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EDITORIAL

At Least Three General Conferences.

We promised two weeks ago that we would state at some time the reasons why all American Methodism should not be united under the jurisdiction of a single General Conference.

If any of our readers think we are, in these articles, discussing a merely academic question, we have only to say they have not sufficiently attended to the signs of the times. We assume that the union of American Methodism is inevitable, and we are persuaded that it is not to be delayed many years. Nor do we hesitate to say that the thought of it gives us profound satisfaction. But we must find a plan of union that brings us unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. There may be a wide difference between organic union and unity. Bodies may be forced into a union that is merely mechanical, and the one organic whole may have in it vast disruptive forces. No wise man can desire that sort of union. A true union of churches is a vital thing, involving oneness of spirit and purpose, and oneness of plan and policy in all things essential. As to oneness of aim and spirit, there ought to be no serious difficulty between Methodist churches anywhere in the world. Nor ought there to be any difference in essential matters and questions of plan and policy. Yet, on this particular point there may be in a large country like the United States many different notions in the different sections. Then must room be made in a great Pan-American Methodist Church for differences in the temperament, ideals and customs of local people. It is accordant with the very genius of the gospel to do so. Were it otherwise we would expect that ultimately the gospel would reduce all races of people to one name or type and to one method of procedure. But that is far from the fact to be expected. When China shall have been evangelized there will be a type of Christianity peculiar to the Chinese. So it will be in Japan. And so in India. So it must be and ought to be. It is not the function of the gospel to cast all men in the same mould outwardly, to reduce them to uniformity of action and method. It is enough if it brings them into the essential oneness of Christ, in spirit, in character. If, now, on the wide field of the world, we allow for diverse types of Christianity, in its outward expression, we may without violating any principle of real unity allow for divergencies within Methodism in a vast country. We shall still have the same spirit, though there be some differences of administration; we shall still have the same Lord, though there be diversities of operation. And our very liberties in such matters as may be peculiar to the several sections of the country will contribute to that unity of the spirit, without which all pretense of organic union were a sham.

To assume that there would be no occasion for the use of this principle is to forget histo-

ry. In the year 1844 we had great use for it, use so great that it entered into the very life of American Methodism and forced two General Conferences into existence. If any Southern man of today does not know that the Northern delegates in the General Conference, 1844, were compelled to take the course they did, then such a Southern man is too sadly lacking in statesmanship to be competent to give us counsel. The Northern people of that time were firmly persuaded that ownership in slavery was inconsistent with the character of a Christian man; and it would have been a terrible handicap on the Methodism of the North to have stood in complicity with it. If any Northern man of today does not know that the Southern delegates were bound by the view of their section to take the course they took, then that Northern man is no fit counselor in these matters. The South did not believe slavery to be wrong; and it would have destroyed the Methodism of the South if the Southern delegates of the General Conference of 1844 had submitted to a peremptory ecclesiastical deliverance against it.

No matter now who was right or who was wrong on the abstract question of slavery—both were right in that both followed sincere and honest convictions. In view both of principle and policy, as they saw both principle and policy, each side did precisely what each ought to have done. A great problem had been bequeathed to us by a former generation; we were struggling toward the light as best we might, and we were all determined to do the right as God gave us to see the right, and we stood manfully for it on both sides. The division of Methodism was of God, as being the only expedient that afforded it opportunity to do its work. In particular it would have been impossible for Southern Methodism to have accomplished that monumental work of evangelizing more than 200,000 slaves, had we been in any other attitude than the one we held. God once divided Israel, in the ancient days, for wise purposes.

There are different sentiments at this day in the several sections about a number of things. We may all finally come to see alike on all subjects on which we differ. But we do not see alike now. We may all come to believe in women delegates in our conferences, but we do not all believe in them now; it is certain the South will not soon come to it.

It suits our Northern brethren to work nearer politics than we like to do. They make much of the American flag in their religious assemblies. We honor the flag, and have shown that we will expend as much blood and treasure to defend it as they will expend, but we want it not in our churches. They have all but canonized Abraham Lincoln. Our people cannonaded him once; would not now canonize him, to be sure, do really greatly honor him, but will never likely canonize him; nor would we Robt. E. Lee nor George Washington nor any other great civic character, whether of the South or of the North or of

the whole country. We do not believe in it. We do not want to be embarrassed by any "days" set apart in our church calendar for any such purposes. Nor need we greatly fret ourselves if our brethren of the North shall pursue their way, provided only they do not stand for a form of union which would lay us under obligation to follow the same way.

In a great and extensive country, with a great future ahead of us, we may expect differences of this sort. We ought to from such a union as leaves us at liberty in such respects.

There are other reasons for not wishing a single administrative jurisdiction. A General Conference for all American Methodism, for instance, would either be so large as to be unwieldy, or it would be non-representative, be an oligarchy in fact. We must keep our conferences as close to the people as possible. They must be democratic in fact as well as in theory. They must be. A single Methodism for all the country under a single constitution is what is needed. We shall in a future paper give some outline of the possible provisions of this constitution. But it would be a sufficient bond of union, if properly drawn and honestly adhered to, no matter how many General Conferences we might have under it. For the present, we need at least three—possibly four, one almost administered in each of sections, held in one by an authority everywhere acknowledged.

The people of Oklahoma are still having some trouble with the liquorites. There is still the minority that are wedded to the idea that whisky is necessary to the very existence of a state or municipality. The taxes, the revenues they say are necessary. Then that awful thirst for "firewater" that has been stimulated for generations by the use of this same "firewater" must be quenched, so they say. They are deaf and blind to the oft repeated evidence that for every dollar received by a community in the way of revenue is collected ten times over in drink bills from that same community. They care not a whit that it is demonstrated over and again that for every license fee paid by a saloon there is the corresponding multiplication of court expenses to over balance the profit. Then they should know that more whisky will never quench the thirst produced by whisky. If there had never been any whisky this thirst would never have existed. This fact will not be learned by the thirsty ones. But the sober, manly majority of Oklahoma will keep the new state sober until the temperance sentiment has had time to prove beyond a peradventure that prohibition is best.

It would be fortunate if our District Conferences could still be occasions of great spiritual power. In the olden times the revival fires were kindled here and increased in fervor as the preachers and delegates mixed again with their neighbors on their return home.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Methodist Calendar.

Morrilton District Conference, Morrilton, June 25-28.

Ardmore District Conference, Broadway, Ardmore, July 1-5.

Morrilton District Conference, Morrilton, 2:00 p. m., Thursday, June 25.

Camden District Conference, Bearden, June 25-27.

Arkadelphia District Conference, Arkadelphia, June 30 to July 2.

Little Rock District Conference, Bryant, June 30-July 3. Laymen's Meeting, July 2.

Pine Bluff District Conference, DeWitt, July 2 at 9 a. m. to July 5.

Prescott District Conference, Emmett, July 7, 8:00 a. m.

Monticello District Conference at Monticello, July 6-9.

Mangum District Conference, Frederick, 8:00 a. m., July 9.

Texarkana District Conference at College Hill, July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1 p. m.

Helena District Conference, Cotton Plant, July 16-18. Opening sermon at 8 p. m., July 15.

Kiowa District Conference, Mt. Scott, July 22. Opening sermon 8 p. m. July 21.

Choctaw & Chickasaw District Conference, Salem July 22-26.

Jonesboro District Conference, Earle, July 7, 8 p. m. to July 10.

Searcy District Conference, Cabot, 9 a. m., July 23.

McAlester District Conference, Caddo, Aug. 18-21.

Little Rock Conference Laymen's Meeting, Hot Springs, Sept. 4-6.

Rev. A. Grant Evans, a Presbyterian minister of high standing, has been elected president of the University of Oklahoma.

At its recent session the Weatherford District Conference provision was made to support a missionary and a district Church Extension organization was effected.

Rev. W. D. Matthews of Weatherford district was a visitor to Oklahoma City District Conference. He makes a good report of his district.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, assistant secretary Church Extension is seeking to raise a loan fund of \$50,000 for Oklahoma Conference. May success crown him.

We were pleased on yesterday to have a visit from Rev. T. W. Hayes of Texarkana. He has been for many years one of the ablest of local preachers.

Rev. E. V. Dowell, a transfer from the St. Louis Conference, is in charge of the Cordell station, from which Rev. M. L. Roberts resigned last March.

Rev. W. F. Evans, having accepted the financial agency of Henderson College, has moved his family from Warren to Arkadelphia, and should now be addressed at the latter place.

A telegram from Rev. J. M. Workman reports the good news that in the meeting at Crossett already some two hundred have been converted and one hundred and sixty received into the church.

Rev. W. J. Moore, the efficient Sunday school man of the Oklahoma Conference, took good care of Sunday school interests at Oklahoma City District Conference.

By some inadvertance the announcement of Little Rock District Conference Laymen's Day was printed Wednesday, July 2, when it should have been Thursday, July 2.

We sympathize with Rev. H. J. Brown of Oklahoma Conference, whose daughter has passed through a long siege of typhoid fever, and who himself subsequently has had a like experience.

Last Friday our office enjoyed the visit of four elect ladies: Mrs. O'Bryant, the mother of Rev. J. H. O'Bryant; Mrs. Jansen, his sister; Mrs. Southard of Ft. Smith, mother of Rev. Elmer Southard, and her daughter, Mrs. Lockwood of Kansas.

In announcing that he will appoint as Secretary of War, Gen. Luke Wright, a Southern Democrat, of Memphis, Tennessee, President Roosevelt has paid him a compliment greatly appreciated by the Southern people.

The Republican Convention nominated for President, W. H. Taft, now Secretary of War, and for Vice President, J. S. Sherman, a Congressman from New York. They are strong men and fair representatives of their party.

Rev. Theo F. Brewer has been elected professor of secondary education in the University of Oklahoma. It will be his function to develop the secondary schools of that state. We congratulate him—and the state of Oklahoma.

Rev. W. J. Sims, Commissioner of Education Oklahoma Conference, is making full proof of his office. He has traveled much, preached much, spoken much, and is succeeding. His speech at McCloud was most excellent.

Mrs. J. C. Paxon, one of the heroic spirits of our earlier days in Duncan, Okla., died recently. Her memory will long be blessed in Duncan. She took joyfully of the spoiling of her goods for the Lord and was true to God and to the church.

The indications are that Phillips county, Jefferson county and Pulaski county, Ark., will all be in the dry column when the September election comes off. The Anti-Saloon League will leave nothing undone to effect it, and there are most important allies in the work.

We are sorry to record that Rev. E. L. Massey, who was superannuated at the last session of the Oklahoma Conference, and who has been serving North Ada, has been now compelled by ill health to cease from work. He has returned to Arkansas, to live or to die, as the Lord wills.

Rev. C. L. Herring, one of the strongest men of the North Alabama Conference, has been transferred to the Oklahoma Conference and takes the place of Rev. W. M. P. Rippey at Okmulgee, the latter going to McAlester, as noted elsewhere in this issue. We congratulate the Oklahoma people.

Rev. P. H. Field, of McKenzie, Tenn., assisted by Mr. S. H. Prather as leader in singing, has been helping Rev. W. A. Swift in a protracted meeting at Asbury, Little Rock, for ten days. Increasing interest and a number of conversions and additions to the church are reported. These brethren have paid our office

several pleasant visits. We trust that their labors among us may be abundantly blessed.

Rev. A. M. Brannon, Conference Missionary Evangelist for the Oklahoma conference, has been appointed to succeed Rev. E. M. Sweet at Tigert Memorial, Tulsa, Bro. Sweet having been put into the temperance work once more. Bro. Brannon has done excellent service as missionary evangelist, and we look for his success in his new place.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, who has been for one and a half years at Okmulgee, Okla has been changed to McAlester, to succeed Rev. N. L. Linebaugh. We do not believe there is a man in the Oklahoma Conference better fitted than Bro. Rippey to do the work needing to be done at McAlester. We predict that the debt on their splendid parsonage will fade out and that he will build a handsome church in less than two years.

Miss M. L. Gibson, president of the Scarlett Bible and Training School (Kansas City) and also of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Board, spoke June 17, at First Church, Little Rock, to a congregation of our women on "Woman's Responsibility in the Foreign Missionary Cause." It was a strong helpful address. Miss Gibson had been at Malvern attending the meeting of W. F. M. S. of Little Rock Conference.

