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## EDITORIAL.

### Preaching With Authority.

We recently read something about a "small and anxious church, peddling itself about, running after and teasing the world." The writer was quite dogmatic in his opinion that by such ways the church would be sure to lose the world. We are very sure that this is a just judgment. What about a preacher who spills himself about in his community, in small and anxious puddles, instead of being a man with an imperious message from God? We must preach a gospel of authority, but of God's authority, if we win the world. A man who preaches and trembles lest his message should not please the people—well, such a man does not preach at all; he may talk, but he does not preach. The element of authority is essential to preaching.

But what are the elements of this authority? It is not the authority of the preacher; it does not arise out of his learning nor out of his personal ability nor anything else that pertains to his personality. Nor does it arise out of the ecclesiastical commission which the preacher holds. His ability, natural and acquired, and his ordination by the church are matters of importance, but they will not clothe his message with authority. If men are to be expected to bow before his message that message must have the ring of authority which God alone can confer; the man must speak as a man sent from God; he must come as a messenger, a herald, with a proclamation. Only let a man know what that proclamation must be, know his message, and then let him eliminate his own personality in the delivery of it, lose himself in his commission, and he will be a preacher, will speak with authority. This is not saying that there is no personal element in preaching; it is only saying that the authority of the message is not derived from the man.

As regards the personal element, the preacher must be such a man that God will use him. He must yield himself up to God, be personally consecrated to him; and he must know the message of God. After this he will be successful in proportion to his abilities in many directions. If he comes to his task with a clear mind and with a spirit that is true, and if he has any abilities at all, he will succeed; but it is still true that his authority is not in him.

It is precisely in a false relation of the preacher's personality to authority that many men fail as preachers. The failure may be in one of two opposite directions. A man may assume personal authority and fail because he utters forth his message as though it were his own, because he manifestly attempts to command men in his own name. Men will not be so commanded, and God will not put his blessing upon the effort. Moses took his own way of bringing water out of the rock, and did not sanctify the Lord before the people. An assertion of personal authority has defeated many preachers. Human zeal, human wrath, human indignation, human

learning, human logic, human eloquence,—when these or any such as they are substituted for the commanding power of God, there is failure. The other direction of failure is that a preacher should be so timid, so fearful, so apologetic in his attitude, so much taken up with hoping that his message will please his audience, as to forget him who has sent him to speak. In the first case he has thrust his personality between God and his hearer, he has, in the latter case allowed his personality to creep in between his hearer and the hearer's God. In the one case his sin is that of presumption; in the other, his fault, not to say sin, is a cringing cowardice. In the one case he seeks to get personal glory out of his message; in the other he is afraid he will be damaged by his message. In both cases he fails because of the same reason—he has his eyes upon himself. In the one case men will turn from him for his arrogance; in the other they will despise him for his weakness.

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### A Word On Politics.

Our fair land is now stirred from center to circumference in an effort to select suitable persons both to make, revise and administer our laws State and National. There is hardly to be found a nook in all the land but will have its share of excitement before the ordeal has passed. Few people will fail to become more or less aroused over some proposition or person. Really we should be the more concerned over the individual who does not become aroused. For our government comes, or should come, from the people. In its essence it is a combination of the ideas and sentiments of all the people participating. Its ideals are enhanced or its rule is debased by every element that goes into its makeup. That any should think it a matter of little concern is in itself a cause of wonderment. Where every citizen has a voice and that voice the equal of every other we should expect and desire that that voice should be heard. There can be no doubt that the result will represent fairly well the aggregate of those who cast their votes at the polls. If we would improve the quality of our government, we can surely do so by elevating our citizenship. There are but few who do not use their best endeavors to formulate and foster what they conceive to be the

best in government. They must know that what they formulate and uphold will determine the amount of benefit to be derived from the government thus formed. Whatever they do, they must realize, is done in the interest of the individual, self. We are persuaded that there are few who would consent, for a moment, to formulate bad laws or select bad men to administer them. They may be mistaken in the real tendency of the laws formulated or in those who are selected to govern, but it is more a mistake of judgment than of heart. The supreme desire of all good citizens should be that the population of our country should be so elevated that it would be impossible for bad men to deceive or that bad laws should be enacted.

We should not be surprised that personal views and personal likes and dislikes should enter into the choice of men to office. All those who aspire to office have friends, it would be strange if they did not have, and we should expect that these friends would be active in the interest of such candidates. This does not argue against our form of government. It is quite fortunate, if, in many instances, those aspiring to office are alike good and this is so palpable that the voter should have to fall back on personal friendship to determine which to support. It may be put down as fortunate also that these friends should thoroughly scrutinize the character of the opponent of their friend and give out the result to the public. It is unfortunate, however, if the report given out does not conform to the facts in the case. We are all anxious to know the truth and none of us appreciate an attempt to deceive. The public will by and by get the truth and woe be to him who has been a party to deception.

A few observations might not be out of place: Do not become offended if your friend does not receive the support of your other friends; they have friends as well as you. Do not be discouraged if principles that are dear to you are defeated. You can best serve the interest of worthy principles by keeping sweet. There will come another voting day and if your contention is just you will be privileged to see the right prevail. The worst enemy of our country is the man who attempts to use reward in order to secure votes. There is little difference in the kinds of reward offered. The ballot is sacred and must not be improperly tampered with.

And, finally, when the elections are over and the people have given expression to their views, the country will settle down to business of other kinds and the government of the people by the people and for the people will safely move out on the voyage that lies in the direction of advancement.

When a man "sours" he sees many strange sights. Not even a special profession of holiness will keep such a man from accusing his brethren of things they never thought of doing. But this applies only where it applies.

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

## 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. F. E. Dodson, of Hot Springs, spent last Sunday in Little Rock, preaching at Henderson Chapel, his old charge.

Dr. T. L. Mellen, of Holdenville, of whom we heard good reports while in Oklahoma, has recently earned our thanks by special service.

The Western Methodist is under obligations to Rev. A. B. L. Hunkerpillar, of Stigler, Okla., for special work during the past week.

Through a series of providential hindrances the laying of the corner stone of the new church at Poteau, Okla., has been postponed until the first Sunday in April. One of the editors of this paper will be present.

We regret to record the death at Sulphur, Okla., of one of the devoted laymen of our church, Mr. S. S. Satterfield, for 30 years a faithful servant of the Lord. His Good wife, Mrs. Lena Satterfield, is one of our faithful Home Mission women in that city.

Rev. Ambrose H. Williams, writing from his home in Ripley, Miss., after good words about the Western Methodist, which we appreciate, and some strong words of commendation of Governor Little, which we endorse, says that he has a most interesting charge.

Rev. H. J. Brown, of Oklahoma City tells us that his daughter Ruth has been sick of typhoid fever for three weeks, and the end is not yet. We trust she will soon recover. It would be a great stroke to those good people to lose her.

Our brother, Rev. Casper S. Wright, pastor of Scruggs Memorial, St. Louis, is having a great time in that charge. The first three weeks in March he received on profession of faith, at the regular services, twenty-eight members, and, under his plan of campaign, expected to receive a hundred before the month should close.

As we go to press all the indications point to the nomination of Mr. Geo. W. Donaghey as the Democratic candidate for governor. The people will be equally interested to know that the returns indicate the crushing defeat of Jeff Davisism—the curse of Arkansas for the past six years.

## Death of Bishop Fowler.

Bishop Charles Henry Fowler, of our great sister Methodism of the North, passed away a few days ago at his home in New York City. He was one of the notable men of the country. We remember him as one of the first fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church to our branch of Methodism, he and General Clinton B. Fiske being the messengers sent to our General Conference which met in Louisville in 1874. He made a profound impression upon our church at that time, and has been, on many grounds, an interesting figure to us ever since. He was at that time President of Northwestern University, and shortly afterwards was elected editor of the Christian Advocate, New York. He was by birth a Canadian, descended of English-Scotch ancestry, born in Burford, Ont., Aug. 11, 1837. He was elected Missionary Secretary in 1880, and four years later was elected Bishop. Great were his labors in every place to which he was called, and great were the successes that attended upon them. He transformed the Northwestern from a college to a university; he founded Pekin University, in China; he established MacLay College in California, and assisted in the establishment of Nebraska Wesleyan. He traveled pretty nearly over the entire world in the interest of Missions. In all things he was a man of force. To his great church we offer condolence.

## In Helena District.

A call upon the part of our noble layman, W. D. Reeves, of Helena, made upon the Superintendent of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, for a man to help in the temperance movement in that city, sent me to Helena last Sunday. Train schedules made it convenient to stop over night, going and coming, in Forrest City, and to stop for a half day in Marianna. Of course I spent my time with the preachers in these places. They were each full of goodness to me and to my cause. One night was spent in the home of Rev. Boone L. Wilford, pastor at Forrest City. The church there is highly prosperous under his charge. The Memphis Conference did us a good turn when it sent to us this preacher. The other night in Forrest City was spent with the presiding elder, Dr. Z. T. Bennett. He gave a good account of his district; says that every charge is supplied and that every pastor is working hopefully; that the salaries of his preachers, not counting two new charges, are in advance of the salaries of last year by \$1200.00. Without doubt there is an air of thrift at every point I saw in the district. Dr. Bennett puts to shame many a man who is younger and stronger than he. He is full of energy and vigilance.

The half day spent at Marianna was in company of Rev. Fred Little. He serves a generous people, and they are sticking to him and his work, which is prospering under his hand. He deserves all the kindness shown him.

At Helena Rev. F. A. Jeffett is in fine fettle. He has served Helena before, and was never more popular there than he is today. According to my observation the Helena church is in good and growing condition. The temperance movement there has helped to give it

a tone above that of past years. It rained, but we had a good time Sunday, morning and night.  
JAS. A. A.

## Sunday School Conventions.

Rev. W. Fred Long, General Secretary, Miss Minnie Allen and Mr. C. D. Meigs, Indianapolis, will make a tour of Arkansas holding conventions at the following places: Hot Springs, March 29; Little Rock, March 30; Van Buren, March 31, Rogers, April 1-2; Fayetteville, April 2-3; Ft. Smith, April 4-5; Mena, April 6; Texarkana, April 7; Camden, April 8; Fordyce, April 9; Warren, April 10; and Hamburg, April 11-12. They will be accompanied by Rev. Oscar Brown and Rev. H. Beauchamp a part of the tour. Matters pertaining to Sunday School work will be discussed by this array of talent and the instruction will be up-to-date.

## From Cuba.

It seems that most people form their opinion of Cuba from what they see of Havana, or some of the other large cities. But these cities are not the only places one should visit to get an estimate of Cuba and her needs. The cities are more or less Americanized, and have been influenced by Protestantism. In the country sections is another class of Cuban people that have been left to themselves, and to the Catholic religion. In a community six miles from Moyou, known as "Vista Hermosa," or Beautiful View," we have recently built a church. I want to tell you something of the work, as it will help you to understand what country life is in Cuba. The lot was selected on a central hill. All around this hill are the beautiful valleys, burdened with the growing crop of corn, tobacco and sugar cane, all during the winter months. To the north is Nipa Bay, while on all other sides are the most beautiful mountains I have seen in Cuba. And no country, it seems to me, can be more picturesque than Cuba. In these valleys are about twenty-eight native houses made of palms. The houses are high and very large. The roof comes down close to the ground; they have dirt floors and look like great unkept barns. But in these houses live about two hundred and fifty people, precious souls for whom Christ died.

The work began by visiting the people and talking with them about the new church. R. C. Mason, our Cuban helper, a citizen of the community, and I rode all day sometimes when the men were plowing with oxen and a crooked stick, at other times in the woods where the men were cutting brush with their long knives. Here knives are about two and a half feet long. They carry them on a belt all the time, and use them as we would a pocket knife. At other times we went into the houses where the women were barefooted, very dirty, and vigorously smoking a cigar, while equally busy rolling tobacco into other cigars. The hogs, dogs, and chickens, all seemed to be interested, for they came around with great familiarity. I remember being at one house, about ten o'clock, for breakfast, at least for those who lived there. The mother and children were sitting, or standing around, anywhere that was convenient, holding their food in their hands, while the father sat comfortable in a great chair at the table. Around him were four or five very poor dogs, which seemed to be hungry. He had for breakfast some plantinos, a kind of banana, which the country people use for bread, some dried fish, a cup of milk; and a little bread, which he had brought from town. During the entire meal the conversation ran high. The man seemed to be of that intellectual company who

think it their duty to contest every point about religion to the last. He would throw his hands in the air most skillfully and reach for another platino. At times our Cuban helper would stand and talk most earnestly. Then our friend would walk the floor and swing his great knife, while the poorest of the dogs kept up a low, hungry bark, which I shall never forget. But in the midst of it all a battle was being fought for righteousness. That night in a public meeting the people promised to get out the framing and do the work if we would furnish the lumber. So we wound up the day with much praise to God for His blessings upon the day's work.

There was a constant fire deep down in my heart, for these people are very emotional; but they are not workers. There is nothing more disgraceful to them than hard, regular work. So I could not help wondering if the love of Christ and the church was sufficiently planted to bear them over a lifetime custom and their natural inclinations, long enough to build a church. Thank God, they proved faithful. Some carried palms for a long distance, on their backs; others would go to the woods and after an hour or two would come dragging two or three poles behind a yoke of oxen. It took almost two days to get a load of lumber across the rough mountains, and oh! how the poor oxen suffered. There is nothing more cruel in Cuba than the probing of oxen with the goads. Other men hewed logs, and did carpenter work. So we finished the church, for the people had a mind to work.

