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## EDITORIAL

### One American Methodism Under One Constitution.

The Western Methodist has affirmed its belief that the union of all American Methodism will come. It has affirmed its conviction that it ought to come. It has pointed out some of the reasons why we should not attempt to bring the whole into one administrative unit. It now remains to suggest some plan by which American Methodism can be brought together as one body with separate administrative units.

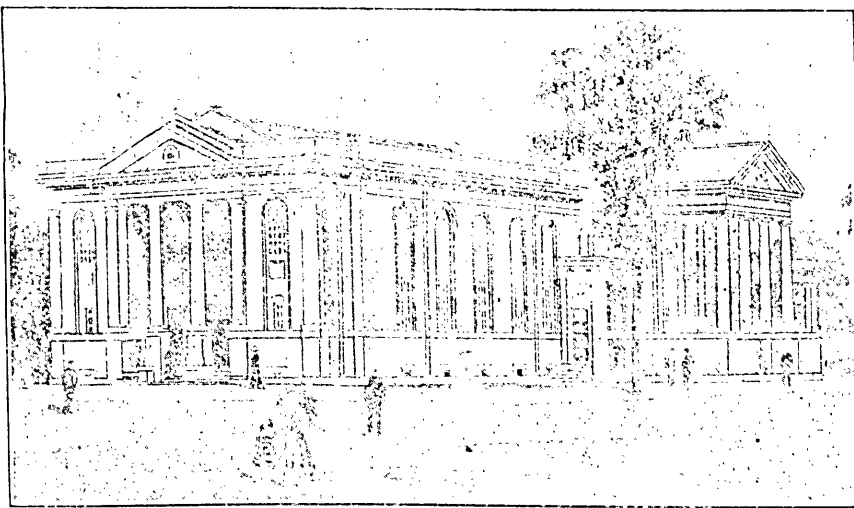
This is no new principle in Methodism; it is the principle upon which we have acted from the very beginning. It is the principle upon which Mr. Wesley himself acted. Not to go further back, when Mr. Wesley provided for the separate administration of American Methodism he had no dream of dividing the Methodist Church. He well knew that there were some things connected with American life which would require that a different course should be taken to the course to be taken in Great Britain. There was a chasm as deep as could be dug by a revolution between the American and the English people of that day, as deep surely as the chasm dug by the Civil War in this country between the North and the South. But our fathers had the grace to span this chasm, to bridge it with the rainbow of hope in one Methodism. That we should ever have drifted into two ecclesiasticisms—if, indeed, we have done so—is due chiefly to the fact that an ocean separates us. Mr. Wesley was very far from providing for it, and took the most effective means in his power to prevent it. The very last letter he ever wrote to the American branch of Methodism contained a most urgent protest against its ever being done. "See," said he, "that nothing shall separate you from your brethren in England."

It is further true that before the constitution of American Methodism was adopted, providing for a delegated General Conference, now just one hundred years ago, and after the church had spread over a region too wide to be cared for by anybody the yearly conference met in sections, and finally these sections for administrative purposes were made permanent. This is the origin of our Annual Conference. Nobody dreamed when administration by sections began that the church was divided.

Here, then, were both the facts which make it expedient that we should administer now in separate sections. Mr. Wesley knew that different civil situations in America and in England made uniformity in minor matters of administration an impossibility; that the very attempt to do such a thing would itself produce idivision, destroy the only unity that is

worth the having. He knew that a mechanical union is not the union of the gospel. He was too wise to undertake, in the spirit of a martinet, to perpetuate a mechanical union which imperiled the essential oneness of the church. Of course he also knew that it would be vastly inconvenient to attempt to provide for all Methodism in one administrative body. The very cumbersomeness of the arrangement would forbid it. A man would have to believe such an arrangement essential to Christian unity before he would be willing to incur the burdens and the inconveniences necessary. Even the Church of England does not believe that, for they have two separate jurisdictions, one under the Archbishop of York and one under the Archbishop of Canterbury. The liberty of the gospel forbids that we should force men to do in non-essential things what they are not minded to do; therefore a great church must provide that this shall not be done.

We had intended when we began this article to suggest the outline of a constitution,



The New Hunter Memorial, Forney Hutchinson, Pastor. See statement on p. 10.

but there is not space left to do it. That must be reserved to a future time. We have space here to say that nobody ought to want a union that has not in it unity. It would be most unfortunate for the Methodist churches of this country to come together unless they could agree; it would be like marrying people who do not love one another and who live together because they must, a union that hopes only for a divorce court or for death. But if the Methodist churches of this country can agree upon all that is essential, and then allow for liberty in all that is not essential, we have provided for what will please all. Some such basis we must find, or Methodism in America will lose her crown. Public sentiment will condemn us, and we shall be compelled to fight against the very spirit of the age. We must find a basis or else we shall lose fifty per centum of the opportunity of Methodism and one-half of the power of Methodism in the coming years.

### Another Temperance Campaign in Oklahoma.

Rev. E. M. Sweet, who was at the last session of the Oklahoma Conference appointed to Tigert Memorial Church, Tulsa, has now

been appointed to special temperance work in Oklahoma, to conduct for the Anti-Saloon League a campaign of education in behalf of the temperance laws on the statute books. There is a most desperate effort on the part of brewers and whisky men to discredit these laws and to render them odious, looking to a campaign for their repeal. They have by no means given up the fight, but are arranging to stay in Oklahoma. We understand that the brewers will sell none of their property, but have in many places repainted and repaired it, so as to preserve it for future use. We are told that they intend to throw their strength into such a tightening up of the agency system as to make it practically impossible for people to secure what liquor they may need, or may think they need, for lawful purposes, and so produce a revulsion from prohibition. The Anti-Saloon League proposes that there shall be two sides to the controversy, and they have selected Bro. Sweet. Sweet as the fittest man to conduct their campaign. We bid him godspeed. We are glad to add that Governor Haskell is standing nobly by the prohibition laws of Oklahoma. All his powers are pledged for their enforcement. And they are being enforced about as well as any other laws. We undertake to say that the laws against stealing are no better enforced. We presume nobody wants the statutes against theft repealed because some men will steal.

It is our own opinion that very little liquor is needed for lawful purposes. A physician who is loaded with practice recently told us that he did not prescribe a half pint a year, and that it is never necessary. We do not think, therefore, that the agencies in Oklahoma will pay expenses; we believe they will break down; but they serve the purpose of stopping the mouths of all those who plead for liquor for medical purposes till such a time as it shall have been demonstrated that people do not need them for any purpose; and we strongly advise that they be maintained till that time arrives. During a recent week the agency in Oklahoma City did not produce more than thirteen cents a day, which does not pay expenses, and which demonstrates that the doctors there do not need it. This is what we want to demonstrate everywhere—then let them go.

The harvest time for the ingathering of souls in many places in our Methodism is at hand. The prayers, the earnestness, the activity of both pastor and people will determine very largely the bounteousness of the harvest. Let there be no laggards nor sluggards either in the pulpit or the pew, the Lord hath need of a concerted move. Nothing short of it will rescue men from the power of sin. They are drifting from God and their rescue must be a speedy one or it will be too late.

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

## Methodist Calendar.

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 9, at 9 a. m. to July 11, 5 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.

Mr. D. M. Glover, one of our young laymen from Austin Circuit, paid us a call last Friday.

On his way to district conference Rev. J. C. Hooks of De Vall's Bluff, spent Monday night with friends in our city.

Rev. W. F. Evans, financial agent of Henderson College, spent a few hours in the city last Monday. He is pressing his work.

Pres. J. H. Hinemon, of Henderson College, has been filling engagements for educational lectures and addresses before institutes and associations in Louisiana.

A card from Rev. J. M. Workman tells us that there were 135 accessions as the result of the great meeting at Crossett, with about twenty-five more to be received.

Prof. J. J. Doyne has resigned the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to accept the presidency of the new State Normal to be opened at Conway this fall.

Pres. J. M. Williams, of Galloway College, went before the committee on classification of our Board of Education at Nashville, Tenn., last week, and secured proper rating for his college.

Rev. C. S. Walker of Capitol Hill church, Oklahoma City, and Miss Marguerite L. Clayton of El Reno, Okla., were married on the 22nd of June. We congratulate our young friends.

Monday night the meeting at Asbury Church, Little Rock, closed after running two weeks. Bro. Swift had efficient help in Rev. P. H. Fields, of McKenzie, Tenn. About forty-five were converted and nearly that number joined the church.

We were glad to have, on Monday, a brotherly call from Dr. W. F. McMurry, our Church Extension Secretary. He had spent the Sabbath at Clarksville, Ark., helping to launch a new church building enterprise.

Our Methodist schools are the best for our own people. Parents should write to Pres. S. Anderson, Conway; Pres. J. M. Williams, Searcy; Pres. J. H. Hinemon, Arkadelphia; Prof. J. D. Clary, Fordyce; Prof. C. Orear, Stuttgart, and Prof. Williamson, Imboden, for catalogs and informations.

The fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Prof. Denny, of Vanderbilt University, exhausted one hour and a half, and exhausted his hearers as well. The tellers were ready to report when he began. Finally he stopped, and a ballot was taken and the Conference adjourned.—Philadelphia Methodist.

Hon. Geo. W. Donaghey, Democratic nominee for Governor of Arkansas, after attending the Denver Convention, will spend a month in visiting the public institutions of Colorado, Utah, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa, to study their road systems, agricultural schools, penitentiaries, and systems of taxation. He will not be out on a speech-making trip, but is preparing himself by first-hand information to suggest needed reforms and improvements in our state affairs.

Prof. Geo. B. Cook, the Democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been appointed to fill out the term of Prof. Dayne, who has resigned. Prof. Cook was once a student of Central College, our college for men in Missouri; and was a schoolmate of one of the editors. Having been superintendent of Hot Springs schools for many years, county examiner of Garland county, and officially connected with the National Educational Association, Prof. Cook comes to his high office well prepared. We may expect progress in his department.

The International Training School for Sunday school workers will hold its annual session at Searcy, Ark., July 8-14. It offers a rich program. Some of the finest Sunday school specialists will be there and many of our best Arkansas preachers and lecturers. It affords a great opportunity to superintendents and teachers for efficient preparation for better work. We should appreciate the holding of this school in our state and give it large patronage. Searcy is a delightful place and expenses are moderate. Write Rev. W. Fred Long, secretary, Little Rock, for information, and make arrangements to attend.

The appearance before Secretary of State Root recently of a delegation from the Republic of Liberia served to call attention to the lamentable failure of the plan for the establishment of an independent state, inhabited and governed by liberated slaves, on the west coast of Africa. Since Liberia became a tangible fact by the selection of a site for the state by President Monroe, it has been increasingly apparent that the Liberians were incapable of maintaining the integrity and dignity of their country, not only against the encroachments of the white man, but also against oppression and spoliation by surrounding tribes, natives to the African soil. The delegates who appeared before the Secretary of State on May 26 appealed to America, the sponsor of their country, for aid and advice in the maintenance of their vanishing independence, which is seriously menaced by incapacity at home and by pressure from abroad.—Christian Register.

## Two Trips.

The first was to the session of the Morrilton District Conference. The secretary, Rev. J. T. McBride, will probably report the proceedings in detail. Bro. J. H. Glass, the presiding elder, is always faithful and intelligent in his work. He left the conference to make his own plans of procedure. Excepting the routine matters, such as examining records and examination of candidates, the conference chose to do its business as a whole, with a committee on resolutions whose duty it was to hear all that was said on all subjects and embody in their report any deliverances which the conference might choose to make. Thus did the conference inquire into all the interests committed to it by the Discipline.

Special attention was given to the Laymen's Movement and to the temperance campaign. We heard also a most interesting and profitable discussion of domestic mission problems.

The whole occasion was enjoyable for its earnest spirit and its good fellowship. The hospitality of Morrilton, it is needless to say, was unstinted. The editor had a home which to him is always a real home when he can be there—with the McClungs.

But Sunday had to be given to Hope, Ark., according to previous arrangement. Hope is one of the very best towns in the state, has become quite a railroad center, and is growing steadily. The people are cultured and without pretense, making an almost ideal community. Our pastor, Rev. W. P. Whaley, sound as a dollar, is enjoying his pastorate and the people are enjoying his service. My association with him is always most pleasant to me. Abundant hospitality was tendered, but I could get out from the parsonage only once, to dine with the Tharps. A good congregation was present Sunday morn'g, and we had a rich service. The night hour was devoted to the prohibition cause, which had a good hearing. JAS. A. A.

