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EDITORIAL.

Three Months of Prohibition in Georgia.

By Bishop W. A. Candler.

Prohibition by legislative enactment went into effect in Georgia on January 1st, 1908. It has now been in operation long enough to see something of its general results.

1. Drunkenness has been greatly reduced; it is now almost unknown in some parts. The arrests for drunkenness in the city courts of the state have been so few that often the police stations have had no prisoners in them for days. The collections on account of fines for drunkenness have become inconsiderable sums, whereas formerly they yielded a large income to the cities. Men who once paid their money out for whisky and fines now save it for the use of their families.

2. Other crimes, notably crimes of violence, have been diminished in a marked degree. The chief of police in Atlanta, noting the improved condition at the center of the city in this particular said in a published interview recently that now police protection could be extended better to the residence portions of the city since so many policemen were no longer required at the center of the city—the saloon district—in which so many crimes of blood were formerly committed.

3. Sections of the city which were in the old days disreputable have been cleansed, and property values have improved by reason of the closing of the saloons which heretofore infected them. A saloon, as is well known, reduces the value of all residence property in the neighborhood of it. So to speak, it confiscates a part of the value of the property adjacent to it. One of the conspicuous injustices and oppressions wrought by the saloon is the effect of it on the value of property owned by working people. Bar-rooms are never allowed on the fashionable avenues, although many fashionable people are very "wet;" but saloons are set up where the men of small means are forced to live, and their unwilling neighbors can not help themselves.

Prohibition has promoted good order and safety in the rural districts, where helpless women and children are left without police protection while fathers and husbands are away working in the fields at a distance from their homes. This advantage alone is quite sufficient to commend it to all good people. The open bar-room has had much to do with the production of the crimes which are so often punished by lynching. The South has lost more on this account, not to mention the frightful crimes and their consequences of irreparable sorrow for which the perpetrators of outrages have been lynched, than all the liquor investments of our entire section are worth. The riot in Atlanta in the autumn of the year 1906 injured the city more than all its saloons might have been sold for at a liberal valuation. It hurt the entire South, as well as the city. I was in Shanghai, China, at the time, and know that the English papers of the Orient were filled with extended reports of the riot and sharpest criticisms of the horrible

outbreak. That riot would not have occurred without the open saloon; and all the saloons were closed after it started, but the closing was too late.

5. Has prohibition injured the trade or hindered prosperity in Georgia? Not at all. There is some depression in Georgia as there is over the entire country, but the depression is not as profound as it is in neighboring states that are "wet." Real estate shows no decline; on the contrary in some instances it has shown positive advancement in price. I have personal knowledge of one piece of property (on Marietta Street, Atlanta, where saloons were very numerous in former days) which was bought in the month of February for \$80,000, and sold in March for \$100,000.

The closing of the saloons must by the very nature of the case increase the number of people who can own their homes, and that will increase the demand for residence property. "Wet" times are hard times for the people, and open-saloons tend to perpetuate and increase the homeless classes, making a serfdom of sots.

6. Are there not many "blind tigers?"

Remember

The Western Methodist proposes to be a law-abiding paper. We have cleared our lists of those who are delinquent more than a year, as required by the Postal Regulations. We intend to conform to this law. We ask our subscribers to remember this, and to keep an eye upon their labels. Under the present situation there will be more dropped in the month of May. Look now at your own label—and govern yourself accordingly.

Yes, doubtless; but no more than existed in the days of the open saloon; perhaps not so many. It is easier to locate them now than formerly, for a drunken man on the streets is the walking sign that there is a "tiger" hid out, and the police generally find the beast soon. "Blind tigers" are blind; that is better than tigers that see, and can be seen.

7. Is not whisky brought into the State from the outside? I doubt not it is. But when a man has to send one hundred miles to Chattanooga, (the nearest point at which it is sold), he does not get so much by half. "It is a long time between drinks." Moreover the treating feature of the open saloon, one of its most destructive features, is absolutely abolished. Who can say what an immense benefit that is?

But Georgia will soon have no neighboring State that will be "wet." Alabama is "dry" after January 1st, 1909, and so is Mississippi. There are only four places in Tennessee where the open saloon now exists, and it will be driven from them before long. South Carolina and Florida are nearly "dry," and every day

adds to the "dry" area in these commonwealths. North Carolina will almost certainly abolish the saloons at the approaching election. Both Virginia and Kentucky are increasingly "dry."

No such chance for successful prohibition was ever before seen in the United States as that now presented in the South. More than any other section of the country it is the "land of steady habits." Maine, with Canada on the North, an extended sea-board on the East, and with "wet" states on all her other sides, has many difficulties to overcome in enforcing prohibition. So also Kansas and Iowa have great obstacles in the way of this great and benign reform. But the South—the entire South—is going dry, and Georgia is in the very center of it.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6, 1908.

Pensions.

The increased and ever increasing costs of the pension list of the United States is a sad commentary upon the patriotism and upon the greed of the recipients. It is thought that it will require \$165,000,000 to meet the pensions the coming fiscal year. This is the largest amount ever expended, and it is four times the sum that the friends of pensions after the civil war expected would ever be necessary. It shows only that there is as much rapacity in some folks that fought as ever there was bravery.

We have not the least objection to the pension system as such. Every government ought to stand by those who have been disabled in government service, ought to make good to the full all the disability which has really been incurred by men who have suffered to uphold the honor of the country. That is one thing. To be willing to loot the treasury of a country which one has sworn to defend is another thing. A pension list of \$165,000,000 is plain loot, albeit it may be done under the forms of law.

What is more serious, this kind of stealing, like all other kinds of stealing, will debauch the manhood of the recipients. Our men ought to be men. Nor would we tax the patriotism of men with bearing the burdens of war; let the country bear those burdens, pay every soldier a fair wage while he is in the service, and pay every man a full indemnity for all he has suffered; but for every old codger who comes up with the toe-ache forty years after the war to be put on the pension rolls of his country is contemptible.

When some of us get to heaven we shall doubtless look back with wonder upon the way in which God has upheld us and guided and protected us. We shall know then as we cannot know now that he helped us a thousand times when we did not know it; that he foresaw for us where we were utterly blind; that he averted for us dangers which would have ruined us; that he directed for us the chain of events when many times, had it been otherwise, we should have gone down. We shall then know, as we cannot know now, how good he has ever been to us.

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Methodist Calendar.

Muskogee District Conference, Checotah, April 14, 2 p. m. to April 17.
Tulsa District Conference, April 29-May 2.
Fayetteville District Conference, Gravette, April 28-May 1.
Harrison District Conference, Berryville, May 7, 3 p. m.
Ardmore District Conference, Kingston, May, 27-31.
Ada District Conference at Ada, May 27-31.
Ft. Smith District Conference Huntington, 9:30 a. m. May 28 to 31.
Guyton District Conference at Tyrone, June 4-7.
Hendrix College Commencement, June 14.
Pine Bluff District Conference, Stuttgart, July 2 at 9 a. m. to July 5.
Weatherford District Conference, Sayre, June 3, 8 p. m.
McAlester District Conference, Caddo, June 2-4.
Camden District Conference, Bearden, June 25-27.
Texarkana District Conference at College Hill, July 9, at 9 a. m. to July 11, 5 p. m.

Rev. J. E. Disch reports continued progress at Roff, Okla. He expects to begin a meeting on Easter Sunday.

Mr. R. H. M. Mills and his wife of Pine Bluff, will attend the Laymen's Meeting at Chattanooga.

Dr. R. P. Wilson writes us that Dr. L. E. Moore, of Searcy, and Dr. Moncrief, of Beebe, will attend the Laymen's Meeting at Chattanooga.

The midweek prayer meeting at First church, Little Rock, has greatly increased its attendance under Dr. Sharpe's administration.

We had the pleasure of a visit last week from Dr. R. P. Wilson, of Searcy, Ark. He gives the best account of affairs in his charge. Being an old editor he was doubly agreeable.

The sixth Annual Conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement will meet at Kenilworth Inn, near Asheville, N. C. July 3-12. It will be a good place for our young people to go for their summer vacation.

The commencement sermon for Henderson College will be preached by Rev. Frank Barrett, of Texarkana. He will also deliver the literary address for our school at Stuttgart.

Rev. J. T. Newsome, on his way from Norman, Okla., to Conway, Ark., called just after we had gone to press last week. He reported an excellent meeting at Norman, with a hundred conversions and forty-six accessions.

The place of holding the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the White River Conference has been changed

from Newport to Jonesboro. See announcement in another department of this paper.

Rev. W. W. Christie, Rev. T. O. Owen, J. W. Dutton, Miss Reeves and Miss Owen, all of Pine Bluff, Ark., called upon us as they passed through this city en route to the Epworth League meeting at Prescott this week.

Rev. W. C. Watson has received into the church at Camden fifty members since conference. They are soon to begin a meeting, using the help of Rev. Mr. Cates, who has been so successful in Memphis and other places.

Monday last our office was honored with the presence of Mr. C. D. Meigs, of Indianapolis, the great Sunday School worker, who has been with Secretary Long lecturing at Sunday School conventions and institutes in several counties of Arkansas.

Mr. James Bryce, the ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, will address the Laymen's Missionary Conference at its opening session in Chattanooga. Dr. Josiah Strong will also deliver an address. It will be a most notable opportunity to hear great men.

In the recent meeting which Rev. W. M. McIntosh held with Rev. C. E. McClintock at Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, about sixty were added to the church. Bro. McIntosh speaks in high praise of the work of Bro. McClintock and his good wife. He is now at Lonoke, with Rev. Barnett Wright.

Every Methodist preacher that comes to Little Rock ought to have some business with the Western Methodist. Every one will be welcome in our offices even if he has no business. This is Methodist Headquarters. We were glad to have with us this week Rev. J. A. Paterson, of McCrory, Ark.

Last Monday we had the pleasure of visits from Rev. J. M. Workman, of Crossett; Rev. W. F. Evans, of Warren; Rev. W. W. Christie, and Misses Bertie Sowers and Janie Nunn of Monticello; and Misses Reeves and Owen of Pine Bluff, all on their way to Epworth League Conference at Prescott.

In revising our lists, as required by the postal regulations April 1st, it is almost inevitable that some mistakes should have been made. We invite corrections from all who know of any mistake. The Western Methodist aims to treat everybody right and is always glad to correct an error.

We regret to note that failing health forces Rev. J. S. Engle to retire from the editorial management of the Baltimore Southern Methodist. He has made a good paper. Rev. E. V. Regester takes charge of the Baltimore Southern Methodist. We welcome him to the editorial fraternity. He is also presiding elder of Washington City District.

Bishop W. A. Candler, at our request, sent us the article while he appears on the front page. Such is the importance of the matter and so well is the matter stated that we gladly give it editorial space. The Bishop writes that he is just recovering from the "grippe," "the disease," as a witty Hibernian says, "that kills you after you get well of it."

Mr. W. G. Furry, of Van Buren is among the number of laymen that are going from Arkansas to Chattanooga. Brethren who are going from Oklahoma and Arkansas will do well to communicate with us at once, so that we may arrange sleeper accommodations out of Memphis, on the special train leaving there on the night of the 20th.

We were delighted to receive a few days ago an invitation to the celebration of the Golden Wedding of Rev. Peter A. Moses and his good wife. The event will be celebrated at the residence of Rev. C. L. McCausland, Corvallis, Ore. We send this delightful couple our greetings across the continent, and pray that there may be for them light at evening tide.

Hon. A. S. McKennon, of McAlester, Okla., spent an hour or two with us last week. No man could have been more welcome. He laid the foundations of civic righteousness in the new state of Oklahoma when he was a member of the Dawes Commission. No layman in our church in Oklahoma has been of more worth. He rejoices in the Lord, and he rejoices in the best temperance laws in the United States, laws which his own hand has largely drawn, now effective in his state.

The editors and managers of the Western Methodist are always glad to have our laymen call, when they are in our city. We will take pleasure in showing them through our entire plant, giving them opportunity to see just where and how their paper is made. Many of them never saw a linotype machine at work, for instance. We had this pleasure this week in the case of Bro. Peyton Castling, of Magazine, Ark., who was going with his wife to Hot Springs.

"Did you get your Western Methodist last week? I did not get mine." We doubt not many of our readers will hear something like this within the next few days. Please make the following answer: "The Western Methodist, as required by law, removed from its list last week all subscribers who were in arrears as much as a year. The managers say that some were very much surprised that they should have been dropped, although they warned everybody repeatedly. Some of those whose names were dropped are preachers. Look at the label on your last paper for the explanation." We are sorry to lose a single subscriber, but we mean to keep the law. Let the reader look at his label; look now. We shall drop more names in a few days.

Be Patient.

Our desk is loaded down with accepted matter for the paper. Some of these contributions are very excellent, such as we are thankful to get. But we must beg our contributors to be patient; their matter will keep. We have at least this consolation, that the situation is a high testimonial as to the popularity of the Western Methodist.

Sunday at Lakeside, Pine Bluff.

Last Sunday gave this editor the pleasure of mingling and worshipping with the good people of Lakeside, Pine Bluff. The preceding night was spent with good old friends R. H. M. Mills and family. When I got over to Lakeside there was no lack of invitations, but by a sort of natural law I fell into the hands of Mr. Alfonse Brewster, who usually puts up with me while I "put up" at his house when I am in the midst of that congregation. A Methodist preacher has only to drop in there and say that he is at home. On Monday I had the pleasure of taking a meal with my old friends Dr. A. C. Jordan and his good wife. Dr. Jordan helped me and my family once to fight life's battles under the yellow flag, when for six awful weeks we were under quarantine with smallpox in Pine Bluff. A Methodist preacher who would forget a good physician who has thus ministered to

him and his—almost always, as in this case, without fee or reward,—is not the right sort of a man. By the way, the handsomest improvement I saw in Pine Bluff is a spannew private hospital, of the most approved style and right up to date in every way, which Dr. Jordan has induced Mr. Brewster to build for his use. It has a capacity of twenty-five patients, a house physician, a corp of nurses, and all modern equipments. The arrangements are so inviting as almost to tempt one to get sick. Any of our friends can find there the best of care and firstclass medical and surgical assistance.

A good congregation was at Laekside on Sunday morning, where this preacher did his best to preach them a good sermon. And another good congregation was there at night, where he did his best to make a good prohibition speech. They are rejoicing in the prospect of their new church, out of which appeared last week. Rev. T. O. Owen is in high favor among them and "all moves merry as a marriage bell."

Savior!

By B. F. M. Sours.

All, all was dark: the Roman watch
Were at the tomb.
Night! night! O dark, O sullen night!—
There seemed no room
For one clear ray of hope's lone star
To shine afar—
So, in our hearts how oft alone
Our doubtings are.