The first service was a great one to me. All the people were there long before time for preaching. Some of them came without shoes; all of them without collars; quite a few without coats. A few had their coat collars turned up to conceal the fact that they had on no shirts, but, thank God, they were there to worship. Their coming was not like it is in many of our great city churches, where the people come and go without a friendly greeting, but each group of men, women and children upon their arrival at the door, gave the usual salutation of "Good evening," and all the people in the house would turn and respond with much enthusiasm. One old man brought a jug of water. Another old lady brought a cup of water. This was used freely during the service. The people ran away with the singing until the preacher told them we must keep together, so they lowered their voices, and we proceeded with less irregularity. When we were called to prayer, all fell upon their knees, while we poured out our souls to God for his blessing upon his people. Great earnestness was shown during the service. Occasionally, when a good point was made, one man would turn to another and comment upon it. When the proposition was made for men to accept Christ, three men began to talk, and after the proposition was closed and the preacher had taken up some other part of the service, one of the young men decided he ought to come. So he walked across the church and gave the preacher his hand. A little later another came and finally an old man came. Thus closed our first service in a new church which stands as a monument of the love of Christ and his power over the human soul.

Yours in love,

HENRY SMITH.

Mayari, Cuba.

#### An Object Lesson in Church Extension.

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

A recent visit to Oklahoma has set me to thinking of the invaluable work done in that State by the Church Extension Board, and

how impossible the substantial growth of our Church there in the last sixteen years without it. Reckoning the work and its progress for the past four quadrenniums in a single State we have a base line of comparison of the progress of the work at large throughout the Church. On the fourth of next July there will be legally placed on our national flag its forty-sixth star, the one answering to the name of Oklahoma. What does the new State of Oklahoma stand for in the kingdom of our Lord? I will venture to speak only for the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there within the last sixteen years. It would almost seem as if the Church Extension Board had come into the kingdom for such a time as this.

When, in 1889, the first opening occurred, the small sum of \$3,000 only was available to enterprise new work in Oklahoma Territory. Rev. J. L. Burrow, of Arkansas, was appointed Presiding Elder of Oklahoma District, and most diligently did he enter upon and continue his work, securing church lots in what promised to be centers of population, such as Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Norman, El Reno and one or two other town sites. Aided by a few chosen helpers, and by a visit or two by myself as Bishop in charge, within the next few months after the opening, at the session of the Indian Mission Conference he made his report as follows: "Bishop, my first round I enrolled five hundred members; my second round I 'unrolled' two hundred members." That meant that as the pioneer church in some sections he received members of different denominations who were without a church home, promising to dismiss them to their several churches when they should organize. This was done accordingly. And so there are many Christians in Oklahoma who can tell of having been served faithfully by our ministry, and who are our fast friends today. Methodism pioneered the way for our Lord in the wilderness as she has often done.

To show the growth in sixteen years I will compare the statistics of the Indian Mission Conference in 1891 (for the name had not then been changed) with those of the Oklahoma Conference for 1907. Then the work was largely in the eastern part of the Indian Territory, comparatively few churches having been built in the Oklahoma Territory. In 1891 we had 8,059 white members and 3,309 Indians. Our present membership is 38,529. Then we had 7,570 Sunday School scholars; now we have 28,362. Then we had 134 churches, many of them of the cheapest construction, so that the total value was only \$52,900. Now we have 321, worth \$566,864, made possible by \$43,222 in donations by the General Board, and \$23,000 in loans. The General Board, at so small an outlay, aided in the building of 177 churches, while the Conference Board aided 160 with donations aggregating \$6,754. This showing virtually represents nearly every church building that we have in Oklahoma, for nearly, if not all, the primitive buildings of twenty years ago have given place to the more substantial buildings of the present.

It will be seen also how much the people have helped themselves in building church houses and also in the general collections, when it is known that while in 1891 they gave \$325 for Church Extension, in 1907 they gave \$2,098, which exceeded their assessment. They increased their collections for Foreign Missions from \$2,401 in 1891 to \$6,205 in 1907. During the same period their collection for Domestic Missions went up from \$697 to \$4,992. Their receipts from the Board of Missions have been steadily decreasing while

they have increased their amount for the support of the ministry until it is now about \$100,000. These signs of healthy church growth in membership, collections and general activities appeal to us the more when we note the fact that while our Church in Oklahoma has 321 houses of worship we have, all told, 798 societies, thus leaving 477 congregations without houses of worship. In other words, we have in Oklahoma more unhoused congregations by 156 than we have congregations worshipping in church houses of their own! Many choice lots have been secured awaiting the funds to help build on them. Some of our best people have poured in from Missouri, Texas and Arkansas to become permanent settlers and citizens in this new country. Their loyalty to the church is unquestioned and their liberality equal to their ability. A little timely help from the Church Extension Board will plant excellent houses of worship in places of temporary shacks in all this section. Some of these worthy people have been among our faithful few in Kansas, where they have been thoroughly seasoned, and help to make most valuable helpers in our church enterprises. Similar conditions have existed in the Pan Handle of Texas until we are now strongly established there where I dedicated five churches in four days, the people crowding the churches at whatever hour the services could be held on week day or Sunday, as they did down in Mississippi where I dedicated five in two days and a half along the Gulf Coast.

Do you know that we have now not less than 3,103 unhoused congregations, or about one-fifth as many as we have church houses? During the twenty-five years of the existence of the work of the Church Extension Board we have aided in housing 1,684 congregations, either in the erection of new houses or in replacing old ones, while the Conference Boards of Church Extension have aided 5,687, or a total of 7,371, which represents just about half of the whole number of our churches, 15,541. The Conference Boards give smaller amounts and sometimes aid thus those churches that the General Board could not grant near all they needed. So that the whole done in the name of Church Extension is not represented by what the General Board has done, although that aggregates in twenty-five years \$659,098 in donations and \$720,062 in loans, or a total of \$1,379,160. Add to this the \$635,995, given by the Conference Boards and we have over \$2,000,000 used in this great work in twenty-five years.

The large amount in loans has been made possible out of a capital of \$167,353 which, by wise management and the addition of the interest, has now grown to a capital of \$238,343, and represents actual loans of \$727,314. It is now proposed to add \$100,000 to this working capital as a thank offering in the interest of Church Extension, after being tested for a quarter of a century. It is not worthy of such additional capital? Does not the Lord signally bless what is put into his hands? Is there a better investment?

Church Extension work should have the right of way side by side with the cause of Foreign Missions. We should begin to think in larger figures for both great causes. The Loan Funds, administered altogether by the General Board, should strongly commend themselves to every department of the Church. Why not through the Sunday Schools secure "The Sunday School Loan Fund" for Church Extension: that would help to house many a shelterless Sunday School? And so an "Epworth League Loan Fund" doing a like service for Epworth Leagues. Then too, why

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## Good Advice to Girls.

The Helping Hand Advocate, a social purity journal, has published a series of articles entitled, "A Plain Talk with Girls," by "A friend of girls." We are so favorably impressed with the third article in this series that we reproduce it here for the benefit of our readers.

"The third thing I want to suggest is as to

## YOUR COMPANY.

You are fond of being with young people, girls and—yes, boys—and properly so. But choose for your intimate companions only clean-minded, pure-hearted, high-principled young people. Confide in your mother here, as always, as to your companions. She is older, wiser and more experienced than you, and may see dangers ahead which you in your inexperience would not observe.

Your special company—well, frankly, the young man with whom you frequently are seen, in whose presence you are happy—and whom you some day may marry—be sure he is the proper young man. And my idea of the proper one for you—you can tell your idea of that one better than I—is a young man a few years older than yourself, dark if you are light, and vice versa; of tastes harmonizing with yours; and as to religion—it seems to me it would show wisdom by selecting one of your own faith, rather than one of opposing faith, or of no faith.

But here I am talking of marriage, perhaps to a mere girl—it may be you have not yet entertained thoughts of such a thing. If you have not, and especially if you are too young, do not be in haste to select the young man whom you will permit to pay attention to you. Take time. But if and when you do accept such attention, be sure the young man is the right one, physically, morally, mentally, spiritually, socially, financially; that his business prospects are good; that he is clean as to habits—under no circumstances should you keep company with a drinking young man, or a cigarette-smoking young man, or a young man known to be immoral—a young man, in short, of high principles and clean life as pure as yourself; as near as possible to your highest ideal; the one whom you love and who loves you.

A physician much interested in purity of life wrote me: "Thirty per cent. of the young men at the age of 26 years have led moral lives, and 70 per cent. have been with bad women, and 50 per cent. of these have been diseased, and 10 per cent. will never get well under any treatment. Many of these will spread these diseases among innocent wives, and we doctors see the results." You should ask the advice of your parents, especially your father, before you go to the extent of an engagement with any young man, so that the young man's real moral character and physical condition may be ascertained. This might save you from a life of wretchedness and unhappiness.

Another important thing: No matter who the young man, or what the conditions, never allow any liberties or improper advances. If you do, you may have a double struggle—first, to protect yourself, and second, to save him from himself; or, to put it another way, you may have to fight your own temptations and desires, and his also, which is an unfair battle for you, and many a girl has been unable to withstand and overcome in such an uneven contest. The safe way is to stop at the beginning. Without saying more, then, let me advise you to permit no liberties of which you would not want your mother to know.

A lady who read the foregoing sentence before this matter was put into print, was reminded by it of a clause in a letter to her from her father, during her first year at seminary, and she suggested I might add it to what I have just written, which I gladly do. He wrote to her:

"REMEMBER, DARLING, THE LEAST DEVIATION FROM THE STRICTEST RULES OF VIRTUE CAN NEVER BE RECALLED."

The young man will have all the more respect for you if you refuse to entertain improprieties, and you and he both may be saved from a fall which would be a life-long regret.

## YOUR AMUSEMENTS.

Fourth: I want to mention briefly the question of amusements. I say briefly, because a whole book might be written on the subject. This is rather a delicate ground for me, for I see these things differently from many good people. I make some suggestions, however, leaving you to think them over and decide for yourself the attitude you personally will take.

1. I would not dance. "Oh," you at once exclaim, "what harm can there be in dancing? Miss ——— dances, and she is a good girl, and a member of the church. And there is Miss ———, also, whose mother favors dancing, and even sent her to dancing school when she was only ten years old. See how graceful she is. Why even our minister's daughter dances!"

Yes, I know, and if I had space I possibly would discuss some of these points. But let me give you some of my reasons for advising you not to dance.

(a) I would not dance, because the associations in the dance are not always of the best. This is bound to be true in public ball, and may be true in the select party, and even is liable to be the case in the private parlor dance. Young men who are supposed to be pure are invited to the home. They may be pure, but on the other hand, they may not, and you might not know they are not. Again, the fascination of the dance to many young people will not permit them to limit or confine their indulgence in this pastime to the parlor of their own home. An invitation comes to attend the dance at the home of Miss ———. There you might find that less care has been taken as to the character of young men invited than would have been the case at your own home, and yet you are compelled to dance with the young men present.

It is but a step from the parlor dance to the semi-public ball, and many girls will not hesitate to go to such affairs, especially if they are unfortunate enough to have had careless home training or lack of proper advice. The girl who dances at home is liable some day to dance more publicly. If she leave home to work in the city, she finds changed conditions, but thinks she with safety can continue her favorite pastime. For there she very probably will meet wrong associates. Some one has stated that there are men who attend dances for the purpose of ruining girls. However, this may be, the perfectly safe course is not to dance at all.

(b.) The round dance is fraught with grave dangers. I need not in any great detail explain why, but will say this: that because of the close physical contact almost necessary in such dance, at your age, as a girl or young lady, you run the risk of falling into temptation through wrong thoughts and desires, either at the time or after the dance. The fascination of the dance comes largely because of the mingling of the sexes—otherwise we would find dancing by and between girls only more common; and in the round dance, the position assumed is exceedingly dangerous to purity of thought and act; for remember, that wrong thoughts are the beginning of evil.

(c.) Hundreds of girls now leading lives of sin, and away from home, friends and everything that is good, probably would admit that their start in such a life was at the dance.

(d.) Above all other reasons—and this is particularly true if you are a professing Christian—should be a desire to be loyal to Jesus Christ. The best way I know to settle this and other similar perplexing problems is to ask yourself questions like these:

"What would Jesus do if He were in my place?"

"Would He engage in the round dance with me?"

"Can I kneel by my bed just before starting for the dance and ask His blessing and presence?"

"May I, though the dance brings no temptation to me, engage in it if possibly some young man might be tempted on my account, or if some other girl might be led downward through my indulgence in what might prove to her a snare?"

Be sure, after considering these tests, you feel free to indulge. If you are a Christian you scarcely can take lesser tests, because in that case you have promised to be led by One higher than yourself.

2. I would not attend the theatre. "Why?" Because so few of the plays are free from suggestions, if not acts of impurity. It seems hardly possible to find a play nowadays without to some extent the obscene, the impure accompaniment. But you can apply the same general test as suggested above: "Would He go with me? Would He applaud the acts," and then decide upon a PRINCIPLE as to your course of action.

time, the class of people, are to be considered. No girl should go with a young man on an excursion and be out unreasonably late at night, nor should she go on Sunday under any consideration.

4. Apply this general test to all your amusements: are they pure, elevating, safe? You need recreation, and ought to have it. But whatever form it takes, see that it can be submitted successfully to these tests, and especially to the supreme test mentioned above.

## YOUR INFLUENCE.

In the fifth place, you should consider the welfare of others. It is possible for one to influence others for evil as well as for good, and sometimes this may be done unconsciously and unintentionally. We are responsible for our influence over others. I have mentioned this briefly under the last subject.

