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Our Own Schools.

As may be seen in notes elsewhere our church schools in both Arkansas and Oklahoma have opened with increased attendance and fine prospects. As our institutions are worthy, it is gratifying to know that more and more they are commanding the confidence of our people.

Our colleges and secondary schools lack many things that trustees and faculties would gladly provide, but, after all, the most important elements in a school are the teachers and the students. Given an earnest, patient, industrious, ambitious body of young men and women with Christian teachers who thoroughly understand their business and are devoted to it, and you have a school that will send strong personalities into the world to uplift and advance humanity. Our schools, in spite of poverty of resources, can modestly claim these two elements. Observant men already note the fruits and applaud the enterprise of the church in establishing her own schools.

The graduates going out, for the most part with clear heads and pure hearts, with high ideals and holy purpose, are leaven in their several communities. They may be found at the forefront in Church and State in all good movements. As parents recognize the superior character of those who teach and those who graduate from our own schools, they seek for their own children the same formative influences.

True, the products are not all ideal. Failures and wrecks may be found even among the church schools; but if you learn the real secret of failure, you usually discover it in defective home training or inherited weaknesses. Perhaps, all things considered, no institution accomplishes more with the raw material delivered at its doors than does the church school with its students. At the critical age most students are safer in the environment of our schools than in local environments. Parents often cannot control the youths outside the home. The well organized boarding school undertakes to keep them busy and guard as far as may be reasonably expected from deleterious influences. For best results faculties need the sympathetic co-operation of the parents. Complaints should not be considered solely from the students' standpoint. The parent should get the teacher's view and should remember that the teacher is vastly better able to advise and decide than the unsophisticated youth. Too much attention should not be paid to the desire of the boy to be at home. It is not always the boy with the best home who becomes homesick. It often results merely from the strangeness of surroundings or a disposition to draw back from difficult, but necessary tasks.

We expect our faculties to make brick without straw. It is much to the teacher's credit that he can often meet this unreasonable expectation. Still the church should not shift

her burdens to the schools and then stand off and complain if greater results are not forthcoming, when resources are meagre and support unsympathetic.

Realizing that from our own schools our strong men should come and will come, our people should see that all educational assessments are fully paid, that endowment is speedily increased, that equipment is ample, and all things needful provided, so that students and faculties may feel that they are appreciated and will not be allowed to fail.

Without antagonizing other schools, we should patronize and support our own. We need them more than they need us. If they fail, we fail. If they succeed, our church receives large benefit. Let us all work and pray that our own schools may prosper as never before, and be placed in position where failure is impossible, and that every student may this year catch inspiration and acquire strength for nobler living.

Aerial Navigation.

The subject of Aerial navigation, always interesting, has become one of anxiety at the present time. It has been announced by some of our leading periodicals that the flights of some of our daring inventors, recently, has solved the problem. Considering the number of people studying the subject and experimenting on it, it is fair to conclude that if a practical means of flight has not already been discovered it soon will be. It should be borne in mind that all of our great inventions were crude and unsatisfactory in the first models. The first steam engine was quite a crude machine when compared with the turbines that are now carrying our ocean liners in such fine style, or the first locomotive when compared with some of our recent passenger engines. The Mergenthaler Linotype machine was an expensive and vexatious toy when it was first made to cast a line of type. But when the line was cast there was begun a series of improvements that resulted in making it one of the most perfect and profitable pieces of machinery in the world. So with the airship. It has been made to fly and it will be rapidly improved until the heavens will be thick with these flying machines. The balloon could never be considered a success in navigating the air, as it could never be controlled. Its movements upward could never be calculated neither could it be determined in what direction it would drift when in the heavens, nor at what speed. The navigator was always at the mercy of the elements, and their many tragic deaths show how hazardous the attempt always is. It may be cited that the airship has its list of fatal accidents. But it should be remembered that it was not difficult to determine the cause and the cause has generally been found to be easily remedied. Thus improvement has already begun and the defects and difficulties will be sought out and remedied.

There are two classes of flying machines at the present time, the lighter-than-air and the

heavier-than-air. The first is simply a dirigible balloon while the latter is held in the air on much the same principle that the birds are able to make their way. Planes consisting of a frame work covered with cloth are employed in the heavier-than-air machines and motion is communicated by means of a screw propeller similar to the screws employed by steam ships to force them through the water. The lighter-than-air ships are kept in the air by means of gas. It is still an open question as to which of these is the better. Each has its advantages and disadvantages.

It may be argued that the one depending on gas to carry it is less liable to fall to the earth from accident to its machinery but it must be admitted that the question of combustion to say nothing of explosion to which this kind is liable is a most serious one. Count Zeppelin flew over many sections of Europe, and caused great interest to be taken in his seeming success when, lo, the machine was consumed. It was quite lucky that the Count was on terra firma instead of in mid-air when the accident occurred. A recent fall of one of the Wright brothers while making a flight in his heavier-than-air machine will cause some to question whether they can ever be made immune from such accidents. But the trials will go on and the weak places will be strengthened until it may be considered that a passenger is as safe in the air as on the rail. Mr. Wright must see that the blades of his propeller are made of better material and that they have undergone sufficient tests to insure their strength. He must also have some means of stopping his motor instead of allowing it to roll his ship over in the air as was the case when the recent accident occurred. But Mr. Wright will doubtless take his ship out when he has recovered and when he has improved it sufficiently to think that the flights will be reasonably safe. We do not claim to have the prophets' ken but we are inclined to guess that the children of this generation will not have long to wait until they will have the opportunity of seeing a sure enough air ship fly at the will of the operator before their startled gaze.

Before you criticize your pastor it might be well to remember that any man who serves the public will often be placed in a position such that to do a thing will bring criticism and not to do it will bring criticism, to do a thing in a certain way will subject him to criticism and to do it in any other way will subject him to criticism. The truth is that it does not take as much discretion to criticize as it takes to accomplish something; anybody can object. The real work of the world is not done by howling.

All the honor that men bestow upon us does but deepen our shame if we be not men of honor in our own selves. They are the veneer that covers dirty wood, the gilding over what is not gold, a gilding which is itself witness against what it covers.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. W. L. Harris and wife, of N. W. Texas Conference, have returned from a trip to Georgia and Arkansas, visiting relatives.

Rev. Julian Lark has been placed in charge of Branch circuit, Ft. Smith district, in place of Rev. J. E. Morris, who left the work.

Rev. W. F. Dunkle and wife have returned from a visit to his brother in Texas. Bro. Dunkle is presiding elder of the Muskogee district.

We have received greetings from Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker and his wife, on their vacation in Colorado. We wish them rest and peace.

Rev. J. B. Stevenson, pastor of our church at Conway, accompanied by his little son, made our office headquarters while on a trip to the city Tuesday.

Rev. G. M. Barton and his people at Booneville have secured an eligible site for a new church which will be built in the coming year. The work is in fine condition.

Rev. J. H. Glass, presiding elder of the Morrilton district, made us a brotherly call Tuesday. He speaks encouragingly of the district and of the pastors in it.

Rev. H. H. Hunt, our pastor at Cabot, in the White River conference, was in the city Tuesday and made us a pleasant call. He reports his work in good condition.

Rev. N. G. Gregory is one of our most useful Indian brethren. He speaks Creek, Euchee—a dialect of the Creek—and English. He is having a good year on the Euchee circuit.

We were glad to have a call last week from Rev. R. P. Howell, a presiding elder in the Los Angeles conference. Bro. Howell spent a few days in Little Rock recently visiting.

Rev. J. D. Salter is keeping up his good record at Wagoner, Oklahoma. The new brick church will soon be ready for occupancy and a good report will be ready at conference.

Rev. J. R. Sanders, pastor at Junction City station, Little Rock conference, spent last Sunday in Little Rock and preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. Mary Joyner, a relative of his wife.

Rev. M. N. Waldrip is a very efficient temperance speaker, so while the recent campaign

was raging he delivered several addresses in and around Fort Smith. This in addition to his regular pastoral work.

Rev. W. T. Martin, of the Leslie circuit, Arkansas conference, spent a while in the city of Little Rock last week, and did not forget to make us a call. We are always glad to see our brethren when they come this way.

Rev. J. E. Disch is having a successful year at Roff. The church debt is being paid off and an Epworth League has been organized and the League conference for the district has been recently entertained.

Rev. W. M. Hardin has been much hindered in his work on the Altheimer charge by sickness in his family, but is now having a good meeting, assisted by Rev. A. P. Few, at Wabaseka. The outlook is more hopeful.

Rev. C. B. Campbell and his people at We-woka station are putting the new seats in their new church and rounding up the remaining debt. A protracted meeting is to be held soon with Rev. J. W. Fulton to assist.

Rev. J. F. Jernigan and the Newark people have had another great revival to mark the chief event of the year. His prayer meeting is perhaps the best attended one in the country. He is a very popular man with his people.

Rev. A. Turrentine, pastor of Foreman circuit, made us a brotherly call after the Methodist had gone to press last week. He had been assisting in a meeting at Primrose near the city. Bro. Turrentine is one of our strong preachers.

Rev. M. L. Checote, a son of the ex-chief, Samuel Checote, is one of our most faithful full blood Creek Indian brethren, and is having a successful year on the Sapulpa circuit. He will have all his collections in full at the annual conference.

Rev. Lawrence Orr, one of the most capable of the younger men of the Arkansas Conference, has been transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference, and goes to Sareoxie circuit. We regret to lose him from Arkansas.

Rev. W. A. Culver is one of our true and tried supplies in the Oklahoma conference. He is serving the Wagoner circuit this year. Gracious revivals have blessed his labors and a great ingathering into the fold of the church.

Rev. J. A. Eskew is filling eight appointments on the Haskell and Bixby circuit and has had good revivals on his work. Good eligible lots have been secured and paid for at Haskell, the property at Bald Hill has been improved.

Rev. C. L. Herring who took the place of Rev. W. M. P. Rippey at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, is starting off well. He is giving special attention to the Sunday school and has secured an increased attendance. The outlook is bright for Okmulgee and Herring.

Rev. J. D. May is one of our most industrious workers. His work at Hawley Memorial, Pine Bluff, is progressing nicely. The mills which have been shut down for so long have resumed operations and will make finances easier. Bro. May will bring up full collections.

Rev. G. W. Martin will have a good report at conference from the Henryetta and Dustin charge. It has been a year of debt paying and of organization. The debt on both the church and parsonage at Henryetta has been

paid and the church at Dustin has been paid for.

A good word must be spoken for Rev. D. H. Colquette of the Greenwood station. Besides keeping up the charge he has given a good deal of time to a vigorous canvass of Sebastian county for prohibition. In this canvass a lot of good work was done. He will report a good year.

We extend sympathy to Prof. G. W. Droke and family, of the University of Arkansas, on the sudden death of a lovely daughter, Miss Lelia, who passed away on the 16th within a few minutes from the moment of attack. She was to have been one of the teachers in the Little Rock schools this year.

Rev. Maxey Sims is a junior preacher on the Euchee circuit. He is rather a remarkable man in that he speaks three languages, English, Creek and Euchee. The Euchee is a very difficult language or dialect and is not written. Bro. Sims preaches to the Eucheas and is a very useful man.

A great union meeting between the Presbyterians, the M. E. Church, and the M. E. Church, South, has just closed at Elk City, Okla., resulting in over one hundred professions and accessions to the three churches. Rev. W. F. Jourdan did the preaching for eleven days. The pastors continued the meeting a few days after Bro. Jourdan left.

We are in receipt of a postal card upon which is the picture of St. Paul's M. E. Church, South, Cimarron, Oklahoma, Rev. W. P. Meador, pastor. The picture not only shows a neat frame building but a group of intelligent looking people. We presume that is the congregation and if so Bro. Meador should do some mighty good preaching.

Dr. John M. Moore, who has just returned from his trip around the world, spent last Sunday in Little Rock, with Dr. T. E. Sharp. He is now in his place on the Advocate staff. He has been furnishing that paper some highly interesting letters. His brethren of the press will welcome him back into regular service.

The health of Rev. J. J. Galloway, presiding elder of Harrison district, though improved since winter, is not robust. We regret to say that the health of Mrs. Wm. Sherman, wife of the presiding elder of Fayetteville district, is considerably shattered. These two facts may produce a shake-up at conference, when otherwise nothing would be disturbed.

In view of some criticism of Rev. Frank Barrett on account of his activity in the temperance campaign in Miller county, his church took definite action on last Sunday endorsing his course. This is right; Brother Barrett did altogether the right thing, and his church has done altogether the right thing in letting it be known that they stand back of him.

Rev. J. E. Lovett, the first presiding elder of the Beaver district, is having a good year at Hooker. This work is rising to importance very rapidly. From a salary of \$400 it has gone to \$800 and will reach \$1000 next year. Conversions are not infrequent at the regular preaching hours and new members are received almost every service.

Rev. Edward Forest, Central Avenue, Batesville, is having a good year. He is in fine favor with his people and the work is advancing. A recent revival has added to the membership and aroused new interest on the part of the old members. The Sunday school and prayer meetings are well attended and some improvements have been made on the parsonage.

Rev. E. A. Sample, who was appointed to the Tyrone circuit, Oklahoma conference, gave up the work and Rev. R. C. Aubrey was assigned to fill out the year. He has taken hold with vigor and has had a splendid revival at Tyrone. The people of Tyrone are now asking to be made a station for another year and this will likely be done. So it can be seen that something is doing in those parts.

Rev. H. M. Conger who is supplying the Boynton and Morris circuit, Oklahoma conference is having a good year and will have something to show for it at the end of the year. A handsome new church has been completed at Morris, the old school house has been bought and greatly improved at Boynton for a church with half a block of ground. The parsonage has been paid out and the charge is in fine shape.

Rev. Mike Cassidy, of the Oklahoma conference, residing at Argenta, Arkansas, made us a brotherly call last week. He has given more than a month to temperance work in this State assisting to run up a large no license vote on Sept. 14. He will begin an evangelistic tour of the Southwest soon under the International Committee of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., that includes meetings in several States and will last until the last of March, 1909. This is a promotion to Bro. Cassidy, and all of his friends will be glad to hear of it, even if it does remove him temporarily from the associations of his brethren in the Oklahoma conference.

A great temperance mass meeting was held at the Auditorium in Little Rock last Sunday night. Nearly all the churches in the city turned out and the pastors were seated on the rostrum. Speeches were made denouncing the fraudulent methods used in the recent election and advocating a sweeping righting of the outrage. There were nearly 4000 people present and they made a liberal contribution to further the cause in Pulaski county. Petitions have been circulated in the city of Little Rock looking to putting out of the saloons. They have been extensively signed and we would not be surprised if the last licenses had been granted for the sale of intoxicants in the Capital City. Rather we will be surprised if any are granted in the future.

The Salem camp-meeting, on Bryant circuit, this year included two Sundays. It closed last Sunday night. Rev. J. H. McKelvy, the wide-awake and successful pastor, had secured Bro. Joe M. Ramsey, of Tennessee, who conducted two services a day and in his deeply spiritual way won the people and directed them to Christ. Rev. John P. Lowry led the singing and assisted in preaching till Thursday evening. Revs. H. Jewell, F. Hutchinson, E. N. Watson, and A. C. Millar attended and helped. About sixty were reclaimed and converted, twenty-three joined the Methodist Church. Others will unite there and elsewhere. About sixty-five families tented. The crowds were large and orderly. The social spirit was fine. Two young men decided to preach. The meeting was pronounced by all a success.

On Wednesday the new State Normal building at Conway was dedicated. It was presented to the Board by Governor-elect Donaghey; received on behalf of the Board by Prof. Cook and Senator Wingo, and addresses were made by Pres. Anderson of Hendrix, Pres. Rivers of Central, Dr. Wallace Buttrick of the General Board of Education, and Judge Ponder. Pres. Doyne presided. The building, which cost over \$50,000, is large, handsome,

convenient, and substantial, a credit to the citizens of Conway, who furnished the money, to the State, to the architect, C. L. Thompson, and to the builders, the Halter Brothers of Conway. About sixty-five students have already been enrolled, and a large increase is expected. The other colleges are prospering and all Conway is rejoicing.

A Great Temperance Victory.

We had hoped that by the time of going to press this week the official figures on the temperance vote would be in from all the counties in this State. There are about a dozen counties which have not yet reported. But enough is known to enable us to say within a few hundred votes what the net result will be found to be. The Western Methodist said a week before the election that the majority against license in the State would be 25,000. The final returns will show that we did not miss it by as much as a thousand, and we were probably within 500 of the vote.