But when the women sought their Lord,
By Heaven adored,
"Mary!" "Rabboni!" passed the words:
Joy was restored.
Death, vanquished, and forever, then
Gave gladness room,
For life, new grand immortal life
Had burst the tomb.

Now, heart, thou lingerest by the grave:
All, all is dark,
Thy doubts and fears thine only store;
But turn and hark!—
It is His voice!—He calls thy name!—
Yes, He is thine
With all the rapture of the realms
Of light divine!

My Savior!—mine! No Roman guard
Need keep the ward.
I know His voice, I cannot err,
It is my Lord!
O Jesus! let me cling to thee,
The joy so sweet,
Just to adore and lay my soul
At thy dear feet!
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

White River Conference Notice.

To the Preachers and Sunday School Superintendents of White River Conference:

Dear Brethren: The Sunday School Board has arranged a splendid program for a Sunday School Conference to be held at Newport, beginning on the 28th of April. It can be made a success if the pastors and superintendents will co-operate with us and make it a point to attend the meeting. Come one and all. If you can not come, send a hand and see to it that every school is represented. Come and hear Drs. Chappel, Thornburg and others. Get a new inspiration, take fire, rise higher and when you go back home carry a big supply of enthusiasm and fresh zest for your work.

T. B. WILLIAMSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement, Chattanooga Meeting, April 21-23, 1908.

All delegates and visitors are cordially invited to meet at Memphis on the 20th of April for a grand rally at the First Methodist church at 8 p. m.

A special train for the Conference leaves Memphis at 9:30 p. m. on Monday, April 20, via the L. and N. and the N. C. and St. L., arriving at Nashville 6:50 a. m. Tuesday and at Chattanooga 2:40 p. m. same day.

Round trip \$10.60 from Memphis to Chattanooga and return. For further information address either J. R. Pepper, J. M. Ward or Thos. B. King, all of Memphis.

F. M. DANIEL,
Lay Leader White River Conference.

Important Announcement.

Let all who expect to attend White River Sunday School Conference at Newport, April 28-30, please send their names to Rev. A. T. Galloway, Newport, Ark. This will only take a postal card and a few moments of time, but it will be very much appreciated by the entertaining committee and at the same time guarantee you a home with free entertainment.

It has just been my good fortune and privilege to take in the First State Methodist Sunday School Conference of Oklahoma. They are undertaking and bringing to pass great things out there. Shall we, an older, better and more thoroughly organized conference, do less? I trow not. Let every pastor, Sunday School superintendent and teacher send his or her name to Bro. Galloway today..

W. P. TALKINGTON,
Chairman Sunday School Board.

Anti-Saloon League Victory in Illinois.

Chicago, April 8, 1908.

Yesterday was a great time in the history of Illinois. Twenty-five counties went dry. About 900 townships out of 1,200 voting, voted out saloons. We won in 22 cities and lost in 18. The total majority against the saloons throughout the State, where they voted, will run in the neighborhood of from 60,000 to 75,000. About 1,500 saloons were put to the bad and will have to close in thirty days. Nearly 75 per cent of the total area of the State will be dry. This isn't a bad record for a State that is the whisky center of the world.

I congratulate you on the good reports I hear coming from your State. Victory seems to be the general order of the day.

JAMES K. SHIELDS,
State Superintendent.

Board of Church Extension Meeting.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Mo., on Wednesday, May 6th, at 9 o'clock a. m.

W. F. McMURRY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. W. R. Gardner.

The many friends and old parishioners of Rev. W. R. Gardner, Greenwood's superannuated preacher, will be pained to hear that he is rapidly going down the western slope of life. He is not specially sick, but he is just wearing out under the weight of years. He is now confined to his room and bed most of the time. He has not been able to attend church this year, has attended services only twice this conference year. He feels that he is nearing the "crossing" and he is looking forward to it with a buoyant hope and bright prospect.

Brother Gardner has lived a long and useful

life. May the closing days be full of joy and sunshine.

His friend and pastor,
D. H. COLQUETTE.

Anti-Saloon League Meeting.

The Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas is so greatly encouraged with the reports from the recent campaign that at a meeting of the body held April 10, it was decided to take a more aggressive campaign against the liquor evil in this State. To this end a permanent campaign committee was appointed, and the matter of the distribution of literature was made a part of the important work of the meeting.

The last Sunday in June, which is known as "Stainless Flag Day," has been designated as a day for special services and special effort among the Sunday Schools of the State. At the close of the meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas (1), For years the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League has had for its ultimate object the complete annihilation of the liquor traffic in the State;

Whereas (2), Believing that through judiciously framed and faithfully enforced local option laws right principles could be inculcated, good results shown and the public mind aroused and conscience quickened, we have constantly sought by local option to weaken saloon influences;

Whereas (3), The success of State-wide prohibition in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma, demonstrates that the time has come for the final battle;

Whereas (4), We believe that the will of the majority of the people of the State, when definitely ascertained, should become law for the whole State; and,

Whereas (5), The method of settlement should be as free as possible from personal and and partisan complications, and should give opportunity for expression of the saloon issue apart from other questions; therefore,

Be it Resolved (1), That the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas through its official representatives, calls upon the citizens of the State to settle the question of the State-wide prohibition at the regular election, September, it being understood by this call that, if a majority of votes in the State on the question of license shall be cast "against license" the Legislature is thereby in effect instructed to enact a State-wide prohibition law, and the governor is requested to sign;

(2), That, while we acknowledge the right of others to organize and press the battle in their own way, the recognition of our organization by the National Anti-Saloon League as its Arkansas department and the fact that the Anti-Saloon League is everywhere known to be the most successful organization for fighting the saloon, entitles the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League to the consideration and support of those who seek the best, the quickest, the most effective method of securing results, and, without attempting to dictate to any one or interfere with personal or partisan relations, we cordially invite the co-operation of all persons, parties and organizations for the purpose of destroying the legalized saloon in Arkansas;

(3), That the representatives of our institutions of learning be and hereby requested to speak for the cause during the summer campaign; and,

(4), That our officers and committees are instructed to effect organizations in every county and voting precinct.

It was also decided by the league to issue the Searchlight weekly during the campaign.

The Challenge of the City—A Review of Dr. Josiah Strong's Book.

I.

The Modern American City. Its Growth.

In March, 1907, one year ago, there died in Chicago a man who was the first white child born in the city. It thus very forcefully appears that this life of eighty-five years saw the city grow from less than one hundred souls to a population of more than two million. Two centuries ago our population was less than nine per cent of the whole; in 1900 it was 33 per cent, or more than three times as large. This fact, in which is shown the rapid growth of cities, is greatly magnified when it is further considered that the rate of increase is greater every year. At the present fifteen states have a majority of their population living in cities, in eight of these the urban population is more than two-thirds. If the rate of movement of population from country to city continues until 1940 there will then be in the United States twenty-one million more people in our cities than outside of them.

Increase of wealth has fully kept pace with the enormous increase of city population. In 1850 more than half of our wealth was rural, in 1890 more than three-quarters of it was urban. During these forty years rural wealth increased fourfold, while urban wealth multiplied sixteen fold. For the ten years from 1890 to 1900 the average daily increase of our wealth was six million four hundred thousand dollars. During the first four years of this century, from 1900 to 1905, the average daily increase was nearly, or twice as great.

It is unhappily true that morality in our cities has not advanced proportionately with the increase of population and wealth. Taking Chicago as an example, it will be seen that *crime instead of morality has kept pace with this growth of wealth and population.* We read of a dozen highway robberies on its streets in a single night, and of a hundred twenty-eight homicides in a single year. During the same year London had only twenty-four murders. Allowing for the difference in population the chances for being murdered were sixteen times as great in the American city as in the English.

Its Present Character.

In any northern city of the United States, more especially, we are struck with the polyglot character of the population. It is this fact largely that provokes reflection; for if the growth of the city were due merely to a movement of our rural population to our cities, there would not necessarily and probably result such menacing conditions to be met. In New York City fifty-four per cent. of the male inhabitants of voting age are foreign by birth; there are twenty-three other cities in the United States of twenty-five thousand or more people where in 1900 upwards of half of the male population of voting age were foreign born. In each of our great cities there are at least fifty countries and provinces represented. In New York City there are 68 languages spoken, eighteen in one block. The tenement population of New York City is larger than the combined population of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut.

In such a heterogenous mass there are to be found three antipathies, religious animosities, inherited quarrels, and conflicting habits and interests. How shall such a mass of individuals be transformed into Christian Americans is the problem presented to the nation and to the individual.

In earlier ages population gathered chiefly in cities, but for reasons which were temporary. Men sought the protection from marauders

which was afforded by the walled towns. They went to their fields at morning and returned at night; but, with the establishment of social order, the men who tilled the soil began to live on it. The growth of the modern city is due to causes which are permanent. The causes are three. First, the application of machinery to agriculture. With improved agricultural implements four men now do the work formerly done by fourteen. In as much as the world cannot eat three or four times as much food simply to oblige the farmers, a large proportion of them are compelled to abandon agriculture and are forced into the towns and cities. Agriculture can increase only as population increases; and, judging by the past progress, it is likely that improved methods and machinery will obviate the necessity of enlisting more men in the fields. It thus appears that in this industrial age the city is a natural consequence.

Secondly, while it appears very readily that agricultural pursuits are limited, it as evidently appears that industrial improvements and employments are ever increasing. Invention applied to agriculture supplants muscular power. While industrial facility has been greatly augmented by invention, instead of displacing muscular power it has rather replaced it. That is to say, it has created what has come to be known as specialization, and has thus continued the original force, adding more, and assigning but fractional parts to each of the many classes of laborers. We are told that it now takes sixty-four men to make a shoe, and seven men make a perfect pin. With the increase of wealth individuals do not demand more food, but they may and do gratify their pride in wealth by encouraging luxuries through arts, mechanics, etc.

The third great cause of the growth of the modern city is the railway, which makes it easy to transport population from country to city; and, which is much more important, easy to transport food, making it possible to feed any number of millions massed at one point.

With the above facts before us the problem is, not how the growth is to be lessened, but how the massed population is to be handled. The solution of the problem is to be found only in the application of religious morals. The two great roots of this moral life are the home and the church, and the evidence goes to prove that these influences are being uprooted in the cities where they are most needed. Home life is disappearing in the city among the rich as well as among the poor. Among the rich hotel and club life is being substituted for home-life. Among the poor in one district, out of fourteen thousand homes only fifty-six were owned by those who occupied them, and of these only fourteen were unincumbered—one in a thousand. The Church like the home grows relatively weaker as the city grows larger. Investigations show that our larger cities, generally, in 1890 had only half as many Protestant churches to the population as they had fifty years before.

Its Probable Future.

It requires neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet to foresee the issue if present tendencies are not arrested. Since it has been shown that if the rate of increase continues it will be only a few years until more than half, or controlling numbers, of our country's population will reside in the cities, let us contemplate the result of such transfer of power and put forth an effort to govern the powers that are to govern us by acting upon the society and individuals who will soon comprise the controlling power. The cities will soon be strong enough to dictate to the State and to the nation. The reliance long exercised upon

the rural vote to correct urban evils will have been absolved. What if the cities are then incapable? It has been true that the lawless have, in a large measure, controlled cities, and if the cities are not changed in character and they soon come to possess power over the State, it means that the lawless will rule the law-abiding. A few men shrewdly manipulating the urban masses will be able to dictate to the State. We may run from the corruption of the cities today, but the time will come, unless something is quickly done, when no escape will remain. Unless we arouse ourselves while there is yet time the situation will pass beyond recovery. James Freeman Clark says: "A time comes in the downfall and corruption of communities, when good men struggle ineffectually against the tendencies of ruin. Hannibal could not save Carthage; Marcus Aurelius could not save the Roman Empire; Demosthenes could not save Greece; and Jesus Christ himself could not save Jerusalem from decay and destruction."

With all these facts before us, it is easy to see that religious liberty, morals, and personal privileges demand immediate and concerted action. Not simply a denominational rally, but an organized Christian effort.

For Broader Patriotism.

Kossuth said years ago: If shipwreck should ever befall your country the rock upon which it will split will be your devotion to your private interests at the expense of your duty to your State. For more than a generation since then our course has been laid directly toward that rock; and now we are in measurable distance of it. The commercial spirit that has taken hold of the American people leads each man to strive toward the accumulation of wealth as quickly as is possible. "The government is satisfactory in every respect if there is no legislation in force by which this ambition is hindered. There are marvelously and distressingly few men who have ever read the constitution of the United States, led to do so by patriotic motives. The man who closely watches the administration of public funds because he is a taxpayer cannot be said to be a patriotic citizen, in like manner the man who observes national holidays by merely displaying the country's flag is not in the true sense patriotic. When the power of government is vested in one the masses may credulously rest the fate of the country in his hands; but in a democracy, that by the people and for the people, it is highly necessary that every alteration or departure from the constitution of rights be timely prevented. When a Christian minister, representing the truest democracy known, opens his mouth to speak of principles of government, there is no little protest. The organized lawless element fear publicity; for it is acknowledged that in the power of the citizenship of the church lies the only restrictive to their courses. A New York brewer said: The church people can drive us when they try, and we know it. Our hope is in working after they grow tired, and continuing to work three hundred sixty-five days in a year. Dr. Parkhurst said: O what a world this would soon be, if the perseverance of the saints were made of as enduring stuff as the perseverance of the sinners."

For Applied Christianity.

However, to say that broader patriotism is all that is required by the situation at the hands of the church is to miss the mark. What the situation of today and similar conditions of other times require is, applied Christianity. This something called forth, is not a new movement or quality, it is simply the true expression of the Gospel of Christ. It would seem that the alarming situation is divinely meant

to arouse the church to an action in such methods as best express the real character of Christianity. That is to say, the church seems to have misunderstood its mission; we speaking of holding services when services should be rendered. The Sabbath and week-day meetings can be called nothing more than worship; they are not services. If this is all that is done in the history of the Church, the Church must be styled the chief of all selfish organizations. Someone has said, "Service is the mother-tongue of love." Selfishness is condemned by the Master as well as by experience. He said: "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it." He also said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." Service to Christ, then, is rendered by serving our fellowmen. "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Such action will create a perfect patriotism, but it represents far more.

