer from "failures" than those preceding it, but I do claim for it only an inspiration born of loyalty to the institutions of the church which pledge I took years ago and have never broken.

When I can't stay in the Methodist church I will get out and when any part of her system becomes so obnoxious as the P. E.'s office has to its critics, for the love of her, I'll get out and throw up the bile outside of her.

Respectfully,
W. F. P. MUNSEY,
Pastor Mutual Circuit, Okla.

The Creed of Ecumenical Methodism: Where Can It Be Found?

By Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D.D.

Among the notable articles called forth by the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 1906, looking to a union of the different branches of world-wide Methodism in the preparation of a statement of her common faith, none has attracted more favorable attention than that by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, published in the Southern Methodist Quarterly Review, and titled, "The Creed of Ecumenical Methodism: Where Can It Be Found?" In this luminous and scholarly paper, which is highly commended for its ability by the London Quarterly Review Bishop Hendrix writes strongly in support of the action of the General Conference and indicates some of the many advantages that would result from such a statement of the faith of Ecumenical Methodism as that proposed. In answer to a wide-spread demand that this article should be presented in such form as would make possible a larger reading of it and a wider circulation than was possible in the columns of the Quarterly Review, it is now issued by the publishers in pamphlet form.

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From a Patriarch.

Clarksville, Ark., March 6, 1908.

Dear Old Western Methodist: I have been a regular subscriber can't tell how long, perhaps some 40 or 50 years, and perhaps good for some five years more. If the balance of my make-up was as steady as my hand, might say 10 years longer. Then I would be 90 years old, but I don't expect to see that age. The good Lord has been good to me for 80 years, and he may command me to continue sometime yet. Who can tell the day thereof? I like the grand old Methodist. When it comes to me now it brings fond memories of long ago when my companion, who has preceded me to our Father's House, was eager to get it. May you live long and do well. Find herein check to renew subscription for another year.

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A PLEA FOR TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

By George W. Hiveley.

The advocates of temperance have a right to rejoice when county after county, and even whole states, are lining up against the drink evil. But while all this is true among counties and states, it is a sad thought to this writer that so many who are strong advocates of prohibition and are lined up against the foe are not themselves total abstainers.

In speaking of the election of a man to the United States Senate, by one of our Southern States, a prominent minister said to the writer, some weeks since, "It is a pity we cannot have temperate men in our National Congress."

There are too many men of national reputation that theoretically are prohibitionists, but they do not practice what they preach.

For a man to plead that he does not know how injurious alcohol is to the physical man, is to confess that he is more ignorant than the ten-year-old schoolboy of today.

How many are there today who must plead ignorance or confess to the willful violation of a law that is almost as old as the creation of the morning stars!—not a law fixed by man—but the law of Him who said, "Thou shalt not kill." Nor do we have to go outside of prohibition communities to find these moderate drinkers. But what is more sad, not a few of those who indulge in strong drink, are church members.

Now if we are children of the light, ought we not to walk in the light, even as God gives us the light. For the young man who takes an occasional drink of whisky or wine, I have only pity; but for that man who drinks regularly, who is a perfect sot, I have pity ten times over.

The one could quit if he would, before it is too late. The other cannot quit if he wanted to, unless God should help him.

A party of sailors once visited a zoological garden. One of them, excited by the liquor he had taken, and as an act of bravado to his companions, took hold of a deadly serpent.

He held it up, having seized it by the nape of the neck in such a way that it could not sting. As he held it, the snake, unobserved by him, coiled itself around his arm, and at length it got a firm grip and wound tighter and tighter, so that he was unable to detach it. As the pressure of the snake increased the danger grew, and at length the sailor was unable to maintain his hold on the neck of the venomous reptile, and was compelled to loose it. What did the snake then do? It turned around and stung him and he died. So it is with the appetite of strong drink. We can control it at first, but in a little while it controls us.

We can hold its influence in our grasp for a while so that it shall be powerless, but afterwards it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

Not long before the death of S. S. Prentiss, Mississippi's great orator, a friend said to him, "Mr. Prentiss, why don't you quit drinking?" He replied, "I would if I could, but I can't quit." By his great eloquence and towering intellect, he held large multitudes spellbound, changed the votes of senators and influenced legislative acts; but he could not control his appetite for strong drink.

The vast number of true and tested witnesses who have lived in different ages of the universe, and who come from various parts of the world, establish the fact that whisky drinking is an evil, only evil and that continually. Cyrus, the ancient general, heathen though he was, admired alike by friend and foe, because of his great integrity, exclaimed, "There is poison in the cup," and refused to drink wine.

Hannibal, another ancient general, declared that one winter's revelings in the town of Capua was more demoralizing to his army than ten years of hard fighting.

Daniel, addressed by a messenger from God, as "a man greatly beloved," purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself, refused to drink wine.

This is the testimony of those who lived before distillation began.

I wonder what they would say were they living today. Stonewall Jackson dreaded intemperance far more than he did the Federal armies. Dr. T. D. Talmage declared that "when Noah was drunk he was simply imbecile but the victims of modern alcoholism have to struggle with menageries of wild beasts and jungles of hissing serpents and perditions of blaspheming demons."

Rollin tells us that the Carthaginians would sometimes nail up their prisoners of war alive in coffins, the bottom of which contained one nail to every square inch driven from the under side, the points of which nails were purposely sharp. They were then left alone to die a horrible death.

The very thought of such a death is fearful to think of, yet does not he who becomes addicted to the habitual use of strong drink, doom himself to a fate that is far more horrible to contemplate?

The farmer who sells his barley to the whiskymaker gets from forty to seventy-five cents per bushel; the whiskymaker sells whisky to the retail merchant from \$1.50 to \$7.50 per gallon; the retail merchant sells to the consumer at five cents per glass or from \$2.50 to \$9.50 per gallon; but the poor unfortunate man who drinks the vile stuff gets delirium tremens, and delirium tremens is close kin to hell on earth.

Some years ago a young man living in California was arrested, brought before a judge, was tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged for murder.

The day of his execution came, and with it a large multitude to witness his hanging. Standing on the trapdoor, clad in his funeral robe, with the noose already around his neck, he was given permission to speak if he so desired. He looked out over the little sea of faces before him and then said: "If any of you are ever tempted to drink a glass of whisky, think of Macy Warner standing here before you today with this rope dangling around my neck and you look in that glass of whisky and see if you can't see a rope there. This," said he, "is all I have to say." A moment later the trap was sprung, his body dropped six feet and his neck was broken, for murder, you say. Ah! Is not red rum murder? Spell murder backwards and you have red rum. Spell red rum backwards and you have murder.

You may call it ale or beer or rum or gin or wine or whisky or soft drinks, if it contains alcohol, it is the same old devil, only dressed up in new clothes.

Then look as to the matter of health. Indulgence in strong drink opens the system to the fearful diseases that pray upon the human family.

Those who indulge habitually in the use of strong drink are the first and surest victims of epidemics.

When the yellow fever visited New Orleans in 1853, about five thousand of the beer and whisky drinkers died before the epidemic ever touched a sober citizen.

Again, drinking parents beget children who begin life with diseased appetites and impaired constitutions, so that when a man drinks whis-

ky, he is not the only one who suffers because of his wrongdoing.

A man has no more moral right to drink alcoholic liquor habitually than he has to take a loaded revolver and take the life of his fellow-man.

The command "do thyself no harm" is in perfect harmony with the mind of Him who wrote in the decalogue, "Thou shalt not kill." Thou not only must not kill thy fellow-man but thou must not kill thyself. Alcohol is a poison and he who in health uses it even in so-called moderation is slowly but surely committing suicide.

That a practice so deleterious to health, so inimical to happiness, so destructive to life, so prolific of multiform wretchedness, should have become so wide-spread is one of the strangest of all the strange things connected with the history of our race. Yet we behold the sad, the pitiable, the awful spectacle of millions of our race stopping their ears to the sound of reason's voice, and rushing madly along a pathway that leads to woes so various and so terrible that human speech in all its languages and dialects is utterly inadequate to describe them.

A drinking man came to his breakfast table one morning, perplexed about a vision he had seen the night before. In that vision he saw three cats, one very lean cat, one fat cat, and one blind cat. He had no sooner related the dream when his little boy John, said to him: "Father, I know what that means. The fat cat is the saloon-keeper who sells you whisky; the lean cat is mother and I, and the blind cat is you, yourself." Should one of those blind cats perchance see this article may his eyes be opened to the truth.

No man has a moral right to drink. Young man, do you drink? By all that is pure and good and holy, I beg of you touch not the vile miserable stuff. It will defile your body, mar your intellect, corrupt your morals and damn your immortal soul in hell, for the Bible makes it clear that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION, MANGUM DISTRICT.

We completed the organization of a district board of church extension on January 23, and adopted plan of operation. Yesterday morning was the first effort in the district, so far as I know. Our pastor gave me forty minutes at the close of the 11 o'clock service and I got in cash and good subscription \$602.00. I feel sure I will be able to procure \$50.00 more from members not present.

