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## EDITORIAL

### Success—The Primary Condition.

An intelligent woman recently expressed in our hearing no little surprise at the success which three brothers had attained. She remarked that they were not men of special brilliancy, that they were not profound, that they had no great talents, so far as she had been able to discover, and that their inheritances, while quite respectable, were not unusual, nor had their early opportunities been unusually good. Yet each of these men has become a conspicuous figure in the world. How came it so?

We ventured to suggest that there is one point that neither of the three had ever lost sight of; namely, that a man's first duty, to himself, to his God and to the world, is to maintain for himself a perfectly sound character; and that this involves looking at life and going at each separate task in life with a fixed determination to be true, sincere, honest; that such a purpose will give two qualities to any man, a clear vision and strength to execute; and here are absolutely all the requisites of success, good ordinary ability, good ordinary opportunity, with a clear vision and strength of purpose. That is precisely the way our friends found success.

We would revert to the situation here for the purpose of insisting that the point of failure with very many of us is not in the lack of good ordinary ability, nor in the lack of good ordinary opportunity; it is in the lack of a willingness to concentrate all the energies of life upon first being true and thoroughly sincere in our purposes.

The first necessity of every man is that he shall see what he ought to do and know well how he is to do it. The most helpless of human beings are the men who are in the habit of standing right in the midst of conditions which they cannot understand. Such a man is evermore foredoomed to failure. Nor is the spectacle a rare one. They have eyes, wide open, and they are looking right into the faces of men and things, but they do not know the meaning of what they see. The need of such men is not "a vision"—they not infrequently get "visions," or think they get them. What they lack is vision, the power to see. We are aware that some men thus suffer for lack of natural ability. What we emphasize here is that there are also many who cannot see for lack of fidelity. "If thine eye be single," says the world's greatest teacher, "thy whole body shall be full of light." The same teacher warns us of how terrible will be the darkness if the light that is in us be suffered to become darkness.

We have seen ordinary men grow wise through simple fidelity, fidelity to the light that was in them, and fidelity in using that light. They became sure of their own way. They became trusted counsellors and guides of other men. They became very useful in

the world. But we have seen men of larger opportunity and of better natural ability lose their way in life, unable to say what they ought to do. Mixed motives have had charge of them till the vision is be-clouded, and the way is dim and uncertain. When a man has focalized his vision upon one thing, when he has concentrated his purpose and thought and energy upon one thing, he ought to achieve it. If this one thing be to know and do the truth, then the man has the first requisite of all achievement. But if we deal carelessly with the truth, we shall pay the penalty of being forsaken by truth. First, there shall be dimness, a blurred vision; then shall follow confusion of moral distinctions, and, finally, belief of a lie. It needs not that we shall tell the reader what is the next step—it can be none other than to be "damned," for ruin has already come.

There is hope of any man who realizes that his wrong doing is sin, and who deplores his wrong doing because he is resolved to hold to the truth. Such a man will ever rise out of his fall and begin again the battle for a righteous life. As long as he scorns to apologize for his wrong doing, he will fight toward the right. If the day ever comes for him when, having long followed the wrong, he now apologizes for it, and then defends it, and then clothes it with the sanctity of righteousness—woe to that man! He has murdered within himself the very capacity to know the truth! There is but one thing left for him.

For the man who is resolved to follow the right at all costs there will come not only clear vision, but there will come ever clear vision. It is a light that shineth more and more. This is why the path of the just grows brighter; it is one reason why the good life is "better further on." For this man will come also increasing strength. This also is natural, for it is the increase that comes of use, just as the muscle and the mental faculties grow by exercise.

For such a man life would grow easy, did not God find for him ever and ever a larger place, and larger responsibilities. Yet a true man does not complain that life does not grow easy for him; he has the spirit of a soldier, and is willing to strive, to fight on. Our great Captain has not promised us ease this side of heaven. What he promises is grace, peace, brightening vision, enlarging powers, fruitage here—glory and a crown yonder.

### Annual Meeting Board of Church Extension.

The Board met in St. Joseph, Mo., on the 6th day of May. This editor went to St. Joseph in order to obtain first-hand information as to the work of the Church Extension Department.

It is known by the Church that the Board is composed of all our bishops, the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. W. F. McMurry, the Secretary of the Board of Missions, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and thirteen other managers, together with the President and Treasurer of

the Board, all men of first grade ability, taken from over the Church.

The Board was called to meet in St. Joseph in order that it might be brought in contact with our people of that city, giving them an opportunity to better know of its great and important work. Besides the business sessions, which were, of course, of an executive nature, there were as many as ten public meetings, addressed by distinguished speakers, covering all phases of the Board's work. This was an interesting and highly profitable feature. The attendance of the people was good. There was every token of appreciation of the meeting of the Board upon the part of the people of St. Joseph, who showed distinguished courtesies.

With vast labor and great care, Dr. McMurry and his office force, had prepared for this meeting. The preparation of the report of the Committee on Applications is a matter of great labor. To this Committee go all applications for donations and loans. All these must be passed upon by the Committee, which submits a recommendation as to each. The Secretary is supposed to have at hand, information on all these items ready for the use of the Board. The information was always ready. Our Secretary is a man of details as well as a man of plans and purposes.

There were before the Board this year, 258 applications, three more than last year—asking for donations to the amount of \$177,225, and loans to the amount of \$273,126. The Board did its best, and members greatly deplored their inability to do more. But funds were available for only \$71,400 in donations, and \$83,750 in loans. This represents quite an advance over last year, amounting to \$14,575 in donations and \$13,750 in loans. It is something to advance in the face of the financial conditions that have prevailed for the last six months. Of course, there were many applications for donations and applications for loans that the Board simply could not meet. There was just one reason—lack of money. There was no lack of willingness. The spirit of utmost fairness was manifest in the work of the Board.

The resources of the Board consist of the Annual Collections, amounting last year to \$58,530.77; special donations, amounting last year to a little over \$10,000; some slight income from interest accounts, and of the Loan Funds owned by the Board. The Board, since its organization, has received, in cash, for loan funds, in round figures \$180,000, and there has been earned in interest some \$80,000, so that the loan fund capital of the Board is at present, in round numbers, \$260,000. Great effort is being made to increase these funds. No one can attend a meeting of the Board and fail to be impressed with the urgent need of the Board for, at least, half a million dollars. Our Church Extension Board ought to be the banking department.

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

## Methodist Calendar.

White River Conference W. F. M. S. Annual Meeting, Searcy, May 15-19.  
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.  
Henderson College Commencement, May 24-27.  
Paragould District Conference, Marmaduke, May 28.  
Guymon 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.  
Galloway College Commencement, May 31-June 3.  
Weatherford District Conference, Sayre, June 3, 8 p. m.  
Oklahoma City District Conference, McLoud, June 10, 8:30 a. m.  
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Little Rock Conference, Malvern, June 11.  
Morrliton District Conference, Morrliton, June 25-28.  
Arkadelphia District Conference, Arkadelphia, June 30 to July 2.  
Little Rock District Conference, Bryant, June 30-July 3. Laymen's Meeting, July 2.  
Monticello District Conference at Monticello, July 6-9.  
McAlester District Conference, Caddo, June 2-4.  
Choctaw & Chickasaw District Conference, Salem July 22-26.  
Jonesboro District Conference, Earle, July 7, 8 p. m. to July 10.  
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.  
Little Rock Conference Laymen's Meeting, Hot Springs, Sept. 4-6.

Bishop Seth Ward sails for the Far East in July.

The State Press Association meets in our city next week.

Rev. J. M. Cantrell is engaged in a tent meeting at Vinita, Okla. Several of his neighboring pastors are aiding him.

Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, aided by Rev. Geo. R. Stuart, is in a meeting in St. Luke's church, Oklahoma City.

Returning from Lonoke, where he had preached Sunday, Rev. M. K. Irvin, of England, called last Monday.

Dr. E. H. Winkler, one of our best workers at De Witt, Ark., while attending the State Medical Association, made us an appreciated call.

The property of the Willie Halsell College at Vinita, Okla., has been sold by the General Board of Missions. The proceeds, \$25,000, will be used in Oklahoma.

The Southern Baptist Convention is in session at Hot Springs. It is a large body of aggressive Christian men. We give them a hearty welcome to our state.

Miss McKenzie, deaconess at Crossett, has been returned for another year. Her work has proved a blessing to the entire conference.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh has been appointed assistant secretary of the General Board of Church Extension. The field of his operation will be Oklahoma. We wish him great success.

Just from Hot Springs, Rev. H. M. Bruce, presiding elder of Arkadelphia district, spent several hours in our city Tuesday and in company with one of the editors inspected several of our church buildings and sites.

Dr. J. E. Godbey, of Little Rock Conference and of Hendrix College, who is a member of the Church Extension Board, was at the annual meeting of that Board last week. Mrs. Godbey accompanied him to Missouri.

Mr. G. L. Burson asks us to discontinue the Methodist to Mrs. Floyd Burson, as one paper in the family is sufficient, but he failed to tell us his postoffice, which is necessary in stopping any paper. Will he please give us this information?

The State Bankers' Association has been in session at Hot Springs this week. The members are very anxious for a better law on banking. It is hoped that the next legislature of Arkansas will give the subject serious consideration.

Rev. C. M. Coppedge, Orlando Shay, A. B. L. Hunkapillar, O. E. Goddard, W. F. Dunkle, J. B. McDonald and N. L. Linebaugh, all of Oklahoma Conference, were in attendance at the meeting of the Board of Church Extension last week at St. Joseph, Mo. Bro. Linebaugh is an efficient member of the board.

The regular collections for missions for the fiscal year just closed amounted to a little over \$400,000, to be exact, \$400,364.08. There were special contributions to the amount of \$17,062.06. There was available for appropriation for the year upon which we are now entered \$410,933.10.

The faculty of Hendrix College, having heard of the death of a student, Albert Smith, living at Searcy, and also of the death of his father, Mr. H. A. Smith, have passed resolutions of sympathy for the widow and mother in her double bereavement.

At the United Confederate Veterans' memorial services held at the cemetery in Little Rock last Sunday, Dr. S. H. Werlein, pastor of our Winfield Memorial church, was the principal speaker. The address was strong, chaste, beautiful, appropriate, and forcibly and feelingly delivered. Dr. Werlein is to preach the annual sermon for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Malvern June 14.

The members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Cotton Plant, Ark., have passed resolutions concerning the death of Mrs. Louella McKie, a charter member of that society, several years its president, and at the time of her death secretary of the Helena District Society. They express deep appreciation of her service and sympathy for the bereaved family.

On his return from England, where he exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Bro. Ervin, Rev. B. Wright, of Lonoke, called. He is rejoicing on account of the good meeting recently held in his church by Bros. McIntosh and Tatum. The entire membership was revived, forty-two members have united with his own church, and the Baptist and Presbyterian churches received many additions.

In another place we make note of the fact that Rev. J. M. Cantrell is holding a meeting at Vinita. Since that item was written, in St. Joseph, Mo., this editor has been to Vinita, where this note was written. The meeting is making good progress, despite some very adverse physical conditions. We saw twenty-nine received into the church there last Sunday night. Revs. W. U. Witt, R. A. Crosby and J. W. Fulton are aiding, the last named leading the singing. The battle will be pressed.

## White Ink on Black Paper.

For several years I have argued that for hygienic reasons the material of newspapers should be black and the ink white. White reflects the light and dazzles the eyes. Black absorbs the light and relieves the eyes. White letters on a black background are much more easily seen in a dim light. The eyesight of our people needs protection. Believing thus, I was delighted to read in the daily papers that the proposition is being seriously considered by Eastern manufacturers and publishers on the ground that black paper would be much cheaper. Let the reform come.

A. C. M.

## Special Session of Arkansas Legislature.

In the absence of Acting Governor Pindall from the state, Hon. A. H. Hamiter, speaker of the House, is acting governor. He has issued a call for a special session of the legislature to convene Monday, May 18, to consider the completion of the state-house and revise the law governing the settlement of county collectors with the State. While these are important matters, we do not deem them sufficient to justify the expense and excitement incident to a legislative session. As the title to the office of acting governor is questioned by some, we deprecate the turmoil that may ensue. If the opinion expressed by prominent men are of any value, the legislature would display great wisdom if it would immediately adjourn, leaving all business to the regular session. Let the members beware of race-track, gambling and liquor bills. The people will not submit to any compromise with these evils.

## Rev. W. C. Davidson on Baptism.

Rev. W. C. Davidson, White River Conference, has just issued, through Smith & Lamar, a tract entitled "Bible Baptism." The author's avowed purpose was to make a statement of the doctrine of baptism entirely free from offensive language, a statement scriptural in spirit, as well as in argument. In this purpose he has succeeded admirably. No one can afford to be offended at a word he says. As to the strength of the argument, both as to the mode of baptism and as to the baptism of children, we know nothing better in the same space. His point of emphasis in the argument on mode gives the treatise special value. That point of emphasis is that the men of Jesus' day were familiar with the Jewish conception of baptism and that in the entire absence of evidence as to any change in that Jewish conception, the men of the first Christian generation were obliged to have held the same conception and that the Jewish conception was never immersion, but always by an application of water to the subject.

The whole treatise is a fine illustration of that light of truth which is born of a pure mind actuated by an unclouded motive.

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ment of the Church, able to loan money where it is needed, to build churches, and where churches must be built or the Kingdom suffers loss. And what better use can a man make of his money? Not a dollar of these funds is ever to be consumed, or alienated from the Board: the funds are to be loaned, earn interest, serve to build up a church, return again to the Treasury of the Board, and then they go out again, to repeat again the process, till the end of time. It must be remembered that the Church is a trustee that can be trusted, and that never dies. We need, at least, \$500,000 at this very moment for these funds. Let our brethren who are making their wills consider this.

We need a new conception of this whole business of the Church Extension of Department. We have been too much accustomed to look upon it as a matter of gathering money to be put into brick and mortar—this, and nothing more. It has been, in the popular mind, the most nearly secular of all our departments of church work; but how is it secular at all? To build a church is as spiritual an act as preaching or praying. Neither preaching nor praying will, in the end, amount to much where churches are not built. We can no more bring up a spiritual and strong people without church buildings than we can bring up a cultured family without houses.