The old evangelistic methods will not suffice, unaugmented, today. The unchristianized have no one in their midst who will verify in his life the message of the traveling preacher. The masses from whom the call comes, though in a Christian land, are as unlearned as the heathen of other countries. When such ignorance of Christ and Christian principles exists a mere brief visitation will not suffice. Some one must show forth the reality of the Gospel truth by living and doing continually in the midst of the people. Cleanliness, education, virtue, and religious faith must be demonstrated beyond doubt as the best experience. Instruction in all matters that directly or indirectly result from Christianity must be given. The problem of Christianizing this foreign element has two aspects; heredity and environment. Dealing with the first, Christianity in its new birth may overcome inner tendencies; but dealing with new environment requires that the Church in presence displace outer menacing conditions.

Finally, will the Church accept this challenge of the city? A refusal involves a double consequence: first, continued darkness for the heathen in our midst and subsequent foreignizing of civilized America; secondly, absorption and destruction of Christian forces in America, and with it consequent retarding of that forward movement of Christian forces which have been laboring to bring the Kingdom of God at hand. Men are cheaper than money. There are many who will go to the points where the work is needed to be done if the Church will but make it possible for them to go. Young men fresh from colleges and universities have signified their willingness to give five or more years of their lives to the city work, without salaries, if the Church will but equip the points chosen so that work of effect can be done. Will the Church allow itself to hear the call of the pagan world at our gates, to hear the voice of our youth answer saying, Here am I; send me, and not arise to give the means whereby the alarming situation may be met?

"Follow Thou Me."

I said, "Let me walk in the fields;"

He said, "Nay walk in the town;"

I said, "There are no flowers there;"

He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the sky is black,

There is nothing but noise and din;"

But he wept as He sent me back—

"There is more," He said, "there is sin."

I said, "But the air is thick

And fogs are veiling the sun;"

He answered, "Yet souls are sick,
And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me they say;"

He answered me, "Choose tonight
If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given;
He said, "Is it hard to decide?"

It will not seem hard in heaven

To have followed the steps of your guide."

I cast one look at the fields,

Then set my face to the town;

He said, "My child, do you yield?"

Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,

And into my heart came He,

And I walk in a light divine

The path I had feared to see.

O. W. STEWART.

From Rev. J. W. House.

Norman, Okla., March 16, 1908.

I left my maul and wedge, ax and shovel, gun and squirrels, Friday, February 20th, and took the train for St. Louis. Spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday there. Purchased over \$100 worth of Bibles and good books

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and on Monday following boarded the Katy train to join Bro. J. T. Newsom in a revival at Montrose, Mo., to work with him in revivals and sell good books. Sunday morning I attended Sunday school and preaching at our St. Johns church, St. Louis. I found a fine Sunday school doing excellent work. The 4 o'clock service was a Washington memorial service. The Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, and the Sons and Daughters of the Southern Confederacy assembled in the Sunday school room and then marched into the main auditorium in their beautiful regalia with large banners. Dr. Styles Bradley, the pastor, and Bishop Tuttle in the van. Dr. Bradley took for a text Matt. 11:7-11; preached a most excellent and helpful sermon showing the points of similarity in the characters of these two pre-eminently great men—John the Baptist and George Washington. It was eloquent, rhetorical, inspiring, very practical, clothed in the very best English, and spiritual. I was greatly benefitted by the sermon and the entire service. Saw nothing cold, stiff nor formal in the service.

In the afternoon at 2:30 I attended the common people's down town Sunday school at Centenary church. There were 472 present. O how inspiring was their singing, and all the service. They have a healthy and inspiring rivalry there among the classes, each seeing which can get the banner and the prize

for bringing the largest number of new scholars to the Sunday school. There were 523 present the preceding Sunday afternoon. The Epworth League there at 6 was the best I have ever attended. At 7 Dr. W. F. Andrews, the pastor, (our Arkansas W. F. Andrews, who went from First church, Little Rock last year) lectured on "The Perils that Threaten our Institutions." It was a timely and much needed deliverance.

Monday I traveled through the richest country I think I have ever looked upon, lying along the north side of the Missouri river. Joined Bro. Newsom at Montrose last night. He was having an awful struggle trying to set up the Bible standard of morality in that rich, worldly, licentious little town where moral distinctions were completely obliterated. Finally after weeks of preaching, praying, agonizing and traveling, the break came and there was a grand triumphant, sweeping victory. Between three and four hundred professions, and the state of society completely revolutionized.

I came on to Norman a week ahead and began the meeting here. I never saw a meeting start more favorably. It now looks as if the entire city is going to be revolutionized morally. We go from here to Conway, Ark., to assist that sweet spirited, lovable man of God, J. B. Stevenson. Your co-laborer.

J. W. HOUSE.

What the Next General Conference Ought to Do.

I know that I am a very small part of the church; but doubtless there are many others of the same opinion that I am. The next General Conference ought to pass a law compelling each Annual Conference to establish a training school for the benefit of young preachers and missionaries. They might be run in connection with our colleges. The course of study should be taught and all the other things necessary to the success of a preacher. No preacher should be admitted on trial into an Annual Conference till he has passed an approved examination on the four years course of study prescribed by the bishops for the itinerant preacher. And all itinerant preachers should have authority to do all the work of a pastor, such as administering the Lord's Supper, etc. I know that they all now have the right to perform marriage ceremonies and baptize, but not to administer the Lord's Supper. Now if one has the right to baptize, why has he not the right to administer the Lord's Supper. Paul says to Timothy, "Make full proof of thy ministry." That is, do all you can.

Every minister sent to the work of the Lord should know the teaching of him. "If the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch." Now when a man is sent to a charge he should have his mind clear and free from all other studies but the study of that charge so he may be able to give that charge the time which belongs to it and make full proof of his ministry.

J. R. ENNIS.

Davidson, Okla.

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Church Building a Necessity.

By Bishop Joseph S. Key, D. D.

A more careful review of the Appeal of our Board of Church Extension for the increase of our Loan Funds moves me to add this exhortation.

The rapid growth of our Church makes church building a necessity, and the prosperity of the people demands larger and more costly church homes. Time was when any shelter that gave protection from the weather was sufficient. That day has passed. We must build the best churches if we hold the best people. And these are those to be benefited by this Loan Fund.

A church building to cost \$20,000 or more can not ask a donation, but will be immensely encouraged and helped by a loan of \$5,000, to be returned when the new church is finished. Such a timely help will add double its amount in local gifts.

It is well to realize fully that we have reached the period of large things in our church work. Expansion is in the air. Education, travel and observation have broadened us and call for larger things. Our people are building better homes; cities and towns enlarging their business houses, and other people building more attractive churches, and our Board recognizes the demand on us to enlarge.

To meet this necessity and hold our place at the front of the advancing column, we call for this increase.

I am sure our broad-minded, consecrated membership will appreciate this call and rally to it.

Sherman, Texas.

A Family Re-union.

On Thursday, March 19th, 1908, Mr. Jesse Ragland celebrated his 68th birthday at the home of his oldest son, Mr. Sam Ragland, Valley Springs, Ark.

The subject of this sketch has been 49 years a member of the Methodist Church, South, never changing his membership from McGuire's Chapel, Wiley's Cave, Ark., where he was converted in 1859.

This 68th birthday was certainly a happy occasion where all his children were present with their families. There are four sons, all married, and two widowed daughters each of the latter having two sons and one daughter. There were eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandson who graced the occasion with the sunshine of their presence.

There were also present a few friends and other relatives, swelling the number to about 50 persons in all who gathered around the dinner table, picnic fashion, and enjoyed the ample feast consisting of abundance of everything good to eat. After dinner an appropriate talk was made by the pastor and we all joined in singing the departed mother's favorite songs, viz., "Amazing Grace," "How Firm a Foundation," etc.

The mother of Uncle Jesse's children has been in the glory world fifteen years. Her children are all Christians and members of the M. E. Church, South. One son is a teacher in Sunday School, one a steward and another is class leader. What an immeasurable power for good are a Christian father and mother! Their children go out to bless the world—and on till the end of time the force of our lives continues to strengthen and broaden in each succeeding generation till none but the recording angel can compute the value of a Christian life. How watchful and prayerful we ought to live!

May many happy birthdays follow and finally all the generations descending from this Christian father be gathered together in

the Great Reunion above where the sainted mother awaits their coming.

—A FRIEND.

Valley Springs, April 1, 1908.

An Appreciation of a Living Man.

Rev. P. C. Fletcher

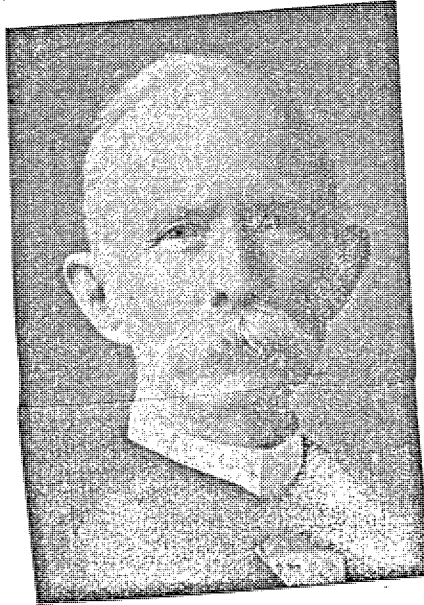
"God magnifies man by sharing with him His greatest thoughts, and thus fits him for thrones of intellectual and spiritual might."

—Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Thousands of young men and women in Arkansas will be glad to look into the face of the man who, during their college days, did so much to inspire them to noble thinking and living. John L. Buchanan, A. M., LL. D.

This grand old "Virginia gentleman" lives in this classic little city of the Ozarks in quiet, beautiful and helpful retirement, after having been connected with the educational interests of the South for more than a half century. Though he is in his 77th year, he is active in mind and body. He resides with his married daughter, Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, on Washington Ave. where he and his cultured and queenly wife brighten and bless the home.

This remarkable man has wrought a great work during his fruitful life. He has taken high rank in educational circles. For a num-



John L. Buchanan, LL.D.

ber of years he was Superintendent of Public Instruction of Virginia. He has been elected president of four great institutions of learning—Emory and Henry college, William and Mary college—Virginia; the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Arkansas. He has occupied chairs in Emory and Henry, Randolph-Macon, and Vanderbilt University.

During Dr. Buchanan's presidency of the University of Arkansas he greatly advanced the interests and standing of the institution and proved an inspiration and benediction to thousands of young men and women. These are now scattered all over America, if not the world, and many who read the columns of the Western Methodist will be pleased to learn of his good health and of the high esteem in which he is held by hundreds and hundreds of men, women and children who surround him in his retirement and declining years.

Dr. Buchanan, rich in intellect, ripe in experience, is also profound and beautiful in his piety. Our Central Church has no more interested and devoted member. During his years of activity here he was one of the leading spirits, and was for a long time progressive chairman of the official board. Today he is vice-teacher of the great Adult Bible Class of Dr. D. Y. Thomas, and Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour he is seldom absent from his accustomed pew. No preacher ever spoke in

the presence of a more sympathetic and helpful auditor. As an advisor and friend no pastor ever had a truer brother. Dr. J. A. Anderson, Rev. Henry Hanesworth, and Rev. E. R. Steel will each bear me out in these assertions.

Little did the writer think nineteen years ago, when he first met Dr. Buchanan on the campus of Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, that in coming years he would be the grand old man's pastor west of the Mississippi river. The experience has proven a blessed one. But the "preacher" still sits at the feet of the "teacher."

Mrs. Buchanan, the daughter of the late Dr. E. E. Wiley—one of the towering men of the Methodism of his generation—is in feeble health, but if love, prayer and good wishes could make her well, she would be in robust health, for she, with her distinguished husband, is admired and honored by hosts of friends.

Dr. S. H. Werlein, with a multitude of others, will be glad to read these lines about his old preceptor.

"He was made not only to know, and reason, and feel, but to achieve."—Bishop E. M. Marvin.

Fayetteville, Ark.

From Rev. H. D. McKinnon.

Dear Methodist: I will write a short letter to you as it has been three months since conference. Thought some of you would like to hear from me.

I had a severe attack of la grippe before leaving Arkansas, which confined me to my room and bed for several weeks.

Since coming here have improved very much. This climate is very fine; almost like May weather. We have vegetables of every kind in abundance.

I have met Bro. Cannon here; he seems to be doing well. Dr. Bond and wife and Dr. Thompson and wife of Little Rock are here and it has been pleasant for me to meet with them.

Our church here is doing well; having good services at all points. Travis Park church has near 600 in their Sunday school.

The Anti Saloon League and Woman's Christian Temperance Union are very active, getting ready for the great battle against the saloons. The whisky people are quite active too, as this is one of their strongholds in Texas.

I feel quite an interest in the matters at home, especially the governor's race, and the prospect of getting rid of the saloon in Arkansas. I am glad to see J. H. Hixson announced for state-wide prohibition. I have known him since he first came to the state; he has always been a good temperance worker. This will array the whisky crowd against him. Let the good people of the state come to his help with their work and their votes and things will go well with the state.

There is much of interest in this city and much work that needs to be done. I will be glad to hear from my friends any time. With good wishes for the Methodist,

H. D. McKENNON.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester Editor

Scripture Lesson for Apr. 19: Matt. 28:1-10;
Isa. 40:9-11.

Topic: An Easter Message: Go Tell My Brethren.

The women who lingered last about the cross of the dying Savior and who first discovered the empty tomb early on that first Easter morning were first to see their risen Lord and first to be commissioned by Him to tell the glad tidings of the Resurrection. They were the last to leave their dead Friend and they were the first to see their risen Lord. Thus was honored the love and the loving service of those beloved followers who had been so faithful to their Master.

These women were made the first earthly messengers of the Resurrection and they had a double commission. They were commissioned first by the angel who sat by the opened door of the empty tomb, "He is not here: for he is risen. . . Go quickly, and tell his disciples." Then the Master Himself who met them as they went said to them, "Go tell my brethren." With what assurance could they now speak their message! They had seen his empty tomb and had doubtless been inside of it and looked upon the very place where His body had lain; they had been charged by an angel from heaven and then by the risen Lord Himself with their message. Surely they could speak that message with authority.

They were to bear a message from the Master to his disciples. Never had his disciples needed a message more than now and never was such a message needed more than this one. The disciples were heartbroken, discouraged, chagrined and hopeless, and about to be scattered to their former homes and occupations. They needed a message, a message from their Lord. But him they believed to be dead and hence unable to send a message. The hope of their lives lay dead, as they supposed, out yonder in Joseph's new tomb in the garden. To get a message from him and to see him alive would stagger their faith, and yet this was the only thing that would bring sure relief to them. Happy thought, though they did not know it, he was alive and was sending a message to them by these women, a message that he was alive and wanted to meet them on a mountain in Galilee. Was there ever a message more needed or more welcome? Was there ever a message better suited to discouraged, hopeless human hearts than this message of an empty tomb and a risen, living Lord? It was a message of hope and of life.