Our plan is one layman from each class as agent and solicitor, and shall take the work in hand for the class and shall report all collections to the treasurer and in duplicate to the secretary of the executive committee that is selected by the district conference annually, the four laymen and two clericals, with presiding elder as chairman. We hope and have good grounds now for the belief, that we will raise at least \$5,000.00 this year in this district and if so, will be the means of building at least a half dozen churches. that could not be built otherwise.

I simply mention this thing, hoping our efforts may induce and encourage others.

Respectfully yours,

T. S. DeARMAN.

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

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester Editor

Scripture Lesson for March 22. Mk. 1:21-28; Psalm 4.

Topic: The place of congregational prayer and the evangel.

The following treatment of the lesson is from the Epworth Herald:

The Bible and the Topic.

Mark 1:21-28. A church building, properly understood, has certain likenesses to a hospital. It is a place for helping people who are in trouble. No one should be surprised, therefore, when the church actually becomes a hospital, as in this instance.

And when the trouble is mental and spiritual, when the devils of doubt and hate and malice and selfishness have possession of a man, the church is all the more a hospital. It exists for the very purpose of expelling all these evil spirits.

Who shall say there are no unclean spirits to be cast out of reputed Christians nowadays? Are not some of us possessed by the spirit of pride, and others by the spirit of soft living, and yet others by the spirit of frivolous pleasure? These must all be dispossessed, and all the more because often they look and act very much like the good spirits which we need to cherish.

Psalm 40. Jesus, in his moment of extreme need, quoted the psalms. The Christian heart has always turned to these mighty poems when life's tide rises highest, as well as when the tide has ebbed so far that it seems it can never rise again. And the reason is, the psalms speak a universal language, they utter the thoughts which come when we are in the very presence of God.

In the place of public worship, the writer of the psalm breathes forth all the elements of devotion. He offers thanks, he acknowledges protection, he prostrates himself before God's adorable majesty, he confesses his sins, he promises faithfulness, he pleads for safety and power and help.

What the Topic Stands For.

The topic takes for granted that the church exists to provide for two special human needs, the need of worship and the need of service. These are equally important needs. They are shown in the twofold plan of the Ten Commandments, and in the two great commandments given by our Lord. One of our needs is to find God; the other, and quite as necessary, is to find our brother.

In the topic of last week the church was studied as a means of communion with God and of hearing his messages made plain. That must not be lost sight of, for it would be the end of the church as an institution if worship and preaching were to die out in it. But there is not yet enough importance put upon the other side of the church's work, its business of service and brotherhood and mutual helpfulness.

Some people think that the church should confine itself to what they call "the simple Gospel," by which they mean the purely spiritual elements in its work, preaching, prayer meetings, revivals, and the like. Nobody would reject these, or consider them of small account. They are vital. But they are not all. We simply cannot shut our eyes to the church's obligation of service. When Christians have tried to do that, their religion has become morbid, unhealthy, and at last unreal.

Try, if you can, to imagine what the church is for, if you take from it its work of mercy and help. Jesus always insisted that his

church was a social organization, whose members would always need the love and ministry of one another for the perfecting of their life. "God and one man are enough for any other religion; it takes God and two men to make Christianity."

That explains a lot of things which the church does, but which are foolishness if the service of men is not part of its business. It maintains schools and hospitals. It distributes good literature. It provides centers of social pleasure. It is intensely interested in reforms. It conducts orphanages and old people's homes. It sends teachers and physicians, as well as preachers, to lands where education and medical skill are most needed. All these are forms of service, but they are also forms of worship.

"He prayeth best who loveth best"

All things, both great and small:

For the dear God who loveth us,

He made and loveth all."

So both by worship and service the church comes near to Christ and brings Christ near to men.

Seasons for Prayer.

Let there be seasons of prayer in the meeting:

For a new consciousness that God meets with all those who come together to worship him.

For a new understanding of what each church is, and what it may become, to the people among whom it is established.

For a new loyalty to the church's mission of present usefulness to those within its reach.

For the driving out of every evil spirit in church-goers that hinders the social mission of the church. (Such things as littleness, discord, clannishness, faction, envy, vanity, rivalry and the like. Pick out your church's besetting sin, and pray that it may be cast out, and begin to answer your own prayers.)

NOTICE TO LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE LEAGUERS.

It is earnestly desired that each second vice president of local chapters in the Little Rock Conference send an annual report of all they have done for the past year, not later than April 10, so the conference vice president may include you in his report to the annual meeting at Prescott, April 14. Send all such reports to the conference second vice president at Camden, Ark.

W. C. WATSON.

Third Epworth League Conference of the Little Rock Conference.

Prescott, Ark., the place.

April 14 to 16, the time.

Dr. H. M. DuBose, Nashville, Tenn., will be there.

Rev. T. O. Owen will direct the music.

Dr. T. E. Sharpe, Little Rock, will speak.

Miss McKenzie, deaconess at Crossett, will be there.

These are a few attractions and others will be announced later as soon as definite information is received.

Everybody invited. Send your name to Rev. T. D. Scott, Prescott, Ark. See your pastor and presiding elder to assist in getting a goodly number of your young friends.

J. M. WORKMAN, President.

Watch next week's paper for other names.

OKLAHOMA EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTICE.

Ardmore, I. T., March 14, 1908.

To League Presidents and Pastors:

The last annual session of the Oklahoma Conference assumed what has been termed the "League Debt"—every well-informed Leaguer in the Conference knows what this debt is.

In recommending this matter to the Con-

ference, the Epworth League Board expected that when there is a League in a pastoral charge, that the said League raise the amount assessed against the charge.

This money is due and should be paid at once.

I respectfully call upon every League President and pastor in the Conference to push this matter, and hereby designate Sunday, April 12, as "League Debt Day."

Will each President and pastor bring this special assessment before their League or congregation on this day, or as near this date as possible?

Leaguers and pastors let us pay this debt, it is hindering the League work. We can pay it and we must.

Remit to Rev. Lee Rippey, Ada, Okla., and state what your remittance is for.

W. G. DITZLER,

President Oklahoma State League Conference.

STONEWALL AVENUE, McALESTER.

Possibly some of the brethren in the Oklahoma Conference would like to know what has become of the Stonewall Avenue charge. We are still alive and moving forward in the Lord's work. We have had a revival in all the churches in north McAlester the past six weeks. Thus far we have had about 35 conversions. Rev. McWherter, of Illinois, is doing the preaching at the Presbyterian Church. The meeting will continue for a week longer.

We are expecting this to be the greatest year in the history of our church at McAlester. Work is going to be scarce here this year, people are not going to be very busy this spring, and the pastor will have a good time to reach most everybody and I mean to press the Lord's work in this place as we have never done before. Success to the Western Methodist.

E. P. EUBANKS.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

March 22—Review.

Golden Text—"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4.

Oklahoma State Sunday School Conference.
McDonald Much Pleased.

I am much pleased with the bright prospects for the success of the great Sunday School Conference. Certainly no greater cause demands our attention. The exceptionally strong program proposed ought to call together a large number of our best people. All the Sunday Schools should have representatives present. If our people will take hold of it, eternity alone can compute the results. We have been needing something of this sort for years. Let the people know what you have for them and urge them to come and "be healed." I am with you.

J. B. McDONALD, P. E., Tulsa Dist.

Vinita, Okla.

And Dunkle Commends.

I most heartily congratulate the Sunday School Board for the vigor with which they have taken hold of our Conference Sunday School problems. The results so far vindicate their plans and augur well for the future.

Especially do I congratulate the Board upon entering a State Sunday School Conference. If there is reason in holding normals to train public school teachers, much more is there in holding conferences to enthuse and to train Sunday School workers for their high and solemn task. May success crown the conference. I am pulling for a big delegation from my district.

W. F. DUNKLE, P. E., Muskogee Dist.

Muskogee, Okla.

To the 69 Undergraduates.

The cause of Sunday Schools has become recognized as of such importance that the course of study for the undergraduates contains some books on this subject. The reason and the wisdom of this are not far to find: The demand for up-to-date Sunday School pastors is the answer. Every one of the 69 undergraduates of our conference ought to take advantage of this opportunity to get in the forefront of the great Sunday School movement. It will be worth a year's study.

"No One Should Fail."

I have watched with no small degree of pleasure the work of the Sunday School Board. Their enter-

prise is inspiring and most beneficial throughout the conference. No one should fail to attend the great convention, for the program reaches to the very heart of this great cause, and cannot fail to be of absorbing interest to those who go. Providence permitting, I shall be there to help in every possible way I can.
SAM G. THOMPSON.
McAlester, Okla.

"A Great Conference."

Nearly every one writes of our coming Sunday School meeting as "a great conference." And as it ought to be.

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I believe the Sunday School is the biggest thing on the earth today.—Marion Lawrence.

A Step in the Right Direction.