The need for Church Extension help was never greater than it is today. We have no less need in our old and settled conferences than we have had in times past. There are simply hundreds of rural communities where help is needed; there are strategic points in towns that must be occupied; there are readjustments to be made in our Southern ports, in view of the opening of the Panama Canal.

But the great West! how great is the call! Bishop Atkins is laying plans on the Pacific Coast which will involve the outlay of great sums of money. The West! The West! How the life of the nation is to be affected by it in the coming years! There is undoubtedly a loud call for us on the Pacific Coast, considering the needs of the people for the word of God.

Into Arizona and New Mexico, people are pouring, largely from the South. There never was a day when we had such opportunity in these two Territories—soon to be a state or states. The day will not likely come when we shall have again such opportunity there as at the present. We must occupy or give place, permanently, to those who will. The population of New Mexico has increased from 195,000 in 1900 to 460,000 at present and is still rapidly increasing.

The whole church knows of the efforts of the Board to take care of the vast work in Oklahoma. It is our most needy and most promising field. We have, within this single conference, 425 societies without houses of worship. No fairer land is in the world. No pluckier band than that conference is in all the church. But they are called upon to do everything at once—to open their farms, establish their businesses, build their homes, build their churches and their school houses—do everything. This is why they need help and why they must have it. The entire amount of the available funds of the Board could be used this very year in Oklahoma to very great advantage. It ought to be remembered that Oklahoma Conference itself is leading the way to larger things in raising

church extension money. Such is the need in Oklahoma and such are the demands upon the secretary that the Board authorized him to employ a man who shall give all his time to that field.

The Board also instructed the secretary to raise, in conjunction with the secretary of the Board of Missions and the bishops in charge, a special of \$10,000 to be used in Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. The Board devoted ten per cent, of its funds this year to foreign fields. This is twice as much as it ever gave before to mission fields. In addition Dr. McMurry and Dr. Lambuth were instructed to raise \$6,000 as a special for a church in Hiroshima, Japan, where we have one of the most prosperous girl's schools in the world.

The general policy of the Board is, not to help every place that needs help, but to use its funds so as to secure the largest possible results in all the fields we occupy. Strategic points must be occupied at moments of crises.

I took particular care to ascertain, from the discussions of the Board, and also by conversation with members, the attitude of the Board toward the work of other churches, particularly the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in the West. It is not the purpose of the Board to spend any money merely to maintain a competition with some other church, provided it be a church preaching an evangelical gospel. The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is not in the business of erecting altar against altar. It is worth while to make this statement very plainly at this time in view of the recent charge of the Central Christian Advocate, of the M. E. Church, and of Kansas City, to the contrary. The Central cited the case of Portland, Oregon, in proof of its charge, alleging that we are putting connectional funds there, in the hands of a handful of people, to build a church in a few steps of an M. E. Church. The evidence before our Board was to the effect that there is not an M. E. Church within a mile of the spot on which we are building in Portland. Besides, this Portland church would be a necessity to us, somewhere in Portland, even if it seemed to violate the principle of altar against altar, in view of the fact that Portland is the commercial center of a large region of country which we occupy and must continue to occupy.

We deeply deplore the antagonisms in our Western work. We would, to avoid them, gladly consent to three separate jurisdictions of the one American Methodism. We know no better solution and no other possible solution.

One of the important actions of the Board was provision for an institutional church in Denver, Col., all movements subject to the direction of the secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the secretary of the Board of Missions and the bishop in charge.

Our church may be assured that Dr. McMurry is moving things in his department.

JAS. A. A.

## State Sunday School Convention.

June 3-5 at Little Rock State Sunday School Convention will meet. Prominent speakers from home and abroad will be on the program. It will be a great occasion for Sunday school workers. More than 1000 delegates are expected.

## Death of Mrs. R. J. Raiford.

A telegram to the daily press announces that on May 5, at Magnolia, Sister Raiford,

wife of Rev. R. J. Raiford, of Little Rock Conference, passed away. As she had been in feeble health for some time the news was not unexpected. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. Raiford and other members of the bereaved family.

## Closing Exercises Clary Training School.

Closing exercises of the Clary Training School will take place as follows:

Sunday, May 24, Sermon by Prof. C. J. Greene of Conway.

Monday, May 25, 8 p. m. Primary entertainment.

Wednesday, 8 p. m., May 27. Music recital.

Friday, May 29, 8 p. m. Society contest between the Lanier and Albert Pike societies and Senior exercises.

J. D. CLARY, Principal,  
Fordyce, Ark.

## Henderson College Commencement.

Our Commencement Exercises will be held May 24-27. The Commencement Sermon will be preached by Rev. Frank Barrett of Texarkana. The address to the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will be delivered by the Hon. H. L. Rammel Sunday night. Hon. C. T. Cotnam of Hot Springs will deliver the baccalaureate address. The address before the Alumni will be delivered by Rev. Chas. J. Greene of the class of 1894. There are 14 graduates in the academic department and 14 in the special departments, a total of 28. We have enrolled this year 254 non-resident students with a total enrollment of 333. Last year we had a total of 257 students of whom 187 were non-residents. A comparison of these figures will show the steady increase of numbers at Henderson College. Notwithstanding the financial panic we have more students in College at this time than we have had at any corresponding period since I have been associated with this institution. All the two-girl rooms in the girls' dormitory are already engaged for the session of 1908-09.

J. H. HINEMON.

## The Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

First District—Bishop A. W. Wilson.  
Virginia Conference, Norfolk, Va., Nov. 11.  
South Carolina Conference, Laurens, S. C., Nov. 25.  
North Carolina Conference, Durham, N. C., Dec. 9.  
Baltimore Conference, Baltimore, Md., Mar. 24, 1909.

Second District—Bishop C. B. Galloway.  
St. Louis Conference, Charleston, Mo., Sept. 16.  
Illinois Conference, Murphysboro, Ill., Sept. 24.  
South Georgia Conference, Quitman, Ga., Dec. 2.  
Florida Conference, Miami, Fla., Dec. 16.

Third District—Bishop E. R. Hendrix.  
Western Virginia Conf., Webster Springs, W. Va., Sept. 2.  
Kentucky Conference, Middlesboro, Ky., Sept. 9.  
Louisville Conference, Owensboro, Ky., Sept. 16.  
Arkansas Conference, Van Buren, Ark., Nov. 4.  
Little Rock Conference, Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 11.  
White River Conference, Jonesboro, Ark., Nov. 18.

Fourth District—Bishop J. S. Key.  
New Mexico Conference, Portales, N. M., Sept. 24.  
German Mission Conference, Castell, Tex., Oct. 22.  
West Texas Conference, Gonzales, Tex., Oct. 28.  
Northwest Texas Conference, Waco, Tex., Nov. 11.

Fifth District—Bishop Warren A. Candler.  
North Texas Conference, Greenville, Tex., Nov. 18.  
Texas Conference, Beaumont, Tex., Nov. 25.  
Cuban Mission Conference, Matanzas, Cuba, Jan. 15, 1909.  
Mexican Border Mission Conf., Laredo, Tex., Feb. 4, 1909.  
Central Mexican Mis. Conf., Mexico City, Mex., Feb. 11, '09.  
Northwest Mexican Mis. Conf., El Paso, Tex., Feb. 25, '09.

Sixth District—Bishop H. C. Morrison.  
Denver Conference, Aztec, N. M., August 13.  
Missouri Conference, Hannibal, Mo., August 26.  
Southwest Missouri Conference, Warrensburg, Mo., Sept. 6.  
North Alabama Conference, New Decatur, Ala., Nov. 18.  
North Mississippi Conference, Walter Valley, Miss., Dec. 2.  
Mississippi Conference, Yazoo City, Miss., Dec. 9.

Seventh District—Bishop E. E. Hoss.  
South Brazil Mission Conference, Porto Alegos, Brazil, July 4.  
Brazil Mission Conference, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, July 25.  
Holston Conference, Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 7.  
Tennessee Conference, McMinnville, Tenn., Oct. 14.  
Memphis Conference, Covington, Tenn., Nov. 11.  
North Georgia Conference, Gainesville, Ga., Nov. 18.  
Alabama Conference, Greensboro, Ala., Dec. 2.

Eighth District—Bishop Seth Ward.  
Japan Mission Conference, Arima, Japan, Sept. 2.  
Korean Mission Conference, Songdo, Korea, Sept. 16.  
China Mission Conference, Shanghai, China, Sept. 30.  
Louisiana Conference, Leesville, La., Dec. 9.

Ninth District—Bishop James Atkins.  
Montana Conference, Butte, Mont., Sept. 10.  
East Columbia Conference, Milton, Ore., Sept. 16.  
Columbia Conference, Portland, Ore., Sept. 24.  
Pacific Conference, Stockton, Cal., Oct. 7.  
Los Angeles Conference, Redlands, Cal., Oct. 15.  
Oklahoma Conference, Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 4.  
Western North Carolina Conference, Asheville, N. C., Nov. 18.



### A Plea for Better Song Theology.

This is not for the pastors in town or country, who have a religious choir and singing congregation using songs stamped by our church; but it's for the pastors and leaders who are working in new places on the foundations of such churches.

If in Methodist theology we find the best interpretation of the great love of the Christ, let us not only sing it in the great congregations of the people, but let us sing her sentiments in every hamlet.

When we sing the true songs of Methodism we can feel the sentiment refreshing the very soul—when we sing many of the songs of churches which have no experience, we only see what we sing so far as it exists on the page before us. Then to save our people we must give them songs which are the issues of a heart filled with the love of the broken hearted Christ.

Songs born of other parentage may inspire denominational zeal, conventional enthusiasm, or intellectual pride; but never will such songs woo a starving, sinning people to the God who loves the world.

Many of our small congregations, especially in this new territory, have had Methodist preaching for months and years, and yet they know but little about our church and her publications. But these same people can tell you all about the songs and publications of many "cheap John" music companies.

We found one class of forty Methodists using an immersionist book which had been introduced by a little singing "professor." In this book we found some half dozen songs set off with such titles as "Buried With Christ in Baptism," "Immersed With Christ in Jordan," etc., besides numerous songs filled with deep water salvation. In this same church one of our most prominent preachers had just held a revival and supplied them as pastor for several months. When showed a copy of Revival Praises the steward said he had never heard of it, but to bring them a supply at once. Such cases as the above will readily answer the brother's enquiry in the Texas Advocate, when he asked if what these people say is true, when they declare that "if we cannot preach our doctrines in Methodist congregations we will sing them there." They are not doing it so much as we are doing it for them.

Rather let them come and preach their doctrines than to put them in song and plant the song in the hearts of our children. But there is a remedy for every ill.

We found two congregations in different towns, each worshipping in a nice house. The other denominations of the town worshipped with them, and were very prominent in the choir. At each place they were using the "professor's" nondescript-song books and singing anything you didn't want. You had as well have tried to have a revival with a vaudeville show going on in the choir as over such singing.

Well, the first thing we did, without consulting anyone, was to order fifty copies of Revival Praises for each place. Soon as they arrived we took them out and announced that we would introduce our new song book; and proceeded to do so by singing with them a few of the best. Well, the brethren of other faiths soon discovered that this was not their coin by the stamp and the unmistakable ring, so they proceeded to raise slight objections, when some of our liberal(?) Methodists hastened to inform us that "these other folks don't like our new book, but want a union(?) book." We gently whispered to our alarmed

Methodists that these people have a welcome to our house and if they don't want to sing in our books they can let it alone.

Never-the-less, their objections are all soon over and they are charmed with Revival Praises. Now some good old brother will say "why didn't you use the Standard?" To such we must say that the Standard Hymn Book is not practicable in such places and with young people. It will not catch and hold the young life of our church. It suits splendidly for formal occasions and sometimes Sunday at 11 o'clock service, but formality helps to save and keep saved but few people. And the usual eleven o'clock Sunday service catches more "airs" than worshippers. But all of our new books have a great selection of the great old hymns suitable for any occasion.

Give us sound theology in the new songs, put the stamp of our church upon them and get them into the hands of our people and let them sing of Zion.

If the preachers don't place songs in the hands of their people singing "professors" will do the work for them and then the little preachers can wonder at many things which follow.

C. W. HARDON.

### Practical Advance Toward World Peace.

By H. C. Phillips, Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

Within a year the international peace movement has reached a stage of peculiar interest and one which seems to indicate general lines along which the "war against war" is likely to be conducted for the immediate future. Interest centers on the second Hague Conference which met in June last and adjourned in October after exhaustive discussion of great international matters by some of the ablest talent of forty-five nations. The results of that conference have been misrepresented and misunderstood, and an impression has arisen in some quarters that the conference was not measurably successful. Undoubtedly it was a disappointment to some ardent advocates of peace, but a careful analysis of its work not only indicates substantial progress but also emphasizes the wisdom of the obvious and growing tendency of the peace movement toward the practical—the feeling that most of the real constructive work must be through the development and extension of international law and the cultivation of international acquaintance and good feeling as a basis of respect for the findings of an international court. Whatever the method of advanced plans and theories, it seems evident that the present generation at least will do well to direct its efforts largely to the upbuilding of international law and arbitration of an international court of such character as shall inspire a fearless submission of differences.

In considering the work of the second Hague Conference, it must be remembered that it was not a legislative body or one in which a majority ruled. Measures required for adoption the substantial unanimity of forty-five nations, representing all races, climes and temperaments, and every stage of national progress. When we consider this, and realize that it was the first time in history that the representatives of practically all nations have met for discussion, the wonder is not that more was not accomplished, but that the delegates were able to agree on so many measures of importance. That men of such widely differing habits and environments were able to recognize the international point of view or even a few questions surely gives promise of the ultimate development of law between nations.

To pass over many measures adopted to mitigate the horrors of war, including the extension of the Red Cross to naval warfare, the Conference rendered substantial service.

First, By decreeing that in future no nation may use armed force to compel payment of debts due from another nation without first making an offer to arbitrate. This safeguards both debtor and creditor nations.