When we remember that we were put into the hands of the liquor machine by the State Board of Election Commissioners in every county where the liquor men asked it, involving about twenty counties; when we remember that we went up against a barrel of money put up by the liquor fellows; when we remember that the liquor machine deliberately went to work to steal every ballot box they controlled, and that only perpetual vigilance upon the part of the forces of the Anti-Saloon League held any of these places in line;—this is a very fine showing.

Before the smoke of this battle clears from the field the Anti-Saloon League is lining up for the next battle, State-wide Prohibition. And we will win that next year. We only ask all readers of this paper in Arkansas to remember that it will take hard work and—ten or twelve thousand dollars to win it.

Arkansas Conference Laymen's Meeting.

The laymen will doubtless report the details of this meeting. The conference leader, Bro. P. W. Furry asked me to be present and to speak to the meeting about Christian literature. On the morning of the 17th I found about one hundred of the laymen of the Arkansas Conference gathered in Central Church, Ft. Smith. Dr. W. R. Lambuth, our Missionary Secretary, and Bro. W. B. Stubbs, the General Secretary of the Laymen's Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were both present. Both rendered excellent service. Dr. Lambuth's address on the night of the 17th was the best I have ever heard from him, and I have heard him deliver many excellent addresses. Bro. Stubbs showed a keenness of Scripture exegesis which is seldom found in a layman, and very much commended himself by his work as a worthy and capable leader of a great movement.

A number of addresses by our home men, clerical and lay, were delivered. The spirit of the meeting was earnest. The general result I should pronounce as very helpful. I had a good home with Bro. S. S. Shaphard and enjoyed also the hospitality of Dr. A. E. Hardin, Mr. O. L. Miles, and the presiding elder and pastors of Ft. Smith. On former occasions reference has been made to the progress of the work in Ft. Smith. There is nothing new among the brethren in that city. Doctor Johnston is rounding out the year on the district in good form, Bro. Waldrup is closing his quadrennium at First Church in a very creditable way; Bro. Steel is getting deeper and deeper hold on the community, while Central Church prospers; Bro. Lester will soon move into a neat church on Dodson Avenue.

God's blessing rests upon the work of them all.

I spent Sunday with Rev. Elisha Dyer and his people, in East Van Buren, going out to Bethel church for an afternoon service. The Bethel congregation is a new one, the result of a very small nucleus and a good meeting which was held this summer. They have a good Sunday School, a good membership of forty, nearly all of whom have come into the church this year. They are in the fruit belt of Crawford county, are prosperous, and will build a good church. The East Van Buren church has taken on new life under Bro. Dyer, and is making good progress. After having put in three years at Hendrix College Bro. Dyer is making an excellent record. He has good help in his wife. It was a pleasure to be in the home of Bro. Joe Paine, son of my honored old friend Rev. F. M. Paine, gone years ago to heaven, and a special pleasure to meet there Mrs. F. M. Paine, who is in good health for one of her years. It was also a pleasure to spend a night in the home of our Bro. M. F. H. Smeltzer, the leading fruit man in this famous fruit region. This fruit business around Van Buren was begun by a Methodist preacher, Rev. C. H. Gregory who showed all Arkansas what could be done with peaches and berries. Bro. Smeltzer bought out Bro. Gregory at Van Buren, and all the country knows that the developments have been immense.

JAS. A. A.

Spaulding Opened.

With an enrollment of something over 150 young women of Oklahoma and surrounding States, Spaulding Female College opened its school year yesterday morning. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the college and speaks well for its future.

Yesterday morning and afternoon was spent in classifying students and otherwise arranging for beginning active school work. The opening exercises were held in the chapel at 8 p. m., and were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and a large number of friends of the school.

A number of interesting addresses were made and musical and reading numbers were a delightful feature of the program. Rev. J. K. Thompson of the Presbyterian church made the principal address, taking for his subject "The Ideal Woman." He eloquently described the type of woman which he considered ideal. He advised the young women to cultivate a love for domestic life and to learn to become home makers of the truest type. Rev. Thompson very winningly showed the esteem and respect which is universally paid to the gentle and womanly queens of the home.

C. W. Briles, of the city schools, in a short address declared the outlook for the future of the school to be very bright, indeed, and expressed his conviction that the great work done by the college in the past would be continued and that the institution would become a still more powerful influence for good in future years. Rev. Goddard, Prof. Charles B. Smith and Rev. W. H. Dunkle made kindly and encouraging remarks about school work and student life in general.

Miss Dietz, teacher of violin; Miss Rizer, teacher of piano; Miss Nelson, voice, and Miss Davis, teacher of expression, delighted a thoroughly appreciative audience with musical numbers and readings.

The faculty has been increased this year and several improvements have been made that will be of benefit to the college.

The work of the year starts very well and President Staples expects this year to be most successful.—Phoenix.

The Laymen's Movement.

VI.

W. P. W.

The past quarter century has been the heroic age of the Christian ministry. In the first days of Christianity, the Church began to make excessive demands upon the apostles; but they called the people together, and delivered this message to them: "It is not fit that we should forsake the word of God, and serve tables. Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among yourselves seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word." The record is that the church was pleased at the proposition, and proceeded to the selection of seven laymen who should attend to all the affairs of the congregation that selected them, doubtless, word." These laymen were as full of the Holy Spirit as the apostles themselves. The congregation that selected them doubtless, felt that all the affairs of Christ's church are sacred and should be managed by holy men. They were men "full of the Spirit and of wisdom." These laymen were soul winners, wrought miracles, and one of them became the first Christian martyr. When these laymen entered into the work, the church entered upon a period of aggressiveness and prosperity that had not been known. "The word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Don't fail to read the account of the first laymen's movement in the sixth chapter of Acts.

This is the kind of movement the church needs today—needs that our laymen be apostolic in faith, in purity, in labor, and in the Holy Spirit. We need that these laymen take hold of all the affairs of the church with that interest, sagacity, and business grip, they employ in their own private matters. Our men must not be allowed to believe they can do anything without the Holy Spirit. He is just as necessary to the proper administration of the church's business as he is to the preaching of the word. He is the "Lord of the harvest." He needs laborers with sanctified common sense and consecrated business methods. Our men go alone and try to accomplish the great task by voting resolutions and giving money, they must fail.

In the past quarter century, more than ever before I believe, laymen have neglected the affairs of the church for their own private business. It has been a period of remarkable business opportunity, enterprise, and success. The temptation to make money has been greater than some of our people could resist; and they have allowed the higher interests to suffer for the greed of gain. However, the church has not lost any ground. It has gone forward steadily, if slowly. The little children have been organized and called to the rescue. More has been done for them and by them than in any other period of Christianity. We did not know before that there is such might in infant hands and mite boxes. The elect men, too, have come to labor with us in the same way more heroically even than in the days of Paul. They have gone as the most active workers in their local congregations; they have read the word and continued in prayer; they have kept mite boxes and religiously contributed their pennies, nickels and dimes; and they have sent out hundreds of missionaries, both in the home field and the foreign. The men's movement ever equals in intelligence, zeal, consecration, faith, and persever-

ance the remarkable movement of the women, they will accomplish the salvation of the world.

In that period, the pastor has had more to do than in any other age of the gospel. The pulpit demands have been greater. More than ever it has been required that the preacher be educated, brilliant, and versatile. In conducting his church services, he has had to compete with the world's entertainments. The world, the flesh and the devil have been more insistent and aggressive than ever. Every day, a great wave of a thousand church problems has come rolling in to engulf him. Because more people have absented themselves from the church, the pastor has had to do more visiting from house to house. Because the opportunities of the church have been greater, and the demands of such magnitude, he has invented and placed all sorts of church machinery; and, generally, he has had to operate every machine. In his own congregation, besides his apostolic duties, he has been sexton, S. S. Superintendent, Epworth League President, Building Committee, Financial Agent, Employment Agency, Superintendent of Charities, Bureau of Information, agent for the church paper, agent for the church schools, agent for the church publishing houses, agent for each General Board, champion of temperance and all other social reforms. Besides all this, and as much more, he has had to make the literature of the church. He has furnished nearly all the copy for the church papers and reviews. He has written nearly all the books that have gone through our church publishing houses. He has done the thinking, planning, and enterprising for the church. He has financed the whole church: giving a larger proportion out of his own scant support than any other members of the church. As if he yet had not enough to do, he has been forced into the church schools as president and professor; he has been put in all the connectional positions; and everywhere, in the local church or in the church at large, he has been man of all work. It is a miracle of grace that he can preach at all. It is a testimony to the truth of Paul's assertion: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." It has been the heroic age of the Christian ministry. If Paul, in the sixth chapter of second Corinthians, adequately pictures the heroism of the gospel ministry in his own time, something more must be added to portray the greater heroism of the past quarter century. An over-burdened ministry hails with joy the Laymen's Movement.

A Pastoral Letter.

Rev. J. B. McDonald issues the following pastoral letter, which is about as applicable to other territory as it is to the Tulsa District. Vinita, Okla., Sept. 9th, 1908.

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and much remains yet to be done. This has been a hard year financially and should operate as a challenge to the church to meet her obligations despite difficulties. I trust it may be so with you.

Our church was never more prosperous in its history. This also is a challenge to develop the acquired territory and prove ourselves worthy of the success with which our Lord has crowned our labors. Shall we not so regard it and make a distinct advance in spreading the kingdom to all lands. Our Master will certainly expect no less of us since he has been so bounteous in his grace.

The late rains have largely increased the products of the soil even beyond our fondest hopes of a few months ago. Not only so, but prices are better than usual. These facts to-

gether with the large influx and distribution of money, owing to the removal of restrictions on Indian lands, leave us for the most part without excuse before God if we fail to supply the money needed for the prosecution of his work. Let us strive most earnestly therefore to make our minimum on collections reach one hundred cents on the dollar.

"We Can Do It If We Will."

This is the motto of the great Laymen's Movement. This organization marks a distinct epoch in church history. Never before have our men so fully realized their great responsibility to the unsaved masses nor been so determined under God to measure up to the requirements of God's cause in a manner that will reflect no discredit upon the business men of the church. Our laymen will receive a call from our district leader, Dr. I. D. Hitchcock, to meet him in Vinita, Oct. 13th, for a brotherly conference. Our men all over the district are calling for better business methods in church work. I hope that every layman who loves the church will be present Oct. 13th at 10 a. m. and help launch the greatest movement in the history of the district.

Finally, to the stewards: My Dear Brethren, I heartily sympathize with you in your arduous labor of love. Your souls have been tried this year if you have tried to do your duty. If you have failed to pay your pastor's salary to date, fail no more. If every dollar be paid, it will every bit be consumed in NECESSITIES. If you fall short the sacrifice will fall on one family. It may be borne in mute silence, nevertheless, cutting a man's wages at the end of the year will always cause disappointment and leave a sore spot which only time can heal. The church of God cannot afford to shave its own paper.

May the peace of God be upon you all.

Your fellow servant,

J. B. McDONALD,

Presiding Elder.

After Forty Years.

Before the civil war, two boys attended school at Yorkville Academy in Tennessee. They occupied the same desk and sometimes studied out of the same book. The love they had for each other was genuine and true. The pleasures of one was fully entered into by the other. When the civil war began in 1861 they enlisted as soldiers in the Confederate army, one sixteen and the other eighteen years old. The greater part of the war they served under General Bedford Forrest. They belonged to the same mess and slept under the same blanket. They scouted together and often fought from behind the same tree. When fierce battles were over each rested not until he knew that the other was safe. At the end of the war they were paroled at the same time in Gainesville, Alabama and returned to their Tennessee homes.

In the year 1868 when just entering young manhood they parted, one to preach the gospel and the other to a calling more secular. They often thought of each other and wondered if they would ever meet again. In time both came to live in Oklahoma but one did not know where the other was located. They had almost despaired of ever seeing each other again when one hot day last August, just forty years since they last parted, they met on the streets in Norman. Both gray-haired, a little stooped, and grandfathers. With astonished gaze they looked each other in the face. One said "John" and the other said "Hite." For awhile nothing more was said. A "frog in the throat" prevented. With moist eyes these two "old men" stood and looked at each other. "What did the bystanders say?"

They smiled and said nothing. They were too busy trying to understand this strange procedure. And what did John and Hite care for their thoughts? They were too happy to care for other peoples' thoughts. John is comfortably settled in his country home a few miles from Norman and Hite is filling as best he can his place in the faculty of the Oklahoma State University in Norman. The citizens of Norman say "we have no better citizen than John R. Hall." John would be a good citizen in any land.

Bating the gray hairs, dim eyes and wrinkled brows, I wonder if the joy of such meetings here are not close akin to the great meeting we will have in the "sweet by and by."

THEO. F. BREWER.

The World's need of Christ.

An address by Geo. Thornburgh at the Laymen's Meeting at Hot Springs, April 5, 1908.

A Jew once entered a Parsee temple and beheld the sacred fire. What! said the Jew to the priest do you worship the fire?

"Not the fire," said the priest, "it is to us an emblem of the sun and his genial heat." "Do you worship the sun then as your God," asked the Jew. "Know ye not that this testimony is but the work of the Almighty?" "We know it" said the priest, "but the uncultivated man required a sensible sign in order to form a conception of the Most High, the sun is an image of that invisible One who blesses and observes all things." "How do you designate the Supreme Being?" asked the Parsee. The Jew said "we call him A'lonai—Jehovah. The Almighty who was who is and who will be." That is a sublime and awful name said the Parsee and who can understand it?

A Christian drew nigh and said "We call Him Father." The Jew and the Parsee looked at each other and said that is at once an image and a reality: it is a word of the heart.

They looked up toward heaven and said "Our Father." Then taking each other by the hand they said my brother.

The world needs Christ first of all as our elder brother to teach the brotherhood of man. Jesus was a brother to every man he touched. He never came in contact with one whom he did not help. He gave to the world the most helpful and the most practical religion ever known. Indeed of what use is a religion if it is not practical? Why build a magnificent system of beautiful theories simply to be admired and not to be applied to the conditions and experiences of every day life. The social, the civic and the business relations? Why worry about the non-essentials upon which we disagree when the fundamentals are so plain? The first commandment is love. The second is like unto it and they comprehend the whole religious platform. The world needs Christ in every department of human life. In business to teach honesty. In politics to teach patriotism. In society to teach temperance. In human relations to teach charity—love.

If Christianity is simply a creed then it must take its place and chance among the other creeds of the world. But if it is a life, as I believe it to be, that must dominate our inmost nature and manifest itself in our every act, then it will outlive every creed and triumph over every opposition. The heathen world needs Christ to lead it to a higher and happier worship than that of stones and stocks. It needs Christ to show it the joys of childhood, the dignity of womanhood and the honor of motherhood. Christianized nations need Christ to more fully teach them that Christian brotherhood includes every human

being and that our duty is to send them the gospel that makes us free. I am in full sympathy with the foreign missionary movement and would discuss it more at length but we have with us two specialists on that subject, so I will speak of the need of Christ in the Homeland.

To particularize I believe that Christ is needed in the world just now to teach us that church comity and federation would be as creditable and as profitable in the United States as in foreign countries. In Mexico recently there was a federation of Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavors and Baptist Unions. It worked so admirably that it started the inquiry as to why the churches themselves could not federate. In Japan we have the beautiful condition of one great church instead of many divisions. If that is practicable in Japan why not in America? I think we need Christ in the world to teach us that Christian hospitals are needed in Arkansas as well as in China. The Protestant church in this country has practically turned over to the Catholics the work of building hospitals much to our loss and their gain. The grandest sight this world ever saw was the life of Christ. And one of the sweetest pictures in that matchless life was Jesus healing the sick. Christ's example and the spirit of his work should lead the church to endeavor to help the

miracle of Cana or the breakfast of fish by the sea.

I love the church above any lodge and I wish in my heart that the church would so fully meet the demands that there would be no need for the lodge. I hope for the day to come when the wage earner will not turn from the church to the lodge in the hour of sickness and need; and when a struggling widow may not say in grief the church has no sympathy for the poor.

Brethren I am talking to laymen out of a layman's heart. I could say more pleasant things but I am following the dictates of my conscience. I believe furthermore that we need Christ in Arkansas to inspire us to care for the orphan. It is cause for thanksgiving that the 25,000 Odd Fellows in Arkansas have a forty thousand dollar Orphans' Home and that the 20,000 Masons are building a sixty thousand dollar "Home." But does that relieve the Methodists from their duty to these homeless, helpless ones? We have an old wooden house and three lots at Little Rock which did not cost us anything. For years we have been trying to raise twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars to build a small orphans' home and little attention is paid to our appeal. The money for that Home ought to be raised in twenty-four hours. Forty cents a member would do it. If God or the church has any higher or holier use for money than to build orphans' homes I don't know what it is.

