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A Clear Vision.

To be able to see! What can any man do without it? Blindness is a sad handicap. Worst of all, it is a handicap so thoroughly recognized that it is next to impossible to lift it off the consciousness and to awaken in the blind any sense of power to achieve. For the most part the blind grow hopeless. Hellen Kellar is a most inspiring example, but she is an exception, for all that.

There are men who have eyes, but see not. Next to literal blindness one of the most pathetic things we meet is a man who looks constantly into the face of his surroundings, but can never understand. The misfortune of such a man is usually that he cannot see himself, does not know himself; and when a man cannot know himself he can never know anybody or anything. If his vision is so distorted that he cannot see himself, it is so distorted that he cannot correctly see anything. He endures, often in silence and with many pangs, what seem to him to be a thousand ills. His friends seem to him lacking in appreciation. As for the world, it is cold and heartless in a thousand ways. His primary trouble is that he himself cannot see.

Sometimes this blurred vision as to men and things about the man is clear enough when he turns his eyes toward God and toward the heavens. He has spiritual perception; he has a good heart, which knows God; and he knows that his good heavenly father understands all. Happy for him! for he will walk out in fadeless light and with clear vision one of these days.

Sometimes it happens that men have a vision clear enough as to men and things about them, but a dim and confused vision as to heavenly things. They are practical, but they are unspiritual. Oliver Cromwell and John Wesley have been pronounced practical mystics. Being mystics they had the inner vision, and they know how to relate themselves to the eternal, the infinite. Being practical, they knew how to relate themselves to the world about them. Knowing how to harness themselves up with the powers of heaven and earth, and being minded to do so, things happened. It is ever so.

Now, the condition of vision is not alone that we should have eyes. We have the further condition that we must get our eyes properly adjusted to the things to be seen. It is for this reason we use spectacles, microscopes, telescopes, X-rays. We take infinite care that the instruments we use shall be good, that the lenses should be clear, with exact degree of convexity, with precise adjustment. A failure in any of these particulars is fatal to the best vision. In the realm of spiritual vision the human heart is the instrument, the intellect looks through the heart at all spiritual things. It cannot see God through a telescope. No Laplace nor Herschel, no Kepler nor Copernicus, sweeping the awful depths of the heavens with his telescope ever yet came in sight of the outer gate lamps of the King. No Huxley or Darwin searching with his microscope into the

hidden secrets of the world ever yet discovered the secret places of the Most High. No man at the X-ray has seen through the impenetrable wall that hides Him from the spiritually blind. It is the fatal error of your man of science that he looks for God with his instruments. He will never so find him. But Jesus has told us in direct and simple language how we may see him: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." He has also told us that a heart that inclines us to do his will will enable us to know of the doctrines of the gospel.

What shall we say of a man who would insist upon an unspotted lense to see a molecule, but who thinks he can see God while he carries within him an evil heart?

What shall we say of any teacher or preacher who does not cleanse himself as the first condition of doing the work of God? We must see for ourselves before we can tell the vision to others. And we must adjust our hearts to the invisible order of things before we can see that order. Upon the accuracy of the adjustment will depend the correctness of the vision. A perfect adjustment to the will of God is therefore the condition of highest power. It can be no otherwise.

Oklahoma Conference, Methodist Union and Else.

The Oklahoma Conference is now one of the largest and one of the greatest in Southern Methodism. At the conference last week 315 men were appointed to the work of the church. The number of districts was increased from thirteen to fifteen. This calls for some sacrifice on the part of the presiding elders; they must take shorter naps. But fifteen presiding elders are needed to superintend the ever expanding work of that great field. There were thirty-five transfers, as we remember the number, and yet a large number of supplies were necessary, as the list of appointments published elsewhere will show.

Since the conference met on Friday it was impossible to present, as we are accustomed to do, the full proceedings in one issue of the Western Methodist. We labor under the further difficulty that the proceedings of two days were lost in the mails. We give therefore all we have.