Second, By providing for an international prize court to which appeals may be taken from biased decisions of national prize courts. This is a long step toward international justice.

Third, By resolving that a Third Hague Conference shall be held in about eight years, and that the preliminary arrangements of that conference shall be made by an international committee selected in advance. This effectively prohibits domination of the program by any power regardless of what nation may call the conference, and practically assures the Hague Conference a place in the regular order of international affairs.

Fourth, By authorizing either party to an international dispute to publicly ask for the services of the Hague Court. When it is remembered that heretofore two nations in dispute were obliged to agree to arbitrate—a most difficult thing when passions are aroused—the great value of this provision is obvious. A nation in the right may now put its adversary in the difficult position of arbitrating a losing cause, or of publicly refusing to trust its cause to the tribunal it has helped to establish.

Fifth, By agreeing on a plan of organization and procedure for a real international court, with permanent judges, to supplement the present Hague Tribunal. By arranging the allotment of judges, the nations may at any time put the court into operation. And as high an authority as Secretary Root has been quoted by Hon. Joseph H. Choate as being confident that the nations can agree on judges and put the court into active operation without waiting for the third Hague Conference.

As to a point on which the Hague Conference failed of unanimous agreement it should be stated that a general treaty of obligatory arbitration was actively opposed by only one power, while twelve others remained neutral. Thirty-two powers were ready for the treaty, and these powers (three-fourths of the nations) may be depended on to substitute individual treaties of arbitration for a general treaty, as is evidenced by the thirty-six treaties now in existence and by the others in process of negotiation by the United States.

Turning from the affairs of all nations to those of a small but important section—Central America—the representatives of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador and Guatamala assembled in Washington last winter concluded conventions establishing a Central American Court of Justice, and agreeing to submit to it all controversies among them not capable of diplomatic settlement; neutralizing Honduras, under which condition war in Central America becomes practically impossible; refusing to recognize any civil uprising not the result of deliberate choice of an entire people; and providing for several international institutions, all looking to a future federation of the five republics into a single state. And to the surprise of many, the governments of the five states—hitherto responsible for the failure of many similar plans—promptly ratified every convention, only the deliberate violation of which can now disturb the peace of Central America.

### The Downtown Church.

The downtown Church affords the opportunity to carry out more literally the instructions which our Lord gave to the disciples. It is located contiguous to the working classes and to those who are poor and in need of help. While it reaches transient visitors, traveling men, dwellers in hotels, and permanent residents, it should employ assiduous efforts to reach the poor of the laboring class. The poor must have the gospel preached to them, or the Church is recreant to the spirit and example of the Lord. The deaconess becomes invaluable in bringing them in touch with the Church and encouraging faithful attendance upon regular services.

What were the instructions which Christ gave the disciples? He bade them "preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." They were to preach the gospel and to heal diseases. In other words, the body, the mind, the social nature were to be ministered to as well as the soul. Our Lord attracted the thousands. He not only preached the good news, but he ministered to the bodies of the people. Leave out the social features of his ministry and the therapeutic energy which our Lord exerted, and how much would he have lost in attractiveness? The attention the missionary gives to the sick in heathen lands and the use of the opportunities to instruct the native women in the arts of daily life are powerful auxiliaries in pushing forward the kingdom of God. The absence of these features in our home work has been largely the secret of our weakness. It is patent that the class who are most in need of the help here advocated are not friendly to the Church. They do not believe in the Church that leaves it all to preaching. To some extent they know of the wealth and influence of the Church, and these are withheld from them. John Wesley, by not ignoring these people, saved England. The breach now existing between labor and capital can be to some extent healed by a wise and philanthropic distribution of these advantages among those who are most in need of them. As a general rule, the Church feels that its duty has been done if the gospel is preached and the regular services are systematically maintained. As a consequence, the average Church exerts a limited influence in the community. It does not reach the whole city. It is not the power for good that it should be. It is not recognized as a real necessity.

John Wesley, wise and far-seeing man that he was, not only endeavored to minister to the souls of the people but also to their minds and bodies. In an age when printing was expensive he prepared for the people books on different departments of knowledge. He opened a number of dispensaries. He "provided a fund for relieving the necessities of the poor by furnishing them with food and clothing." But something more was requisite. Many of them were sick, and their sufferings stirred his sympathy. "At length," he says, "I thought of a kind of desperate expedient: I will prepare and give them physic myself." He took to his assistance an apothecary and an experienced surgeon. "In three weeks about three hundred came. Thousands delivered from sickness were full of gratitude." Tyerman says that "the Rev. Martin Madan, minister at the Lock hospital, and his curate, the Rev. Thomas Haweis, were both passionately fond of music and themselves composers. Once a year their chapel

was turned into a concert room for the performance of oratorios; and, on two occasions at least, Wesley was a listener." He was a great lover of music, and by his presence indorsed the musical recitals which were given in a chapel. After hearing the oratorio "Ruth" performed, he observed: "The sense was admirable throughout, and much of the poetry not contemptible. This, joined with exquisite music, might possibly make an impression even among rich and honorable seniors." This man of God was elastic in his sympathies, and did not attach undue sanctity to places of worship. He realized that churches were made for man and not man for churches.

In the city there are hundreds or, as the case may be, thousands of promising young men and women who, while greatly desirous of preparing themselves for useful and successful careers, are unable to do so because of a lack of means. Deprived of the advantages of an education, they are forced to work at almost anything which offers in order to procure a livelihood. The downtown church could reach many of this class by affording them the special instruction of which they are consciously in need—industrial departments in which certain trades are taught, together with stenography, music, art, laundry,

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cooking, and other things as may be demanded. A free clinic, where poor patients could secure proper attention, would be helpful. I can imagine the eagerness and gratitude with which scores and hundreds would avail themselves of such opportunities. I can see how many could be reached by the gospel dispensed under the roof where such generous help is afforded.

Rev. James E. McCulloch, in his excellent book, "The Open Church for the Unchurched," says: "It is the mission of the Church to give life, and the test of her vitality is in her ability to give a 'more abundant life.' If the home is deficient, the Church must become as far as possible another home. Just where the home has broken down, just where parental obligation has failed, there the Church must step in as another home for both parent and child. The homes ought to have baths; if they have not, the open Church provides bathing facilities. The homes ought to have good literature; if they have not, the open Church provides a library and free reading room. Where the people are without pure and helpful amusements, the open Church provides suitable means of recreation. The overcrowded tenements make healthful social life almost impossible; therefore the Church opens a community parlor and arranges club rooms for boys and girls, women and men. The mothers are ignorant as to the art of

good housekeeping, consequently the Church has mothers' meetings, cooking and sewing classes. So other functions of the home should be performed by the open church whenever the need arises."

The downtown Church aims at the saving of the whole man. Hugh Price Hughes, who accomplished a monumental work, in what may be called the downtown region of London, said: "We have dealt too exclusively with the individual aspect of the Christian faith. We have constantly acted as if Christianity had nothing to do with business, with pleasure, and with politics—as if it were simply a question of private life and of prayer meetings. It is because the Spirit of Christ has not been introduced into public life that Europe is in a perilous condition today. My wish is to apply Christianity to every aspect of life. Christianity is not something which has to do with a mere fragment of our existence. It has to do with us as men of business and as citizens quite as much as it has to do with our private life; and there are endless ways in which we can preach the gospel in addition to holding prayer meetings and delivering what may be called sermons." Acting on his conviction, he arranged for Saturday night concerts. He determined to provide amusements pure and elevating, and sought to attract people away from the sensuous and salacious recreations and amusements which they so liberally patronized. "The purpose of the entertainment is to provide a counter attraction to the doubtful places of amusement which are so prevalent in the neighborhood, and to supply innocent recreation for the thousands of young people for the West End business houses on their weekly half holiday." To convert our downtown churches into institutions adapted to the spiritual, mental, bodily, social needs of the downtown people would be to invest them with a life and energy which they have never known. It would make them centers of spiritual and ethical power. Out of them would radiate influences which would reach the entire city. The plan has been successfully operated by some of the best known preachers of the United States. Dr. Greer, rector of St. Bartholomew Church, in New York City, Dr. Rainsford, of St. George Episcopal Church, and Dr. Seudder, of the Congregational Church in New Jersey, have demonstrated the practicability and usefulness of such efforts. Unfortunately, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has given the matter little or no attention, and by its determined adherence to the time limit made the venture an impossibility. There must be some special adaptation of men to such work, or it could not be successfully prosecuted. With a prospect of a removal of the time limit or such changes in the law as would except a certain class of preachers, the Board of Missions should give this subject careful attention. This plan of work should be commenced at once in some of our most populous cities, such as St. Louis, Louisville, Nashville, and New Orleans. The money needed for this purpose would be provided by the special efforts of the individual churches interested and the Board of Missions.—Rev. S. H. Werlein, in Christian Advocate.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### May 17.—Jesus Betrayed and Denied.

Golden Text.—“Jesus said unto them, The Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of men.” Matt. 17:22.

Time.—Wednesday morning early, April 5, A. D. 30.

Place.—Gethsemane and Courtyard of An-nas.

Lesson Text.—John 18:1-27.

Jesus longed to meet the Father in prayer. The awful weight of agony was crushing Him. (Matt. 26:38). But He must strengthen the disciples and fortify them against the coming trial. To this He attended first. But now this work was done. The necessary words had been spoken, the wondrous prayer that made their safety sure had been offered, and Jesus goes forth to the garden where He shall meet the Father in prayer, get the strength needed to insure Him victory in His last great conflict. This garden was a place of frequent resort for our Lord. It was a chosen sanctuary where He met the Father. Those who knew him best knew that this retired place of prayer was the likeliest place to find Him at that time of night (v. 3). Judas had often been there. In that hallowed garden beneath the old olive trees he had seen Jesus interceding with God. But his heart had become so hardened by covetousness that the sacred sight had made little impression upon it. His principle thought seems to have been that the garden of prayer would be a good place to capture Jesus unawares. Judas had not become so hardened in a day. But little by little, by allowing the greed of money to usurp a larger place in his heart, and by hardening his heart more and more against the truths that he heard constantly falling from the lips of the Son of God, Judas had become what we here see him. Two bands were to meet that night in the garden. God's band and the devil's. Judas had provided himself with a large company of soldiers (v. 3, R. V. marg.). Evidently a great fear of this humble man, Jesus, had taken possession of them, and they feared the multitude also. If Jesus had seen fit to resist, their preparations would have proven totally inadequate (Matt. 26:53). They did not have to search for Jesus. Jesus fully realizing his peril, but knowing also that God's appointed time had come, went forth and delivered Himself into their hands (v. ; comp. ch. 10:17, 18).

Jesus knew that at last the awful hour that He had so long looked forward to with sorrow unspeakable had come. He knew all that was coming upon Him, but He did not shrink. He “went forth” with steady step and undaunted heart. He put to Judas and his band a question that had more in it than appears on the surface. “Whom seek ye?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” is the quick response. Little did they realize who He was whom they sought to capture and destroy. There are five words of awful sadness in this fifth verse. “Judas was standing with the.” Think of it, he who had been a chosen apostle standing with the enemies of his Lord! So today there are many standing with them.” Think of it, he who had would naturally expect to be standing by the side of Jesus. Judas standing there is an illustration of the brazen effrontery of sin. But Judas does not long remain standing. With majestic calmness and dignity Jesus simply says, “I am he,” and Judas and his hellish crew go backward and fall to the ground. Augustine well asks in commenting upon this verse, “What will He do when He comes as a

judge, if He did this when giving Himself up as a prisoner?” But while delivering himself up, He shields His disciples. Not one of them shall be lost (v. 9, R. V.). And he knows they are not strong enough yet to stand the test of arrest and trial. So He will not suffer them to be tempted above that which they are able (v. 8; comp. 1 Cor. 10:13). The time will come when they will be strong and then they too shall have the honor of arrest and martyrdom (ch. 13:36).

Peter following His Lord at this time got him into trouble. Furthermore, he had followed his Lord afar off (Matt. 27:58). If we follow Jesus at all we should follow close. Jesus had warned him of his weakness and his coming fall (ch. 13:38). Furthermore, just before this He had given His disciples a hint that they were to go away (v. 8). He had told Peter on the preceding evening that he could not follow Him at this time, but that he should later (ch. 13:36), but Peter had turned a deaf ear to all this. He had asked, “Why cannot I follow Thee now?” and started out to do so against the Lord's warning. He had boasted, “I will lay down my life for Thy sake” (ch. 13:37) and now undertakes to make good his boast and prove his Master mistaken in His estimate of him, but our Lord knows us all better than we know ourselves. We next see Peter standing with Christ's enemies and warming himself at the enemies' fire. The end is now sure. Of course he does not sympathize with them and what they are saying about his Master grieves his soul, but he is not protesting. He ought to have stood separate from them (Ps. 1:1; 26:4-10; 2 Cor. 6:4-17), but that would have attracted too much attention to him and would have made him appear singular and exposed him to danger. The same arguments for conforming to the world are advanced today and are as of little value as in Peter's day. He after all escaped none of the danger he sought to avoid. He only got away by denying his Lord, and that is the only way anyone can escape who seeks to make friends with the world (Jas. 4:4; 1 Cor. 15:33, R. V.; Prov. 13:20; Eph. 5:11, 12). Bad company is a good thing to keep out of unless one goes into it to win them for Christ and keeps that purpose in his mind every moment. Peter had no such motive in his mind. When a follower of Jesus seeks to warm himself at the enemy's fire you may set it down as certain that you will soon hear him denying his Lord.—Torrey.

### Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

#### Only 130 !

In a recent note from Bro. Crosby, our Sunday school secretary, he says: “Only about 130 Sunday schools have ordered ‘Children's Day’ programs, and some of our strong places have not ordered.” Is it possible that only 130 Sunday schools out of about 400 are going to observe this important day? It looks that way. Have we not done our best to get the matter before you? Have we not urged its importance to your own school and to the general work? We have offered to furnish these programs free; have even sent an order postal to very pastor; and another urgent letter to every presiding elder. And yet with all this effort, is it possible that our pastors and superintendents are going to pass it by unnoticed? It looks so. Brethren, wake up; get the programs now, and observe the day at the earliest convenience. Give the children a

chance, if you can't do it until the last Sunday of the conference year.