I am going to make bold to mention under this heading one special matter, leaving you to apply the general principle in every act of your life which may in any way influence those with whom you may come in contact. And I venture to say this particularly in behalf of young men. A girl has great influence—more than she may imagine—over young men. How important that this always shall be for good!

3. You must decide for yourself about excursions and the like. In themselves they may be perfectly proper; but the place, the

The one matter of which I wish to speak is dress. I know how important it seems to the feminine mind to be "in style," even if the prevailing fashion be uncomfortable, homely, and—I am sorry to say it—sometime almost, if not quite, immodest. Never sacrifice modesty to style. Impure thoughts are often suggested in the minds of men by the way women dress, and even by the way they carry the dress. To many women this may seem nonsense, but I could prove my statement by almost any man who would give his honest opinion based on his own observation and experience.

Need I say more, then, than this: never dress or carry the dress so that the person is exposed or made prominent in such a way as to arouse impure thoughts or desires on the part of a young man? Such thoughts are more easily incited (and can do more harm) by suggestions delicately veiled under filmy laces or forced upon the attention by garments so tightly fitted or so carried as to outline the form, than by an open exhibition of vice.

Be careful, therefore, in these matters, and in other things which may suggest themselves to you as possibly leading to an evil thought, desire or action on the part of others."

Rev. Ben Cox in Baptist Advance.

## Laymen's Missionary Movement of the M. E. Church, South.

By F. M. Daniel.

The executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary movement met at Chattanooga, on March 4, for the purpose of perfecting program, etc., for the Laymen's Missionary Conference to be held there April 21 to 23, 1908.

Major Crabtree, who is lay leader for Centennial Church, entertained us, the reception committee and the pastor, Brother Baylor, at an elegant dinner, after which Brother John R. Pepper preached a lay sermon at Centenary Church and then he and Dr. W. R. Lambuth addressed the laymen.

The next day we spent at Nashville on same work.

The program is to be a strong one. The Auditorium seats 4,000. The music will be grand as there is to be a very large choir. A male quartette from Vanderbilt and the Conference Trio. The address of welcome by Mayor Crabtree. Response by General J. S. Carr, of North Carolina. Some of the speakers are: W. T. Ellis, a Philadelphia Press editor who has just returned from a tour of the world, studying missions from a secular standpoint; Hon. S. B. Capen, Boston, Mass., chairman of the General Laymen's movement; Rev. D. L. Anderson, D.D., President Souchow University, China; Rev. J. L. Jerdine, Korea Mission Superintendent; J. Campbell White, ten years missionary to students in India; Bishop A. W. Wilson, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Bishop W. A. Candler, Dr. T. F. Stacy, Bristol, Va., who has made a tour of China, Japan, and Korea under the Laymen's Missionary movement; Mr. John R. Pepper, our President, and Mr. T. B. King, both of Memphis; Rev. S. H. Wainwright, twenty years a missionary to Japan; Rev. W. C. Fletcher, Superintendent of Eastern Cuba Missions, and other strong speakers.

There is to be a very fine exhibit from foreign fields. Also a moving picture of the life and customs in the various mission fields which is kindly furnished by the Laymen's General Missionary movement, to which it belongs.

We hope the Laymen who have been chosen as delegates from Arkansas will take advantage of this Conference and that it may be as far-reaching in good results as the big New Orleans Missionary Conference. We anticipate having a full thousand delegation. G. W. Cain, our secretary, of Nashville, Tenn., will take pleasure in giving you any information he can. The railroads are giving reduced rates, as are the hotels.

### A LETTER, A CLIPPING, AND AN ANSWER.

A Letter.

Triplett, Mo., March 5, 1908.

Dear Brother—Will you please tell me if the within is true? We are in a local option fight here now and our little editor published this this week. You will oblige me to give me as near the truth as possible.

J. W. RAMSEY,

Pastor of the Methodist Church in Triplett, Mo.

A Clipping.

### A Heavy Rain of "Joints" and "Bootleggers" in a "Dry" State.

(Contributed.)

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 12.—Prohibition has proved a failure in Oklahoma. This is the opinion of Prosecuting Attorneys in the eastern part of the State, who have been forced to devote practically all their time to the trial of liquor cases since statehood was declared, and who now find the criminal dockets congested and the jails packed to succocation.

According to law, there is not a saloon in Oklahoma, yet there is not a village of 100 in-

habitants in which liquor is not sold and drunkenness and debauchery does not prevail. The police admit that under existing conditions they are unable to cope with the evil, and declare that the regulated is far better from a moral standpoint than prohibition.

In this city, with a population of less than 20,000, there have been over 100 arrests for drunkenness this month, and nearly 300 since the first of December. There are estimated to be 100 "bootleggers" in the city, ten "near beer" joints, at which you can get anything you want, and a dozen or more druggists are becoming rich selling liquor illegally. In one of the leading drug stores the proprietor admitted that on a recent Sunday he sold over 300 quarts of beer at 35 cents a quart, and 200 pints of whisky at \$1.00 a pint. Arrests are frequent, but the traffic is so great the druggists are willing to take the chance and pay a nominal fine.—St. Louis Republic.

### The Answer.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 10, 1908.

Rev. J. W. Ramsey, Triplett, Mo.:

Dear Brother—In answer to your inquiry relative to the success or failure of prohibition in the State of Oklahoma, and inclosing a clipping from a paper stating that it had proved a failure in the new State, I desire to say, first, that it seems that that article has been industriously circulated throughout the various

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States of the Union. I have received several letters similar to yours from men in different States inclosing a clipping substantially the same as the one you sent. In the next place I desire to say that the article is a falsehood and a slander on the fair name of Oklahoma. It is true that soon after we became a State, the lawless element tried to run roughshod over the State authorities and sell liquor in defiance of the law. The officers generally throughout the State, backed by a wholesome public sentiment, made vigorous efforts to enforce the law. In making this fight for the enforcement of law, many arrests were made. In some counties the attorneys have been busy with liquor cases, so busy indeed that the jointists have been convinced that we mean business and they are now packing their grips and looking for more congenial surroundings for their nefarious business.

The moral elements are in the ascendency in Oklahoma and they are determined to make prohibition prohibit. Say to your people that we are succeeding and in the end will win glorious success. If any of your people are looking for a good State, where the laws are enforced, where public sentiment is wholesome, where children may be reared without the blighting withering curse of the saloon, tell them to come to Oklahoma.

Fratrally,

O. E. GODDARD.

## A Yankee in the M. E. Church, South.

In this day there is much being said from the pulpit and through many religious journals, both north and south, about organic union, and federation between the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We find many good and honest men on both sides of the question. Some opposing and others advocating some kind of a union, fraternity or federation. It is reasonable and right that we should view the situation from every conceivable standpoint, for then and only then will we be able to act wisely and religiously in this matter of so vital importance to the best progress of our Master's kingdom.

I am convinced that a great sum of our Lord's money and the labors of many of his servants are being wasted on this wholesale sinfulness and rivalry of erecting altar against altar, such as is so common in many of our smaller towns throughout this middle southwest.

The how to remedy this should be the burden of every Methodist who loves his Lord, and regards his brother.

We who are on the field and are brought directly face to face with these conditions feel it more keenly than our Brethren who view the situation from afar.

This is a perplexing question and one that carries with it an overwhelming responsibility, thus the necessity of moving cautiously, but not too slow. Our polity is such that this evil cannot be remedied in a day, but some anodyne should be given to relieve the situation, until the remedial properties can be prescribed. Organic union or a federation that could bring anything like satisfactory results would have to be brought about by the general conferences, and they meeting every four years only, two or more quadrenniums will have past before either organic union or a satisfactory federation could be brought about. But whether we do or do not effect organic union, how long are we going to allow the present unbrotherly yea sinful condition of affairs to continue? But why is the M. E. Church in the South or the M. E. Church, South, in the North? Is it not because of radicals, who think more of their sectional prejudices than they do of their Christ. Who talk of their rights, and the principle involved, that we cannot agree to compromise this or the other, and are not such statements as appeared in the Western Methodist of March 5th, under the caption, "As a Texan Sees It," where he said: "We generally do not especially love nor admire in any great degree the brethren of the M. E. Church and they can say the same about us. There has always been a wide difference, sectional, and otherwise between us. That we are not the same kind of people." Let us reason a little; In the Oklahoma Conference, we have many congregations that are composed largely of members from the north and of the M. E. Church, and in many of our stronger charges we find them not a few. They are intelligent, zealous workers, give liberally of their means to support our cause, and seemingly satisfied with our ministry. Now, is not the above referred to article an invitation for these people to leave us, or else stay with us and endure our clubs and stones? In the face of such treatment as they sometimes receive from our hands, can we hope otherwise than that they should want their childhood church where they will receive a more tender shepherd's care. But why this sectional difference? Why should the geographical location of one's

birth affect one's religion? Do we worship our Lord under the direction of the compass or under the direction of the Holy Spirit? Does it take a different kind of blood to save the sinner in the North, than to save the sinner in the South? If so, wherein? Do not all sinners have to be saved, if saved at all, by the blood that flowed from calvary's bleeding sacrifice? When the Saviour said, God is a spirit; and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth, did he circumscribe the worshippers to any specific geographical location, if so where?

It seems to the writer, who has lived in both sections of the country in question, that sectional prejudices in both North and South have been allowed to run almost too high, and that it is about time to fix up the old mourner's bench and call penitents, for my Bible teaches me that any man, whether in the church or out of the church, whether in authority or out of authority, preacher or layman, if he does not love his brother, regardless of his geographical location, is in great danger of that place where the worm dieth not and the fires are not quenched. Many a man both North and South has got the other fellow hemmed somewhere and beating him over the head with a stave, and then wondering why his victim does not love him.

As I am not the general conference, I shall not prescribe a remedy, any further than to say that a good case of religion all around mixed with some common sense might greatly relieve the situation.

A. M. BRANNON.

#### Moving Pictures From the Mission Field Give New Meaning to Missionary Meetings.

Very few persons can have the privilege of personally visiting and studying the work on the mission field to which they contribute. It is now possible, for the first time, to bring living representations of that work before the eyes of the entire church membership by means of moving pictures, which representatives of the Young People's Missionary Movement secured in connection with a trip around the world last year.

For the purpose of bringing this graphic review of missionary work before the churches, the Young People's Missionary Movement, in behalf of the various denominational Missionary boards, will send into a number of cities and towns, during the coming summer, well trained missionary deputations of returned missionaries, detained student volunteers and other experienced missionary workers. These deputations will be equipped not only with the cinematograph or moving picture film, but with a missionary exhibition, which will be open to the public and will represent native customs and religions and the work that is being done by the medical, educational, evangelistic and other forms of missionary activity in relieving and changing unfavorable conditions.

It is expected that the deputation will remain a week in each city, the exhibition being patronized during the forenoons by the Sunday school children, under the direction of their teachers; during the afternoons by the adults of the church, and the evenings being devoted to the missionary travelogues or cinematograph, representation of the work in the various fields.

Less spectacular, but not less important than the agencies mentioned above, will be the conferences which the deputations will hold with Sunday School superintendents, teachers, mission Study class leaders, missionary committeemen, and others concerning

methods of missionary work in the local church. The aim of these conferences will be to consider and adopt the best plans for deepening the missionary spirit of the church. Permanency of results will be sought by securing the appointments of committees in existing organizations to supervise and promote the work after the departure of the deputation.

It will be possible to send deputations of this character to only a limited number of cities during the coming month, and those cities will be chosen that will give the heartiest and most substantial assurance of local cooperation. Persons who are interested in securing the assistance of these deputations in their respective cities should write to Rev. Ed F. Cook, Secretary Young People's Department of the Board of Missions, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

#### The Cause of Temperance.

The Sunday School lesson for the last Sunday in March is a temperance lesson. The text is a familiar passage from Proverbs vividly illustrating the fact that drunkenness was the same absurd, disgusting, indefensible thing three thousand years ago that it is now. The text does not call for comment, but this may perhaps properly be taken as the occasion of saying some things on the general subject involved.

First of all, we wish to observe that the Church, of which the Sunday School is an integral part, is the best of all temperance societies. The Methodist Church, in particular, has from the beginning borne an outspoken testimony against drunkenness. The man who joins the Church by that act signs the pledge. The woman who joins the Church commits herself thereby to hostility against drink, the enemy of morality, of the home, of woman herself. Whether separate and specific societies, of women especially, who are supposedly in no danger of becoming themselves toppers, are needed for the temperance work is open to question. They are for the most part a symptom that the Church and the Sunday School are not doing their work as thoroughly as they should, and the time and energy expended on these separate organizations would be far more fruitful if given directly to the Church.

The Church must of necessity stand for great principles rather than for specific undertakings. Even the legal prohibition of the traffic in liquor is in any individual instance outside the official purview of the Church. It is a political and economic question, to be decided, as political questions all are, in the arena of civic discussion and action. The Church in her individual citizens is concerned in such questions; and when they have, as this one has, a moral bearing the position of her members can usually be pretty accurately guessed. Yet she has no right to coerce them, and circumstances are easily conceivable in which a Christian man would not vote the Prohibition ticket but would not even vote for prohibition as an issue.