The administration of Bishop Atkins was wise and sincere. It gave unusual satisfaction, so far as we could judge. The brethren go to the work of a new year with great hopefulness and with good cheer.

The plans of the Conference Board of Missions, co-operating with the Conference Laymen's Movement, looking to a vigorous evangelism, are reported elsewhere in this issue. We would call the attention of the whole church to the method of grouping several districts. It is especially to be commended.

The most significant action taken by the Oklahoma Conference was the adoption of the following memorial to the next General Conference:

"Whereas, we believe the present relations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church are not pleasing to the great Head of the Church:

"Whereas a divided Methodism in the United States of America, though formerly unavoidable, is, under our present circum-

stances, a reproach in the sight of the whole Christian world; and

"Whereas, such a divided state involves and must always involve antagonistic waste and consequent loss of power;

"Whereas a great church must, in the very nature of our gospel, provide for differing local conditions in all the externals of racial and national life, insisting only upon the unity of the life of Jesus Christ; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Oklahoma City, this the 11th day of November, 1908.

"1st. That we declare for one Methodism in America.

"2nd. That we favor such a union as will bind the several Methodist churches of this country into one body, agreeing in all the essentials of Methodist doctrine, polity and practice, and yet such a union as will preserve local autonomy for the several sections of a vast and growing country, and such a union as will respect racial lines—that is, such a union as will allow sections and races to develop along their own peculiar lines, so far as effects the externals of civic and social life.

"3rd. That we suggest one Methodism with five General Conference jurisdictions, four for the white people and one for the African people of these United States.

"4th. That we hereby memorialize our next General Conference to appoint commissioners, to meet like commissioners from other Methodist churches, if it shall please them to appoint such like commissioners, to carry into effect such a union as is here described."

The memorial was adopted with practical unanimity.

Thanksgiving and the Jew.

In his admirable Thanksgiving proclamation Governor Pindall very felicitously and properly refers to ours as a Christian nation and accounts our Christian civilization among our greatest blessings. At this a certain Jewish rabbi takes umbrage and argues that he can not as a Jew give thanks in response to the Governor's request. We personally appreciate the worth of the Jew and gladly accord him all his civil and religious rights, but we submit that it is because ours is a Christian civilization, and not pagan or Mohammedan, that our Jewish citizens enjoy their civil and religious privileges. In England and America where Christianity has produced its consummate flower the Jews have greater privileges than they have ever had even in their own country, because there blasphemy was punished by death. It ill becomes the Jew in America to criticize and rail at the element in our civilization that has given them protection and fostered them when other civilizations have oppressed. We will not persecute the Jew. We respect his manhood and propose to give him every opportunity for development; but we warn him that when he endeavors to weaken the Christian element in our nation, he is destroying the bulwarks of his own safety. He had better be satisfied in the hands of Christians than in the hands of the Philistines. The arrogant assumptions of certain Jewish leaders will breed very race and religious hatred and prejudice from which we have been comparatively free. Let them take heed.

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Notes and Personals

Mr. W. A. Bennett of London, Ark., made us a brotherly call Tuesday.

We were glad to have a pleasant call, on Wednesday, from Mr. J. M. Wolfe of Gillett, Ark.

We were glad to have a call, on Wednesday, from Dr. A. E. Moore, state auditor, who resides at Enders, Ark.

Rev. J. R. Edwards and wife of Boydsville, Ark., were in attendance on the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Masons this week and made us a pleasant call on Wednesday.

We are glad to extend to the brethren of the Little Rock Conference an invitation to make the Methodist office headquarters while in the city. We can be found at 122 East Fourth street.

In our issue of Nov. 5 we printed a cut of the new church at Erick, Okla., Rev. W. M. Taylor, pastor. The typesetter inadvertently inserted the name "Logan" instead of Taylor. The error was detected and instructions given to correct it but the change was forgotten. We gladly make this correction.

A Sunday or two ago Bishop Hendrix and the friends of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas, raised between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for that institution at a great meeting held in First Church, Fort Worth. Congratulations to our brethren of the Lone Star State.