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If the brethren of the Oklahoma Conference only knew what burdens some of the Sunday School Board are carrying in order to promote our Sunday school interests, they would not be indifferent and careless about observing Children's Day in their schools. Put yourselves in our places, and I am sure you will act.

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Bro. Lamar of Mangum writes us a good letter about a missionary exercise by his Sunday school on the first Sunday. That school is “doing things.” Here is the letter:

“The superintendent had arranged a twenty-minute introductory program on India. A map showing the size of the country, population, etc., was before us. About four or five Sunday school workers had prepared short papers or talks on different phases of India's religious, moral and social life, with special emphasis laid upon widowhood in India. A half dozen little girls of about ten years of age were dressed after Indian fashion, representing child widows in India.

“The whole program took up not more than twenty minutes, was most instructive, very much enjoyed by the large audience, did not interfere in the least with the regular Sunday school hour's work. The collection amounts to \$12.50. This makes \$60.00 already this year this Sunday school has raised on this special for missions.

“We had 240 present in Sunday school with many visitors. This is just a beginning of what we expect to accomplish by our first Sunday missionary training.”

Truly, a fine report! and we congratulate that good Sunday school pastor and his great Sunday school.

The Sunday school pastor is the man who will bring things to pass, and who will be in demand in the future.

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We are glad to note that the Tulsa District Conference has undertaken, through its Sunday schools, to raise the amount for the support of a missionary in the foreign field. That's good. We rejoice. We hope every district will do likewise.

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Have you sent for a birthday jar for church extension fund in your Sunday school? If you have not, ask the Lord to forgive your negligence and send for one today. Dr. McMurry will furnish it to you free. Only 68 schools in this conference have ordered them! Shame on us! Let us quit asking aid from the Church Extension Board until we are willing to do as small things as this for the cause.

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Of one Sunday school missionary plan Dr. Goddard says, “We shall do our best to get each district to assume the support of a special missionary. It may take several years to work out this ideal, but it is worth several years' work.”

This chairman wishes that you superintendents and pastors would write him any items of interest from your Sunday school. Tell us about your successes and how you attained them, and about your failures and what caused them. Bro. Lamar of Mangum has sent us a cheery letter which we give you this week.

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### Hold Up Your Hands.

Some months ago we requested Dr. Ed. F. Cook to send the manual, “Sunday School



and Missions" to the pastors and superintendents of our conference. He tells me that he did so promptly. Now the question is, How many of us have read this helpful and instructive document? Hands up of those who have. Brethren, if you will read it and heed it, it will help you to solve the great problem which we have on hand in this conference—the support of special missionaries in the foreign land.

Lawton, Okla.

### The Holy Spirit.

"Let him that hath an ear hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

I have just read in the Western Methodist of a little girl who after she had said her prayers, remained on her knees awhile silent, to hear what God would say to her. It is well for everybody to be silent occasionally and listen to the Spirit.

John the evangelist lived under four dispensations, i. e., The Old Testament, John the Baptist, Christ's earthly life, and the dispensation of the Spirit. He lived perhaps sixty years after Pentecost.

And then as the last apostle he wrote the last book of the Bible, and after all his varied experiences he wrote to the seven churches to "Hear what the Spirit saith." The church will do well to listen to this last injunction of the last apostle. I believe she is heeding it. We are more and more.

We are rapidly learning that everything has a spirit basis and only spirit hath immortality. "God is Spirit," and everything must ultimately be traced to him. Even the pagans believed that "the highest link in nature's chain is fastened to Jupiter's chair." Creation out of nothing will perhaps be believed by only a few in the near future. Ingersoll says, "Nothing as a material out of which to make the physical universe is a very flimsy substance." Richard Watson says, "God can not do anything that implies a contradiction."

Can omnipotence bring something out of a vacuum? "Exhilio nihil fit." Paul, the New Testament metaphysician says "the things that are seen are not made of things which do appear." Heb. 11:3. This harmonizes with twentieth century science, which traces the world back to invisible atoms and now comes Lord Kelvin, who tells us of the electron, which is so small it takes one hundred thousand of them to make an atom. The indications now are that there is no chasm between matter and spirit. Science is dealing with things that seem to exist between gross matter and pure spirit, i. e., light, heat, electricity, magnetism and ether. Kelvin says, "Matter and ether may occupy the same place at the same time. Power comes from the invisible and is probably immaterial." Sir William Crookes says, "There is such stupendous energy in radium that a few grains of it would suffice to lift the whole English fleet two miles. Psychic powers are being recognized more and more by intellectual people. The power of faith nobody comprehends. Roman Catholics get well and throw away their crutches at the grave of father Matthew. The Mormons and so-called Christian Scientists heal diseases by faith. Our Saviour said, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed ye could remove mountains."

The X-ray, wireless telegraphy, telepathy, the power of suggestion and the discovery of the subjective mind, all indicate there is no chasm between spirit and matter. Jacobi says, "Matter was conceived in the matrix

of eternal reason." Then Kepler was right when he cried out "O God, I read thy thoughts after Thee." Because there is no chasm between spirit and matter, God could and did come in the flesh.

Wesley said, "There are no gaps in nature, but one continuous line from the lowest worm to the highest angel." We believe the line extends to God, and down this line Christ came, not at one leap, but revealing himself all along. This explains many passages of scripture. It explains how the fallen angels knew him and why there was no salvation for them. They had seen and rejected him in their former state. It accounts for the appearance of the judge of all the earth to Abraham. Christ could pass from the Spirit world to the material world at will. Thus time and again he passed through crowds unseen, thus he overcome gravitation and walked on water, and thus he revealed his Spirit-self at the transfiguration. Thus he vanished out of sight of the two on their way to Emmaus, entered the room where the eleven were, and thus he ascended. He took his risen body back "where he was before," and Stephen saw him there at the "right hand of God." Christ was the first fruit of our resurrection. Paul says, "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." While Christ was in the flesh the disciples could not understand him. "It is expedient for you that I go away." "I have many things to tell you but you can not hear them now, but when the

plete, this is the pathway to eternal feet." "The things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal." "He that soweth to the flesh, of the flesh shall reap corruption; he that soweth to the Spirit, life everlasting."

The greatest calamity that can befall anyone is to be bogged down in the sensuous. The man who relied on the contents of his barn to feed his soul was a fool.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

Camp, Ark.

### Meeting by the Five Evans Boys.

Rev. L. W. Evans, pastor of the College Hill Methodist church, is making arrangements for a big meeting to be held by "The Five Evans Boys," during the coming summer.

A large brush arbor will be built in the park, provided with seats and other necessities, and the grounds will likely be lighted by electricity. The date for the meeting embraces the first and second Sundays in August, and will continue for at least ten days.

The public in general will be cordially invited, and a special invitation will be extended to all pastors and churches of the city to participate, to the end that the meeting may be made a big union revival, where a great amount of good may be accomplished.

The "Evans Boys" consist of Rev. A. O. Evans, of Arkadelphia; Rev. F. V. Evans, of Fort Worth; Rev. E. N. Evans, of New Orleans; Rev. W. F. Evans, of Warren, and Rev. L. W. Evans, of Texarkana. The last four are brothers, being the only living members of their family. The first named, Rev. A. O. Evans, is a cousin of the others. The brothers lived with their mother about five miles southeast of here when they were boys, but moved away about the time their majority was reached. Two of them, F. V. and L. W., subsequently resided here, for a year or two during which time they were members of State Line (Now Central) Methodist church.

When quite young, the "boys" all became preachers. They were trained by a widowed mother, who brought them up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord" after the strict Methodist fashion. They are all able preachers, and some of them have repeatedly filled the most important appointments in the Little Rock conference.

The meeting will doubtless prove a great event in a religious way, for the community. The Evans boys came from a family of people who have been Methodist preachers for more than a century, and those who attend the meeting are certain to hear the old fashioned Methodist gospel expounded after the true Wesleyan style, and according to its original simplicity.—Daily Texarkanian.

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spirit of truth comes he will guide you into all truth." Mark you, all truth. Perhaps we limit the leadership of the Spirit too much. None of us doubt that the heart of the world has been quickened by the Spirit, but let us acknowledge his broader sway and teach men that truth in every department of life is to be found only in harmony with the Holy Spirit. The man who carries on his work contrary to the Spirit of holiness, whatever his trade or profession may be, mars his work and dooms it to destruction. By thus acknowledging the breadth of the Spirit's work we break down that damaging distinction between the so-called sacred and secular, and teach men to look for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the carpenter's shop as well as in the pulpit. There is no legitimate business in this world that a man may not ask the leadership of the spirit in. Let the world recognize this, and then all men will see that every other man is under as many obligations to follow the Holy Spirit as the preacher. Then the world will learn that there are no holy places to which the Spirit confines his operations. Then the church will learn that the Holy Spirit can not be confined to organizations or ordinances, and that it is simony to try it.

Then the world will understand that the whole Christian system is designed to lift men out of the sensuous into the spiritual. "From lower to higher, from simple to com-

## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester ..... Editor

Scripture Lesson for May 17; Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35; Eph. 5:18.

Topic: The Mockery and Malignity of Strong Drink.

What some great men think about liquor:

Nine-tenths of our poverty, squalor, vice and crime spring from the poisonous tap-root.—Gen. Booth, of Salvation Army.

The drink which the distillers make is but palatable poison.—Lord Chesterfield.

The beer drinker may be the picture of health, but in reality he is the most incapable of resisting disease. A slight injury, severe cold, or shock to the body or mind, will commonly promote acute disease, ending fatally. Compared with inebriates who use different forms of alcohol, he is more generally diseased.—Scientific American.

I cannot consent as your queen to take revenue from that which destroys the souls and bodies of my subjects.—Queen of Madagascar.

Alcohol vitiates the blood, inflames the stomach, overtaxes the heart, destroys the kidneys, hardens the liver, and softens the brain.—Norman Karr, M. D.

Let there be an entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks throughout this country during this period of a single generation, and a mob would be as impossible as combustion without oxygen.—Hon. Horace Mann.

Intemperance is a crime leading to all other crimes.—Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, England.

We can trace four-fifths of the crimes committed to the influence of rum.—Judge Allison.

Far from me be the gift of Bacchus.—pernicious, inflaming wine; that weakens both body and mind.—Homer, of Greece, 900 B. C.

The deriving of vast sums from the bitter sufferings and grinding pauperism of the people is a terrible offense.—Canon Wilberforce.

To sell rum for a livelihood is bad enough, but for a whole community to share the responsibility and guilt of such a traffic seems a worse bargain than that of Eve or Judas.—Horace Greeley.

The great cause of social crime is drink. When I hear of a family broken up and ask the cause—drink. If I go to the gallows and ask its victim the cause, the answer—drink. When I ask myself in perfect wonderment, why do not men put a stop to this thing?—Archbishop John Ireland.

Drink is a greater destroying force than all other physical evils combined.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Grape juice has killed more than grape shot.—Chas. H. Spurgeon.

The liquor traffic is the gigantic crime of times.—The late Senator Morrill of Maine.

In a very large proportion of cases the suicides are reported as due to insanity and the sanity is chargeable to drink. This is no new crime to be freshly laid at the door of the saloon keeper. It has for years been known that a close relation existed between sanity, idocy, imbecility, self murder and the drink habit which induced these forms of social affliction, but now the matter has been reduced to a scientific basis.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

I expect to my dying day to fight the drink with every lawful weapon.—John B.ugh.

The following is the temperance pledge

adopted by the Sunday School Association of Illinois and may be procured in card form, from its Secretary, W. B. Jacobs, 802, 140 Dearborn Street, Chicago:

"For the love of Christ and country I hereby make my declaration of independence against King Alcohol. I pledge myself never to use intoxicating liquor as a drink, and I promise to do all I can to end the drink habit and the liquor traffic."

## A Question of Constitutional Law.

No less than seven bills relating to interstate traffic in alcoholic liquors have been presented to congress during the present session. The idea of all is the same. The general thought is that every state shall be given full power to regulate the traffic which may be shipped into the state as soon as the said liquors cross the boundary line. In this way it has been proposed to make effective the prohibitory laws which have declared the traffic illegal. These bills were referred to the committee on judiciary, and by this committee again referred to a select or sub-committee of five.

Senator Knox was made chairman of the latter committee. The design of the judiciary committee in making the reference to the sub-committee was to discover whether it was possible to frame a law of this kind without invading the constitution of the United States. The sub-committee in due time made its report. Every one of the five senators on the committee wrote out his personal views on the subject. Every member of the committee was expected to consider the question as a matter of constitutional law. The result was that two of them expressed the conviction that the proposed legislation was constitutional, while the remaining three, which included Senator Knox, took the other view. It may interest our readers to have the privilege of reading and preserving the opinion written out by Mr. Knox. It is as follows:

"The attempt to get federal authority to seize shipments of liquor before they reach the consignee by states which have not made the consignee's use and possession of them unlawful is an attempt to accomplish indirectly through federal legislation what no state has undertaken directly to accomplish. \* \* \*

"It has been suggested that if a constitutional act could be passed turning over to the states control of all imported liquors upon their arrival within state lines, except such as were imported for personal use, it might be of some assistance to the states in breaking up illegal traffic in liquors; but that is a mistake. Congressional expression in favor of "personal use" would be an expression upon a subject with which congress has nothing to do, and upon it all sorts of confusing questions would arise. The same evidence required to defeat the claim of importation for "personal use" would give the state the right to follow up and seize the goods under any existing state law covering the subject.

"There are some constitutional questions closed beyond dispute. One is that congress can neither add to nor take away from the police power of the states. I think no one can seriously question the proposition that, as the law now stands, under the decision of the court, it is not within the power of the state now to prevent the delivery to the consignee of an article purchased by him in another state; and if the passage of an act such as proposed in these bills would enable the states to interrupt interstate shipments, it could scarcely be denied that the additional

power was given to the states by act of congress. In other words, the police power of the states would be extended by an act of congress, which is a constitutional absurdity.