The penitentiary Board of Commissioners of the state of Arkansas, having had from time to time complaint as to the management of the convicts, has appointed Rev. A. C. Millar, D. D., our Dr. Millar of the Western Methodist, to make a full and complete investigation. He will have power to employ a stenographer and other such help as may be needed. Dr. Millar's associates appreciate the honor that is implied in this appointment.

Our country loses one of its most distinguished citizens in the death of Grover Cleveland which occurred yesterday at Princeton, N. J. The facts of his life are so thoroughly the possession of the general public that it is scarcely needful that we should state them. He was the son of a minister, born in 1837, and rose from ordinary circumstances to be one of the first men of all the world. He was a brave and thoroughly capable man, worthy of all the honors that came to him. With unusual intelligence, his dominant characteristic was what we denominate "backbone."

When Dr. Buckley introduced our Bishop Galloway to the Northern General Conference he said of him that he was the most cultured, the most refined and the best loved preacher in the world, and that he was the best orator on the planet. All Southern Methodists will appreciate this high and generous praise. Dr. Buckley added to it when he said a day or two later his encomium had been approved by a large number of delegates who had spoken to him on the subject.

The Ada district has organized its men for the Laymen's Movement. One of the things which they declare they will do is to put the Western Methodist and Go Forward into every home in the district. We are thankful for this purpose, and we soberly believe that these laymen are making no mistake in believing that putting these papers into the homes of the people will pay, though they will themselves in many cases foot the bill. It will prove seed-corn in homes where nothing is now being produced. Will not the laymen in other districts consider? The very first requisite in the Laymen's Movement is to reach the people with information about the work of the church. The people perish for lack of knowledge.

Storms and Floods.

The Oklahoma City District Conference has just adjourned at McCloud. Probably not more than half the conference got together in view of the floods that have been prevailing and the one that fell the very night before the conference was to begin, the 15th. However, the presiding elder, Rev. A. L. Seales, and most of the pastors were there, with a few laymen. The business of the conference was done in regular order. The occasion was full of good fellowship, brotherly love and Christian hospitality. It was therefore most enjoyable, despite the handicap. The presiding elder seems to be endeared to the preachers and the preachers to him. They are all alike busy pushing the work of the kingdom. The Mrs. Presiding Elder is a great help to her husband, traveling a great deal with him, talking missions, singing the gospel to the people. She and Mrs. Morgan, of Norman, added not a little to this district conference. What blessed women some preachers do marry! But they ought to; no set of men have such opportunity to marry, if only they will have sense, and then—make good husbands.—But I am drifting from my subject, I have said it is Storms and Floods.—The secretary must report the details of the conference.

And what about storms and floods? This, first; that Oklahoma does not propose to be behind in anything she undertakes. When she came from the hands of the Creator she came one of the fairest lands of the earth. When she came into the Union, she came as one of the brightest stars upon the field of blue. When she went into the prohibition business, she was born sober. This year she went into the business of having floods, and not a district conference has been able to meet for a month, except the two in the extreme west, the Weatherford and the Guymon, and the former of these came very near to not being able to adjourn. Presiding Elder Goddard, of the Ada District, walked fifteen miles, lugging his valise, to get to his district conference. The Ardmore and the McAlister District Conferences had to be postponed. Of course these floods have brought great losses, but so fertile is Oklahoma that there is no country in the world that will recover as soon.

On the night of the 15th of this month a hail fell at Sayre, which extended over at least twenty or thirty miles of country, which outlasted anything recently heard of in the hail business. It lasted forty-five minutes, with many stones big as goose eggs, breaking out every window on the north side of every house in all that region, and destroying every green thing on the face of the earth. A Rock Island train from the west had just arrived in Sayre; it stood through the storm, and proceeded on its journey with all glass on its north side shattered utterly to fragments. How is that for hail?

As for cyclones, Oklahoma has had the banner hitherto. But this season, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas got to cutting up with a few of their production. Whereupon Oklahoma, not to lose the banner came forth with fully as many as any of her sisters, and only a few days ago she put through, in the region of Shawnee, two cyclones within forty-five minutes! I hope the reader will not gasp and grow incredulous, for I am soberly assured that this is the truth. I spoke of the incident the other day as being remarkable; three gentlemen present, all Oklahoma men, said that it was nothing to marvel at, that a few days ago in the region of Enid, there were at least fifteen cyclones in a single day! I feel very fearful that my readers will pronounce this

about the windiest story they have read, but I cannot help it, for that statement stagger even my credulity, and, as a newspaper man desiring the truth for my readers, I asked if the Enid story was truth or fable. They assured me that it was truth, and I vouch for the general veracity of the men who reported it. But for fear I will tell something that will really balk the credulity of the readers of the Western Methodist, I am going to stop. But before I stop let me assure the editors of all our exchanges that I will surely begin again if any of them tell a bigger tale than has been recorded here.

Let me say also that I am aware that there is a sober side, a very sober side to all this. It is no laughing matter with some people. We sympathize with them. But on the whole there is such buoyancy of spirit in these Oklahoma people that nothing daunts them; they laugh in the face of calamity, pull themselves together and go forward. This is good to behold. Despite all obstacles they will make a good showing. When this appears I shall be back in Arkansas, attending Morrilton District Conference.

JAS. A. A.

Hendrix College Commencement.

Dear Methodist: The baccalaureate sermon for Hendrix College was preached by Dr. T. E. Sharp of Little Rock. It was a strong and forcible message. The sermon before the college Y. M. C. A. was in the evening by Rev. W. P. Whaley, an old and honored student of Hendrix. He was heard with pleasure and profit.

The graduating exercises of the Academy were held Monday morning and after the splendid declamation contest there was a bright and inspiring address by Rev. Geo. McGlumphy, who also awarded the certificates of graduation to about fifteen young people. Prof. Russell is to be congratulated on his success as principal of the Academy. The usual literary exercises were had of debate, oration and alumni banquet, all of which were enjoyed by appreciative audiences. Indeed this closes a most successful year in our Hendrix College. We had an enrollment of 243 students with a large and efficient faculty. The deportment of the students in the main the past year has been excellent and the work done by many of them most gratifying.

The graduating class who took the A. B. degree this year were as follows: D. M. Riggin, L. P. Farris, S. T. Hughes, E. A. Southard, Frank Steele and Miss Myrtle Charles. Also this degree was conferred on Prof. O. L. Dunaway who some time ago graduated from Hendrix but did not get A. B. So, having brought up the required amount of work was entitled to this degree.

It was a touching and impressive incident when in Mr. Dunaway's absence, President Anderson delivered the diploma to Mrs. Dunaway, his mother, who is so worthy of all the honor conferred on her gifted sons.

Hendrix College for the last twenty years has been rather sparing with honorary degrees. I doubt if such has been conferred on any one for twenty years, but departing from the usual custom this year the degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. John W. Cline of China, who graduated here some fifteen years ago; also on Rev. James A. Anderson, F. S. H. Johnston and Pres. Stonewall Anderson. The president tried to prevent his by using his veto power but was overruled by the Board of Trustees and will have to wear the title. Some changes were made in the faculty. The resignation of Prof. L. C. Perry of the chair

of History and Political Science and Prof. H. H. Barger of the chair of ancient languages was accepted and Prof. G. A. Simmons of Yale University will take Prof. Barger's place and Prof. S. P. Staples of Central College, Missouri, was elected associate professor of History. Also there will be a professor of Modern Languages added to the faculty. Rev. James Thomas will continue his relation as Commissioner of Education. There is need of the loyal support of our college, a larger student body and better financial support on the part of Arkansas Methodism. Shall we have it? Yours for the best,

J. B. STEVENSON.

The Arkansas Methodist Educational Commission.

Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a. m. the Educational Commission met at the Hotel Marion, Little Rock, to consider the plan which has been before it since Feb. 10; present, A. C. Millar, chairman; J. M. Williams, secretary; S. Anderson, J. H. Hinemon, Jas. Thomas and R. B. McSwain. Prof. J. H. Reynolds telegraphed that he was detained by serious illness in his family. After very full and free discussion a Plan of Correlation to be reported to the Annual Conference was unanimously adopted. It is not yet ready for publication, but its main features are, a Board of thirty-six members, to be appointed by the Conferences, to control all of our schools in Arkansas; Hendrix, Galloway and Henderson to be maintained as the only institution of collegiate grade; academies, training schools and other institutions to be thoroughly correlated with each other and with the colleges; committees and local advisory boards to look after special interests. The plan is sufficiently flexible to work no real hardship on any institution, and yet will, if carried out, give us a genuine system of Arkansas Methodist schools in harmony with our General Conference plan. Details may be published when the report is perfected.

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. 25.
White River Conference, Jonesboro, Ark., Dec. 16.
- 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. O. 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. B. Hoos.**
South Brazil Mission Conference, Porto Alegre, 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, Corinth, 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.

What the Northern General Conference Did.

Declared effective all the general superintendents.

Retired, at his own request, Bishop James M. Thoburn, missionary bishop for Southern Asia.

Elected eight new bishops: William F. Anderson, John L. Nuelsen, William A. Quayle, Charles W. Smith, Wilson S. Lewis, Edwin H. Hughes, Robert McIntyre, Frank M. Bristol.

Requested the bishops to arrange, if practicable, that certain bishops have charge of contiguous conferences for a period of four years.

Bishop Harris was continued as bishop of Japan and Korea with residence at Seoul, Korea, and permission given him to reside in Tokio as his official work might demand.

The names of missionary bishops are hereafter to appear with those of the general superintendents in the episcopal addresses prefixed to the Hymnal and Discipline.

Approved a recommendation to have the bishops visit the conference to which they have been assigned annually during the period of their supervision. This in addition to the visit at the time of holding conference.

Created new episcopal residences as follows: New Orleans, Omaha, Oklahoma City, Foochow and Peking. The residences of the bishops were fixed as follows: Boston, Bishop Hamilton; Buenos Aires, Bishop Bristol; Buffalo, Bishop Berry; Chattanooga, Bishop Anderson; Chicago, Bishop McDowell; Cincinnati, Bishop Moore; Denver, Bishop Warren; Foochow, Bishop Lewis; New Orleans, Bishop Neely; New York, Bishop Goodsell; Oklahoma, Bishop Quayle; Omaha, Bishop Nuelsen; Philadelphia, Bishop Wilson; Peking, Bishop Bashford; Portland, Ore., Bishop Smith; St. Louis, Bishop Spellmeyer; St. Paul, Bishop McIntyre; San Francisco, Bishop Hughes; Washington, Bishop Cranston; Zurich, Bishop Burt.

Changed the title of presiding elder to district superintendent.

Removed the six months' restriction on the term of probationary membership, and left the length of the period of probation to the discretion of the pastor and official board or stewards or leaders.

Unified the two Book Concerns, the one to be known as the Methodist Book Concern. The four agents of the two Book Concerns were elected publishing agents of the one. The local Book Committees at New York were increased from three to five each.

Dissolved the old Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday Schools, and created three new boards—Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday Schools. The Board of Conference Claimants was created. The offices of the Boards of Sunday Schools and Conference Claimants were placed in Chicago.

A constitution for the Methodist Brotherhood was adopted.

Steps were taken for organic reunion with the Methodist Protestant Church.

A commission was appointed to arrange for the Ecumenical Methodist Conference of 1911.

The report of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism was approved, and the continuation of the commission authorized, to be composed of five bishops and advisory committee of twenty-five members. The commission was authorized to appoint a permanent secretary.

A report from the committee on federation covering proposals for union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in localities where both churches are at work and the desire for union prevails, adopted.

The question of modifying the ratio of representation to insure a smaller General Conference was referred to a special commission of fifteen to report at the next General Conference.

A recommendation to celebrate in 1910 the twenty-fifth anniversary of mission work in Korea was adopted.

A commission of five was ordered to consider the organization of a body which should serve as the supreme court of the Church.

The report of the committee on Deaconesses was approved. The report provides for General Conference supervision under a board constituted after the manner of the other benevolent boards but with some modifications in detail. The plan was satisfactory to all concerned.