A Sunday at Washington, Ark.

Several weeks ago, on behalf of the pastor and people, our good brother Rev. J. H. Gold invited me to spend a Sunday at Washington, to preach and speak on temperance. It was a great pleasure to fill the engagement last Sunday.

Washington is one of the oldest towns in the State. It was the home of an aristocracy before the civil war, a seat of learning and of culture. It is known to all Arkansas people that it was the home of Hon. A. H. Garland, of Hon. Jas. K. Jones, of the Roystons and of others whose names linger in honor among us. There are still good people there, and they made my visit one of pleasure, hearing gladly the messages I went to deliver.

Hemstead county was the only county in the State which went from the temperance column into the liquor column in the last election. It was a case of "security" on the one hand, and there are signs that it was a case of ambushing on the other hand. The majority for liquor was fifty-four—if the count was correct. The people promptly

went to work to cover the ground by petitions. It now seems that liquor will be sold in only one place in the county—Fulton. We predict that the expenses that will be entailed upon the county by the sale at Fulton will be at least five times the amount which will be paid in license fees. And woe to that community!

The pastor at Washington, Rev. Z. D. Lindsey, has suffered a great deal of late with sciatica. There is promise that he will soon be well, however. He has done, so every one says, a most excellent work. Bro. Gold is a great stay in the community. My home was with Bro. J. W. Phillips, and a good one it was. Hospitality much appreciated was also extended by Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Trimble. But everybody showed kindness.

High School Inspector and Organizer.

Prof. B. W. Torreyson, at present superintendent of Little Rock city schools, has been offered the position of High School Inspector and Organizer, created by the appropriation of \$3,000 from the General Education Board of New York. He has not fully decided to accept, but has the matter under consideration. His relation to the Little Rock schools is such that he cannot afford to sever it hastily. He is peculiarly qualified for this new work, and our school men are hoping that he may be able to accept. The new position will not be a chair in the State University, as was at first intimated, but will be connected with the State Department of Public Instruction. The Inspector will work for the betterment of secondary education and the correlation of the common schools on the one hand and the various colleges and the State University on the other with secondary schools both public and private. The creation of this office means enlargement and uplift for all of our educational interests. Good high-schools in every town will draw the common schools up, and force the colleges to maintain true standards and at the same time supply material for the colleges.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

Fourth Day—Monday.

The Conference came to order at 9 a. m., Bishop Atkins in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. G. G. Winton, D.D.

Rev. Dr. E. B. Chapel, Sunday School Editor, and Rev. Dr. H. M. DuBose, Epworth League Secretary, addressed the Conference.

The trial committee in the case of L. L. Thurston submitted the following report:

"The committee appointed in the trial of L. L. Thurston, find him guilty of immorality, and assess the penalty at twelve months suspension from the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

W. H. Roper, Secretary; J. S. Lamar, J. C. Fowler, R. P. Witt, B. F. Stegall, G. L. Crowe, C. L. Herring, H. L. Mauldin, C. B. Campbell."

Question 7, "Who are deacons of one year?" The names of W. P. Meador, John F. Roberts, Arthur G. White, Charles C. Canter, and Joseph S. Riley, were called, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the fourth year.

Edgar L. Young, Evander M. Sweet, Jr., Gus M. Dilbeck, George A. Lovett, N. B. Taylor, W. H. Duncan, John H. Martin, Oscar W. Stewart, and Mallory Flannigan, not having passed an approved examination, their characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the third year.

Under Question 8, the name of Wm. J. Hale "(Signed) W. M. P. Rippey, Chairman: was called, not having passed an approved examination, his character was passed and he was continued in the class of the second year.

Question 2 was called, "Who remain on trial?" The character of Mike A. Cassidy

was passed and he was advanced to the class of the second year. James O. Crook, not having passed an approved examination, his character was passed and he was continued in the class of the first year. James H. Denny, a member of this class for purposes of examination, but a member of the Conference, was located for unacceptability.