A friend said to me recently, "I want to help you build that Orphans' Home. I was left an orphan and I know the need of a helping hand and a work of sympathy." Brethren we need the touch of suffering in our lives to develop the best there is in us. In a picture of one of the Master's there is an angel standing by the empty cross touching with his finger one of the sharp points of the thorned crown which the Savior had worn; on his face there is bewilderment; he is trying to make out the mystery of pain. He knows nothing of it because he never felt a pain. There is nothing in angel life or angel nature to interpret human sorrow or human pain. That is why it was necessary for divinity to put on humanity in order to save the world. The chords of sympathy that run through the hearts of men bind the human to the divine. Not every one who says Lord, Lord, will be saved, but he whose actions prove his sincerity. In this busy world with its struggles and its heart aches it is not enough to pass by a disconsolate widow or homeless orphan with a simple expression of sorrow. If we could but for a moment understand the utter desolation of a homeless, parentless child our Orphans' Home would no longer lag. The world needs Christ in this age of commercialism when graft and corruption defiantly assert themselves and great temptations are thrown in the way to allure men from the path of rectitude. Pure Christianity stands as a bulwark of strength, a mighty power for good against the evils of the day; Christianity cries out for men to stand by the Golden Rule and walk by the law of love and its voice will be all the more powerful if men recognize it as the voice of brotherhood, of sympathy and of help. We need Christ in the world to show us what to do with our church houses locked up six days in the week. In this month's Sunday School Magazine there is a brief but pointed editorial on this question. It says:

"We recently heard of a handsome suburban church in front of which was posted a conspicuous sign which read: 'Five dollar reward offered for any young man caught breaking into this church.' It appears that

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human as well as the divine in man. I fear we do not appreciate the value of organized charity. It might seem mechanical and cold to have a bureau of help in our churches but it would be a great blessing. Organized charity is organized love.

There have been severe criticisms of that large class of Christian men who give some thought and time to lodges. Have you touched humanity at a vital spot. That eminent Methodist divine, Dr. Slater, after going through the terrible epidemic of yellow fever in Memphis said of the lodges: "I commend their noble deeds—the brotherly love that counts not life dear, that it may press the cooling draft to the parched lips of a brother, or soothe the anguish of his smitten family. Can I disparage men whose tears mingled with my own amid the horrors of 1878? My heart says a thousand times No. The sufferer was my brother in the church, their brother in the lodge. I could but see how weak was the church; how strong the lodge. Oh what numberable horrors would Memphis have felt beyond all human conception but for the lodges. My brethren I do not quote this to glorify the lodge nor to humiliate the church but to emphasize a condition that has engaged my heart for years. That is the lack of organized charity in our churches. You may say that that is not the church's work. Then I do not understand the meaning of the loaves and fishes, the

some young men in the community, having no convenient gathering place, had prized open the door one evening and actually dared to invade the sacred precincts of the elegant building and to walk on its handsome carpet and sit in its cushioned pews.

It seems as if such an offense ought to have suggested to the grave elders of that congregation that they had before them in that company of young men a rare opportunity for service. Why not forthwith go to work to make provision for meeting the perfectly legitimate demands of their social natures under conditions at once wholesome and Christian? Such an undertaking wisely and faithfully carried out might have won a large majority of them to Christ and his church and turned their pent-up energies into channels of usefulness. The church, like Paul, should be wise enough to know how to "become all things to all men, that she may by all means save some." And she ought to learn that it is her business, not to save some particular side or department of the man, but to save the whole of him. His intellect, his emotions, his will, and his social nature are all to be brought into subjection to Christ."

The world needs Christ to teach it how to live, how to love, how to suffer, how to hope and how to rejoice in the blessed confidence of eternal life. Until Christ left an empty tomb the world groped in darkness as to a life beyond the grave. Man only knew that he lived and died. His future was his greatest mystery. Human philosophy enquired "If a man die shall he live again?" And no answer came. Science wandered from star to star, from world to world but brought no tidings from the home of the dead. Jesus shed the first light into the tomb and brought the first glad news from the spirit world. He answered the question of philosophy. The investigation of science and the longings of humanity by breaking the bonds of death, presenting himself a spirit man and opening wide the door to a glorious immortality.

"What Shall I Do Then With Jesus?"

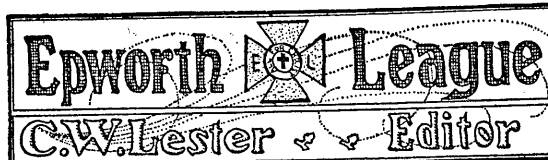
A young Christian went to visit some friends at some distance from her home. While visiting arrangements were being made for a ball, and the new disciple of Jesus was asked to assist the daughters of the house, which she did. In arranging one of the rooms at the ball room, a discussion arose respecting a picture of Jesus which hung on the wall. One girl said, "Let us cover the picture over." Another suggested, "We could turn the face of the picture to the wall." Another said, "Let us take the picture out of the room." But they could come to no decision. The father of the girls was called in and asked what they should do with the picture, and he impatiently said, "Take the picture out of the room."

Realizing what this all meant, the Christian girl thought, "What! take the picture of my dear Savior out of the room lest his pure eyes looking down on the enjoyment of the evening should spoil it? If that is what it means I shall never be found in a place where I shall be ashamed for the eyes of Jesus to see me."—J. T. Stretton.

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Topic for September 27—The Lord of the Sabbath.
(Matt. 12:1-7; Isa. 58:13-14.)

The Theme and the Scripture:

Matt. 12:1-7. To the Jewish legalist the Sabbath was a day of bondage to a lot of minute observances. Jesus would make it a day of liberty—not a day of license, mind you. He knew that the man was more important than the day. And the spirit of our Lord's intent concerning the Sabbath comes directly over into the day we call "the Lord's Day." It is the holy day of Christendom, to be used as a day of freedom from tasks, a day that shall make its observers better men for having observed it.

It is not possible to make a day holy. There is no way to impart sanctity to any division of time. The "keeping holy" of the Sabbath, and the right observance of Sunday, are not required out of respect to these "holy" days. The days do not need that; but man needs it. Sunday keeping is for character making and for the enrichment of man's life. Always the day exists for the man. It is he who is to be kept sacred, to be revered and helped.

So then Jesus was not "letting down the bars." When he said that the Sabbath was made for man, he meant liberty, not anarchy. What folly it is to quote that fine phrase of freedom in defense of the whole catalogue of Sunday follies and frivolities!

Isa. 58:13-14. The man who uses his Sundays for his own selfish pleasure will never get the true delight of them. But when he gives himself to thoughts of God, and to the things of the soul, remembering what the day means and who has made the day's peace possible, the pleasure which would not come when sought enters his life unbidden. It is with God's day as it is with God's arrangements always: he that seeketh his life shall lose it, but he that will lose it shall find it.

The Meaning of the Theme:

Two mistaken notions of the meaning of Sunday are common. One is that Sunday is a day of freedom from all restraints, a day of large indulgence and unbridled pleasure. That produces the Continental Sunday, with its results in physical, mental, and spiritual degradation.

The other is that Sunday is a day of gloom and silence; a day of long sermons, long faces, and dull, interminable solemnity. It does not forbid joy, but banishes it, which amounts to the same thing. It makes Sunday a burden and the Sunday customs to be dreaded. That produces the Sunday of the Pharisee, with its empty forms, its hypocrisy, and its repellent seriousness.

Against both of these notions Jesus opposes the Christian meaning of Sunday. It is a day of gladness, and a day of love. It is meant for worship, not to overawe the worshiper. But to bring him nearer the God he worships. It is a day of rest, but not a day of idleness. It gives a chance for quiet thinking, that we may look on our life and its largest meanings with untired mind. It is a day of religious work, when we are able to render our fellows the highest service by winning their love to Christ our Lord.

Sunday is the Lord's Day. He who is our Master is lawmaker for our lives on that day as on all the others. But for that day he has made some special laws. These are not written in any code, they must be discovered in the spirit and aim of all Christ's teaching and life. "What would Jesus have me to do?" is as wise a question to ask concerning the right use of Sunday as it is concerning any other problem of conduct. And that question would settle nine-tenths of all the difficulties about what to do and what not to do on Sunday.

Some Quotations and How to Use Them:

Read or recite them from memory, and answer the questions which follow them.

The Sunday is the core of our civilization dedicated to thought and reverence. It invites to the noblest solitude and to the noblest society.—Emerson. What solitude, and what society? And why is Sunday the core of our civilization?

He that remembers not to keep the Christian Sabbath at the beginning of the week will be in danger to forget before the end of the week that he is a Christian.—Sir Edmund Turner. Why should forgetting one make it easier to forget the other?

He who ordained the Sabbath loved the poor.—O. W. Holmes. What special value is there for the poor in a well-observed day of rest?

The Sabbath Day is the savings bank of humanity.—Frederick Saunders. Why savings bank? In what ways does Sunday enrich men, since labor for gain on that day is not approved?

Testimony from Four Statesmen:

There is no religion without worship, and no worship without a Sunday.—Montalembert.

If it had not been for Sabbath rest I would not be the man I am physically, intellectually, or spiritually.—Gladstone.

As we keep or break the Sabbath, we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which man arises.—Lincoln.

The chief reason why the founders of the American republic founded it so wisely, and their successors builded so strongly, was that the spirit of the

Pilgrim Fathers largely permeated the nation; and so they took one day in seven, the Christian Sabbath, in which to stop, and reflect, and worship.—De Tocqueville.

What to Make of Sunday:

Despot's Day—by making other people work while the despot rests and worships (?) That is degradation.

Devil's Day—by making it a day of more than usual folly and wickedness. That is degeneration. Workaday—by making no difference between the days, and missing all the duty of the rest-day. That is drudgery.

Holiday—by going with the crowd on a nerve-racking, aimless, senseless hunt after a good time. That is dissipation.

Holy Day—by giving all the best influence of life a chance to work on body and mind and soul. That is recreation.—Adapted from W. F. Crafts.

Proceedings of the Ada District Epworth League Conference, Held at Roff, Okla., Sept. 17th and 18th.

The first Conference of the Ada District Epworth League met at Roff, Okla., Sept. 17th. The Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday morning by State President Eugene P. Guthrie of Oklahoma City, and after devotional exercises led by Rev. J. E. Disch, pastor at Roff, a committee on permanent organization, consisting of Rev. S. F. Goddard, Holdenville, Rev. T. L. Rippey of Ada, and Rev. T. P. Turner of Sulphur was appointed by the president with instructions to report at the opening of the afternoon session.

After thirty minutes intermission and social greeting from the local Leagues the Conference reconvened to hear the opening sermon by Rev. T. L. Rippey of Ada, which was full of enthusiasm and helpful advice.

The Conference opened in regular business session at 2 p. m., devotional services being conducted by Rev. C. A. Martin of Pontotoc; after which the committee on organization submitted their report, recommending the following officers for the session: Eugene P. Guthrie, president and Perry L. Howeth of Holdenville for secretary. The committee also recommended the appointment by the president of the following committees: Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and Resolutions and Recommendations; Committee on Nominations; Committee on Missions; Committee on Temperance; and Committee on Finance.

At this point the Conference listened to a most cordial address of welcome from Mr. Lofton Boyd in behalf of the good people of Roff and the local Leaguers, which was surely exemplified by the royal and hospitable treatment extended the delegates. The welcome address was responded to by Mr. Frank Jones of Ada, in a few well chosen remarks.

After ten minutes intermission the committees were named as follows: Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Resolutions and Recommendations, Rev. T. P. Turner, chairman, Miss Josie Newsom, Mrs. Bras, Mrs. J. E. Disch, and Miss Elizabeth Smith; Committee on Nominations, Rev. S. F. Goddard, chairman, Rev. J. E. Disch, J. W. Gregg, Britton Turner, and Miss Bertha Harris; Committee on Missions, Rev. T. L. Rippey, chairman, Miss Hattie Givens, Mrs. C. S. Walker, Miss Lora Aiken, and Miss Laura Knight; Committee on Temperance, Rev. C. A. Martin, chairman, Dr. P. E. Mitchell, Miss Minnie Chesler, Miss Clara Betts, Miss Elsie Turner; Committee on Finance, J. Frank Jones, chairman, Miss Lucy Morris, Miss Tena May Todd, Miss Minnie Hancock, and R. C. Welch.

Reports from Chapters were then heard, and from these reports it is evident that much good work is being done at many points in the district. Reports were freely discussed, and many good suggestions were offered, which will prove a great benefit if put into use in the local chapters.

The discussion of the methods used in conducting the devotional meetings was a matter of interest to all Leaguers. It was generally agreed that the best hour to hold devotional services was just before the evening church service.

The Conference was thoroughly awake to the cause of missions and much discussion was heard upon this subject. It was agreed that the way to make missionary lessons interesting is to study missions through mission study classes, and at this juncture the president asked that every Leaguer enter into a pledge to begin at once, upon returning to their local chapters, to organize a mission study class, and the pledge was unanimously agreed to, and it is earnestly hoped will be carried out.

The Conference then adjourned till 8 p. m., at which time a good congregation gathered to hear Rev. W. J. Sims, Commissioner of Education for Oklahoma of the M. E. Church, South. A most earnest plea was made for Christian education and loyalty to Epworth University.

The most spiritual gathering during the entire Conference was the Sunrise Prayer Meeting which was held at 6:30 Friday morning, and led by Miss Lucy Morris of the Konawa League. At 8 o'clock Friday morning the Conference again convened in regular business session, devotional services being conducted by Rev. T. P. Turner of Sulphur. After profitable discussion was heard upon such questions as directly affect the local conditions in our chapters. The subject, "How to Secure Greater Epworth League Success" was also freely discussed, many giving suggestions which will no doubt be put into

use in many chapters throughout the District.

At this time a change was made in the original program, and the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws made its report, submitting a most excellent code of laws to govern the district organization, which was unanimously accepted and adopted.

The District Epworth Leagues throughout the State so far as organized, are adopting a uniform constitution, so that the work may be carried forward in the most systematic manner.

The Committee on Nominations then offered its report, which embraced the nomination of officers to serve during the ensuing year, as provided under the constitution; the following being nominated and unanimously elected: President, C. E. Emanuel Sulphur; 1st vice president, Miss Minnie Hancock, Holdenville; 2nd vice president, Dr. P. E. Mitchell, Yeager; 3rd vice president, Miss Tena May Todd, Ada; 4th vice president, Rev. C. E. Barnhardt, Paden; corresponding secretary, Miss Mate Nicholson, Sulphur; recording secretary, Miss Mittie Barringer, Ada; junior superintendent, Mrs. C. S. Walker, Holdenville; treasurer, Miss Hattie Givens, Roff; Era agents, Miss Sue Brice, Weleetka and Miss Bertha Harris, Kona wa; district organizer, Miss Lucy Morris, Konawa. Konawa was selected as the next place of meeting, the time to be left to the executive committee.

At this point the Conference took up a further discussion of missions, which was made a prominent feature of the entire session; and the subject, "The Work of the Epworth League in the Evangelization of the World, and What the Chapters are Doing for Missions" was taken up for general discussion, mainly by the fourth vice presidents, and in connection with the discussion, the Committee on Missions made its report to the Conference, which we feel the importance of giving in full, and is as follows:

"We, your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following: Realizing the great need of deepening the missionary spirit, in order that our young people may hear the call of God to evangelize the world, and thus be equal to the mighty responsibility God has placed upon them. Be it resolved,

First, that Mission Study Classes be organized within the bounds of every charge in the Ada District immediately.

Second, that the Fourth Vice President of each local chapter see to it that each Leaguer subscribes for "Go Forward," and that our missionary literature be thoroughly distributed among the Leaguers.

Third that we invite the Oklahoma City District Epworth League to join with us in supporting a missionary in the Foreign field, at a cost of \$700.00; the Leagues of each District paying \$350.00. Should this invitation be accepted the presiding elders will apportion the \$350.00 among the Leagues of their respective Districts. All money to be remitted promptly to the Conference Teller, and as soon as \$350.00 is in the hands of the Conference Teller, Dr. W. R. Lambuth to name the missionary to be supported.—T. L. Rippey, Chairman Committee."

This report was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted and a copy of the resolution ordered sent to the President of the Oklahoma City District Epworth League, with a request that the matter be taken up at once to the end that steps looking to the raising of the necessary funds be started immediately after the Annual Conference in November. The missionary spirit manifested by the Leaguers insure success on their part, and it is up to the Oklahoma City District League to "come across," and may God bless and crown the efforts of these young people in this laudable movement.

In addition to this obligation, the Conference pledged its support to Bro. Goddard, the Presiding Elder, to aid him in relieving Brother I. R. Hann of some financial burdens that have been greatly retarding his usefulness to the Church; Brother Goddard assuring us that Brother Hann is one of his most valuable and faithful workers. It is hoped that when Brother Goddard calls upon you for this small aid, the Leaguers throughout the District will promptly respond.