While the Church has not always been wise enough to recognize the fact that officially she had no business in politics, it remains true that her strength now is where it has always been—in the inculcation of principles. The wide-spread prevalence today of temperance sentiment to the steady pressure of the teaching of the Christian churches during the past century. Briefly summed up, those teachings on the subject of drink are (1) that the taking to excess of liquor is sin—an absolutely

indisputable proposition; (2) that moderate drinking may easily become a sin, even though it lead the individual to no excesses, by drawing on those who are weaker to their downfall, and hence (3) that total abstinence is the only safe and thoroughly Christian rule; (4) and that since in every country there are many who, having not been properly trained in these principles in their youth, are liable to drink to excess and in consequence commit crimes and become a public detriment, the prohibition by law of all traffic in liquor is an economic enactment that has much to recommend it. The outcome of these simple doctrines, insistently dinned into the ears of millions of people, of children especially, for three or four generations, is beginning to be seen in the vital upheaval of the American people on the subject of temperance. In the South, especially, where the churches have had access to a very large proportion of the population (and where, by the way, the specific temperance societies have had little vogue), sentiment has so crystalized in favor of legal prohibition that the liquor traffic is manifestly doomed. The men who are engaged in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks recognize this; and while they show a disposition to stubborn and rather sullen resistance to the will of the majority, they have no sort of doubt as to what the will of that majority is.

The liquor people have long been in politics—always, in fact. The churches cannot afford to go into politics. Hence various organizations have been devised to enable Christian men and those who agreed with them to unite against the evil. The Prohibition party has proved something of a failure, since one issue is not enough to found a national party on; and besides, the temperance issue presents itself in many different forms, and cannot be dealt with everywhere alike. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has accomplished somewhat of good on the side of supplementing the teaching and moral influence of the churches. On its political side it is ineffective, since women do not vote and are not adepts at politics. It has almost inevitably drifted into the advocacy of woman's suffrage, since its leaders soon come to feel the helplessness of their situation. But woman's suffrage is itself a moral and economic issue almost as great as the temperance question, and deserves to be considered quite apart and on its own merits. Unfortunately for its advocates as a temperance measure, the few Western States which have woman's suffrage are by no means shining examples of temperance reform.

Temperance reforms must be accomplished through the existing political devices—those with which the voters are familiar and to which they are committed. A temperance political organization must be so flexible that in one place it can force the Republican party to stand for local option, in another the Democratic party to uphold a segregation law, and in still another hold the balance of power in favor of county or State-wide prohibition. So far the Anti-Saloon League has served this purpose well. So long as it is not side-tracked by an effort to make a local issue rise to the dignity of a national one, or prostituted by being made to serve the selfish ambitions of one man or a small group of men, it merits the support of the friends of temperance and morality.

We had meant to make also remarks on prohibition as a practical device, but space



## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester ..... Editor

Scripture lesson for Mar. 29: Acts. 11:19-26;  
Psa. 2.

Topic: The awakening of China and the Gospel Opportunity.

Our lesson affords an opportunity to study the great mission field of China, the greatest single field in the world. Let us look at

## I. China's Material Greatness.

China is great in her geographical extent and population: great in the area it covers and in the number of people it holds. China proper, comprising eighteen provinces, has about 1,500,000 square miles, while the whole Chinese Empire is about three times this in size. China proper is one half the area of the United States in area while it is about five times its size in population. Cut the United States half in two and at the same time put the whole present population of the United States increased five times into one of the halves and you have approximately China's size in area and population. The largest of these eighteen provinces is considerably smaller than the state of Texas while the population of that single province is equal to about seven-eighths of the population of the whole United States. Think of the whole population of the United States packed into the state of Texas and you have a picture of the density of China's population.

China is great in her past. Her history extends unbroken through more than thirty centuries. "She is ancient as well as modern. Her compeers, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Grecians, the Romans have all perished. . . . But China has come down to us through all the ages, not curtailed in territory nor depleted in population, a great people inhabiting a great empire." While the United States is but a century and a quarter old China is at least three thousand years old, and probably four thousand or more. A woman died the other day out in Oregon who had a personal recollection of our first president. China's national birth antedates the time of Moses eight hundred years or more. Confucius, one of China's great men, lived five centuries before the birth of Christ in Judea.

China is great in her material resources. Speaking of her coal and iron Dr. Young J. Allen says: "China is absolutely a new country, rich in all the resources of nature. There is enough coal in one province (Shansi) in China, according to experts, American and German, to do the whole world at the present rate of consumption, for two thousand years. It was these black diamonds and that iron that made England what it is today. China has got as much iron and coal in one province as all England contains."

China is great in her influence. "Their civilization embraces all Eastern Asia, their language is understood, not always read, by 500,000,000 people. She has given them language, laws and literature; and so China today stands as the suzerain of all Eastern Asia." Hence, measured by her area, her population, her age, her material resources, her achievements and influence and her present prodigious possibilities, China is great almost beyond comprehension.

## II. China's Awakening and our Opportunity.

China has been called the "sleeping giant," but if present indications can be relied on this giant is waking up from the sleep of centuries. An eminent Chinese authority says, "Speaking generally, the situation in China may be described as one of transition and

transformation." It is a conflict between the old ideas and the new with the outcome strongly in favor of the latter. The Empress Dowager is an ardent advocate of reform. A constitutional monarchy, reported favorably upon by a commission sent to Europe and America, is a present probability in the Celestial Empire. China has undergone more change within the last few years than in all her previous history. Dr. Arthur Smith says, "China has made more progress since 1900 than any other nation on the face of the globe."

Her old religions are decadent. Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism have tried to relieve China's need and yet China's deepest need is unreached and unrelieved and these old religions are gradually losing their grip upon the people. They are dying religiously, dying because they have failed to do what ought to have been done. They failed because they were inadequate for China's tasks. China's greatest need today is a loving, living Savior who can forgive sins and transform an unclean heart, and she is beginning to realize her need and this is China's awakening and our opportunity.

Epworth League Conference, Prescott, Ark.,  
Apr. 14-16.

Will the different vice presidents kindly send to the Conference officers reports of their work for the present year. Use the blank on which you report to your business meeting.

The first Vice President is Rev. A. O. Evans, Arkadelphia; Second, Rev. W. C. Watson, Camden, Ark.; Third, Miss Irma Richardson, DeVall's Bluff; Fourth, Rev. W. W. Christie, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Ashdown, Ark.; and Miss Dora Davis, Mablevale, Ark., are Junior Superintendents. Let Juniors report to them. Mrs. J. E. Sparks, Crossett, Ark., will receive the \$2.00 assessment from each League. This is for the expenses of the Conference. Send to her at once.

J. M. WORKMAN,  
President.

## More Good News.

In addition to last week's announcement we can announce the following who have accepted their parts on the League program at Prescott, Apr. 14-16.

Rev. James Thomas.  
Hon. H. B. McKenzie.  
Rev. S. H. Werlein.  
The Seven Presiding Elders.  
Rev. Forney Hutchinson.  
Mrs. A. M. Robertson.

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J. M. WORKMAN, President.

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will not now permit. For this we shall take advantage of another occasion.—Christian Advocate, Nashville.

## An Object Lesson in Church Extension.

(Continued from page 3.)

could not every Conference have a "Memorial Loan Fund" in honor of some worthy brother. Why not Memorial Loan Funds for the four honored Bishops of our Church who have died during the last two years or less? Already five such memorials have been created bearing the names of Andrew, Paine, Kavanaugh, Marvin and Parker, besides a number of others for honored names of ministers and laymen. The Marvin Loan Fund had an original capital of \$7,710 which has now grown to \$13,561 aside from helping churches to the extent of \$48,031.

During the Centennial year of American Methodism the Board of Church Extension asked for a working capital of \$500,000. Great as has been its work, how much greater if it had larger resources. Let them be forth-coming through gifts, bequests, annuities, collections. The wise administration of its affairs justifies the appeal no less than the needs of the work. Let the pastors everywhere know that they hold the keys. By their wise and sympathetic aid the amount needed and asked for this year can be secured. Tell your laymen of one layman and local preacher, Rev. Moses U. Payne, who not only gave \$25,000 toward the endowment of Payne Institute, but who also gave \$25,000 to found the Moses U. Payne Loan Fund, which has now a capital of \$35,930, but which has aided in the matter of loans to churches to the extent of \$89,781. Who has made a wiser investment for the Lord?

Kansas City, Mo.

## Camp Epworth.

Will some one tell us what has become of the very pleasing and hopeful undertaking to establish at the City of Sulphur our Annual League Gathering, contingent on the payment of certain notes given at Sulphur by leading members of the Conference? We had the magnificent proposition of that city to deed to the Oklahoma League Conference certain grounds and three thousand dollars for the erection of a tabernacle thereon. The last session of the League Conference which met in the city of Sulphur, elected a Board of Control to take up the matter so soon as the notes were paid. The League Board at its last meeting assessed \$1500.00 to be collected on the second Sabbath in January. The Conference adopted that report. Can the Conference Teller let us know if that \$1500.00 has been sent in? If not, will the chairman of League Board, chairman of the Board of Control, pastors at Sulphur, or some one take up this very important matter? Shall we let those brethren pay those notes and lose Camp Epworth? If you had ever been to "Epworth by the Sea," you would say, "No."

I. K. WALLER.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

## March 29. Temperance Lesson.

Golden Text.—At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23:32.

Lesson Text.—Proverbs 23:29-35.

Prof. J. W. Brown has given us an excellent arrangement of this lesson in a number of the Word Evangel and we reproduce it here:

### THE DRUNKARD'S PROGRESS.

#### A Dirge of Drink.

##### I.

#### An Enigma of the Ages.

Who hath woe?  
Who hath sorrow?  
Who hath contentions?  
Who hath complaining?  
Who hath wounds without cause?  
Who hath redness of eyes?

##### II.

#### The Curt Answer of Wisdom.

They that tarry long at the wine;  
They that go to seek out mixed wine.

##### III.

#### A Strict Moral Pointed.

Look not thou upon the wine  
When it is red,  
When it sparkleth in the cup,  
When it goeth down smoothly.

##### IV.

#### The Bitter End.

At last it biteth like a serpent,  
And stingeth like an adder.  
Thine eyes shall behold strange things,  
And thy heart shall utter perverse things.  
Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down  
In the midst of the sea,  
Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

##### V.

#### The Drunkard's Last Waking Soliloquy.

They have stricken me,  
And I was not hurt;  
They have beaten me,  
And I felt it not:  
When shall I awake?

I will seek it yet again.

Solomon gives us in this lesson a very vivid outline of the life of the drunkard. "Woe" is as well rendered Oh! It shows a disturbed, excited condition of the system of the drinker. Outward circumstances and environment have had little to do in producing this condition. He has swallowed a fluid that has produced a screaming fear and excitement and he acts as one demented. "Sorrow" is present with the first outcry and the two belong together and describe the condition within. "Oh, Alas!" would very well express it. When a person goes forth into the streets in this crazed condition, bumping up against men and women and showing an utter disregard of the proprieties what could be expected but that the further statements of this section of the lesson should be realized? "Contentions" and "wounds" more than likely will follow. "Redness of eyes" shows that this terrible medicine does not only act upon the nerves but spreads to the entire system producing evil results in every part. The mildest of intoxicants is placed here. Many draw back abashed at alcohol in its stronger forms who are ready to partake of the milder forms. This wine, however, may be found to suit the purpose of the drink devil. It is wine however "mixed" or mild it is. A man may go from the beginning in tippling to the delirium tremens and all the time appear to be drinking the mildest of drinks. Wine can be fur-

nished that will serve almost any purpose. When intoxication is once produced a demand is created for its stronger properties; "mixed wine," until the drinker is out of the way by drink.

"Look not thou upon the wine" is good advice. It is the only safe advice. No one who is informed on such matters could give any other advice. The deceptive character of strong drink renders it dangerous for one to look upon it even; much less to taste or drink. To the drinker wine, with its beautiful color and sparkle, is a snare. To behold it is next to a taste and one who has become addicted to its use can afford neither.

"At the last." The final outcome is the test of any question. If the end is ruin; if bankruptcy is sure; if the end is untimely death; if the end is a drunkard's grave, why be deceived by it? If we can ponder these things and act upon sound reason we are safe.

The inspired writer closes with the most awful prediction: "Thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea." What could be more senseless? Or "he that lieth upon the top of a mast." Nothing but the surest, swiftest destruction could come to such. The drinker takes the longest possible risks for the smallest returns.

#### Lest We Forget.

I call attention to the coming of the third Sunday in May. That is about the time set apart by our church for Children's Day. The Discipline requires, not suggests, nor recommends, but requires that the "third Sunday in May or as near thereto as practicable shall be observed as Children's Day throughout our church with appropriate services." It will be noticed that it says "throughout our church," not by a few but by all. It furthermore provides for a collection. A collection is an awful thing to some people and a few preachers. But really, if they only knew it, it is good medicine. Taken at the proper time and for a proper object (especially that named by the church) it is a gracious privilege and helpful to those who take part in it. I am glad to say that the reports for last year showed an improvement over 1906 but there is still room for enlargement. At the Annual Conference of 1906 only forty seven schools reported having observed Children's Day. At the Conference of 1907 fifty were reported, as follows: Little Rock District 11 out of 20 charges; Arkadelphia District 9 out of 17 charges; Camden District 8 out of 16 charges; Texarkana District 8 out of 18 charges; Pine Bluff District 7 out of 21 charges; Prescott District 6 out of 18 charges; Monticello District 4 out of 18 charges, making fifty three schools which kept the law of the church and seventy five which did not. Does the preacher or the Superintendent feel perfectly at ease in his conscience when his school neglects to do what the church requires to be done?

The programs are out for this year and will be sent free to any school that will observe the day, take a collection and report it as provided in the Discipline.

Yours in the work,

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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.)

Dear Children: We have enough of your contributions for four more editions of the paper. Please be patient and wait until we catch up.