Elum McCurtain and Griggs Durant, full-blood Choctaws, their characters having already been passed, reported their work to the Conference, Louis V. Colbert interpreting for Griggs Durant.

Under Question 20, A. H. Homer and L. W. Cobb, full-blood Choctaws, reported their work, Louis V. Colbert interpreting for L. W. Cobb, and their characters were passed.

Rev. J. D. Hammond, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Education, addressed the Conference.

Bishop Isaac Lane, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of Lane Institute, Jackson, Tennessee, and the Conference gave him a contribution of \$200 to assist him in rebuilding the girls' dormitory at that institution.

Rev. Noah B. Wickham superintendent of the Children's Home Society, and Rev. Geo. W. Bruce, of the Oklahoma State School for the Blind, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Question 45 was called, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" Ardmore and Muskogee were put in nomination, and Muskogee was chosen.

The committee on Public Worship announced that the Rev. Horace M. DuBose, D.D., would lecture on "Francis Asbury" at 3 p. m., that Dean Tillett would deliver a vesper sermon to young preachers at 4:30 p. m., and that the anniversary of the Board of Education would be held at 7:30 p. m., with addresses by Chancellor Bradford, and Dean Crowell of Epworth University.

Fifth Day—Tuesday.

The Conference was called to order at 9 a. m., Bishop Atkins in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. J. M. Gross.

Under Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" Era P. Eubanks, James F. Hendry, Cotesworth W. Hardon, Wilmore Kendall, Joseph Russell, Henry M. Vinson, Edgar C. Wallace, Clyde C. Williamson and W. W. Robinson were advanced to the second year. Thomas H. Ward, Johnson E. Tiger, Norman A. Phillips, Jesse W. Fulton, and William A. Nash, not having passed an approved examination, their characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the first year.

Under Question 7, the name of William C. Fleetwood was called, who, not having passed an approved examination, was continued in the class of the third year and his character passed.

The character of William Buck was passed, and his withdrawal from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was announced.

The character of T. M. Wood was passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

Upon reference of the name of J. K. Florence to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuate relation, a donation was made by the brethren amounting to about \$375 in cash and subscriptions, which was ordered paid regularly through the Conference Teller and credited to the Conference Claimant fund.

Rev. J. T. Riley, D.D., Commissioner of Education of the Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Epworth University; Rev. D. G. Murray, D.D., District Superintendent of the Oklahoma City District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. W. H. B. Ureh, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Oklahoma City, were introduced to the Conference.

The Bible Society Board submitted its report, which was amended and adopted.

Pending the report Rev. Glenn Flynn addressed the Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of W. K. Piner from the Florida Conference, and he was granted a location at his own request.

Rev. C. B. Duncan, representing the Correspondence School of Vanderbilt University, addressed the Conference.

Question 10 was resumed, and Houston Jacob, Eastman Jacob and Sam B. Martin, full-blood Choctaw Indians, were elected local deacons.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that Dr. G. B. Winton would preach at 2:30 p. m., and that Rev. James A. Anderson, D.D., LL.D., would preach at 7:30.

Sixth Day—Wednesday.

The Bishop called the Conference to order pursuant to adjournment, religious exercises being conducted by Rev. N. B. Fizer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Under Question 13, the Bishop announced that he had ordained the following named traveling preachers as elders: James Lambert, Robt. S. Satterfield, James E. Savage, Major C. Dobbs, Walter N. Vernon, Hermon E. Snodgrass, Jesse Crumpton, John D. Salter and James R. Ennis.

Under Question 9 the Bishop announced that he had ordained the following traveling preachers as deacons: J. Calvin Morris, William M. Spain, Reuben C. Aubry, Robert E. L. Morgan, Charles A. Long, Otho B. Staples and Ernest C. Cain.

Under Question 11, the Bishop announced that he had ordained the following local deacons: Absalom Crumpton, Hillie Davis, Billie Atkins, Tingo Frank, Moses Asbury, Moses Bird, William J. Clark, George L. Gilbert, Browning E. Lewis, Samuel J. Checote, Houston Jacob, Eastman Jacob, and Samuel B. Martin.