At the afternoon session, beginning at 2 o'clock the subject of Junior League work was taken up and ably discussed by Mrs. C. S. Walker, Rev. J. E. Ditch, Mrs. Bras and Miss Dale. Great stress was placed upon this phase of the work, and it is earnestly hoped that our Senior Leaguers will take more interest in Junior work hereafter; for the Junior League is the hope of the Senior League.

Reports of committees on Finance, Resolutions and Recommendations, and Temperance were then offered, and accepted. The Committee on Resolutions after thanking the good people of Roff for their hospitality, strongly condemned the use of tobacco, and recommended that it be the sense of the Conference that no man should be ordained to the ministry who uses tobacco; the committee also recommended that the expenses of the District Organizer be paid out of the funds of the District League.

The Committee on Temperance strongly condemned the officers who wink at the flagrant violations of the prohibitory law; recommended the adoption or ratification of the Billows Enforcement Law at the polls in November; urged Epworth Leaguers throughout the District to refrain from the appeals of the Sons of Washington, who are styled the direct representatives of the liquor interests.

The minutes of the Conference were then read and approved, and the business session adjourned.

At 8 p. m. a stirring song service was enjoyed followed by a splendid sermon on "Where the Spirit of God is, There is Freedom," by Rev. T. P. Turner,

pastor of First Methodist Church, Sulphur.

I want to add a word of congratulation to the Leaguers and pastors of the Ada District, and predict a work second to none in the State, if you live and work out the spirit of enthusiasm evidenced during the Conference.

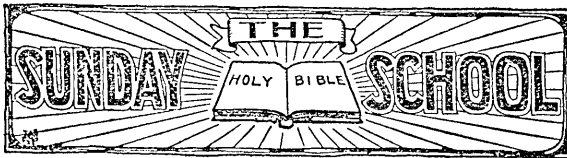
I wish, in behalf of the Leaguers of the District, to especially thank the pastors for their interest and valuable assistance. I have attended the last two State Conferences and there were more pastors present at this district conference than either of the State Conferences I have attended.

Pastors, and Leaguers, if you missed this Conference, you missed a great blessing, and I hope you will resolve now to not miss the next.

I would especially request that pastors and League Presidents see that these proceedings are read to your chapter at the next devotional meeting after you have received the publication. We want those who did not attend to catch the spirit of enthusiasm, for great work is going to be accomplished in your midst during the coming year.

May God bless our Epworth Leaguers.

EUGENE P. GUTHRIE.
State President



The Sunday School lesson for next Sunday will be found in last week's issue, page 6.

The Superintendent's Program.

(For superintendents only to read).

Mr. A. T. Brewer, in his excellent book entitled "How to Make the Sunday School Go," says: "No audience of grown people, except at a funeral, will remain silent for two successive minutes when there is nothing going on to see or hear. At a funeral they will keep quiet for two reasons: First, they have assembled to pay respect by their mere presence to the deceased; secondly, they are impressed with the awful solemnity which death inspires."

But the Sunday school service in its most quiescent moment should not resemble a funeral. It is composed mainly of the young, who are full of enthusiasm and eager with anticipation. The future and what it holds in store for them is the thing that interests them most. Children look forward instead of backward, and to interest and hold their attention things must be kept moving.

The success or failure of the Sunday school hour depends to a great extent upon the opening service, and yet the entire program must be carefully studied and well planned in order to work out satisfactorily.

The superintendent who gives the program no attention until the Sunday school hour arrives is derelict in his duty and invites failure. A service to be helpful must not only be in harmony with the lesson of the day but must have variety.

Marion Lawrence, in speaking of the conduct of a Sunday school, says: "In all my years of experience as a Sunday school superintendent, I doubt if ever I used two programs exactly alike."

It is not expected that the order of service printed in the quarterlies is to be followed slavishly. It is only suggestive. Local conditions will make it expedient to modify almost any plan that may be proposed.

The superintendent should use judgment and common sense in all of his work, and this applies just as much in his preparation of the program as it does in other things. The service should be worshipful, but not dull; short and crisp, not slow and wearying. Keep the service in harmony with the lesson of the day; begin promptly at the hour and close just as promptly.

Use the members of the school just as much as possible in songs, prayers, responsive services, reviews, etc. Keep the element of surprise always on hand in large quantities. Let the school feel that there is something worth coming to see and hear each Sunday, and that if they stay away it will be their loss.

Happy the superintendent who has his school feeling thus. And why may not all superintendents have this? It is worth the effort at least.

The following quotations are from "The Modern Sunday School in Principle and Practice," an excellent work dealing with the mission and methods of the Sunday school, by Frederick W. Cope, general secretary of the Religious Education Society, recently issued from the press by the Fleming H. Revell Company:

"Some schools are conducted; others meander and get lost. The former have carefully prepared and definite programs; the latter do not. A school on a schedule is a school that arrives somewhere."

"Avoid drows. Arrange your programme for warm blood, for young life; keep it wide awake. This does not mean that the school must feel like a village school on the fourth of July; alertness, vigor, life and natural interest need never be rowdy or irreverent."

"Above all, avoid preparing the program to suit your adult tastes and experiences. There are certain hymns, certain psalms very precious to you on account of certain experiences; remember the pupils have not had these experiences; it is a greater in-

justice to try to force that experience on them than it would be to make them wear their fathers' clothes. A healthy boy does not 'long to rise in the arms of faith;' and if he is sighing for 'peace, perfect peace,' he needs a doctor."—Sunday School Magazine.

Missionary Rally Day.

The third Sunday in October, the 18th, is set apart for this important occasion. It can be made a great day—one fraught with a three-fold blessing.

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2. The information concerning missions will be disseminated. If we are going to be truly a missionary church, we must educate the young in this most important line of work.

3. The funds to be raised on this occasion is not an unimportant matter. The Sunday school folk of Oklahoma Conference are attempting the greatest thing ever undertaken—the support of a foreign missionary in the foreign field by the Sunday schools of each district. If the day is properly managed, the 460 schools of our conference could raise \$4,000 on that occasion alone. Don't you think it worth while?

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Educational Matters in Oklahoma.

By Rev W. F. Dunkle, Chairman of the Oklahoma Conference Board of Education.

The year 1908 will go down in Oklahoma history as a most notable year in matters Educational. It marks the beginning of public free-schools in the eastern half of the State, where for the first time more than 50,000 white children will have the advantages of free school and of rudimentary education. It marks the establishment by the State of three additional normal schools and two agricultural and mechanical schools, a girls' industrial school, a school of mines, a school for the blind, and one for deaf-mutes. Besides this, in every county teachers' normal institutes were held, many of them for the first time.

Not less marked has been the activity manifested by the several religious bodies working in the State.

The Northern Presbyterians have consolidated all their school interests, located themselves at Tulsa in a most eligible site, have erected the main building of their college, and are vigorously pushing forward towards a great school.

Southern Presbyterians have abandoned their old site at Durant and are seeking a more central location with a view to projecting larger things.

The Baptists, north and south, have consolidated their interests, sold their property at Tahlequah and Atoka, taken over from their Home Board (Northern) the Bacom College at Muskogee, and are entering upon an era of great purpose to build one central university—presumably at Muskogee.

The Christians or Disciples have located their college at Enid in a most eligible site and are settling down to aggressive work.

The Dutch-Reformed church has located an additional secondary school in the western part of the State.

The negro Baptists have laid the foundation for a central University on a site near Muskogee.

Nor has Methodism been less active. Significant and far reaching plans have been projected and results obtained.

At the Conference of last year, by almost unanimous vote, the conference fixed upon the policy of having a single system with two branches—a college each for boys and girls, and placed an agent in the field to raise a sum equal to fifty cents per capita of our membership as an education special. Besides this, trustees were chosen for the Woman's College and a commission appointed to conduct negotiations with the parent Board of Missions relative to the transfer of its property at Muskogee, with power to locate the Woman's College and to incorporate the trustees thereof.

The year being near its end, it may not be uninteresting to review the results thus far attained and make some observations as to the future.

Pursuant with its instructions the Commission of Education began, early in the year, negotiations with the Board of Missions regarding the transfer to our conference of Spaulding College. After considerable time and much courteous patience on the part of all parties, a deed was executed to the property whereby the Conference becomes absolute owner thereof. It being stipulated that the trustees shall be always members of our church, shall incorporate under the laws of the State, and shall execute to the Board of Missions a guarantee bond in the sum of \$50,000 that the property be never alienated from its intended use—all of which has been done, and the college opens with the largest enrollment in its history.

Equally happy have been the year's results at Epworth—a new \$25,000 dormitory has been secured and will shortly be in erection. A warranty deed to the property has been executed to the two Methodisms and placed to record—thus finally settling the vexing question of title. A student body, the largest in

the history of the University has been enrolled and perhaps \$15,000 for educational purposes been raised in excess of the assessments.

And these results in the face of a most untoward crop situation, general financial distress, wide-spread apathy on the part of our pastors and people, and some positive opposition both to the general plan and to the working plan. That there should have been apathy is not surprising; and, perhaps, it should not be surprising that all have not fallen in heartily with the men and methods chosen to carry out the general plan—we are but human.

But that the general plan is correct and should be adhered to is beyond all debate. Concentration is the order not only of our business age but of our universe. Dispersion is folly; we must "advance in force." A full century of dispersion of forces in school matters should teach Methodism by this time that only the strong can live. Certainly that is so now, whatever may have been true in the past. And good reason there is for it. Education was never so comprehensive as now, hence never so expensive. Instead of inexpensive equipment, as of yore, we now require abundant and expensive. Instead of the one professor teaching a number of subjects, we now require a specialist teaching only one. Instead of tuition fees being adequate to defray expenses, we now require large endowments to supplement them. Hence, since enlarged and multiplied building and equipment are a sine qua non, since expensive specialists only can give the ever expanding courses of instruction, endowment is an absolute necessity of the modern college and university; but, this necessitates centralization. For it is manifestly impossible for one—even several—conferences to adequately endow a number of colleges. To attempt it is to court certain failure; while to attempt first grade college work without endowment is to be guilty of unspeakable folly not to say a worse word—a crime against intellect.

Hence, by every consideration, we are bound to adhere to our plan of having one System. Indeed we are forced to it now. For we have no other. Willie Halsell College is sold, so is Methvin Institute, and Hargrove was burned—leaving only Spaulding and Epworth.

Now a few observations on the present methods of work. It is not surprising that there should have arisen some perturbation, after more mature deliberation, over the plenary power conferred by the last Conference upon the Commission. Indeed, it was a rare, even a risky thing to do. Fortunately, the men of the Commission were all aware of this peril and have acted with that ever in view. But, it was absolutely necessary that such power be had. Otherwise no transfer of property could have been made. For, it was necessary (made so by the Board of Missions) that the trustees-elect should take out articles of incorporation, but to do so, they must both name the corporation and locate the school (the State law requires it) and file Articles of Incorporation. But who was to say what was to go into those Articles? Who was to safeguard the rights, properties, and control of the Conference? Either the trustees must do it or the Conference must delegate the power to somebody; in either case plenary power is held. Fortunately for the Conference all its rights and powers have been preserved. Under the charter of Oklahoma Woman's College the Conference has absolute control and can change the name, the location, and the trustees at will.

Some objection has been made at the apparent change of name from Spaulding College to Oklahoma Woman's College. Such objection is without foundation in fact. The name is not changed, no such power was given the commission. The fact is, a corporation was formed, had to be formed, to which a name was given, had to be given, and this corporation is made the custodian and holder,

for the Conference, of the Spaulding College property. If the Conference decides to locate its Woman's College at Muskogee (the corporation is temporarily located there, because it had to be located somewhere) and to call it Spaulding College, it is free to do so. Or, if it decides to go elsewhere and locate and adopt another name, it is free. The Commission had no instructions to charter Spaulding College, nor did it do so, save in the sense of temporarily adopting it as the Conference Woman's College with all the rights conferred thereby under the charter granted the Corporation. What action the Conference should take as to change of location and name, I have nothing to say.

Shall the Commission be continued? I think not. It were far better to delegate specifically, to the Conference Board whatever powers and duties the Commission should have in the future. Certainly its plenary powers as to location should be annulled—that was only a temporary necessity in connection with the transfer of Spaulding and the forming of the corporation. Likewise it should not be left in full power "to correlate and control." All this should be subject to ratification by the Conference.

Shall the Commissioner be continued? Unquestionably, yes. The office has abundantly demonstrated its usefulness this year. But, his powers should be somewhat enlarged, his duties more specifically defined, and his support be derived from the colleges, not from the funds of the Board of Education.

Henceforth he should be made commissioner for both colleges and be required to raise money for both—in fact, all money raised by him should, when not directed by the donor, be left to the Board to be applied. He should canvass equally in the interest of both for students, avoiding all partiality to either. As a matter of fact, having but one system with two colleges, he should canvass for our System, sending pupils where they choose to go.

With patience to wait a little, with faith and zeal to work hard, with willingness to surrender all points and personalities that are non-essential, with \$600,000 worth of property already and 450 pupils enrolled to date, with an intelligent and loyal pastorate and patronage, with a far vision of ultimate greatness, what have we to fear in the education-policy of Oklahoma Methodism? Nothing, save dissension in the ranks.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

(We shall be glad to have all the children contribute to this page. Let them address letters to Miss Lillian Anderson, Conway, Ark.)

Susan's Green Bow.

By Alice Turner Curtis.

Susan was in the country on a visit to Grandmother Dodge, and the little girl was quite sure that there was no more lovely place in the whole wide world than the brown farmhouse, with the white porch over the front door and the big piazza on the side.

Susan could play about the green yard and in the big barn, and had her playhouse under one of the big trees in a corner of the pasture; and although there were no other children for her to play with, she was never lonely.

One reason why Susan enjoyed her playhouse so much was on account of a goat that was pastured in the next field. A high board fence was between the field and the pasture, and Susan's playhouse was close to the fence.

The goat would sometimes try to poke his head in between the fence boards, but never quite succeeded.

One day Susan tired of playing with her pieces of broken china, her bright tin dipper and the rag doll, Dinah, who was always such agreeable company, and began to wonder what she would do next. She looked toward the high board fence and saw the goat feeding in a distant part of the field, and as Susan watched the goat she remembered how funny it always looked when it tried to get its head in between the low boards.

"I know I could get my head between those boards," said Susan to Dinah, putting up her hands to tie the lovely green-ribbon bow more securely. It was a new ribbon. Grandmother Dodge had brought it home from the village only the day before.

"Now watch me, Dinah!" commanded Susan, standing the rag doll where her eyes of black beads were fixed directly on the fence; and then Susan tipped her smooth brown head and slid it carefully through between the boards. Then she tried to lift it a bit, thinking gleefully that she was really smarter than the goat, and hoping the goat would see her.

The goat did see her. The nodding green ribbon waved suggestively between the fence boards. "O-ho!" said the goat. "Another bunch of green grass for me!"

Susan had just decided to go back to play, but, some way, she could not tip her head so easily with the board fence holding it so closely. She moved this way and that, making the green ribbon wave invitingly, so that the goat came faster and faster, and in a moment Susan felt a fierce tug on her hair.

"Oh!" screamed Susan. "The goat will eat off my head!" And she twisted her head so quickly and screamed so loudly that not only did the goat jump back in surprise, but Susan found her head free again, and stood up straight on her own side of the board fence, and looked reproachfully at the goat, from whose mouth hung an end of her beautiful green hair ribbon!

The goat looked so solemn and chewed on the ribbon so perseveringly that the little girl forgot to be sorry about her loss, and laughed aloud.

"Old billy-goat thought it was a new kind of grass," she confided to Dinah, as she brushed the hair back from her face and started home across the pasture to tell Grandma Dodge.—Youth's Companion.

Dota, Ark., Aug. 7, 1908.

Dear Methodist: May I be permitted to write a true story about "My Cardinal?"

It was during the February of 1902—"the icy February" when everything was ice bound for so long. "My Cardinal" was a red bird that was almost tame enough to eat from my hand. Many birds came each morning and evening to feed with the chickens, but the "Cardinal" seemed to hold aloof from the others. His bright red plumage and his not mingling with the other birds first attracted my attention. He seemed sad and lonely so I conjectured his mate had been frozen, for in



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crossing a woods lot near home I had found many birds frozen. Some were frozen in the trees with their tiny feet locked tightly around the branch. I discovered one evening that my "Cardinal" and other birds slept in a small cedar in the corner of the yard, so I got an old wagon cover and spread over the north side of the cedar as a protection against the wind.