Allow me to endorse the plan for a State-wide Methodist Sunday School Conference. This is a step in the right direction. I sincerely hope the preachers and other Sunday School workers will attend. The Sunday School is now laying the foundation of what we are to be in this great State. I expect to have my district represented by preachers and laymen.

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"The State Methodist Sunday School Conference," to be held in Oklahoma City April 6-8, ought to be, and no doubt will prove to be of great value to the Sunday School cause in our conference. "As iron sharpeneth iron," so the coming together of so many great souls and expert Sunday School specialists, cannot fail to kindle a fresh flame of love and zeal for the salvation of the young and infuse new life and power into this great and important work throughout our great State.

J. S. LAMAR, P. C.

A Good Suggestion.

Bro. Lamar makes a good suggestion. He says many of our preachers are on small stations and hard circuits. Now, let me suggest that every Sunday School see to it that their pastor attends this great Sunday School Conference. All that would be necessary is for the superintendent to call attention of his school to the matter. Of course, none of our superintendents can afford to miss this great opportunity of preparation for larger service."

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The Greatest Potential Movement.

The State Methodist Sunday School Conference to be held in Oklahoma City is the greatest potential movement ever held within the bounds of our conference. If we develop the resources of the Sunday School in this generation, they will take the world for Christ in the next.

Yours in the interest of Modern S. S. work.
ROBT. HODGSON.

Altus, Okla.

The Greatest Opportunity.

From what I know of the coming State Sunday School Conference, program, speakers, and place of holding same, I regard it as by far the greatest opportunity for Sunday School information and inspiration yet offered to our church in this new State. I sincerely wish it great success.

J. W. SIMS.

Ardmore, Okla.

The S. S. Board to Meet.

The members of the Sunday School Board of the Oklahoma Conference are hereby called to meet at the Grand Avenue Hotel in Oklahoma City on Monday, April 6, at 4 p. m. Matters of importance demand your attendance. Brethren, come.

W. J. MOORE, Chairman S. S. Board.

In Your Hands.

The programs are in the hands of your pastors and superintendents. You have, no doubt, scanned it closely, and have seen what a rich feast is about to be spread before you. We truly expect it to be the most helpful and inspiring occasion ever held in Oklahoma in the interest of our church. It is now "up to you" to say whether you will secure its benefits for yourself and your people or not. It is worth all it will cost you, and much more. Be there.

W. J. MOORE.

Lawton, Okla.

Program for White River, Sunday School, Conference to be Held in Newport, Arkansas, April 28 to 30, 1908.

Official Board: W. P. Talkington, Chairman; T. B. Williamson, Sec'y and Treas.; H. T. Rainey, B. L. Harris, E. B. Chapin, E. K. Sewell, J. H. Thomas, Barton Arnold, W. S. Southworth.

A Letter from the Board.

Dear Brother: For the purpose of creating a greater interest throughout the Conference in the Sunday School work and for the purpose of getting this, the primary work of the church upon all our hearts, the Sunday School Board in their report at our last Annual Conference recommended the holding of a Sunday School Conference. The report with said recommendation having been adopted, we have, after much correspondence, carefully and prayerfully arranged the program of this Conference. We are now mailing you a copy. May we not hope to have your hearty co-operation in making this Conference a great success? Please urge your teachers to attend. The hospitable people of Newport will gladly care for all who may attend.

"There is no factor in God's Universe so full of tremendous powers to shape the church of the living God in the next generation, in its Missionary service, its doctrinal ideals and its noble patriotism as the Sunday School whose ranks today enroll the army of the future. What the church of tomorrow becomes therefore, will be largely due to what we build in it today."

"The church that cares well for her children cares well for the quality and continuance of her own life."

"What you put in the first of life you put in the whole of life."

"It is better to make a life than to make a living."

"Every adult sinner is a living monument to somebody's neglect."

—Quotations gathered here and there.

Tuesday, April 28.

8:00 p. m. Opening sermon—Dr. E. B. Chappel.
Wednesday, April 29.

9:00 a. m. Devotional—Rev. T. B. Williamson.

9:15-9:45 a. m. A Forward Movement—Dr. E. B. Chappel.

9:45-10:15 a. m. A Sunday School in every Society—Dr. Z. T. Bennett.

10:15-10:45 a. m. Who should attend Sunday School and how may their attendance be procured—Hon. R. M. Henderson.

10:45-11:15 a. m. Teachers and Teaching—Hon. Geo. Thornburgh.

11:15-11:45 a. m. The Boy—Rev. Geo. McGlumphy, Ph. D.

Song and Benediction.

2:00 p. m. Devotional—Rev. E. K. Sewell.

2:15-2:45. Our Junior Work—Miss Minnie Allen.

2:45-3:15. The Organized Adult Class—Rev. Geo. McGlumphy, Ph. D.

3:15-3:45. A Devotional Spirit in the Study of God's Word—Dr. Cadesman Pope.

3:45-4:15. The Sunday School's opportunity to acquaint the young with the Hymnology of our church—Rev. J. W. Pope.

Song and Benediction.

8:00 p. m. Sermon, "The Child for Christ"—Rev. W. C. Davidson.

Thursday, April 30.

9:00 a. m. Devotional—Rev. B. L. Harris.

9:15-9:45. Why should we emphasize Mission Study in the Sunday School—Rev. J. K. Farris.

9:45-10:15. How may we introduce Mission Study in the Sunday School?—Dr. R. P. Wilson.

10:15-10:45. The relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School—Hon. Geo. Thornburgh.

10:45-11:15. A Children's Day service in every charge. Why?—Mr. Ed. Hamilton.

11:15-11:45. The use of the Blackboard, Maps, etc.—Miss Minnie Allen.

Song and Benediction.

2:00 p. m. Devotional—J. H. Thomas.

2:15-2:45. How may the Sunday School hour be divided and used to the best advantage—G. T. Garvey.

2:45-3:15. The Sunday School's Opportunity in the Quarterly Temperance Lesson—Rev. A. F. Skinner.

3:15-3:45. The Teacher's Meeting and Study Circle—Prof. J. W. Henry.

3:45-4:15—Decision Day the Pastor's opportunity—Dr. J. H. Dye.

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8:00 p. m. Sermon, "The Universal Mission of Christianity"—Rev. Fred Little.

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ing and told me a little company of angels had just been with him and our own among the number. And he felt, rather than heard, that now he must become reconciled to her going and then the suffering would soon be over. And he said, "Why it was so easy to say it is alright." Then he told me they said as they went away, "We will be back for you soon." "Now," he said, "I expect to go any time." And he looked for them every day. During the time that intervened between this and his going, he made ready much as he had always planned for a journey, remembering the smallest detail, telling how he wanted everything attended to. He was happy in the anticipation of the great change. But often regretted that he could not say goodbye to his aged mother so far away. When the suffering was most intense he would often repeat, "Our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." on the morning of the 7th of February, 1908, he was in great agony for an hour, then all at once the struggling ceased and he looked up as though he saw something that held his mind, the expression of suffering changed to joy, just for a moment then he closed his eyes and was gone. The funeral was conducted by Rev. L. D. Lawe assisted by Rev. J. R. Blocker and Rev. S. I. Hendrix. We laid him to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Miami, Fla., on the banks of Biscayne bay, and near the shore of the great Atlantic Ocean, where the winds sing a requiem day and night, where the flowers are everywhere in profusion. As we turned away I remembered the other lone mound in the Indian Territory where Mary sleeps, and again I said,

"Asleep in Jesus, far from thee,
Thy kindred and their graves may be,
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

Our earthly home is indeed broken up, but little Charlie and I look forward to the glad reunion, when we shall know and understand. Until then, farewell my own.

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Winfield W. F. M. Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Winfield Memorial church held the regular annual election of officers on Monday afternoon, March 9. There were a large number of members present, and the meeting was enthusiastic and earnest. This being the end of the fiscal year, the treasurer made her annual report, which showed that \$280.00, independent of dues had been raised during the year for the support of our three Bible women and other Missionary causes.

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for the Bible women, entitles this Auxiliary to an honorary life member, and Mrs. George Thornburgh was accordingly elected to this place. Only one other society in the State has an honorary life member.

Five new names were added to the roll, and an active campaign for other new members was planned.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Thornburgh; Vice President, Mrs. J. P. Willis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Overton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elmira Snodgrass; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Weidemeyer; Lady Manager of Juvenile Society, Mrs. J. S. Bishop.

The President appointed Mrs. F. S. Overton Leader of the Reading Circle for the coming year. This circle meets the fourth Monday in each month, and is constantly increasing in numbers and interest. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. C. V. Scott, 511 Chester St.

MRS. F. S. OVERTON.

A Plea for Foreign Missions.