## Henderson College Commencement.

I believe you have not been furnished any notice of Henderson College commencement. This was purely an oversight I am sure. It is not too late to say, through our great organ, to the friends, patrons and the rest of the folks, that we had a most excellent commencement. The many visitors and local attendants thoroughly enjoyed it. Bro. Barrett's sermon was great. Hon. H. M. Remmel's address before the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. was funny and wise. Bro. Green's alumni address was sane, sound and scientific. Hon. Calvin Cotham's address before the large graduating class was a classical production. Everybody went away happy. It was the closing of a fine year. I predict that the attendance upon the school next year will overflow our capacity. Prof. Hinemon is all smiles over the outlook. He has a fine faculty. Rev. W. F. Evans, the financial agent is on the ground and will make things hum this summer. In connection with the agency he will teach the Bible. Yes, Henderson made a fine record the past session. Be it known that Henderson College stands for character, scholarship, oratory, music and athletics. Do you all hear? Get ready to come or send.

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### The Year at Hendrix College.

Reports of our commencement say, in general terms, that this college has closed a successful year. What is to be expected. Who ever heard of a discouraging report from one of our colleges? I will furnish the items from which more definite knowledge of our year's work may be obtained.

There were 243 students matriculated, of whom twenty-two were girls, seventy-nine were in college classes. The morale of this student body was excellent; 203 of them were church members. The Y. M. C. A. enrollment was just 100. The college furnished many efficient workers in the local church. There were, among the students, thirty-four preachers and thirty-three children of preachers. All these received tuition free, amounting to \$3,148 for the year.

As respects the discipline of the college, the government represented the united action of the entire faculty. As to the general conduct of students, four-fifths of them gave us not the least trouble. Every student begins with 150 credits. These are liable to be diminished according to the rules printed in the Students' Manual, placed in the hand of each student at matriculation; 191 out of the 243 students passed the year without a single discredit. Of the remaining fifty-two fifteen got less than twenty-five.

We graduated six students; all were church members but one; all give promise of a useful and honorable career.

One item in the above report the preachers especially, but with them all who read this, should lay to heart. The college gave the preachers and their families \$3,148 in tuition this year. Our entire receipts from the three conference through the collection for education last year was \$3,282. Are any words necessary to commend the collection for education.

J. E. GODBEY.

### A Word About Our Colleges.

W. F. Dunkle.

Several brethren have written to me asking what they are to do in canvassing for students within their field of labor when they find a student who wishes to attend Epworth University.

Hence I deem a word of explanation needful. By the action of our conference last year Epworth was formally adopted as the male college of our conference, and by similar action the conference determined to have a woman's college and charged the educational commission with the duty of establishing the same, with instruction to correlate it with Epworth.

Acting under these instructions, the commission has made Spaulding College the conference woman's college as a co-ordinate part of the conference system of colleges. It was never in the mind of the conference nor of the commission that a separate and rival college to Epworth was being set up. The two are one—one system of colleges. We cannot, we must not have rival conference schools. It is our duty to send pupils to our colleges; and no matter which we send to. Both are one. Hence it is no discourtesy to canvass any of our territory for boys for Epworth and for girls for Spaulding. Equally of course, Epworth will not canvass our field for girls, but if they prefer to go there, then let them go—encourage them to go.

On the other hand, Spaulding canvassers should seek to send all our boys to Epworth; just as Epworth canvassers should seek to send our girls to Spaulding. Only by such a correlation can we hope to prevent the un-

happy and suicidal policy of two rival colleges canvassing our territory and seeking to take away from each other support and patronage. Unless the conference can so control its school system as to prevent this, it had better keep out of the school business altogether and let it be run as a private commercial affair. But I have no fears at this point. My only fear is that our pastors and people will forget to work, plan and pray for the conference schools at all. What we most need now is a vigorous canvass, by every one of us, of all our territory, an earnest effort to get every available student into our conference colleges this fall. O that a great purpose would overtake us in this matter! When shall we again have such a day of opportunity?

Muskogee, Okla., June 27.

### Adamic Sin.

Some good brother has sprung the old subject of Adamic sin. Well, is there any such thing? If so, where did we get it? Who is responsible for it? Is it sin? Then it did not come from God, but is traceable to the author of sin. If it is of the devil then there is but one remedy and that the blood of Christ. He came for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

If it's sin, it's not in the flesh; then we might mortify and smother it out. But it's deeper than the flesh and beyond our human reach or power, and if sin must go, "it's not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," we may realize its presence, fight its effects, watch and pray and guard words, thoughts and actions as we may, and at every turn of the road we find the same innate tendency. So there is but one refuge—and that seems to be the utter destruction, root and branch, and this not in death and the grave, not purgatory, but the power of God, in harmony with the blood of Christ now. This seems the only solution to the whole problem. Amen.

J. T. MILLER.

### State-Wide Prohibition.

Editor Western Methodist: The interest in the political campaign for the year 1908 in Arkansas, has been increased by reason of the fact, that the Republicans in their platform have declared in favor of State-Wide Prohibition, and the Democrats in convention have urged the submission of the same question to a vote of the people of the State during the year 1909.

I have reached the conclusion through my efforts to get rid of the saloon in my own town, that there is a way to get the benefit of State-Wide Prohibition, but by securing the passage by the General Assembly of a law repealing that part of our revenue law, which provides for a license or privilege tax on dram-shops.

Our laws regulating the sale of liquor should be left as they are, except, that it should be made unlawful for any county, town or city to charge or collect any license tax on saloons or dram-shops. To do this would destroy one of the most effective arguments in favor of the saloon, and thus destroy the motive which induces many communities to allow saloons in their midst. I feel confident that if the power to collect a tax from the saloon was taken away, that there is not a city, town or county that would have saloons. Even the city of Little Rock would get rid of them.

You can find people who will talk for hours about the amount of trade that saloons bring to their towns, and why the saloon is better than the blind tiger, but if you make the

proposition to them to do away with this tax, they will always refuse.

Saloons recognize the fact that the license (either high or low) is the means by which they can bribe their way into a community, therefore they are always in favor of a tax. They pay the tax not that they are less opposed to taxation than the average citizen, but because they know that the strongest argument or a least the most effective, is to pay money.

The Commercial-Appeal, a great newspaper published in the city of Memphis, Tenn., and read by thousands in Arkansas, appreciates the strength of this kind of argument, therefore for weeks it has been publishing editorial after editorial, in its effort to show the people of Tennessee what they will lose in revenue by State-wide Prohibition. Of course we know that to make such an argument is to place a very low estimate on the patriotism of the people, yet it is a notorious fact that through the means of the License System, saloons have been able to bribe their way into a number of communities.

Let us get rid of the saloon, by getting rid of the license tax. Let it be no longer said that our people do not have business sense enough to run our city, county and State government without the aid of the saloon tax.

This is written with the hope that the question may be discussed and through this means good may result for the cause of temperance.

WILL T. TRICE.

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### Ada District and the Church Papers.

Editor Western Methodist: Find the text of a resolution unanimously passed by the recent session of the Ada District Conference.

Resolved, first, That the pastors of Ada district make a heroic effort to put the Western Methodist and Go Forward into every Methodist Church home, in Ada district, by September the first. Second, that in so far as they fail to do so, they furnish the laymen's district organization with a list of all who for any cause do not take them, and that the laymen proceed to raise a fund and complete the work by November the first.

As author of the above resolution I wish to offer the following suggestions. In the first place, the primary work of missions is to disseminate missionary information. The most direct, constant and immediate means for this is our church papers. There are so many reasons why these papers should be found in the hands of all our people, I forbear to say more, and take up the question of how to get them there. Let the pastor take the initiative and make it distinctly understood that they are going to get them. That the Laymen are back of the movement and it makes no difference why they do not take them, they are coming. With this fact before our people, (not the pastor, but the Laymen doing it), we will find that nearly all, if not quite all, will take them at once. Then again, that in such cases of those who are unable to take them, or think them not worth the price demanded, let them pay as much as they are able or willing to pay for them, receive the amount, credit them with the amount, paid, and on September the first report to the Laymen's organization and let them pay the balance due on partially paid subscriptions. We may rest assured if we can do this work once it will not be difficult to keep it done. Perhaps many of the few who say they are unable to take them, or that the price is too high, would in a short time, decide that they were mistaken and pay all or the balance of the unpaid subscription, which when paid should be forwarded to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Laymen's Board.

Of course this would make a little work for the pastor, but his time and labor could not be expended in a better and more profitable way. The added amount of labor would be in the visiting of members who do not attend Church and should be sought out. Then again, one of the most important and indispensable things would be a list of all the members, or rather church homes, on a book carefully kept for that purpose and containing the names, amounts paid, and such a record as would necessarily become permanent and a very useful fixture to the pastors. All fully paid up subscriptions should be sent to the publishers as soon as taken, and those that are paid in part only, should be sent through the hands of the Laymen.

Let us feel that this is not the pastor's method of coercion, but a missionary effort for an advance movement, and how we as pastors would shout for joy if it could be said that every Methodist home in my charge, in my district, has these two most all important papers to a Methodist home. The price of the two papers for a whole year is only one dollar and seventy-five cents. Of course if we have any members who will not receive them under any conditions whatever, even as a gift of the gospel of love, they are not worthy of the name Methodist, and we would lose nothing when their names are taken from our rolls. Brethren of the Ada District, two months, ample time, is yet ahead of us for doing our part

in this matter; let us be up and doing, and see how little the Laymen will have to do to complete the work. If we cannot do our part the Laymen cannot do theirs. Let us do our part, untie the hands of the Laymen and give them a chance. The Laymen cannot reach the church until we as pastors aid them in putting some medium of communication into the hands of the people.

C. B. CAMPBELL.

### Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

My Dear Mrs. Trueheart:

Permit me in behalf of the Board of Missions to present a statement concerning the Laymen's Missionary Conference, which held its sessions in Chattanooga, April 21-23.

We had over 1000 lay delegates present, with some 500 preachers in addition. The conference was characterized by the presence and power of the Spirit in great measure. Among the utterances which placed the Missionary cause upon a high level, was that of our beloved Bishop A. W. Wilson, who addressed the conference on the morning of April 22, on "The One Great Mission of the Church."

During the session of our conference, a declaration of our laymen was read and unanimously adopted, which expressed their sense of gratitude to God for the opportunity in the work of His Church, and desire at the same time that they might be divinely guided in the right use of their light and opportunities. They accepted the estimate of 40,000,000 souls as their just share of the unevangelized peoples, for which we, as a Church, are in the Providence of God responsible.

They agreed at the same time in order to the evangelization of these millions to undertake to raise our present contributions including those of your board, from an aggregate sum of \$750,000 to a total of \$3,000,000 annually. This would mean a four-fold increase in money and missionaries; but would not be more than one missionary to every one thousand of our membership, and less than two dollars for each member of our Church.

In view of our wealth and equipment, together with the urgency of the obligation, this was considered neither unreasonable nor impracticable. They therefore resolved to immediately set about reaching this goal, and call upon the leaders of the Church to set this aim before our membership. They explicitly requested the Bishops, Secretaries, Presiding Elders and Pastors to make the watchword for the year, "A Million Dollars for Missions."

Our brethren have also resolved, that:

"Since prayer is our mightiest human agency, we urge on our brethren in common with other bodies, to join in the use of the noon hour each day as a time of prayer for the awakening of the church to a sense of its obligation, and for the speedy evangelization of the world."

May I not request a reading of this communication to your Board in annual session, with the suggestion that you give the proposition of the responsibility for the forty million souls, and co-operate with us in placing 1600 missionaries on the field, as the ultimate objective towards which we shall together work, it will be a source of inspiration to our Laymen, and will greatly aid you in your own larger planning for extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With sincere regards and heartfelt wishes for a profitable session, and regretting my inability to be with you, I remain,

Cordially your brother,

W. R. LAMBUTH.

The foregoing letter was read by Mrs. True-

heart to the Board in annual session in New Orleans, May 1-7. The appropriations for all the fields were under careful consideration and a shadow of doubt existed as to whether the Board could meet the needs of the various fields. The reading of Dr. Lambuth's letter brought with it deeper conviction for the speedy evangelization of the nations—and a corresponding sense of co-operation and the strong right arm of the splendid Laymen of the Church.