Question 20 was resumed. The following names were called and their characters were passed: T. L. Darnell, W. D. Sauls, W. S. Lee, M. B. McKinney, L. K. Walter, J. G. Blackwood, J. L. Gage, A. S. Williams, J. M. Gross, J. T. Hall, J. E. Ditch, T. P. Turner, Moss Weaver, W. F. Jordan, F. E. Shanks, J. R. Brooks, C. S. Walker, J. E. Vick, A. C. Pickens, J. V. Baird, P. R. Eaglebarger, J. W. Sims, M. L. Butler, M. T. Allen, W. M. Wilson, F. C. Mayberry, B. E. Stegall, W. J. Moore, W. C. Driskill, R. A. Baird, W. J. Wilson, W. T. Ready, A. N. Avery, J. E. Lovett, M. A. Clark, J. S. Lamar, J. S. Seivally, W. D. Sasser, M. C. Hays, J. J. Crow, J. T. Thornton, Robert Hodges, G. E. Holley, R. P. Witt, R. J. Reese, W. W. Crymes, R. C. Alexander, J. D. Massey, H. B. Vaught, J. D. Edwards, J. A. Parks, C. W. Clay, J. R. Smith, N. L. Linebaugh, G. W. Damon, W. L. Anderson, C. P. Cox, W. W. Williams, W. P. Pipkin, T. E. Roberts, S. M. Sartin, J. D. Rogers, O. E. Goddard, W. H. Roper, T. R. Houghton, John H. Rogers, W. D. Neale, J. W. Shoemaker, J. R. Murray, A. M. Belcher, R. C. Taylor, A. B. L. Hunkapillar, W. M. P. Rippey, C. L. Herring, P. C. Atkins, W. A. Shelton, H. C. Garrett, T. E. Brewer, D. A. Gregg, John R. Abernathy, E. H. Creasy, P. R. Knickerbocker, O. C. Fontaine, J. B. McCance, George W. Lewis, C. F. Roberts, Wm. J. Sims, G. B. Winan, T. O. Shanks, J. B. Blackwell, R. A. Crosby, J. L. Hall, G. L. Crowe, W. H. Witt, C. W. Myatt, J. H. Ball, A. M. Brannon, J. M. Russell, J. M. Cantrell, L. R. Jones, W. C. Savage, Geo. B. Jackson, C. A. Burris, G. R. Wright, W. M. Taylor, W. A. Randall, L. H. Pullingim, J. C. Fowler, B. F. Sharp, J. C. Jeter, E. V. Dowell and S. H. Babcock.

Under Question 16, M. W. Whelan was located for unacceptability; and M. L. Roberts at his own request, and his presiding elder announced that he had surrendered his credentials.

While Question 20 was pending, the following preachers used as supplies made reports

of their work: S. H. Berry, R. W. Cummins, J. M. Johnson, J. D. Z. Munsey, E. A. Southard, C. B. Carter, J. F. Gates, Wm. Grose, Wiley Smith, W. O. Esery, W. L. Blackburn, J. A. Grimes, R. J. McDaniel, J. M. Holt, B. E. Lewis, and Lon Childress.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 3 p. m. today.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was called, and the following, being duly recommended, were admitted: Charles C. Barnhardt, Edwin M. Leming and Absalom Crumpton, from the Ardmore District; Richard A. Wharton, from the Gainesville District, North Texas Conference; William Hill and James Butler, from the Creek-Cherokee Indian District; Thomas E. Williams, Gordon B. Carter and Elmer A. Southard, from the Mangum District; W. L. Blackburn, from the Oklahoma City District; Browning E. Lewis and Isaac W. Armstrong, from the Weatherford District. The Conference gave presiding elders permission to employ George C. Smith and W. L. D. Childress as supplies during the year.

During the consideration of the foregoing, the time of adjournment having arrived, the session was extended thirty minutes.

Mrs. R. H. Campbell, Conference President of the Home Mission Society, and Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Conference President of the Foreign Mission Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

Conference Notes.