The number of members of General Committees of the Board of Foreign Missions and Church Extension was doubled—being increased from one from each of the General Conference districts to two—one minister and one layman from each district.

Adopted a strong statement on temperance, with the battle cry, "A saloonless country; a stainless flag!"

Indorsed the Anti-Saloon League and Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Adopted a report presented by Governor Hanly which narrated the fruitless effort of a committee of twenty-five with Speaker Cannon on the Littlefield bill; declared that "opposition to temperance legislation makes it easy to doubt its constitutionality," and concluded: "We submit the wisdom of electing members of Congress who believe in its validity and who will enact it into law."

Declared that the Methodist Episcopal Church stands "for equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life. For the principle of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions. For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries, and mortality. For the abolition of child labor. For such regulation of the conditions of labor for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community. For the suppression of the 'sweating system.' For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all; and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life. For a release from employment one day in seven. For a living wage in every industry. For the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised. For the recognition of the Golden Rule, and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for all social ills."

Hearty indorsement was given the Laymen's Missionary Movement and recommended that the Church should increase its gifts for foreign missions a million dollars annually for the next few years. The bishops were asked to commission laymen who shall inspect our foreign missions at private expense.

The action of the Central New York Conference in denying a trial to Professor Mitchell was declared illegal.

The appeal from Bishop Moore's decision in the case of Cooke vs. Day (New York Conference, 1908), was dismissed.

Authorization was given for the publication of a Hymnal in the Spanish language.

Laymen's associations were recognized; systematic giving was advised, and an im-

proved plan of pastoral support was authorized.

The Interchurch Conference on Federation was approved and authorization was given to the bishops to appoint representatives in its council.

The bishops were relieved of investigating alleged heresy in theological schools.

Diotrephes.

This man's name appears only in the third epistle of John and seems to bear an unsavory record. The Apostle says, "He loved to have the pre-eminence," prated against the church with malicious words, refused the courtesy of hospitality to the visiting brethren and cast them out of the church. The apostle rebukes him for assuming to himself the chief direction of the affairs of the church of which the benevolent Gaius was a member, refused to assist the brethren and strangers, and even hindered those from receiving and entertaining them who were inclined to do so. The strangers referred to are supposed by Grotius to have been believing Jews who were driven out of Palestine by their bigoted and unbelieving brethren, and who had been forced away by the calamities brought on that country during the Jewish war and had gone into Asia in the hope of receiving assistance and shelter from the Christians in that province. Diotrephes would not receive these strangers, nor even the Christian brethren who were of his acquaintance because they united the law with the gospel in their worship. Wherefore it is assumed that he was a Gentile convert and zealous for the freedom of the Gentiles from the yoke of the law. Others think these strangers were Gentile converts whom Diotrephes, a zealous Jew, would not receive because they did not observe the rites of Moses. Erasmus in his Paraphrase thinks Diotrephes was the founder of a new sect. Many are of the opinion that he was a bishop in the church where he resided. Heuman affirms that he was a deacon. MacKnight believes him to have been a haughty, arrogant, self-assertive bishop who imperiously refused to recognize the apostolate of John, and who loved to rule the church according to his own will and without much regard for the rights and feelings of others.

At any rate he loved to have the pre-eminence. There are men in every church, in every Conference, in every organization of men who have the pre-eminence, but they have it without seeking it. The capacity and competence for leadership is recognized by their brethren and they graduate into responsibility and position naturally. Blessed is the church that has such men. They ask no favors, seek no honors, covet no man's place. But their wisdom, their discretion, their judgment and character for peace, righteousness and intelligent service command confidence and leadership is thrust upon them. They are strangers to envy, jealousy and small ambitions; they never stoop to wrangle for office, to flatter for votes, nor to cajole for profit. They do not seek pre-eminence, they do not prate against their fellows with malicious words, they are kind to their brethren, and they never make trouble in the church.

But when a man seeks pre-eminence he almost proves his unfitness for it. When he indulges in flattery for the profit he hopes will come out of it, or prates with malicious words in order that he may step upon his fallen competitors, then you have, not a leader, but a boss. Not a man who seeks the good of his fellow members, but his own glory. Not one who delights to entertain brethren and stran-

gers, but one who will use them as far as possible for his own aggrandizement. Whenever the question is started, "Who shall be greatest in the Kingdom of God?" then trouble begins. The man who truly reaches that pre-eminence is the man who is willing to be the servant of all. His question is not "Lord, how can I get the foremost place in the church?" but what wilt thou have me to do?"

The politics that gets into our churches and our conferences is one of the most wicked, abnormal and unholy conditions that can afflict them. It is a travesty in religion. A church politician gets all his inspiration from the devil, for Christ is not in it and all his words are a stout and positive protest against it. The Lord deliver us from place seekers, from office hunters, from haughty, proud, ambitious, misguided men who seek for pre-eminence. Diotrephes is after all a representative in character. Whatever his position in the church may have been, he doubtless acquired it by self-seeking, and then used it for oppression, unkindness and imperious selfishness. There is all the difference in the world between one who grows into leadership and one who plans and employs political methods to get it. The one grows more humble and faithful as the responsibilities increase; the other grows more haughty, inflated and pretentious as his authority is extended. The one loves to advise with his brethren and take them into his confidence. The other has no respect for their opinion except as it contributes to his own vanity and vaulting ambition.—Methodist Protestant.

Man.

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" David. "The study of man is man." An inexhaustible subject it is. Man, body, soul, spirit. Product of the Divine mind. The highest, most complex and dignified of all God's creatures. The most divine, nothing comparable to him, monarch of this world. "Subdue it," "have dominion over" fishes and fowls, birds and beasts, creeping things and reptiles, all are at man's command and under his control. However, this control is that of a steward, not of an owner. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." As Columbus took charge of a new world, in the name of the country he represented, so man is to take charge of this world in the name of his God. But the interrogative quotation heading this paper does not represent man in his dual or trichotomic being, but would put the emphasis on "mindful." What is there in man that arrests the attention and enlists the sympathy of the Almighty? What claims has he above other creatures? He sinned, they did not. Why then should he have special consideration? Many animals have advantage in some things over man: fleetness of foot, greater in physical strength, keener in instinct, more patient under heavy burden, more submissive to authority, yet none of them has the special care of a good Providence like man. Mindful of him, special regard for him. Why this? Where is the merit? Does he deserve it?

It is not improper for us to search for the answer. David asks the question. Paul repeats it; neither answer it. "When I consider thy heavens, the moon and stars which thou hast ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him?" From the lofty position of a supernal throne God looks out upon the magnificent splendors of the Universe, blazing burning suns and glittering stars and beholds fallen man, and is mindful of him. Speaking of man's life, the Bible says, it is a "tale that

is told," "a span" like "grass that is cut down and withered." "Dieh and giveth up the ghost and where is he." God cares for the lily, for the sparrow, much more does he care for man. He has put paternal and maternal attributes in man so that parents love their children dearer than their own lives, and, "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask him."

Man is the center of attraction in the whole world. It was in his interest that the Son of God was manifest in the flesh and dwelt among men, back of this as a controlling purpose with God was undying love. He so loved the world—man—that he gave his only Son to save him. The prophecy of the Old Testament points to this love and the news was broken to Judean shepherds in the glad refrain, "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards man." God the Father, Son and Spirit, also angels looking after man. No wonder David and Paul ask "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

Man is related to God as no other creature. God created everything by his own power; but nothing in all the world did he make in his own image and stamp with his own like-

able depths. Immeasurable sweeps. Boundless extent. Who can compute it?

Man is immortal, will never cease to be. There was a time when he was not, but God is without beginning of days and when man received life from God, the life of God, he is without end of time. Roll on ye wheels of time, let the clock of time click the centuries, periods, and cycles make their endless strides. Measure infinity and find the end of eternity, if you can; but man with divinity in him is immortal. True, if he believe not on Christ, he has not eternal life; but he has eternal being, and will ever be, either a citizen of heaven or an inmate of hell.

Man is the only being God is seeking for membership in his family. He wants every human being to become a member of the "household of faith." "Whole family in heaven and earth." No other creatures were made to be companionable with him, commune with him. To establish this more effectually, Jesus Christ has become Mediator between God and man, children of God, heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ, hence Paul's climax, "All things are yours," the world, life, death, things present, things to come, all are yours, ye are Christ's and Christ is God's.

God is mindful of man. Amen.
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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester Editor

Scripture lesson for June 28: 1 Cor. 9:14; Rom. 15:30-33; Eph. 6:17-20.

Topic: Our prayer and care for our ministers.

I. Prayer for our ministers.

1. Prayer for our ministers is a plain duty. Our lesson makes it very plain that we ought to pray for our ministers. "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Rom. 15:30. (See also Eph. 6:18-19; 2 Cor. 1:11; Phil. 1:19). It is the duty of the church to pray for their pastor. He is to be a man of prayer and they no less a church of prayer, that he and they may strive together in prayer to God. Not only ought each individual member of the church to feel this duty and do it but each organization in the church ought also. The women's organizations and the young peoples' organizations ought to feel that an essential part of their work is definite and continuous prayer for their pastor. The Epworth League by definite and earnest prayer for the pastor may accomplish a distinct work for God.

2. Prayer for our ministers is an opportunity for larger efficiency to the church. The object of this co-operative praying is for the greater efficiency of his ministry, and co-operative prayer, like co-operative Christian work, is much more efficient than single handed prayer. Each has its distinctly promised blessing. (See Deut. 32:30, Matt. 18:19). What a pastor can accomplish backed by a church practically prayerless, is meager indeed compared with the efficiency of the pastor whose ministry is sustained by a church whose membership, individually and in organized capacity, makes constant and definite and believing prayer for the success of his work. In order to this the membership should be so familiar with the particular problems in the church and also the purposes and plans of the pastor as to be able to enter into prayer for the solution of these problems and the fulfillment of these plans. See Rom. 15:31-32. The Epworth League stands within reach of the accomplishment of this enlarged efficiency of the church. It can stand back of the pastor with its definite prayer for his work and increase his efficiency.

II. Care for our ministers.

1. It is by divine appointment that the minister receive material compensation for his services as a minister. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14. In order to get the force of his argument read the context, 1 Cor. 9:7-14. The same inspired argument that contains this appointment for His ministers also lays the obligation of their material support upon those who receive their services. It is the duty of the church to pay the pastor a competent salary. The salary to be competent should be sufficient for meeting the necessary demands upon him and his family. Often this is not the case. According to the minutes of the Arkansas Conference for 1907 in one district the preachers received, on an average, only \$255.46 for their year's work. (This is exclusive of appropriations by the Board of Missions which would put the average up near \$300). This can hardly be called competent compensation. This same obligation lays upon the church the sacred duty of caring for her superannuated preachers. These are they

who have given their lives to preaching and who because of the small salaries received have not been able to provide for their own material comfort in their old age. Now that they are no longer in the active work of their loved vocation because of age limitation, they still need and deserve support by the church.

2. Our material care for the ministry is a direct contribution to the success of God's church in the world. Could the church succeed without her ministers? Could the ministry succeed without material support? Whoever contributes to the material support of the ministry contributes directly to the forwarding of God's plans and the evangelization of the world.

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Care of Parsonages.

No doubt many of our people sometime see the need of greater and better care of parsonages by those who occupy them and would like to speak of it, but they are careful, and fearing they might offend they keep quiet, when some one would say a word regarding those important dwellings called parsonages. You considerate ones, who have been so kind to the families of preachers, and are sometimes pained to see any parsonage abused, hear one of the "parsonage boys;" and if there is anything worth while in what he says you may take it where it is needed.