—Editor of the Children's Dept.

Poarch, Okla., Feb. 29, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write again. I am a little girl fourteen years old last September. My little sisters were five years old last Saturday; they are triplets; their names are Ora, Dora and Nora, and I have a little brother and sister; their names are Alas and Odas; they are twins; they are six months old. Well I am going to school now. My teacher's name is Miss Ora Tenney and my desk-mate is Delia Jones. We are having a great time at school. I am going to prayer meeting tonight. I go to Sunday School every Sunday; my teacher's name is Mrs. McDuff. Well I will close for this time, by asking a question: Who was Lot's wife?

Your cousin,  
MINNIE WARD.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 1, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I was very glad to know that my letter escaped the waste basket. I have six brothers and one little baby sister. I have one deaf and dumb brother; he is fifteen years old, but is small. He is going to school in Little Rock. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Wallace; she is my aunt. J. R. Rushing is our pastor. My papa has a hardware store. I have a piano. I like to read Ruth Carr's letters. I will close for this time.

Your friend,  
MARY DISHEROON.

Faber, Ark., March 11, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I like to read the children's letters, and like to read Ruth Carr's letters. I think she had such beautiful letters. I am very small; my age is 11 years. I like to go to Sunday School, and like to go to school; I am in the fifth grade, and like my teacher very well, but he speaks very harsh sometimes; he has the next summer school; his name is Mr. Knight. I have one pet, and I think a whole lot of it; it is a rabbit, and wish all my cousins could see it; it is right black with white spots on him. My grandpa takes the Methodist paper. As this is my first letter, I will close.

EUNICE HUDSON.

Frederick, Okla., March 8, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy five years old. I do not go to school, but I study at home. I can spell, write and figure. I have a cow and a calf, and a pig of my own. I can pick cotton; I picked fifteen pounds one afternoon. We go to Frederick to church some. Our pastor is Bro. Thornton.

Your friend,  
OLIVER RYAN KERR.

Altus, Ark., March 8, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little boy thirteen years old; I will soon be fourteen years old. I study the 7th grade studies; I study six books. We have organized a Loyal Temperance Union, of which I am treasurer. Floy Hunt is president, Bob McGraw, vice president, Margaret Wilcox, secretary, Fleming Luck, librarian, Lydia Criner, organist. We have about forty members in our Legion. We want State-wide prohibition in our fair State, Arkansas. I am writing an essay on the effects of alcohol upon the body. Mrs. McGraw is doing great work here in Altus and Denning. She is going to give a silver medal to the best essay or recitation; we have half a dozen written. I have nine brothers and three sisters, and I have a brother in Los Angeles, California, and one in Colorado, and one in Adonia, Arkansas. I will close.

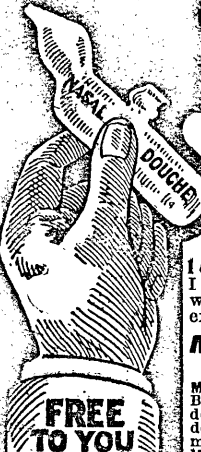
As ever, your cousin,  
PAUL BROWN.

Sentinel, Okla., March 9, 1908.

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country. I am 14 years of age. I go to Sunday School every Sunday that I can. We have a good Sunday School, prayer meeting and church. Mr. Elbert Corbin is our superintendent; Mrs. Cora Whittington is my teacher; I go to school; there is a nice school house on our place. I like my school teacher fine; her name is Miss Pearl Newman. One of my schoolmates is writing, too. She is a good girl; we go to school together all of the time; her name is Lola McGuire. I have two sisters, one older than myself. Mama is dead, she died the 22nd of May; sister and I keep house for papa. I have a little sister nine years old and a brother seven years old. I am another country girl. I can do all kinds of field work. Well I will close for this time.

A new cousin,  
BERNICE ORMOND.

Altus, Ark.

Dear Western Methodist: I love to read the little letters in our paper, so I will write one too. I go to Sunday School and every day school. I also belong to the U. T. L., a temperance society. We want State-wide prohibition in Arkansas. I see in this week's paper the letters were all written by girls. I will say to Ruth Detherage I have a little brother and sister that are twins; they will be five years old the 5th of next month; their names are Ellison and Eleanor. I am a farmer boy. I make me a little garden every year. I have planted onions, mustard, radishes, and tomatoes, and beets. We have a new concrete church nearly completed; it is a beauty. Our pastor is H. W. Wallace; he is a good preacher. Goodbye.

BARTON S. BROWN.

Draughan, Ark., March 11, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write a short letter to the children's page. I am a little girl nine years old. I have been going to school, but my brother Louis took the measles and we had to stop. My teacher's name was Miss Ollie Barnett. My desk-mate was Miss Minnie Hemby. I like them both fine. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher is my mama. I have four brothers and two sisters; their names are Louis, Lemmie, Ray and Carter. My sisters' names are Eula and Ollie. I will close for fear this will reach the wastebasket.

Your new cousin,  
EULA OTIS HARTSELL.

Bailey, Okla., March 8, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As this is the first time I have written to the Children's page, I will write a short letter. I am a little girl nine years old. I enjoy reading Ruth Carr's stories very much. Bro. Bailey is our pastor here. Bro. Gandy is our superintendent. My teacher's name is Miss Bertha Skaggs; I like her fine. I have one brother and two sisters, and three sisters in heaven and have one sister married. I go to Sunday School every Sunday.

Your new cousin,  
ARMA GIBBINS.

Carter, Okla., March 2, 1908.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would

write again. This is my second time to write. I do love to read the children's page. I am a little girl twelve years old. I am going to school; my teacher's name is Miss Ora Femery, and my desk-mate is Zoma Hydes. We have a fine time at playtime and I am learning fast. I am in the fifth grade. I have three sisters; their names are May, Effie and Bula. My sister May is married; she married Mr. Hop Baren; she was just 13 when she married. I have four brothers; Elzie, Charlie, Carl and Elmer. It is nice and warm today. I have an organ. I can play it a little, but I can play a violin and a mandolin better. I will close for this time.

Your cousin,  
CLARA McINTURFF.

Mangum, Okla.

We have just closed the best revival meeting ever held in the Methodist church in this town. The meeting began March 1st and closed the night of the 18th. There were between 60 and 70 conversions and exclamations, ranging from little tots five and six years of age to men of 50 and more. I have received 61 into the Methodist church, and have probably a dozen more yet to be received, beside some who will join the other churches in town. We have counted only those who join some church. I have learned to discount the profession of any man or woman who refuses to join some church and go to work for God. Rev. A. M. Brannon, our Conference Missionary Evangelist, did all the preaching, and gave direction to the meeting from first to last, and he did it well. Bro. Brannon won a very warm place in the hearts of our people. Our Conference made no mistake in placing him in this high and responsible work. He will succeed anywhere he goes if the pastors and people will co-operate with him in his plans and methods. And let me say that his plans and methods are all Scriptural, reasonable and good; there is nothing of the sensational, shallow, superficial clap-trap, etc., in his preaching or methods. Brannon preaches the old time Bible gospel of repent and forsake your sins and turn to God and live a holy life, or you will burn in hell forever. He preaches Christ and him crucified as the only remedy for sin and hope of eternal life; it has the right ring to me, and God honors his faith and works.

The people showed their appreciation of his faithful work by making a free-will offering to the Board of Missions of \$187.00 to assist the Board in carrying forward its work. We also secured about fifty new subscriptions to "Go Forward."

We expect to run our Sunday School

attendance above the 300 mark next Sunday.

I wish our Board would put two such men as Brannon in the field; it's the best investment that could be made of that much of our funds.

J. S. LAMAR.

#### Guymon District Notice.

To the preachers of Guymon District: Let all the preachers of Guymon District send to me the names of delegates to the District Conference as they are elected. Also the names of women who will attend.

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Tyrone, Okla.

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Bristow, Okla.

Western Methodist: As we have had nothing to say in your columns since Conference, will say to you that we have a very loyal people to serve, and things move off nicely with us. Our Conference claims are all provided for in cash and gilt-edge subscriptions. When we presented our claims the people responded at once and the whole amount was provided for in about 15 minutes, notwithstanding the fact that they are about \$25.00 more this year than any year previous. Our beloved presiding elder has been with us twice this year to the delight of all our people. He has his district well in hand, and everything bids fair for this to be the best year of his quadrennium. Give us more presiding elders like him and we will not hear so much complaint against our beloveds. We have just closed a two week's meeting, the pastor doing the preaching. We had a great meeting in many respects. The church was greatly revived; several additions to the church. On Wednesday evening of the second week, Rev. J. E. Savage of Sapulpa came down and preached twice for us to the delight of all who heard him. We closed our meeting Sunday night with two conversions in that service. We have both Junior and Senior Leagues doing good work. The pastor's salary is paid up to date. Our Commissioner of Education was with us not long since and besides our other assessments we gave him a collection of \$56. This will be an excess for us, and we venture to say that there is not another station of our size in the conference that has done better for Epworth than we. Bro. Sims knows how to preach, and how to get close up behind a young preacher and help him with his timely advice and brotherly spirit, but there are so many of these noble hearted men of God in our Conference, that no young preacher need to fail for lack of help, so far as it is in the power of men to help one another. It is just delightful to labor among such a host of brethren as we have in our great conference. May our Heavenly Father continue his blessings upon us all.

T. A. O'BRYANT, P. C.

Oklahoma Notes and Personals.

Dr. McMurry rendered great service at the opening of the new church at Tulsa. We have no man among us who is giving the church better service. The church is a thing of beauty, and special convenience, for church work and stands as a monument to the courage and faithfulness of Brother Ball and those who labored with him.

The Tigert Memorial church will soon be ready for occupancy, and it is also a splendid house, and is an honor to the heroic band who are to make it their church home, as well as to Bro. Sweet, the pastor.

On a recent visit to Tahlequah, your correspondent found Bro. Murry, the pastor, in great favor with the people, and a most popular pastor.

Rev. J. D. Salter, our pastor at Wagner, will soon let the contract for an eight thousand dollar new church in that good little city. His health is not the best just at this time, but with the rest that his church has asked him to take, it is hoped that he will soon return with renewed health, and usefulness.

Brother Rippey, of Okmulgee, has recently purchased additional ground and building, and has improved and otherwise arranged the house, until he

was enabled recently to move into a comfortable parsonage. We have a splendid property in that good city, and Brother Rippey is also very popular, as is also "Mother" Rippey. Good people they.

Work on the new St. Luke's church is moving fast now, and it is the purpose of the congregation and pastor to give the conference splendid entertainment this fall.

Rev. J. K. Florence, pastor of Noble, is one of the oldest and best known and loved of the conference. He has been a member of this conference for 25 years, and has always been in one District, until this year, when the re-districting of the conference placed him in another. Who can beat that record?

Rev. J. L. Gage, of Davis, is planning together with his board and good women the erection of a \$1600 parsonage. We have a splendid people there, and with some improvement of church property and a good revival, we will be where we can render the town and the cause the service we should. Dr. T. P. Howell, of Davis, and one of the strongest laymen of the conference, is also a friend of Christian education, as shown by a recent donation to Epworth University. I am sure that God has invested largely in the men who are handling his money in this world, and that there is something large in them, and the minister who can get them to see that moral possibilities are wrapped up in every dollar that they possess has done a good work.

The Sunday School convention to be held soon in Oklahoma City, bids to be the greatest convention ever held in the State. W. J. Moore, who is the chairman of our conference board, and who has this under his direction, is a man of splendid elements of leadership, and is making this department of our work go as it had never done before. Come one, come all, to the great convention, April 6-8.

Rev. R. E. L. Morgan, of Norman, is in a great revival, with Evangelist Newsome of Kentucky helping him. Morgan is delighting his people, and the future is bright for our Methodism in the University city.

Bro. Satterfield, of the Epworth church, Oklahoma City, has received 35 members since conference, and his congregations are larger than at any time since the organization of the church, and the pastor is loved by his people.

W. J. SIMS.

Pioneer Circuit.

We have now been on the Pioneer circuit four months and have been greatly hindered. Smallpox has raged on east and west end of the charge, and now we have measles in great abundance on the west end. We can't hardly realize that we are in Oklahoma, as there are so many Texans out here, but my charge is in Oklahoma and in a fine country, and a fine class of people to develop it, and they are doing it. Second quarterly conference was held March 8-9 at Pioneer. The P. C. began Friday night before and continued until Sunday night when P. E. arrived from Erick. He preached for us Sunday night and Monday at 11 a. m. (dinner on the ground) held quarterly conference and left us on the 3 o'clock train for Foss, 44 miles thence to Butler, 15 miles, and he with a bad case of grip.

We are coming to the front, and by the time our quadrennium closes, we hope to have four good churches and

one parsonage on the charge, with a salary of \$1,000 for some good man. It can be done, and must be done; let all say amen. We found but one religious journal (Texas Advocate) on the work. We have talked Western Methodist and preached church paper, until we now have ten Western Methodists and four Texas Advocates coming every week to help us, and still adding to the list. One good brother, a Texan, said we had said more about church papers in two sermons than he had heard in 35 years in Texas. We cannot hope to build up this great country by the work of the preacher alone; we must have help from every source.

At our Saturday meeting, 11 a. m., we had an old fashioned Methodist shout. We have three stewards at Pioneer. All have large families, and all were present with their families, and a Farmer's union meeting four miles north of us. Who can beat that? We cannot fail with such backing. One brother left his business and rode a pony ten miles to represent the steward who was sick. He did not come empty-handed either. So you see we can't fail; we are coming. Look out for Pioneer's report.