I was going to school at the time and prepared most of my lessons at night. Near twelve o'clock one night I heard my "Cardinal" trilling a song as clearly as if spring had just opened. This was something unusual, so I stepped into the yard and listened. The clear cold air brought his notes to me with piercing distinctness. His delicate trills and quavers seemed to fairly burden the air with melody. What could it mean? Had he awoke from some joyous dream of spring so real as to call forth a thrilling burst of song? His little song was gradually becoming less distinct, as if sleep was again claiming him. I went around to the cedar but before I reached it his song had died away and all was quiet again. In the darkness I could not distinguish one bird from another and for fear of frightening them away I went back thinking of what could be the cause of his singing so blithely in the middle of a wintry night.

The next morning the mystery was solved. My "Cardinal" did not come for his breakfast. I went around to the cedar and there on the ground, his little beak and breast stained still more crimson by his blood, lay the "Cardinal" dead. He had frozen to death during the night—died singing praises to his creator.

I took him to the fire and tried to warm him back to life but no life was there.

I am thankful for an imagination that can give to these flitting beauties of visible music an immortal spirit. This handful of crimson was not all of my "Cardinal." His spirit had ascended in song to Him "who notes each sparrow's fall."

I buried him under the cedar feeling thankful I had shown kindness to this one of God's creation," for he in his death, had preached, to me, a most eloquent sermon. Yours truly,

"NEMO."

Hope, Ark., Aug. 26, 1908.

Dear Methodist: I have not written to you in a long time. I hope the cousins haven't forgotten me. I am fourteen years old and will be fifteen the 25th of December. Who has my birthday? I live out in the country four and one-half miles from Hope. I went to school in Hope part of last term. I am in the eighth grade. We have a little summer school out here but I don't go out here. We don't have any Sunday school nearer than two miles. It is most too far to walk in hot weather. I would like to correspond with some of the cousins my age. As ever your cousin,

CALLIE STEWART.

Davidson, Okla., Aug. 1, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little girl thirteen years old and love to go to Sunday school. Our protracted meeting begins the first Sunday in August. I would like to exchange post cards; my address is Davidson, Okla., box 43. How many of the cousins like flowers? I do for one. I am in the fourth grade at school. Our school will begin in November. I wish Ruth Carr

would write us another story. I will close with love to all the cousins.

MILDRED LONG.

Purdy, Okla.

Dear Cousins: I thought I would write a short letter as I have not seen any letters from this part of the new State of Oklahoma. How many of you cousins enjoy going to school? I do. I am in the eighth grade. Our school will start in the next month. How many of you cousins like music? We have an organ and I can play some. Your new cousin,

CORA MASONER.

Hope, Ark., Aug. 24, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: Here comes a little Hope girl asking admission into your happy little band. Almost every week of the eleven years of my life the Western Methodist has been a welcome visitor to our home. How eagerly I read the Children's Page each week! I am disappointed if there is not a letter from "Ruth Carr." We live at Hope but we are spending the summer at Dyke Springs, four miles from Hope. There are quite a number of families from our city spending the summer out here. We are staying in a three room cottage upon the hill above the spring. We live in the loveliest oak grove. In this grove my little brother, sister and I play each day gathering muscadines, for we have them in abundance out here. We have swings, hammocks, play houses and everything to make our stay pleasant. Last but not least we made the branch which flows from the spring. There are twelve children of our party from town. So you can well imagine the good old times we have. I know some of the city cousins envy me my stay in the country. In another month we will leave our happy Dyke Springs cottage and return home to begin school and music. How many of the cousins like music. I do and have been taking six months. I have a fine piano. I can see that dreadful waste basket yawning so will close. Your new cousin,

ELISE BROACH.

Come again with another good letter.

Cabot, Ark., Sept. 14, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: This is my second time and I will do my best. How many of you cousins like flowers? I do for one. I think they are the sweetest things that grow. I go to Sunday school nearly every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Maggie Smith. I like her fine. I think she is a nice woman. I go to school when there is any, but our school is out now. My papa is the pastor here again this year and our presiding elder is Dr. A. C. Millar. I have one dog for my pet and I think he is grand. I would like to exchange postals with some of you cousins. If I see this in print I will write again. Yours very truly,

IZONA LEWIS.

Murfreesboro Circuit.

We are moving along smoothly on our work. We have held only two meetings to date, but had very good success at each place. Our fourth quarterly conference was held last Monday. Bro. Ware, our presiding elder, has been on time at each quarterly meeting this year. He has things going right down here. The financial condition of the circuit is ahead of

anything in the past; we hope to be able to pay every cent of our assessment.

We organized a Woman's Home Mission Society some time ago. The women seem anxious to do the work and we hope to accomplish a great deal of good with this organization. We have some noble people here and as at other places there are a good many members of the church who are not working at their profession very much. We have lost several of our old people this year. Sister Flaherty, Sister Gould, Sister Golden and Bro. W. H. Terrell, and quite a number of children have died. Pray for us.

P. S. HERRON, P. C.

Monette and Lake City.

We are having a revival meeting. We have Bro. O. G. Halliburton with us. He is doing the preaching. He is one of God's earnest and able preachers, with a quiet and forceful way of explaining the word of God. He preaches to the heart of the people and any man that hears him learns something, or is better prepared for a higher plane of living. Our meeting is just getting started. We think the church is getting revived and we are praying for a great ingathering of souls. One old sinner was converted last night and said he had just found out that God's grace was sufficient for him. We hope with Bro. Halliburton's preaching and earnest work, there will be many who will find out that his grace will be sufficient for them. Pray for us brethren that the Lord may bless us wonderfully. Our meeting will continue until September 27, or longer. Yours in Christ,

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"Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."—These and many more such striking promises are given us if we ask for what we desire in the right spirit. It is a mistake to dismiss our petitions with the "amen" and leave them unthought of and behind us when our prayer is ended. Earnestness and faith while at the mercy seat are not enough. We must supplement them by an honest effort to realize our supplications, with the help of our Heavenly Father.

In our Auxiliary, at Winfield Memorial Church, we have decided on the noon hour for special, definite prayer, for our work. First that our women one and all in our church may awake to their privilege as well as duty, and that our members who seem indifferent may take a fresh view at our crucified Lord, and realize that he died to save the whole world. I would like to request the entire Little Rock District to join in this noon hour prayer-circle. Phillips Brooks says, "Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God in answering it will not wish you had made it larger. Pray not for crutches but for wings." What a glorious result if these prayers might be answered by impressing those who seem to take no interest in foreign missions. O if every woman in our church would with one united breath step out upon God's promises, saying "here am I send me." It would be no trouble then to find the dozen women needed in Korea, or the Medical missionaries for China, or lady managers for our Juvenile societies at home. If the women who seem so listless, and unconcerned, would think of Paul when the scales fell from his eyes, and he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He told Paul what to do and he will tell you if you ask in faith.

The kingdom of God is coming, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society needs more workers and helpers, strong leaders are needed like the seventy that assisted Moses, and like him we cry: Would God that all the Lord's women were ready to come to the tabernacle and bear a part of the burden in bringing the people to their promised inheritance.

I am planning a District meeting to be held about the 27th and 28th of October. The Auxiliary at Loneke is anxious to entertain this meeting, and remembering the hospitable entertainment given the annual meeting of our society there a few years ago we may be sure of a cordial welcome to all our workers who will attend. We want every auxiliary in the District to take special interest in this meeting, begin to talk about it, plan to send a representative, and be willing to take the part in the meeting, you may be asked. Do not say, "O I am not competent to do that," but remember, God uses those

whom he can trust and upon whom he can rely. God never requires of us that which he has not given us the power to accomplish. He leads us out so gently and tenderly, each time taking us a little farther, until he has us where he can trust us with work that is worth while. We hope to have Sisters Thomas and Hotchkiss with us, and let us come expecting a great uplift, a great blessing. Dear friends have we, and are we showing to the world the value of our organization? Are we women of more faith, more prayer, and is our knowledge of the world's needs and woes enlarged as we read and study from the many sources accessible? Let us come to this meeting, and clasp hands with one another, and with Him in solemn pledges and covenant that we will hear what He says and obey and serve Him until every creature shall know His name; and that we will heed His divine councils until we stand on the shining heights, with the redeemed of the earth, and cast our crowns before Him.

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Boys and Girls.

I have just been writing to Miss M. L. Gibson of Kansas City, trying to make arrangements to enter a very brilliant and consecrated young woman to prepare for deaconess work. Lack of money is our trouble. I know of a number of boys and girls who want to prepare for a larger usefulness to the church, but they are not able and don't know how to begin. I have gotten some help for several, but my heart is stirred with emotion now when other boys and girls want to start and have no means and I can't help them. They—of this mountainous country—are usually strong in mind and in body and simple in life, just such as will make great men and women. I wish I could help them. Money put in building character and fitting boys and girls for great usefulness in life is far better spent, than in wasted on ourselves or hoarded up. Do you want to help some promising, worthy boy or girl? I can find you the boy or girl. I can find you some boys who want to preach and some girls who want to be deaconesses, teachers, etc. We get many of our best preachers and leading women from these rural mountainous regions. Often we find them as diamonds in the rough. Friend, look about you and help that worthy boy, or that sweet, promising girl. If you can't find him let me know and I'll show you. I have a beautiful, strong and consecrated young woman who would enter Scarritt Bible and Training School now if she had the means. No greater work than discovering and helping boys and girls. We have had more infants born into the kingdom of our Lord than we have cared for. Our Father's children have had poor nurses if any at all, and yet we grumble because more do not grow into strong men and women. Why the church so weak? The babies and growing children are not cared for. They grow in sin, polluted and vitiated atmosphere and breathe the miasmatic germs of corruption. We must have some more trained nurses. We have the boys and girls who want to be, we have the training schools, but we can't

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 J. J. GALLOWAY.

Harrison, Ark., Sept. 19, 1908.

Junction City, Ark.

Our three weeks' union revival here closed a week ago last Sunday night. There were some over sixty professions and reclamations, with thirty-one accessions to the M. E. Church, South, twenty-three to the Baptist, and eight to the Presbyterian church. The last night the large audience lingered after the benediction, singing several songs, and joyfully talking of the great good they had received from the revival. "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung before the benediction with greater spirit and power than we have ever heard it before. All felt its meaning. This meeting has passed into history, but will always be so gladly remembered by the people as a great event just preceding the fourteenth anniversary, Sept. 24th, of the building up of Junction City. The sum of \$240.00 was collected during the meeting, the ministry paid for their services and the tent and all expenses paid, and we have the large tent for future use. Praise the Lord for His great blessings.

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Honor to Whom it is Due.

By B. B. Thomas.

Every charge, and preacher, in Texarkana District deserves mention, but special mention is due First Church and its pastor, Rev. Frank Barrett. This church has made splendid and solid progress, more than one hundred have been added to the membership, and the League is a strong working force. The Sunday School has doubled and is constantly increasing its power. The pastor is careful and painstaking. He has the name, residence and street number, age and church relation of every man, woman and child in his parish. He has also done a monumental work toward ridding the city and county of the blighting whisky traffic, backed up by his church, and with the full endorsement of his Presiding Elder. He deserves all credit for any success that now promises to follow from the contest of the recent election which was dominated by the saloon element, and under their partizan judges, gave a small majority in favor of saloons. To him also is due the effort which is now being made to put the saloon out by petition, and which promises to be a triumphant success. He moves severely along carrying with him the esteem and respect of all classes, and all ascribing to him the highest motives, and

praises, for his manly stand upon all moral questions. His pulpit is his throne of power, and all consent that few men can deliver such masterly discourses week after week, as are delivered from the pulpit of First Church. By a chain of circumstances he has been the only pastor on the east side who has entered actively, into this battle against the open saloon in Texarkana.

Manila, Ark.

We have just closed a great meeting at Manila. We had the faithful labors of Rev. E. C. Dees, who did the preaching, and Bro. Chas. D. Lear, who had charge of the song service. They certainly did their work well. We had 116 professions of conversion and reclamations, with sixty-one additions to the Methodist church. Several united with the Baptist church. The pastor and members of the Baptist church gave strength to the meeting. Pray for my wife and myself. Our health is not good.

Truly,

W. F. HUDSON, P. C.

El Paso Circuit.

I closed my protracted meeting at Cato Sunday the 13th inst., which is the last for this year. We had nine conversions, and eight additions to the church, and the membership much revived. Rev. J. H. Gipson of near Otto, helped me in this and one other meeting. He preaches in demonstration of the Spirit and power, and is a safe man and good help in a revival meeting.

Wishing you success in your work, I remain,
 Yours in Christ,
 R. H. GRISSETT.
 Cato, Ark., Sept. 21, 1908.

The Vote in Icard County.

The vote for and against license in Icard county is as follows: For license 496. Against license \$71. For native wine 571. Against 563. The vote on native wine is a surprise to us, but as there are no vineyards in this county I hardly think that the county is hurt.
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Little Rock Conference.

The first half of our fiscal year has closed. The record is made. We believe each Home Mission worker has done her best. The summer has been depressing; many have been away from home, some in search of health, some pleasure, and others attending the bedside of dear ones. Now that the cool days are returning, and with them our "wanderers," we will work with renewed strength in our Master's cause.

Oct. 4-10 has been set apart by our Board for our Week of Prayer.

If any Auxiliary has failed to get programs and leaflets, much that is necessary for fine papers will be secured from OUR HOMES, that has been so full of the subject we will study that week.

The collection from the Week of Prayer goes this year to our "Mission Home and Training School," Dallas, Tex. Let all our women give a thank offering that will honor our Lord. We are so anxious that we may all see anew the work our Home Mission Society is doing in Preventive and Rescue work. One of the greatest protections to our country is the caring for the

child life, and working women of our land.

Encouraging and splendid reports come from many of our Auxiliaries. This is delightful. On the other hand some of them seem to be asleep, as our faithful District Secretaries cannot hear from them. Friends, let's awake to our opportunities. Time passes so rapidly. We can never recall a single thing we neglect. Let us do as we will wish we had done when the end of our days are accomplished.

A bright, beautiful little girl has come to live in the home of our loved President. We all give her a loving welcome into the ranks of our Home Mission workers.

While our faithful corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pemberton, is away in search of health, let us remember at the Father's throne that she may be returned to us strong and well, ready, again, to take up her loved work. Let none of us lag in our disposition to do all we can, because we haven't her words of encouragement, that we have learned to love and look for.

Our 3rd vice president, Mrs. W. C. Watson, is busy as busy can be all the time, trying to encourage the Brigades, Young Peoples' and Baby Rolls, already at work, and get some woman in each auxiliary to take care of this beautiful system of service for the Master's cause.

In "An Enjoyable Reception" from Mena we have the following:

One of the most pleasant informal receptions was given yesterday afternoon by the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, in honor of Mrs. Hewitt, one of their deaconesses who has just been consecrated and who is visiting in the city the guest of Mrs. R. H. Nail. During the hours from 3:30 to 6 o'clock we were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Hewitt, explaining the work of the deaconess and also the work the Scarritt Bible and Training School of Kansas City is doing. A treat like this seldom comes to our ladies and we have felt honored indeed to have one so consecrated in our midst. Light refreshments were served and a little slip of ribbon bearing the words "What would my church society be if every member were like me," was pinned on each guest, which set us thinking. Mrs. Hewitt leaves tomorrow for her new field of labor in Mobile, Ala., where she will have charge of the Wesley House. She will carry with her the loving prayers of her co-workers here in Mena that she may be successful and abundantly blessed in this great work.

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Would it not be well for each of us to ask ourselves this question? It would not only "set us thinking," but doing.

Cherry Hill Circuit.

I have just finished my summer campaign in revival meetings. At Ranson Bro. Crowson helped us some; had a very fine meeting. At Miller's chapel, Bro. J. N. Simpson helped us, had a good meeting but did not accomplish what we expected. At Highland we had a very fine meeting, Bro. Simpson was with us there, several conversions. Then the Bethesda camp-meeting was possibly the best in its history. Bro. Crowson preached twice. Bro. J. A. Henderson did the most of the preaching. Bro. B. B. Thomas came to us on the last day and did some good preaching. It is said the preaching was the best all through ever had at this camp

ground. At Waters, Bro. Simpson and Bro. Dickerson, a Baptist preacher, helped us for ten days; had a very fine meeting, about twenty-five conversions. This appointment had been dropped for about four years, but we started it out again with twenty-three members, organizing a good Sunday School, starting in good shape. At Cherry Hill our meeting was a success. Bro. J. A. Baker, of Jannsen, spent four days with us, doing some fine preaching and endeared himself to our people. Last Sunday I baptized twenty-six infants, and nineteen adults, and received twenty-one into the church. This makes sixty-four added to the roll so far, besides the infants. We are preparing to build a new parsonage. Work will begin in a few days and we hope to have it ready for the next preacher. So we are very busy and expect to be until Conference.