For a long time preachers' families suffered the inconveniences and met the hardships of going from house to house, renting or staying in miserable, dilapidated cabins after going to their appointments, but the new era of parsonage homes brought the sentiment to many a heart expressed in these lines: "My home is brighter far than Sharon's rosy plains," and almost with the feeling that there was "Eternal life and joy throughout its vast domain" the church recognized the folly of sending representatives to suffer amid plenty or die unsheltered where homes were abundant and cheap; therefore, for some time par-

sonage building has been going on in earnest, to the credit of the people also the faithful preacher, who oft times has wrought with his own hands to the completion of comfortable homes. It is a waste of time for a man to preach to a people who are too stingy or mean to make him a home, or who are too ignorant to see the need of a parsonage. And it is folly for a preacher to be telling the people what and how to do when the house they have provided for him, (which he ought to make a home) and turned into his hands for keeping, is abused or let go to ruin through neglect and it the only shelter for his defenseless head. How true that cleanliness has occupied a long established position secondary only to godliness. First of all the church and parsonage should be kept clean and in order. It has been well said: "The beauty of the house is order; the blessing of the house is contentment; the glory of the house is hospitality, and the crown of the house is godliness," and what a beautiful picture of a neat, well kept parsonage! It is with pride that in some of our parsonages there are to be found some of the ideal house-keepers and sweet homemakers of earth. Here and there they are moving and arranging worn and abused furniture, making a resting place and getting things in order to receive some of the quite well-to-do and elegant ladies of the Methodist church, who will soon drive up in a beautiful carriage from a home crowded with good and fine furniture, and many instances with a surplus sufficient to furnish a room or two of the parsonage and they would not miss it. Some of our preachers are born carpenters and gardeners, and in some instances the parsonage grounds, houses and orchards are safe in their hands, provided their families are careful and painstaking. But it requires industry and close attention to keep papered walls whole, carpets clean, fences up and all the houses in repair. Plunder rooms of broken stoves, mashed pipes, carpet rags bottles and broken jars would be cleaned out at once or broken down out of the way. Preachers leaving parsonages unclean or torn up work great hardships on the family moving in, beside, with their dirt they leave a bad name. "Salvation and sanitation are twins," remarked a preacher in the East, and "Order is heaven's first law" added a visitor. The faithful women of the Home Mission Society have been the angels of mercy to come to the rescue in preparing and furnishing our parsonages. To show the right appreciation, to encourage and help all concerned in improving and furnishing parsonages, and leave something new and everything clean and in good order is the duty of every preacher's family.

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Three General Conferences.

Editor of the Methodist: You give us correct general views as respects the spirit and policy which should control the two sections of Episcopal Methodism in the United States. It is agreed we are co-ordinate divisions of original Methodism, in America, as organized in 1784, and one in all essentials.

The division in 1844 had its causes, not in doctrinal views, but in sectional conditions, and, therefore, took the form only of two separate jurisdictions, with defined geographical boundaries. The conditions which caused the division, have long ceased to exist. The sentiment of the Christian people of the country is definite in the judgment that the Methodist Episcopal Churches, North and South, should be one. Not only do the principles of Christianity demand this, but sentiments of patriotism as well, seeing that union of sympathy and fellowship is best for our whole country and every point of it.

And, indeed, we are all agreed that the two churches should be reckoned but one army of our heavenly king, serving in two general divisions, and, that each should rejoice in the victories of the other.

So, we have decided, and put decision into effect, to create one Hymn book, one Order of Worship, one Catechism for both bodies, and to declare further, by commissions, officially representing the two churches, that we will mutually respect each other as servants of the Lord doing the same work in the same way, and so must deal with any local Methodist Episcopal church as we would deal with one of our own connection, and our Northern brethren covenant to do likewise by us. I might say here, that sectional prejudice is not a ground on which to build a church, hence we should nowhere appeal to it, nowhere encourage it, and in no way be ruled by it. I will also say, denominational pride is not a motive to true Christian work. It is not Christian for either of these churches to erect fortifications to check and hold back the progress of the other, but both alike owe it to the people, to themselves, and to the cause they represent, to make their contributions of means and effort according to their opportunities, for saving men everywhere.

So much for public sentiment, public interest, Christian principle and our proposed plan of fraternity. We all agree to everything in these matters. Why can we not, as Paul would say, "perform the doing of it?" I presume to answer, because of conditions for which nobody is to blame, or for which it is evidently needless now to blame anybody, and such conditions as only a re-division of the church geographically can remove.

This "altar against altar," which is the accepted and convenient form of stating our troubles, will continue to result so long as there is mingling and overlapping of general conference jurisdictions. No policy can prevent it. Each church will enter where there is an open door. Neither can afford to do otherwise. In this method of work rivalries and conflicts will arise where they were not originally intended. A concrete case will serve us as illustration: The pastor of the M. E. Church, in one of the Southern cities, after three years earnest effort, felt that he had made no progress in building up his church. At length, on his own motion, he had an interview with me, and thus developed his situation and feelings:

"I came here," he said, "from the North, under the representation that there was important work to do. I find it otherwise. I cannot get anybody into my church that you Southern Methodists want. I cannot appeal

to sectional prejudices, neither can I attack your church, and say ours is a better representative of Methodism, or of Christianity. I do not believe that. In fact your church here is much better than ours, and is going to continue so. The work I have done here, put forth elsewhere, would have had large results for the cause of Christ. I can scarcely see that I have done any good. One of our bishops was here a month ago. I told him if he would stay a couple of days, I would get a carriage and take him to see a number of influential people who were members of our church in the North, but had not joined us here. You might stir them to join the church. He said he did not feel called upon to do that. I told him they were going to Southern Methodist churches. He said, I think they do right. Now what can I do? We have \$30,000 worth of property here, a good house and a considerable Society. I am expected to do all I can to build it up. If I fail I am discredited and another man will be sent, and so this plant which, whatever views were first held about it now appears to me needless, will remain and this work will go on."

Such a story as the above might be told by a good many Southern Methodist preachers. The situation is common. The preacher is commanded to "go," and he goeth. He is like a soldier, to whom a command is given. He is not to reason why. So these men do all they can to build up, and they make desperate efforts not to be set down as failures, and the business seems quite unfraternal. Our commissions and fraternal messengers set forth right principles, 'tis true, but these fellows, sent out on the picket line, in their brave effort to do the work assigned them, seem hostile and selfish, and ready for schemes—"ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." And so we always have in new individual cases, which seem to contradict our fraternal professions. There seems no remedy but to declare Episcopal Methodism in the United States to be one church divide it into separate general conference jurisdictions. Three would seem to be demanded, and go on our way rejoicing.

This plan would bring us no jars to the on-moving of the work in any quarter, and would remove all friction. There are sectional sympathies, which though not to be fostered should not be too violently assailed. Men born and reared in the South will in almost all cases serve Southern churches most acceptably. The same is largely true of the West. The arrangement suggested would result in the withdrawal from the three sections of men not adapted to them, rather than the sending of such men into them. Yet this must be held in view: If a united church is best, it would be presumptuous for either party to the union to assume to dictate policies which might more safely be left to the judgment of the united body.

The union of the Methodist churches in America will not take place, and should not, till providence clearly opens the way. We should all agree that neither denominational pride nor ambition of denominational leaders, nor sectional prejudices should prevent such a consummation, and that it is unchristian to strengthen these barriers. Let them all be removed. Only so will God's will be accomplished in this matter.

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Above all on earth beside,
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T. P. CLARK.

Reminiscences.

Your notice in the Western Methodist of the death of Hon. J. K. Jones, Washington, D. C., revives sacred memories. "Jink," as we called him, was my senior a few years, yet while we were both young we enlisted in the same regiment and went to defend the "Lost Cause." Both survived the four years' shock of war, came home and married in same county. Here our paths divided. He became a lawyer and ere long a prominent politician, and I became an itinerant Methodist preacher. Later I became the pastor of him and his good wife at Washington, Ark., Sister Jones being the daughter of the much loved Willis Somerville, of Tulip, Ark. I spent many happy hours and days in their hospitable home while their pastor. As already noticed, Mr. Jones became a member of congress, and for a long time U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Democratic Committee. In all these positions he was faithful and true to any cause he espoused. Through all these years of change and conflict we have mutually kept in touch with each other by correspondence. How much I enjoyed his private friendly letters from Washington, D. C. How often we wrote of the past and recalled the palmy days of youth. To me his going away is sad. Heaven bless the good wife and precious children. "Some sweet day" I hope to meet my dear friend and comrade on the Evergreen shore. I am here reminded that the friends of my youth are passing away. May we all be ready as we are called, one by one.

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Mr. Allen Trieschmann on some men who give up a dollar to the church:

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

June 28—Temperance Lesson.

Golden Text.—"Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18. Time.—A. D. 62. Place.—Rome. Lesson Text.—Eph. 5:6-20.

The believer in Christ is a child of light (v. 8); there can be no fellowship between light and darkness, the believer must therefore refuse all fellowship with the works of darkness (cf. 2 Cor. 6:17). This settles our duty about the theater, dance, etc. These works of darkness bring forth not fruit for God (Rom. 6:21). So far from having the fellowship with them we should "even reprove them," i. e., expose and rebuke their badness. "Darkness" does much of its work "in secret," light does its work in the open. The things done by those who are "of the darkness" in secret it is disgraceful even to mention. Many sins are better undescribed. Don't let out the darkness, but let in the light. The light makes everything manifest, and that which is thus made manifest by turning the light on to it becomes light itself (v. 13, R. V.). The believer who has any fellowship with darkness is asleep. The sinner is dead (cf. Eph. 2:1). God calls the sleeping believer, the one who is having fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, to awake from his sleep and arise out from among the dead, i. e., from the sinners with whom he is fellowshiping, as a live man among corpses (cf. Rom. 13:11). When the sleeping believer does awake and arise out from the dead then Christ shall shine upon him (v. 14, R. V.; cf. 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:4-6; 6:17, 18).

It will not do to carelessly take it for granted that our walk is all right unless we have looked very minutely into it. There are two kinds of walk, the walk of the unwise and the walk of the wise. In order to walk wisely we must "buy up the opportunity" (v. 16, R. V., Marg.). As the far-sighted merchant buys up all that which he sees to be of large and constantly increasing values, so we must lay hold of every swiftly passing opportunity of doing good and of growth in the knowledge of and likeness to God. The fact that "the days are evil" is not a reason for discouragement but for more earnest improvement of every opportunity that offers. This is a reason for not being "foolish" (v. 17, R. V., a very strong word, literally "without reason," senseless). The only way to avoid being foolish is by "understanding what the will of the Lord is." The Lord here is Jesus (vs. 20 and 8). How to understand that the will of the Lord is, is made plain in many passages of Scripture (Jno. 7:17; 1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 12:2; Jno. 5:13; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Ti. 3:23-17).

Paul here takes up one especial form of folly, a fruit of darkness that has cursed every age since the days of Noah, drunkenness (Gen. 9:20-25). Perhaps Paul warns against this special form of folly because it is the root of almost every other kind of folly. But by God's wondrous grace one who has been a drunkard may be "washed," "sanctified," "justified," and may then inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:11). In drunkenness there is "excess" or "riot" (R. V., incorrigibility, abandoned profligacy). Anyone who has had any experience of life knows how true this is. The drunkard becomes lost to every noble ambition and holy desire. Note that it is drunkenness, not merely with whisky and rum, but drunkenness with wine that Paul warns against and proposes as the cure for drunkenness the only sure cure, being "filled with the Spirit." To be "filled with the Spirit" means to have the Holy Spirit take possession of the whole being (Luke 1:41, 42, 67; Acts 2:4; 4:8; 31:13, 9, 10). It is nearly synonymous with being "baptized with the Holy Ghost," excepting that the expression being "baptized" with the Spirit is never used of a second experience, while being "filled" is (cf. Acts 1:5 with 2:14 and 10:44-46 with 11, 15, 16). When one is "drunk with wine," wine takes possession of every faculty, and when one is "filled with the Spirit," the Spirit takes possession of every faculty. Intoxication is the devil's counterfeit of being filled with the Spirit. The effects of being filled with the Spirit is that one is lifted on to a supernatural plane of life and activity (1 Cor. 12:4, 8:11, 13; Gal. 5:22, 23). The effects of being filled with the Spirit and being drunk with wine are sometimes confounded by the undiscerning (Acts 2:13-18). But they are in reality in the most absolute contrast and opposition (Luke 1:15). The best way to keep a man from having recourse to the devil's stimulation is to have him filled with God's. He that knows the wine of heaven (Is. 55:1) will not want the wine of hell. The literal force of the words translated "be filled with the Spirit" is "be getting filled with (or in) the Spirit," i. e., be getting constantly filled. One filling is not enough, there must be a constant in-pouring. As to how to be "filled with the Spirit" he will be full of joy and song (v. 19), there will be melody not only upon his lips, but in his heart as well (cf. Is. 65:14). But the songs will not be the songs of this world, but "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The Spirit-filled man is taken up with God and Christ (Acts 2:4, 11; 4:31, 33) and his songs will be about Christ. The Spirit-filled man will also be filled with thanksgiving (v. 20). He will be returning thanks all the time (cf. Ps. 34:1) and "for all things." His Spirit-illuminated

sould will see something to be thankful to God for in everything (1 Cor. 1:4; 1 Thess. 1:2, 3; 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:3; 2:13; Acts 5:41; 16:25; Job 1:21). True thanksgiving is to the Father, "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," in the Spirit. Spirit-filled people will not seek the pre-eminence over another; they will "subject themselves one to another in the fear of Christ" (v. 21, R. V.). The one who is seeking the first place for himself is evidently not Spirit-filled.—Torrey.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

The following are the resolutions passed by the Ada District Conference:

"In pursuance of the missionary policy of the conference, inaugurated by our Sunday School Board, and passed by said conference, endorsed by Dr. Lambuth and other leading missionary experts, be it
"Resolved, 1. That the members of the Ada District Conference do hereby endorse said policy and agree to undertake the support of a missionary in the foreign field by the Sunday schools of this district.
2. That we urge the pastors to apply the Sunday school missionary funds on this special as recommended by our Annual Conference, and not on the assessments.
3. That we urge our pastors and superintendents to emphasize the Sunday school missionary movement of our conference, and endeavor to disseminate missionary information in our Sunday schools."