The best expression of the Board of its acceptance, of the responsibility, and co-operation, with the Laymen, for the extension of the Kingdom was the adoption of the appropriations for:

China .....	\$39,700
Korea .....	61,160
Mexico .....	48,025
Brazil .....	33,465
Cuba .....	10,650
Indian Missions .....	2,500

Total .....	\$195,500
Contingent .....	8,000

Total .....	\$203,500
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The pledges taken from the Conference Secretaries amounted to \$127,050.

The Board shares the Laymen's watchword for the year in making its own "\$300,000 and an advance in membership and Spiritual power."

Already a splendid increase has been made by the Conference Societies in recent annual meetings. "On to Victory." Sincerely,

MRS. W. F. BARNUM,

Vice President Western Division.

### Mangum District and Our Conference Schools.

The time has fully come in the Mangum District when there should be a vigorous, united effort in rallying to our own Methodist schools. The very fact that this section is somewhat separated, by distance, from our schools, only makes this effort the more necessary. A matter of convenience should by no means be considered. Only two things should be considered—giving our boys and girls a Christian education, and patronizing our own conference schools. This is a plain duty we owe our children and our church.

If Oklahoma is a better place to live than the surrounding states, then let us make it a better state in which to educate our children. Methodist patronage is the only thing to bring success. Buildings and endowments are utter failures without pupils.

Epworth University and Spaulding Female College are prepared to care for our Methodist young people. Then why send them elsewhere? Is it not often mere sentiment? Then what of duty and loyalty to our own educational interests? Our young people can never become properly identified with Oklahoma Methodism unless we educate them in our own schools. In fact, the lack of loyalty is a constant foe to Methodism. We are too liberal in some things for our own good.

No conference can succeed without her own schools. Religion and Christian Education go hand-in-hand. To neglect either is to hurt the other. An intelligent Christianity is a serious need of today. Ignorance handicaps us at every corner in our church work and progress.

The church believes, on the authority of the Bible, that Christianity is the only right basis for true education. God's own plan for the best and highest development of the human race. "For other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus." No

work, faith, life, education can stand the test unless built on this foundation. Well has it been said, "The Church has always had a deeper motive than the State in education."

Webster says: "Education implies the discipline of the intellect, the establishment of right principles and the regulation of the heart." Mental and moral culture—the whole man. Education without Christ and the Bible tends to rationalism, skepticism, agnosticism and infidelity.

I appeal to the Methodist parents of Mangum District to invest in Christian education and send your sons and daughters to our own schools of our conference. Choose for them in this, as you do, or should do, in other things. It is an investment that will give larger and more lasting returns than anything else. If you have a son, send him to Epworth. If a daughter, send her to Spaulding. The hope of the future home is an educated, Christian womanhood. She is the true home maker. Her household will bear the marks of her influence to the third and fourth generations. Some one has well said: "If you would perfect this civilization you must perfect women."

I appeal to every pastor in the district to begin at once a vigorous canvass for our schools. Representatives from various kinds of schools will be in your territory at work. We trust the sermon on "Christian Education," required in the Discipline, will be preached to every congregation. Personal work will be of much value. Every boy and girl in each charge should be spoken to personally, and encouraged to seek an education. Among them are many jewels in the rough. Is it not the pastor's privilege and duty to seek them out for our schools that they may be prepared for larger usefulness in Church and State?

L. L. JOHNSON.

#### Tendencies to Dissolution—Some Needed Reforms.

The undemocratic Democracy of the times in which we find ourselves tends to the disintegration, and final dissolution of organization. For instance:

1st. The editors of a conference organ ask for help to circulate our paper. The various conferences meet and resolve that certain definite work shall be done by each pastor, within a given time. Result: One preacher in twenty makes some effort to carry out the resolution, and nineteen make no effort any more than if they were not bound by, nor were parties to, the resolution; hence the resolution is void except as advertising matter.

2nd. Certain preachers are appointed on certain boards, and important committees, by our annual and district conferences, to serve for a quadrennium or less. They remain at home, or go visiting, or in some way find a pretext upon which to delay their arrival at the seat of the conferences, and thus delay the business of the conference, because this is a free country, and preachers may not be expected to miss a marriage fee, or to attend the burial of some infant, for the sake of meeting promptly, to attend to such insignificant matters as are to come before them in conference committees(?)

3rd. A presiding elder writes every preacher in his district asking that they give him "certain definite and important information at once," and half the preachers never think of replying to his request at all.

4th. The preacher in charge of some charge where a conference is to be held notifies all concerned, that it is very important that he shall be notified as to the number who will

attend and the conveyances by which they expect to arrive, and he may get five or six postals giving the desired information, and he may think himself fortunate if even this number reply at all.

5th. A preacher in charge takes the time and trouble to write from fifty to a hundred personal letters to his members making a definite request to be complied with, within a given time; he pays postage and within the specified time he may have a full dozen replies for all his work, trouble and postage.

6th. A presiding elder writes every member of a board of stewards of the average circuit fifteen days before the quarterly conference requesting them to be in readiness for the occasion. The day arrives and the P. E. steps off the train, and meets the chairman of the board of stewards, and the steward greets him with, "Why is this quarterly conference? I got your letter but the time slipped my memory, and we are not ready." Somebody is disgusted. Guess who it is!

7th. Great conferences of Laymen are called and they do some excellent talking, and resolving, knowing all the while that it is consecrated money that is needed by the Church, and yet nobody dares to resolve that

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How long would any business or secular institution survive under such methods?

In conclusion: Possibly the comprehension of this writer is in eclipse, if so let some one kindly blow away the clouds so that he may see if he is laboring under an optical, or mental delusion.

#### ACTION.

#### The Law of Sociality in the Church.

There must be a certain degree of ordinary sociality in the living, thriving congregation. This is essential to permanency and growth.

This rule does not require that every member of the church shall know every other member of the church, or that all shall be received on terms of intimacy by all. This would be impossible, and if it were possible it would be undesirable. That form of intimacy would meet too many obstacles. The very poor would be wretched in the luxurious residences of the rich. The very ignorant could not enjoy the society of the intelligent and the learned. There always have been social distinctions, and it is right that there should be.

Christianity imposes duties upon all. Paul's Epistles are great books of Christian etiquette. Experience teaches that confidence is a plant of slow growth. Habits of reserve grow imperceptibly upon us until we fail to see how completely walled and barricaded our hearts are from all the world save our own immediate friends and acquaintances. If we could see and feel this we might modify it. Happy are they that can do so, and happy the church containing several that can do so. When we consider intimate friends, putting the full meaning upon the words "friends" and "intimate," a very small number are all that we need and all that we can ever have. Human nature is not capacious enough to have many intimate friends; too numerous would be the secrets the responsibilities, the drafts on our sensibilities. Persons who sigh after an intimacy with a large number little imagine how perplexed they would be if their wishes were gratified.

Nevertheless, to a healthy, happy church the spirit of sociality is as necessary as sunlight to flowers. It should be manifest at the close of the service, in the Sabbath school, in the social gatherings of the church, and with neighbors in adjacent pews. Yet, even in Methodist congregations, year after year some within a few feet of each other never so much as make an acquaintance, and others do not pass beyond the moving of the head with the regularity of a toy, without a sparkle of the eye, without a modulation of the voice. There are many families who, should they remove to a distant city and there be treated as they treat others who come from distant states to the churches in which they are pillars, would be wretched indeed.

A certain class are always afraid to hold out the olive branch to strangers for fear that the strangers are "not what they ought to be." There is no member of a church who has a stable character, with its concomitant, a well established reputation, who cannot hazard a courteous approach to a stranger within the gates. Usually there is little hazard in one or two calls by which one can determine the degree of subsequent acquaintance. Sociality depends largely on habit, and experiment would convince any skeptic that it is a blessing to the giver as well as the receiver. A free holding out of the hand by the leading members of a church, to the young, the poor, or the new comer, a quiet unpretending call by some one upon an unknown family in affliction are often as great a luxury to those who bestow as to the recipients. In the light of the Apostle James, the most practical of all the biblical writers, conditions in many churches seem like a burlesque of Christianity: "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come into your assembly a man with a gold ring, in good apparel, and there come also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: are ye not then partial in yourselves, and become judges of evil thoughts?"

If any leader in a church where there are no rich rejoices within himself to see this passage placed before the rich, he may well consider whether in the church which he attends there are not similar distinctions. To those who obtain an interior view hard-and-fast lines are often even more visible than in churches where the rich are found.

At our first visit to Washington a year or two before the civil war, while yet slavery

existed and no sign of its disappearance was on the horizon, we made careful inquiry about the state of the free colored people of that city, as well as the slaves, and found that there were several orders of society among the free colored, as plainly drawn as in any community of Anglo-Saxon or of European descent.

This caused us to inquire in Ireland, England and Scotland, a few years afterward, as to the marked lines, and we found the same, both in and out of the churches. And this led us when traveling in Sweden, only twenty-four years ago, to observe in Methodists societies whether there were any germs of such distinctions. The answer was: "The germs are constantly springing up, but by the grace of God we check them." One wise man observed that the semi-persecution which the Swedes then endured for Methodism, was a good antidote for such things. Such germs are in human nature; and the gospel is utterly opposed to them when they restrict that heart-to-heart communion which depends entirely on unity in Christ.—New York Christian Advocate.

#### The Official Attitude of the Catholic Church.

The attitude of Roman Catholics toward saloons and the liquor evil in general has of late been a matter of interest to the public. Leading secular papers have taken special pains to put before the public the fact that Cardinal Gibbons, the leading and most influential prelate in the United States, and Archbishop Blenk, the head of the Church in Louisiana, openly espoused the cause of high license. This is equivalent to saying that these dignitaries favor the saloon under strict regulation. Naturally, the people take it for granted that this is the attitude of Roman Catholics generally. But this is not the attitude of the Church. "A Catholic Layman" in the Times-Democrat of June 14 sets forth to be what he takes to be the position of the Church. He tells that the third Plenary Council of the Church in the United States, held in Baltimore in 1884, discussed the liquor evil fully and made a deliverance which was submitted to the Pope and approved by him. In the report to the Pope the Council said: "It is with sorrow that we make known to you the many miseries which our people are suffering from the effect of the liquor traffic, and we admonish with all the authority that we possess all Catholics in this country who are engaged in the liquor business to give up such a calling as being most dangerous to themselves and to those depending on them, and to take up some less dangerous and more honorable way of making a living; and we further order that this letter of warning be read in all churches in the United States for three successive Sundays." That is a fair deliverance, but the great mass of Roman Catholics in the country never paid any attention to it, and today the great majority of saloon keepers in the cities are members of that church, and "Catholic Layman" says "we do not hear one word of warning from those in authority as to what the Church has said in regard" to quitting the business and going into a "more honorable way" of making a living.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

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### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. W. Lester ..... Editor

Scripture Lesson for July 5: Prov. 29:18; Psa. 46; Matt. 3:5-12.

Topic: Spiritual Vision and National Vitality.

To have citizenship in a Christian nation is no small thing. It opens many a door of opportunity at one's feet and lays many a burden of responsibility upon one's shoulders. To get a vision of the privilege and the responsibility of such citizenship is among the first duties of every citizen. To live true to the vision had is the only way to make permanent the life of our nation. To get no vision or to fail to be true to the vision had will alike prove disastrous to the nation's life. Where there is no vision the people perish, and where the vision is not lived up to the axe is already laid unto the root of the tree of national life.

1. A vision of the privilege of Christian citizenship. When we compare our privileges with those of many other peoples we can see how much more greatly blessed we are than they. We are a people peculiarly favored of God with high privileges. The providential hand of God has been at work through many centuries past on battlefields and in parliaments to give us these privileges. Among them might be mentioned: (1) Freedom of thought and speech. By this each citizen has the right to present his views, by voice or pen, upon any legitimate question that may concern us and be protected in that right by the strong arm of his government. (2) Freedom of conscience. This is the privilege to worship God as conscience, not man, dictates. Every citizen is guaranteed in the matter of worshipping God, the sovereignty of his conscience. He can worship God as he will. (3) The right of a free ballot. By this every male citizen who has reached the age of twenty-one has the right to directly participate in the management of the officers of the government. His vote together with the other votes cast determine who shall fill the various offices in city, township, county, state and nation. These officers in turn make, interpret, and execute the laws of the land. Thus every citizen from the humblest private to the highest official, is one of the rulers of our nation.