Presuming that our church paper enters the home of each member of "Winfield Memorial church," I take this means of reaching the women of the church. The fiscal year of our Foreign Mission Society has closed and with it the opportunities for the year have been sealed and will never come again in the same propitious way. We have a church roll of over 400 women, a Missionary Auxiliary with a roll of fifty-four names. Our Society has been zealous and prayerfully anxious to meet the obligations on us, obediently obeying orders from headquarters, from which our wisest and most cultured and consecrated women keep a strict surveillance over the entire field of woman's work for woman. We have paid for support of three Bible women, a special pledge of ninety dollars for support of the missionaries kept in the field by the Little Rock Conference, besides ten dollars added to the ninety, which entitles Winfield Auxiliary to an honorary life member, which honor was conferred on our president, Mrs. Thornburgh.

Our dues and contingent fund have been promptly paid, besides several outside obligations have been met.

Our books are closed for 1907, and a clean sheet is spread for the ensuing year. Suppose one hundred more of the sisterhood of Winfield Memorial church were to join this Auxiliary, and with these faithful workers take up the Foreign Mission work, coming with prayer and love and solicitude for the Godless nations of the earth. What wonders might be the result. My dear sisters: this is a subject that burdens my soul—not alone for the heathen, but for your own eternal welfare. If you are disciples of Christ, if you have felt the security of his love, how can you fail to make an effort to save others. It is needless for me to re-iterate the excuses that are given week after week. I warn you with the preaching of the gospel in your hearing, and God's commands in his own words in your hand, when you meet the crosses your excuses will be like sinking sand, they will not serve you. There is a silent monitor in your heart that does not let you rest because the Father wants all his children obedient. He left the work of evangelization for his disciples to do. Jesus Christ ascended unto the father leaving the injunction, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, at the same time we were taught that we cannot all do the same kind of work, we have not all the same talent, but all have a part in God's vineyard.

Now, dear sisters: At the beginning of this new year for missions, this ripe harvest time, I beseech you to thrust your sickle in. Do the work of a faithful laborer and your reward will be rich. Satan is planning faithfully, and every sheaf ungarnered he claims as his own. O that you will come willingly, come gladly into this open door and with ready hand cry out—"Here am I Lord, use me."

ELMIRA F. SNODGRASS,

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March 11, 1908, 615 W. 14th St.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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

Raiford, Ark., Feb. 1908.
Dear Methodist: I have just finished reading the children's page and as I did not see any from Raiford, I thought I would write a few lines. Cousins, I am a new visitor to your happy circle, and am a little bit timid. I will just step over in the corner and talk to Ruth Carr. Say, Miss Ruth, did you ever go wading in the creek, and did the boys ever kill the squirrel? I like to read all the cousin's letters. Cousins, I will let you guess my age; it is between 14 and 18. Those who guess closest will get an answer. I have one brother and three sisters living and two sisters dead. We have two little cousins living with us; they were mama's sister's children and she died and they came to live with us; they are both little girls. Bro. Williams is our pastor and I like him so much. He surely is a good man. I am not going to school now, our school is out. How many of you cousins like to go horse back riding? I do. I have three Choctaw ponies; they are very small and are not over four feet high when full-grown.
I also have several head of goats, but I don't like a goat much. I will close, hoping to see this in print. I am as ever your cousin,
ERVIN STRONG.

Arkadelphia, Ark., Feb. 22, 1908.
Dear Methodist: Today is "Washington's Birthday" and we do not have to go to school. It is a holiday with us, is it for the readers?

I was very sorry to find Ruth Carr's letters ended, for I do so much enjoy reading them. I wish she would write some more.

I have been to school all the week and I don't know if I have gotten any marks. I am sitting by myself now as my deskmate has the measles. She looks very funny all covered with red bumps. I think I will take her some flowers next Tuesday.

I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. We have such a fine one that I try to go all the time. We have a fine class and we will be sorry to leave our teacher. We have a good superintendent for our room. Her name is Miss Mabel Murry. We like her fine. She has been sick for a week or so, and when she came back last Sunday we were all glad to see her well again. We could not help feeling that God had spared her to us. As I am just going to practice now I will close with love to everybody.
Your friend,
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getic in their plans, they bring things to pass. It is an honor and a pleasure to be the pastor of such a body of godly women. A few weeks since, they agreed to put, each one, a small sum of money to use for the Lord, and report the results of their trades and labors at their first meeting in March. They agreed further to bring a nice luncheon, and each one to invite a lady friend member of the Society. Accordingly on Monday afternoon, March 2nd, they met. After devotional services and routine work, each member was called on to report. Although the Society is not large they reported nearly forty dollars. In addition they had a "mite box" opening, which added about twelve dollars. Then they had their luncheon. The pastor was kindly remembered with a box of good things. The doxology was sung. The pastor dismissed the meeting with prayer and benediction. Thus closed a pleasant session.
PASTOR.

From Bro. Brannon.

I spent several days with Bro. Vick at Wetumka in a meeting. The congregation increased until we had a crowded house. From the beginning the interest was good, and grew with each service, but just as we were on the eve of what seemed to be a great victory, we were interrupted by an undue smallpox scare, which resulted in the city council closing the school and churches, thus our meeting closed. However the meeting was productive of some good. There were 16 conversions and the church awakened to a greater sense of their obligation. Bro. Vick is doing a good work for our church at that place, and is loved by the entire town. He is one of our best men.

From Wetumka I went to Earlsboro, and although we were rained out three nights, and away two days in attendance on the Missionary Convention in Oklahoma City, still we had a gracious revival. There were 41 conversions and about thirty gave their names for

the Methodist church. The last night of the meeting I presented the conference assessments for that charge and they were all provided for in cash and subscription. The pastor, J. D. Cannaday is a new man among us, having recently transferred from the Memphis Conference. I found him to be sensible and religious, and fully awake to all the interests of the church. He and his family have captured the entire town. The folks say they are going to keep them to the limit of time. Our church at Earlsboro is in a growing spiritual condition.

I am at present at Mangum with Bro. Lamar in the first week of meeting. There has been several conversions, and the interest is growing with every service. Will our friends join us in a prayer for a gracious revival at this place.
A. M. BRANNON.
March 6, 1908.

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Texarkana District Notes.

Please say that the Texarkana District Conference will convene at College Hill July 9th, at 9 a. m., and will continue till July 11th at 5 p. m. The Sunday School interests will be given attention on the first day of the conference, the 9th. All our pastors are expected to attend from the first session. All local preachers must attend in person, with written reports wherever possible, and if they cannot attend they must send their written reports. All committees will be announced in due time, with an outline of reports expected from the pastors, as contemplated by Discipline.

Our District Laymen's Conference, and our Epworth League Conference, will be held at DeQueen, Ark, April 8th and 9th respectively. All our pas-

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MRS. P. H. PRINCE.

My Dear Mrs. Hanesworth: You will never know how much I regret it, but my health is such that it is necessary for me to give up my work. Believe me when I tell you that it is more painful for me to write this to you than it will be for you to read it. When I went back last fall, I really thought that I would be able to complete the course, graduate in the spring, and go to the Foreign field in the fall; but I have not been well for several months—not since the first of October—but I kept hoping against hope, that I would soon be stronger, and able to go on with my work, but since talking with Miss Gibson, she and I have both come to the conclusion that this is best. I have been up most of the time, but I never feel well, and feeling as I do, I cannot conscientiously ask for an appointment. I would not be treating the Board, my Conference, nor myself right, if I were to go into the work in this state of health. I have not come to this conclusion, or rather made this decision, without a struggle. I could not at first say "Thy will be done," but thanks be to God, who doeth all things well, he has given me the victory, and I can now say I am willing for him to do with my life whatever He pleaseth.

I want to thank you and the Conference for all that you have done for me, and although nothing has ever been said about my refunding the money spent on my tuition, I want to do so. Although I can never be an active member in the field, I am still at heart a volunteer. I may be able to influence some one else to go in my place. I can at least be an intercessory missionary. I can pray for the work, and I will do it. This has been a very severe disappointment to me, but I have prayed long and earnestly over it, and believe it is the Lord's will.

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Erick and Texola.

Our second quarterly conference is a back number of the present conference year. Had a good service Saturday at 11 o'clock and dinner on the ground. The conference session was well attended at 2:30 in the afternoon. The service at night was conducted by the pastor. The P. E. was not well, and stayed in doors. Sunday was a gloomy day, very few could get out on account of the rough weather. The conference was held at Dabney church, which is in the country and a finer community of people I have not found anywhere. W. M. Cox, W. L. Taylor, L. D. Hawkins, Price, Daniels, and many others that I cannot mention here. I am by Dabney community like the fellow was by selecting a name for his horse. He finally called him All-good. The stow-

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ards have made the salary for preacher at a living rate. We are hopeful for the year that a great many souls may be converted and brought into the church. The greatest burden of the Methodist is the church house. That is being delayed on account of lack of funds. We are praying the Lord to open the hearts of those who are able to pay. It is no use to pray for their purse strings to be loosed when their hearts are coveting the money their neighbors have. May the good Lord show the church member where to invest his money. Our P. E. has promised to do some special work for Erick. Bro. Matthews will do his best I am sure. Now brother, when you see him just hand him \$5.00 for Erick church and he will send it to us, and we will pray that the Lord may bless you for your kindness in this one time of great need. The Lord is saving people in Oklahoma. Our heart was made glad last Tuesday night. Bro. Daily and his two sons and Bro. Kirby came to the parsonage and asked that we pray for his boy who was under conviction and during the first prayer the boy was happily converted. May the Lord save many in like manner this year.