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Significance of Mind.

It has been my experience to be able to study animal instincts and animal intelligence, both in the lower and higher animals, in many conditions, for a period now extending over more than twenty years. Deep and lasting, on the whole, has been the impression left as to the results of animal instinct. Nevertheless, it yields place to a deeper feeling as to the character of the enormous interval which separates the highest example of animal instinct from even such a simple act of intelligence as that recorded above. The most permanent result of my own studies in animal capacities has been a gradually increasing conviction as to the as yet unimagined significance of mind in the further evolution of the universe. But I think that a first step toward a truer appreciation of the almost inconceivable potentialities of mind in the future is a clearer perception of the difference which marks off its higher manifestations from even the most remarkable examples of animal instinct. —From Benjamin Kidd's "The Instinct of Animals" in the April Century.

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Corner Stone Laid at Sulphur, Okla.

The laying of the corner stone of the First Methodist Church today was a great occasion for Sulphur and Sulphur Methodism. It was truly a red letter day for First Church. The Masonic fraternity of Sulphur asked the Grand Master of Oklahoma for a special dispensation for this occasion, and Judge Harry Fielding of Sulphur, our own ex-

cellent county judge, received the distinguished honor of the appointment by the Grand Master to perform the functions of the Most Excellent Grand Master of this special dispensation. We are glad to say that he filled this office with all the dignity belonging thereto, with credit to himself and with much pleasure and profit to all. The Palmer lodge as well as a number of visiting brethren of other lodges participated. The Masons took the initiative in the affair, and the service was continued with the ritualistic ceremonies of the church, in which all the pastors and the choirs of the city took part. The Reverend S. P. Goddard, our beloved Presiding Elder, delivered the address of the occasion with all the ease and eloquence of an oratorical presiding elder and with the grace and dignity of a bishop, which was gladly received by a large, attentive and appreciative audience. Bro. Goddard delivered a very strong, earnest and helpful sermon to the congregation of the First Church at 7:45 p. m. In his discourse he spoke of the blending of the Northerner, the Southerner and Westerner of Oklahoma which would produce the real and high grade American citizenship that has not hitherto been produced.

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### Batesville District Preachers' Meeting, April 21-23.

Tuesday, 21, 8 p. m.—Opening sermon by Rev. J. D. Kelly.

Wednesday, 22, 8:45 a. m.—Devotional service, led by Rev. J. W. Copeland.

9-10—Conference claims in full in every charge, how when and where to get them. Rev. S. L. Cochran.

10-11.—The organization of a Woman's Foreign or Home Mission Society in every charge, and the pastor's duty to them. Rev. Jas. F. Jernigan.

11-12.—The Sunday school. Character and supply of literature, and how to avoid winter quarters. Rev. W. D. Ellis.

2 p. m.—Devotional service led by Rev. F. E. Hall.

2:15-3:00.—Why an Epworth League, and how to organize one. Rev. Ed Forest.

3-4—Unoccupied territory (in the district) and what to do with it. Rev. I. D. McClure.

4-5.—Larger liberality in Christian giving, and how to secure it. Rev. R. C. Morehead.

8 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. E. M. Davis.

Thursday, 23, 8:45.—Devotional service, led by Rev. G. S. Morehead.

9-10.—Revivals — Pastoral co-operation, or evangelistic help, which? Rev. C. F. Hiveley.

10-11.—Temperance, or the pastor's relation to State-wide prohibition. Rev. H. V. Johnson, G. W. M. Freeman and others.

11-12.—The Laymen's Missionary Movement—How to promote it. General discussion.

We hope all the preachers in the district will be present. Let us make this a profitable and pleasant occasion.

R. C. MOREHEAD.

ED FOREST.

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### W. H. M. S., Little Rock Conference.

Dear Home Mission Workers: Many of you have your plans made and well under way for a new year's work in home missions.

Your conference treasurer bids you greeting and God's blessings for a happy and prosperous year, and submits as a reminder and inspiration the following report, the financial result of your zeal and energy of the past year.

Our general treasurer in acknowledging the receipt of check and reports of last quarter congratulates and commends the Little Rock Conference on their fine report. It is not only fine but it is beautiful, for back of these figures is shown true loyalty to our church and brotherly love—following the sacred bidding—"bear ye one another's burdens."

Notice the mite box collections of the babies and brigade members, how the children love to give when properly directed!

The amount spent on the needy, and supplies given, show that the gospel of the helping hand has been evident throughout the conference.

Report of treasurer of Little Rock Conference for 4th quarter, ending Mar. 1

Membership dues.....	\$602.05
Life membership dues.....	25.00
Baby roll dues.....	20.50
Honorary life member.....	4.50
Week of prayer.....	20.17
Adult mite boxes.....	16
Baby mite boxes.....	55.50
Brigade mite boxes.....	98.24
Conference pledge.....	302.20
Conference expense fund.....	84.17

Total sent to Conf. Treas....\$1212.49

Value of supplies given locally.....	\$259.93
Expended on the needy.....	387.06
Expended on parsonage.....	660.12
Expended on church.....	685.04
Expended on other locals.....	230.65
Expended on city mission work.....	25.50

Total reported to Conf. Treas., \$2248.30

#### Recapitulation by districts:—

	Connectional	Local
Arkadelphia .....	\$ 332 79	\$ 411 94
Camden .....	223 32	280 87
Little Rock .....	163 79	348 26
Monticello .....	104 90	365 68
Pine Bluff .....	116 05	302 37
Prescott .....	76 90	275 39
Texarkana .....	194 74	263 79

Total ..... 1212 49 2248 30

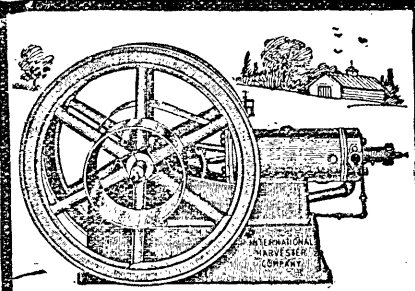
#### Year's Report From Mar. 1, 1907 to Mar. 1, 1908.

Membership dues.....	\$1745 34
Life membership dues.....	50 00
Baby Roll dues.....	77 46
Honorary Life Members.....	100 00
Week of Prayer.....	398 39
Adult Mite Boxes.....	4 56
Baby Mite Boxes.....	195 59
Brigade Mite Boxes.....	280 09
Conference Pledge.....	574 17
Wesley Homes.....	2 50
Conference Expense Fund.....	253 04

Total sent to Conf. Treas.. \$3681 14

Value of supplies reported to Superintendent.....	275 70
Scholarship.....	126 00
Value supplies given locally.....	1243 99
Expended on needy.....	1344 80
Expended on parsonage.....	3051 29
Expended on church.....	2934 36
Expended on other locals.....	460 80
Expended on city mission work.....	25 50

Total local work reported ..\$9462 44



FARMERS are getting over doing things the hard, slow way. The very general use of farm powers is an example.

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It will shell the corn, grind feed, cut ensilage, turn the fanning mill, pump water, run the cream separator, elevate hay to the mow, and do a dozen other things.

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Arkadelphia .....	\$ 936 04	\$ 2047 14
Camden .....	610 53	1189 42
Little Rock .....	499 71	1981 60
Monticello .....	323 47	810 44
Pine Bluff .....	597 08	1237 32
Prescott .....	237 62	810 74
Texarkana .....	476 69	1385 78

Total ..... 3681 14 9462 44

E. L. CURL.

Treas. Little Rock Conf. W. H. M. S.

#### Foss, Okla.

Our work on the Foss charge is moving along nicely. One week ago we closed a twenty days' meeting which was a great awakening to the people of our town. I was assisted by Rev.

R. A. King, an aged superannuate of the C. P. Church, who conducted most of the day services. Also Bro. W. A. Randle, our pastor of Elk City Station, was with us three days, for which we were all glad. For he seemed to be

perfectly at himself in body, mind and spirit, and did us some preaching that is characteristic of a strong and masterly ability which he possesses. Our meeting resulted in fourteen conversions and quite a large number of reclaimations. Ten accessions to our church with more to follow. One noticeable feature of the meeting was the spirit of co-operation and brotherly feeling manifested by all denominations. Our town

paper says, "The meeting was the means of the greatest religious awakening the town has had for a number of years, perhaps in its history." And this is true, for which we "give thanks unto the Lord." Your Brother,

L. H. FULLINGIM, P. C.

March 16, 1908.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the announcement of the Fenwick Sanitarium, which appears in our advertising columns. The institution is strictly ethical in its methods, thoroughly modern in equipment, elaborately furnished with every comfort possible. It is devoted to the proper care and treatment of Drug and Liquor addictions and diseases of the nervous system. Located at Abbeville, La., near the Gulf of Mexico, and offers unusual advantages.

#### Berryville Station.

All departments of the church are improving nicely. The church membership has increased from 112 to 166.

The Sunday School is realizing a remarkable growth in grace and numerical strength. The League and W. H. M. S. are receiving new members at almost every service.

Attendance upon the means of grace is very gratifying. We had four additions to the church last Sunday—the oldest being about eighty years of age.

The parsonage is undergoing repairs to the amount of \$200.00.

Our choir director loses no time and withholds no means from making the song service a feast.

A very beautiful pipe organ has been purchased and will be installed for service within ten days.

I am glad to report to many inquiring friends, that our little babe is overcoming her paralysis which has afflicted her in the lower limbs during the past three weeks.

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From Our Field Editor.  
Rev. D. J. Weems.

Grant, Okla.

This is a small town, five miles south of Hugo. Rev. E. C. Wallace, the pastor, is in his third year. He is very much loved and is having very good success. They are repainting their church and parsonage. Here we secured four renewals and four new subscribers to the Western Methodist. Rain and sickness prevented us from having any service.

Bennington and Boswell.

We were disappointed in not meeting Rev. G. A. Lovett, pastor of Bennington and Boswell, but delighted to meet Mrs. W. W. Whitley and her sister, Mrs. Wood, daughters of Bro. Bolton who once lived at Morrilton, Ark., and at Mena. There had been a great scourge of smallpox at Boswell. But few deaths. This is a beautiful town. Have a church of tasty design, and I hear good things said about their pastor who was off on a visit to Mississippi. Bennington being a timber town largely, and public works checked they were feeling the effects very keenly. However they were building an elegant two story school house. This was wise, for good schools and churches are necessary to the prosperity of any country. Here and at Boswell we added eight new subs.

Bokchito.

We have a modest church and parsonage here. Rev. R. C. Alexander, pastor, is in his second year. He is a cheerful bachelor, very fond of flowers and other fair objects, so we have hope that it will not always be thus with him. Everybody seems to love him. He was so nice to me I had to love him too. While here I shared the hospitality of Brother and Sister Blair, who are well fixed for this world and

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the next, and are growing old gracefully. It is indeed a pleasure to meet such persons in life's journey. Here we secured five new subs.

Blue.

Between trains we stopped here, secured two new subs, lectured at public school. Had half hour with the pastor, Rev. George G. Smith. He was represented to me as a good man and an intelligent preacher and well received.

Durant.

This is a city of five thousand people with modern improvements, good railroad service, surrounded by a very fine country. The land is in cultivation as far as the eye can see. We have a \$15,000 brick church. It was here the last conference was held, and while there were about 500 preachers and visitors, they were well entertained. Rev. J. A. Parks is in his fourth year. He is a fine preacher, and is much loved by his people. As we have a good list here, my chief work was in collecting from the old subscribers.

Colbert.

I reached Colbert in time to go with Rev. S. G. Thompson to Platter, the seat of the Colbert circuit quarterly conference. He has about recovered and is rapidly holding his second round of conferences. He impresses me as a very sweet spirited Christian, and a man that knows how to give matters a pleasant turn. I did not hear him preach, as the lot fell to me and I returned to Colbert for Sunday. But I am quite sure he is a good preacher and a fine presiding elder. The conference was well attended. The reports good. Assessment for Domestic and Foreign Missions paid in full. Quarterage \$170.00. Accessions 24, and four infants baptized.

Rev. J. D. Edwards, the pastor, is very zealous, and evidence of a prosperous year is already apparent. I have known Bro. Edwards for twenty years. He has been very successful, whether on circuit, station or district, or working as an evangelist. Sunday was spent very pleasantly in Colbert. Preaching morning and evening to very good congregations. While here we added seven new subs to the paper.

Caddo.

Two and a half hours were spent in Caddo, a prosperous town of about two thousand people. It was the occasion of their second quarterly conference. Reports were extra good. Missions paid in full and nearly all of collections promised. A good meeting had been held at both Caddo and Sterrett. With many conversions and accessions. Rev. H. B. Vaught is a live wire. They have a fine Sunday School at Caddo. We did well for the paper, though we had so little time. The next district conference for the McAlister district is to be at Caddo, about the first week in June. Brother Vaught and his big hearted people will take good care of it.

My impression of Oklahoma is, that there are a great many noble men and women here. They abound in hospitality. The country is filling up with a good class of citizens. The preachers are faithfully at work. If all who come will unite with the church at once, and go to work, the church will soon be strong, and this will be a great country.

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I have received 44 persons into the church since coming. Eleven by profession and thirty-three by letter.

Since coming here have had to bury Sister Jessie Prector, the noble wife of the chairman of our board. I did not know her very intimately, but from all accounts she must have been one of the best wives that ever blessed the life of any man. For more than half a century she walked by his side to bless and brighten his life, and while his sense of loss is very keen, he is cheerful and happy and loves God, the church and his fellowman as of yore. With him at eventide may it be light!