We give on other pages of this issue the report of the committee on temperance of the Oklahoma Conference, and also the report of the Conference Board of Missions on the subject of District evangelists. Both of these are important reports and deserve a careful reading by our preachers and people.

The wisdom of establishing Indian districts was demonstrated so far as the Choctaw and Chickasaw and the Creek and Cherokee districts were concerned. It was found to be popular with the Indian brethren. The district among the blanket Indians was merged with the white work and will be served by the presiding elder of the Lawton district.

This editor was very comfortably cared for in the home of the mayor of Oklahoma City, Mr. Henry Scales. We found the mayor to be well posted on Methodist matters, having been educated at Vanderbilt and being a relative by marriage of Bishop Fitzgerald. His mother was especially interesting and entertaining. They belong to our St. Luke's.

The work among the Cherokee Indians has advanced very rapidly under the present arrangement and we have a large increase in our work among them. Rev. Orlando Shay is doing a good and great work among the Creek and Cherokee Indians.

Oklahoma City is an interesting city. It is large and yet it has none of the old dilapidated houses that are too common in our older cities. It is modern, the buildings are new and up to date in design. The streets are paved and clean. The papers had more space to devote to other matters than to the proceedings of the conference but Methodism is a live factor in the city nevertheless. The magnificent church edifices will speak for the truth of that statement. The conference was easily entertained.

Rev. C. F. Roberts, after an unusually good and successful year at Purcell, has moved to Comanche where he will succeed. Success is his habit.

Rev. W. J. Sims, after spending a successful year as commissioner of education, took a pastorate. He was sent to Okmulgee, one of our rising and growing cities in the new State.

Rev. J. W. Sims was made a presiding elder and placed on the Vinita district. He has succeeded in several of the stations of the conference and will look well to the interests

of the church in the district.

Rev. W. F. Dunkle was present with the Muskogee district well to the front. He has been abundant in labors and has carried heavy responsibilities. The new year will doubtless bring new success.

The conference was inclined to honor the local preachers who have supplied works. They were called to the conference floor and asked to report the year's work. In at least one instance the conference honored the work of eighteen years. He was above the age limit but his long and faithful service was considered sufficient to offset that fact and he was received.

Rev. J. M. Gross was present with a good report from Hargrove College. Gross has a college record. When Hargrove was in debt and every effort seemed futile he took charge and not only paid off the debt but made it pay its way from the start and made many improvements. Having finished this important duty he was just about to re-enter the pastorate when the buildings were burned and the students scattered. Then he took charge and at this conference he reported the arrangements that have been made for rebuilding and reopening of the college. The contract has already been let for one of the new buildings.

Ardmore and Muskogee were placed in nomination for the next place of meeting of the conference. The speeches were good numbered and the conference had a hard proposition to decide which to accept, but the speeches of Bro. Dunkle and Dr. Bonnell seemed to outweigh the advocates of Ardmore and the conference decided to go to Muskogee.

Rev. E. M. Sweet, Jr., who has devoted much time in recent years to the cause of temperance, will devote more time to the work of the pastorate, having been placed in charge of Lawton station. Lawton is an important point and Bro. Sweet will make full proof of his ministry.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh has done good work as assistant secretary of the General Board of Church Extension and will continue in that work. Church building will continue to be one of our important interests.

An evangelist among our fullbloods is a new thing, but Rev. A. H. Homer will do good work. He is not new in that kind of service and we believe he will be good help for the brethren.

Rev. W. S. Woodard, the oldest member of the Southwest Missouri Conference, attended the session of the conference and took great interest in the proceedings. He is now a citizen of Oklahoma.

The address of the new Dean of Epworth University, Rev. Geo. A. Crowell, was listened to with great interest and marked the appearance of a great man among us. His field of labor will be a growing and widening one.

Rev. W. S. Derriek, the oldest member of the conference, was in attendance for only a short while. He resides at Madill and while he is not effective as a traveling preacher, he is one of the foremost spirits in church work where he lives.