Their instruction was to hasten with the message. "Go quickly." Why hasten? Because of the urgent need of the disciples. Their hearts were heavy with sorrow and dark with despair and moments seemed hours and days seemed ages to them. Go quickly that you may reach them before they disperse; go quickly that you may relieve that awful tension of sorrow; go quickly that you may dispel that darkening cloud of despair gathering about them. "Go quickly," and they did "run to bring his disciples word."

"Go tell my brethren." Tell them what? Tell them that my grave is empty; tell them that you saw an angel from heaven by my empty grave and that he talked with you; tell them that you went into the tomb and saw where for three days my cold dead body lay; tell them you saw the death clothes, lying in the empty tomb. Tell them that you saw me alive and talked with me. Tell them that I want to see them and talk with them. Tell

them that I am the Resurrection and the Life and he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Tell them that I am Lord of life and death. Go bear this message to my brethren for me.

Latest Notes Concerning the Laymen's Missionary Conference.

Nashville, Tenn., April 11, 1908.

There will be held in Chattanooga, April 21-23 the greatest conference of Methodist laymen ever convened in the history of the church. Over one thousand delegates have been elected, and it is probable there will be several hundred more in attendance. There is the greatest interest in the city of Chattanooga in this Conference. Mayor Crabtree, who entertained the Executive Committee at his home, is himself chairman of the Laymen's Movement among the Methodists of Chattanooga, and is doing everything possible to make the meeting a success. Mr. W. G. M. Thomas, attorney and member of the Executive Committee, together with Senator Faust, have secured the great Auditorium which will seat four thousand people for the sessions.

One of the most significant facts is that of the presence of Hon. James Bryce from Great Britain. Mr. Bryce has been for thirty years a member of Parliament and was for some time Secretary for Ireland. He is one of the most intelligent representatives Great Britain has ever sent to Washington City. His masterpiece, "The American Common Wealth," is one of the great books of the last century and deals more thoroughly with American problems than anything written by an American. On Tuesday evening, May 21st, Mayor Crabtree will deliver an address of welcome, responded to by Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., after which Mr. Bryce will deliver an address on "The Mission of the Stronger Races to the Weaker."

The ablest men in the United States have been secured for this occasion. Dr. Josiah Strong, of New York, will speak on "The Challenge of the City." Bishops Wilson, Candler and Hendrix will deliver addresses and several eminent missionaries representing Japan, Korea, China, Cuba and Brazil. Mr. W. T. Ellis, of the Philadelphia Press will speak on his world tour from the standpoint of a newspaper man, and Mr. J. Campbell White will outline a world campaign for laymen. Several of our leading laymen will take an active part.

Mr. John R. Pepper, President of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, writes from Memphis, that a large number of laymen will be in attendance from that city. Several special trains will be run to Chattanooga and a number of cars have been chartered for delegates from both East and West of the Mississippi River.

We give here in full the program:

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

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D. H. Abernathy, Pittsburg, Texas.

Tuesday Evening, April 21, 1908, 7:30 O'clock
A World Vision.

Address of Welcome, Hon. W. R. Crabtree,

Mayor of Chattanooga.

Response, Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham, N. C.

Address, Hon. James Bryce, Ambassador from Great Britain.

Wednesday Morning, April 22, 9 O'clock
Our Opportunity.

The Educational Movement in Missions, Rev. Ed. F. Cook, Nashville, Tenn.

China: The Gibraltar of Missions, Dr. D. L. Anderson, Soochow, China.

Korea: A great Religious Awakening, Rev. J. L. Gerdine, Seoul, Korea.

Announcement of Committees.

The one Great Mission of the Church, Bishop A. W. Wilson, Baltimore, Md.

The Quiet Hour, Dr. W. W. Pinson, Nashville, Tenn.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2:30 O'clock.

Report of Committee on Permanent Organization.

The Christian Conquest of Japan, Dr. S. H. Wainwright, St. Louis, Mo.

Brazil: A Bugle Call to Victory, Rev. E. A. Tilly, Ashland, Va.

Cuba: On the Firing Line, Rev. W. G. Fletcher, Santa Clara, Cuba.

The Problem of the Downtown Church, Dr. W. F. McMurry, Louisville, Ky.

Medical Work in the Orient, Dr. T. F. Staley, Bristol, Tenn.

Protestant Literature in Spanish, Prof. P. A. Rodriguez, Nashville, Tenn.

Moving Pictures: A Great Mission Field.

Wednesday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

The Supreme Opportunity of the Hour, Mr. William T. Ellis, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Call to Go Forward, Bishop W. A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

Thursday Morning, April 23, 9 O'clock
Our Responsibility.

The Plan, Purpose and Need of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, Hon. S. B. Capen, LL.D., Boston, Mass.

The Work of the Conference Lay Leader, Hon. T. B. King, Memphis, Tenn.

Discussion.

The Work of the District Lay Leader, Mr. A. Treischmann, Crossett, Ark.

Discussion.

The Challenge of the City, Dr. Josiah Strong, New York City.

The Quiet Hour, Dr. W. W. Pinson, Nashville, Tenn.

Thursday Afternoon, 2:30 O'clock.

The Work of the Lay Leader in the Individual Church, Mr. L. M. Pennington, Eatonton, Ga.

Discussion.

Reports of Committees.

Moving Pictures: The World's Work.

Thursday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

A World Campaign for Missions, Mr. J. Campbell White, New York City.

The Supreme Obligation of the Hour, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, Mo.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

April 19. Jesus Anointed at Bethany.

Golden Text—"We love him because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19.

Time—Friday evening, March 31, 30 A. D.

Place—House of Simon the leper, Bethany.

Lesson Text—John 12:1-11.

"We are now within six days of Jesus' last passover. It might appear from the account in Matthew that this supper was two days before the passover, but Matthew and Mark bring this feast in after mentioning the conspiracy of the chief priests and elders, because the incident of the feast led Judas to his final determination to sell his Master to his enemies and is thus connected with the plots of the Jewish leaders. This lesson throws a holy light upon the home life and the way in which Christ regards it. Jesus does not forget in these supreme hours of His life the friends He loved, Martha and Mary and Lazarus. He will have for his own heart's joy, and still more for the confirmation of their faith, a few more times communion with them. To bring them some further spiritual gift He came to Bethany. There is something inexpressibly touching in those evenings at Bethany during the last week of our Saviour's life on earth. He came for another purpose also, to nurture that flame of faith that had been kindled in the hearts of many by the resurrection of Lazarus. We read in the beginning of Jesus' ministry, how, having performed his first miracle at Cana and faith being awakened, He afterward came back to Cana to quicken and nourish and strengthen that faith. So here Jesus comes back to Bethany for a similar purpose. Jesus did not awaken faith and then leave it to languish and die. But the principal purpose was to anoint Mary and Lazarus. Jesus Christ while he was "very God of very God," was also a very real man. He was our brother. The way in which Bethany is spoken of by John is worthy of note. "Where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead." Bethany was a little village, but it had a title of dignity; there was a resurrected man there. There was not one else at the gathering who brought such joy to the aching heart of Jesus as did Mary. She above all others, had listened to him, understood him, believed and loved. Out of the wealth of her love she had purchased at a cost of fifty-one dollars (a large sum in those days, her whole treasure) an alabaster cruse of ointment and put it aside to use it upon Him when the proper moment came. She had understood what none of the rest had, that He was actually to die and be buried. She had not sat at His feet in vain. Mary had not stopped to calculate the cost of the ointment and whether she might better save part of her money for future needs. Love never calculates; it gives all. Mary's uncalculating love of Jesus proved a safer guide to conduct than the calculating prudence of Judas and the rest of the disciples. Mary's act was looked upon with suspicion and some very wise criticisms were made upon it. Judas Iscariot was the leader in the harsh criticism. The Iscariots usually are the leaders in criticising the acts of others. But the whole apostolic company were carried away by the bad spirit of Judas. Censorious criticism is more contagious than smallpox. Envy lay at the bottom of their criticism. They could not understand Mary's act, not because it was below them, but because it was above them. Mary was to have sufficient compensation for the criticism of

the disciples in the approval of the Master. The disciples regarded this use of the exceeding precious ointment as a "waste." That speaks poorly for their love for Jesus and their estimation of him. But there are always those who think money spent on Jesus wasted. To save their own consciences they suggested the poor as those to whom the money could be given. There are plenty who never give their own money to the poor who are willing to criticise others for not giving theirs.

"Jesus praised when His disciples criticised. He told the critics that they had the poor always with them and whenever they willed they could do them good. There was a prick in this for their consciences. He told them further that what was to be done for Him must be done at once. So it must be today. Upon Mary's act he bestowed the highest possible praise, "She hath done what she could." That is all Christ asks of any one. Mary was not looking for fame when she performed this act, but she got fame immortal. Jesus bestowed such commendation upon her as He bestowed upon no other, and His wonderful prediction concerning her has been literally fulfilled. Mary had satisfied the Savior's heart. She just poured out her heart's adoration, she worshiped. Martha was in part taken up with her service, Lazarus was in part taken up with his enjoyment, but Mary was wholly taken up with Jesus himself. And she is the one of whom the Lord said, "whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." It would be pleasing to our Lord, if we, in this busy, bustling age, and this age, too, of spiritual feasts, were more taken up with Himself than with our services or our experiences. Mary's love was utterly forgetful of itself, forgetful of surroundings, uncalculating of cost, regardless of criticism. It poured itself out utterly. The fragrance of it has filled the world even as the fragrance of her ointment filled the house. She understood that Jesus was about to die for her. Judas was stung to the quick by the gentle rebuke of Jesus. He hurries to Jesus' enemies to strike a bargain with them for the betrayal of his Lord. He seeks to get back part of the money he had lost by Mary's not putting the 300 pieces into the bag. He comes in just as the priests are plotting Jesus' destruction and the bargain is soon closed. Contrast these two pictures: Mary spending her all to anoint her Saviour for His burial. Judas selling Him for a paltry sum of money."—Torrey.

More City Campaigns by the Laymen's Movement.

Interdenominational Meetings of Men, to consider their relation to the missionary calls coming to the churches, have recently been held in Richmond, Va., Montreal, St. John and Halifax. In every case, a marked advance has been undertaken. In Richmond, where all the churches last year with 26,000 members, gave about \$27,000 to Foreign Missions, the men decided to undertake to double this amount this year, and further increase it to \$100,000 as soon as possible. In Montreal, with about 30,000 church members, they gave last year to Home and Foreign Missions, \$100,000; they have undertaken to increase this to \$250,000 a year, within a period of two years. This will be an average equal to that undertaken some months ago by the city of Toronto, viz.: \$8.35 per member for missionary purposes. Splendid progress is being made in Toronto in securing personal subscriptions to

cover the \$500,000 they decided to raise. The Baptist churches which at first undertook \$50,000 of the total amount, have made such progress that they now expect to secure at least \$60,000. The reflex blessing that has already come to the churches of Toronto is very marked.

At St. John, N. B., 9,800 church members gave last year \$16,000 to missionary purposes. They have decided to undertake to double this amount this year.

Halifax, N. S., with 8,760 church members, gave \$17,700 last year to missions. They are now engaged in a concerted effort to increase this amount to \$40,000 this year.

At St. Joseph, Mo., where they undertook a few months ago to increase from \$12,000 to \$50,000 to Foreign Missions this year, one congregation has raised \$10,000, and an individual in the same congregation has made a special gift of \$10,000 more.

In Atlanta, where they undertook at the end of November to increase from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the congregation that gave more per member than any other in the city last year, giving a total of \$2,000 to Foreign Missions, undertook to increase that to \$10,000 this year. The church has 700 members. When last heard from, 65 of the members had made subscriptions aggregating \$6,700 and they feel quite sure of getting the \$10,000 they are aiming for. This will be an average of over \$14. per member, to this object. Yet it is not more than hundreds of other congregations can do when they undertake to have a worthy share in the work of making Christ known to the whole of the human race.

The most striking recent development has been a co-operative effort, on the part of five Foreign Mission Boards, to hold two day united Missionary Campaigns in seven of the cities of the Pacific Coast region. These campaigns are to be held under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, with Mr. J. Campbell White and others as speakers, at Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Oakland, Los Angeles, Redlands, and San Diego; the series closing on April 12. On April 24-26, a similar campaign is scheduled for Chattanooga, Tenn. and on May 5-7, another at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, the General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of Scotland, is now spending some weeks in the United States and Canada, studying the remarkable results secured in cities where the Movement has been operating, with the expectation that similar plans will be followed in the cities of Scotland.

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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.)

Huntington, Ark., Feb. 5, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have just been reading the cousins' letters and I enjoy them. I am a little girl eleven years of age. I go to school every day that I can. I am a farmer's daughter and live one mile and a quarter from the college. Miss Brooks is my teacher and I think it would be hard to find her equal. My mamma takes the Methodist and I certainly enjoy reading Ruth Carr's stories. I attend a Baptist Sunday school, as our church is five miles away; they have a fine school and my teacher's name is Mr. Kirkpatrick. I have two pets—a dog and a cat and their names are Jip and Jill. Hoping to see this in print, I will close by asking a question: Who was David's mother? Your new cousin,

HELEN CRUMP.

Snyder, Ark., Feb. 7, 1908.

Dear Methodist: A Sunday School Institute began here Tuesday night and ended Wednesday night. Bro. W. F. Evans preached a missionary sermon Tuesday night and led the Sunday school exercises next day. Bro. Watson preached Wednesday night. His text was "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season I will call for thee." We were all interested through the entire institute. We were expecting Miss McKinzy of Crossett to give a lecture Wednesday afternoon but she was sick and did not come. My brother-in-law, Rev. Timberlake, is our pastor. I will close by asking three questions: What was the only prayer Jesus ever prayed that he did not begin by saying "Our Father," or "Father?" Where was he and whom did he quote? Your cousin,

FLORENCE GRANTHAM.

Pauls Valley, Okla., Feb. 7, '08.

Dear Methodist: Will you admit a little Indian girl to join you? I am 13 years old; will be 14 the 16th of April. Who has my birthday? Mamma takes the Methodist. I am very fond of it. I like to read the children's page. My father has gone to heaven. He died the twenty eighth of December, 1902. I have five sisters and one brother. I go to Sunday school most all the time. I am a member of it; I joined when I was four years old. I go to school, but I have been sick for three weeks. We have two nice brick school buildings. The Lee and Jefferson. I go to the Lee building and am in the eighth grade. I would be glad to exchange postals with any of the cousins. I will close as I am afraid I can not outrun the waste basket. Good by. Love to all the cousins.