Rev. R. W. McKay is magnifying the office of P. E. He is the right man in the right place. May his tribe increase. Many of us down in these parts are working and praying for State-wide prohibition. Come down Mr. Editor

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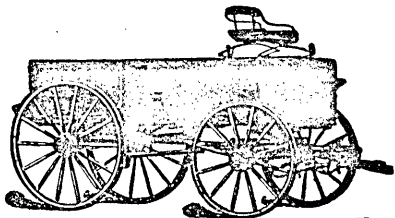
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Mrs. E. V. Carr, Editor.

No woman's Missionary Society surpasses in activity the one connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Auxiliaries have been formed to the number of 5,996 with a membership of 158,111. Its representatives in the foreign field number 316, and twenty-six have been sent within a twelve month. The receipts reached \$692,490 last year (an advance of \$76,000 beyond the year before) while the total from the beginning is more than \$9,000,000.

The above, published in "Christian Work and Evangelist," set me thinking. Statistics, to some dull and tiresome, are to me most interesting. When I read of the fine work accomplished by these godly women, my first thought was of the proportion that the membership of their congregation bore to the number of women in that church, and I wondered if they made a better showing than does the same organization in the M. E. C., S. Not having data for information on that point, I thought of the average contribution per member, and found it to be \$4.37. I was not puffed up with church pride when, making the same estimate for our own denomination, I found it to be less than half that amount. For every five hundred of their members they sustain a missionary in the foreign field with equipment for her work, while it takes 1043 of our women to keep a representative at work. They sent nearly three times as many out last year as did our Board. Their Auxiliaries average 26 1-2 members, ours less than 11 1-2. The larger Auxiliaries may be accounted for in that many of them are in city churches with large memberships to draw from, while ours are in smaller towns and rural districts, not so closely connected with the great movements of the day. While we find ourselves behind our sister church we will not let it discourage us, but rather incite us to greater effort. What others have done we may do. Our reports show advancement, especially that we are growing in the grace of liberality, but enlistment of new recruits is very slow, how slow is evident when after nearly thirty years, only about one-tenth of the women of the church are engaged in this effort to emancipate their sisters from superstitious fears and hopeless idolatry. What of the others? They are losing the joys of service, while the cause suffers for lack of their help. In a booklet written by Mrs. A. L. Marshall for our young people, is described girl life in many lands, telling the degradation and indignities to which she is subjected, and then appealing to America's fair daughters to consider these things. She refers them to what Mrs. Campbell, one of our missionaries for many years says that while the darkest picture portrayed is all true, while she herself has come in contact with the hideous abasement of devil worship, none of these things are so heart-breaking to her, as the indifference of the Christian womanhood of America to the suffering of these other women who are equally entitled to the gospel of Christ the World's Redeemer. What can be done to arouse them? One of the speakers at the great Missionary Conference at New Orleans, said there

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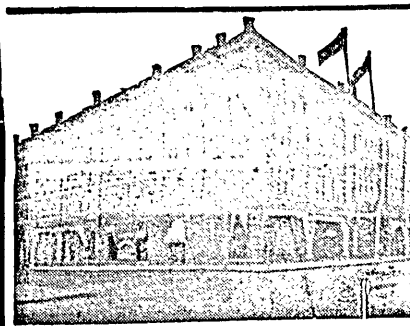
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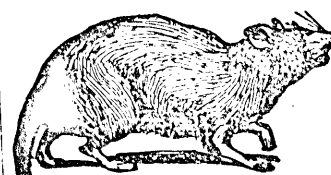
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was but one of two things to account for the appalling indifference of the church to foreign missions: A distressing ignorance of the subject of missions and the need of the world for a Savior; or a downright refusal to obey the commands of Christ and follow the leadings of the Spirit. Can our women plead ignorance? Since that conference met, our church has been flooded with mission literature. Our General Board and our Woman's Board have their organs sending out information on all lines, giving progress made and need of still greater efforts. Our church papers devote columns to the subject, advertise conference and convention speakers and subjects. Even secular papers give items of news and make mention of the wonderful transformation in the lives of heathen peoples as they come in touch with Christian civilization. What more? If they will not read, how shall they learn these things, and the great need that every follower of Christ give support to His cause? Let us hope now that the missionary spirit has taken hold of our laymen and enthusiasm runs high, that the wives and daughters may catch the inspiration and fall into line within our ranks. God has promised to answer prayer. We prayed for laborers to be called into the field. Our women responded faster than the home worker who gave their support. We prayed for increased liberality. Our Conference made pledges and year after

year our contributions have enlarged. Let us pray that God will lay the burden of souls upon the heart of every woman so distinctly that she must arouse from listlessness and become an active co-worker within Him for the salvation of the whole world. "The efficient, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." Be confident. "Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray believe that ye have it and ye shall have it."

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# OBITUARIES.

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

**CULWELL.**— Susan C. Culwell, daughter of John Little and wife, of Washington county, Middle Tennessee. She was about 71 years old. Moved from Washington, Tenn., to Parker county early in life, where she married Wm. Andrew Jackson Culwell, Dec. 28th, 1856, (Parker county, Texas.) She moved from thence to Young county, Texas, thence to Nox county, Texas, and from thence to Indian Territory, where she lived until her death March 5th, 1908. Susan C. Culwell was the mother of five children, three boys and two girls. Two of her children died in infancy, and had gone to glory ahead of mother, to welcome her home. Being converted when young, the days of her wandering in sin were few. After her conversion she joined the M. E. Church, South, in Texas. She moved from thence to Burneyville, I. T., at which place she connected herself with M. E. Church, South, where she remained a member of the church. She lived a consistent Christian life until the day of her death, March 5th, 1908.

The writer was well acquainted with Mother Culwell. When she was able to go she was always at church at Crossroads, where I preached. I looked upon her as a mother. But she has gone; her voice is heard no more, and her seat at church is vacant now. Mother Culwell is not dead, but the old house in which she lived has fallen down, and she has gone to live with loved ones in Heaven. Children and loved ones cheer up; you will meet again by and by in the realms of eternal joy. You have my prayers and sympathy. The Lord bless you all.

D. E. SHAFFER, P. C.

March 22, 1908.

**COPELAND.**— Robert Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Copeland, was born Jan. 6, 1906 and died Jan. 1, 1908. Robert was a bright little boy; he was always ready to meet you with a smile on his face, but God has called him to the bright world above where there will be no death. He leaves a father and mother and two half brothers to mourn his loss. Father and mother, weep not as those who have no hope; little Robert cannot come to you but you can go to him.

J. W. COPELAND.

**HOUSE.**— Mathew W. House was born in Sumner county, Tenn., June 16, 1823, and died at his home in Benton, Ark., March 6, 1908; age 84 years, 8 months and 20 days. Bro. House was a hero of three wars, one against Mexico, then the Civil War, and a lifelong war against sin. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life. There never was a stain upon his moral life so far as his neighbors knew. He is survived by his wife and four children who mourn his death.

A FRIEND.

Benton, Ark., March 20, 1908.

**LOCK.**— Mrs. Malindy Jane Lock, more commonly known among us all as Grandma Lock, was the oldest citizen in Crittenden county and one of the oldest in the State. She had long past her three score and ten. She came from

Middle Tennessee to this county when but a child, and when this bottom country was a howling wilderness, without roads and civilization. She was indeed a foundation stone of our present good order, one of which we are proud and one whom the Lord has honored to stay the longest among us of a landmark of the past. Sister Lock was converted when quite a child and when opportunities for religious training were meagre, but the lessons of nature and the voice of conscience and the occasional message of the pioneer circuit rider were enough under the light of the Holy Ghost, to fashion her long and useful life. She joined the Methodist church when a little girl, and was an active and honored member all her life. We uncover our heads in holy reverence to her life and memory. Flowers and stone but feebly express our deep regard for the mother of Methodism in this rich country, and for God's favorite child from among the pioneers of the early days of the swamps. In her life were all the vindications of God's truth and all the triumphs of his grace. She was the mother of eleven children, all of whom except one have preceded her to the other shore. She lived trusting in Jesus and died leaning on him, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Her pastor,  
BEDFORD L. HARRIS.

**KING.**— Mr. W. E. King, one of White county's most honorable and upright citizens, died in Searcy, March 17th, 1908, after an illness of sixteen months duration. He belonged to one of the most prominent families of the county, and was the son of T. B. King, deceased, who is remembered by all the older preachers of the White River Conference as having been one of the most active and zealous laymen within the bounds of the Conference. Two brothers and three sisters survive who with many relatives and friends followed the remains to the family cemetery, at Smyrna, near the old home place, seven miles from Searcy. Our departed brother had served for many years the county in various positions of trust and honor, and always with unswerving integrity and marked ability. He was a man of the very highest sense of honor and leaves behind an unsullied reputation. His influence and sympathy was always on the right side of every

question, involving morals, religion and the strict enforcement of the law. I have never witnessed any man going down into the cold waters of death with a firmer tread. It was that of a conqueror. He died as he had lived, trusting in the crucified Christ. We extend profound sympathy to the bereaved daughter, the brothers, the sisters, the relatives. A good man has gone to his reward. Peace to his ashes. Dr. C. C. Godden assisted in the funeral services.

**PULLAM.**— Mrs. Milburn Pullam (nee Kizer) was 76 years of age when she died, Feb. 2, 1908. She joined the M. E. Church, South, while young and lived a devoted Christian life until the Lord said it is enough, come up higher. Forty-three years ago she was married to William B. Pullam who afterwards became a faithful exhorter in our church and served the church in many ways until he finally preceded his good wife to the better world. Uncle Billy Pullam's home was the preacher's home which many of them will kindly remember. They have two daughters in this community—Sister T. N. Belcher and Sister Jeff Wright and a host of friends and relatives with whom we are in great sympathy. We pray that God will bless and comfort them.

S. W. RAINEY.

**SEAY.**— Mrs. Carrie M. Seay was born in Tennessee March 25, 1847; moved to Tulip, Dallas county, Ark., in early life. Her maiden name was Williams. She was raised principally at Tulip, and in the then renowned Tulip Female Seminary. She was married to W. H. Seay Oct. 8, 1868. To them were born eight children, four boys and four girls, one of whom died in infancy. Sister Seay Feb. 11th, 1908, leaving husband, four girls and three boys and many friends to mourn their loss. Truly a good woman has been called from our midst. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. It was her delight to give happiness and comfort to her husband, family and friends. She was converted early in life, joined the M. E. Church, South, living a devoted, loyal, consistent member till her departure from her home in Hot Springs, Ark., to her heavenly home. She was abso-

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Her pastor,  
J. R. RUSHING.

**PROVENCE.**— W. T. Provence, son of James E. and Maggie E. Provence, was born Jan. 21, 1907, at Adair, Okla., and died Feb. 21, 1908, at El Paso, Texas, with pneumonia. Mr. Provence is a former townsman of Adair, Okla. Little W. T. has gone to live with God in mansions prepared for His jewels. May God bless the broken hearted father and mother and relatives that they may so live in this world that they may live with W. T. in glory. The funeral was held in the Methodist church by the writer in presence of the family, relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Adair cemetery to await the resurrection morn.  
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Rufe Ct., at Black Jack ..... Apr. 4, 5  
Kiamitia Ct., at Old Cedar ..... Apr. 11, 12  
Long Creek ..... Apr. 18, 19  
O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

**MCALISTER DIST.—SECOND ROUND.**  
Kiowa Ct. .... Mar. 29-30  
Stuart Ct. .... Mar. 30-31  
Hugo Station ..... Apr. 4-5  
Grant Ct. .... Apr. 5-6  
Bennington & Boswell ..... Apr. 6-7  
Bokchito & Freeny ..... 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  
Tulhoma Ct. .... May 3-4  
Phillips Memorial ..... May 9-10  
Hartshorne Ct. .... May 10-11  
Pocahontas ..... May 22-23  
Spiro & McQuinn ..... May 23-24  
Howe Ct. .... May 24-25  
Quinton Ct. .... May 30-31  
Canadian Ct. .... May 31-June 1  
SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

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

**ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Carter Ave. & Mannsville at M. Mar. 28-29  
Pauls Valley Station ..... Apr. 4-5  
Wynnewood Station ..... Apr. 5-6  
Cornish Ct., at Loco ..... Apr. 11-12  
Grady Ct., at Grady ..... Apr. 13-14  
Lone Grove at Newport ..... Apr. 18-19  
Paoli Ct., at Florence Chp. .... Apr. 25-26  
Berwyn and Springer at Springer Apr. 26-27  
Elmore Ct., at Antioch ..... May 2-3  
Tussey Ct., at Tussey ..... May 3-4  
Woodford Ct., at Elk ..... May 4-5  
Thackerville Ct., at Love's Valley May 9-10  
Marietta Station ..... May 10-11  
Leon and Burneyville at Leon ..... May 16-17  
Whitehead and Mayesville at W. Mar. 28-24  
Overbrook Ct., at Marsden ..... May 24-25  
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

**MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Henryetta and Dustin at Dustin, 7:30 p. m. .... March 28  
First Church, 7:30 p. m. .... March 29  
Vian Ct., at Webster's Falls, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 4  
Fort Gibson Ct., at Illinois, 2:30 p. m. Apr. 5  
Okmulgee, 7:30 p. m. .... April 11  
Boynton and Morris at M., 7:30 p. m. Apr. 12  
Warner Ct., at Warner, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 18  
St. Paul's, 7:30 p. m. .... Apr. 19  
Eufaula Ct., at Deer's Chapel, 2 p. m. Apr. 25  
Eufaula Station, 9 a. m. .... Apr. 27  
Muskogee Ct., at White Church, 2 p. m. May 3  
Wagoner Ct., at Victor, 2 p. m. .... May 10  
Cowlington at Cowlington, 7:30 p. m. May 14  
Whitefield Ct., at Dukes, 2 p. m. .... May 16  
Stigler, 9 a. m. .... May 18  
Okaha Ct., at Okaha, 2 p. m. .... May 23  
Haskell and Bixby, 7:30 p. m. .... May 24  
Brethren, please send in at once the names of your delegates to District Conference. Let all pastors have Church Extension and Domestic Missions 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**  
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. C. May 16-17  
Epworth University ..... May 17  
Piedmont Station ..... May 23  
El Reno Station ..... May 24-25  
A. L. SOALES, P. E.