The Weatherford District Conference passed similar resolutions.

Dr. Lambuth Writes.

In a recent letter from Dr. Lambuth, after giving some information concerning our Sunday school missionary policy, says, "I therefore hail your effort with deep appreciation and thanksgiving."

He says with reference to the appointments of the missionaries:

1. That the missionary will be named for a district that raises \$300 or \$400 or more. Of course it is desirable and our purpose to reach the entire amount.
2. That the missionary must be some one already on the field. That will be entirely satisfactory to any district we are sure.
3. That the supreme need of the hour happens to be in Korea, where we are opening a new station at Choon Chm. That there are three missionaries already at this station.
4. That quarterly reports and letters will be sent to the presiding elder of each district whose Sunday schools are supporting these missionaries.

We rejoice to know that we can begin the work though not all the money may be in hand. The plan will prove an inspiration and help to the young people of any district to know that they have a hand in the conquest of the world for Christ. We may not gain the victory all in one year; but we shall press the battle till we gain the goal.

If all the money already raised in our Sunday schools for missionary purposes were sent to the teller right now, several of our districts could have a missionary named inside of thirty days. Do it, brethren, do it.

We fear that the "Cradle Roll" and the "Home" departments are being greatly neglected. They should not be; for the one is the beginning and the other is the ending of the Sunday school work. Every school can have, and should have, these two departments in full force. It is a good thing to be almost born in the Sunday school, and it is a glorious thing to go to heaven out of it.

Not Merely Optional.

Our Book of Discipline does not leave the matter whether Children's Day may be observed or not as merely optional with our Sunday schools. Paragraph 248 says it "shall be observed a Children's Day throughout our church with appropriate services," etc. See to it, pastors and superintendents, that you observe the law of the church in the matter.

Grade Your Sunday School.

No one thing in connection with the practical work of the Sunday school will add more to its efficiency than proper grading. And no one thing is more universally neglected. The first thing our teachers in the public schools do is to grade and classify the students. Just as important is it in our Sunday school work. It is an easy thing to do if the superintendent will only take hold of it with an intelligent and vigorous hand, and stick to it. Yes, stick to it every Sunday in the year. Eternal vigilance is the price of good grading. Here are the grades, plain and simple:

1. Beginners from three to six years of age.
2. Primary, from six to nine.
3. Junior, from nine to twelve.
4. Intermediate, from twelve to fifteen.
5. Adults, young people sixteen to twenty.
6. Senior, over twenty.

Any of the classes in No. 5 may be "organized." All of them should be. Our literature now is so well adapted to these grades that the superintendent and teachers ought to find it quite easy to grade the school.

The Oklahoma City District Conference.

This chairman received a hearty welcome and the

cause which he represents due consideration at the above named conference which met last week in McLoud. The new presiding elder, Bro. Seales, directed the business like an old hand; and every person and every cause had full consideration. The attendance was good under the conditions of the roads at that time.

We were specially gratified that the conference passed a resolution, enthusiastically, looking to the "support of one missionary or more in the foreign field." This makes six districts of the nine which we expect to undertake this special work. The Sunday school reports from the various charges were encouraging. If the Sunday school prospers the church can not go down or fail.

A fine spirit prevailed during the entire conference; and there was fine promise of a revival to follow. The pastor, Bro. Gregg, had planned to continue the meeting.

If the Sunday school in your charge is sickly, or languishing, or dying, the pastor and superintendent had better feel of their own pulse and see if their temperature is not below normal.

The Primary Teacher.

Many of our superintendents and teachers do not know that our Sunday school editor has prepared, and our House is publishing, a most helpful little quarterly for the use of teachers in our primary classes. It is called "The Primary Teacher." Every superintendent should see to it that every teacher of a primary class has one hereafter. Brethren, do not neglect it; but give the teachers in the most difficult and important classes in your school every available help in their work.

One pastor at a recent district conference said, "My Sunday school last year raised all the foreign and domestic mission assessment—\$200. I am going to raise that myself this year and let the amount which the Sunday school raises go on the district special for the support of a missionary in the foreign field." Good for that pastor and that school. They will be just \$200 ahead and nobody hurt by it.

Six Districts in Line.

The following districts have undertaken to raise funds through their Sunday schools for the support of a missionary in the foreign field. Muskogee, Tulsa, Ada, Mangum, Weatherford and Oklahoma City. The first named has had a missionary in the field for two years; but she is now being supported by the Sunday school of First Church, Muskogee. We are sure that the other three larger districts will fall into line with the conference plan when their conferences are held; so that when we come up to Annual Conference, we will be ready for nine missionaries to be named, if it is not done before. Lawton, Okla.

The Movement in Ada District.

Since the Ada District Conference resolved to undertake the support of a missionary in the foreign field, the district has been organized for a campaign, led by Rev. J. D. Canaday, of Earlsboro. He has addressed letters to every pastor and superintendent in the district urging them to harmonious and systematic effort in the matter. He urges two things, which, by the way, we urge upon every Sunday School in the conference.

"1. To send in at once all the Sunday School missionary collections to date to Rev. T. L. Rippey, Ada, Okla., giving names of church and charge.

"2. Send the missionary collections every month."

He then gives three other items.

"3. On the 20th of each month Bro. Rippey will forward to me the name of each church making report to him.

"4. I shall make copies of this, and on the 25th of each month will send a copy to every pastor and superintendent in the District, giving name of church, charge, pastor, superintendent, and amount of collection.

"5. I shall also have the Teller to send me the aggregate for other districts, and keep informed on what others are doing."

Such organized effort and systematic work will bring the results for which we are working and praying—information, inspiration and money for missions.

You will hear from the Ada District this fall.

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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.)

McMester, Okla.

Dear Methodist: I am a little boy, six years old. I was promoted to the third grade the last of school. I go to Sunday school too. I have not pets. I have one brother and two sisters. We went fishing. I was the only one that caught a fish. I was sure glad. I caught a crawfish and another fish but it got away. We buried the fish and put flowers on the grave. I went to Memphis, Tenn., and went to the park and saw the squirrels and the pigeons and the colored fish. I went to Guin, Alabama, and staid with my aunt. We had a fine time on the way. I will close now. Your little friend,

HOMER COPPEDGE.

Campbell, Okla.

Dear Western Methodist: This is my second time I have written. I enjoy reading the children's letters. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. They elected me for organist last Sunday. We have a nice Bible class. Our teacher is Mr. Gasbee. I am a little girl of twelve years of age. I hope this will escape the waste basket. I will close for this time. Your friend,

DAISY EDWARDS.

Grays, Ark., June 3, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write for my second time, as my other letter was in print. My pets are a little kitten and a little baby brother. My little brother was a year old the 30th day of May. Blanch Jones asked how many of the cousins liked music. I do. We have an organ, too; and I am learning to play on the guitar, too. I have eight post cards that have never been sent to any one. I can beat one of the cousins. We have a horse named "Jim," which is twenty-three years old, and is our family horse. We drive him to the buggy, plow him and work him to the wagon. With best wishes to all the cousins. Your friend,

MAUD YARBROUGH.

Grays, Ark., June 3, 1908.

Dear Methodist: It is with pleasure that I write for my second time. We have an organ and I can play a little. I went to school all winter, but our school is out now. I have a little sister named Mabel. She is only six years old; she goes to school, and is now in the second grade.

We are another big family; there are eight of us children—three girls and five boys. I like to read Ruth Carr's stories very much. Some of you cousins come over and get a peach. We have some ripe, some of them are ripe and gone. I have a brother thirteen

years old; he is in the ninth grade. I will close for fear of the waste basket. MAGGIE YARBROUGH.

St. Smith, Ark., May 29, 1908.

Dear Methodist: This is the first time for me. I like to read the letters in the Methodist. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. Our pastor is Bro. Faust. I am in the fifth grade at school. My teacher is Miss Green. I will close for this time. If I see this in print I will write again. Your new cousin,

MERLE PENDLETON.

Pauls Valley, Okla., May 24, 1908.

Dear Methodist: This is the second time I have written to the cousins, and as my other letter escaped the waste basket I will write again. I saw Edie Cable's letter. I have a friend whose name is Marie Gilbert; she is an Indian also. I am four teen years of age and in the ninth grade. Our pastor is Bro. L. E. Thurston. He was our pastor last year and we were very glad to have him back. Our presiding elder is Bro. Freeman. I got some pretty postals, among them were Edith Covington, Grace Hughes and Ethel Hughes. They saw my letter in print. I will answer Mary Shell's question. The shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus wept;" it is the 35th verse in the 11th chapter of St. John. How many of the cousins have read the Bible through? I have. I would like to exchange postals with any of the cousins. Come again, Ruth Carr. We all welcome you. For fear of the waste basket I will close by asking a question: Who was Nebuchadnezzar? Your true cousin,

ELIZABETH BARNELL CAMPBELL.

Tuckerman, Ark., May 31, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: How are all the cousins? This is my first letter to the Methodist. I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the fourth grade. I like to read the Children's Page. My Grandma Churchman takes the Western Methodist. I like to read Ruth Carr's letters. I moved to Oklahoma and lived there two years and came back to old home in Arkansas. I like out there all right, for it is healthy. I guess papa will go back next fall. I have a sister thirteen years old and little brother in heaven. I live out in the country six miles from Tuckerman. Who has my birthday—the tenth of November. I will close. Your new cousin,

HAZEL CHURCHMAN.

Campbell, Okla., June 19, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I enjoy reading the children's letters. So I thought I would write a short letter. I am a little girl thirteen years of age. I am an orphan; I live with my grandmother. My mother died when I was eight years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. We have a nice Sunday school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Ingram. She gave her class a Testament last Sunday. I like to read it. I hope however this will escape the waste basket. Sincerely yours,

BEULAH MAY BRIDGES.

Martin Spring, Ark., May 23, '08.

Dear Methodist: As I saw my other letter in print I will try and write again. What are all the cousins doing these fine summer days. How many of the cousins have my birthday—March 18th? I will let you all guess at my age. I am between thirteen and nineteen. I will give a description of myself. I am five feet, two inches high, weigh 110 pounds, have dark brown hair, black eyes and dark complexion. How many of the cousins like to go to Sunday school? I do. We have a nice little Sunday school here with about forty enrolled. Our pastor this year is Bro. J. T. Gassett and we all like him fine. I will close and if this misses the waste basket I will come again. Your new cousin,

MEDIA DOSHIER.

Smithville, Ark., May 24, 1908.