2. A Vision of the Obligation of Christian Citizenship. The obligation arises out of these great privileges. No man can enjoy such blessings and escape a correspondingly great obligation. Add to this the fact that government is of God, divine in its origin and in its purpose. (see Rom. 13:1-6) and you have heightened exceedingly the obligations of citizenship. It is that God by His own ordering has placed us in the midst of such favorable conditions, expecting us to co-operate with Him in forwarding toward their final fulfillment His plans for redeeming and saving the whole of man's life. The purpose of government is the purpose of God. Such citizenship brings us under the obligation of helping to maintain and perpetuate it. How? First, this obligation compels each citizen to a constant and universal obedience to all laws not in conflict with his conscience. No State has the right to compel or ask one of its citizens to violate his conscience. But every citizen is under the highest obligation to yield constant and universal obedience to all other laws of his state. "There can be no greater alarm rung in human society than the announcement that the law has been broken. It means that the hand of an enemy has been raised against every

one in the civil and social organization. Whoever does so, says Mr. Lincoln, tramples upon the blood of his fathers who shed it to organize and cement the law, and he tears into shreds the charter of his own and his children's liberty." Meth. Quarterly Review for April, 1908. In view of the increasing disregard for the law in our land, by officials and private citizens, the duty of obedience becomes the more important by every true citizen. Again, the obligation of Christian citizenship binds every citizen to cast a Christian vote. It is cowardly and false in us to refuse to vote. Neither can a Christian man think to discharge his duty by lining up with any of the great political parties, especially on questions and offices of local concern. This is partisanship but may be far from patriotism. He must cast a Christian vote: one that has intelligence in it. As far as possible know the men and measures for whom you vote; one that has patriotism in it. One that has a real love of your country in it, and not merely adherence to party; one that has conscience in it. Let your conscience rather than a political boss or a whole party dictate your vote. This is the only vote that can maintain and perpetuate a Christian nation.

#### 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. E. Hoss.**  
South Brazil Mission Conference, Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 4.  
Brazil Mission Conference, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, July 25.  
Hollen Conference, Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 7.  
Tennessee Conference, McMinnville, Tenn., Oct. 14.  
Memphis Conference, Covington, Tenn., Nov. 11.  
North Georgia Conference, Gainesville, Ga., Nov. 18.  
Alabama Conference, Greensboro, Ala., Dec. 2.
- Eighth District—Bishop Seth Ward.**  
Japan Mission Conference, Arima, Japan, Sept. 2.  
Korean Mission Conference, Songdo, Korea, Sept. 16.  
China Mission Conference, Shanghai, China, Sept. 30.  
Louisiana Conference, Leesville, La., Dec. 9.
- Ninth District—Bishop James Atkins.**  
Montana Conference, Butte, Mont., Sept. 10.  
East Columbia Conference, Milton, Ore., Sept. 16.  
Columbia Conference, Portland, Ore., Sept. 24.  
Pacific Conference, Stockton, Cal., Oct. 7.  
Los Angeles Conference, Redlands, Cal., Oct. 15.  
Oklahoma Conference, Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 4.  
Western North Carolina Conference, Asheville, N. C., Nov. 18.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### July 5. Israel Asks for a King.

Golden Text.—By me kings reign and princes decree justice. Prov. 8:5.

Lesson Text.—1 Samuel 8.

The first two quarters of this year have been devoted to a study of the life of Christ as presented by the Apostle John. We trust these lessons have been well learned and inwardly digested by all our scholars. Now we return to the history of the Hebrews, taking up the narrative where we left it at the close of the last year. Our lesson text in the Old Testament was Samuel the Upright Judge. Samuel was a good man and the people had great confidence in him to the last. He seems to have made a great mistake, however in appointing his sons judges over Israel. They were his sons but they had not the sense to follow in his footsteps. His reputation for honesty and justice seems not to have appeared desirable in their sight and they sought to oppress the people. The people were quick to discern the signs of the times and were loud in their protestations against the condition of affairs. We believe that Samuel made a mistake in appointing his sons to such a high and holy office without first consulting the Lord and we are sure that the people made a worse one by turning down the system that had been instituted by God on so slight a pretext. Samuel, who was always a conscientious man felt deeply the mortification of having to present to the Lord the request of the people.

But let us review briefly the conditions that existed in Israel during the times of the judges. The reader will remember the great miracles by which the people crossed the Jordan and captured Jericho. All seemed to go well for a time but it was not long until the people proved their unworthiness by a failure to observe the simplest commands of God. Joshua was a great man and a great leader but he was mortified at the derelictions of the people knowing that the defeats that were suffered during his life were directly traceable to the sins of the people. He was not able to keep them from turning from God and God must turn his face from them. We saw Joshua, then an old man, pleading with a stiff-necked and hard-hearted people to turn from their wickedness and idols, asserting that as for him and his house, "We will serve the Lord." The result of the waywardness of the people was that the promised land was not conquered and the heathen was not driven out. Joshua did not live to see the land completely in the hands of the tribes of Israel. When Samuel took charge as judge the war-like Philistines still occupied the western border of the land and had made successful raids and wars on the tribes that lay near them. The Amalekites still occupied the hill country of their southern borders, while the desert tribes beyond Jordan did not fail to give them trouble. Worse than this, there were several walled cities scattered throughout the land that had resisted every attack that had been made by the Israelites. If the preceding chapters are read it will be seen that just before this request for a king was made Samuel had come into contact with and had routed the Philistines and had raised a stone in commemoration of it. The system seemed a failure. Not because the plan was defective, not because the Lord was not true to his word and able to destroy all the enemies of the people but because the people were not true to God. They were wedded to their idols. They had rejected God. They had done this in their

hearts many years before this lesson. Now they make a formal request for the abolition of the system and the appointment of a king. The Lord graciously told Samuel that it was not a rejection of the prophet-judge but of the Lord Almighty.

Samuel was as great a man after the king was elected as before. He was relieved of the care of the political affairs of the people and devoted his energies to the education of the prophets and sons of the prophets. The people soon discovered that they were no better off under a king than they had been under the judges. They had hoped that by the appointment of a king the scattered tribes would be more completely knit together, but the result was that the kingdom was soon divided never to be reunited and instead of becoming a united people they became permanently and hopelessly divided.

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### Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

One of our pastors reported at a recent district conference that his Sunday school would not observe Children's Day this year as the superintendent had taken a vote on it and the school had decided not to have it. That is an unwise thing for any superintendent to do. I would not leave such important matters to a lot of children and others who do not know the meaning of such an occasion. It is not a matter to be left to a vote anyway. Neither the pastor nor the superintendent has any power or authority to set it aside. See Discipline, paragraph 248, which says "it shall be observed." That is the law of the Church, and every loyal pastor and superintendent will see that it is duly obeyed.

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### Pastors, Send It Monday.

A great many pastors fail to send in their Children's Day collections promptly. Why they neglect this we do not understand. If they were under some financial obligations that some of us are under to carry on the work, they would understand why it is so necessary to send it on Monday morning after you have held the service. Send this money to Rev. T. L. Rippey, Ada, Okla.

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Dr. Watkinson says that "The missionary enterprise is the very salt of our civilization. If you want to put a ring of fire around the grandest civilization that this world has ever seen, put a belt of mission stations around your empire, and your empire will last until the millennium." Some of us believe that the Sunday School is the best place in the church to teach the subject of missions; for when we teach the children we begin at the beginning. If pastors, superintendents and teachers do their duty, this generation will not pass until this "ring of fire" begirds the world. The Sunday Schools of the Oklahoma Conference are attempting to do something towards its consummation.

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It is a shame, and shows deep ingratitude and disloyalty, for any pastor or any superintendent to fail to emphasize the Birthday offerings for church extension. It is so easy to do and may be made such an impressive little service. Then think of the whole church doing this thing for building churches in Oklahoma! No Sunday School in this conference ought to neglect it. But three-fourths of them are neglecting it. We are sorry—and ashamed!

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### Baptize the Children.

We have urged our pastors and superintendents to make the baptism of children a

part of the program for Children's Day. We have reports from a number who have observed it. It is a beautiful, scriptural service anywhere; but it is eminently befitting and appropriate at this time that we urge every pastor who has not had his Children's Day, to make it a part of the program. The "Cradle Roll" specially ought to be looked after in this regard. Won't you do it, brethren.

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### Account of One Children's Day Service.

1. The superintendent and others had been untiring in preparing the program.
2. There were 262 in the regular Sunday School that morning.
3. The 11 o'clock hour was devoted to the service.
4. The congregation was immense.
5. Many said it was the finest program for Children's Day exercises they had ever seen.
6. Three infants were baptized at this service.
7. Collection, \$50.00.

We cannot tabulate the other items that, no doubt, entered into this service; and as popularizing the cause, giving inspiration for the work, furnishing a day of delight to children and to parents. The letter, of which this note is an analysis, may be found on this page.

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### Birthday Offering—Mangum District.

I kindly ask that the Sunday school superintendents and pastors of the Mangum district see to it that the "Birthday Offerings" are sent direct to Dr. W. F. McMurphy, Louisville, Ky., and not to our conference teller. I have this information direct from Dr. McMurphy. When the "jar" is full, send off at once.

L. L. JOHNSON.

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### What We Ought to Do.

1. In and through the Sunday Schools of the Oklahoma Conference we ought to have 2,000 or more conversions this year.
2. From the Sunday Schools we ought to have at least 3,000 additions to our church.
3. We ought to put at least nine missionaries in the foreign field before the end of the year, to be supported by the schools.
4. We ought to, and we could put \$4,000 into the Church Extension treasury from the Birthday offerings. Twelve cents per capita would do it.
5. We ought to have 400 Sunday Schools and 4,000 members by conference.
6. About \$379 Sunday Schools ought to observe Children's Day—even if it takes all summer.
7. From this Children's Day, we ought to receive \$1,200—to be used in carrying on the campaign to greater victory.

Yes, we are hopeful, and we are dealing with a hopeful crowd—the young people. If the pessimists will stand aside, this great Sunday School will march on to victory.

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### He Had Outgrown It.

"About how many people have you here?" asked Rossman as they stepped from the depot platform to the hard walk that led up Main street.

"Something over a thousand," answered Harris.

"Pretty little place," said Rossman with an amused, patronizing smile.

He knew that such places existed, of course, for he had seen them from the window of a Pullman, but for thirty years he had scarcely realized there were such places without pavement, electric lights, street cars, cabs and automobiles.

"Well, hello, Jake."

"Hello, Harris."

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"Something over a thousand," answered Harris.

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Your new cousin,  
MYRTLE BARRENTINE.

Weldon, Ark., June 22, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little boy eleven years of age and this is my first attempt to write a piece in the Methodist. My papa has taken the Methodist ever since 1883. He is a Confederate veteran and is sixty-five years old. My mama is forty-eight years old. My papa has a little store in Weldon and I help him all I can when I am not at school. Our day-school is out; we have a good Sunday School. Bro. Barrentine is our preacher and papa and mama belong to the Methodist church. My pets are a calf and two pigs. If I see this in print I will come again.

Your cousin,  
HERBERT A. WISE.

Kully Chaha, Okla., June 21, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I will write, as I was encouraged in seeing my letter in print before. My father takes the Methodist paper and I enjoy reading the children's page. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mr. John King. My father is the superintendent. I have one brother and four sisters, and one brother and one sister dead. I live on the farm and like farming very much. Eula Parrish I will answer your question, where

Moses was when he died. He died on Mt. Nebo in the land of Moab. Jessie Stidman, I will answer your question, how old was Joseph when his brother sold him, he was seventeen years old. Well, I will close by asking how many times (and) occurs in the New Testament.

Your new cousin,  
CLELIA MILLER.

Adona, Ark., June 17, 1908.

Dear Cousins: It has been some time since I have written, so I thought I would write again. The Teachers' Institute has just closed here and I attended every day, all except Monday morning. It was very instructive to the young people and I enjoyed it very much. Their instructor's name was Prof. Dickerson. Our school opens again in October and lasts till May. Our teachers' names are Mr. and Mrs. Huey. I am in the 6th and 7th grade and I am thirteen years old. Miss Flossie, your letter was very interesting. I would like to read some more of your letters.

I remain as ever your cousin,  
RUTH SHELTON.

Dalark, Ark., June 16, 1908.

Dear Cousins: Will you please admit a little boy of fifteen summers into your happy corner? I enjoy reading the letters so much. My mama takes the Methodist. I go to Sunday School every Sunday and like it very much. My school will start in July. I am in the 7th grade. I have three brothers and one sister, and for pets I have none but a horse. How many of the cousins like to ride horse-back? I do. Well I will close for this time.