I believe it is within the police power of the states to legislate against all devices resorted to by shippers and carriers whereby liquors are distributed to other than bona fide consignees. Kansas has an excellent statute upon this subject. I am likewise of the opinion that congress, by legislation acting directly upon carriers, can prevent them from becoming agents for vendors in other states in collecting liquors upon delivery, and will gladly support a bill that covers that field.

"My conclusions are: First, interstate shipments are not completed until they reach the consignee; second, an interruption or interference with interstate shipments before they reach the consignee constitutes a regulation of commerce; third, regulating interstate shipments is an exclusive function of congress; fourth, congress can not delegate any part of its exclusive power to the states; fifth, to remove the bar or impediment of exclusive federal power which shuts the states out of the federal domain, and thereby allows them to enter that domain, is to permit or sanction a state law in violation of the constitution, and in effect to delegate a federal function to the states.

"For these and other reasons assigned I am constrained to vote against the bills we have been considering."

It seems strange to those of us who are outside the halls of legislation that the committee on judiciary, despite its forensic title, should assume the powers of the supreme court in reaching a decision as to the constitutional law without referring the matter for issue to the supreme court itself. Doubtless Mr. Knox is an able lawyer and possesses ability scarcely second to any one of the superior judges. Nor is it at all unlikely that the other members of the sub-committee were strong and competent to issue. But this is not the point. Even had the whole five been of one mind, it must be obvious to everyone whose attention is drawn to the subject that the only competent body to give deliverance is the supreme court. But the point is not entirely technical.

It happens that in this case there was not agreement. The decision stood three to two. The division could not have been more equal. We may safely aver, therefore, from the two points of view referred to that the constitutional question is still an open one. Nor can it be aught save unsettled prior to the supreme court's action in the premises.—Advocate.

## Temperance Songs.

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

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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

Raiford, Ark., Mar. 25, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy seven years old. I am not large enough to help my papa and brother yet but will soon be. I have one brother and three sisters living and two sisters dead. I know they went to heaven and I am going to try and go there when I die. I love Jesus and Jesus loves me, for he answers all my prayers. I go to school in summer. We only have a three month school each year. Our teacher last year was named Ben Splawn. I liked him so much, as he was such a good man. Our church burned up last week but I guess we will build a new one soon. Bro. Williams is our pastor; I like him fine, for he is such a good man. Three of our little cousins are living with us. Say cousin, I want you all to write me a letter on my birthday, July the 17th. I will be glad to get them and will answer all. Well I will close, hoping to see this in print. I am your cousin,  
GEORGE STRONG.

Raiford, Ark., Mar. 26, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: As I have never written to the Children's Page before, I will write a few lines. I am a little girl ten years old. I like to read the children's letters very much. I live with my Aunt Maude, who is very good to me, and my little sister. We live on the farm. I like it better than in town. How many cousins like flowers. I do, for one. I will close hoping to see this in print. Your new cousin,  
MABEL HOLLIS.

Cabot, Ark., April 3, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write again. I am a little girl twelve years old. I like to read the cousin's letters very much. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. We live so far from the church. My mamma has gone to Little Rock to see my sister. I have eight sisters living, and one brother dead. We have a little orphan boy living with us. How many of you cousins would like to exchange postals with me? I guess I will close. Your cousin,  
LOTTIE HILL.

Raiford, Ark., March 25, 1907.

Dear Methodist: I am a little girl twelve years old. As I have never written to the Methodist, I will write. Mamma takes the Methodist and I like to read the Children's Page. I am a member of the Methodist church. Bro. Williams is our pastor and we all like him fine; he sure is a good man. I do not go to Sunday school, as I live too far away. How many of you cousins like to live on a farm. I surely do. I do not go to school only every summer. I am in the fifth grade. I have two brothers and two sisters living and two sisters dead, which I expect to meet some day. I had better close now.  
CLEMMIE STRONG.

Mt. View, Okla.

Dear Cousins: As my little sister Mirth is writing to the cousin's page, I thought I would write too. We are so proud of the Western Methodist and especially the cousin's letters. Every one of them are read and reread by all the children, and wishfully looked for the next one to come. I wish it would come twice a week. I am thinking of taking music lessons. I am only eleven years old. Papa says he would give anything if I could play the organ. We are all so fond of singing and have no one to play the organ. We live on a farm and after I come home from school I ride on the stalk cutter and drive a team of horses, and cut stalks for papa and let him rest. Do any of my sister cousins do that much for their papa? Your cousin,  
RUTH MERRILL.

Mt. View, Okla.

Dear Cousins: I promised to write to your page again, if I saw my first letter in print, so now I have seen my letter and am proud of it—to know I

am one among so many good little girls and boys. So I write again to fulfill my promises. I am not going to school this week and I am so lonely I do not know what to do. My teacher is called back to Arkansas by telegram on account of sickness. He told us he would get back next Monday. I do earnestly hope he will get back. This is the second time he has been called during this term of school. It makes me think Arkansas is sickly. I wish all of my cousins would come to Oklahoma. This is a good healthy country, and I would be so glad to know all my cousins. Your cousin,  
MIRTH MERRILL.

Wiville, Ark., Mar. 29, 1908.

Dear Cousins: I am a little orphan girl. Mrs. H. S. Walker took me from the orphans home. I like to go to school and learn my lessons and I am nine years old. My name is Helen Walker, but my name was Agnes Henry. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. Bunch. My every day school teacher's name is Mr. Weston. I am in the second grade. My pets are a little calf and a mother cow and two little colts. I guess I will close for this time. From little  
HELEN WALKER.

Mt. Vernon, Ark., March 25, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I thought I would write a few lines because there was but a few letters last week. Our Sunday school will begin the first Sunday in April. I will be thirteen the 29th of April. I like to read the Children's Page. I think the children ought to write and not let the advertisements crowd us out. Papa takes the Methodist. Papa is our pastor this year. I have two brothers and two sisters. I am the oldest one. I will close. Your friend,  
LEONE FLIPPIN.

Anstin, Ark., Mar. 16, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write to the Methodist, as I see all the cousins are writing. I enjoy reading the Children's Page, especially Aunt Carr's letters and Jessie's Journal. They are both very nice. I am now going to Sunday school on account of measles. Our school was out the 28th of February. Who has my birthday—the 16th of March. I have one pet, which is a horse. I have three brothers living and two dead. I have five sisters. I am in the seventh grade at school; my deskmate is Arthur Harris. We have a new preacher; his name is Bro. Blevins. Our presiding elder is Bro. Dye. Well, this is my first time to write, so I will close. From your friend,  
HERBERT RUSSELL.

Knobel, Ark., March 29, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write you a letter. I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the third grade I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Myrtle Gilliland and I like her fine. I have one brother and one sister. Our pastor's name is Brother Allen and I like him very much. We have a little brigade in Knobel. I think we have about eighteen members. I have two pets; one is a parrot and one is a canary bird. The canary can sing very sweetly; the parrot is very cute and I like them very much. For fear my letter will be too long, I will close. Your friend,  
LOUISE E. TOLER.

Grand Valley, Okla., Mar. 25, '08.

My Dear Western Methodist: I would like to have a place in your Children's Page. My father has been taking your paper about four years and it is my delight to get it and read the Children's Page. I sincerely hope that Ruth Carr will continue to write in the paper. I didn't see anything written by her in the paper I received today. My father is pastor of Boyd charge in the Oklahoma conference. Our presiding elder is Bro. Lawles; he is a very fine man. I am fourteen years of age and am my father's house keeper, my mother having died nearly five years ago. I have a sister who is teaching school and a brother who is pastor of our church at Mutual. I will close with love to my new friends.  
RUTH MUNSEY.



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Arkansas City, Ark., Mar. 29.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little girl eleven years of age. I have one brother; he is fifteen years old. His name is James Edward Fuquay. My mother and father are very good to me. I have anything that I want. My little sister is dead; she died five years ago. She died when she was three years old; her name was Myrtle Leone Fuquay. I am just well of the chicken pox. Well, I must close.

IDA MAY FUQUAY.

Milo, Ark., March 23, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have just finished reading the Children's Page and thought I would write a few lines as I have never seen a letter from this part of Arkansas. But I will just step over and talk to Jessie. I think that her diary is fine and I enjoy reading it. I will let you all guess my age. It is between fifteen and eighteen. Those who guess the closest will get an answer. I am the only girl in the family. I have two brothers. Our pastor is Bro. Bearden; he surely is a fine preacher and can preach good sermons. Erwin Strong said that he wanted us to guess his age—I guess that he is seventeen. I hope I am right. We have a Sunday school at our church; I go every Sunday I can. Well I will close, hoping that this won't go to the waste basket. If I see this in print I will try and write again some time. With love to all of the cousins' I am your new cousin,

MINNIE HILL.

Poteau, Okla., March 22, 1908.

Dear Methodist: Will you kindly admit us into the children's corner this rainy Sabbath morning? We wanted to go to church and Sunday school this morning but it's raining. Our Sunday school is growing rapidly. We are both working for a gold medal, which our superintendent has offered to the one who has the best lessons, and of course we are very much disappointed in not getting to go today. But you know we all have to be disappointed sometimes, and we have to have a few cloudy days to make us appreciate the bright ones. Well, cousins, spring is with us again with her beautiful sunshine and flowers. We think spring is

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the loveliest season of the year. We wish that all of the Methodist cousins could come and go up on the ridge with us to gather violets. Some such pretty ones grow up there. Our sister is our Sunday school teacher and she has about half way promised us girls that we could have a picnic in the near future. Cousins, we can not find words to express our thanks and appreciation for the beautiful post cards we have received. We will send the names of all who sent us cards: Ida May Fuquay, Arkansas City, Ark.; Bessie Slattin, Bald Knob, Ark.; Amelia Barrett, Sherrill, Ark.; Roy Webb, Haywood, Okla.; Grace and Woody Shipley, Van Buren, Ark.; Viola Hopkins, Poteau, Okla.; Mrs. W. A. Steele, Van Buren, Ark.; Mrs. Steele used to live at Poteau—she is certainly a good Christian lady. She used to be our Sunday school teacher. We also received one from Pine Bluff, Ark., and the cousin who sent it failed to sign her name. Grace Shipley, it was Elijah that made the ex swim. We will close for this time. With lots of love to each of the cousins, and best wishes for the Western Methodist. We are the same Oklahoma girls.

RUTH and MYRTLE HALL.

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**W. F. M. S. Little Rock Conf.**  
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 Edited by Conference Officers and  
 District Secretaries.  
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 Sara McKee Vance,  
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Only one more month to work for the Annual Conference. We at Malvern are planning and hoping for a grand time. As most of the missionary workers know, our dear sister Hotchkiss was first made president of the Little Rock conference W. F. M. S. at Malvern in the year 1883. This being the twenty-fifth anniversary of that event we wish this conference to be one long to be remembered for its spiritual influence and social intercourse. We trust also that it may be a success financially.

We alone can not accomplish this, and we ask you dear sisters to help us. Pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit may abide with us throughout the conference and come expecting all things good and we shall not be disappointed. The program as arranged promises a treat for every session.

In a letter received from our president she says: "We think the program is good if we can get it carried out."

Dear sisters, do you realize the anxiety that sentence expresses? The executive committee met and with anxious thought and earnest prayer prepared the program for the conference. They have notified those whose names were placed upon the program of the parts assigned to them, and now await an acceptance or refusal.

One of the unfailing ways to make any undertaking a success is not to disappoint our leader. So let there be no refusals, but let each take the part assigned them and put into it the very best of which they are capable.

Another way in which you can help is by sending in all names of delegates and visitors as soon as possible. Send names to me, and if there are two or more who wish to have the same home please state that wish, especially state whether the delegate from the Auxiliary wishes to have the Juvenile delegate with her.

Knowing these things will assist the committee on homes very much.

We ask that each society in the conference be represented by a delegate and as many visitors as can come. All will find a welcome awaiting them. Come in time to be with us on Wednesday night, as that will be one of our most enjoyable evenings.

SARA MCKEE VANCE,  
 Vice Pres. Little Rock Conf.  
 May 4, 1908.

#### FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

#### Dardanelle District Conference.

The Dardanelle District Conference convened at Altus, April 30th. Rev. J. H. O'Bryant, P. E., in the chair. All the pastors except three were present and about thirty laymen. Rev. F. S. H. Johnston represented the cause of Missions, Rev. J. M. Hughey, Church Extension, your field editor, the Western Methodist. There was a marked improvement in the missionary spirit, caused by the district assuming the support of a special missionary. An increase in the support of the pastors. Some good meetings had been held.

The preaching was spiritual, some conversions at the conference. The speech of Walter Clinton, a banker of Ozark, on the layman's movement was highly appreciated. The Presiding Elder is in loving favor with the preachers and brethren and the outlook is hopeful. Rev. I. L. Burrow, whose name is as ointment poured forth, was present to the delight of his many friends. The conference was held in the new concrete church. Bro. Wallace, the pastor, and his good people gave royal entertainment. I did fairly well for the paper.

#### The Torrey Meeting.

Three days were spent in Ft. Smith attending the great Torrey Meeting. This meeting has already been a great blessing to many and I predict will result in much lasting good to the entire city and adjacent country. He and his four helpers are training workers who will be skilled laborers for the Master in the future. The service for preachers on Tuesday, when about seventy-five preachers from Arkansas and Oklahoma were present, will long be remembered as a great and profitable day. He assured us that the church is what the preacher makes it. He magnifies the Holy Spirit, the word of God, prayer, a clean and earnest life. Dr. Torrey is a Congregationalist, and is a great gospel preacher. His meeting closes May 17th. From Ft. Smith they go to Muskogee, Okla.

#### Fayetteville.

A day and night was spent in Fayetteville. This is the best town in North Arkansas. For many years they have had no saloons, but they have had a steady and rapid growth. It is a city of excellent people, with modern improvements. A more desirable place to live would be hard to find. The State University has enrolled about 1200 students. It is a beautiful sight to see the young men at drill or on dress parade. Rev. P. C. Fletcher and Rev. O. H. Tucker our pastors are each closing their fourth year. Bro. Tucker has built a beautiful church in South Fayetteville, and under great difficulties, has done a noble work. He is one of our purest and best men. He and his cultured wife have succeeded in educating their children, who will go forth to bless the world.