W. E. JUSTICE, P. C.

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Central Avenue, Batesville.

We closed a two weeks' revival the 15th with conversions and reclamations. The whole church was edified, almost every member came in touch and took part in the meeting. The election coming on at the close of the meeting diverted the minds of the people somewhat so that the latter part was not as fruitful in the conversions of sinners as the first part of the meeting. We hope to bring up a good report at Conference this year both in additions to the church and in finances. Central Avenue promises to be a strong station in the near future, as our church is much stronger than any other in West Batesville. This part of the town is building up fast, and the people are appreciative and progressive. We have had nineteen additions to the church and baptized six babies this year. Rev. Gordon Wimpy of Jonesboro, was with me in the meeting and did all the preaching. He is zealous, spiritual, strong and effective in all his revival work, and is a safe man for the pastor to have in his meetings. He promises to be a power in the evangelistic field as this is his future work.

EDW. FORREST.

Auvergne and Weldon Charge.

Editor Methodist: As I have now closed my round of revival meetings, I will give account of the work, if you will allow me the space in your valuable paper. The sum total of four protracted meetings, is fifty-three conversions and forty-six accessions to the church, of the best people of the country. We were rained out at Tupelo, where we were assisted by W. F. Blyin, of Monia charge, yet the church was greatly revived. We had Brother Holloway of Augusta charge with us at Fitzhugh, where we must have had twenty conversions, thirteen accessions. Bro. Roberts of Bald Knob and Bradford charge did faithful service for us at Weldon, where we closed last night with twenty-five accessions to the church. Had no help at Auvergne, the church greatly revived with four acces-

sions. Have had four accessions at Tupelo during the year. We give God the glory for all the success that has crowned our work this year. This has been one of the best years of my ministry. Where I have gone to assist other brethren the Lord has honored the labor. Bless His Holy Name.

J. H. BARRENTINE, P. C.

NOTICE.

There will be a very important meeting of the Advisory Board in the interest of our Methodist Orphanage at Little Rock on October 1.

An interesting program has been prepared and questions of great importance to our orphan children of Arkansas will be considered.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.
Clinton, Okla.

In the fertile valley of the Washita River is the growing town of Clinton. Three trunk lines of railroads run through the town. There are three banks, splendid stores and other buildings. Plans are being formed for a fine brick school house. They are well supplied with churches. The Methodists have a neat church, and new parsonage built this year to the credit of the good ladies. If Clinton gets the court house it will be a city in a few years. Rev. C. A. Burris, the popular pastor, is having fine success. He has received over seventy members this year. He has energy and business tact and no doubt is a fine preacher. He is bringing things to pass. In about three or four hours we added twelve new subs. and collected some from the old. Here I met Ed Titsworth and family from Paris, Ark, Mrs. Helen Bradford, daughter of General Knox of Pine Bluff, Dr. W. R. White from Russellville, Ark. They are all well pleased with this country.

Weatherford.

This is a prosperous town of about 3,000 people. They have ice plant, elevators and two very superior roller mills. They ship flour to Little Rock.

The State Normal is located here. There is a fine three story brick on a beautiful ridge, and there is an appropriation of \$100,000 for another building. This guarantees to Weatherford a fine class of citizens and a town of good people. We are blessed with a first class preacher in the person of Rev. J. C. Fowler, who as pastor or presiding elder fills the bill. He has a cultured Christian helpmeet and a bright son and daughter. To me it had the appearance of a happy home. The greatest earthly blessing.

A most delightful night was spent in the district parsonage with Rev. W. D. Matthews and family. He had just returned from a long trip and after two days at home starts for a 250-mile trip behind his span of iron grays. Time has dealt gently with Brother and Sister Matthews since they left Arkansas. They have trained six nice children for the church and country. All except one beautiful daughter have gone out to build homes of their own. Brother Matthews has been successful in whatever work the church has called on him to do. The presiding elder's office is especially suited to him, or he to it. The Weatherford district will make a fine report on all lines of church work.

Foss.

This is a small town on the Rock Island railroad. A very destructive fire demolished one block of the best business part of town. But it is all being rebuilt with substantial brick, and business will go on as if there had been no fire. We have a good church and parsonage and some excellent members.

Rev. L. H. Fullingim is the popular pastor. He has had some fine meetings, assisted by Brother Cecil. To date there have been seventy-five professions and seventy-five accessions. Some of the principal members are: Rev. Dr. J. A. Jester, Brother C. F. Hartroff, F. M. Page, W. J. Allen, J. L. Austin, Jessie Hatchet, J. J. Cantley, J. T. Brown, J. M. Hoover and others. The following subscribed for the paper: J. W. Baker, Mead Johnson, Judge W. J. O'Hare, C. Derbach and Miss Romaine Scott. Brother and Sister Fullingim are very much beloved

by their people.

Elk City

This is a city of 4,000. They have four banks, three brick school houses, one large roller mill, with elevators, gins, etc. There is perhaps no more desirable location for a town than Elk City. We have a nice church and parsonage and a man after my own heart occupying the same. Brother and Sister Randle have eight children—four sons and four daughters.

They are giving them a liberal education. Whether on station or district Brother Randle has been true and faithful. For many years he has observed Friday as a day of fasting and prayer, something we do not hear very much about these days. I will have to confess that I do not fast as often as I once did.

There has been a great meeting held in Elk City by the Presbyterians and the two Methodist churches, Rev. W. F. Jordan helping for eleven days. One hundred and fifteen had joined the different churches, the South Methodists getting about half. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, * * * For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

Erick.

This is one of the highest points on the Rock Island road before entering Texas. It is about 2,000 feet above sea level. The nights are delightful all summer. I cannot see what more could be desired than this climate in the fall. Erick is only seven years old, but has about two thousand people and is increasing very rapidly. Stores and nice cottages are going up at a rapid rate. There are two banks, four churches and plans are made for a fine brick school house. We have just gotten into our church. It is well located and will be a gem of beauty when finished. They have a nice new Epworth chapel organ. We had a good congregation and a most delightful service. Rev. W. M. Taylor, my old Arkansas brother, and his excellent Christian wife, are in loving favor with their people. They have accomplished a great work at Erick. Ten joined the church the first held in the new church. Bro. S. T. Davis deserves special thanks for his very faithful services in building the church, donating half of his labor. Mr. Great-house, though not a member, is donating some nice finishing touches.

Judge J. H. Uncapher, after my sermon, came forward and said "I have a nice young mule I will give you to help pay for this church." The brethren were out early next morning for that mule.

J. H. Killough and J. M. Hamilton, the Sunday school superintendent, S. E. Burton and others have been faithful in their labors for this church.

Bro. O. R. Nance has moved here from Maud, and Bro. A. Robbeke has moved his fine roller mill from Booneville, Ark., to Erick. Mrs. L. C. Hunter from Salem, Ark., aged eighty-six, is living here with the fourth generation. She is a bright Christian and subscribed and paid for the Western Methodist. Other new subscribers are: Mrs. Mary Hayter, Mrs. M. J. Benton, J. F. Kirby, Mrs. J. Simmons, T. L. Greathouse, Mrs. P. F. Lewis, daughter of Brother Scott of Morrilton.

Sayre.

Sunday was spent at Sayre, preaching morning and evening to good and attentive congregations. Rev. W. H. Duncan, on account of failing health

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had given up his station. The presiding elder hopes soon to have a man to serve them until conference. They have an excellent church and a good membership, a live Sunday school and will soon be one of the most desirable appointments of the conference. This is the division of the Rock Island road. They have the county seat. In six years they have grown to over 2,000 and improving every day. They have two banks, four churches, waterworks, an elevator and roller mill of 150 barrels per day capacity. Bro. J. D. Clay and wife, Bro. J. A. Mayberry and wife furnish delightful entertainment. Bro. Mayberry was my faithful guide. Besides collecting from the old we added twelve new subs. I was charmed with the singing at Sayre. They have the Revival Praises, which is recognized as one of our best song books of its size.

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September 18.

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Hartford, Ark.

We are home from Hot Springs, where we went to take the hot baths on Mrs. Weaver's account, who has been almost helpless all year with rheumatism. She is much better, but not able to care for herself yet. She can sit up and walk about the rooms with the aid of a crutch. After the loss of nearly half the year I am at my work, with plenty of it to do, trying to round out for conference. Rev. R. Wright, local deacon, of Mansfield, held a meeting at Prairie Creek for me which resulted in over 100 professions and 11 accessions to the Methodist Church.

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Lexington, Okla.

We have just closed a great meeting here. Rev. C. L. Ballard of Sherman, Texas, came to us on August 28th and preached for us for ten days. His preaching was with power and demonstration of the spirit. He never catered to men for their praise, but hit sin straight from the shoulder and the sinner felt that he was a sinner, and a mighty move to God was the result. The church has been lifted to a higher plane of Christian living, and new life fills the heart of all. There were fifty conversions and forty accessions to the church and more to follow.

This has been one of the greatest revivals ever held in Lexington, considering the fact that for the past three or four years there has been nothing that resembled a revival in the strictest sense of the word. We will soon close the conference and we are looking for a glorious closing and a full report for all claims. And I am sure that I as the pastor of this church can leave this work to my successor in fine shape for the next year. H. H. EVERETT.

Stuttgart Notes.

The Stuttgart Training School under the management of Prof. C. Or ear had a splendid opening. More pupils are in attendance than at this time last year, and others are to be in next week.

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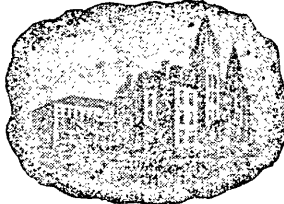
McAlester, Okla.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh was elected Assistant Secretary of Church Extension for Oklahoma in June and I was moved from Okmulgee by Bishop Atkins to fill out the year here. The good people of McAlester received us kindly and I entered on my work in good earnest. The congregations are not large but have grown from the first steadily and now we have a fair attendance on the preaching of the word. I have visited most of my people. Brothers Choehran, McKinnon and Arnold furnished me a horse, buggy and harness, which has greatly aided me and my laborious work. We have organized the Sunday school into a missionary society and make monthly offerings for special missions. The Sunday school resolved to make birthday offerings and directed that those offerings should go toward church building in Oklahoma. We will observe Children's Day in October. We are trying to organize the Home Department and add the Baby Roll to our school. We have about secured by subscription the conference assessments and have sent \$200 of the amount to the teller. Have paid the Domestic Mission assessment in full. My people responded cheerfully to this call and it was a pleasure to take these collections privately. We have W. H. and F. M. Societies and they are doing excellent work. Our Epworth Leagues were suspended early in the summer but we hope to reorganize them by conference.

We have the best church house in the city but the church buildings of McAlester are very much behind all other public buildings. We have one of the best parsonages in the conference. Brother Goddard bought this splendid property while he was pastor. The money was borrowed out of the bank to pay for it and a mortgage given on the house purchased and the old parsonage. Brother Linebaugh started a movement to reduce this debt and the accrued interest. Under the leadership of Brother Gill enough was raised to reduce the interest to \$140. We now owe \$4,100 on this valuable property. Our present plans are to raise enough money to reduce the debt to its original sum, \$1,000, and repair the house. Owing to a crack in the wall one corner of the parsonage will have to be rebuilt at a cost of some \$250. Our plans are to reduce the debt \$2,000 during 1909 and that will bring it down to about the value of the old parsonage. When we can sell the old parsonage we will have wiped out this old debt and be in condition for a forward move which we very much need.

This is the home of Revs. S. G. Thompson and C. M. Coppedge. My association with the leaders in the conference has added much to my pleasure and profit. Their wives are members of my church and workers in the cause of God and a great support to their pastor. The councils of these godly men have been most valuable and I am under profound obligations to them for much helpfulness in handling this delicate situation. This is a great field and the Methodist is the strongest church here in membership. We greatly need a better house of worship and to be more centrally located. We hope for developments that will forward a movement looking toward a better location and wiser facilities for best work. My predecessors have been strong men and have wrought well and their impress is on the work. I have been told that my barrel of sermons

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was small and a certain dignity of the church offered a wise suggestion that I increase the barrel by making a few new sermons. I took the hint and it works well. It might be wise for some other men to follow my example. It was further said I had just enough sermons to last a year. As I will have been here at conference only six months it will be necessary for me to return so this good people may have full benefit of my preaching ability for at least a whole year. I believe with Thompson and Coppedge to help me I can make at least enough sermons to last half of next year.

I am well and hard at work and withal happy in the way, work and worship of life. May the great head of the church grant his blessing on the conference at Oklahoma City.

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WEEKLY COMMERCIAL APPEAL,
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Butler, Okla.

Dear Methodist: Our fourth quarterly conference is now a thing of the past. Our beloved presiding elder, W. D. Matthews, was present but not able to preach Sunday night. Bro. J. C. Hall, pastor of Gipe charge, preached a helpful sermon Sunday night. On Monday at 11 a. m. Presiding Elder Poncey a fine discourse on the Three Gardens. The conference was well attended and the officials manifested more interest than ever before. We have just closed a great meeting at Butler held by J. D. Edwards of Colbert, Okla. He was with us fifteen days. The Holy Spirit was with us in great power. From the beginning conversions at the first week day meeting and almost every service after that. The town and community was stirred as never before. Some of the sinners who understood not the power of the spirit said Bro. Edwards hypnotized the people. The meeting resulted in the conversion and reclamation of about seventy-five or eighty souls and forty-four additions to the church. We have had something over a hundred conversions and reclamations on the work this year and sixty additions up to date and fifty-six of them were received by vows. We expect to build a

new church yet before Conference and thus make a good charge for the next preacher. May God bless the Methodist. You may expect a list of new subscribers soon:

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Pontotoc Circuit.

Everything is hopeful on our charge. Have had very good revivals at all points. The camp meeting was a success with Rev. W. E. Jordan of Mill Creek, in charge of the preaching. Bro. Jordan is certainly a success in a revival. He knows how to bring things to pass. Bro. Shaw of Tishomingo, was in charge of the singing and also did part of the preaching. He, too, is a power in doing service, prayer and preaching. There were about thirty-seven conversions; twenty-five additions to the church. May the good Lord bless those two brethren in their good work. We could not have made a better choice. From there this pastor went to Enterprise to help my local brethren, Rev. J. W. Glance and Rev. D. M. Fitzgerald. This place is not on my charge, but it is now in good shape for some charge, as we organized a good little class there. It is located about five miles south of Wapanucka. From there we went to Onward, one of our own appointments and there we had a hard pull and came out victorious. So the good Lord has been with us in all of our whole year's work. Think we will be able to report everything in full at Conference. To God we give all the praise.

C. A. MARTIN, P. C.

September 16.

Oklahoma Conference Take Notice.

Dear Brethren: Will not every pastor, local elder, deacon, licentiate, supernumerary and supernumerary, lay delegate, lay member of any board, Sunday School superintendents and League presidents together with the Presiding Elders help me to get correct data for the Conference Minutes? Please send me the following:

I. Who and what are you?

II. What is your address?

III. If the address will change at Conference wait till after that to write.

By consulting this year's minutes you will see that on the Boards are quite a lot of names with the address not given. Will not somebody furnish them to me?

Yours to serve,

W. F. DUNKLE, Editor.

Muskogee, Okla.

OBITUARIES.

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

ROLLAND.—Death has spread its silent wings over the home of Brother Pink Rolland of Hampton, Ark. On the 13th day of August, 1908 little Earl Rolland was called home to God. Little Earl was the baby child of Bro. and Sister Rolland. Baby Earl was three months and ten days old. He was taken away from his mother at a few weeks old, and kept by loving and tender hands until his little spirit was called home to God. Sister Abbie Rolland, the mother of baby Earl was confined to her bed in February, and remained an invalid till her death.