Your new cousin,  
SIDNEY SHIPP.

Mosley, Ark., June 24, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write for the first time. I am a little girl ten years old. My mama takes the Methodist. I like to read the cousins' letters. We live on a farm and have lots of nice fruit to eat. How many of you cousins like to go to Sunday School and church? I do for one. We have been having a big meeting here. Some of you cousins ought to have been here. We had some good preaching. Brother Woodruff is our pastor. We like him fine.

Your loving cousin,  
DEWEY THILMAN.

Atoka, Okla., June 15, 1908.

Dear Cousins: As I have never written, I will write and tell you about my home. The Masonic Home of Atoka was established by the Masonic fraternity of Indian Territory, Jan. 1st, 1908. The first day there were eighteen; now there are thirty, fifteen girls and fifteen boys. The oldest is sixteen, the youngest three. I have two brothers; they are here with me. The larger girls have control of the cooking department and the girls' dormitory. The small girls help with the work. We have a kind matron and superintendent—Mr. and Mrs. Choate. We expect to visit the Masonic Temple at South McAlester this summer. This is only a temporary home. It has twenty rooms. The new home will be established in two or three years. We went to the public school. It was out in May. My teacher's name was Miss Conley. I will be in the seventh grade next term. I am thirteen years old. The rules we have are not severe and our mothers can come to see us any time and visitors are always welcome. Mrs. E. M. Wilson is our seamstress. She is so good and kind to us. I will answer Eula Parrish's question. Moses died in the land of Moab. For fear of the waste basket I will close.

Your new cousin,  
ALINE CRUME.

Faber, Ark., June 9, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I will write again. I was glad to see my piece in print. We are going to have a summer school. I want to go every day I can. Papa said if we got our crop worked out in time we would go with uncle Elisha fishing. I have me a little target gun and papa said I could take it with me. The peddler came around yesterday and mama bought me some goods to make me some pants. I have a nice time going after the mail; it is three miles. I have got so I can shoot my gun fine, but I haven't killed anything with it yet. It

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GUSS DUTHERAGE.

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Dear Methodist: I will write for my second time. My papa takes this paper and I enjoy reading the children's letters. I am in the fourth grade in school. I have some little guineas and a doll named Ruby. Papa has a good old gentle horse and I can ride her. I hope the cousins have apples; we have some. My sister Ruth's birthday will be next Saturday, which will be the 13th of June. She will be thirteen years old. My mother is a Baptist and papa is a Methodist. My married sister belongs to the Methodist church too. We sure have some pretty flowers. It is raining now pretty hard. There is to be a big meeting at the Methodist church next month.

Your cousin,  
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Protom, Mo., June 16, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write for my first time. I am a little girl nine years old. I have two brothers and two sisters. I guess Woodie Shipley's age is fifteen. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. I will close.

Your little friend,  
RUTH OWEN.

Greenbrier, Ark., June 13, 1908.

R.F.D. No. 1.  
Dear Western Methodist: I thought I would write to the cousins' page for the second time. It has been so long since I wrote the first time I expect all the cousins have forgotten me. I will be nine years old in December. For pets I have a little colt, her name is Victor; and two little calves, their names are March and April. I can put a rope on them and drive them to the pasture. I help papa plow in the corn, and in other places too. I have been spelling and reading some of the cousins' letters; some of them are fine. I fear I am not trying to read and write very hard. I expect to start to school soon now, for the first time. It has rained a big rain today. We had a good Children's Day the fifth Sunday in May. Our pastor was with us and made a good talk. His name is Bro. Snell. He and his wife are good people. We all like them fine. Our protracted meeting begins the first Sunday in July under a tent. Bro. Alvin E. Goode will be with us. We are hoping to have a good meeting. I will answer Bascom Brothers' question, it was to show Mary and Martha his power. I will ask one: Whose mule was it that talked and what did it say? Hoping to see this in print, I will close.

As ever your cousin,  
JOHNIE MILLER.

Paragould, Ark., June 11, 1908.

R. F. D. No. 2  
I will now take great pleasure in writing one more letter to our paper. It has been so long since I wrote. I think it was in February when I wrote last. I lived at Brighton then. I was proud to see so many nice letters in our paper last week. I hope next week there will not be any room for anything but letters. Why don't you boys help us fill our page? I like to see letters from boys. Cousins, I wonder why Ruth Carr doesn't write us another interesting story. I am getting so anxious to see another story from her; so many compliment her stories. I went to preaching at Shiloh last Sunday. Our presiding elder preached for us. It is about two miles to Shiloh from where I live, and is about one mile to Fairview church. Our singing association this 4th of July will be at Finch, about ten miles from here. I sure do want to go. I hope all the cousins will have a

nice time this 4th. The Baptist association will be in August. How many of the cousins work in the field? I do. I hoed corn this morning for awhile, and had to quit, it was so awful wet, for we have had so much rain for the last two weeks. How many of the cousins live on a rural route? I do. Our mail box is quite a little piece from the house; we live on a hill; it is a large hill, too. We had to carry water up a hill for a good while, but we have a new well now and it isn't half so hard to get water. I would like to know why Fronie Copland doesn't write again. I would like to read one of her letters. We used to live close together when I was quite small and I am not very large now. I am only five feet six inches high and weigh 117 pounds. My birthday is in December. I will ask Fronie Copland to guess how old I will be, and if she guesses it I will send her a pretty post card. I want to see if she remembers how old I was when we lived there. So many of the cousins have pets, but I have none. I had three pigeons but they left me, so I have no pets at all now. I guess I had better tell you about my sister visiting us. She spent nearly a week with us. We went dew-berry hunting, but never found very many berries. I will be glad when Ruth Carr begins us another story. If she does, give her plenty of room. Goodbye to all the cousins. I remain as ever your cousin,

EFFIE ROE.

Evening Shade, Ark., June 13, 1908.

Dear Methodist: This is my first letter to the Methodist. I hope it will escape the waste basket. I am a little girl nine years old; I will be ten next October. My grandpa takes the Methodist. I like to read the children's page. I like Ruth Carr's stories fine. I wish she would write one every week. For pets I have a horse, a cat and three kittens. The horse's name is Jim, the cat's Tab. The kittens' names are Tabby, Spot, and Blackie. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My papa is the superintendent. The school here closed some time ago. I am in the fourth and fifth grades at school. I will close for this time.

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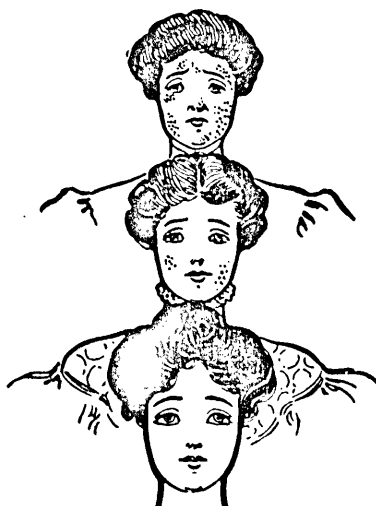
McGhee, Ark., June 12, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have just been reading the cousins' letters and I thought I would write again. The 10th of June was my birthday and I was eleven years old. I live on a farm. We have lots of books and I read nearly all the time. I have one brother and a sister dead and two brothers living; the oldest one is married. We have just organized a Sunday School and I am glad. I guess Woodie Shipley is four or five years of age. I have three post card albums and have them full. I wish Ruth Carr would write again, for I just love to read her stories. Grace Shipley, "soap" is found twice in the Bible: Jer. 2nd chapter, 21st verse; Mal. 3rd chapter, 2nd verse. Woodie Shipley, "girl" is found twice in the Bible: Joel 3d chapter, 3d verse; Zeek. 8th chapter, 5th verse. Eula Parrish, Moses died on Mount Pisgah in the land of Moab. I will close by asking a question: How old was Moses when he died?

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The cut on first page is the plan selected by the Building Committee and will cost when complete between forty and fifty thousand dollars. Charles T. Thompson is the architect.

The purpose just now is to erect a three story brick and stone chapel at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. It will be in every way modern and commodious. The contract has been let to Clark & Thalman of this city, and is to be complete October the tenth. During the summer we will sojourn in a tent as there is no sort of a public building in our end of the city where we can find shelter.

Now our own congregation is not able to build without help. In view, therefore of our need and of the name we bear, we offer to the outside an opportunity to invest in this enterprise. A contribution sent to J. N. Culpepper or myself will be greatly appreciated and wisely invested.

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**FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.**

Rev. D. J. Weems.

Newark, Ark.

On a high ridge between the White and Black rivers is the beautiful town Newark. There is quite a good deal of wealth here, as most of them have rich farms. Besides great quantities of corn and cotton they grow large crops of Alfalfa, and get a fine price for it.

They are taking good interest in schools, and churches. Last year Rev. Jas. F. Jernigan had about two hundred conversions here, and raised Newark to the dignity of a station. He is doing a great work for this people and they seem to appreciate him. They have enthusiastic prayer meetings, and a very fine Sunday School. Brother Magness is the superintendent. They are talking of building a new and large church. They will have it to do or change preachers.

Batesville.

Nowhere in all my travels do I find a more desirable town than Batesville. They can boast of an abundance of pure water and white marble, surrounded by a good country and an ideal climate. I am not surprised that the Masons and Odd Fellows have each located their Orphanans' Homes here. They have a fine class of merchants and business men. Each visit I make my interest increases in them. I had the pleasure of preaching at Central Avenue in the morning and at First church at night, to nice and appreciative congregations.

Rev. R. C. Morehead is giving eminent satisfaction at First church. His Sunday School fills both the basement and the auditorium. They have a well trained choir. You will not find a more accommodating or hospitable family than Rev. Ed. Forest, wife and daughter. This is their second year at Central Avenue. They are in loving favor with their people. The church is neat. The parsonage has been much improved. They have an abundance of home-raised vegetables, chickens and milk.

You can imagine the rest. I spent two most delightful nights in their home. He and Brother Morehead were very helpful in getting renewals to the Western Methodist and in securing twelve new subscribers. We have a fine list at Batesville. Our church is blessed with some fine characters in Batesville. Such as R. A. Dowdey, the Martins, Maxfells, Glenn, Williams, Bevins, Neil, Patterson, V. Y. Cook, Davis, Handford, Cole, Thomas, Allen Babcock, Sanders, Arnold, Johnson, C. D. Medcalf, Teatman, Reeves, Hogan, Massey, Ball, Tipton, Butler, Baxter, Crouch, Hon. W. A. Oldfield, McCaleb, Wy-cough, Montgomery, Hardester, Powell, Henkle, T. E. Lentz, John Meier, Rev. W. M. Findley, Manlen, Rosebrough, Byers, Mack, Hall, Case, Kinman, Brother Carter, and Brother Jones, the obliging post master. Rev. F. M. Smith, a worthy superannuate, makes this his home. The presiding elder, Rev. F. A. Skinner, has built a beautiful seven-room district parsonage. I rejoice with his good family who are so comfortably located.

**Batesville District Conference.**

Mountain View, the seat of this conference, was the objective point. The scenery from Batesville up the White river is sublime. The mountains and perpendicular cliffs on either side, the clear rippling waters, the pure cool breeze, and the large company of preachers and delegates made the trip most delightful. Wagons and hacks met us at Sylamore. A six mile jolt up the mountain and over the rocks, prepared us for a bountiful dinner. My home was with the hospitable family of Brother and Sister Brewer. Mountain View gave royal entertainment. Young Mr. Gibbons and Case brought me under special obligations to them.

The conference was the best represented of any I have attended this year. Rev. M. B. Umsted, agent of the Orphans' Home, and Rev. A. T. Galloway, station preacher at Newport, were pleasant visitors. Bishop Hendrix was present two days, preaching and making valuable suggestions to the conference. He also dedicated the beautiful new church, which stands as a monument to the taste and liberality of the community. The Bishop's sermon on the Sower will long be remembered. His lesson on opening the conference was the 121 Psalm, which he called the travelers Psalm. Said he had traveled far enough to go from the earth to the moon, 239,000 miles, without a serious accident to himself or any passenger.

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

The preachers made cheerful reports and the laymen were equally enthusiastic for the success of our great cause.

Rev. F. A. Skinner has made a wonderful record as the presiding elder. He is careful, thorough, faithful and every way trust worthy and has the entire confidence of preachers and laymen. His report at the last annual conference was one of the best all round reports ever made in his conference. The Bishop gave me all the time I wanted to present the Western Methodist, which I find continues to grow in favor with our people.