ELIZABETH BARNELL CAMPBELL.

Big Cabin, Okla.

Dear Methodist: Will you admit another girl into your happy band? I am a girl twelve years of age. My grandma takes the Methodist; I like to read the children's page very much. I live on a farm. It is so far from town I do not go to Sunday school very often. I have two brothers. I have a sister and mother in heaven. Your loving friend,

ETHEL CROWELL.

Belleville, Ark., Feb. 2, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the dear old Methodist today. My papa has been taking our paper ever since I can remember and don't know how long before, and have enjoyed it. I guess it was about the first paper I ever saw. I enjoy Ruth Carr's stories and the letters. I am a little crippled girl 13 years of age. I have been a cripple all my life and hurt my foot 5 years ago and have something like a cancer on it and sometimes I can't move myself. Mamma has to move me in a chair. I walk on crutches most of the time. I never went to school in my life. I learned to read and write at home. I have a guitar. I can play a little on it. I have two sisters, 16 and 9 years old, and one little brother 6 years. My papa and mamma are Methodists and

papa is an ex-Confederate soldier 73 years of age. I am so thankful we have our sweet parents with us. I pity those little orphans that have no home. We live on Chickalah mountain. We have Sunday school every Sunday. I don't get to go much. I will close with best wishes to the Methodist.

EDITH DYER.

Ada, Okla., Feb. 4, 1908.

Dear Methodist: Will you permit a little boy 10 years old to join your happy band? Papa takes the Western Methodist. I enjoy reading the Children's Page. I go to school and I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Miss Bertie Sims and she is also my Sunday school teacher. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Brother Sims is our superintendent. Brother Sims is our pastor. This is his fourth year here. We were certainly glad to get him back again. I have three sisters and three brothers. If the waste basket don't get me I will write again. Your new cousin,

HASKELL PRICE.

Mabelvale, Ark., Feb. 7, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the Children's Page. I will write for my first time. I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the fourth grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss Rosa McGray. Our other teacher's name is Mr. Willie S. Miller; they both are good teachers. Our school has been closed down on the account of the measles. Papa takes the Western Methodist. I like to read the letters I go to Sunday school; my teacher's name is Miss Laura Davis. I love her. She is so kind to us. Bro. J. M. Cannon is our pastor. He is a good preacher. He was our preacher last year. Well, I will close for this time. If I see this in print I will write again. Your little cousin,

MARGARET SCOTT.

Tomberlin, Ark., Feb. 4, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the letters in the Methodist. I am 10 years old. My auntie takes the Methodist. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. J. H. Garner. I am in the fourth grade. My school teacher's name is Mr. G. W. Clark. I have one sister; I have a brother dead. My mother has been dead six years. I hope to see this in print. Your new cousin,

RUBY GRAHAM.

Tomberlin, Ark., Feb. 4, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am in the fifth grade. I have been reading your letters. I am a little girl 12 years old. We take the Western Methodist. This is the first letter I have written. My mamma has been dead six years. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I want to see this in print. Your cousin,

CARRIE GRAHAM.

Erick, Okla., Feb. 1, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl 10 years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Mrs. J. H. Meredith is my teacher. I go to school every day. I am in the fourth grade. My birthday comes the 15th of April. I want a letter from all the cousins. As this is my first attempt to write I will close, hoping to see this in print. I am your new cousin,

MATTIE HOLCOMB.

Lockesburg, Ark., Feb. 2, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As I have never written to the Methodist I will write. My mamma takes the Methodist; I like to read the children's letters. I am thirteen years old. I go to school. I study the sixth grade studies. Miss Rose Willoughby is my school teacher. My papa is dead. I have three sisters and two brothers. Bro. J. A. Parker is our pastor. We like him fine. Hoping to see this in print, I remain your cousin,

LUCY LITTLE.

Lockesburg, Ark., Feb. 2, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I have been reading some of the children's letters, so I thought I would write one too. I am a boy 15 years old. I go to school. I enjoy reading Ruth Carr's letters. My papa has been dead five years. My grandpa Custer was a Methodist preacher. I have four sisters and one brother. Bro. J. A. Parker

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ker is our pastor; we like him very much. I will close for this time. Your cousin,

J. CUSTER LITTLE.

Wattensaw, Ark., Feb. 5, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the cousins' letters, so I thought I would write too. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mr. Homer Darden. I am studying the fourth reader, arithmetic, geography and spelling. I am a little orphan boy 11 years old. I have four brothers living and one dead. I have two sisters. I am living with a good man; his name is Mr. Thompson. I have a good home and he takes the Methodist. My oldest sister is married; she has two children. My deskmate is Dewey Deese. Well, I will close for fear this will reach the waste basket. Hoping to see this in print, your new cousin,

ROY McDANIEL.

Lorena, Texas, Feb. 4, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I have just been reading the cousins' letters, and I enjoy reading them very much, so I thought I would write for the first time. My papa takes the Methodist. I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Miss Nellie Norton and I like her fine. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. I did not go last Sunday. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Annie Barons. I have two sisters and three brothers. I have one little pet; that is my little brother; he is four years old and he is so sweet. I will close, so good-bye. Your little cousin,

LOIS TAYLOR.

Tuckerman, Ark., Feb. 2, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have just been reading the children's page and I enjoy reading it. My uncle takes the Methodist and I thought I would write a letter. My mamma and papa are Methodists. Our preacher's name is Bro. Hall. Our presiding elder is Bro. Dye. I have heard of him and I want to get acquainted with him. I am a little girl 11 years old. I am in the fifth grade and I go to school; my teacher's name is Mr. W. J. Caldwell. I have two brothers living and a brother and a sister in heaven. I guess I had better stop for fear of the waste basket, and if I see this in print I will come again. Your cousin,

Arkadelphia, Ark., Feb. 3, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As I have just finished reading the children's letters, and being interested I have decided to write one. I am a little girl 10 years old. I have two sisters and one brother. One of my sisters is married. She is staying with us awhile now. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. I have the sweetest teacher; her name is Miss Carrie Nash. As I have no pets I can not tell you about them. But I am not lonesome, for I have a sister just three years older than I. Can any readers guess what grade I am in? I'll tell you. I am in the fifth grade. Next week is the examination and I have to review. My teacher is Miss Sallie Williams. I like her so much. I will close by asking a question: How old was Moses when he died? Love to the cousins and Miss Lillian. Hoping to see this in print, I will close. Your cousin,

RUTH WARLICK.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 3, 1908.

Dear Methodist: One month of the new year has passed. I wonder if the cousins have kept all their new year's resolutions and if they spent a pleasant Christmas. I had a very happy time, but was disappointed as we meant

to spend Christmas with my auntie, but did not get to go as mother was not well. And then too I felt sad as a few days before Christmas my old "black mammy" Maria Parks, died. She always enjoyed Christmas so much and tried to make it pleasant for us children. She said even to mamma and papa belonged to her anyway. Mamma said it was too bad, for soon there would be no more good old black mammys. She did love to cook dinner for "Miss Mary's" preachers, as she would say, but poor old soul will cook no more dinners for anyone. But I must tell you about my little sisters. Louise is six and has been going to school some. My baby sister Jane will be three years old the sixth of March and I will be eleven the eighth of March. She is the sweetest thing and she is the life of the home, as she is so cute and merry. We have great fun playing "Logomachy," she tries to play too. I am getting along nicely in school. I am in the fourth grade. I love to go to Sunday school and I like our pastor, Bro. Rushing, very much; he is so nice and jolly. I love to read the children's letters and Ruth Carr's stories very much, and I thank the Methodist for the space it has given the children. My grandmother Wheelock took the Methodist almost ever since it was established until she died three years ago, the 22nd of last August, and papa says he means to take it as long as he lives. I hope to write many letters to the Methodist if this escapes the waste basket. Lovingly I am your new cousin,

JODIE WHELOCK.

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In the beginning of our new year let us plan for great things and work for great things. Therefore as our conference pledge is the biggest thing we have in front of us, a good plan would be to study how others have best succeeded in collecting their pledge fund. For our own conference we find several plans. Some use mite boxes which they collect every quarter or annually during the week of prayer. Others send out envelopes containing scripture verses on giving and a request for an offering on a certain day. While others lay aside little mites all during the month which amounts to nice little offerings. One member planted a mustard seed off of which she realized \$3 for her pledge fund.

At the last board meeting this question was discussed with the following suggestions: Bring the Auxiliary in close touch with the object for which the pledge is being raised. Information and inspiration must flow from the board to the Auxiliary. Ask for great things and expect great things. Increase the amount raised each year that there may be constant progress and incentive to better work. Lay the matter on the hearts and consciences of the members of the Auxiliaries.

Faith is a great factor in raising pledges. When we pledge only what we can give, that is not faith. Stress heart preparation; spiritual alliance with Christ as essential in giving. First a vision of God then a vision of self; this will inevitably bring the burden of the world's need and the obligation to meet it.

Miss Smith sums up the secret of the success of South Georgia's conference as follows:

"Magnifying the Holy Spirit; much prayer; seeking information and giving information."

Another great problem we have before us is how to interest indifferent church members. This question was handled by Miss Davis as follows:

"Have public meetings that give information without a collection. Have several prayer services for several days before the time appointed for the missionary meeting. Get them interested by the way of the throne of grace is the surest way. Bring the indifferent women face to face with the facts of foreign missions by some means—lending books, leaflets; open meetings to which urgent invitations are extended; or two can agree as 'touching' one they want to become a member and pray for her each day as well as give information of the field."

We know we can not err in this, for every impulse onward is a mission of divine sending. "Go" is the core of the universal sender. To every man that has heard of Him the command comes strong and clear—"go."

The true appeal of the missionary society is at last far above all social and literary associations. It is the appeal of the heathen woman to the Christian woman. It is the appeal of darkness and despair to light and hope. Today millions of women suffer all the horrors of heathen cruelty in this life and pass away without hope of anything better. For them Christ died and Christianity

must bear relief to them. If this then is indeed woman's century, has she not come unto her kingdom for such a purpose as this?

MRS. L. H. REEVES,
 Secretary Pine Bluff District.

The Use of Money.

The sole value of money is use. It does not smell good. It is not beautiful. It can not be eaten. To hoard it away is to do nothing with it and to get nothing from it. Its purpose is use. It is not an end but a means to an end.

It is to be used as life. For money is life. As Dr. Schauffler said at the Student Volunteer convention in Cleveland in 1898:

"Money is myself. I am a laboring man, we will say, and can handle a pickaxe, and I hire myself out for a week at \$2.00 a day. At the close of the week I get \$12 and I put it in my pocket. What is that \$12.00? It is my week's worth of my muscle put into greenbacks and pocketed. Or, I am a clerk and hire myself out, being an intelligent clerk, at \$20.00 a week. Saturday comes and I get my pay, and, when I put that in my pocket, I pocket a week's worth of myself as clerk. Or, I am a merchant, and I have larger affairs; I have the handling of many clerks and require a higher brain power than that of the ordinary man. At the end of the week I strike my balance sheet and find I am to the good \$1,000. That is a week's worth of the merchant, a higher grade of intelligence. But, my name is Edison, and I toil with a brain of extraordinary power, and I complete an invention, and at the end of the week I sell the invention for \$50,000 and pocket the check. That is a week's worth of the highest inventive brain that there is. But it is all the same anyway. The muscle man, the mind man, the genius, when he gets his money, is really getting the result of his own labor in the shape of cash. It is not to be wasted any more than life is to be wasted. It is useless to lay it up to save for use, for that is the same thing as trying to accumulate life.

If it is not used it will use us. Unless we give money away our money will draw in and shrivel up our own lives. One of the rich and generous men of New York, who died recently, and who had given away millions, said he found it necessary to give money away largely for self protection, that the mere desire to accumulate grew so with success that his only safeguard was to give lavishly.

Men have the most varied conception of what giving means. One man thinks he is giving generously when he gives a dollar. Another who is less able gives ten dollars to the same cause and would not think of giving less. One church of 644 members, in Camden, gives \$6,000 to foreign missions and another of 314 members in Montclair gives \$1,688.00. What makes the difference? Well, assuming that the people in each are equally sincere, it is simply a difference of standard. Nothing reveals us more clearly than our notions of giving.

Many of Christ's references to money are half contemptuous. He knew the usefulness of wealth, but he also knew its arrogance and its vanity, and he never set it in a place of any pre-eminence. Life was the supreme interest with him. Men were to find life in him and to give life to him. Money was a mere thing, a tool of life. If life was given to God, life's possessions

would be used for God. If life was not given, God set no store by the money. Money apart from life was no more to him than the chemical elements which composed it.

Every one of us has some money which we can give to Christ for his use. But having life we can give what is of more value—the life itself.—S. S. Times.

Texhoma, Okla.

In no part of our connection has Methodism a more inviting field than that found in Western Oklahoma. People are here and this rich prairie region is being developed rapidly. Already there is a family on nearly every quarter section. More than 99 per cent of the land is susceptible of a high state of civilization. We also have good water, secured from everlasting wells, and one of the finest climates to be found in the United States. This preacher is not interested in any real estate speculation. But I give these facts to show our possibilities. The Macedonian call is heard in Geymon district. Will Southern Methodism turn a deaf ear? Many of our neighbors from the North are looking to us for a church home.

Texhoma has about 1,000 population and new people are coming every week. We have no church building at present. But with the help of the church extension board we are going to build. My people are loyal and responsive. Yes, I mean to let you know that there is an outcome to our church in Texhoma. By the help of the Lord we mean to be one of the best appointments in the district in a few years.

We have a young man leading us as presiding elder. But he is strong and aggressive in planting our forces in this virgin field. He has already rendered this preacher valuable service with reference to our church proposition here.

The Lord is blessing us with sunshine, rain and many other things. We want to show our appreciation and do our very best in the service.

JAMES O. CROOK, P. C.

A HAPPY BALD-HEADED MAN.

H. Dayton, a chemist living at 3004 1/2 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, Mo., accidentally discovered a mixture that made his hair grow. He tried it on his bald-headed friends with the same results. His is so proud of it that he has had the receipt printed by the thousand and is sending it to all who write and enclose stamp.

Branch, Ark.

Please allow me space for just a few words of appreciation to the beloved people who have been so good to me. Just a few days ago the good people of Canksville gave us a pounding consisting in most everything that was good to eat from meat and flour down to a jar of pickles. They brought dry goods for wife and children, one quilt, three pillows and some money. Oh how our hearts filled with gratitude to Him who said every good gift and every perfect gift comes from the Father of Lights in whom there is no variability, neither shadow of turning. After thanking the many kind friends for their kindness we were then led in prayer by Rev. Wm. Adcocks. All around this seems to be a very pleasant year, with great hopes of future success. Our congregations are increasing. However we have had good congregations all the time with the exception of a short time when we had such an epidemic of measles.