Sister Abbie Rowland was born in Calhoun county May the 14th, 1875 and was married to Bro. Pink Rolland in 1889, and after lingering on the bed of affliction she departed this life Sept. the 4th, 1908. During her sickness she professed the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and just a few weeks before her death we were called to her home accompanied by her brother, J. L. Hollingsworth, and baptized her on her sick bed and received her into the Methodist church at Hampton. Sister Rolland bore her afflictions like Job of old, and had many good things to say about the church militant, and assured her friends and relatives that her name had been recorded in the record in the Church Triumphant. Sister Rolland left a husband and three sweet little children to mourn her loss, and a number of relatives whose hearts are filled with aches. We would say to the bereaved ones live close to the feet of Jesus and it won't be long, even if life should be granted to a ripe old age; till all will meet around God's throne. We preached her funeral in the Methodist church at Hampton to a large crowd, after which the body was put away in the cold earth to await the final resurrection, when the sea and the earth shall give up its dead, and all receive a body as seemeth good to our God. J. C. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

BROWN.—Mrs. Lilla Stella Brown, nee Cameron, was born Nov. 13, 1873, in Union county, Ark. She was converted and joined the Scotland Presbyterian church when she was fourteen years old; married to Mr. J. W. Brown Dec. 1, 1896, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant Hill in the summer of 1897, where she has lived a consistent Christian life until her death Sept. 4, 1908, at her home near Wesson, Ark. Before her death she talked calmly about it, and even directed how she wished to be buried, perfectly resigned to God's will. We know where to find her. She leaves a widowed mother, two sisters and a brother, her loving husband and three young daughters, beside a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death. Pleasant Hill church is also bereaved of one of our best members who took an active part in our revival there in July. We trust her many Christian virtues will be a great treasure to all who know and loved her all through life. May all meet her in heaven is the prayer of her pastor. J. R. SANDERS.

Junction City, Ark.

CRVIN.—On August the 29th, 1908 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cravin of Hampton and plucked from their bosom a precious little blossom, James Leo Cravin, just seven weeks old. Little James was a bright-eyed sweet baby boy. His sickness was of a short duration, and his spirit soon hurried away to be with him who said suffer little children to come unto me. While his going has left a vacancy in the home that can't be filled, and aching hearts that can't be comforted by human kindness and love, yet it has placed a tie in yonder world, where there is no sickness, sorrow, pains nor death. We would say to the bereaved father and mother, live close to the feet of Jesus, and it won't be long till you will meet sweet little James around God's throne, there to live and reign with him forever and

forever. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

J. C. WILLIAMS, P. C.

GREEN.—Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Green, was born Dec. 20, 1888, and died Sept. 1, 1908, age nineteen years, eight months and eleven days. Dick was a good boy. I have been in his home for two years and was never associated with a more noble character. He was a loving and dutiful son and an affectionate brother. He leaves only one sister with mother and father to mourn his death, having two sisters and two brothers to meet him in heaven. He was young indeed to part this life, yet his work on earth is finished and God needs him above. He said that "he had placed his case in the hands of the Lord," and we know that the Great Physician doeth all things for the best. He eased Dick's pains and gave him life that no earthly physician could have given. May God's blessings ever surround the bereaved and help them to meet the loved one in heaven. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

His cousin, ANDREY.

JOYNER.—Mrs. Mary Jane Joyner, wife of Mr. W. J. Joyner, was born in Little Rock Dec. 6th, 1846; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1866 in old Hopewell church near Mabelvale; married Mr. W. J. Joyner Nov. 15th, 1866; and has resided in this city nearly ever since, until her death, Sept. 19th, 1908. She has been a consistent member of Asbury M. E. Church, South for many years, greatly endearing herself to all who knew her by her quiet but fruitful Christian life. She has been the mother of four sons and four daughters, six of whom she helped to rear to manhood and womanhood, whom she leaves with her devoted husband, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death. In all of her long and painful illness, she was never heard to murmur or complain, and endured as seeing Him who was invisible. All who knew Mrs. Joyner's precious life know where to find her, and may all meet her in heaven is the prayer of one who has known her for some thirty-nine years.

J. R. SANDERS.

WARD.—Clifton F. Ward was born April 11, 1888, baptized in infancy, converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. R. L. Reese, in the summer of 1906, lived a consistent member of the church until on Sept. 10, 1908, he was transferred to the church above. It seems to be the universal opinion that Clifton was a good boy. He had a great many friends. He said from the first of his illness that he would not get well and selected his burial place by his mother's side. We have every reason-

able hope to believe he was ready to go. The Lord bless the bereaved.

J. J. MELLARD.

JONES.—Richard, son of John and Zena Jones, after one week of fatal sickness, died near Wiville, Ark., Sept. 14, 1908, age fifteen months.

Father, mother and friends, weep not as those who have no hope, for the little one is safe in the arms of Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me." Realize "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." May the love of an all-wise Father bind up the broken hearts with love and give you a hope of that home where parting will be no more. C. F. WILSON, P. C.

MESSER.—T. J. Messer was born in Henry county, Georgia, Dec. 14th, 1840; died July the 27th, 1908. He was converted early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member of the same until his death. He also belonged to the Masonic Fraternity. He was a man that stood for the right. He was a good father, a good husband and an upright citizen. He had many afflictions, but the Lord has delivered him out of them all.

His son,

C. F. MESSER.

RANDOLPH.—Ollie Randolph was born Feb. 14th, 1849. Born and raised in Texas. She was married to G. W. Randolph Oct. 25, 1867. To this union was born four children, three of whom preceded her to the home above. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her death. But all are trying to follow their mother's God. She departed this life Aug. 15, 1908, her funeral services were held at the church in Paoli by her pastor and her remains laid to rest in the Paoli cemetery to await the resurrection morn. She was a devoted wife, a true and loving mother and a devoted Christian. She is not dead, but transferred from the church militant on earth to the church triumphant above. Our loss is her eternal gain. God bless the mourning ones and help them to be true till death.

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Our good people of McCrory have expended \$230 in repairs on the church, and have put the F. P. Light in at a cost of \$95. We have a fine people here. We have a live Sunday School and two fine Epworth Leagues. Our church is doing real well at McCrory and Fakes.

J. A. PATTERSON, P. C.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND

Bee Branch Mission at Damascus, Sept. 26, 27	
Quitman Ct., at Brannon, Oct. 3, 4	
Quitman Station, Oct. 4, 5	
Adona Ct., at Adona, Oct. 10, 11	
Houston and Perry Ct., at H., Oct. 17, 18	
Conway Mission at Salem, Oct. 24, 25	
Pottsville Ct., at Bell's Chapel, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Atkins Station, Nov. 1, 2	
Conway Station, Nov. 2	
Clinton Ct., at Pleasant Grove, Nov. 7, 8	
Cleveland Ct., at Pisgah, Nov. 8, 9	
Morrilton Station, Nov. 13	
Plumerville Ct., at P., Nov. 14	
Russellville Station, Nov. 15, 16	

JOHN E. GLASS, P. E.

HARRISON DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Mouman Home at Mtn. Home, Sept. 26, 27	
Fairview at Piney, Oct. 3, 4	
Huntsville at Hindsville, Oct. 10, 11	
Yellville Ct. at Cedar Grove, Oct. 17, 18	
Yellville Station, Oct. 18, 19	

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Gravette and Decatur, Sept. 19, 20	
Centerton Ct., Sept. 20, 21	
Lincoln Ct., Sept. 26, 27	
Viney Grove Ct., Sept. 27, 28	
Parkdale and Winslow, Oct. 3, 4	
Elm Springs Ct., Oct. 4, 5	
War Eagle Ct., Oct. 10, 11	
Pea Ridge Ct., Oct. 11, 12	
Siloam Springs Station, Oct. 17, 18	
Goshen Ct., Oct. 24, 25	
Farmington and West Fayetteville, Oct. 25, 26	
Prairie Grove Station, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Fayetteville Station, Nov. 1	

WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Hartford Ct. at Hartford, Sept. 26, 27	
Huntington and Mansfield at M., Sept. 27, 28	
Charleston Ct. at New Prospect, Oct. 3, 4	
Ft. Smith Ct. at Lavaca, Oct. 4, 5	
Abbott Ct., Oct. 10, 11	
Boonville Station, Oct. 10, 11	
Greenwood Station, Oct. 17, 18	
Washburn Ct., Oct. 17, 18	
Van Buren Station, Oct. 24, 25	
Hackett Ct. at Bonanza, Oct. 25, 26	

F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

DARDANELLE DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Coal Hill and Hartman at Hartman, Sept. 26, 27	
Spadra Mission, Sept. 27, 28	
Prairie View Ct. at Delaware, Oct. 3, 4	
Altus and Denning at Altus, Oct. 5, 6	
Roseville and Webb City, Oct. 7, 8	
Ozark Ct., Oct. 9, 10	
Ozark Station, Oct. 11, 12	

J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

Oklahoma Conference.

GUYMON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Midwell, Sept. 26, 27	
Grand, Oct. 3, 4	
Altus, Oct. 6, 7	
Iola, Oct. 7, 8	
Woodward, Oct. 10, 11	
Tyrone, Oct. 17, 18	
Hooker, Oct. 18, 19	
Texhoma, Oct. 24, 25	
Guymon, Oct. 25, 26	
Optima, Oct. 30, 31	

J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—FOURTH ROUND

Elk City Station, Sept. 26, 27	
Condon at Sappington's, Oct. 3, 4	
Cloud Chief at Cordell, Oct. 10, 11	
Cordell Station, Oct. 11, 12	
Wood, Oct. 17, 18	
Doxey at Fulton Chapel, Oct. 18, 19	
Rocky and Sentinel, Oct. 24, 25	
Foss at Foss, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Weatherford Station, Nov. 1	

WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

DUNCAN DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Temple at Gregg, Sept. 26, 27	
Eschute at Eschute, 8 p.m., Sept. 27, 28	
Randlett at Randlett, Sept. 28	
Bailey at Volma, Oct. 1	
Chitwood at Alex, 11 a.m., and 8 p.m., Oct. 4	
Q. C. Alex, a.m., Oct. 5	
Lindsay, Oct. 11, 12	
Lawton, Oct. 11, 12	
Roseland, 3 p.m., Oct. 11	
Akokestone at Emerson, Oct. 18	
Walter, Oct. 18	
Duncan Ct. Oak Grove, Oct. 17, 18	
Comanche at Comanche, Oct. 18, 19	
Duncan Station, 11 a.m., Oct. 25, 27	
Chickasha Station, 8 p.m., Oct. 25, 26	

C. H. McGUIRE, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Wynnewood, Sept. 26, 27	
Paula Valley, Sept. 27, 28	
Paoli at Wayne, Sept. 28	

(Preaching at 2 and 7:30 and conference at 3 p. m.)

Whitehead and Maysville at W., Oct. 3, 4	
Dougherty at , Oct. 4, 5	
Cornish at Dixie, Oct. 10, 11	
Woodford at Need, Oct. 11, 12	
Lone Grove at Lone Grove, Oct. 17, 18	
Tusay at Roberson, Oct. 17, 18	
Elmore at Elmore, Oct. 18, 19	
Overbrook at Overbrook, Oct. 20, 21	
Providence at Providence, Oct. 21, 22	
Grady at Grady, Oct. 24, 25	
Cumberland at Cumberland, Oct. 25, 26	
Barwyn and Springer at B., Oct. 20	
(Preaching at 2 and 7:30 and conference at 3 p. m.)	
Thackerville at Bomar, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Marietta, Nov. 1, 2	
Leon and Burneyville at B., Nov. 2	

(Preaching at 2 and 7:30 and conference at 3 p. m.)

Let the pastors see that all reports to be made to the fourth Quarterly Conference are prepared and in hand.

W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

Rufe at Frazier's Chapel, Sept. 26, 27	
Kiamitia at Nelson's Chapel, Oct. 3, 4	
Long Creek at Reed's Chapel, Oct. 10, 11	
Albion at Estus' Chapel, Oct. 17, 18	
Choctaw Mission, Oct. 24, 25	

Our aim:—A revival everywhere. Collections and salaries in full. Let preachers, stewards and members all pray and work to this end.

C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Hickory Ct. at Hickory, Sept. 26, 27	
Mill Creek, Sept. 26, 27	
Ada Station, Sept. 27, 28	
Pontotoc Ct., Oct. 3	
Stonetown Ct., Oct. 4	
Coalgate and Wapanucka at C., Oct. 4, 5	
Wetumka Station, Oct. 10, 11	
Welch and Okemah, Oct. 11, 12	
Okemah Ct., Oct. 12	
Bearden Ct., Oct. 13	
Maud Ct., Oct. 17, 18	
Asher Station, Oct. 19, 20	

S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

CREEK & CHEROKEE DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Wewoka Ct. at Wewoka, Oct. 3	
Seminole Ct. at Arbeka, Oct. 10, 11	
Broken Arrow Ct. at B. A., Oct. 17, 18	

ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Snyder at Snyder, Sept. 25	
Frederick Ct. at West Liberty, Sept. 26, 27	
Davidson at Davidson, Sept. 27, 28	
Frederick Station, Sept. 28	
Mt. Park at Cold Springs, Sept. 29	
Altus, Oct. 2	
Elmer Ct., Oct. 3, 4	
Headrick at Headrick, Oct. 4, 5	
Martha and Blair at Blair, Oct. 6	
Willow at Plain View, Oct. 10, 11	
Lone Wolf, Oct. 12	
Hobart, Oct. 12	
Garnett and Gotebo at Gotebo, Oct. 13	
Mt. View, Oct. 14	
Duke at Duke, Oct. 17, 18	
Olustee and Eldorado at Olustee, Oct. 18, 19	
Mangum Station, Oct. 20	
Kelly at Kelly, Oct. 25, 26	
Hollis and Dryden at Hollis, Oct. 25, 26	
Vinson and D. C. at Vinson, Oct. 31	
Reed Ct. at Reed, Nov. 1, 2	

L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND

Tahlequah Ct., at Bald Hill, 2 p. m., Sept. 26	
Tahlequah Station, 9 a. m., Sept. 28	
Westville Ct. at W., 8 p. m., Sept. 29	
Stillwell Station, 8 p. m., Sept. 30	
Stillwell Ct., at Stillwell, Oct. 1	
Sallisaw Station, 9 a. m., Oct. 2	
Muldrow Station, 8 p. m., Oct. 3	
Brushy Ct., at Hanson, 2 p. m., Oct. 3	
Vian Ct., at Vian, 2 p. m., Oct. 4	
Ft. Gibson Ct., at F. G., 8 p. m., Oct. 4	
Eufaula, 8 p. m., Oct. 7	
Eufaula Ct., at Deer Chapel, 8 p. m., Oct. 8	
Checotah, 8 p. m., Oct. 9	
Oktoha Ct., at Oktoha, 8 p. m., Oct. 10	
Okmulgee, 3 p. m., Oct. 10	
Henryetta and Dustin, at Henryetta, 8 p. m., Oct. 11	
Boynton and Morris at M., 8 p. m., Oct. 12	
Wagoner Station, 8 p. m., Oct. 14	
Wagoner Ct., at W., 2 p. m., Oct. 15	
Haskell and Bixby, at H., 8 p. m., Oct. 17	
Warner Ct., at W., 8 p. m., Oct. 18	
Muskogee Ct., at Frozen Rock, 8 p. m., Oct. 18	
Cawington Ct., at Powell's Chapel, 3 p. m., Oct. 24	
Whitefield Ct., at Dukes, 3 p. m., Oct. 25	
Stigler Station, 9 a. m., Oct. 26	
First Church, 8 p. m., Oct. 28	
St. Paul, 8 p. m., Oct. 29	

Let pastors be ready to nominate officials for next year; let trustees be ready with reports; let the missionary societies have annual reports ready; and let all finances be either in hand or provided for in good subscription.

W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Norman, Sept. 19, 20	
Morrison and Perry, Sept. 26, 27	
Guthrie, Sept. 27, 28	
Stroud and Davenport at , Oct. 3, 4	
Stillwater and Pawnee at S., Oct. 4, 5	
Arcaha and Wheatland at A., Oct. 7	
Piedmont, Oct. 10, 11	
El Reno, Oct. 11, 12	
Edmond circuit at Bethel, Oct. 14	
Tecumseh, Oct. 14	
Shawnee, Trinity, Oct. 15	
Shawnee, First Church, Oct. 16	
Prague circuit at Prague, Oct. 17, 18	
Sparks circuit at Sparks, Oct. 18, 19	
Franklin circuit at U. G., Oct. 22	
Noble and Shiloh at N., Oct. 23	
Blanchard circuit at Dibble, Oct. 24, 25	
Purcell, Oct. 26	
Lexington, Oct. 26	
Capitol Hill, Oct. 27	
Oklahoma City, Oak Park, Oct. 28	
Oklahoma City, Epworth, Oct. 29	
McLoud and Union Chapel at McLoud, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Oklahoma City, St. Luke's, Nov. 1, 2	

Let the stewards make diligent efforts to have full financial reports. Let the trustees have written reports according to the discipline. Let the pastor have their lists for nominations carefully prepared, and all statistics ready for answering Question 9.