Hartford, Ark.

Our meeting which began here in Hartford the fifth Sunday in May closed the third Sunday in June.

The preaching was done by Rev. J. W. House and it was logical, scriptural and convincing. He is an untiring worker and a good revivalist. He will be a help to any pastor or people that need help. The results were twenty-one professions, nine accessions to the church and six children baptized, and the church revived. The church and Sunday school and Epworth League are all in good condition and progressing.

D. N. WEAVER, P. C.

Star City and Dumas.

Just closed a meeting at Dumas. Bro. Jno. P. Lowry, of Little Rock, did the preaching. We had a good meeting, although we did not see the results that we desired to see. The church was strengthened and a few souls were saved.

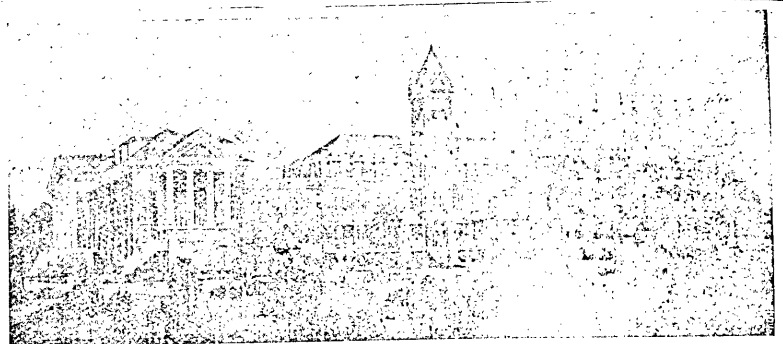
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## W. F. M. S. White River Conference.

Mexico, D. F., May 6th, 1908.

My Dear Sisters: This year the time for the annual letter finds us in a short term, for we are making a change from winter to summer vacation, so as we began school the third of last February, we will rest one month this summer and then start in for a ten months term. Notwithstanding the fact that the school year is to be so short the enrollment has been good and a number of patrons who paid little or nothing in former years are now paying, some a little and others the full tuition. This is encouraging as it shows that they appreciate our work.

In many ways the condition of our work throughout the city is encouraging. We expect one of our own scholarship girls, who has been in Saltillo with Miss Roberts for three years, taking the Normal course in Spanish, to finish in June and we want to open a Spanish school this fall in addition to the one we have in English, and she will teach for us. Two of our scholarship girls are now pupil teachers, teaching some classes each day although they have not yet finished the course of study.

One of these girls is organist in Sunday School and the other is secretary and teaches the infant class.

More of our teachers than ever before are taking part in the church work in Spanish. One is superintendent, another leads the choir and several teach classes in Sunday School while others help in the services held at the Luna street mission.

Our Sunday School has trebled its membership since last February and I have never seen such interest displayed in the lessons before. Quite a number of our day pupils who would never go to church are now regular attendants at Sunday School. I enjoy teaching my class of women. About eighteen are present every Sunday and it has been a joy to see them develop interest in the lessons. At first I had to do almost all the talking, but now they study the lesson and are prepared to recite it and the trouble is to keep them all from telling me about it at once. They also read a number of chapters in the Bible during the week and report on Sunday.

Our two Bible women are still at work visiting, giving away tracts and inviting people to church. Bro. Cox has secured a city missionary to begin work with our native pastor in July and we are looking forward to her coming as we feel that she will greatly help with the work.

We are to have still another mission soon to be in connection with our Soastenes Juarez Memorial Chapel, just as the Luna Street Mission depends upon our Mexican congregation at Mesias Church. This will give us five congregations in the city. One for Americans and four for Mexicans. Besides these we have the Chinese Sunday School here in the school taught by our teachers and older girls on Sunday afternoons. The man who interpreted for us had to leave the city to accept a position elsewhere, and when I knew he was leaving I felt somewhat discouraged about the work, but after talking with one of the members of my Bible class, I asked him to take charge of the religious exercises in Chinese and one of the other boys now knows enough English to interpret for us. Two Sundays ago this boy asked to be allowed to make the closing prayer, and his earnest words in broken English brought tears to our eyes. We are praying that God may use him to bring many of his countrymen to a knowledge of Jesus our Savior.

Our greatest need is still that of a house of our own. We pay an enormous rent bill each month and the rent is to be raised when our contract expires next September. I trust the Board now in session may take some step toward securing property here, or else that it can give us the extra appropriation for rent. If it cannot do one or the other we will have a hard time finding another house large enough to accommodate the school and the move would cause the loss of a number of our pupils.

My work has been rather heavier than usual for the past year as I have had charge of the domestic department since Miss Churchhill had to leave us

a year ago this past April. Miss Godbey has helped me, however, or it might not have been possible for me to attend to it and know that our girls were doing their work well. We teach our scholarship girls to do house work. In this way they supplement the small sum sent us for their support and we train them for usefulness in the home after awhile.

As principal there are many demands upon my time, as I have to see the patrons when they come to the school, matriculate new pupils, visit the school rooms, attend to cases of discipline if they happen to be of a serious nature, and employ teachers and see to many other things.

As business manager I make out the bills, give receipts, do the buying both for the school and the family, manage the servants, etc. It does not sound like much but by the time I attend to it all and to the church work that devolves upon me, it fills up my time pretty well. I feel encouraged over the outlook spiritually and if the material part, the house, can be secured for another year, I am sure we will have every reason to feel encouraged.

Trusting that your meeting together may be a great blessing to each one of you and that God may bless in your work for the advancement of his Kingdom, I am,

Your Missionary,  
ESTHER CASE.

The above letter from Miss Case of Mary Keener Institute, Mexico City, one of the two missionaries supported by White River Conference W. F. M. S. was heard with interest at its annual meeting at Searcy, and is now published that every member may receive this message from her own missionary, who since the writing of this letter has been made happy by the assurance of increased appropriations for the maintenance of the school, and of needed re-enforcement, as another missionary will be sent this year to Mexico City to assist Miss Case.

MRS. J. M. HAWLEY.

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

## LITTLE WOUNDS THAT KILL.

The world is horrified by the report of a mine explosion, the sinking of a vessel at sea, the wreck of a train, destroying hundreds of human lives; yet more lives are lost annually by small flesh wounds, which are not considered worth treatment, than in all these great disasters combined. Inflammation, a festering sore, accompanied with great pain, follows neglect. Blood poison results: The doctor is called when too late. The fatal dye is cast, a sad funeral follows. Less than the cost of one cent, ready at hand, with timely use, of the right remedy, would have prevented such calamities.

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## On to Cabot.

The Searcy District Conference will meet at Cabot Tuesday, July 28, 1908, 9 a. m. The preachers and delegates are requested and expected to be present and answer when the roll is called at the opening. If any delegate finds it impossible to come notify your pastor and alternate. We want a full delegation from each pastoral charge. Any-



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thing less discredits the pastor and his charge. The first day will be devoted to the discussion of the subject of Missions. The second will be Children's Day, Sabbath School and League Day. We want every Sabbath School and League, on or near the railroad, to send at least twelve representatives, more if convenient. Let them be the brightest and best teachers and pupils, apt to teach. Churches and congregations without a Sabbath School or League are also requested to send representatives. Those apt to learn and who can report and reproduce what they see when they return. A model Sabbath School and League will be constituted and conducted by up-to-date workers in these departments in the presence of these young people, that they may return home and organize schools and leagues.

These delegations can leave home on early train Wednesday morning and arrive at Cabot by nine o'clock, and after a happy and helpful day return home that evening. The Laymen's Movement, its meaning and possibilities, will be discussed Thursday. After which adjournment will follow. Let all come praying.

JNO. H. DYE, P. E.

## Branch Circuit.

I have just closed a fine meeting at Pilot Grove school house, just half way between Roseville and Webb City, near Mr. John Bouses place. It has been a

great victory. We had twenty-five converts, a large number reclaimed. We organized a new church here of twenty-four members. It was three weeks of victory for God—men and women saved—that were of ripe age. There are prayers heard from homes here that the devil said would never be. Glory to God for the old time power to save. This has been a neglected place. We have not been known here till now. There has been but little preaching here for years. It was a hard fight, but a great victory. I found this place without Sunday School, but now we have a fine Sunday School and prayer meeting.

I go from here to Dardanelle to help Bro. Woodruff in a meeting beginning July the 3rd.

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### Patriotism That Counts.

The Conference (of the Governors of the States at the White House, May 13-15) took on from time to time the aspect of a confessional. Not a single speaker took issue with the alarming facts presented in regard to every field of our national wealth. Floods, erosion, change of climate, waste of natural gas, diminution of sea food, and the impairment of great scenic beauty were touched upon more lightly but not less significantly. But if a pessimist might have found in these statements occasion for complacency, the same could not be said of the cynic, who would have been distressed by the un-failing response which greeted every note of altruism. The deep impression of the peril was not more marked than the conviction that a remedy must speedily be found. The serious and devoted spirit—as of men administering a solemn trust—was inspiring, and at times electric in its manifestation. Dr. Edward Everett Hale struck the keynote in the passage which preceded his invocation, and the fervor with which the whole assembly joined him in the Lord's prayer was most impressive. The patriotism of making things better was the bugle call that aroused every one to enthusiasm, whether it was sounded by Mr. John Mitchell, setting forth the needs of stronger safeguards for the lives of miners, or by Mr. Horace MacFarland in his plea for the protection of beautiful scenery as a valuable, and the most generally distributed, natural asset of the country—a form of wealth to be left unimpaired to our children's children. It would not have surprised any one if the conference had closed its session with the singing of "My country, 't is of Thee."—From an Editorial in the July Century.

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### Hope For The South.

No doubt it is too much to expect that prohibition will hold all the ground it has won and may yet win in the South, or that prohibition laws will not, there as elsewhere, often fail of enforcement. But the saloon can never be again in the South what it has been in the past. That the politicians will ever again serve it as they once did is not believable. They have been too thoroughly, too ludicrously frightened. One may even hope that in the long run the open saloon is bound to go entirely; that with the opening up of the South to all kinds of educating and softening and refining influences, the indefensible drinking customs of most southerners—as of most Americans, indeed—will gradually be changed; and that thus, without any countervailing sacrifice of moral independence or personal liberty, drunkenness will grow rare enough to be well-nigh negligible. That is a great deal to hope. But there is one feature of this temperance movement peculiarly conducive to hopefulness to southern civilization. I cannot better indicate what that feature is than by pointing out that I have hardly mentioned the negro at all. It is quite probable that his presence in the South has influenced some white voters. It has doubtless been remembered that

in race riots whisky usually plays a part. But this argument has not in fact been generally employed. On the temperance question no race line has been drawn. Whites and blacks have divided on it with little or no reference to its bearing on their racial relations. For once it would seem as if the South had actually been able to put aside the race issue altogether. One is tempted to declare that, if it can do that, it can do anything.—From William Garrett Brown's "The South and the Saloon" in the July Century.

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### Searcy.

Last Sabbath we received a class of twenty-seven into the church. All these came directly from the Sunday School, which represents the faithful and persistent work of our beloved superintendent and his able, consecrated teachers. We have in all forty-five applications for church membership, and the above represents the first installment received. Others will be received from time to time. As a church we have much to be thankful for. Everything is going well with us. Our new parsonage is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished it will be one among the best and most commodious homes in Searcy. Our congregations are holding up well during the warm weather, and every interest of the church is doing well, and the future is full of promise. Our people are devoted and intelligent; they love God and the church. R. P. WILSON.

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Yours for the work,  
T. C. RUSSELL, Supt.

June 21, 1908.

### Dardanelle District Laymen's Conference.

The Laymen's Missionary Conference for the Dardanelle District, will be held at Lamar station on the 25th and 26th of July, embracing the fourth Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is my desire that every congregation will be represented by the appointed leader and any others who will come. Much will depend on the pastors in getting the people to attend. When you meet your appointment, drop a word to your people, showing the importance of attending this conference. Through its plans and deliberations we expect the world to be

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### Everybody's For July.

There has never been a period in American history when the public was more eager to learn the attitude of its leaders than in the present election year. In the July Everybody's, Lincoln Steffens holds up for the inspection of the voter the views of Mr. Bryan and Governor Johnson, the most prominent of the Democratic leaders. To Mr. Steffens' searching questions have come definite, clear-cut answers—there could be no evasion, no misinterpretation of the meaning of each question. The article is strong—as strong as was its predecessor in the June number, where the Republican leaders gave their views upon "What the Matter Is In America and What to Do About It."