Dear Methodist: As my other letter missed the waste basket I will write again. I did not go to Sunday school today. I like to read the children's letters and Ruth Carr's stories too. I wish she would write again. My papa is our pastor, Bro. A. E. Skinner is our presiding elder. Herbert Russell asked who was his birthday. I have

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I think Jessie's Journal was fine. I haven't any pets except my little baby brother; his name is Rees. I will answer Mary Shell's question: Which is the shortest verse in the Bible? Jesus wept. I will close by asking a question: Was Caleb an Israelite? Your cousin,

HATTIE COPELAND.

Malvern, Ark., June 3, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have just been reading the Children's Page and enjoy it very much. I am a little girl thirteen years old and am in the sixth grade at school, but school is out now. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. Griswold. I like her very much. Our pastor's name is Rev. T. J. Norsworthy; he is a fine preacher. I like him fine. He has two little girls. I will answer Mary Shell's question. What is the shortest verse in the Bible? Answer is "Jesus wept." I am a member of the M. E. Church, South. I will close by asking a question. What ever became of Joshua? Did he ever get to the Promised Land with the Israelites? I do hope this will escape the waste basket, as it is my first attempt to write. Your new cousin,

BERTHA PINNELL.

Kully Chaha, Okla.

Dear Methodist: Bro. Chelia sent a letter to the Children's Page and it was printed, so I am encouraged to try my luck in sending a few lines. I am eleven years old. I like to read the children's letters. If I am busy when the Methodist comes I can hardly wait for a chance to read the very interesting letters. We live just a few steps from the Methodist church. We have a good Sunday school; good prayer meeting twice a month. We have three services for our pastor; preaching and Sunday school Sunday and Sunday night. I would like to tell a joke on brother. He decided he would like to have a gun. So seeing an advertisement from Standard Pub. Co., New Jersey, if he would sell so many post cards he would get for his trouble a gun. As post cards are so popular he sent and got the cards. He sold them without any trouble; sent the money, but has not heard one word from the company since. Hoping to see this in print, your little cousin,

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A Correction.

Editors Western Methodist: This Pope never claimed infallibility and he is farther from it than ever, if your printer followed copy, which of course he is presumed to have done. Our opening sermon is to be preached on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock instead of Wednesday evening.

Another oversight was the leaving out of the subject of our Church Papers with Rev. F. C. Sterling to open the discussion, followed by Hon. J. E. Smith of Marion. Please make mention of these or publish this note and greatly oblige. Yours sincerely,

C. POPE.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.
Ozark, Ark.

After spending several weeks in Oklahoma, on my way home I spent a few hours in Ozark, collecting well on old subs. Having been pastor of this charge, I met many familiar faces. Ozark is one of the best towns out the Ft. Smith and Little Rock road. It has been noted for its church going people. The Sunday school is one of the best in the state; the parents attend. They have a fine superintendent in the person of Walter Clinton. Prof. W. S. Williams has closed a successful school year. Rev. W. T. Thompson is looking well to every interest of the church. He has been helping in a good meeting south of the river. They are perfecting their plans for a new church. Some of their best members are W. C. and W. A. Conatser, C. C. Coleman, Judge Wells, A. D. Reynolds, Alex. H. Treadway, Bro. Henderson, D. Jefferis, Billy Glenn, Dr. Douglass and good women not a few.

Clarksville.

For many years Clarksville has been recognized as one of the best towns in the state. They voted out whisky many years ago, and it is out for all time. They have a fine public school and a Presbyterian college, which makes this a desirable place to live.

We have a good brick church, built fifty years ago. Dear and sacred as it is, the time has come that it must give way for a modern building. They are losing by delaying too long. Dr. Hanesworth, the pastor, is one of our best preachers and purest men. He has just helped in a good meeting at Danville, and assisted by his presiding elder, Rev. J. H. O'Bryant, he is to hold a tent meeting quite soon.

Clarksville Methodism has long been associated with the names of Basham, Barnett, Brinks, Cravens, Clark, Cline, Harley, Hill, James, King, Laster, Long, May, McKennon, Pennington, Cope-land, Hunt, Lemley and many others who have stood firmly for the right.

Conway.

To me the best town in Arkansas is Conway. Here is where my earthly treasures are, home and family. This is where our Hendrix College is located. The Central Baptist Female College and the State Normal. While Conway is a fine business point, surrounded by a fertile country, its schools are the chief attractions. Capt. W. W. Martin, who was mayor for fifteen years, has been worth his weight in gold to the town, churches and colleges. He has literally kept the town clean, and stood firm for everything that is good.

There are many other worthy men who have stood for good morals and education. Brother Dan and Ben Harton, Hon. Geo. W. Donaghey, Brothers Little, Deal, Craig, Collier, Chivers,

Seaton Anderson, Livingston, Stubbs, Witt, Pyle, Carter, Hartje, Watkins, Wilson, Prince, Charley and Nute Jones, Harned, Clark, Jenkins, Bryant, Lee, Murphy, Hamilton, Charles, Gray, Douglass and others.

The town is blessed with an honorable set of business men, Robins, Griffin, (our town editors), Cole, Smith, Harrell, Pence, Durham, Holeman, Bonner, Martin, Owens, Deal, Craig, Heileger, Fraunenthal, Swartz, Wilson, Rogers, Moore, McCullough, Piercy, Nelson, Robinett, White, James, Donald, Halter brothers, Duncan, Erwin, Giddens, Brice, Handcock, Dunaway and others. Our doctors are high-toned gentlemen and well up in their profession. Drs. Brown, Cureton, Greeson, Muse, Westfield and Hanner. The truth is a man has to be good or it is not comfortable for him in Conway. Many good people come here to give their children a Christian education. You never hear an oath or see a drunk person in or about town. But you find a large congregation at church.

Several of our preachers and widows of deceased preachers have homes in Conway. Dr. J. A. Anderson, Dr. S. Anderson, C. H. Nelson, J. H. O'Bryant, G. G. Davidson, J. B. Stevenson, J. H. Glass, Dr. J. E. Godbey, Prof. Burr, Prof. C. J. Green, Prof. Perry, Prof. Hogan, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Noe, and Tom, field editor. We have an excellent church with 600 members and 601 Sunday school scholars.

Prof. Waters, principal of the public school, is the right man in the right place. I regard him one of the finest characters I have ever met. Worthy and well qualified. He is also a very excellent Sunday school teacher and has time to attend Wednesday night prayer meetings. Brother Holman, the efficient Sunday school superintendent with a large force of good helpers has a first class Sunday school. I know none that is better. Too much can not be said of J. B. Stevenson. Every man, woman and child loves him. To know him is to love him.

Beebe.

For small fruits and vegetables Beebe has been noted for many years. It is a small town and a church going people. Bro. Brown our pastor has been sick, so Rev. M. B. Umstead, our orphan home agent, was my faithful and genial guide. If his plans are worked out he will soon have the home in new and better quarters. I am persuaded that a place like Beebe where they can get plenty of land, would be fine for the new home. We have some excellent people in Beebe, but I was there only between trains and did not meet but a few.

Bald Knob.

A phone message secured a nice week night congregation. A delightful night was spent in the home of Brother Campbell, the obliging conductor. They have also a home in Searcy, where they live during the school year, keeping their daughters in Galloway College.

Bald Knob is an important railroad junction and is a good business point. Rev. J. A. Roberts is in his second year and is doing a fine work on his railroad circuit.

Newport.

My pen wants to write New Newport. The Laws-Philips meeting had just closed. It was evident to a passerby that a great change has come over the religious life of the town. Rev. A. T. Galloway and his cultured family

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have accomplished wonders. They are all fine musicians. So they both preach and sing the gospel. Brother Galloway thinks there were about 300 professions and reclamations. All the churches co-operated and all will receive a number of members. The church life was greatly toned up. As one evidence we doubled the subscription to the Western Methodist. We now have over fifty copies coming to this office. Newport is the best town between Little Rock and Poplar Bluff. They are hopeful of closing the saloons in the near future.

Brother Galloway is one of the best helpers it has been my good fortune to meet. Everybody seems to love and honor him. In most cases he only had to say "I think you ought to have the Western Methodist." That decided it. Brethren of the ministry, if you will try, we can easily double our subscription by the next Annual Conference. The way to crowd out the bad is to crowd in the good. Let us see that our people have their Methodist paper.

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Stonewall Charge.

This is my second year at Stonewall. Church work along all lines is in advance of last year. I am on the eve of erecting a beautiful church at one of my appointments.

Last night I closed one of the best meetings at my pastorate at Centrahoma. There were more than thirty conversions. Sixteen joined our church, with as many additions to the other churches of the town. Among the converts there were many heads of families.

God blessed each service with his presence and conversions. Bro. W. F. Jordan, our pastor at Mill Creek, was my helper. He is very fine and able in this kind of work. He is a new man in this conference, having been admitted last fall at Durant. He is a valuable addition to our conference. I can recommend Bro. Jordan to any of the brethren needing evangelistic work. His preaching is of good quality and his methods successful.

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neighbors when I was at Bernice on the Rock Island Railway. Now I am over here on the L. & N. W. railway and your venerable Dr. J. H. Riggins of Magnolia is my neighbor. He has made me one visit and treated to his lecture, "What Does Methodism Stand For," to a large and appreciative audience. I have just closed a wonderful meeting here in Haynesville. Rev. W. C. Harkin of Greenville, Miss., did the preaching and G. N. Goice of Edwards, Miss., lead the music. We had sixty-three applications for church memberships. These brethren are fine help—good preachers and very successful workers. You will not make a mistake in securing them to hold your meetings. Your brother,

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 Mrs. J. F. Giles.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held in the beautiful and hospitable city of Malvern, was, in many respects, the best ever held. Our welcome was cordial, and everything was done for our pleasure and comfort.

Malvern, with its lovely homes, abounding in hospitality, was an ideal meeting place. The weather was fine, and the cultured Christian people made each day delightful.

The meetings were held in the Methodist church. Beautiful growing palms and ferns and bright flowers around the chancel bespoke kindly forethought and sweetly smiled their glad welcome to the delegates and visitors. On Wednesday evening, June 10, the conference was formally called to order by the president, Mrs. James Thomas. After devotional services, Mrs. Norsworthy wife of the pastor, in behalf of the Malvern Auxiliary, spoke cordial words of welcome. She made us feel it was indeed good to be there. On behalf of the conference Mrs. Thos. Bushy of Little Rock responded in a happy manner.

At the close of this first service, all were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance, where an elegant reception was held. This beautiful home was filled with visitors and their hostesses and a few gentlemen.

The officers of the conference formed a receiving line and met all the guests. Cooling and delicious refreshments were served. This was a most delightful occasion and one long to be remembered by those present.

The first business session opened with devotional and praise service conducted by Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss. This was a precious service and put us in a devotional spirit, which was prominent throughout the meeting. The testimonies show marked spiritual growth and a close companionship with Christ on the part of women of this conference. There was much gratitude expressed for the presence of dear Sister Hotchkiss at this meeting. For twenty-four years she served this conference as its president and to her faithfulness and zeal the progress of the work is largely due. Her very presence was a benediction and her helpful talks and wise counsel were much appreciated.

The spirit of the meeting was fine throughout. The attendance was large, the interest intense. Excellent papers, carefully and prayerfully prepared by some of our most spiritual women, were read. The Workers' Conferences were instructive and helpful, giving many practical suggestions concerning the work which we hope the delegates will take back to their Auxiliary and use. The unusually large number of visitors from a distance was gratifying. We note with regret that very few ministers were present. We are always glad to have the brethren with us, and we missed them at this meeting. Brethren, we need your wise counsel, and encouragement. Your presence is always greatly appreciated.

Rev. Norsworthy, filled with missionary spirit, made an ideal host and rendered efficient service at all times.

We especially appreciate Dr. Werlein's strong, convincing missionary sermons Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. James Thomas presided with grace and dignity, and dispatched business like a bishop.

Her message, given in her characteristic, forceful manner, gave us words full of inspiring, helpful thoughts as to the need of the work, and the necessity of woman arousing to the privilege that is hers in sharing with her Lord in this work and bringing souls to Christ. May she be given many years in which to work out great things for Him in leading us to noble victories.