A. L. SCALES, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Vinita Ct., Sept. 26, 27	
Adair Ct., Sept. 27, 28	
Welch, Sept. 29, 30	
Spavinaw, Oct. 2	
Kansas, Oct. 3, 4	
Grove, Oct. 5, 6	
Choteau, Oct. 8	
Chapel, Oct. 9, 10	
Peggs, Oct. 10, 11	

Pryor Creek, Oct. 12	
Chelsea, Oct. 14	
Bluejacket and Centralia, Oct. 15, 16	
Miami and Wyandotte, Oct. 17, 18	
Afton, Oct. 18, 19	
Claremore, Oct. 21	
Inola and Talala, Oct. 22	
Tulsa, First Church, Oct. 23	
Broken Arrow, Oct. 24, 25	
Coweta, Oct. 25, 26	
Sapulpa, Oct. 26	
Tulsa, First Church, Oct. 23	
Vinita, Oct. 28	

Let trustees make written reports. Also presidents of Missionary Societies. Pastors will please have these in hand before conference convenes. Also list of names for nomination.

J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

McALESTER DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND

Calvin Ct., Sept. 26, 27	
Kiowa Ct., Sept. 27, 28	
Impson Valley Ct., Oct. 2, 3	
Antlers, Oct. 3, 4	
Hugo Station, Oct. 4, 5	
Bennington and Boswell, Oct. 5, 6	
Grant Ct., Oct. 6, 7	
Idabel Ct., Oct. 7, 8	
Ft. Towson, Oct. 8, 9	
Colbert Ct., Oct. 9, 10	
Caddo and Sterrett, Oct. 10, 11	
Durant, Oct. 11, 12	
Albany Ct., Oct. 12, 13	
Bokchito and Freeny, Oct. 13, 14	
Canadian Ct., Oct. 17, 18	
Quinton Ct., Oct. 18, 19	
Pocota Ct., Oct. 23, 24	
Spiro and McCurtain, Oct. 24, 25	
Poteau and Cameron, Oct. 25, 26	
Howe Ct., Oct. 26, 27	
Talihina Ct., Oct. 27, 28	

The stewards are urgently asked to be ready to report pastor's salary paid in full. The pastors to be ready to report collections in full. The trustees to have a written report on all church property owned by the pastoral charges.

S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

TEXARKANA DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Texasarkana Ct., Oct. 3, 4	
Horatio Ct., Oct. 10, 11	
Wilton Ct., Oct. 11, 12	
Bright Star Ct., Oct. 17, 18	
Jaussen Ct., Oct. 24, 25	
Gilham, Oct. 25	
Mt. Ida Ct., Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Cherry Hill Ct., Nov. 1, 2	
Locksburg Ct., Nov. 7, 8	
DeQueen Station, Nov. 8	
Dierks Ct., Nov. 14, 15	
Mena Station, Nov. 15	
Fair View, Nov. 18	
College Hill, Nov. 19	
Foreman Ct., Nov. 21, 22	
Ashdown Ct., Nov. 22	
First Church, Nov. 23	

R. R. THOMAS, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND

Sherrill at Sherrill, Sept. 26, 27	
Lakeside, Sept. 27, 28	
Roe and St. Charles at Roe, Oct. 3, 4	
First Church, Oct. 4, 5	
Douglass and Grady, at Grady, Oct. 10, 11	
Hawley Memorial, Oct. 11, 12	
Gillett, Oct. 17, 18	
DeWitt Station, Oct. 18, 19	
Star City and Dumas at S. C., Oct. 24, 25	
Altheimer at Wabaska, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Stuttgart, Nov. 1, 2	
Swan Lake at Swan Lake, Nov. 2	
Kingsland, at Cross Roads, Nov. 7, 8	
Rowel, at Mt. Olivet, Nov. 12	
Rison, at Wofford's Chapel, Nov. 14, 15	
Redfield, Nov. 17	
Sheridan, Nov. 21, 22	

Let the trustees be ready with their reports, also the women of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.

W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Winfield Memorial, Sept. 27	
Hunter Memorial, Sept. 27	
First Church, Oct. 4	
Asbury, Oct. 4	
Oak Hill at Congo, Oct. 10, 11	
Benton, Oct. 11, 12	
Mabelvale at Mabelvale, Oct. 17, 18	
Bryant, at Bryant, Oct. 18, 19	
Maumelle, at Taylor's Chapel, Oct. 24, 25	
Capitol Hill, Oct. 25	
Austin, at Concord, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Lono, Nov. 1, 2	
Hickory Plains at Johnson's Chapel, Nov. 7, 8	
De Vall's Bif and Des Arc, at D. A. Nov. 8, 9	
Henderson's Chapel, Nov. 11	
Tomberlin at Hundley's Chapel, Nov. 14, 15	
England, Nov. 15, 16	
Carlisle Mission at Zion, Nov. 21, 22	
Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen, Nov. 22	

A. O. MILLAR, P. E.

FRESNCO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Okolona, Sept. 26, 27	
Fulton, Oct. 3, 4	
Hope, Oct. 4, 5	
Blevins, Oct. 10, 11	
Emmett, Oct. 11, 12	
Spring Hill, Oct. 17, 18	
Harmony, Oct. 18, 19	
Mineral Springs, Oct. 24, 25	
Nashville, Oct. 25, 26	
Washington, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1	
Bingen, Nov. 7, 8	
Cadaster, Nov. 14, 15	
Gurdon, Nov. 21, 22	
Prescott, Nov. 23	

THOS. H. WADE, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DIST.—FOURTH ROUND

Malvern Circuit at Traskwood, Sept. 26, 27	
Malvern Station, Sept. 27	
Holly Springs at Mt. Carmel, Oct. 3, 4	
Dalark at Friendship, Oct. 10, 11	
Amity at Amity, Oct. 17, 18	
Hot Springs Ct. at New Salem, Oct. 24, 25	
Tigert Memorial, Oct. 25	
Princeton, Oct. 31, Nov. 1	
Lono at Lono, Nov. 1, 2	
Ussery Circuit, Nov. 7, 8	
Arkadelphia Circuit, Nov. 14, 15	
Arkadelphia Station, Nov. 21, 22	
Peggs, Nov. 22, 23	

H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DIST.—FOURTH ROUND

Selma Circuit	Sept. 26, 27
Watson	Oct. 3, 4
Now Edinburg Circuit.	Oct. 10, 11
Hamburg Circuit at Fountain Hill.	Oct. 17, 18
Lacey Circuit at Lacey	Oct. 18, 19
Eudora Circuit	Oct. 24, 25
Lake Village and Portland	Oct. 25, 26
Hermitage Circu..	Oct. 31
Jersey Circuit	Nov. 1, 2
Hambourg Station	Nov. 5
Crossett and Mission	Nov. 6
Snyder Circuit	Nov. 7, 8
Parkdale and Wilmot	Nov. 8, 9
Monticello Station	Nov. 11
Tillar Circuit.	Nov. 14, 15
Arkansas City and Dermott.	Nov. 15, 16
Collins Circuit	Nov. 21, 22
Wilmar Station	Nov. 22, 23

J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

Ravenden, Ark.

I have just come from Swifton Circuit, filled by Bros. Johnson and Paine. The first named brother, who is preacher in charge, was holding a meeting in addition to which was the quarterly conference occasion at an appointment known as Strangers' Home. Brother Paine put this scribe in a meeting at Bosler Schoolhouse, of which appointment Bro. Paine had charge. This writer spent a week in the meeting which was attended with great success. Several professions and additions. To God be all the glory. One day during the meeting, accompanied by a number of the brethren, this scribe had the pleasure of attending the quarterly conference at the above mentioned place. Bro. Skinner, P. E., was on hand and preached a logical scriptural sermon, and presided in the quarterly conference with great acceptableness. Bro. John Bigger, my old friend, was also at both meetings, and preached at the Bosler Schoolhouse several times with happy results, and won his way to the hearts, consciences and brains of large congregations.

This writer is booked for the same work by that industrious, zealous, useful, acceptable, big-hearted minister the Rev. Paine, while Rev. Southworth wants this unworthy writer for his charge. Hence you see I am a busy man and must decide at once which one of the two to assist, as each wants me the same Sabbath.

Love to the press force, and may the Western Methodist continue to increase its circulation until read by all our members. Pray for this unworthy correspondent, and may the grandest report of our church, spiritual and financial, be made the coming conference that was ever made before.

J. P. ARMSTRONG.

BLOOD POISONING
POSITIVELY CURED—

Hereditary, primary, secondary and tertiary. Scrofula, Eczema, Blood and Skin Diseases. If you have exhausted old time methods, and want to get well, write me in fullest confidence for proof of cure. Take my treatment and get well. A. A. BROWER, M. D.

A Word for Our Orphans' Home.

I deem it of greatest importance that the members of Advisory Board, and the pastors give special attention to the notices as given by Bro. Umsted. The Board will meet for business of special importance in Little Rock Oct. 1st, at 10:30 a. m.

The second Sunday in October is specially set apart to be observed as Orphans' Day, by all pastors and congregations in each of the three conferences in the State, also by each Sunday School and Epworth League, with a special collection by each to be sent at once to Bro. M. B. Umsted, at Beebe, Ark.

Umsted, as agent, is doing his best. He is pressing this all-important and worthy work. But he is dependent for success upon the faithful co-operation of the pastors and people. Lodges and fraternities are caring for their orphans, why not the church? Other churches are caring for their's, why not Methodism. When the men of the churches do these works of charity through the institutions of the world our Lord is robbed of the glory. And if the men of the world cared to, they might say what is the good of your church? We of the Lodges are doing the good work. Besides, if the Methodist church in Arkansas does not speedily do her part, it remains undone, and the little ones suffer, and in the judgment we face our own work undone, and our Lord—then as Judge—who shall say to us, "I was in need and distress," and "ye ministered not unto me." "In as much as ye did it not unto these ye did it not unto me."

Brethren, let us bestir ourselves in this work. If there is any form of charity above another that should appeal to all who have the spirit of Him who "went about doing good," it seems to me it should be recognized in the orphans' cry. It should be seen in the sad, lonely face of the little one bereft of the natural protectors and providers.

A. T. GALLOWAY.

EVERYONE THAT HAS USED

Vacher-Balm for Catarrh, Headache, or Toothache, thinks it the best thing they ever tried. I pay you to give samples of it to your friends, so you can use your spare time to do good and make money. Write for particulars to E. W. Vacher, New Orleans, La.

Wynne Station.

We have just closed a four days' meeting at our mission appointment resulting in thirty-one conversions and twenty-one additions to our church. We began our tent meeting last Sunday with large congregations. The tide is running high and we are expecting a great victory. If any place on earth needs a great revival it is certainly Wynne and Cross county. We have passed through one of the most disgraceful political elections in the history of our county. For several days before the election our court house was made a distributing point for hundreds of quarts of mean whisky for campaign purposes. I have lived in our great State for twenty-five years but I have never seen anything to equal our last election in the way of debauchery and disgrace. I do not except the days of the old time cross roads saloons. But I thank God we have good Christian people in Wynne and Cross county. God is hearing our prayers and will heal our land. Agitation, legislation and education are three great forces in driving away this demon alcohol. But the greatest of all forces is regeneration. No true Christian will vote for whisky license. What we need is the power of the Holy Spirit in our churches. Well I am sorry I have been compelled to refuse to assist about thirty of my brethren in their meetings. For the past four years I devoted from June till October to evangelistic work on my district, but with the responsibility of a large pastorate and a passion for the salvation of lost souls at home I have not even taken a vacation. God bless you brethren, I would help every one of you in my feeble way if I could. More anon.

J. D. SLBERT.

Bingen Circuit.

I had a meeting at Bingen, Ark., in the bounds of the Bingen circuit, which embraced the third and fourth Sundays in August, which was conducted by Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Little Rock. It was a very successful service and resulted in more than thirty reclamations and conversions. Thirteen joined the Methodist church. Two by certificate. Thirteen infants baptized. I can freely recommend Bro. Lowry to any one who may want evangelistic work. He does more in a meeting than any minister I ever worked with. And then comes Bro. George Cabiness, one of the members of our church in Bingen. He is one of the most active and useful men I ever met. He seemed to be a

man for every place. When the Lord calls him home it can be truthfully said, the leader is gone. Miss Mirtis White of Pump Springs church and Miss Few of Nashville, Ark., performed at the organ during the meeting, being faithful in their part.

A. D. JENKINS.

Cough, Cough.

Autumn is on and winter is coming. You or some of your folks are going to be annoyed with colds and coughs. Most cough syrups are doped with opium in some form, and you have to dose yourself several times before you are brought under the influence of the opium and other nerve deadening drugs to get relief. Take the short cut to a cure, which contains none of these poisons, and get relief in one to five minutes by using Gregory's Antiseptic Healing Oil. Good for consumptives and all lung diseases. Call on your druggist, or send 25 cents stamps and get a bottle by mail. Stamps back if not satisfied. Address Gregory Medicine Co., Little Rock, Ark.

Gregory's Antiseptic Healing Oil cured me in a short time of a cough of 14 years standing. I got benefit from first dose.—Bunk Winters, Conway, Ark.

I cured my son of an attack of pneumonia in one day with Gregory's Antiseptic Healing Oil. I gave it in small doses every hour and applied it over lungs frequently, rubbing in thoroughly.—G. M. Lacey, Hamlet, Ark.

Kelly Circuit.

I have held three of my meetings on Kelly charge. I began at Pleasant Hill second Sunday in August, run ten days; eighteen conversions, twenty additions to that splendid class. Bro. Stuart from Olustee Station, assisted me there. And I would say it would be hard to find better help than he is, and I heartily recommend him to any of our preachers wanting help. He is a deeply spiritual man.

Then I began at Kelly the fourth Sunday in August, run fifteen days. We

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Pains, from which women suffer, often make living unendurable.

If you are a victim, do not remain one. No need. Most of such pains are preventable, curable.

Others have obtained relief, through Cardui. Why not you?

At least it can do no harm to give Cardui a fair trial.

It may be the very medicine you need.

Hearken to the words of Mrs. Mattie Campbell, of Ratcliff, Tex. She says: "Two years ago my health was very bad. I suffered untold misery every month. I ached all over. Life was a burden to me. At times, I wished for death, to end my suffering."

"At last I decided to try Cardui. I took one bottle and it helped me so much, I bought \$5.00 worth. That kept me in health for one year, and saved a large doctor's bill. I took six more bottles and now I can say that Cardui has stopped my suffering and made life worth living. I would not be placed back where I was, two years ago, not for this whole world rolled at my feet."

Try Cardui.

had seventy-five conversions, fifty-two additions to that splendid class and the whole class revived. Rev. R. D. Moon from San Angelo, Tex., came with two of his best workers, Bro. and Sister Estes. For fifteen days he preached with old time power that he used to have when he was a member of the White River Conference. He is my brother and it was a great blessing to have him with me. We had been separated eleven years. He is now sixty years of age, but young in body and mind. His preaching got better from first to last.

Then I began at Bethel with Bro. H. B. Ellis, and run nine days. Bro. Ellis is one of our best preachers in the Mangum District. He goes after sin in and out of the church and is loved by all good people of every denomination in this part. He is a local deacon and true and tried. We had in this meeting between forty and fifty conversions, thirty-five additions to that splendid class. These three classes have got a good church house at each point and a more loyal membership can be found nowhere. This is my second year on this work and I am so glad these churches are all in good shape. We will pay every dollar of our conference claims. G. M. MOON, P. C. Kelly, Okla.

Moral Okla.

We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Trousdale. Received two by vows and baptized four adults. I was assisted by Henry E. Carter, who has done good work at two places on the charge. I find Bro. Carter excellent help and a very agreeable Christian gentleman.

Our fourth quarterly conference met Sept. 8, at Moral.

Bro. Goddard was on hand to the delight of all. Recommended one to the Committee for license to preach and one to exhort. This has been a very good year. About sixty conversions with forty-one additions, with promise of a few more. Finances about fifty per cent paid. Much sickness in the bounds of the charge. Will possibly hold one more meeting.

A. G. WHITE, P. C.

Magazine Circuit.

Bro. Fry, assisted by Bro. Heatcoat, began our meeting at Wesley Chapel the third Sunday in August and continued twelve days, with ten conversions and one reclamation. The church was greatly revived; in fact it was the best meeting in the history of the church. The Christians all stood by the preachers and held up their hands. Bro. Fry is one of the best young preachers that Wesley ever had. He is full of religion all the time. His wife did excellent work all during the meeting. The attendance was good all the time. Bro. Heatcoat did some fine preaching.

(Miss) A. MURRAY.

Notice.

If any Southern Methodist who reads this paper has published, or will publish during 1908 any book or pamphlet, will he please send me at once on a postal the name of the book or pamphlet, giving name of author, style of publisher, price, etc.

I desire this information for the 1909 Southern Methodist Hand-Book.

Please do not fail me in this. Write at once, and greatly oblige

Yours fraternally,

THOS. N. IVEY.

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