Fraternally,
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Salem, Ark.

We got the pounding which lasted us about two months. We have a work mapped out here that ought to make a first class circuit. We need two or three good church houses on the work. We need money, but most of all we need the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have the men and the money if we could get it on the altar. Some people claim the second blessing and if they would go to work for the Lord they might get the third. I hope and pray for a blessing that will put everybody to work in dead earnest for the salva-

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Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes.

T. E. Sharp, First Church, reported fine day. Took subscriptions covering full amount of assessment on Conference claims.

S. H. Werlein, of Winfield, had good congregations and received eleven persons into the church.

Dr. J. E. Godbey was present and made a good report from Hendrix College.

R. G. Rowland, F. E. Dubois, P. R. Eaglebarger, C. H. Gregory, W. Fred Long, J. N. Jessup and Forney Hutchinson were also present and reported a good Sunday.

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Monticello District Notes.

I have just completed my first round. The district is in advance of last year at this time. After a two weeks' tussle with "lagrippe" I am able to be up and going again. Spent last Wednesday, the 14th, in Crossett. They are still doing things down there. Bros. Workman and Hammon reported seven Sunday Schools, all doing fine work. They have a night school well attended; also a large mission class composed of men and women studying the great cause of missions. I think I know of other places in our district where such work might be done to the help of our church and people. Almost every pastor might have a class of young men and women studying in a systematic and prayerful way the great cause of missions. Brethren of the Monticello district, suppose you take this matter up with some of your young people and get them together for the study of missions. I believe it is worth while.

The Sunday School work is growing in interest and in numbers. Our country can, and must be evangelized and we know of no other way than through the Sunday School. So we are to have a Sunday School and Missionary Institute at Warren beginning on Thursday evening at 7:30, March 19th, to run over Sunday. We want all our pastors and local preachers and Sunday School workers and as many laymen as we can get to go. Bro. Eavens Sunday School is second to none in our Conference. Bro. Moore has a fine Sunday School and a fine Epworth League. Bros. White and Crowder are moving off well on their charges. All the preachers are doing well.

Bro. W. H. Woodfin, who took Bro. Keithley's place at Dermott and Arkansas City is delighted with his work and the people are delighted with their preacher. I predict for him a fine year. Bro. Anderson, come down soon and we will hunt the turkeys again.

J. W. HARRELL.

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Spanking does not cure children of bad wiring. If it did there would be few children would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, South Bend, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

Guymon District Oklahoma Conference.

I have completed the first round of quarterly conferences. In making the round I traveled more than 800 miles, preached 50 times, received five into the church, baptized five infants, administered the sacrament to 10 congregations. My minutes show 68 members received and nine dismissed. Of these J. E. Lovett reports 25, J. O. Cook 11, W. P. Meador 11, A. N. Avery 10, C. A. Long 8, C. L. Canter 5. Woodward and Hooker reported finances up to date. Guymon, Grand

Valley and Texhoma are almost up. We have 11 Sunday Schools, five of them well organized. J. E. Lovett has built since conference an addition to his church and will seat the church with oak pews. C. A. Long has finished a nice church at Almon. R. C. Aubery, W. P. Meador, C. C. Williamson, J. O. Cook, and E. A. Sample are building new churches. A. N. Avery is trying to raise money on a church debt at Guymon. Almost all our preachers are busy, earnest, consecrated men—the kind of men for their field. I believe our church has a great future here, but it will take men and money to develop the work. We have more than fifty congregations in school houses and could organize more if we had the men. We have scopes of country 30 and 40 miles in which we have no preaching places. The country is densely populated—a man on every quarter section—and they are here from all the States. I have found among them ex-congressmen, bankers, merchants, lawyers, physicians, railroad conductors, and mechanics. Many of the people are of noble blood and good training. We have two short lines of railroad in the district. The need of more roads to move the abundant crops is keenly felt, and these roads will come in the near future.

Our District Conference will meet at Tyrone June 4-7. A working plan will be furnished later.

J. F. LAWLIS.

Ft. Smith District Preachers' Meeting.

The Ft. Smith District Preachers' meeting convened in the Sunday School rooms of Central Church, Fort Smith, March 10, 1908.

Present: Johnston, Waldrup, Helson, Bryant, Faust, Eakes, Ray, Dyer, Colquette, Lester, Howard, Etchison, Horton, and Williams.

Visitors: McCrary, Carpenter and Young. Brother Johnston presided and Brother Dyer led the opening prayer.

Reports: Huntington—Bryant: Interest good, revival at Mansfield, received 20 members, house of worship being improved at Huntington at a cost of about \$150.00.

Alma—Eakes: Work encouraging. Building a new parsonage, one child baptized.

Van Buren—Tolleson: Meeting in progress, foundation being laid for great meeting.

Van Buren Ct.—Dyer: One new Sunday School organized, with 45 members; work in very good condition; outlook fine.

First church—Waldrup: Work moving on well, especially in Sunday School and prayer meeting; three members received.

Abbott Circuit—Ray: Work advancing, especially on line of prayer meeting interest; received three members.

Ft. Smith Circuit—Etchison: Congregations better than a month ago.

Dodson Ave.—Lester: Parsonage nearly completed, church services growing in interest, congregations larger than formerly, looking and preparing for the Torrey meeting, plans are selected for the new church.

Midland Heights—Faust: Foundation being laid for good year's work, received six members.

Washburn Circuit—Howard: One new Sunday School organized, new parsonage planned for, two members received.

Greenwood—Colquette: Good Sunday School and growing in interest,

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church entirely too small for the school, have purchased recently additional chairs for the primary department, doing some good work for State-wide prohibition, received one member, health better, outlook brighter.

Central—Brother Steel being absent, Brother Young made report: Sunday School increasing in interest, three members received last Sunday, general interest good.

Hartford—Johnston: Work getting on nicely, received fifteen members.

Magazine—Johnston: New church house nearly completed, will go into it soon.

Bates—Johnston: Good meeting in progress, outlook fine.

Paris—Williams: Sunday School increasing in interest, three members received, good prospect.

"What is Real Pastoral Work?" was proposed as a vital question by the chairman. Several very helpful talks were made on the question, after which we adjourned for the noon hour.

The afternoon session was given to a conference of plans. The District Conference will go to Huntington, and probably meet so as to embrace the 5th Sunday in May. The presiding elder hopes to have at that meeting, possibly, the bishop who is to have charge of this conference next year and Dr. Walter Lambuth, also Mr. J. R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn.

The matter of pushing the organization of the Anti-Saloon League into every township in the counties composing the district was next considered; Brother Waldrup made a speech, in which he set forth some facts concerning the work of the league and the preachers of the district will devote some of their time to this work. State-wide prohibition is the battle cry.

The next meeting of the preachers will be on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in April instead of Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday. This will give the preachers an opportunity to be present at the Torrey Meeting, which begins in



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D. H. COLQUETTE, Sec'y.

Winfield W. H. M. Society.

At the annual election of officers of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Winfield Memorial church, the following ladies were selected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. T. S. Busbee; First Vice President, Mrs. S. H. Werlein; Second Vice President, Mrs. C. E. Hayes; Third Vice President, Mrs. J. S. Bishop; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Farmer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Overton; Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Irvine; Agent for "Our Homes," Mrs. W. D. Thomas.

This society, which numbers 58 members, raised last year for all purposes, local and connecational, the sum of \$446.20, made 626 visits to sick and strangers, 97 visits to corrective and benevolent institutions, gave 226 garments to the poor, assisted 47 needy persons, and sent a box valued at \$92.00 to a frontier preacher's family.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

A Choctaw Quarterly Conference.

The Kulli Tuklo circuit quarterly conference was held at Water Hole church, about four miles south of Garvin, Rev. C. M. Coppedge, presiding elder, and Rev. A. Wilson, pastor. L. M. LaFloro was elected secretary. There were twenty men present at the conference. Each church was represented. Kulli Tuklo and Water Hole reported almost half of their assessment paid. The assessment for P. C. is \$427.50 and for P. E., \$60.00, with good prospect of paying in full.

At these quarterly conferences they camp, like the old-fashioned camp meeting. The meeting begins Friday night and lasts until Monday morning. All the family attend, and all take a deep interest in all the services. The singing is a very important part of the service. They have their own hymn book. The singing is all in Choctaw. They sing old familiar tunes, and the grand old songs of the standard hymn book, with the long meter doxology at the close of every service. My impression was that the early missionaries did good work in starting the Indians in their religious life. They all have their children baptized and they all contributed in the collection. The domestic missionary assessment was reported in full, and the foreign, more than half paid. I preached for the first time through an interpreter, Rev. Willie James, a young preacher, was my interpreter. It was his first effort to interpret a sermon. Bro. Coppedge says we both did well. I think we both did our best, and felt the responsibility of so sacred a privilege.