We were privileged, indeed, to have for our special guest Miss Maria Laying Gibson, president of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Her presence was an inspiration. Her splendid addresses were most impressive and uplifting. By so forcefully presenting the needs of the work she arouses enthusiasm and stimulates the women of the church to larger faith, greater activity and liberality. She made earnest appeals for more laborers for foreign fields. She told of glorious opportunities for service that are daily unfolding and said these things should increase our desire for some part in the evangelization of the world.

The music was inspiring. The large choir added much to the meetings by their excellent rendition of appropriate anthems, duets, solos and the grand old missionary hymns of the church.

The conference was rejoiced at the reports of the corresponding secretary and treasurer as they presented the result of our best year's work, showing a steady growth along all lines. May this stimulate us all to renewed zeal and determination to press on to greater achievements. Let each Auxiliary do its best and send reports promptly to these officers that they may not be burdened with extra care and work on account of failure of one to do her duty.

The district secretaries pledged for their work the ensuing year as follows:

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One of the most enjoyable programs was the one Saturday evening, rendered by the young people and juveniles under the direction of Miss Jennie Howell.

A mass meeting of young people and juveniles was addressed by Mrs. T. O. Owen, Mrs. Thomas and others Sunday afternoon.

A most interesting and impressive feature of the program was "My Call to Service" by Miss Jennie Howell. What an inspiration to look into the sweet face of that consecrated young woman and hear her tell of the dealings of God with her—how he has led her—how she has fully responded in her life to His guidance. She finds joy in service and she goes forth to the Training School in September with joyful anticipations of becoming a messenger for Christ to her sisters who know him not. At the close of this beautiful and impressive talk the conference sang Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow with the "spirit and the understanding."

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May the influences of this meeting extend throughout the bounds of our conference and stimulate our women to press forward to greater achievements in His name. MRS. J. F. GILES.

Choctaw and Chickasaw District Conference Notice.

Opening sermon by L. W. Cobb, July 21st, 8 p. m.

Committees—

License and admission—N. B. Ainsworth, A. S. Williams and L. W. Cobb; Ordination—A. H. Homer, Griggs Durant and A. S. Williams.

All delegates and visitors traveling via the Rock Island get off at Hughes; those traveling via Frisco get off at La Flore.

We extend a cordial invitation to the secretaries of Conference Boards to be with us as well as to the brethren of the conference. Yours in Christ,
 C. M. COPPEDGE.

Floods and Winds Destructive to Wire Companies.

The destructive floods and severe wind storms which have lately occurred in Arkansas and Texas have proved very costly to the wire using companies and especially to the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company which has been a loser to the extent of a great many thousands of dollars.

It is not alone the damage caused by the destruction of lines, which, of course, must be repaired at great expense, but the interruptions to the service results in a material reduction in revenue, besides the inconvenience suffered by patrons.

Fortunately the Southwestern has a well organized construction department and the lines are being restored to normal conditions with the least possible delay.

Stephens Circuit.

On last Sabbath evening we closed our revival meeting which had been in progress two weeks. It began well and steadily improved to the close. No sensational methods were used. We wanted a genuine revival and depended upon the power of the Spirit. He was

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with us in convicting, reclaiming and converting power. We had to put extra seats in the auditorium and throw open the Sunday school room to seat the people. How many were converted in and out of the church I do not know—forty-three have been received into the church by ritual, four by letter and several applicants are to be received. Bro. Hilliard of Lewisville was with us most of the time and rendered very efficient service. Bro. McKay came in the middle of our meeting and rendered fine service on Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Tyson of Texas was here on a visit to his brother the second week of the meeting and took an active part in the work.

Our young people, under the leadership of Prof. Womaek, were the most active and efficient workers in the church. A large majority of the converts and accessions to the church were from the Sunday school of which Prof. Womaek is superintendent. I have never seen his equal as superintendent and leader among young people, and we have the finest school I ever saw. We have no better charge of its class in the conference than Stephens. Pastor and presiding elder are paid up to date. Peace and good will reign among us.

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Bethel Meeting.

The two days meeting recently held at Bethel attracted the largest number of people that have ever gathered at that historic place for many years.

The Sunday School exercises and the Women's meeting were very instructive and resulted in the organization of both Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, with Mrs. Henry Waldrup as president, Miss Mattie Tucker, secretary, Miss Irene Galloway, treasurer. So far as we know this is the first woman's society to be organized in a country church in this district.

On Sunday the services began at 9 o'clock with a song and testimony service conducted by Mr. G. B. McManus and Rev. J. M. Workman. At the Sunday School hour Rev. W. H. Woolfin, of Dermott, made one of the most pointed talks concerning the resurrection that we have listened to in a long time. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. W. Harrell, the presiding elder, preached a magnificent sermon from the text "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up," etc. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed and was partaken of by a large number. In the afternoon Mr. A. Trieschmann, lay leader for the district, held a men's meeting at which was presented the work of this new movement, the laymen's organization. After a few words from Mr. Trieschmann and the presiding elder, Rev. James Thomas, commissioner of education, made a splendid address which resulted in a splendid collection for the work of Bethel church. Bro. Thomas preached, made short addresses and gave inspiration to the entire two days' meeting. Mr. E. E. Calloway is the superintendent of a good Sunday School which meets every Sunday. Rev. J. M. Workman and Rev. J. D. Hammons are the pastors, one of whom holds services each second Sunday at 11 a. m.

Revs. A. G. Cason and W. C. Toombs were present, shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. Tom Toler ran a train for his Camp and Crossett and thus enabled 300 or more to enjoy the day. He brought two tanks of water in which there had been place ice, thus giving the hundreds who were present good drinking water. The services at the Crossett Methodist church were dismissed and many from Hamburg came out also.

Many boxes, baskets and trunks of good things to eat were brought and we did not find but one boy that was hungry. He was soon satisfied. We trust no one was too timid to eat, for there was a quantity of good things taken home.

The next meeting will be held at Mist on the fifth Sunday in August as announced by the Presiding Elder.

We are under lasting obligations to Mr. McManus and his class for furnishing us splendid music during the entire meeting. Mrs. Uley Welsh and Miss McKenzie, deaconess at Crossett, led the Women's meetings. Their work was highly appreciated. —Crossett Observer.

The above is an account of the beginning of an uplift to country work around Crossett, made possible by the contribution of about \$2,000 by the Crossett church. There were present about 800 people. Two services at the same time were conducted by competent speakers, one in the house and one near the church. The complete work of the church was presented and the enthusiasm crystallized into an organization of the women.

This is but the entering wedge. Why should not Methodism give her effort to uplift and save with equal power to the country districts as to the town and city. It is here that the church has the right of way and is hindered only in a small degree by the organized forces of evil.

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Paragould District Conference.

The Paragould district conference convened at Marmaduke, Ark., May 23, and lasted three days. While there were some absentees even among the pastors the attendance was good. And better still nearly all remained till final adjournment—a number till after Sunday. J. K. Farris, presiding elder, presided, and under his guidance the work of the conference was well done. After all the pastors made their reports the lay delegates reported the spiritual condition of the various charges as they saw it. More prominence was given to their part in the reports than is generally found.

Most of the day was given to receiving and discussing reports of the usual committees. In this way we were able to get an insight into the conditions prevailing within the district.

The reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. A number of revivals have been held with a considerable number of conversions and accessions. While the panic has affected the work some the prospects are for a good year as to collections. We were impressed with the fact that these rich bottom lands are rapidly filling with people, and that we need men and means to enter the unoccupied places. The license of all local preachers were renewed. Four were licensed to preach: C. M. Reeves, J. A. Hart, T. R. Allen, B. W. Cooper. T. R. Allen and C. M. Reeves were recommended for admission on trial.

Rev. Fred Little was present and gave us a great missionary address. He was our only visitor.

The people of Marmaduke gave us a most hearty welcome. And our host, Rev. P. B. Wallis showed us every consideration. Large and appreciative congregations were present at both the business sessions and the preaching services.

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We have just closed an eight days' meeting which we held at the Store's Great Log Camp. It was a wonderful victory. We held the meeting under a brush arbor. There were twenty-two additions to the church; baptized one baby. The Lord was with us. We expect to commence a meeting on Monday night, the 15th of June, at Freeman Smith Log Camp, by invitation of Ben Hays, the foreman.

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Stay Out.

It has long been the custom of some schools and so-called colleges adjacent to Oklahoma and Indian Territory to send into this country drummers for their schools. It has been tolerated because neither the state nor the church had as yet adequate schools to meet their needs. Now that statehood has come and the state is building a great university, those who desire to educate their children in a state school can do so at home. The churches are likewise getting ready to meet all the demands for Christian education. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is already prepared to take care of its constituency. In Epworth University we have the largest and best equipped university in the United States. For the boys and for the girls whose parents desire to educate them in a co-educational school, no better place can be found than in Epworth University. For those who desire to educate their girls in a woman's col-

lege, we have what they want in Spaulding Female College in Muskogee. Since this institution is now conference property, the whole conference should take pride in its upbuilding. There is a manifest need for the Methodists of this state to maintain one real college for the higher education of women. The Board of Missions, with Dr. T. F. Brewer for their servant, has been for years laying the foundation for such a school. Now they have turned over to the conference property worth about seventy-five thousand dollars and advised us to take this as a nucleus for founding a real college. The board of trustees appointed to receive this property is planning to do great things. It will take many years to work out the lofty ideals they have in mind. In the meantime the best thing that all of us can do is to send girls to college. Do not allow drummers from other states and from schools not only out of the state but unchristian schools to invade our territory. Adroit drummers will resort to all kinds of machinery to get the help of pastors in getting our Methodist girls for these schools. We ought to set our faces like a flint against them. We ought to warn our people against them. We ought to cultivate the sentiment, "Oklahoma schools for Oklahomans." Especially Methodist schools in Oklahoma for the Methodists. Let us preach to our people to be loyal to our own schools. If our people will be loyal and give our schools their entire support, we can maintain and upbuild schools that will meet all the demands, and be a blessing to our children and children's children. Many of our people feel attached to the institutions in the states from which they came. In the past many have been sending their girls back to these states to be educated. The time has now come for them to transfer their interests, their affections and their ambitions to their adopted state. Boys and girls educated within their own state will find the college associations and friendships formed there a great advantage to them in after life. Where as one educated outside the state will be at a constant disadvantage in his subsequent career in that he will not know the people of his own state.

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O. E. GODDARD.

Arkadelphia District Notice.

The Arkadelphia District Conference will be held at Arkadelphia beginning Tuesday, June 30th, at 9 a. m. Rev. S. K. Barnett will preach on Monday night, June 29th.

Committee on license to preach—E. F. Wilson, J. H. Cumins and R. B. E. Key.

Deacons' and elders' orders—M. B. Carigan, R. C. Atchley and S. W. Rainey.

For admission—T. J. Norworthy, J. D. Dunn and L. M. Powell.

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Monticello District Conference Notice.

Let every pastor see to it that his Quarterly Conference Record is at District Conference, July 6-9.

Committee on missions—J. M. Workman, Carl Hollis, W. B. Hoffman, W. J. Grantham and L. Archey.

Committee on temperance—J. D. Hammons, W. H. Woodfin, A. M. Sawyer, George Davis and James Hogue.

Committee on Sabbath observance—G. W. Hively, M. K. Rogers, R. A. Pugh, R. L. Rogers and Norman McLeod.

Committee on finance—J. W. White, A. Trieschmann, J. E. Titus, J. T. Crenshaw, F. H. Scott, W. J. Massey, W. J. Colbuth, A. W. Judd, Ed Beard.

Committee on Quarterly Conference Records—W. C. Toombs, T. H. Crowder, J. A. Bird.

Committee on publishing interests—R. R. Moore, W. F. Evans, S. A. Jackson, W. L. Blanks and Walter Lambert.

Let every pastor report to this committee the number of church papers taken in his charge.

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Weldon, Ark.