APPOINTMENTS OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Ada District.

- Presiding Elder.....S. F. Goddard
 1. Ada—First Church.....W. M. Wilson
 2. Ada—Asbury.....C. C. Barnhardt
 3. Byars and Stratford.....G. S. Saunders
 4. Earlsboro and Seminole.....F. E. Shanks
 5. Calvin Circuit.....S. S. Thomasson
 6. Holdenville Station.....C. S. Walker
 7. Konowa.....Willmore Kendall
 8. Moral Circuit.....A. Crumpton
 9. Mill Creek and Hickory.....T. O. Shanks
 10. Mand and Asher.....Bion Hensley—Supply
 11. Pontotoc Circuit.....C. A. Martin—Supply
 12. Roff Station.....J. D. Canaday
 13. Sasakwa Circuit.....R. W. Cummins—Sup.
 14. Stonewall and Tupelo.....

.....To be Supplied—J. T. Hall, Assistant
 15. Sulphur—First Church.....W. U. Witt
 16. Sulphur—Vinita Ave.....Moss Weaver
 17. Saint Louis Ct.....S. H. Berry—Supply
 18. Wewoka Station.....J. H. Brooks
 19. Wetumka.....J. E. Vick
 20. Wanette Circuit.....I. R. Haun
 21. Vanoss Circuit.....James Lambert
 Editor Western Methodist P. R. Eaglebarger
 Y. M. C. A. Secretaries.....
J. V. Baird and M. A. Cassidy
 Supernumerary.....
C. B. Campbell and P. B. Hicks
 District Missionary Evangelist.....
W. F. Jordan and D. A. Shaw

Ardmore District.

Presiding Elder.....W. T. Freeman
 1. Ardmore—Broadway.....W. H. Roper
 2. Ardmore—Carter Avenue and Mission
J. H. Rodgers
 3. Berwyn and Daugherty.....
W. R. Brock—Supply
 4. Cornish and Loco.....H. M. Vinson
 5. Davis and Oak Ridge.....J. L. Gage
 6. Elmore Circuit.....C. H. Culpepper—Supply
 7. Emmett and Milburn.....A. Graham—Sup.
 8. Grady and Orr.....B. F. Taylor—Supply
 9. Hennepin Circuit.....W. G. Jones—Supply
 10. Lebanon Circuit.....J. C. Morris
 11. Lone Grove Circuit.....W. S. Lee
 12. Marietta Station.....J. G. Blackwood
 13. Overbrook Circuit.....W. L. Bean—Supply
 14. Province Circuit.....E. R. Brothers—Supply
 15. Thackerville and Burneyville.....
D. E. Shaffer
 16. Tishomingo and Mannsville.....
C. L. Herring
 17. Wapanucka.....To be Supplied
 18. Woodford and Springer.....
P. W. Ward—Supply
 19. Wynnewood.....I. K. Waller
 20. President of Hargrove College.....
J. M. Gross, D. D.
 21. Student in Epworth University.....
E. C. Cain
 District Missionary Evangelist.....
W. F. Jordan

Chickasha District.

Presiding Elder.....C. H. McGee
 1. Alex and Nimuekah.....J. E. McConnell
 2. Chickasha.....M. L. Butler
 3. Comanche.....C. F. Roberts
 4. Duncan Station.....G. C. French
 5. Duncan Circuit.....To be Supplied
 6. Lindsay.....W. T. Realy
 7. Marlow.....H. E. Snodgrass
 8. Maysville and Randolph.....W. C. Fleetwood
 9. Minco and Verden.....H. K. Mears
 10. Paoli Circuit.....P. A. Smith—Supply
 11. Pauls Valley.....T. P. Turner
 12. Rush Springs and Bailey.....J. J. Bailey
 13. Ryan.....W. J. Wilson
 14. Terrell and Bonner.....L. H. Fullingim
 15. Tuttle and Amber.....E. E. Williams
 16. Velmer Circuit.....To be Supplied
 17. Waurika.....B. F. St. Gall
 18. Whitehead and Florence.....G. M. Dilbeck
 19. Wood Reserve.....F. M. Dykes—Supply
 20. District Missionary Evangelist.....
Frank Naylor

Choctaw and Chickasaw District.