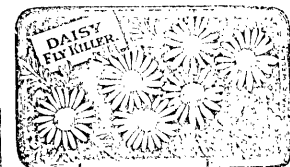
Then, too, Charles Edward Russell presents in "The Tenements of Trinity Church" a powerful arraignment of the methods employed by a Christian church toward the wretched dwellers upon its vast and lucrative property. Dr. William Hanna Thompson's article, "The Nervous System and the Blood," brings out some remarkable truths about heredity. It is a statement of the theory that insanity is a disease of the blood, and that the body daily manufactures a full set of poisons and their antidotes. Hamlin Garland, in the fourth installment of "The Shadow World," devotes his attention chiefly to an examination of the psychic trance, and formulates his conclusions as to its nature.

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Today is better qualified than he to write of "The Western Spirit of Restlessness," which is the title of an article from his pen in the July Century. The Pleater, Mr. Baker declares, though somewhat of a failure, is one of the most evident signs of the invading army of civilization, and it is by the hardships of the trail and of the pioneer home that the West is coming to greatness and power.

### Notice Education Commission.

The Commission of Education of Oklahoma Annual Conference is hereby called to meet at Spaulding College, Muskogee, on Wednesday, July 15, at 2 p. m. Let every member be present; important business.

W. L. ANDERSON, Secretary.  
Poteau, Okla., June 24, 1908.



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This month of July lifts high our country's colors and stirs a patriotic spirit which recounts achievements of our Revolutionary and later day sires. In the midst of this splendid inheritance kept by our Fathers' God, we love to know that the Banner of the Cross—the flag that bears the single star of Bethlehem—is given place above all others, exalted high forever more. Lieut. Hobson, late of the navy, gave the following pleasing expressions in our address at Brooklyn. "It is a good thing to be proud of your country because she is great, but it is a better thing to love her because she is good." Every naval officer is bound to be a God-fearing man. For four years every man of them must go to church every Sunday, and every fourth Sun-

day it is enjoined upon every officer and enlisted man, to attend the service of God. He suggests that you go down in Brooklyn, on one of those ships. Arrange to be there just as the bugle begins to blow softly, a call for divine service. Then you will see the flag lowered, and another Flag go away up in the air. Look at this one. It is a white cross on a blue back ground. You will see the national flag go up again slowly and stop just below the other flag! This is most impressive, for, he says, "there is not another flag under heaven made by the hand of man, that can float above our Stars and Stripes."

"Fling out the banner! Let it float Skyward and seaward, high and wide Our glory, only in the cross; Our only hope, the Crucified."

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Very fragrant memories of Malvern crowd my heart in this yet near annual meeting. Never do I remember a like occasion more filled with blessed influence and ennobling aspirations. It was a source of unmeasured profit and pleasure to have our Miss Gibson with us, and dear Tennie Howell, who was among us as the child set in the midst by our Lord, to teach us how to be great. Sister Thomas was a graceful administrator, as she could not but be. Reared in scholarly environments, with all the attractiveness of Christian home life, she can never be called to serve where she is not well fitted. But I must not discriminate where all, from Sister Giles to the youngest juvenile delegate, were so beautiful in all their parts of the program.

It was my first meeting with Sister Giles, our treasury following dear Sister Vance. To meet Sister Rule brought back some hallowed associations. It was indeed good to see Sisters Snodgrass, Carr, Mills and so many enshrined in spirit. I almost looked to see our Sisters Williams and Deaper come in. But why dream of heavenly things! They are veritable and eternal. Let us be faithful that all may meet around the throne on high. MRS. LOU A. HOTCHKISS.

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To bring a child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and lead them to a bright and happy service is something which demands much patience, love and wisdom.

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1st. Whitsell, Friday night before the first Sunday in July.

2nd. Delhi, Friday night before the

third Sunday in July.

3rd. Friday night before second Sunday in August.

4th. Pioneer, Friday night before the fifth Sunday in August.

5th. Laura Moore, Friday night before the first Sunday in October.

These meetings will continue two or three weeks, owing to interest. All Christian workers are invited to come over and help us.

We need your prayers and influence. Pioneer circuit is moving along without friction. Farmers are all busy. Some have planted cotton four or five times and are still blowed out, and much discouraged. We had the monster hail storm on night of 15th inst. Much damage was done to crops, and all window lights were broken out on north and west of buildings. One man said they fell at his house as large as a tea-kettle—nothing said about the size of kettle. J. M. HOLT.

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## PROGRAM

Oklahoma State League Conference, to be held at Sulphur, Okla., July 14-16, 1908:

Tuesday, July 14.

8 p. m.—Song service.  
8:30 p. m.—Opening sermon.

Wednesday, July 15.

5:30 a. m.—Sunrise prayer meeting.  
8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.  
8:45 a. m.—Organization; business session.

9:00 a. m.—Address of welcome.  
9:15 a. m.—Response.  
9:30 a. m.—Report of Conference officers.

10:00 a. m.—Reports from chapters—bring your note books.

11:00 a. m.—Address.

Afternoon, July 15.

2:00.—Devotional service.  
2:15.—“The Quiet Hour—or do we pray enough in secret.”

2:30.—“The Epworth Leaguer as an Ideal Christian.” (“Be thou an example.” 1 Tim. 4:12).

3:00.—“The moral status of the Epworth League today.”

3:30.—“Why no more conversions in devotional meetings?”

3:45.—“A model Epworth League.”

4:00.—“Opportunities of League officers.”

8:00.—Song and praise service.

8:30.—Sermon.

Charity and Help—Thursday Morning, July 16.

5:30.—Sunrise prayer meeting.

8:30.—Devotional service.

8:45.—“When We Should Practice What We Preach.”

9:00.—“Fruits of the Changed Life.”

9:15.—“All Profit: No Loss in the Service of Christ.”

9:30.—“Making One's Life Count for God.”

## Missions.

10:00.—“The Possibilities of the Missionary Department.”

10:30.—“The Place of the League in the Mission Work of the Church.”

10:45.—“Missionary Intelligence in the League.”

11:00.—Address. “Present Day Needs for Mission Work in the Oklahoma Conference.”

Thursday Afternoon, July 16.

2:00.—Devotional service.

2:15.—“Is the Literary Department Necessary? If so, why?”

2:30.—“The Influence of Social and Literary Environment on the Young.”

2:45.—“Individual Responsibility for the Success of the Third Department.”

## Junior League Program.

3:00 to 4:00 p. m. Mrs. R. T. Price, junior superintendent, will furnish suitable program.

4:30.—Business session.

8:30.—Rally service.

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Please elect your delegates at once. Free entertainment. Send names to John D. Freeman, Ardmore.

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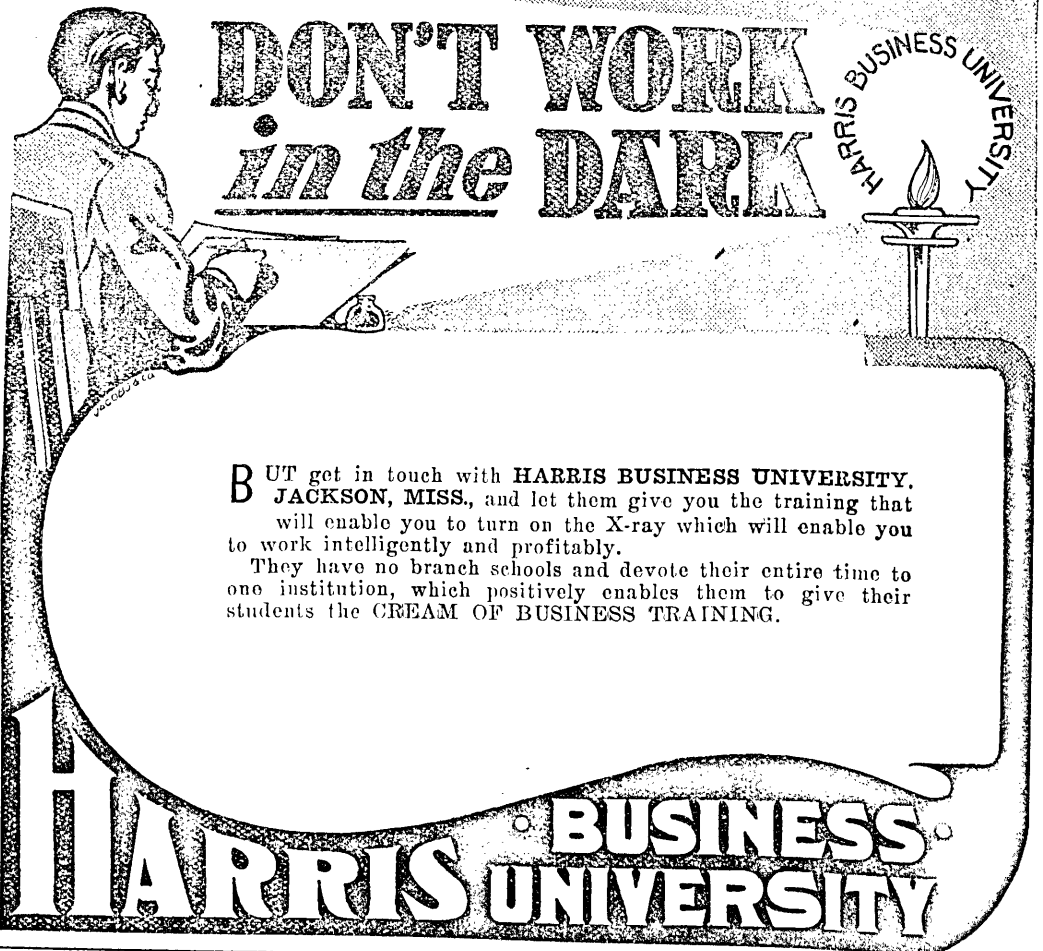
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## Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting Notes.

Dr. M. B. Corrigan in the chair. F. E. Dodson conducted devotional services.

Park Ave., J. R. Rushing, reported good day. Rev. H. M. Bruce, presiding elder, preached at 11 a. m. Good Epworth League. Good services at night.

Third Street, J. H. Cummins, reported fine day; good services both morning and evening; three accessions.

Malvern Ave., M. W. Manville, reported good services morning and evening; two accessions.

Tigert Memorial, F. E. Dodson, reported good congregations, fine Sunday school and one accession.

Central Ave., Dr. B. M. Corrigan, reported good services both morning and evening. Rev. H. M. Bruce preached at night.

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## Byars Circuit.

I guess this work would compare very favorably with many other works in this State, and being a transient people we cannot expect of them what we can in the older States. I have become very much attached to my people. I never saw a people I loved more and I am going to work and pray with them, and get their affections more firmly attached to the Master until in the near future I trust you shall hear of a second Pentecost. And upon examining the record find that it occurred over here on the Byars circuit.

I already see an advancement spiritually. I have been here hardly two months but have had about three con-

ventions at my regular monthly appointments. Brethren pray for me. I am a young preacher, and this is my first pastorate.

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### Report of Annual Meeting of W. F. M. of Arkansas Conference.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Arkansas Conference was held at Paris, Arkansas, from June 6 to 9 inclusive. On the arrival of our train late in the afternoon we were greeted at the station by a large number of the congregation and, as we were assigned to our several stopping places we were given a warm welcome and from that moment to the end of our meeting everything possible was done to make our stay pleasant. It is a beautiful little city and the hospitality of its people is unsurpassed.

At 8:30 Saturday evening the conference was called to order by the president, Miss Lila Rolston; the recording secretary, Mrs. Garner of Lamar; the treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Bennett of Ft. Smith and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Hanesworth of Clarksville, being in their respective chairs.

The address of welcome was made by Rev. J. M. Williams in behalf of the local society. He made us glad we had an opportunity to mingle with those who had a common interest in this great cause. The response in behalf of the conference was to have been made by Mrs. R. A. Ferguson of Booneville, but she was absent on account of sickness and the place was ably filled by Mrs. Hanesworth.

Mr. Byron Bennett of Paris entertained us with a fine recitation and at other sessions little Misses Ocie Sadler, Marjorie Richardson and Caroline Crenshaw gave us selections that were most fittingly chosen and well rendered. Miss Rolston, the president, made the address of the hour. She said: This is God's work in obedience to his command "Go ye into all the world." He is a living God and will guide our every step if we seek him in prayer. The Spirit and the bride say Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.