Though the weather was cold and rainy we had a very good week night congregation and a very pleasant service in Bro. Fletcher's church. In four years six hundred have joined this church. It is one of the largest churches in the state, and has a very fine class of members. They love their pastor and his sweet spirited wife with a devotion that is beautiful. Fortunate is that church who can have such a pastor and wife. No man among us is better qualified for the work of the ministry or has been more successful than P. C. Fletcher. Though he had added about fifty new subscribers we found a few more and moved up several of the old subs. If every pastor would do for the paper what Bro. Fletcher has done, we would have twenty thousand subscribers by the close of the year. Brethren, try to double your subscription list this year. Do not wait for Dr. Anderson, or myself, or special agent to visit you. The paper will be a great blessing to any family who will take it and read it.

Delegates elected to the Annual Con-

ference from the Dardanelle District: Walter Clinton, Rev. A. B. Sims, Thad Johnson, G. G. Logan. Next Conference Prairie View.

From the Harrison District: Judge J. S. Maples, Rev. J. H. Ruble, J. C. Ware, W. T. Ruble. Next Conference Yellville.

#### Mount Scott Kiowa Church.

This church is now completed except seats and pulpit furniture. It is located in Comanche county, Okla., near Mount Scott post office. Is a stone structure costing a little over \$2,000 when completed. The Indians have put more money and labor into this building than has been put into any other church building for the Indians in the bounds of the Oklahoma Conference, having contributed \$1017.93, in cash and the labor of hauling all the material that has gone into the house. The stone was hauled three miles, the lumber eighteen miles. They did this willingly and cheerfully. The General Board of Church Extension donated \$400. The Conference Board \$100. Total amount of collection at the session of Annual Conference at Durant, Okla., \$365.15; of this amount \$196.65 has been paid, \$159.50 is yet unpaid. There is an indebtedness on the church of about \$150, which I am anxious to pay off. It is a note in the bank that is past due. At a camp-meeting among the Indians last year Dr. J. R. Nelson was present; he told the Indians that he would get one dollar for every dollar they paid in after that time to finish up the church. Since that meeting, the Indians have paid in \$328.85. Dr. Nelson took that collection at Durant to make his word true. So far his word has not been made true. He relied upon you brethren who subscribed to make his word true. It lacks \$132.20 of being true. I received \$38.50 from the appeal of Dr. Winton in the Advocate.

This will reduce it to \$93.70. If the brethren and sisters who subscribed and have not paid at Durant will send me the amounts they subscribed it will relieve me of some embarrassment. MILTON, A. CLARK.  
 Fort Sill, Okla.

#### Program for Layman's Meeting.

To be held at Mt. Tabor church, on Selma charge, on fifth Sunday in May, 1908.

Preaching Friday night, May 29, by R. R. Moore.

Saturday.

9:45 a. m.—Devotional, T. H. Crowder.

10:00 a. m.—The Sunday school and its relation to the church. Discussion led by James Jewell.

11 a. m.—Preaching by J. W. White. Subject, Relation of the pastor to the Sunday school.

2 p. m.—Financing the church, W. B. Heflin, Jeff VanLandingham and other laymen.

3 p. m.—Importance of missions in the church. Led by Rev. John Dickson. Open discussion.

8:30 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. F. F. Harrell. Subject, Organization of the Sunday school into Missionary societies explained.

Sunday.

10 a. m.—Sunday School at work.

11 a. m.—Preaching by Rev. R. R. Moore. Subject, Missions.

1:30 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. John Dickson.

2 p. m.—Importance of organization in the local church, led by W. B. Heflin and other laymen.

3 p. m.—Election of delegates to Layman's Conference.

Brethren, come to this meeting, for we are expecting a good meeting. Come praying and the Lord will crown our labors with success.

T. H. CROWDER, P. C.

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### The Bible Not Barred From the Schools.

A few infidels in Corsicana some time back took it into their heads to have the reading of the Bible in the public schools of that city and prayer abolished. So they went into the courts with their complaint; but the District Judge ruled against them. Then they appealed to the Supreme Court at Austin, and last week that court handed down a unanimous opinion that by no construction was the reading of the Bible and offering prayer in the public schools inimical to the Constitution of the State. The decision was written by Justice Brown, and it was a lengthy and exhaustive opinion, covering all the phases of the question. It points out the fact that such is the salutary effect of religion upon the public mind that the Legislature regularly employs a Chaplain to conduct worship in both branches of that body and that provision is made to have the Bible read and prayers offered in the University and the A. & M. College; that the State generally recognizes the importance and value of this provision upon the weal of the commonwealth. We are glad that this question is now settled, for it has been thought by a great many people that our State schools ignore religion and ostracise the Bible. Such is not the case, and now that our highest court has passed finally upon the question, all our State schools have the privilege of hearing the Bible read and of having prayers offered in connection with their opening exercises. After all, this is a Christian nation in its dominant sentiment, however bad may be

many of its people. Texas is making progress in her moral and religious sentiment, and the time will never come when a few infidels will be able, by their sneers, to have the Bible expelled from our schools. For all of which we are most devoutly thankful. But it does not follow that teachers are allowed to explain their peculiar doctrines and beliefs in the school room. This is, and ought to be, forbidden. It would make the schools sectarian, which would be contrary to our fundamental law. It merely means that the Bible and public prayers in our schools are in harmony with our ideals as a free people, whose institutions and government must necessarily rest upon the intelligence, the good morals and the religious sentiments of its people.—Texas Christian Advocate.

#### Okmulgee, Okla.

I suppose a word from this charge is now in order. We are forging ahead slowly but surely. There has been a steady growth in all departments of the church since conference. Our Sunday School is doing capitally. We have a business men's class that promises great good to the school. Our home department is advancing and the primary department grows in numbers and interest. We have a tent for the primary department. At the second quarterly conference we appointed a committee to investigate and proceed in the work of a new church. One man proposes to give \$1,000 for a Ten Thousand Dollar house, or \$1,500 for a fifteen thousand dollar house. Our present house is not sufficient for our congregations and our Sunday School work. The SPIRIT of Missions is abroad in the church and there is a genuine revival in missionary sentiment and conscience amongst our people. We have a Bible woman in Kobe Japan and her salary is paid for fifteen months in advance. We have just closed a meeting that was a great uplift to our people. My son Lee Rippey was with us and did most excellent work. It's a very great pleasure to have a son who can preach the gospel and it's a greater pleasure to sit under his preaching with personal comfort. This is fast becoming an appointment of importance. The salaries are about paid to date. Our conference collections are in cash and good subscription. We thank God and take courage. We now hope to round out the year with full reports on all lines and the prospect of a new church to be completed in the year to come. We have paid off an old debt of near \$1200 and added new property to the amount of \$1500 and six hundred dollars of this is paid.

Blessing on our Methodist and its Editors.

W. M. P. RIPPEY.

#### Never Rub Soap on Your Hair.

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#### Ardmore District Conference Notice.

Will all the pastors please send me the names of all from their work who will attend the district conference here May 27-31? I desire only the names of delegates and local preachers, women of the Home Mission society and pastors' wives who will come. We desire this to be a great time and trust that all will pray for a baptism of the Holy Spirit. Kingston will give you a royal welcome.

M. B. McKINNEY.

#### Fayetteville District—A Correction.

In my writeup of the Fayetteville district conference the printer makes me say that \$62.50 have been collected for foreign missions to date; it should have been \$625.90. Please make correction. Yours truly,

GEO. E. PATCHELL.

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#### Annual Sermon, Anadarko.

Rev. W. J. Sims will preach the annual sermon for the Indian school at Anadarko, May 27, 8 p. m. The school has had a prosperous year. The Woman's Board has decided to change the plan of their work among the Indians for another year. This is a step in the right direction.

Truly,

C. F. MITCHELL.

#### Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs.

We are in a great meeting at Tigert Memorial. Rev. J. A. Henderson of Mena is doing the preaching. Bro.

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F. E. DODSON.

#### Little Rock Preachers' Meeting Notes.

Capital Hill church, P. R. Eaglebarger, pastor, had one addition, seventy-two at Sunday School and good audiences.

Asbury church, W. A. Swift, pastor, had 237 at Sunday School, three at altar, two professions.

Winfield church, S. H. Werlein, pastor, had 335 at Sunday School, ten additions, good audiences.

Hunter Memorial, W. D. Mitchell preached both morning and evening.

Henderson chapel, R. J. Rowland, pastor, had eighty at Sunday School, two additions.

W. A. SWIFT, Sec.

May 11.

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## Notice.

Will all delegates who expect to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society to be held at Durant, Okla., May 26, 27, 28, notify Mrs. G. W. Holmes and give hour of arrival.

The first meeting will be Tuesday, morning, May 26, at 9:30 o'clock. We would like for the Executive Committee to meet at the church at 9:30 o'clock if possible.

Miss Belle Bennett, the president of our Board will be with us the entire time. She will conduct the devotional half hour each day and speak to us on our work Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Will not each auxiliary send at least two delegates? This will be a rare opportunity for instruction and we hope many will avail themselves of it.

Any delegates coming by Ardmore will be met at the train and cared for over night if you will notify me the hour of your arrival and train. The Frisco leaves here at 6:05 a. m.—only one train a day. We can take the Frisco Tuesday morning at 6:05 and reach Durant at 8:50 same morning.

MRS. J. M. GROSS,  
 .. Conference Corresponding Secretary.

## Woman's Home Mission Society of the Oklahoma Conference.

Annual Meeting, Durant, Okla., May 26-8, 1908.

## Programme.

Tuesday morning, May 26:

9:00 a. m. Devotions.

Organization. Roll call.

Address of Welcome W. H. M. Society—Mrs. E. S. Light.

Address of Welcome W. F. M. Society.

Response—Mrs. Geo. Leftwich.

Reports of Auxiliaries.

11:30-12:00. Devotions—Miss Belle Bennett.

Afternoon. Devotions, Minutes, Appearances.

Committees: Reports of District Secretary and Auxiliaries.

Selection of Officers—Mrs. J. P. Seiter.

Discussion.

8:00 p. m. Devotions. Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Work of Woman's Home Mission Society—Miss Belle Bennett.

Wednesday:

9:00 a. m. Devotions. Report of Vice President and Superintendent of Departments.

"Work of the Young People"—Mrs. W. J. Strange.

Discussion.

Echoes from Board Meeting.

Bible Study—Miss Belle Bennett.

1:30 Devotions. Reports.

"Model Auxiliary"—Mrs. J. C. Fowler.

Question Box—Miss Belle Bennett.

8:00 p. m. Address—Miss Bennett.

Thursday:

Devotions. Meeting of committees.

Bennett.  
 1:30. Devotions. Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers.  
 Adjournment.

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Thursday Afternoon, 4:30.

Opening exercise—Mrs. W. B. Wolfe, Berryville.

Organization and appointment of committees.

Thursday Evening.

Devotional Service—Rev. G. G. Davidson, Harrison.

Short Program. Harrison Auxiliary.  
 Informal Reception in the church.

Friday Morning.

Consecration Service—Mrs. Ori E. Jamison, Clarksville.

President's Address.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of District Secretaries.

Forward Movement in Auxiliary Work—Delegates.

Devotional Hour—Miss Belle Bennett.

Friday Afternoon.

Opening Exercise, Mrs. F. A. Kent, Gassville.

A Half Hour with "Our Homes"—

Mrs. M. N. Gibson, Siloam Springs.  
 Review of Best Home Mission Books—

Miss Lila Ralston, Fayetteville.  
 Closing Exercises—Mrs. James Branton, Lester.

Friday Evening.

Devotional Service—Mrs. F. Lark, Eureka Springs.

Life Story of the Chinese Women—

Mrs. A. M. Buck, Ft. Smith.  
 Life Story of the Italian Women—

Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, Van Buren.  
 Life Story of the Mountain Women—

Miss Vertie Corley, Fayetteville.  
 Life Story of the Korean Women—

Mrs. A. J. Vance, Harrison.  
 Our Work for These Women, Present and Future—Miss Belle Bennett.

Saturday Morning.

Devotional Service—Mrs. David Shreaves, Cotter.

Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers.

Noon Devotion Hour—Miss Belle Bennett.

Saturday Afternoon.

Devotional Service—Miss Minnie Burton, Morrilton.

"Snap in Auxiliary"—Mrs. J. W. House, Bentonville.

A Half Hour of Questions and Answers—Mrs. G. G. Davidson, Harrison.

Suggestions for Sociability—Miss Blanche Hopkins, Cotter.

Closing Exercises—Mrs. Hugh Basham, Clarksville.

Sunday Morning.

Prayer Service Preceding Morning Service—Mrs. Crump, Harrison.

Address at Eleven O'clock—Miss Belle Bennett.

Sunday Afternoon.

Children's Service.

Sunday Evening.

Young People's Rally—Misses Belle

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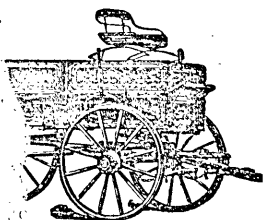
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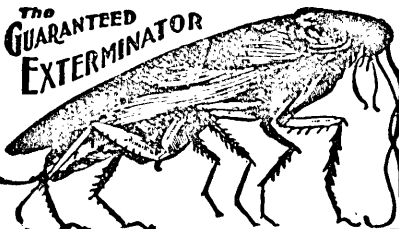
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The Tulsa District Conference convened in Chelsea, Okla., April 29, May 2. All were agreed in saying that it was the greatest district conference yet held in our bounds. It was certainly greater in point of attendance, life, harmony, work, speeches, and religious helpfulness. The district has made great progress and is now reckoned as one of the best in the conference. Our ministers and laymen will in every respect compare favorably with those of the other districts. The district has taken a forward step in its work. The President of the conference, who was in our work expires in November has wrought a mighty work in the past five years. Many new churches and parsonages built and furnished in great salaries and benevolences assessed and paid and hundreds of members added to the church. The District parsonage has been completely renovated and enlarged until it is now a thing of beauty. We regret very much to lose him but commend him to the love and confidence of the people to whom he may be called to serve.