**TULSA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Adair, at Vann's Chapel ..... Mar. 28-29  
Welch ..... Mar. 31  
Chapel ..... Apr. 4-5  
Vinita ..... Apr. 6  
Chelsea ..... Apr. 9  
Beggs ..... Apr. 10-11  
Red Fork and Mounds ..... Apr. 11-12  
Miami and Wyandotte ..... Apr. 18-19  
Afton ..... Apr. 19-20  
Grove ..... Apr. 21-22  
Vinita Ct. .... Apr. 22-23  
Kansas at Rose ..... Apr. 25-26  
Spavinaw ..... Apr. 26-27  
District Conference, Chelsea, Ok., April 29, May 2.  
J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

**KIOWA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
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.

**WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—2ND ROUND**  
Roll at Dudley ..... Mar. 28-29  
Cheyenne ..... Mar. 29-30  
Hammon at Kiowa ..... Mar. 30-31  
Cowden at Sappington ..... Apr. 3-4  
Cordell Station ..... Apr. 4-5  
Cloud Chief at Dill ..... Apr. 5-6  
Rocky and Sentinel ..... Apr. 7-8  
Wood circuit ..... Apr. 11-12  
Gip circuit ..... Apr. 18-19  
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

**DUNCAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
(Additional.)  
Chickasha ..... Mar. 29-30  
Bailey, at Doyle ..... Apr. 4-5  
Lindsay ..... Apr. 5-6  
Duncan Circuit ..... Apr. 11-12  
Duncan Station ..... Apr. 12  
Carnegie and Ft. Cobb, at Boise ..... Apr. 19-20  
Comanche ..... Apr. 25-26  
Verden and Anadarko, at A. .... Apr. 26-27  
C. H. McGHEE, P. E.

**CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Illinois Ct., at Moody ..... Mar. 28, 29  
ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

**GUYMON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Gresham at Paradise ..... March 28-29  
Postal at Eula ..... April 4-5  
Boyd at Dry Creek ..... April 11-12  
Beaver at Golden ..... April 14-15  
Woodward ..... April 18-19  
Mutual at Mutual ..... April 19-20  
Ioland at Ioland ..... April 22-23  
Grand at Lone Tree ..... April 25-26  
Optima ..... May 2-3

**ADA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Mill Creek and Ravia ..... Mar. 29, 30  
Holdenville Station ..... April 1  
Pontotoc at Onward ..... April 4, 5  
Stonewall Ct., at Tupelo ..... April 5, 6  
Ada Ct., at North Ada ..... April 6  
Byars Ct., at Johnson ..... April 11, 12  
Asher Station at Oak Grove ..... April 13  
Wetumka ..... April 18, 19  
Veleetka ..... April 19, 20  
Bearden Ct., at Bearden ..... April 25, 26  
Okemah Ct., at Paden ..... April 26, 27  
Holdenville Ct., at Sasakwa ..... April 28, 29  
S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

**PRESCOTT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
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  
Harmont ..... June 6-7  
Gurdon ..... June 13-14  
Bingen ..... June 20-21  
Chidister ..... June 27-28  
THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

**PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
Washington ..... 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.**  
Snyder Ct. .... Mar. 28-29  
Hamburg Station ..... Mar. 29-30  
Lacey Ct. .... Apr. 4-5  
Monticello Station ..... Apr. 5-6  
Eudora Ct. .... April 11-12  
Lake Village and Portland ..... April 12-13  
Watson Ct. .... April 18-19  
Tiller Ct., at McGhee ..... April 19-20  
Hamburg Ct. .... April 25-26  
Crossett and Mission ..... April 26-27  
Collins Ct. .... May 2-3

Selma Ct. .... May 9-10  
Wilmar Station ..... May 10-11  
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

**CAMDEN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
Camden Station ..... Mar. 29-30  
Eldorado Ct., at Bethel ..... April 4-5  
Strong Ct., at Bolding ..... Apr. 11-12  
Fordyce Station ..... Apr. 19-20  
Atlanta Ct., at Atlanta ..... Apr. 25-26  
Stamps Station ..... May 3-4  
Magnolia Ct. .... May 9-10  
Camden 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.

Mablevale Ct., at Mt. Pleasant ..... Mar. 28-29  
Oak 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  
Mauumelle Ct., at Spring Valley ..... May 2, 3  
Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen ..... May 10  
DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc, at D. A. May 24  
Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton ..... May 30, 31  
A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

**TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND**  
Foreman Ct. .... March 28-29  
Horatio Ct. .... April 4-5  
Wilton Ct. .... April 11-12  
Gilham Ct. .... April 5, 6  
Dierks Ct. .... April 25-26  
Locksburg Ct., at Belleville ..... April 18, 19  
Ashdown Ct. .... May 2-3  
Mt. Ida Ct. .... May 9-10  
Cherry Hill Ct. .... May 16-17  
Now brethren of the Stewardship, you have ample time and notice of the second round, and you ought to bring up fully half of your assessments on these dates. Come with it sure.  
B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

**PINE BLUFF DIST.—SECOND ROUND.**  
Altheimer, at Wabaska ..... Mar. 28-29  
Lakeside ..... Mar. 29-30  
Sherrell at Sherrell ..... April 4-5  
Swan Lake ..... Apr. 11-12  
Star City & Dumas, at Dumas ..... Apr. 18-19  
Roe and St. Charles at Bethel ..... April 25-26  
Stuttgart ..... April 26-27  
Rowel at Prosperity ..... May 2-3  
DeWitt Ct., at Forester ..... May 9-10  
DeWitt Station ..... May 10-11  
Douglass and Grady, at Bethel ..... May 16-17  
Gillett, at Haller's Chapel ..... May 23-24  
Kingsland, at Camp Springs ..... May 30-31  
Kison ..... June 2  
Radfield ..... June 9  
Sheridan, at Now Hope ..... June 13-14  
W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

**ARKADELPHIA DIST.—SECOND ROUND.**  
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 Cason'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

White River Conference.

**PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.**  
Gainesville Ct., at Beech Grove ..... Mar. 28-29  
Boydsville Ct., at Cummin's Chapel Apr. 4-5  
Brighton Ct., at Hartsoes ..... Apr. 11-12  
Lorado Ct., at Bethel ..... Apr. 15  
Knoble Ct., at Moark ..... Apr. 18-19  
Corning Station ..... Apr. 19-20  
Maynard Ct., at Siloam ..... Apr. 24  
Pocahontas Ct., at Vernon ..... Apr. 25-26  
Pocahontas & Hoxie at P. .... May 2-3  
Reyno Ct., at Biggars ..... May 3-4  
Hardy Ct. .... May 9-10  
Mammoth Springs Station ..... May 10-11  
Imboden Station ..... May 16-17  
Black Rock and Portia ..... May 17-18  
Walnut Ridge Station ..... May 24-25  
District Conference will convene at Mar-maduke, Thursday, May 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon Thursday night by Rev. W. F. Walker. Committees: License to preach and admission an trial, E. M. Pippin, C. H. Newman and P. B. Wallis. Elders and Deacons orders, E. N. Brickley, J. S. Watson and A. C. Griffin.  
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND**  
Ash Flat Ct., at Bethel ..... March 28, 29  
Sulphur Rock Ct., at Walnut Grove, April 4, 5  
Melbourne Ct., at Pleasant Grove, April 11, 12  
Bexar Ct., at Corinth ..... April 12, 13  
Salem Ct., at Viola ..... April 15  
Calico Rock and Mt. View Ct., at Flat Rock ..... April 18, 19  
Newark Station ..... April 25, 26  
Wolf Bayou Ct., at Marcella ..... May 2, 3  
Desha Ct., at Oak Valley ..... May 9, 10  
Pleasant Plains Ct., at Corner Stone ..... May 10-11  
Bethesda Ct., at Cushman ..... May 16-17  
District Preachers' meeting at Melbourne, Apr. 21-23.  
A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

**SEARCY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.**  
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  
Auergerne Ct., at Tulip ..... Apr. 18-19  
Newport Station ..... Apr. 19-20  
Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn ..... Apr. 23-24  
Heber Station ..... Apr. 25-26  
Dye Memorial ..... May 2-3  
Gardner Memorial ..... May 3-4  
Cato Ct., at Bethel ..... May 9-10

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Cabot Ct., at Jacksonville ..... May 16-17  
Beebe Station ..... May 17-18  
Bald Knob Ct., at Kenseett ..... May 23-24  
West Point Ct., at Higginson ..... May 24-25  
JOHN H. DYE, P. E.

**HELENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND**  
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 & DeVine at DeVine ..... 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.**  
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 15-16  
Osceola Station ..... May 16-17  
Vandale & Cherry Grove ..... May 23-24  
Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrow ..... May 29-31  
Blytheville Station ..... May 31-June 1  
Monette and Lake City, at Mawry ..... June 6-7  
Manilla and Dell, at Dell ..... June 7-8  
Bay City ..... June 13-14  
Cotton Belt Ct., at Kellers ..... June 20-21  
CADESMAN POPE, P. E.

Brushy Circuit.

Our presiding elder was with us at Maple on March 20-21, which was last Friday and Saturday, and held our second quarterly conference, and preached two excellent sermons for us. The people were delighted with his manner of preaching and the way he appealed to their reason. We need more such preaching. Our work is growing in interest and we are expecting the best year in the history of the Brushy Circuit, and by the help of the Almighty we will have it. Old time religion is burning in our hearts. Pray for us.  
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W. W. CHRISTIE.

4th Vice Pres. Little Rock Epworth League Conf.

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, Defendants. 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 13th, 1908.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.  
W. H. PENNINGTON,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Colbert, Okla.

Dear Methodist: My second quarterly meeting has been held. Brother Thompson is able to be out again. He looks well, but he is not very strong. He has to be very careful. He preached us an excellent sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. We had a good attendance at the business part of the meeting, and the stewards made a much better report this quarter than last. In fact, they did well. It looks like they mean to get down to business. We had 12 saved the last quarter and 24 joined the church. Baptized four babies and paid in full our missionary assessments. We start out on the third quarter with bright prospects of better times on the home front. Our dear brother, D. J. Weems, that we had not seen for some time and our successful field editor, and one of my true friends, and who helped me no little in the beginning of my ministry, and I can truly say one of the best men I ever had the pleasure of being associated with, came in on us Saturday noon. So sorry I could not keep him over Monday, yet he did some good preaching and work for our

paper. He certainly is doing something that will abide for the paper. I hope he will be able to get to all the brethren. I think that we shall be able this quarter to put some good improvements on the parsonage. I look for a great ingathering of souls and a forward movement along all lines this year in our great conference.

J. D. EDWARDS.

KENEDY.—John Hunter Kenedy was born April 13, 1866, in Howard County, Ark. Was baptized in infancy but did not assume the church vows becoming a full member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, until 1880, when he became a member of "Old Salem" church, near Centre Point, Ark. He was married twice, first to Miss Trettie Lee Stone in 1885, and second to Miss Sallie Stone, Aug. 19, 1888. One child was born to him by his first wife who preceded him to the "Glory World," and three by his second who survives him to mourn his loss, with her children, three in number. He passed peacefully into the Eternal World January 11, 1908. Bro. Kenedy was all that could be expected in the line of a Christian man. He was loved by all who knew him for his devotion to the church and its interests, and all that pertained to good citizenship. In his home he was an ideal father and a loving and attentive husband. He is a man who will be missed both in the quiet circles of home life and out in the busy rush of every-day life. He was one of the strongest of supporters of the Campmeeting interests and did all he could to promote its every good. Let us weep not for him here for he has left to us the noble path which leads to heaven in which if we are faithful, we too can enter and clasp hands with him and our many other relatives and friends. May God bless the lonely mother and her three little orphan boys.

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### Missionary Movement.

So much has been done already in the missionary work in the different churches in the new State. Many have been touched by the needed call for the benighted nations. The different nations are being aroused to the claims of Christianity and now receptions. We may emphasize the fact that the time is ripe for aggressive action. The Bible and all needed literature for our information on our libraries and tables, and yet we very often hear these words from the lips of indifference, "I don't believe in Foreign Missions." It is impossible to be a zealous Christian when not in sympathy with the missionary cause. This missionary movement should be stressed in Sunday Schools, especially to the younger class, the great important truth he instilled in the young mind. If we are successful in training the young minds, they will be telling the story after we have passed beyond.

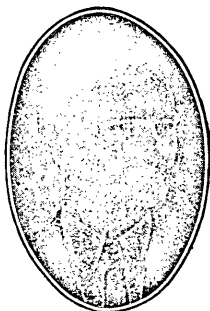
Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies should determine, beginning this new year to pray more, love more, serve more and give more than ever before and pray that this year may be a wonderful year to us in the pouring

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### Wapanucka and Coalgate.

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We have a heroic people on Coalgate and Wapanucka charge, and our motto is a revival at each preaching place. The Lord has been with us and we are