Bro. Coppedge is well qualified for his difficult field. He has the unbounded confidence of the Indians which is very necessary to his success. He showed me every courtesy, and assisted me in securing several new subscribers to the Western Methodist. L. M. LaFloro and family were especially kind to us. He is a worthy leader among his people. Rev. J. D. Rogers of Idabel circuit preached at eleven on Saturday, a native at 2 p. m., I at night, and Bro. Coppedge Sunday at 11 a. m. It was indeed a profitable meeting.

Idabel.

This is the first town of much importance in southeast Oklahoma. They have quite a number of stores. It is the county seat of McCurtain county. We have a very nice church, and a faithful pastor in Rev. J. D. Rogers. He and family have lived nearly all winter in a tent. They are taking steps to build a parsonage. Prof. J. H. Everett has charge of the school. They have eight doctors; five of them will get the Methodist in the future: Dr. DeBerry, Dr. McCaskill, Dr. Grayson, Dr. Williams, and Dr. Moreland. Here we added eleven new subscribers. Not one refused whom we canvassed. Bro. Rogers is indeed a good worker.

Garvin.

This was the radiating place for three days. I held services three nights with good congregations. This is a very promising town. A large saw and hoop mill and a very excellent veneering plant, working more than 300 men. Some nice stores. My old friend and brother, Mr. Joe E. Hale, of Hackett, Ark., and his sons, are doing a large mercantile business. They have two daughters in Galloway College and speak of putting a third next year. They have been so very kind to me for

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fifteen years that they seem like near relatives. The Methodists are building a church at Garvin. Here we added eight new subscribers to the Western Methodist.

Valiant.

A few hours between trains was spent here. Met the son of Brother Towson of the Little Rock Conference. He is printing the Valiant News. This town is located in a very rich section of land, and has a hopeful future. Mr. R. E. Wilson is a wealthy planter and stock raiser. He and wife have recently joined our church. I spent a pleasant hour in their home. Added eight new subscribers at Valiant.

Ft. Towson.

Rev. W. W. Williams, who recently transferred from Mississippi, is the popular pastor. He is a cultured gentleman. He and wife have educated three noble children, who have gone out to bless the world. We have a neat church and parsonage here. I was glad to meet Brother and Sister Brooks of Hope, Ark., who live here. Ft. Towson has some good brick stores and is a thrifty town. They have a very large sawmill plant. They are delighted with their pastor.

Rison Circuit.

We have been hindered in the work on Rison circuit for the past month by sickness; very few have escaped the lagrippe, not even the preacher, and just now we are hampered in four congregations by the measles, but are still moving along.

Bro. Christie was with us Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th and held our first quarterly conference and preached four times for us. The stewards made a good report. Four of the churches reported in full to date and some a little over. All seem hopeful for a good year. We have had nine accessions since conference, others are

waiting for their certificates to come in with us. We are planning to begin a revival meeting at Rison, Sunday, March 22nd. Will be assisted by Bro. A. M. Shaw of Hardin. We are expecting a good meeting because we are praying for it. Brethren, pray for us.
DON C. HOLMAN.
Rison, Ark., March 10, 1908.

Hampton Circuit.

We are moving along slowly. Have had some additions to the church and dismissed some by certificate. We have thirteen appointments. Our congregations are good and increasing. On last Sunday night we had just about a full house here at Hampton. It was a large crowd. I don't believe that I ever preached to better listeners. We have prayer meeting twice a week here at Hampton, and good attendance. We have some fine singing. Quite a number of men and women pray in public. I have appointed a class leader, and our class will be held Wednesday before the third Sunday and continue once a month.

The good women of Hampton are doing some good work in the W. H. M. Society. They have quite a little sum of money in the bank for the purpose of painting, papering and seating our church here at Hampton. They have also helped the blind and sick. Our W. H. M. Society is going to serve supper on the 25th of March here at the court house. We are expecting a large crowd. Would be glad to have the Editors with us.

J. C. WILLIAMS.

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Am I My Brother's Keeper.

By Mrs. V. S. McLellan, Pine Bluff.

To some this is an unwelcome question. Selfishness makes cowards. They would prefer not to meet it with a direct answer. But did you know that each and every one will some day have to face it in all its relation to Eternity? If we will consider it now, while we have opportunity to offer acceptable service, happy we will be when the Lord of the harvest comes and calls for our sheaves.

Let us engrave this on our hearts and minds, that as far as in us lies the power to prevent, no man's blood shall be upon us. We must go back to the cross and learn there, that there can be no brotherhood except as all men come into Christ. The ultimate purpose of Redemption is to bring into one family all of earth's races. The Christ of the Cross is the desire of all nations, the one thing to satisfy the heart hunger of America, Europe, of Asia, Africa and the Islands of the sea, down to the latest generation of mankind.

The fundamental duty of a Christian is to sympathize with those who suffer and sorrow, to help those who are in themselves, helpless.

Yet we find many, who, if they do not deny this truth, act as though they were entirely free from responsibility. Is the gospel of Jesus Christ worth anything to you sister? If it is, would it not be of equal value to the woman across the sea? Have you any right to keep it to yourself and not pass it on to them? Are they not the objects of God's love the same as you are? Did not Christ shed his blood for them, too? I would ask you again, what entitles you to this gospel of love that does not give the same title to every woman under the sun? Is there a thing about the religion of Jesus that does not obligate us to extend it to others? If what we have is a gift from God, we have no authority to retain it for ourselves alone; for it is the very thing that the world needs. So many of us have a quiet religion. Do you know that for every moment we live, a Christless heathen is going down to a hopeless grave? Oh that our women would awaken out of this quiet and think and act. There is nothing more unchristian, irreligious and inhuman, than to sit quietly, idly at ease with no sense of burden for human suffering and woe. Let us lay

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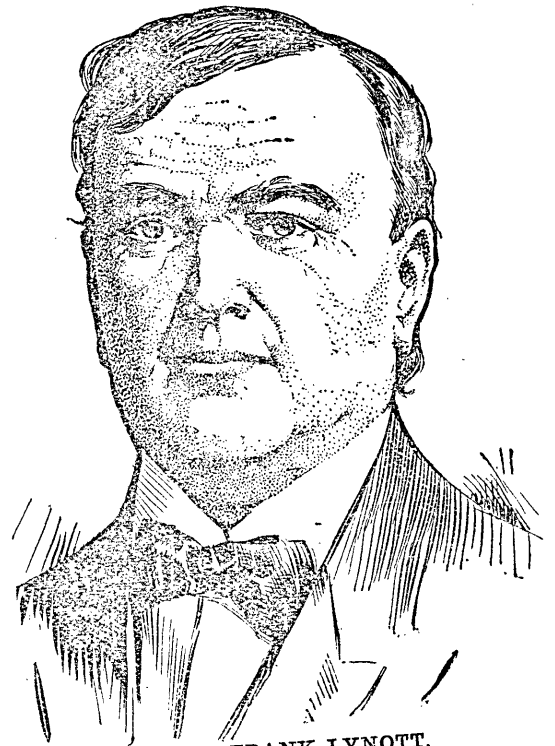
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on our hearts day by day, the oft repeated lesson on the shortness of our working day. "The night comes when no man can work." Would that we all might be delivered from the sin of misspent time. Let us have the faith to believe that if we give to our Lord our time, our gifts, our lives. He will use them in giving the Bread of Life to dying souls for there is in love of Christ power to impel us on to our holiest thoughts, our bravest and best deeds.

One test of our love for another is the earnest desire we manifest for that one's welfare. Love inspires us to take such interest. If then, we love Christ, the thing that we care most for is that His name be magnified in all the Earth.

Is it not passing strange that many profess love for Christ and yet are so slow to obey in the things which love to Christ should be quick to anticipate?

Was not our president right, when in

his message to Congress, he said, "It is wicked for a nation to regard only its own interest." Surely it is no less so in the individual. We are our brother's keeper.

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Epworth League Conference.

The Annual League Conference will convene at Prescott, Tuesday, April 14th, and will continue through Thursday, the 16th. A strong program will be presented and a profitable occasion is anticipated. Let all the Leagues in the Conference send good strong delegations. The chairman of the Confer-

ence League Board desires to meet all the members of the Board at Prescott. Let all young people talk and pray for the success of the Conference.

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State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski. The People's Building and Loan Association, of Little Rock, Ark., Plaintiff, vs. H. F. Butler and Edna B. Butler, his wife, G. W. Kayser, and Sophie M. Kayser, his wife, W. Kayser, and Charlotte E. Kayser, and J. E. Kayser and Charlotte E. Kayser, his wife, Defendant. In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

The Defendants G. W. Kayser and Sophie M. Kayser, his wife, and J. E. Kayser and Charlotte E. Kayser, his wife, are warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, The People's Building and Loan Association, of Little Rock, Ark.

March 13th, 1908. F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.