The conference gave in cash and subscription \$1000.00 to Rev. W. J. Sims for Epworth University. It licensed to preach Chester Skelton and Fred Tolle and recommended the latter to the annual conference for admission on trial.

The visitors who helped us very much with their speeches and presence were Revs. W. F. Dunkle, of Muskogee, N. L. Linebaugh of South McAlester, O. E. Goddard of Muskogee, W. J. Sims of Oklahoma City, J. E. Vick of Wetumka and Glenn Flynn of Dallas, Tex.

The Womans' Home Mission Society had a great meeting in connection with our conference. A large attendance was present and a good program was rendered.

The next meeting goes to Vinita. The people of Chelsea spread themselves in their entertainment. Never was a conference more royally cared for. This writer with W. H. Darrough was kindly cared for in the home of Mr. Fox Daningburgh.

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### Talihina, Okla.

Bro. Thompson, presiding elder, came in Sunday evening May 3rd, and preached for us at night. We were glad to see him again and have him talk to us. We all like Bro. Thompson and appreciate his sermons. On Monday morning he held our second quarterly conference. Had a fair attendance and good reports from all. Our pastor, Bro. Roberts, in his report of the State of Church, reported having received 38 members since Annual Conference.

Our Woman's Home Mission Society is doing a fine work. I believe we have some of the best workers to be found and I know no better women live than are to be found in Talihina.

Our Sunday School is doing a fine work. In our recent revival twenty-four members were converted and all

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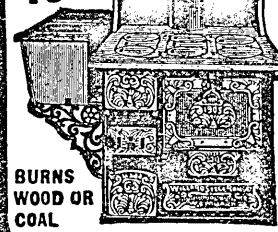
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Mr. Sam Adams is a leader among our young people and is at the head of our Young People's Prayer Meeting. He is a most excellent true Christian young man.

In our church work, we try to secure a leader for every department and it is about the only successful way to get good returns. Our pastor is a firm believer in handling church in a business-like manner.

We had some excellent preaching during our protracted meeting. Bro. Waller of Madill, an able speaker and a good fatherly gentleman, was with us for one week, then Bro. Cox, of Antlers spent five days preaching some able sermons. Twenty-eight additions to the church was the result of the meeting and many cold members were benefitted. It was a gracious meeting.

Sister Roberts, wife of our pastor, T. F. Roberts, received a telegram Monday morning while we were in session at quarterly conference announcing the death of her mother. We all sympathize with Sister Roberts in this loss.

It is the intention of our membership to make Talihina a Station at an early date, in fact almost every Sunday we have church service. Brother Bezze, editor of our town paper, is an ex-minister and a very able talker, with the two Sundays by our pastor and these two good brothers to fill in the two additional Sundays we can fill the month very cleverly until after Annual Conference.

Dr. Hugh Boyd, one of our members and leaders, is trying to organize a laymen's movement. We hope he may succeed.

Talihina, morally, is the best town I ever resided in and my residence of twenty years in this town qualifies me in speaking. Our young people are church going kind, and so many

adults stay away. This is our weak place.

The County Commissioners have ordered the County Court records for the Talihina District of LeFlore county, and soon we will have a regular Court division with a clerk in charge. This means much for Talihina's growth as well as the convenience of the people.

I may write again. Trust what I MATH TWO DAV mon a m have written may be read and enjoyed by those acquainted with Talihina.

Fraternally,  
JNO. J. THOMAS.

### A WOMAN'S APPEAL.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbago, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, South Bend, Ind.

### Help a Little.

A small class of thirty people in poor circumstances have been compelled to build a new church house at Highfill, Benton county, Ark. The building is approaching completion but money is very much needed to pay for material and labor already furnished, and for finishing the work. I wish 500 of my personal friends would each contribute \$1 for this purpose. Any one reading this who is not a "personal friend" can easily become one for the small sum of \$1. Send the money to me at Gentry, Ark., or to R. H. Holland Highfill, Ark., but send it quickly and wing its flight with a prayer.

J. M. BULL, P. C.  
Springtown Circuit.

### Church Dedication.

May 31, Rev. C. H. McGhee, Presiding Elder, will dedicate the Methodist Church, South, at Fletcher, Okla. All former pastors cordially invited to be present and take part in the service.

MAJOR C. DOBBS, P. C.

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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.)

**BICKERS**—Florence Ellen Bickers was born Nov. 12, 1873. Professed a living faith in Christ under the preaching of Rev. F. C. Sterling about 1890. Joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member until March 4, 1908, at which time the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher." Truly a good woman has passed to her reward, but her influence still lives. The Master is constantly calling his children home, still his work goes on.

H. E. MAY.

**AUBREY**—Edward Sidney Aubrey was born May 21, 1839, in Treop county, Ga.; was married to Miss Mary Phillips May, 1852. His wife and two children have long since preceded him to the other shore. He was married to Nancy L. McLenden Dec., 1871. Bro. Aubrey moved to Arkansas in 1858. He has been a faithful member of the M. E. church, South since 1858. He died in great triumph, April 30, 1908, at his step-son's, Bro. R. H. McLenden, near Atlanta, Ark., who is ever remembered by the pastors of this charge for his faithful service to the church and unsurpassed kindness to his preacher. Bro. McLenden and two sisters, one the wife of Rev. J. J. Colson, survive to mourn his loss as step-father, their mother having preceded him one year lacking seventeen days.

May the blessings of God abide with these faithful step-children and all who mourn the loss of Bro. Aubrey. We have every reason to hope that these family ties will not long be severed.

DAVID BOLLS.

**MILAM**—Lucas C Milam was born March 4, 1836, professed religion in the year of 1890, passed to his reward April 26, 1908, aged 72 years, 1 month and 22 days.

He left a host of friends to mourn his death. We would say weep not dear friends, but cast your care on him who said he cared for you. He has only fallen asleep in Jesus to awake in his likeness. Bro. Milam was a member of the M. E. church, South, and lived a model Christian life. It was said by one who knew him best that he always was a good man. He has filled his mission in this world. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith and hence there is a crown of righteousness laid up for him and not for him only but for all who are faithful. Earth has lost a jewel, but heaven has been made richer by it. Look up, dear ones, and take courage for there's coming a day when you will meet again around God's throne above. It's a sweet thought to us as God's children to know that every day that passes by brings us closer to our eternal home. His pastor,

J. E. MORRIS.

**BLANN**—Loy Lee Blann, infant son of Brother and Sister Gid Blann died April 26, 1908. Little Loy was a bright eyed sweet little child. He was loved and petted by all that knew him. Little Loy was five months and sixteen days old. His life was short here on earth, but bless God he has gone home

to die no more. His little body was brought to Hampton where we preached his funeral in the Methodist church, from the text found in Luke 20:36. A large crowd attended the funeral. And many tears were shed by all. We would say to the father and mother, don't grieve for little Loy. He has gone to God to dwell in one of those beautiful mansions which God has for his children. And to all we would say, live close to the feet of Jesus and it won't be long till we will all meet around God's throne. When God calls us we must go. Let us all be prepared.

J. C. WILLIAMS.

## A Remarkable Cure of Epilepsy

In my house to house visits I met a young man recently, who had come to my home with his father about five years ago suffering terribly with Epilepsy. He took treatment from Dr. Town, of Fond du Lac, Wis. To my joy I found that he is entirely cured of the awful disease. In five years he has not had an attack. During this time his father and mother have died, and he has had to support his two sisters and younger brother. In spite of this strain he is happy that he is well, and will gladly give information to any sufferer. I will give the address of this young man to anyone inquiring. Rev. E. R. Irmscher, City Missionary and Editor of OUR VISITOR, 511 Capital Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

## Konawa Station.

We are doing well on the Kanawa charge. Kanawa has been made a station. The work is only three years old. We have about 150 members in our church. Methodism easily is in the lead here. Our church was finished in April and dedicated the third Sunday in May by Rev. C. L. Ballard of Sherman, Texas. To say that he measured up to the occasion is putting it mildly. Following the dedication he preached about two weeks. We had a fine meeting resulting in about thirty professions and twenty accessions to our church. Ballard is safe and sound and can deliver himself in a most appy vein. Methodists, Baptists and Campbellites heard him. He closed the meeting by preaching three of the strongest doctrinal sermons it has been my privilege to hear. I consider him one of the strongest men in the South. Yet his labors have been mostly confined to the state of Texas. It would be timely indeed for him to enlarge his territory, hold meetings and preach our doctrines. Some are impressed that he is an extremist and stirs up strife.

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BIAN HENSLEY, P. C.

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## Revival at Stamps, Ark.

The transforming power of the Gospel of Christ as presented by our pastor Rev. W. M. Hayes assisted by Rev. H. G. Scuddey in a three weeks revival closing Sunday night, has been a soul feast and church upbuilding power such as this community has not experienced in many months. Christian people were greatly blessed and helped to a clearer and broader vision of Christian living, all joining in a united effort for the one great cause—soul saving. Many conversions were reported during the meeting, a number of new members being added to the Methodist church, and others will be added to the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. Rev. Scuddey did some effective work at the afternoon services giving inspiring and helpful talks to Christian people also as leader of the song services. Bro. Hayes has endeared himself to the entire community by his extreme earnestness in the presentation of the Gospel of Christ, and as a man among his fellow men.

T. J. CLARK.

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## Comanche, Okla.

Our work at Comanche is making some progress. Our wide-awake presiding elder, Rev. C. H. McGhee, was with us the fourth Sunday in April and preached the first sermon in our new church, and held our second quarterly conference on Monday.

I also preach at Cormu and Oak College, two country points, and they are

getting along well.

Our finances are not well up, but when we remember what our people have had to contend with, I think they are doing well.

Our Sunday school is growing rapidly and we will soon have to organize an Intermediate League.

M. T. ALLEN.

May 4.

## OKLAHOMA LANDS.

If you contemplate moving to Oklahoma, write me and I will help you to secure a home with a clean legal title to the land.

N. B. AINSWORTH.

Atoka, Okla.

## Poteau, Okla.

The meeting closed at Poteau, Okla., with fine success. Fifty or more were converted. About that number will join the churches. The pastors and churches of the town worked nobly together, as it should be. Bro. Brannon was at his best and did some strong preaching. Services for men only was very forceful. Children's services made many hearts glad.

THE PASTOR.

## Arkadelphia, Ark.

Closed a fine church revival last night. Fifty to sixty conversions and reclamations and about forty will be added to the church. The pastor did the preaching. The church, many of them, co-operated, though it was a little hard for them to believe we could have a revival without an evangelist or an assisting pastor. Some of them believe now that this was the best revival this church has had for many years. My Epworth League, specially, did a fine work. We will be able to go on to higher ground. Let God be praised.

A. O. EVANS.

## Dedication.

We expect to dedicate our church at Hill's Chapel Sunday at 11 a. m., June 7. The services will be in charge of Revs. J. R. Hill and S. F. Goddard. All former pastors and members invited.

A. G. WHITE, P. C.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—2ND ROUND.  
Springdale Station May 16-17  
Elm Springs Ct., at Ebenezer May 23-24  
Wm. SHERMAN, P. E.

DARDANELLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.  
Dardanelle Ct., at Stubbs Chapel May 16-17  
Dover Ct., at Sunny Point May 24-25  
Dardanelle Station May 25  
Landon & Knoxville at Nadden May 30-31  
Lamar Station June 6-7  
Clarksville Station June 18-19  
Clarksville Ct., at Bethlehem 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 July 25-26  
Altus and Denning July 26-27  
Ozark Ct., at Oak Grove Aug. 1-2  
Ozark Station Aug. 2-3  
J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Bates Ct., at Weeks May 16-17  
Van Buren Ct., at Mt. View May 24-25  
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  
Dodson Ave. June 14  
First Church June 21  
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  
Hackett Ct., at Bethel July 18-19  
Hartford July 19  
Abbott Ct., at Life Chapel July 25-26  
Booneville Station July 26  
Washburn Ct., at Washburn Aug. 1-2  
F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Appleton Ct., at Appleton May 16-17  
Houston & Perry Ct. at Perryville May 23-24  
Springfield Ct., at Friendship May 30-31  
Adena Ct., at Casa June 6-7  
Plumerville Ct., at Lewisburg June 20-21  
Morrilton Station June 27-28  
Holland Ct., at Union Valley July 4-5  
Bee Branch Ct., at Morganton July 11-12  
Pottsville Ct., at Pleasant Grove July 18-19  
Russellville Station July 19-20  
Cleveland Ct. July 25-26  
Clinton Ct., at Clinton Aug. 1-2  
Conway Ct., at Salem Aug. 8-9  
Conway Station Aug. 9-10  
Quitman Ct., at Plants Chapel Aug. 15-16  
Quitman Station Aug. 16-17  
Atkins Station Aug. 22-23  
The District Conference will convene at Morrilton, June 25-28. Committees: License to Preach and Admission on Trial, J. B. Stevenson, J. C. Floyd, George McGlumphy. Deacons and Elders Orders, J. M. Hughey, W. K. Biggs, A. J. Cullum.  
JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND  
Valley Springs at Red Oak May 16-17  
Lead Hill at Omaha May 23-24  
Harrison May 30-31  
Bellefonte at Marshall June 6-7  
Green Forest June 13-14  
Yellville Station June 20-21  
Yellville Circuit at Eros June 27-28  
Cotter at Cotter July 4-5  
Mountain Home at Rock Dale July 11-12  
Fair View at Fair View July 18-19  
Huntsville at Cross Roads July 25-26  
J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.  
Gravette Ct., at Decatur May 30-31  
Gentry Station May 31-June 1  
Falling Springs Ct., at Cherokee June 6-7  
Viney Grove Ct., at Cincinnati June 7-8  
Siloam Springs Station June 13-14  
Lincoln Ct., at Evansville June 13-14  
Farmington & W. Fayetteville at Hubbard June 20-21  
Springtown Ct., at Robinson June 27-28  
Pea Ridge Ct., at Buttram's Chapel July 4-5  
Rogers Station July 5-6  
War Eagle Ct., at Coal Gap July 7-8  
Parksdale & Winslow at Brentwood July 11-12  
Centerton Ct., at Hebron July 18-19  
Bentonville Station July 19-20  
Springdale Station July 25-26  
Goshen Circuit Aug. 1-2  
Fayetteville Station Aug. 2  
Prairie Grove Station Aug. 8-9  
Elm Springs Ct., at Thornsbury Aug. 15-16  
WILLIAM SHERMAN, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—THIRD ROUND.  
(In Part.)  
Erick and Texola May 16-17  
Clinton Station (At night) May 17  
Pioneer at Hentley May 23-24  
Weatherford Station (At night) May 24  
Butler Ct., at Shilo May 30-31  
Sayre Station May 31-June 6-7  
District Conference at Sayre, June 8-7.  
Opening sermon on Wednesday evening, June 3rd, by Rev. C. A. Burris.  
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