Our second quarterly conference is in the past. The brethren showed to be



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ahead with their preachers' salaries to what they were at that time last year in spite of the money panic. Yet I am glad to say we have some folks here who seem to know no defeat but are loyal to God and their pastor. My people are planning to build a stone building at Lows Creek at one point on the work. And they seem to be of the courage of old Nehemiah when he began to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in troublous times, for I think the people have a mind to work.

J. E. MORRIS, P. C.

Cove, Ark.

I just want to say the Methodist gets better.

Jansen circuit is moving along with J. A. Baker as pastor. He is a strong man, liked by everybody. We are praying for great things this year. I want to say to the preachers that have served this circuit to write and let us hear what they are doing. We would love to see something from some of them.

GEO. K. SIMS.

Stuttgart Station.

Our work at Stuttgart progresses nicely, and I am hopeful of a general advance along all lines. I am sure that had it not been for the financial panic, we would have had a new church ready for the district conference.

I am planning and praying for such a house of worship as Southern Methodism needs at this place, and believe we shall have it this year.

The official board is composed of business men, with J. I. Porter chairman, and I feel sure they, together with others, may be depended upon to take hold of this matter vigorously.

Stuttgart is a city of churches, as we have nine churches for our white

population, which makes it the more necessary that we get into a better building.

Two small rooms have been added to the parsonage since conference, which, counting the bath room and pantry, gives us seven rooms below and four above. The painting, papering and carpeting of the parsonage is to be done soon.

A more refined and appreciative people would be hard to find.

The Stuttgart Training School is doing splendidly, this being by far the best year in its history. The commencement exercises will be May 24-27. Dr. Sharp preaches the commencement sermon and Dr. Barrett is to deliver the literary address. Stuttgart goes after the best to be had, you see.

We are to have a ten days' chautauqua in June, the program to be furnished by the Conway bureau. The guarantee fund has been raised, and arrangements are now being made to add this educational feature to the city.

T. P. CLARK, P. C.

From Stillwater.

State Evangelist A. M. Brannon has been with us for ten days during which time he has done some excellent preaching, and much good to the church has resulted from his work here. Long and continuous rains greatly interfered with the meeting and other conditions were very adverse. Nevertheless there were several conversions and recommitments and several new members have been received into the church.

Bro. Brannon possesses some very rare evangelistic powers. He believes the message he delivers and preaches with great earnestness, sometimes rising to flights of splendid pulpit eloquence. With all this he shows a reverent and profound knowledge of the Bible and its doctrines, and speaks his conclusions without fear or favor or any compromise of the truth. Such work and such sermons from such a man are bound to add greatly to the strength of any church and any community. The Lord is blessing his work abundantly.

Bro. Paul Templeton, singing evangelist, was with us in this meeting, and by his sweet songs and earnest work greatly augmented the effectiveness of the work done by the preacher. Bro. Templeton is a recent convert, but has been a professional singer all his life, or since boyhood. He is one of the best soloists and co-risters it has ever been our lot to work with. He is a worthy young man and any meeting will gain much by his services. He will continue with Bro. Brannon for the present.

J. S. RILEY, Pastor.

April 11.

Will Wipe Out 30,000 Saloons.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Hon. Mr. Asquith, has introduced his long-expected licensing bill into the British parliament, and it seems like a well meant attempt at license reform. If it carries in the commons and succeeds also in getting through the upper house, it will make some most radical changes in the license situation in Great Britain. The bill provides for compulsory reduction within a specified period, and in a uniform scale, throughout the country. It proposes to allow one saloon for every 750 persons in cities, and one for every 400 persons in the rural districts. This regulation, it is estimated, will wipe out 30,000 saloons, or about one-third of the present total. This reduction is to be completed in twenty years. The issuance of new li-

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Such, in brief, is the story of Lizzie Matthews, of Mount Vernon, Ga., whose letter we print below. She says:

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censes will come under the control of the locality immediately affected, and a majority of the parochial electors shall have the power to prohibit the issuance of such license. Compulsory Sunday closing will be embodied in the law, but outside of the metropolis, the saloon will be limited to one hour at midday and two hours in the evening for Sunday selling. If the bill is adopted, in twenty years the state will possess unfettered control of the liquor traffic. The system of compensation is to lapse entirely after fourteen years, and thus an end will be put to the vested interests in all licenses. This legislation an end will be put to the vested interest, but if it is adopted, it will only be after one of the fiercest parliamentary fights the British temperance hosts have ever engaged in.—Christian Guardian.

Moral, Okla.

We are repairing the parsonage a few dollars' worth.

Are arranging our choirs for practice for summer revivals. Are going to have Children's Day. Have put a bell on the church at Moral.

Have lowered debt on church at Tronsdale and are putting in more seats.

Have our house ceiled and insured at Hill's Chapel and ready for dedication.

Have all meetings arranged for; expect to get small tent and parsonage family intends to camp out at each place.

Have six meetings to hold. And our motto; everything in full, all three churches dedicated and a good revival all over the charge (return another year, and a number of new subscribers to the Western Methodist.

Spiritual state of the church on the rise.

A. G. WHITE, P. C.

Labor Bans Liquor.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times, to temperance men, is the very pronounced stand that is being taken by our labor organizations both

in Great Britain and in this country. A very interesting item in this connection comes recently from Montreal. At a recent meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, a letter was read from Mr. Mee, president of the Montreal Bartenders' association, asking permission for the members of that association to take part in the labor day parade. The request was quietly refused. The excuse given was that the admission of the bartenders to the labor day parade would have damaged the cause of labor; and the fear was expressed that the liquor trade would have probably tried in the end to secure the control of the whole labor organization, and use it to further its own interests. This the labor party realizes would be suicidal. Labor and liquor are enemies, and can never be friends.—Christian Guardian.

Prohibition in Illinois.

Local option was the big question at the recent elections throughout Illinois. The temperance forces made big gains, putting over 1,500 saloons out of business. Decatur, where 15,000,000 bushels of corn are ground into brewery grist every year, and where there are sixty-three saloons, voted for prohibition. Of the eighty-four counties voting on the question sixty-four voted either entirely or partly dry, the vote being by townships. Of the twenty-five entirely prohibition counties only six were dry before election. A big surprise to the liquor element was the vote of the small mining towns, composed principally of foreigners, most of which went dry.—Ex.

Pioneer Circuit.

We had a good day at Pioneer and Whitsell yesterday. The house was crowded at Pioneer and we held church conference. We drove nine miles to Whitsell and preached and held church conference at 4 p. m. We are much in need of church houses in this country as the school houses are too small.

J. M. HOLT.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.
McAlester, Okla.

This is a city of about ten thousand. They claim the finest high school building in the state. The most complete and imposing Masonic temple, the best theater and the largest and best equipped hotel (the Busby) in Oklahoma. They also have elegant stores. The churches, however, are not in keeping with the growth of the city and the demands of the times.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, pastor of Phillips Memorial, is fully alive to his responsible duties and with his cultured wife are very popular. Dr. McHenry has been sending him to Western Oklahoma in the interest of church extension.

Rev. E. P. Enbanks, pastor of Stone-wall Avenue, was very helpful as my pilot. With his energy and consecration he will make a useful preacher. It was a great pleasure to meet so many of my friends of other days while in McAlester.

Capt. A. S. McKennon who for a quarter of a century has been a leader in all good works, Fletcher Arnold and wife, his god mother and Homer. John Gannaway and wife, the sweet singers; Mrs. Zoo May Enbanks and her Christian husband who is a leading lawyer; Miss Virgia Bennett, one of Galloway's honored graduates, who is teaching in the public school. Here I had fine success in securing new and collecting from old subscribers to the Western Methodist.

Holdenville.

I was met at the train by Rev. T. L. Mellen, pastor, and Rev. S. Goddard, the presiding elder. They assured me there was work for me in Holdenville. I found it so, and added a good list to the already creditable number getting the paper.

Holdenville has a population of about 2,500 and is surrounded by a good country. It is beautiful for situation and as a bright future.

I found Brother Mellen a polished Christian gentleman, with a consecrated wife and cultured daughter. He has made about 300 pastoral visits and if he does not succeed it will not be his fault. Here I met Rev. Tho. D. Weems, a superannuated preacher of the M. E. church, who impressed me as a sweet spirited cheerful man of God. His good wife ascended to her heavenly home a few months ago. She said on her death bed, "I have been a preacher's wife a long time and I have had a good time."

Brother Goddard, wife and son are happy in their work. The brethren say he is making an excellent presiding elder.

Wewoka.

This is a nice little town on the Rock Island road. Rev. C. B. Campbell is in his second year. They have built a beautiful church, and every prospect pleases. He and wife are in loving favor with the people. They are perfecting plans for new pews. The M. E. brethren have gone into our church and they are all working for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We added seven new subs. to the Western Methodist list. A pleasant night was spent with Brother and Sister Mitchell.

Shawnee.

This is a city of about fifteen thousand with good railroad and street car service and is growing in every direction. They are hopeful competitors for the state capitol. This is certain-

ly a beautiful and healthful city. They have six elegant brick public school buildings, one of them for the negroes. Rev. O. C. Fontaine, pastor of First church, is a transfer from Missouri. He has his work well in hand, and will no doubt have a successful year, for "he is worthy and well qualified."

Rev. G. W. Grace is pastor of Trinity. He has a pleasant manner of doing things and is much loved by his congregation. He had all the juveniles to spend an evening at his home. They had a royal good time eating cake and drinking lemonade. We too had a good time talking of events of thirty years ago when I was pastor at Villa Rica, Ga. With his and Brother Fontaine's help we added thirteen new subs. and shaped up the old.

Tecumseh.

This is the old capitol of the Pottawatomie Indians and the present county seat of Pottawatomie county. It is connected with Shawnee both by railroad and street cars. It has a population of about 2,000, a splendid public school superintended by Prof. J. H. Payne, an excellent business college conducted by Prof. M. N. Due. His enrollment this term has reached 180.

Rev. Jesse Crumpton and his new wife are in charge of our church. Indications are that they are looking well to the interests of our cause. They expect to occupy the new concrete church the second Sunday in April. We increased the subscriptions to the Western Methodist fine. I have often been reminded since coming to this country of one of Sam Jones' last expressions: "When the Lord made Oklahoma He did his dead level best."

Norman.

Norman is eighteen miles south of Oklahoma City, and is indeed a beautiful town of four thousand white people, in a very fine farming country. The state university is located here. The enrollment is over six hundred. The South Methodist church is in the lead, but other denominations are well represented. Brothers Newsom and House have been helping the pastor, Rev. R. E. L. Morgan in an excellent meeting. There were numerous professions and fifty-two have joined our church. I spent a most delightful Sunday here, preaching to large and appreciative congregations. While this is the largest church in Norman, it is evident that they shall need more room both for church and Sunday school. Sister Morgan, a most intelligent and earnest Christian worker, has a class of thirty young men and they hope to make it fifty. She is doing a fine work both with the young people and the ladies.

Brother Morgan is in great honor with his people. He has some of the best businessmen of the city in his church and they are standing by him to keep worldliness out of the church. The Western Methodist was coming to twenty-two homes; we added eighteen more, which makes 439 new subscribers since the first of January.

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Argenta, Ark.

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Iron Mountain shops, which furnishes employment and maintenance for a majority of the membership of these churches and of Gardner Memorial particularly, cutting off their source of supplies, makes the situation sufficiently serious to justify this appeal to the officials and members of these pastorate, in addition to the letters written them. Fortunately the captains of our little bands there, Brothers Haltom and Taylor, are not novitiates in the ministry and are of heroic mold, and the membership are loyal to their churches and will suffer together the deprivations demanded. May the good Lord bring out of this material stint, this financial stringency, spiritual fatness and opulence. But I beg these officials, stewards of these churches, to show themselves equal to this exigency and indicate the wisdom of their selection. Urge all to pay to date and if possible, get those able to do so to advance the third quarter and that will offset those who can not pay till fall. Our pastors there will be quick to improve the opportunity this emergency affords to preach and practice self-denial, and that will issue in the dispensing of the new Easter bonnets by the ladies and the usual spring suits by the gentlemen, and the indispensable work of these churches and pastors go forward.

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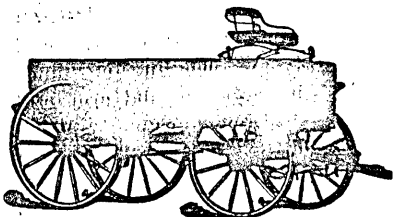
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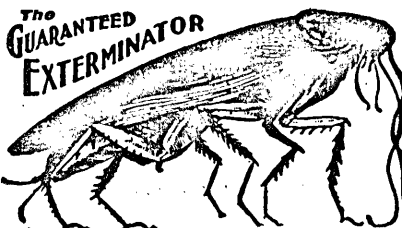
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Corner Stone Laying at Poteau, Okla.

I write to voice the sentiment of gratitude of Poteau for the services of your editor, Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, L. D., at our corner stone laying here last Sunday. He came to us from a field of strenuous labor in the Arkansas prohibition campaign, but still in the integrity of his strong physique and stronger mind and faith and rendered for us a brotherly and masterly service. From the character of the administrations and especially the pulpit deliverances of this trained champion of the Bible and church, no hesitancy need be experienced in calling him to any, even the trying and exalted places of service. The man who sees either the church or the inspired scriptures through his spiritual optics will ever be able to lead his congregation and constituency to nobler lives and broader visions of the coming kingdom, and to call both Jew and Greek to Christ, as one that speaks with authority. We sought to have one of our bishops here also, but now feel that we were as well served as we could possibly have been served in any way.

The day was ideal and the town enthusiastic. A good taste for greater and fuller service was left with us all. Three hundred dollars was secured from an already canvassed community and this gives us the down-hill pull henceforth with the work of finishing our handsome new brick church. We shall expect Dr. Anderson to visit us often and to command us when he will. Affectionately,
THE PASTOR.

April 5.

White River Conference, W. F. M.