After a social hour we returned to our homes, our hearts in tune for a great time Sunday.

We were not disappointed, for at 11 o'clock we assembled, the congregation filling the church to its utmost. The choir gave us some beautiful music, followed by a sermon by Rev. F. S. H. Johnson which was worth the whole trip. His text was Judges 5:23. Let us after his noble call awake to the help of the Lord and do more than ever before for the salvation of the world.

At 3 p. m. was called a mass meeting for children and young people at which Mrs. J. H. Cobb, associate secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tenn., was the speaker. Mrs. Cobb has a charming personality and in beautiful language gave us a heart to heart talk of the life of children and women in the foreign lands where she had visited for two years.

She told of their unhappy home life and their eager longing for the light of the gospel. They so keenly appreciate the efforts of the missionaries and the difficulty of their getting over so large a field that they walk sometimes fifty or sixty miles with food and clothing for a year with them and beg the privilege of attending our schools; glad to pay tuition, anything asked, to come in reach of God's people. But they must be turned away, for our schools are overcrowded and the teachers worked past the possibility of taking another pupil.

On Sunday night and during the day Monday Mrs. Cobb made us talks that were an inspiration to all: they were so real and the message was teeming with interest and zeal. Our churches have done much good already in these fields but let us make a greater effort and stand by the Board in a forward movement, so that this year may see progress commensurate with our blessings.—our responsibility is great.

Monday was a fine day. We had papers and wide awake discussions on topics which interested everybody.

Mrs. J. M. Williams of the Paris Auxiliary was made a life member. A letter was read from Miss Churchill in Mexico and a letter of love and greeting from our former corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. V. Harlan of Georgia. The Literary Digest and Western Methodist were sent for a year to Miss Rogers in China.

The Board report made by Mrs. Hanesworth showed finances \$2,707.50

raised last year, used for the support of two Bible women, six scholarships and two missionaries, one in China and one in Mexico. This year we can by increased pledges support another missionary. We must pray for more consecrated young women for this work: the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few.

Tuesday was a day replete with good things. Subjects like Young People and Their Opportunities, Best Plans for Conducting Monthly Meetings, and Practical Methods for Juveniles, were ably presented and we derived much benefit from the thought developed.

In the afternoon came the important work of election of officers for the coming year: the following was the result:

President, Miss Lila Rolston, Fayetteville, Ark.; first vice president, Mrs. W. M. Riddick, Morrilton; second vice president, Mrs. M. Montague, Fort Smith; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Hanesworth, Clarksville; recording secretary, Mrs. Garner Lamar; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Bennett, Fort Smith; district secretaries—Miss Nellie Denton, Fort Smith district; Mrs. E. J. Witt, Conway, Morrilton district; Mrs. M. F. Johnson, Danville, Dardanelle district; Miss Ora Hudgins, Harrison district; Miss Byrtie Huffman, Rogers, Fayetteville district.

Prairie Grove, Washington county, was selected as the place of meeting next year and the session will open on Wednesday evening and close Sunday evening.

Tuesday evening was the closing meeting; all business was finished, all ideas exchanged. Now came the reward of merit to those who had done the best work during the year March, 1907, to March, 1908. The conference banners were awarded to First Church Juvenile and Central Church Young People.

After the installation of new officers our meeting was closed by an earnest prayer by Rev. J. M. Williams and we parted from these friends who had in a few days bound themselves to us by a sympathy and devotion to the cause we love. A DELEGATE.

June 27, 1908.

### Batesville District Conference.

At five-thirty this afternoon the 26th the most important session of this grand old district came to a close. The attendance was large, but the presiding elder's count and the secretary does not exactly tally on this item. One reports sixty-two, the other sixty-six, including the pastors. This was so two years ago at Evening Shade, but the last is always the best. There were no less than one hundred in attendance, all in all, and Mountain View rolled herself all over in entertainment glory. The beautiful, breezy blest, little city is six or seven miles from the railroad, and these miles were covered by free transportation to and fro, and this was no small item, and it speaks much for the clever thoughtful people of the town and community. The young boys who had the burden of this on their shoulders did royally. With Bro. McClure to scotch and "talk," the whole occasion goes into history with a "well done." This session will be known as eventful, historic, and none contributed to this end in a personal way like our good, great, and brotherly Bishop Hendrix. The mention of his name presents at once the thought that many good things, noble things, were said, and done. His sermons were masterpieces of thought, and soul food. His chair talks was like an ointment poured forth. The laymen's movement was a center around which we all revolved, and from it there will go out all over this old western district, an inspiration to service and effort hitherto unknown in all the past. One of the great thoughts presented by the Bishop was the union of man and God, and consequent multiplying power of this union. This union was in evidence, and will be in the years to come. Our genial presiding elder had well won the way up to this momentous hour. Our district lay leader, Hon. R. A. Dowdy, met the expectation of his most ardent admirers. He was chosen for another year of service. And here a scene followed that I want to write about if I can. In his speech of acceptance he was at his best, and concluding he called for all who would stand by him, to stand up. Well, bless the Lord, when

a Methodist preacher gets on his feet at such a time as this he wants to walk, and one of them did walk, and say, "Bro. Dowdy this proposition will not be finished without a handshake," and the warm hearted Bishop came to his feet and said, "Sing a song, brethren," and away we went. It was old fashion religion under new conditions. That is what is wanted, and what is needed, more than a restatement of our faith, or anything else in our domain. Souls were saved, a bright husband and father who had the day before dedicated his first born to God in holy baptism, the Bishop officiating gave his life and heart to God the next day. Much more could be written but this is sufficient. One valuable young man was licensed to preach. The delegates to the annual conference are: Junius Case, J. M. Simpson, W. P. Jones, and W. H. Caloway. The next conference goes to Newark. Bros. Weems and Umsted were there representing the interests committed to them. One of our former members and boys, W. M. Wilson, of Duncan, Okla., was with us, also his wife. We were all glad to see them, and if they are wanting to come back to the "flesh pot" we will kill the fatted calf. All in all this is, was and is to be the most significant and far reaching sessions of this matronly old saint of all in the by gones. Bless the Lord.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

### Heber Station.

On June 14th, 1908, we closed our revival meeting. We did not have a dull service, but from first to last the services were spiritual and uplifting. We were fortunate in having with us Rev. Jas. F. Jernigan, of Newark station, whose preaching and songs were enjoyed by all who heard him.

The meeting resulted in quite a number of conversions and reclamations, with thirteen additions to our church and more to follow. The influence of the meeting was felt by many homes in our town and left a blessing there.

The meeting would have been much greater in its visible results if we could have had the help and influence of all the professed Christians in the town. Notwithstanding we had a number of true men and women, who stood by the meeting from beginning to end.

Our Sunday School is doing splendidly but if we had a church adequate to our needs we could double the membership of the school in a very short time. Heber is a town with a future and it is up to us to build a new church if we would do the work required at our hands as Methodists. Bro. Editor, Heber is now in touch with the outside world, as the construction train METH FIVE DAV 3 tuesda laid the railroad track past our depot on Friday afternoon about four o'clock. Come up and spend a few days with us and drink our life-giving water.

FRANK P. JERNIGAN, P. C.

### Crosssett.

We closed our meeting here Sunday night. It was in progress just two week and during that time we had two hundred and thirty conversions. More than half of that number are men and many of them men of influence. We have received one hundred and ten into the church and have twenty more who have given their names for membership. Quite a number have joined the Baptist church and a few given their names for other churches. The meeting has been a great blessing to our town. Many whole families have been saved.

Bro. Tatum of Jonesboro was with us ten days of the meeting and rendered valuable assistance in singing and exhorting. He won the hearts of our people and leaves many warm friends here.

Bro. Workman rendered valuable assistance in the meeting. He conducted three services for me and did some excellent personal work. The meeting was a great benefit to the logging camps where he is doing an excellent work for the employees of the Lumber Co. They ran trains in from the camps every night.

It is impossible to estimate the valuable assistance of our Deaconess, Miss McKenzie. Her consecrated life and untiring efforts together with her equipment for the work made her labors a

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We praise the Lord for his wondrous works among us.

J. D. HAMMONS.

### Caddoria.

The new church at Caddoria, which was mentioned a few weeks ago, is now completed, and was dedicated June 14th. Our presiding elder, Bro. C. F. Mitchell, of Anadarko, officiated, and rendered the principal address, which was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

When the Building Committee gave in their report many were surprised to hear that a debt of eleven dollars was all that the church owes.

People from far and near were present at the service, all of whom brought their dinners which they spread out on the ground under the trees near the church and enjoyed in good "old fashioned" style.

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J. V. STANLEY,

Assistant Pastor.

### The French Presidency and the American.

The striking differences that exist between the presidency of the French republic and the presidency of the United States are perhaps never so glaringly visible as when a French president sets out for a journey out of his own country, and spends a few days attending all sorts of social functions and gala performances as the guest of a foreign court. To some Americans it looks a little too much like playing at royalty, and these would strongly object to such a magnifying of at least the spectacular side of the temporary office of president; at the same time they may be inclined to ask why, if the country can do without a president, as it evidently does while the president thus indulges in a big foreign junket, it should have a president at all. For it must be remembered that the French constitution has no provision for a vice-president to take the place of a disabled or absent president. And the fact is that for the regular dispatch of business the republic of France can do as well without as with its president. Office seekers even are not disturbed, as they undoubtedly would be in the United States, by an event which would make it impossible for them to go and to have their protectors go with their applications to the fountainhead of official favors. The ministers, the members of the cabinet, are left to them; that is all they want; for the president himself they have no use whatever.—From "Why M. Fallieres Is an Ideal French President," by Adolphe Cohn, in the American Review of Reviews for July.

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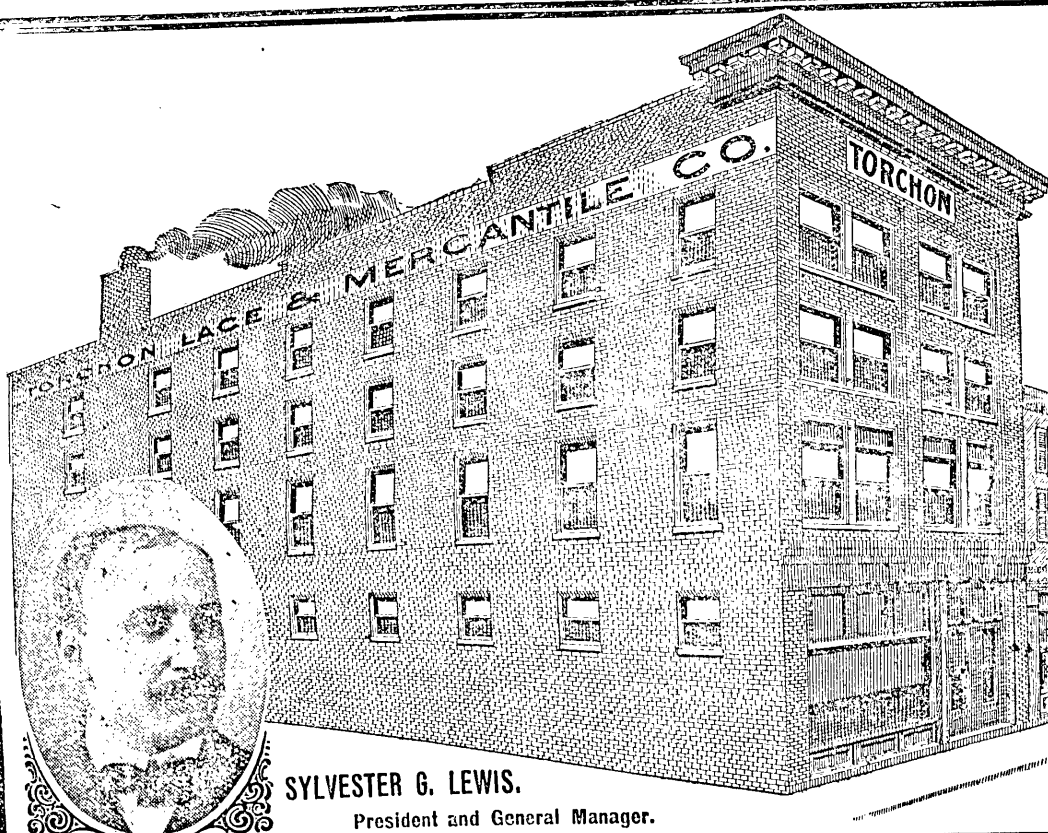
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