Editor Methodist: As we have not had a field note this year from Auvergne and Weldon, will say that this has been one of the busiest years of my ministerial life. I am finishing up the third year correspondence course this week, have visited extensively among all the members of my charge and filled all my appointments since conference. There are five appointments on this charge, and each has a good body of Sunday school and I am a member of each one and visit at each one on my preaching day, and never fail to get into the meditation. Our W. H. M. S. at Tapala is doing splendid work as is the Epworth League at that place. We have a wide awake W. F. M. S. at Auvergne that is doing work second

to none in the White River Conference. Our society there is small numerically, but we measure arms with the best. Our Sunday schools are all in good growing condition. Our school at Auvergne observed Children's Day service yesterday, led by Mrs. J. R. Davis, our efficient superintendent, assisted by all the officers and teachers. The service was a grand success. I am sure we have never had a better nor more interesting program. It was well prepared and well rendered by the children. Everybody was delighted with the services. The spiritual condition of this charge is good and we are expecting great revivals at every appointment. We earnestly request all who read this note to pray for us. Our efficient presiding elder, Dr. J. H. Dye, has met all of his Quarterly Conference meeting appointments and preached, prayed and renewed old acquaintances with old friends, to the delight of all our people. He will be with us again soon. "The Lord willing."

J. H. BARRENTINE, P. C.
June 15.

Texarkana Circuit.

Our third Quarterly Conference was held at Pleasant Hill church Saturday, June 13, with our presiding elder, Rev. B. B. Thomas, in the chair. We had planned for a Laymen's Conference to begin at 10 a. m., but the train was only four hours late and Bro. Thomas could not get here in time, and besides it was stormy weather in the morning and this kept many of the brethren away. At noon the clouds cleared away and when we (the presiding elder, Brother Womble and myself) arrived at the church about one o'clock p. m. a fine dinner was spread on a table, and after greetings and thanksgiving and dinner, we began the conference about 2 p. m. The threatening weather kept some of our stewards away, but the five churches represented made a good showing, considering the circumstances. Bro. Thomas preached two excellent sermons for us Sunday. He is a hero of faith and prayer. We took the sacrament Sunday at 11 a. m., and the Lord honored us with his presence. We truly had a great time in spite of the threatening weather. The Lord has been good to us this year and we are expecting great things from Him. Pray for us.

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Stuttgart, Ark.

Our new church building is well under way, and we expect to be able to complete it by the last of August, if not earlier.

Our Stuttgart Chautauqua was a great success. Several hundred people passed through the gates each day. Much credit is due Brother W. M. Price of our church here for the success which we have had in this Chautauqua. Dr. James A. Anderson rendered a valuable service in bringing to us his message on State-wide Prohibition. It was a strong deliverance. T. P. CLARK.

From Bro. Rowan.

I am out on the western border of Guymon district. Am now engaged in a revival meeting at Grand Valley. But as it has been very dry out here, till June the 7th, and as it has rained enough for people to plow, it makes it hard to keep a good crowd to the services. Yet the interest is good. But we have so much high winds here that it is almost impossible to hold under an arbor. Oh how much we need church houses out here; and also how much the preachers out here need more help from the Board. This is a great country and in the next three years will develop more than it ever has before. J. A. ROWAN.

The Church Conference.

If our presiding elders were as derelict in holding their quarterly conferences as many of our pastors are in holding church conferences the preachers would starve to death. There are churches that have not had a church conference held in them for years when the discipline provides that a church conference shall be held at least once a quarter. I have attended quarterly conferences in almost every part of our conference in the last six months and I have been greatly astonished to find how little some pastors know of the affairs of their charge. A pastor should know what is going on and what ought to be going on in every part of his work. A pastor should be a very busy man.—The (Fulton, Ky.), Methodist.

Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting.

The preachers' meeting was held in pastor's office, Central Avenue church. Present: F. E. Dodson, M. W. Manville, J. H. Cummins, J. R. Rushing, M. B. Corrigan, J. A. Sage, Fordyce, J. J. Lovett, presiding elder West Plains district; St. Louis Conference, visitors.

After discussing some local matters, reports from different charges were called for.

Malvern Avenue—M. W. Manville. Congregation in morning not so good as at night. Good services. Good interest. Sunday school good. Everything moving nicely.

Third Street—J. H. Cummins. Good services, morning and night. Rev. J. A. Sage preached at night: five accessions. Everything in good shape.

Park Avenue—J. R. Rushing. Good day. Congregations good. Rev. J. J. Lovett preached at night. Good Sunday school. Good interest in all services.

Central Avenue—M. B. Corrigan. Good services. Rev. J. J. Lovett preached in morning; fine sermon. Everything moving on. The building of the new auditorium going along nicely.

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The preachers passed a vote of thanks to Rev. J. J. Lovett for his splendid efforts in our pulpits, and also to Bro. J. A. Sage for his helpful sermon at Third Street on Sabbath night. F. E. DODSON, Sec.

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Tillar Circuit.

We are in the midst of a meeting at McGeehe, assisted by Rev. W. W. Nelson of DeWitt, moving along very well, but not as well as we had hoped. The good people of Tillar know how to do great things in great style. On Thursday last, while this preacher was away a wagon and footmen came loaded with a midsummer pounding; good things to eat, wear and money thrown in for good measure. We are now pleasantly housed in a beautiful new parsonage with plenty to eat.

My health is much improved after three months' sickness. My whole family have had mumps, but now all are well. The outlook with us is encouraging.

Our district is forging to the front under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Harrell, our efficient, faithful presiding elder. We hope to make a good showing at conference.

J. W. WHITE, P. C.

Ada District Conference.

The first session of the Ada District Conference is past history. It was held in the beautiful and thriving city of Ada May 27th to 31st, 1908, with Rev. T. P. Turner of First Church, Sulphur, preaching the opening sermon.

Rev. S. F. Goddard, our capable and energetic presiding elder, walked sixteen miles in order to reach the conference on time—not many men would have done this in our modern day of easy travel. Bro. Goddard is a new man on a new district but the reports of this conference gave evidence that

the work was well in hand.

Owing to the heavy rains and many washouts a number of the brethren were prevented from reaching the conference, much to the regret of those present.

The work of the district in every particular is moving forward. A district Layman's Missionary Auxiliary was organized with that well qualified layman, Brother Frank Jones of Ada, at the head; also a district Church Extension Board was organized for active work in the bounds of our district and the Sunday schools are not behind in this forward move, having undertaken and pledged the support of a special missionary in the foreign field.

The conference was complimented as well as helped by the presence of Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, assistant Church Extension Secretary; Rev. W. J. Sims, conference Commissioner of Education; Rev. W. J. Moore, chairman of the Conference Sunday School Board, who each in his special line added much to the interest of the conference.

Rev. Wilmore Kendall of Eufaula was with us by invitation and delivered his three helpful addresses on the Ministry of Christ. Bro. Kendall is one of our choice spirits who has forced his way forward under great difficulties.

The Western Methodist was represented by its genial field editor, Rev. D. J. Weems, who is one of the most brotherly men it has been our privilege to know. The conference adopted strong resolutions whereby the Western Methodist and the Go Forward are to be placed in every Methodist home in the district with the assistance of the laymen's organization. We are sure this is a move in the right direction and will result in great good to the people and thus do the church.

The reports of the pastors show that there is an increase in the membership of the church, of the Sunday schools and of the Epworth Leagues and with a healthy advance for the support of the ministry and larger contributions for the conference benevolence.

Strong resolutions were adopted commending Gov. Haskell for his untiring efforts in carrying out the prohibition enforcement law.

The conference recommended Absolom Crompton for admission on trial

and local deacon's orders. I. R. Haun and Brian Hensley for re-admission and gave J. Y. Bryce license to preach.

T. P. Turner, J. E. Disch, T. L. Rippey and W. F. Jordan were elected a licensing committee. E. F. Messenger, J. R. Henley, Dr. C. C. Shaw and E. W. Hardin were elected delegates to the Annual Conference with Frank Jones and N. S. Douglass as alternates. By a unanimous vote the next session of the district conference will be held in Holdenville.

Bro. Rippey and his good people certainly have the faculty of making their guests feel at home and well deserve the success that has attended their efforts in erecting such a magnificent church and parsonage. It was the writer's privilege to be entertained in the hospitable home of Bro. and Sister R. E. Haynes who came to the new state from Tennessee. They are of Methodist lineage and know how to make a preacher welcome.

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WOMAN'S H. M. SOCIETY.

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Send all communications to the editors.

Report of Little Rock Conference Women's Home Mission Society for the quarter ending June 1st, 1908:

Dues	\$393.09
Life membership	43.10
Baby roll	15.25
Honorary Life members	100.00
Week of prayer	7.35
Scholarships	180.00
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Conference pledge	43.25
Dallas home	4.45
Conference expense	65.47

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This amount was raised by the several districts as follows:

Arkadelphia	\$120.90
Camden	149.97
Little Rock	78.49
Monticello	69.37
Pine Bluff	97.22
Prescott	12.22
Texarkana	21.22

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Local Work—

Supplies given locally	\$24.52
Assistance of needy	399.31
Parsonages	465.19
Churches	617.56
Other Locals	306.72

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MRS. F. C. FLOYD,
Conference Treasurer.

Lockesburg, Ark., June 16, 1908.

Holdenville Mission, Okla.

I have the pleasure to report for the edification of Oklahoma Conference and particularly the Ada district, I have developed a new class of Southern Methodists at the town of Sasakwa, Oklahoma, where never a Methodist preacher was heard before. I have organized and have a membership of seventeen. W. H. M. Society of twelve and Sunday school with fifty-two enrolled, forty-six present and have assessed for P. C. \$125, P. E. \$12, and paid \$21.50 and \$4.15 on conference claims. I consider it a fine beginning for a town of 200 population. I believe its location on Frisco railroad

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The Weatherford District Conference.

The ninth session of the Weatherford District Conference convened in Sayre, Okla., on Thursday morning, June 4th, with about forty five members present. Every pastor save two was in attendance. Many of the delegates to the conference and also to the W. H. M. Society failed to reach the conference on account of the heavy rains and washouts on the railroad. One little storm in Sayre during a session, but no real damage. The presidency of the conference by the presiding elder, W. D. Matthews, was very satisfactory. The session in the main was very pleasant. The conference decided to organize a District Auxiliary Church Extension Society. The following were licensed as local preachers since the last conference: Sam'l Franklin, L. D. Hawkins and Jas. L. Davis. The following were recommended for admission on trial: John M. Holt, Hiram K. Monroe, Robt. J. McDaniel, Isaac W. Armstrong and Browning E. Lewis. Browning E. Lewis was recommended for deacon's orders.

The district W. H. M. Society rendered a good program on Saturday morning. They were to have held their session Thursday afternoon but were stormed out. Rev. T. F. Brewer, our pastor at Guthrie, preached the sermon for the women; he gave us a good sermon, and attempting to make his way home was held up at Elk City on account of a washout on the railroad and preached for the writer on Sunday at 11 o'clock, of which effort I have heard some very complimentary things. Rev. W. J. Moore, chairman of our Conference Sunday School Board, visited the conference and gave us a good lecture on Sunday school work. The following were elected delegates to the ensuing Annual Conference: J. M. Hoover, J. M. Goode, H. K. Monroe and J.



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M. Hamilton. The next conference goes to Custer City. The preaching was done by Barris, Monroe, Fowler, Sharp, T. F. Brewer, Hale, Matthews and Randle. Conference closed with a sermon to young people, when about forty pledged themselves to live for a goodly purpose. W. A. RANDLE, Sec.

The following resolution was passed by the Weatherford District Conference:

Resolved, That we, the District Conference of the Weatherford district do most heartily endorse the management of the Western Methodist, our conference organ, and cordially recommend it to our people. We find 281 copies taken within the district and we hereby pledge our efforts to increase this number. W. A. RANDLE, Sec.

Stonewall Avenue, McAlester.

Stonewall Avenue church is coming to the front. Our watchword is onward. We are working very hard to make our Sunday school second to none in McAlester district. We have now an average of over one hundred every Sunday. About one hundred and forty on the roll. We hope to have 200 by conference and that will mean to enlarge our church building. We have an interesting Epworth League with about twenty-four members. A Junior League of twenty-nine members.

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The Lord has given us great blessings this year. A more appreciative people I never saw. The pastor is not expecting a move this fall. Yours in His name. ERA P. EUBANKS.

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