My Dear Sisters: Our fiscal year closed March first. Our reports are in numerically. We have gained little, but in our zeal and love of the work, as evidenced by our offerings, we have advanced. At our annual meeting, when the friend who had supported our Mrs. Brown, felt he must give his benefactions in another channel, at least in part, we assumed her support, and by faith, energy and self denial we have accomplished it. We have a membership of adults, young people and juveniles of 770; we have raised from March 1, 1907, to March 1, 1908, as dues \$516.03; for salary of two missionaries \$1,532.17; for Bible and training school \$51.10; three scholarships \$120.; conference expense fund \$75, making a total of \$2,294.30, or almost an average of \$3.00 per member. If we had the entire membership of the church interested we could accomplish much for Christ. When we consider that the adult members (about 400), all belong to the Home Mission Society, either the local or connectional departments, or both, you can realize the earnestness of our organization. Let us thank God and push forward. Our annual meeting will be in Searcy May 14th to 18th.

Please elect your delegate—select a woman who will represent the work you are doing and bring back enthusiasm to your auxiliary; send names to Mrs. Martha Stovall. The program will be published later. Mrs. Hawley will attend the board meeting May 1-8 in New Orleans, and hopes to bring to our meeting our vice president, Mrs. Barnum, and a returned missionary.

As requested by Mrs. Gibson, please observe April 17th as a day of prayer for this meeting. We pledged our Easter offerings to the Bible and Training school. Do observe the season in some way: if you can do nothing else, col-

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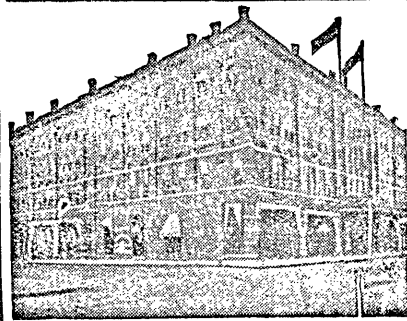
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MARY A. NEILL.

Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes.

Henderson Chapel, R. G. Rowland pastor. Had best congregations and services for some time; some increase in Sunday School.

Asbury Church, W. A. Swift pastor. Had 28 additions to the church; 246 at Sunday school; raised over \$2,000 on new church. The congregation expects to complete the entire building this year. Held first service in chapel of new church yesterday.

Capitol Hill church, P. R. Eaglebarger pastor. Four increase in Sunday School. Home department in Sunday School organized.

Hunter Memorial, Forney Hutchinson pastor. Preached at Scotts 11 a. m. Six persons from there united with Hunter church. W. D. Mitchell of Virginia preached at Hunter at 11 a. m. There will be Sunrise Communion Service at the church next Sunday; baptizing of children at 11 a. m.; men's meeting at night.

First Church, T. E. Sharp pastor. Had five additions; over 300 in Sunday School; large congregations. The pastor will baptize children preceding the morning service next Sunday. Men's meeting will be held tonight.

W. A. SWIFT, Sec.

April 13.

Notice.

The Camden district conference will convene at Bearden June 25-27. Thursday will be given to licensing preachers, the renewal of licenses, examination of the characters of local preachers, and recommending any who may apply for admission in the Annual Conference or for deacon's or elder's orders. W. C.

Hilliard, J. J. Colson and C. O. Steel will be the committee on all examinations. Friday will be devoted to the reports by the pastors and delegates of the charges. Saturday will be devoted to Sunday school and Epworth League interests.

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

Advance in Wood Preservation.

"Timber thoroughly treated with proper preservatives will last almost indefinitely," says a government expert who is an authority on wood preservation. "Engineers have known for years that this is true," he continues, "but up to the present time, at least in America, complicated and expensive plants have been necessary for the work and wood preservation has often been too expensive an operation to allow treated timber to come into general use."

Methods in wood preservation have undergone a marked change in the last few years, however, and the work which a few years ago was limited to a few experiments carried on in scattered parts of the United States has grown with such rapidity that wood preservation has become a business which figures most prominently in the industrial life of this country.

Each year railroads are treating an increasing portion of their cross ties, miners their mine ropes, farmers their fence posts and the men of many other industries are bringing preservatives into play to close the pores and prepare the timber they use to resist the fungi which cause decay.

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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.)

SMITH.—Susan E. Smith (nee Strong) daughter of D. E. Strong, was born March 1st, 1846, in Georgia; moved to Arkansas in 1853. Married to R. D. Smith Jan. 1st, 1866. Died at her home near Kilgore's Lodge in Columbia county, Ark., Jan. 7th, 1908. Sister Smith was converted in 1874 in a meeting held by Rev. E. N. Watson. She subscribed for her church paper then, which comes in her name yet. She was not sick long, but we believe she was ready. She was an active church worker, especially in Sunday schools; was gifted in prayer. She has often refreshed her pastor. We miss her face, but thank God, her influence is still felt. She leaves her husband and one daughter to mourn for her. May God comfort them is the prayer of her former pastor. R. J. RAIFORD.

BOYETT.—Lucy Loys, little daughter of J. J. and F. B. Boyett, was born Feb. 29, 1904 and departed this life March 29, 1908.

Thus comes the reaper and plucks the flowers. They seem to be very beautiful to us while they are the joy and brightness of our home, but after they are transplanted in God's garden they are still more beautiful.

Even in the dark hour of bereavement, is there not a spark of light? As she left us more lonely, is not heaven glad to receive her? While we weep over her departure, does not heaven rejoice at her coming? As she is plucked up from earth, is she not transplanted in heaven? In leaving this world, is she not beyond all pain and sorrow and death?

Life is not measured by its days and years. So this little life even though short as it was, is not in vain. For she cheered and brightened the home while here and as God has, in his infinite wisdom, seen best to call her home, she makes for us one more treasure in heaven. Blessed are they whose treasures are in heaven. "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Respectfully

T. E. WILLIAMS.

MILLER.—Mrs. Frances Ayers Miller (nee Sayles) daughter of Dr. Daniel T. and Mrs. Mary Sayles, was born in Yellow Bushy county, Miss., Aug. 28, 1848. She was converted under the ministry of Rev. A. K. Miller in 1865, to whom she was married the same year. With this union began a long and useful life in the itinerant ministry in the North Mississippi conference. But in 1865 they transferred to the Texas conference and from there to the Arkansas conference in 1873, and in 1874 they were transferred to the Northwest Texas conference. They came to the Indian Mission conference in 1891. Until her health failed she took an active part in the women's societies of her church. She was a worthy member of the Eastern Star, serving as matron at Mannsville and Atoka. She was one of the most devoted mothers I ever met and her devotion and love to her husband was something beautiful. She leaves six sons and one daughter behind and goes to meet a daughter who died some years ago. She died in the city of Ardmore, where she had gone to be treated. She passed to eternity on the 30th of March, 1908, and was buried at Kiowa.

J. R. SMITH.

BRAZIL.—Mrs. Kate R., (nee Austin) was born in Dallas county, Ark., July 23, 1881. She married R. E. Brazil of Garland county, Nov. 1, 1905, and lived the remainder of her life at Hot Springs. Her mother Mrs. Anna H. Austin and her husband survive her. She was a devoted Christian from childhood. When a young girl church worker she manifested remarkable maturity of wisdom and efficiency of service. At 14 she represented the Woman's For-

eign Missionary society of her local church at the annual gathering of the conference society and at the same time she was the devoted, successful president of the Glen Sreett Juveniles. In the Sabbath school work she showed the same measure of interest. Wherever she lived she was ever zealous for her Lord. A settlement without a Sabbath school could not remain so long after Kate Austin and her mother took up residence in it. If no suitable place could be had for the Sunday school instruction, the love of these faithful hearts would find a place. She kept books for her Lord, giving him one-tenth of her gross earnings, and in young maidenhood herself and mother thrown on their own resources made a remarkable record of financing by this titling plan for the Master. If the membership of Southern Methodism would do as much in proportion to the ability of each one, the planet would be evangelized within one-half century. This handmaiden of her Lord went from her home at Hot Springs into her home in the heavens March 17, 1908. Her mother and husband do not grieve as those that have no hope. In sympathy, JOHN F. TAYLOR.

BOWEN.—William S. Bowen was born in Monroe county, Miss., April 8, 1863, and died April 1, 1908, lacking only seven days of being 45 years old.

Bro. Bowen was converted at the age of 12 and joined the M. E. Church, South and lived a consistent Christian life till death. He was a steward in the church for several years and was a liberal contributor to the support of his preacher.

He leaves a wife and five children behind and his mother, now above 70 years, to mourn his departure. But they know where to find him, for he left the evidence that he was going to rest and waited patiently for the end to come. God bless mother, the wife and the children. D. N. WEAVER.

PATE.—Louis Pate was born March 15, 1850; died March 22, 1908. He was converted last summer during our meeting at Yeager and joined the Methodist church. His life was short among us as a Christian. His conversion was a bright one. A clean regeneration. From the day of his conversion he never ceased to do good. He had said oftentimes that the days seemed short. He was always at his place on preaching days, and it seemed that his soul feasted off of the word of God. We baptized him by immersion and as we led him up the bank he said: You have baptized me and you will preach my funeral, although he seemed to be in perfect health. But it is true death had marked us for his own and will claim us by and by. Bro. Pate left a wife and six children to mourn his loss, but there is one sweet thought—every one of the family belong to the Baptist church. May they fight the battle on

and on without faltering, and at last meet the loved one around God's throne. J. C. WILLIAMS, P. C.

LEAKE.—Mrs. Nancy Starke Leake (formerly Miss Meadors) was born in Newberry county, South Carolina, Feb. 29th, 1832. She was an exemplary child, converted and joined the M. E. church, South, at La Grange, Ga., when she was seventeen years old; was married to Dr. J. F. Leake of Lawrence county, South Carolina, August 16, 1853, and lived happily with her husband for seventeen years. Sister Leake has been a widow for thirty-eight years. Left almost penniless she has reared respectably her family of six children, and fell on sleep April 9, 1908, at her son's home eight miles southwest of Junction City, Ark. A long and fruitful earthly life has ended, and an eternity of heaven begun. Her former pastors here will remember how she loved God and his church, and will with us deeply mourn her departure. Her good works will follow her to the lives of all those loved ones and friends left on earth. May all meet her in heaven is the prayer of her pastor. J. R. SANDERS. Junction City, Ark.

WINGFIELD.—Charles B. Wingfield was born in Boone county, Mo., when it was yet a territory, May 30th, 1820. When about 16 years old he went with his uncle to Old Mexico with a train load of goods. While in Mexico he learned the Spanish language and when the Mexican war came on he enlisted and served during the war a part of the time as interpreter for Gen. Zach Taylor. In the war he lost the first finger of his left hand and was also wounded in the ankle. He was married to Sophia E. Holbert Oct. 19th, 1848. From this union were born seven children, four of whom are yet living—Mrs. Mary E. Pipkin, Mrs. Kate Lewis and Henry R. and Thomas Wingfield. He leaves seventeen grandchildren and several great grandchildren to mourn his loss. In 1855 he moved to Kansas, returning to Missouri in about three years; in 1861 he moved to Cherokee Nation, I. T., there he lost his wife. At the close of the Civil War he located near what is now Vinita, where he spent many years of his life and made many warm friends. He lived mostly with his children. On the 4th day of June, 1891, he was married to Mrs. M. C. Hargrave of Rudy, Crawford county, Ark., with whom and at which place he lived until the day of his death, which was March 17th, 1908. After the preaching of his funeral by the writer and in the presence of a large company of friends his Masonic brethren took charge of his remains and laid them to rest with Masonic honors, he having been made a Mason on the battlefield of Buena Vista, was dearly attached to the order. He was born and reared in a Methodist home and died in that faith. We expect to meet our Father

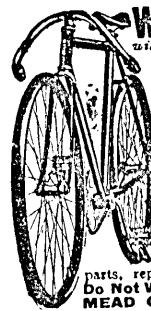
in that brighter world where parting is no more. As his last words in answer to the question, Do you know the end is near? he said, I am prepared. W. P. PIPKIN.

Gov. Hanly and Local Option.

Governor Hanly of Indiana, at the republican convention of his state last week, added another star to the many which have glorified his career as a chief executive. The secular press says: "The speech of Governor Hanly carried the convention by storm. His earnest and oratorical insistence upon the convention's adopting a liquor plank in its platform, strengthening present laws by adding to them a local option measure with the country as a unit was answered by the delegates with shouts of applause and cheers of approval. It seemed to put at rest all doubt as to the adoption of a platform with the desired clause included." And later reports say that an anti-liquor plank was placed in the platform, and that it is "a strong demand for local option in addition to the present laws with the country as a unit." All honor to the heroic governor of the Hoosier state.—Ex.

Married.

On April 12th, 1908, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Emma Nutt to Mr. Robert Taylor, both of Ramsey, Ark. C. C. Green officiating.



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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

MORRILLTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
 Morrillton Station Apr. 19-20
 Conway Station Apr. 26-27
JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
 Magazine Ct., at Sugar Grove Apr. 18-19
 Booneville Station Apr. 19-20
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
 Prairie Grove Station Apr. 18-19
 Parksdale & Winslow at P Apr. 25-26
 Goshen Ct., at New Cross May 9-10
 Fayetteville Station May 11
 Springdale Station May 17-18
 Elm Springs Ct., at Ebenezer May 22-24
Wm. SHERMAN, P. E.

DARDANELLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.
 Gravelly & Bluffton, Iron's Creek Apr. 9-10
 Bellville Ct., at Blue Mountain Apr. 12-13
 Danville Ct., at Chickalah Apr. 19-20
 Walnut Tree Ct., at New Prospect Apr. 23-24
 Oler Ct., at Liberty Grove Apr. 25-26
 Dardanelle Ct., at Stubb's Chapel May 16-17
 Dover Ct., at Sunny Point May 24-25
 Dardanelle Station May 30-31
 London & Knoxville at Nadden May 6-7
 Hamar Station June 20-21
 Clarksville Station June 20-21
 Coal Hill and Hartman, at C. H. July 5-6
 Spadra Mission July 11-12
 Prairie View, at McKendree July 18-19
 Roseville & Webb City, Sandy's Ch Jul 25-26
 Altus and Denning July 26-27
 Ozark Ct., at Oak Grove Aug. 1-2
 Ozark Station Aug. 2-3
 The District Conference will convene at Altus, Ark., April 30 at 9 a. m. Opening sermon at 11 a. m. by Rev. Jeff Sherman.
 Committee for License to Preach and for Admission on Trial—W. T. Thompson, H. Hanesworth and J. C. Weaver.
 For Deacons' and Elders Orders—J. M. McAnally, W. E. Bishop, J. C. Shipp.
J. H. O'BRYEN, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
 Alma & Prairie Grove at P. G. May 2-3
 Van Buren Station May 3
 Waldron Ct., at Mt. Pleasant May 9-10
 Waldron Station May 10-11
 Bates Ct., at Weeks May 16-17
 Van Buren Ct., at Mt. View May 23-24
 Midland Heights May 24
 Huntington & Mansfield May 30-31
 Greenwood May 31
 Ft. Smith Ct., at Spring Hill June 6-7
 Central Church June 7
 Mulberry Ct., at Dyer June 13-14
 Doddson Ave. June 14
 Branch Ct., at Lowe Creek June 27-28
 Paris Station June 28
 Charleston Ct., at New Prospect July 4-5
 Magazine Ct., at Bethel July 11-12
 Hackberry Ct., at Bethel July 18-19
 Hartford July 19
 Abbott Ct., at Lile Chapel July 25-26
 Booneville Station July 26
 Washburn Ct., at Washburn Aug. 1-2
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Long Creek April 18, 19
O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

(In Part.)
 Custer at Bethel April 25-26
 Geary Station May 2-3
 Erick and Texola May 16-17
 Clinton Station (At night) May 17
 Pioneer at Heatley May 23-24
 Weatherford Station (At night) May 24
 Butler Ct., at Shilo May 30-31
 Sayre Station June 6-7
 District Conference at Sayre, June 3-7.
 Opening sermon on Wednesday evening, June 3rd, by Rev. C. A. Burris.
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

MCALISTER DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
 Durant Station Apr. 18-19
 Atoka Station Apr. 19-20
 Ft. Towson Ct. Apr. 25-26
 Idahell Ct. Apr. 26-27
 Impson Valley Ct. May 1-2
 Antlers Ct. May 2-3
 Talihina Ct. May 8-9
 Albion Ct. May 9-10
 Phillipp's Memorial May 10-11
 Hartshorne Ct. May 22-23
 Pocola Ct. May 23-24
 Spiro & McCurtain May 24-25
 Howe Ct. May 30-31
 Quinton Ct. May 31-June 1
 Canadian Ct. May 31-June 1
SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Elmer, at Carmel April 18, 19
 Olustee and Eldorado, at Olustee, Apr. 19, 20
 Mt. Park, at Mt. Good Hope Apr. 25, 26
 Frederick Ct., at Bend 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.
 Lone Grove at Newport Apr. 18-19
 Paoli Ct., at Florence Chp. Apr. 25-26
 Berwyn and Springer at Springer Apr. 26-27
 Elmore Ct., at Antioch May 2-3
 Tussy Ct., at Tussy May 3-4
 Woodford Ct., at Elk May 4-5
 Thackerville Ct., at Love's Valley May 9-10
 Marietta Station May 10-11
 Leon and Burneyville at Leon May 16-17
 Whitehead and Mayeville at W. May 23-24
 Overbrook Ct., at Marston May 24-25
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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 8
 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
 Okloha Ct. at Okloha, 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
 Okla. & 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 April 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 27
 Piedmont Station May 28
 El Reno Station May 24-25
A. L. SCALES, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 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. R. McDONALD, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—2ND ROUND
 Gip circuit Apr. 18-19
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 (Additional.)
 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.

GUYNOM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Woodward April 18-19
 Mutual at Mutual April 19-20
 Inland at Inland April 22-23
 Grand at Lone Tree April 25-26
 Optima May 2-3

ADA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Wetumka April 18, 19
 Weleetka April 19, 20
 Bearden Ct., at Bearden April 25, 26
 Okemah Ct., at Paden April 26, 27
 Holdenville Ct., at Sankwa April 26, 27
S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Uchee at Bailey Chapel April 25-26
 Broken Arrow at Springtown May 2-3
 Sapulpa at Sapulpa Chapel May 16-17
 Cherokee at Butler Chapel May 23-24
 Seminole at Salt Creek May 30-31
 Wewoka at Springfield June 6-7
 Hitchita at Broadenax June 13-14
 Illinois at Rose June 20-21
ORLANDO SHAY, 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 16-17
 Hope May 17-18
 Prescott May 23-24
 Emmett May 24-25
 Fulton and McNab May 30-31
 Mineral Springs May 31-June 1
 Washington and Ozan May 31-June 1
 Harmony June 6-7
 Gurdon June 13-14
 Bingen June 20-21
 Chidister June 27-28
THOS H. WARE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.
 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
 Willmar Station May 10-11
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Fordyce Station Apr. 19-20
 Atlanta Ct., at Atlanta Apr. 25-26
 Stamps Station May 2-3
 Magnolia Ct. May 9-10
 Magnolia Station May 17-18
 Camden Ct. May 23-24

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

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Benton April 19
 Hickory Plains Ct., at Hebron April 25, 26
 Maumelle Ct., at Spring Valley May 2, 3
 Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen May 10
 DeVal's Bluff and Des Arc, at D. A. May 24
 Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton May 30, 31
A. J. MILLAR, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND

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.
 Star City & Dumas, at Dumas Apr. 18-19
 Roe and St. Charles at Bethel Apr. 25-26
 Stuttgart Apr. 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
 Rison June 2
 Redfield June 6-7
 Sheridan, at New Hope June 13-14
W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
 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
 Usery Ct., at Friendship May 23-24
 Central Avenue May 31
 Malvern Ave May 31
H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
 Knoblet 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
 Hardy Ct., at Biggars 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 Marmaduke, Thursday, May 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Opening sermon Thursday night by Rev. W. F. Walker. Committees: License to preach and admission on trial, E. M. Pipkin, C. H. Newman and P. B. Wallis. Elders and Deacons orders, E. N. Brickley, J. S. Watson and A. C. Griffin.
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
 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.

SEABOY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
 Auvergne 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
 Cabot Ct., at Jacksonville May 16-17
 Beebe Station May 17-18
 Bald Knob Ct., at Kennett May 23-24
 West Point Ct., at Higginson May 24-25
JOHN H. DYE, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND
 Colt Ct., at Colt Apr. 18-19
 Holly Grove & Marvell at H. G. Apr. 26-27
 La Grange Ct., at Spring Creek May 2-3
 McCrory & DeVew at DeVew May 9-10
 Turner & Shiloh at Shiloh May 16-17
 Clarendon Station May 17-18
 Wheatley Ct., at Prairie Chapel May 23-24
 Marianna Station May 31-June 1
 St. Francis Mission June 1
 Helena Station June 7-8
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DIST.—SECOND ROUND.
 Marked Tree & Tyrnora, Gilmore Apr. 18-19
 Crawfordville & Earle at E. Apr. 25-26
 Brookland Ct., at New Haven May 2-3
 Trinity Ct., at Fifty Six May 9-10
 Luxora & Rosell, at Rosell May 16-17
 Vandale & Cherry Grove May 23-24
 Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrough May 30-31
 Monette and Lake City, at Macey Jun 6-7
 Manilla and Dell, at Dell June 7-8
 Bay City June 13-14
 Cotton Belt Ct., at Kellers Jun 20-21
CADESMAN POPE, P. E.

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to discourage any one whose horizon was limited by our earth-life. The chill of it abides with me yet. But behind it all I made out also what it was that had deprived their poor human nature and that the responsibility lay with us who let it be, whose neglect of the neighbor that had fallen among thieves was to blame for it all. The world is no worse than we make it. We also can make it good."

Temperance Items.

No "prohibition fanatic," no "fiery temperance lecturer" ever said fiercer things about the saloons or drew in words a truer portrait of the liquor selling den than has been given out by "The Wholesalers' and Retailers' Review," a liquor organ of San Francisco. It says:

"A man who knows the saloon well can honestly say that most of them have forfeited their right to live."

"The model saloon exists chiefly in the minds of editors of liquor journals, in the imagination of a certain type of ministers, and in the mythical stories sometimes rehearsed at saloon men's campfires."

"Unfortunately, the average tipping house is a place of ill fame, a place of shame and debauchery."

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"This growing disrespect for the saloons is the harvest of tears ripening by the lurid glare of thousands of nights of hellish debauchery. It is no wonder that saloons in some localities are called hell-fire clubs."—Ex.

Two Strong Statements.

Judge J. L. Fort, prominently mentioned for the next gubernatorial nomination on the democratic ticket of Missouri, says in an interview:

"In Stoddard county, where we had \$15,000 a year from the saloons, our criminal court cost us from \$20,000 to \$22,000 a year. Now under prohibition the cost is about \$1,700 a year."

Speaking from the bench January 15, Judge Alton G. Dayton, of the federal court at Parkersburg, declared:

"I have said it, and again proclaimed it, that no man can be engaged in the sale of liquor and be honest. He will take the last dollar of a drunken man, drink him out and send him on to a drunkard's grave. They study dishonesty and come into court and perjure themselves to avoid punishment. We don't license any man to rob, steal and murder, but you can take the licensed saloons generally out of the country, and the murders committed under the sale of liquor will avenge one murder for every saloon in the country."

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From Newport to Jonesboro!

The place of holding the Annual meeting of the Home Mission Society of the White River Conference has been changed from Newport to Jonesboro.

Miss Bennett has promised to be with us the first week in June. As this time conflicts with union revival services, already planned at Newport, we find it necessary to make this change.

The exact date of commencing the meeting will be announced later.

Let every auxiliary send a wide-awake, progressive delegate, who can take back to her society much of the inspiration of the meeting. We also invite visitors from churches where there are no auxiliaries.

We have been trying for several years to secure Miss Bennett for a conference meeting. She will be an honored guest and a spiritual help.

Send names of delegates to Mrs. A. L. Malone, Jonesboro, Ark.

MRS. S. H. BABCOCK, Cor. Sec.
April 12.

Weatherford District Conference.

The Weatherford District Conference will convene at Sayre, Okla., June 3rd. Opening sermon will be preached on Wednesday at 8 p. m. by Bro. C. A. Burris.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted to the Sunday School work. Rev. W. J. Moore, president of the Conference Board will conduct the services.

The District Woman's Home Mission Society will be held Friday afternoon, Jun 5th, Mrs. P. Loveman, District Secretary, presiding. Missionary sermon at 8 p. m. by Rev. O. E. Goddard of Muskogee.

Sunday afternoon, June 7th, Epworth League Rally, led by Rev. C. A. Burris.

Committees:

For License to preach, W. A. Randle, James Lambert, Dr. J. A. Jester.

For Deacons and Elders Orders, L. H. Fullingim, H. K. Monroe, H. L. Mauldin.

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To examine Quarterly Conference Records, Dr. J. P. Miller, H. C. Gullledge, E. V. Dowell.

All of the Local Preachers must have written reports of their labors since the last District Conference.

The Recording Stewards are members of the District Conference and it is their duty to attend, and to have the Quarterly Conference Records there for examination. Hope to have one of the Bishops present to preside.

WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Heber Station.

We arrived at Heber on the 27th of Dec., 1908, after many ups and downs between Storey and Heber. I have never been more cordially received by any people. The good people of Heber certainly know how to make a preacher feel at home. We spent the first night in the parsonage as the ladies had made all things ready for our coming. The pounding beat us to the parsonage and consisted of many good things to eat. We have a good parsonage, one of the most desirable locations in town. Our Ladies Aid is composed of noble women who are bringing things to pass. I called the official board together, they made a liberal assessment for the pastor and presiding elder and are paying monthly. We are in very great need of a larger and more modern church building. All of the services of the church are well attended. Come to see us.

FRANK P. JERNIGAN.

Poteau, Okla.

The date set for the revival effort at Poteau is April 15. We expect the assistance of Rev. A. M. Brannon, our Conference Missionary Evangelist, and invite the presence and prayers of all our neighboring pastors and people. Nothing is so much needed to call our people to a recognition of gospel grace and duty as such straight gospel preaching as Bro. Brannon delivers. The sin of form, fashion and extravagance will surely dry up the fountain of our faith and usefulness unless checked speedily.

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April 7.

Fifth Sunday Institute.

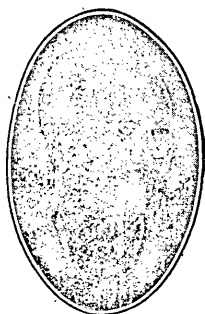
Rev. C. H. McGhee, the new presiding elder of the Duncan district, is not overlooking anything that promises good for the district. He has enterprised a series of fifth Sunday institutes for the purpose of bringing the preachers and representative laymen together once a quarter to discuss the various interests of the church. Two of these Institutes to be held in different parts of the district at the same time. The first one for the southern part of the district convened at Walter the fifth Sunday in March, and was conducted by Rev. W. J. Moore of Lawton. Owing to the fact that this is a very busy period with all the people and that the enterprise was something new in Methodism, the attendance was small, but the meetings were interesting and the discussions instructive and entertaining. The paper read by Mrs. Geo. E. Leftwich on the work of the W. H. M. Society deserves special mention. Mrs. Leftwich knows her subject and knows how to tell what she knows about it. Bro. Moore, who had charge of the program, is a live wire and will do great things for the Sunday school cause in the Oklahoma Conference if he and his board can enlist the hearty co-operation of the church. He is the right man in the right place. Brethren, let us give all the prominence possible to chil-

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The Slow Improvement in Business.

Commercial conditions may be likened to an automobile with a loose clutch; there is almost every indication that a rapid forward movement is imminent yet progress is slow. Fuel is abundant in the shape of easy money, and the engine is working freely to all appearances, while depleted stocks of goods suggest that the wheels ought to be turning rapidly, but somehow the transmission of confidence is not quite right. However, so much improvement has occurred from the point of greatest depression that there is good reason to anticipate further gradual gains until the wheels of industry hum once more. Convalescence must be slow after so severe an illness, and it is one of the best signs that conservatism dominates the situation.

During the past four months the country has gone through a process of readjustment in nearly every department. Prices of commodities have declined steadily, even the grain and cotton markets sharing in the downward trend to some extent, although relatively less than many other products because of the support received from

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urgent foreign requirements. Wages have resisted most stubbornly the general tendency, and the army of unemployed has assumed alarming proportions at several manufacturing centers, although wildly exaggerated stories have been circulated for speculative effect. It is announced by the heads of the trades unions that all propositions to reduce wages will be fought, yet labor will not be immune from the effects of the setback, unless, of course, prosperous conditions return very quickly.

While it is possible to discern many evidences of distinct improvement, it would be over-sanguine to hope for a large volume of business until after the nominating conventions in June and July. Political uncertainty is most untimely in conjunction with all that has happened and it is conceivable that the nominations may not remove that element of uneasiness although some of the best judges believe that there will be no cause for anxiety after the candidates are chosen. Others are equally confident that uncertainty will continue until election.—From "The Outlook for Business Recovery," by H. C. Watson in the American Review of Reviews for March.

MARRIED—At the residence of Rev. J. A. Rowan, Ardmore, Okla., April 10, 1908, Mr. Marvin Addy, to Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, both of Hewitt, Okla., Rev. J. A. Rowan officiating.

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