MCALISTER DIST.—SECOND ROUND.  
Pocahontas May 22-23  
Spiro & McCurtain May 23-24  
Howe Ct. May 24-25  
Quinton Ct. May 30-31  
Canadian Ct. May 31-June 1  
SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.  
Willow Ct. May 16, 17  
Mangum Station May 17, 18  
L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Sulphur, Vinita Avenue May 16-17  
Sulphur, First Church May 17-18

District Conference at Ada May 27-31  
Konow Ct. May 23-24  
Moral Ct., at Hill's Chapel June 6-7  
Wanette Ct., at Mount Zion June 7-8  
Tishomingo & Ravia at Ravia June 13-14  
Roff Station June 14-15  
Holdenville Station June 23  
Twelve Mile Prairie Ct., Emmett Jun 27-28  
Wapanucka & Coalgate at Milburn Jun 28-29  
Byars Ct., at Byars July 4-5  
Ada Ct., at Pickett July 5-6  
Hickory Ct., at Palmer July 9-10  
Mill Creek July 11-12  
Ada Station July 12-13  
Ada Creek & Weleetka at Okemah July 26-27  
Bearden Ct. July 28  
Okemah Ct. July 29  
Holdenville Ct., at Yeager July 30  
Maud Ct., at Fair View Aug. 1-2  
Asher & Oak Grove at Oak Grove Aug. 2-3  
Stonewall at Jesse Aug. 8-9  
Pontotoc Ct., at Pontotoc Aug. 9-10  
S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND  
(In Part)  
Snyder at Ernest June 6-7  
Headrick at Friendship June 13-14  
Martha and Blair at Martha June 14-15  
Duke at Duke June 20-21  
Okustee and Eldorado at Eldorado June 21-22  
Frederick Circuit at Hurst June 27-28  
Davidson and Sanford at B. June 28-29  
Manugm Circuit at Gyp Hill July 4-5  
Frederick Station July 11-12  
Lone Wolf at Lugert July 18-19  
Hobart July 19-20  
Vinson and Deer Creek at Independence July 25-26  
Kelly at Bethel Aug. 1-2  
Hollis and Dryden at Dryden Aug. 2-3  
Mt. Park at Mt. Bend Aug. 8-9  
L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.  
Leon and Burneyville at Leon May 16-17  
Whitehead and Mayesville at W. May 23-24  
Overbrook Ct., at Marsdon May 24-25  
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.  
Whitefield Ct. at Dukes, 2 p. m., May 16  
Stigler, 9 a. m., May 18  
Oktoha Ct. at Oktoha, 2 p. m., May 23  
Haskell and Bixby, 7:30 p. m., May 24  
charge  
W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Sugar Loaf Ct., at Spring Hill May 16-17  
Bethel Ct., at Bethel Hill May 23-24  
Kullituklo Ct., at Kullituklo May 30-31  
Atoka Ct., at White Sand June 6-7  
Owl Ct., at Perry Spring June 13-14  
Chickasaw Ct., at Maytuba June 20-21  
Rufe Ct., at Arboha Palaya June 27-28  
Kiamitia Ct., at Old Cedar July 4-5  
Long Creek Ct., at Bok Chuffa July 11-12  
District Conference at Salem July 22-26.  
C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
First Church May 24-25  
Fair View May 24-27  
College Hill May 31-June 1  
Mena June 6-7  
De Queen June 7-8  
Texarkana Ct. June 13-14  
Gilham June 20-21  
Janssen Ct. June 27-28  
Foreman Ct. July 4-5  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE JULY 9-11  
Bright Star Ct. July 18-19  
Wilton Ct. July 25-26  
Mt. Ida Ct. August 2-3  
Horatio Ct. August 8-9  
Ashdown Ct. August 15-16  
Locksburg Ct. August 22-23  
Cherry Hill Ct. August 29-30  
Dierks Ct. Sept. 5-6  
Let the Pastors of the Circuits prepare for a Laymen's Conference on Saturday with dinner on the ground and representatives from every church.  
B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIST.—2ND ROUND  
McLoud & Union Chapel at U. C. May 16-17  
Epworth University May 17  
Piedmont Station May 23  
El Reno Station May 24-25  
A. L. SCALES, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Waurika, at Baumer May 16-17  
Ryan & Terral, at Ryan May 17-18  
Alhepaton, at Junction City May 23-24  
Temple, at Gregg May 24-25  
Rush Springs, at Oak Grove May 30-31  
Cement, at Fletcher May 31-June 1  
Randlett, at Cache Valley June 6-7  
Hastings, at Pecan Grove June 7-8  
Marlow Station, A. M. June 14; P. M., 15  
Minco & Tuttle at M., June 14; a. m. 15  
Carnegie & Ft. Cobb at Ft. Cobb Jun 20-21  
Chickasha Station June 21-22  
Eschita, at Eschite June 27-28  
Walter Station June 28-29  
Lindsay, at Erin Springs July 5-6  
Verden and Anadarko, at Verden July 8  
Alex at Chitwood July 11-12  
Bailey, at Bailey July 12-13  
Comanche July 18-19  
Duncan Station July 19-20  
Duncan Ct., at Roseland July 25-26  
Lawton Station July 26-27  
C. H. MCGHEE, P. E.

GUYMON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Hooker May 16-17  
Guymon May 23-24  
Grand Valley May 30-31  
Tyrone June 6-7  
Boyd June 13-14  
Carthage June 20-21  
Midwell June 27-28  
Gresham July 4-5  
Postal July 11-12  
Grand July 18-19  
Island July 25-26  
Mutual Aug. 1-2  
Woodward Aug. 2-3  
Beane Aug. 8-9  
Texhoma Aug. 15-16  
Optama Aug. 22-23  
J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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.  
Blevins May 16-17  
Prescott May 17-18  
Emmett May 23-24  
Fulton and McNab May 24-25  
Mineral Springs May 30-31  
Washington and Ozan May 31-June 1  
Harmony June 6-7  
Gurdon June 13-14  
Bingen June 20-21  
Chidister June 27-28  
THOS H. WARE, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.  
DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc, at D. A. May 24  
Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton May 30, 31  
A. J. MILLAR, P. E.

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

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND  
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.  
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.  
Hot Springs Ct., at Cason's Chapel May 16-17  
Third Street, Hot Springs May 17-18  
Ussery Ct., at Friendship May 23-24  
Central Avenue May 31  
Malvern Ave May 31  
H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

White River Conference.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Arkansas City and Dermott May 16-17  
Warren Mission at Carmel May 23-24  
Warren Station May 24-25  
Watson Ct., at Watson June 6-7  
Tiller Ct. June 13-14  
Lacey Ct. June 20-21  
Lake Village & Portland June 27-28  
Parkdale and Wilmot June 28-29  
Jersey Ct. July 4-5  
Hermitage Ct. July 11-12  
New Edinburg Ct. July 18-19  
Selma Ct. July 25-26  
Snyder Ct. August 1-2  
Hamburg Ct. Aug. 8-9  
Collins Ct. Aug. 15-16  
Eudora Ct. Aug. 22-23  
Crossett Mission Sept. 5-6  
Monticello Station Sept. 13-14  
Wilma Station Sept. 13-14  
J. W. WARRELL, P. E.

PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.  
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  
Bethesda Ct., at Cushman May 16-17  
District Preachers' meeting at Melbourne, Apr. 21-23.  
A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.  
Waldo Ct. May 30-31  
Lewisville June 6-7  
Stephens June 13-14  
Junction City June 20-21  
Bearden June 27-28  
Hampton July 4-5  
Thornton July 11-12  
Fordyce July 12-13  
Eldorado Ct. July 18-19  
Eldorado Station July 19-20  
Magnolia Ct. July 25-26  
Camden Ct. Aug. 1-2  
Camden Station Aug. 2-3  
Stamps Aug. 9-10  
Atlanta Ct. Aug. 15-16  
Strong Ct. Aug. 22-23  
The District Conference will be held at Bearden, June 25-27. A full delegation is very much desired.  
R. W. MCKAY, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.  
Cabot Ct., at Jacksonville May 16-17  
Beebe Station May 17-18  
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### Women of the Bible and What They Teach Us.

The historic women of the Bible are so familiarly known not only to Christians, but to the reading world at large, that an attempt to present them to this audience, reminds me of the little fellow who being asked what he had learned at school, replied, "What I allus knowed."

Passing over 1500 years from the beginning, leaving with them our first grandmother, the illustrious Sarah, the beautiful Rebecca, the loving Rachel, and a host of others, we hear Miriam sing the triumphs of Jehovah at the Red Sea. Again, Deborah, a woman counted worthy to judge the great nation of God's people, celebrated her victory over the Canaanites in a song of praises to the Lord for the avenging of Israel. Through all the centuries the service of song has continued in glad anthems of praise and thanksgiving, ascending as sweet incense before the mercy seat. It bears an important part in the evangelization of the world, for who has not heard of numberless instances in which some half-forgotten tune or a soul full hymn has aroused a sleeping conscience into a sincere cry for salvation. It is the accessory of all preaching and the promise of the redeemed host around the throne on high.

The steady hand of Jael, and the sure aim of a certain woman who cast a millstone, rival masculine traits, and suggest that physical development in athletic games and other field sports may make strong robust women who will be better fitted for the bodily, mental and moral demands made upon their strength.

The sweet submission of Jephtha's daughter illustrates a phase of womanhood almost obsolete.

The filial love of Ruth, and above all else her wise choice in religion, present a narrative both interesting and instructive, and verify the promise:

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things shall be added unto you." In sacrificing home, family, friends, country, and even her father's gods for her love to Naomi and to Naomi's God, Ruth was abundantly rewarded, and lifted into the ancestral line of David's Lord.

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in a foreign land, commands our respect and challenges our emulation by the worthy example of piety and devotion to the true God which she must have manifested in her daily life, thus winning from her daughter-in-law the high religious vow to make Naomi's God her own.

Of Ruth it may be truly said: "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Many modern Ruths in heathen lands are turning their backs upon idolatrous worship through the instrumentalities of modern Naomis.

In the days of Elisha, a captive Jewish maiden—a little missionary in the house of Naaman—pointed the man to the Fountain that cleanseth from all sin. Thus early in the world's history, woman's foreign missionary work was in progress, and in these latter days—but "Latter Day Saints" is not my theme.

Hannah's tender love of offspring, and rigid adherence to her vow awakened both admiration and compassion. While she gladly lent her son to the Lord as long as he should live, yet the mother-love in her heart must have yearned intensely for the pattering of the little feet and the tender arms about her neck. How the little coat, her yearly gift, must have been wrought out in prayers and benedictions, yet with thanksgiving and rejoicing that he was counted worthy to minister before the Lord!

The unselfish devotion of Rizpah is a theme rarely touched upon by commentators on Biblical biography.

But she presents a picture dramatic, heroic, resolute, fearless and womanly in endurance. From the beginning of barley harvest to the dropping of the rain, several months at least, she sat in sack cloth watching the bodies of her slain sons, permitting neither bird by day nor beast by night to rest upon them. "Zerephath that belongeth to Zion" presents a marked example of faith and human sympathy in the poor widow who, without questioning gave the last handful of meal to the fleeing prophet. Jesus found similar faith in this same land. Another and more intelligent exemplification of this grace is that of the Shunammite woman, who, in the greatest trial of her life could trust in the Lord and say, "It is well." Her hospitality and kindness to God's messenger, twice received a prophet's reward, in the gift and in the restoration of her son, and she is numbered with the "Women who through faith received their dead raised to life again."

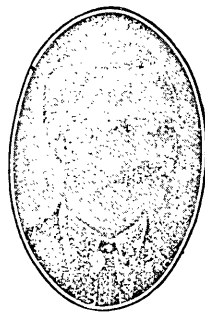
The beautiful heathen queen, Vashti, should not be omitted from any list of Biblical women, for while there is probably no evidence of religious sentiment, she had the necessary courage to defy even the law of the Medes and Persians when it infringed on womanly dignity and purity. Her more illustrious successor, Esther, was naturally endowed with no more resolute will or steadfast adherence to right principles, but her worship of the one true and living God gave tangibility to her faith, which in turn gave assurance that He would hear the prayer of His children. Thus in Jehovah's strength she could say: "If I perish, I perish." One of our American poets has said,

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How many of us measure up to this standard of excellence? To the highly exalted women of the New Testament belong the Marys: one the mother of our Lord; another, one possessing precious ointment which she gladly poured upon the Master, considering nothing too rich and rare to be devoted to his service. In commendation of this act, Jesus gave assurance that it should be told as a testimony wherever the gospel is preached. To another Mary, Jesus first revealed himself after his resurrection.

To Elizabeth's hands was committed the early training of the forerunner of Christ, than whom no prophet was greater. Timothy's efficiency was traceable to the faith that dwelt, first in Grandmother Lois and in mother Eunice, and their instruction of the son.

To the eloquent Apollos, a man mighty in the Scriptures, Priscilla expounded the way of God more perfectly.

Luke records the hospitality extended to Paul and his missionary companions by Lydia, a Gentile woman, whose heart the Lord opened to the acceptance of salvation. And this He is ever ready and waiting to do for every son and daughter of Adam, with respect to race or condition.

"Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us