W. H. PEMBERTON, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Oklahoma Conference.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Owl Ct., at Salt Creek	Mar. 21, 22
Chickasaw Ct., at Kullit 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.

MCALISTER 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. 5-6
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
Impson Valley Ct.	May 1-2
Antlers Ct.	May 2-3
Albion Ct.	May 3-4
Albion Ct.	May 4-5
Phillips Memorial	May 9-10
Hartshorne Ct.	May 10-11
Pocahontas Ct.	May 22-23
Pocahontas & McCurtain	May 23-24
Rowe 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, 5
Kelly, at Pleasant Hill	April 11, 12
Hollis and Dryden, at McNight	April 12, 13
Elmer, at Carmel	April 18, 19
Olustee and Eldorado, at Olustee	April 19, 20
Mt. Park, at Mt. Bend	April 25, 26
Frederick Station, at Good Hope	May 2, 3
Frederick Station	May 3, 4
Granite and Gotebo, at Gotebo	May 9, 10
Mt. View	May 10, 11
Willow Ct.	May 16, 17
Mangum Station	May 17, 18

Mangum, Okla.

L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Broadway, Ardmore	Mar. 22-23
Lebanon Ct., at Oakland	Mar. 22-23
Carver Ave. & Mannsville at M.	Mar. 28-29
Pauls Valley Station	Apr. 4-5
Wynnewood Station	Apr. 5-6
Cornish Ct., at Loco	Apr. 11-12
Grady Ct., at Grady	Apr. 18-19
Lone Grove at Newport	Apr. 18-19
Paoli Ct., at Florence Chp.	Apr. 25-26
Berwyn and Springer at Springer	Apr. 26-27
Elmore Ct., at Antioch	May 2-3
Tully Ct., at Tussy	May 3-4
Woodford Ct., at Elk	May 4-5
Thackerville Ct., at Love's Valley	May 9-10
Marietta Station	May 10-11
Leon and Burneyville at Leon	May 16-17
Whitehead and Mayesville at W. May	May 23-24
Overbrook Ct., at Marsden	May 24-25

W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Sallisaw, 9 a. m.	March 23
Henryetta and Dustin at Dustin	7:30 p. m.
First Church	7:30 p. m.
Vian Ct. at Webber's Falls	7:30 p. m.
Fort Gibson Ct., at Illinois	7:30 p. m.
Okmulgee	7:30 p. m.
Boynton and Morris at M.	7:30 p. m.
Warner Ct., at Warner	7:30 p. m.
St. Paul's	7:30 p. m.
Eufaula Ct. at Deer's Chapel	2 p. m.
Eufaula Station	9 a. m.
Muskogee Ct. at White Church	2 p. m.
Wagoner Ct., at Victor	2 p. m.
Cowlington at Cowlington	7:30 p. m.
Whitefield Ct. at Dukes	2 p. m.
Stigler, 9 a. m.	May 18
Oktoha Ct. at Oktoha	2 p. m.
Haskell and Bixby	7:30 p. m.

Brethren, please send in at once the names of your delegates to District Conference.

Let all pastors have Church Extension and Domestic Missions collected in full by this quarterly conference. Make a special effort to circulate good literature, and take subscribers to our conference organ. Will the stewards be faithful to look after the pastor's and P. E.'s salary? Special effort should be made to keep paid up to date. If all will be faithful and the membership be honest with God, then no place will fall behind and no pastor have need. Let all plan and pray for a gracious revival in each charge.

W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIST.—2ND ROUND

Shawnee, 1st Church	Mar. 22-23
Shawnee, Trinity	Mar. 22-23
Stroud & Davenport at D.	Mar. 28-29
Stillwater & Pawnee at S.	Mar. 29-30
Morrison & Perry at M.	Apr. 4-5
Prague Ct., at Mt. Hope	Apr. 11
Guthrie Station	Apr. 12-13
Arcadia & Wheatland at A.	Apr. 18-19
Oklahoma City, Oak Park	Apr. 19-20
Sparks Ct., at Johnson	Apr. 25-26
Shawnee Ct., at North Canadian	Apr. 26-27
Blanchard Ct., at Blanchard	May 2-3
Noble & Shiloh at S.	May 9-10
Lexington Station	May 10-11
McLoud & Union Chapel at U. O.	May 16-17
Edwinton University	May 17
Piedmont Station	May 23
El Reno Station	May 24-25

A. L. SOALES, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bluejacket & Centralia	Mar. 21-22
Pryor Creek	Mar. 26
Chouteau	Mar. 27

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

J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

KIOWA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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

C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Center Point	Apr. 18-19
Nashville	Apr. 19-20
Murfreesboro	Apr. 25-26
Nathan	Apr. 26-27
Okolona	May 2-3
Pike City	May 3-4
Spring Hill	May 9-10
Hope	May 10-11
Blevins	May 16-17
Prescott	May 17-18
Emmett	May 23-24
Fulton and McNab	May 24-25
Mineral Springs	May 30-31
Washington and Ozan	May 31-June 1
Harmony	June 6-7
Gurdon	June 13-14
Bingon	June 20-21
Chidister	June 27-28

THOS. H. WARE, 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
Chidister	Apr. 11-12

District Stewards will meet in Prescott, Jan. 15th, at 11 o'clock.

THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.

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 McGhee	Apr. 19-20
Hamburg Ct.	Apr. 25-26
Crosscut and Mission	Apr. 26-27
Collins Ct.	May 2-3
Salma 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 Bolding	Apr. 11-12
Fordyce Station	Apr. 19-20
Atlanta Ct., at Atlanta	Apr. 25-26
Stamps Station	May 2-3
Madison Ct.	May 9-10
Magnolia Station	May 17-18
Camden Ct.	May 23-24

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

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bryant Ct., at Sardis	Mar. 21-22
Oklaevale Ct., at Mt. Pleasant	Mar. 28-29
Ok Hill Ct., at Pleasant Hill	Apr. 4-5
Austin Ct., at Austin	April 11, 12
Benton	April 19
Hickory Plains Ct., at Hebron	April 25, 26
Mauville Ct., at Spring Valley	May 2, 3
Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen	May 10
DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc, at D. A.	May 24
Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton	May 30, 31

A. O. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND

Texarkana Ct.	March 21-22
Foreman Ct.	March 28-29
Horatio Ct.	March 29-30
Wilton Ct.	April 4-5
Gilham Ct.	April 11-12
Dierks Ct.	April 18-19
Locksburg Ct., at Belleville	April 25-26
Ashdown Ct.	April 26-27
Mt. Ida Ct.	May 2-3
Cherry Hill Ct.	May 9-10

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.

Hawley Memorial	Mar. 21-22
Carr Memorial	Mar. 22-23
Althamer, at Wabaska	Mar. 28-29
Lakeside	Mar. 29-30
Sherrill at Sherrill	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
Routel 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 6-7

Sheridan, at New Hope	June 13-14
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W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

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 Hartso's	Apr. 11-12
Lorado Ct., at Bethel	Apr. 15
Corning Station	Apr. 18-19
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
Manmoth 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 Marquette, Thursday, May 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon Thursday night by Rev. W. P. Walker. Committees: License to preach and admission at trial, E. M. Pipkin, C. H. Newman and P. B. Wallis. Elders and Deacons orders, E. N. Brackley, 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 Marella	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. 2
Elpaso Ct., at Mt. Olive	Apr. 4-5
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. 25-26
Dye Memorial	May 2-3
Gardner Memorial	May 3-4
Oato Ct., at Bethel	May 9-10
Canot 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. 21-22
Brinkley Station	Mar. 22-23
Laconia Ct., at Laconia	Mar. 27-29
Hamlin Mission, at Hamlin	Apr. 4-5
Parkin Station	Apr. 5-6
Haynes Ct., at Millbrook	Apr. 11-12
Forrest City Station	Apr. 12-13
Colt Ct., at Colt	Apr. 18-19
Holly Grove & Marvell at H. G.	Apr. 26-27
La Grange Ct., at Spring Creek	May 2-3
McCrory & DeVew at DeVew	May 9-10
Turner & Shiloh at Shiloh	May 16-17
Clarendon Station	May 17-18
Wheatley Ct., at Prairie Chapel	May 23-24
Marianna Station	May 31-June 1
St. Francis Mission	June 1
Helena Station	June 7-8

Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Marion and Bardstown at Marion	Mar. 21-22
Nettleton Station	Mar. 28-29
Jonesboro, First Church	Apr. 4-5
Jonesboro, Second Church	Apr. 5-6
Harrisburg Ct., at Farm Hill	Apr. 11-12
Harrisburg Station	Apr. 12-13
Marked Tree & Tyrone	Apr. 18-19
Crawfordsville & Earle at E.	Apr. 25-26
Shiloh Ct.	May 2-3
Trinity Ct., at Fifty Six	May 9-10
Luxora & Rozell at Rozell	May 16-17
Osceola Station	May 16-17
Vandale & Cherry Grove	May 23-24
Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrough	May 30-31
Blytheville Station	May 31-June 1
Monette and Lake City, at Macey	Jun 6-7
Manilla and Dell, at Dell	June 7-8
Bay City	June 13-14
Cotton Belt Ct., Kellers	June 20-21

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WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski. The People's Building and Loan Association of Little Rock, Ark., Plaintiff, vs. J. J. Strauss, and Sophia Strauss his wife, and Jessie Smith and John H. Smith, Defendant. In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

The Defendants Jessie Smith and John H. Smith are warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, the People's Building and Loan Association, of Little Rock, Ark.

March 18th, 1908.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.

W. B. FEMMEBION, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

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Muskogee District Items.

The close of our first quarter has come and gone. All our pastors (when finally we got them) have been well received and are busy doing things.

At Boynton, where we have as plucky a little Society as Methodism ever knew and where H. M. Conger, a local supply from Arkansas, holds the fort against heavy odds, we have bought the old school house and lot at a great bargain, fitted it up well, and are now handsomely housed. Finances come along fairly and new members are added regularly.

At Morris, in the same circuit ten new members have been added and we are preparing to build a church.

Oklmulgee station is in great prosperity—a fine people, served by that prince of pastors, W. M. P. Rippey.

Henryetta and Dustin circuit starts well. The church debt at Dustin is provided for. Lamar, a new town on the M. O. & G. Ry., sixteen miles from Dustin, has been added to the circuit. Here four good lots have been secured and a building enterprise—the first church in town.

Checotah circuit has been remodeled and renamed. It is now Oktaha circuit and is served by an enthusiastic and never fails. The circuit embraces some new territory and has good possibilities. Church houses and revivals will win and hold us this large section along

and started building. Finances are much behind but will come forward. Checotah and Eufaula stations are both in good shape. R. C. Taylor serves the former and Willmoore Kendall the latter. Kendall is physically blind but spiritually and intellectually he visions long. His people are delighted. Eufaula circuit was long in getting a pastor, but now has H. A. Story, formerly of this conference and more recently of Texas and Arkansas. He starts off full of zeal. The work is large, imperfectly organized and much disheartened. But Story is a hero of the pioneer type and will give a good account in the last day.

Haskell and Bixby circuit is served by a man who puts to shame all "needless softness"—like Paul, with his own hands he works to supply his needs. The circuit is large and weak. At Haskell we have bought four fine lots and are getting ready to build—we must have help. But we cannot afford to fail. It is a fine town in a good country. Eskew and his people will not fail. Recently I put Bald Knob onto that circuit. At this place lives one R. F. Hulsey, a Methodist of the real type. Like the Roman centurion, he is worthy, for he has builded a synagogue here and agrees to pay handsomely for preaching.

Our Muskogee churches feel all the force of financial pressure. Both are going through serious financial straits but will make landing. Goddard has had a gracious revival, doing his own preaching, with fine results and considerable ingathering. Roper expects to have, early in May, Mr. C. N. Crittendon of Rescue Home fame with him for a revival service.

Wagoner, our "mired wheel," has got up out of the mire onto the road and begins to move forward. Thanks to Salter! No man among us has done so splendid a bit of work. And if he regains his health, which is now badly shattered—in fact he is away on vacation seeking to regain himself—the end of the year will see us worshipping in a church second to none in the District outside Muskogee. Our "people have a mind to work" and are heroic. We must build or get out.

Wagoner circuit is served by A. W. Culver—no better man among us. He bears away the banner as being first to report Domestic Missions paid in full. Hooray for Wagoner circuit and Culver! A parsonage is a necessity on this circuit and must be built this year; also, one new church.

Spain serves Ft. Gibson circuit for the second year. He will give a good account of himself anywhere. At account of himself anywhere. At Bragg's a new church is under way. We must also change locations and build new at Illinois.

J. R. Morray, a new man from Montana, serves both Tahlequah station and circuit. He has had much sickness both in his own and his memberships' families to contend with. But he has won the confidence of his people—and that too in spite of many former things. The membership has been considerably augmented and revived, a good League organized, some material improvements made, and, all told, things are in good shape. I think we shall have a fine year there.

Westville circuit is efficiently served by the old warhorse of other days, A. M. Belcher, who has been here and helped in every hard-fought field for twenty years. He has a long record of success behind him, and is repeating his record here. His people like him. He both in his own and his memberships' after all details, has much improved the church at Westville and will soon have a parsonage built. This will soon be a strong circuit, in fact, Westville will become a station if the county seat remains there.

The Stilwell circuit has been divided, making Stilwell a station with J. W. Shoemaker in charge on a good salary. Considerable improving has been done on the church property. In fact, there is always something doing where Shoemaker is. He is the sort that makes opportunities—not seeks them.

J. L. Brown who located a few years back now serves Stilwell circuit. It is always safe to count on Brown. He never fails. The circuit embraces some new territory and has good possibilities. Church houses and revivals will win and hold us this large section along

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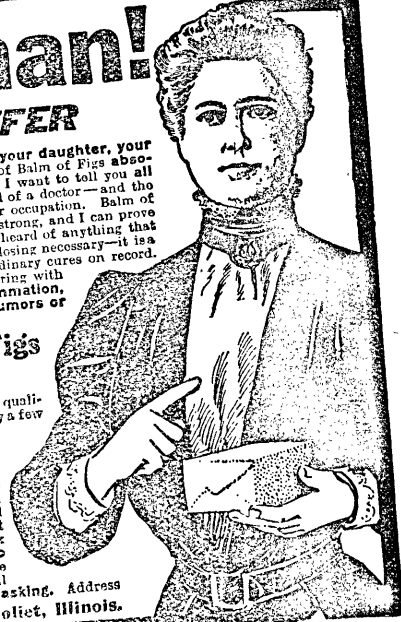
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Wm. Grose, who resembles so closely the best type of pioneer Methodist circuit riders, of whom Dr. S. A. Steel is so fond, serves Brashy circuit. It includes nearly half of Sequoyah county. But Grose meets all his appointments, has gracious revivals everywhere, farms a little, and then looks about for other worlds to conquer. There is none like him, none. He will surely build two churches this year.

Vian circuit is a new-made work composed of Vian, Tanabha, and Webster Falls. At each place there is a good church and a small but heroic so-called parsonage. I think he will succeed. He and his good wife are tireless and patient workers for Our Lord, and deserve a quiet place where the task is not so insistent nor the load so heavy. They have served well for many years. To know them is to love them, and this all his people do. He will show a good year's work.

Sallisaw station has a new man, J. H. Rogers, an elegant Mississippi gentleman, who already has made good. The people love him. He has conversed. The salary has been much advanced and will be paid.

A number of country places about Sallisaw have been grouped into a circuit and attached to the station for pastoral oversight. They are served by Alvin Prazier, a most excellent young man of whom we shall hear more later. Muldrow station begins most auspiciously under Bro. W. D. Neale, my old school-mate, and if nothing happens—as it did last year—to break into the present happy relations, Muldrow will have a great year.

Cowlington circuit, another new circuit, is being well served by R. A. Cowan. Sickness in his home has seriously hindered him, but for all that one new church has already been built, and it is a perfect beauty, the best country church in the District. It is at Powell's Chapel and named for Bro. Powell of precious memory and fine old Virginia stock. His sons and daughters and kin live thereabouts—and blood still shows. May the tribe increase!

At Cowlington we have a church that must and will be rebuilt. At Keota we will soon be building. One or two of our best laymen are there and will look after our affairs.

Hunkapillar has fallen among good

people at Stigler. They like him, he preaches to full houses, looks carefully making things happen. Nobody preaches to so many people in that town. If the Extension Board does what we hope and ask for, we will build this year a handsome house and then our cause will be on top forever in Stigler. No better set of laymen are to be found in any church than are there.

On the Whitefield circuit, which stretches from Enreka to Enterprise, I have a Texas supply—H. H. Windham. He is the liveliest thing I have seen outside of fire. He preaches every night, somewhere, visits all the time and everywhere, looks up all the old trunk letters, gets people into the church, has revivals, and will have church houses and parsonage before the end of the year. But he is neither for sale, nor swap, brethren.

Warner circuit has T. R. Haughton, a transfer from Western Virginia Conference, for pastor. And he is a real pastor. Already he has established a new preaching place or two. He will complete the good work done by Bro. Simmons last year and build at Porum. If that gets done we are safe for all time in this parts.

Muskogee circuit is filled (mark the word!) by Wiley Smith. He also belongs in a tribe to himself. Under his likes them, and all together they are chaos, and life has flowed back again into a valley of dry bones. Listen! He has got the people to praying and to masterful hand order has come out of held at each place and the people asked to assess themselves for the salary. Result: A decided advance everywhere.

At our District Conference we hope to inaugurate some plans for advancement in several matters. We have fixed our hope and aim on 2,000 conversions for the year; a revival in each charge; the gospel in all adjacent places; collections in full; ten new churches and four parsonages; two missionaries supported by the Sunday Schools; and some other things.

So mote it be.

W. F. DUNKLE.

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