Presiding Elder.....C. M. Coppedge
 1. Atoka Circuit.....L. N. Ishomer
 3. Bethel Circuit.....A. S. Williams
 4. Bennington Circuit.....Eastman Jacob
 5. Chickasaw Circuit.....
L. V. Colbert and James Frazier
 6. Kiamitia Circuit.....Eden Nelson
 7. Kiowa Circuit.....Sam B. Martin
 8. Kullituklo Circuit.....Anderson Wilson
 9. Long Creek Circuit.....P. G. Thomas
 10. Owl Circuit.....Thomas Wade
 11. Rufe Circuit.....L. W. Cobb
 12. Sans Bois Circuit.....Elum McCurtain
 13. Sugar Loaf Circuit.....
Griggs Durant, C. B. Wade
 14. District Interpreter.....H. E. Nohio
 15. District Missionary Evangelist.....
A. H. Homer

Creek and Cherokee District

Presiding Elder.....Orlando Shay
 1. Broken Arrow Ct.....Louis McHenry, Sup.
 2. Cherokee Ct.....James Butler—Sup.
 3. Hitchita Ct.....S. J. Checote—Sup.
 4. Honey Creek Ct.....William Hill—Sup.
 5. Okmulgee Ct.....Billy Bruner—Sup.
 6. Uchee Ct.....
N. G. Gregory and Conzie Tiger—Sup.
 7. Seminole Ct.....Sam Haney—Supply
 8. Saline Ct.....
A. H. Butler and John Cornetossel—Sup.
 9. Wewoka Ct.....D. L. Berryhill—Sup.
 10. Sapulpa Ct.....M. L. Checote—Supply
 11. Dist. Miss. Evan.....James Broadnax
 12. District Interpreters.....
S. J. Checote and Aaron Butler

Durant District.

Presiding Elder.....J. A. Parks
 1. Albany Ct.....To be Supplied
 2. Antlers Ct.....A. N. Averyt
 3. Bokchito and Sterrett.....Lewis McVea
 4. Bennington and Bosnell.....T. F. Roberts
 5. Caddo.....R. C. Alexander
 6. Colbert and Kemp.....To be Supplied
 7. Cumberland Ct.....W. C. Driskill
 8. Durant Station.....J. H. Ball
 9. Fort Towson Ct.....J. D. Rogers
 10. Grant Ct.....Geo. G. Smith
 11. Hugo.....John F. Roberts
 12. Idabel Ct.....To be Supplied
 13. Kingston and Woodville.....
M. B. McKinney
 14. Madill.....T. L. Darnell
 15. Talihina.....To be Supplied
 16. Tuskahoma and Moyer.....J. F. Gates—Sup
 17. Student in Epworth Univ.....E. C. Wallace

Lawton District.

Presiding Elder.....C. F. Mitchell
 1. Anadarko Ct.....B. F. Gassaway
 2. Anadarko Station.....To be Supplied
 3. Cement Ct.....E. H. Driskill
 5. Davidson Ct.....J. L. Williams
 6. Fort Cobb Ct.....W. B. Stanley—Sup.
 7. Frederick.....J. T. Thornton
 8. Frederick Ct.....T. E. Williams
 9. Geary.....W. A. Nash
 10. Glenwood Ct.....T. H. Ward
 11. Grandfield Ct.....To be Supplied
 12. Gregg and Valley View.....
J. D. Hodges—Sup.
 13. Geronimo and Ahepatone.....To be Supplied
 14. Hastings.....J. E. Martin
 15. Headrick Ct.....M. C. Dobbs
 16. Lawton.....E. M. Sweet, Jr.
 17. Mountain Park Ct.....
J. M. Johnson—Sup.
 18. Mount Scott and Little Washita.....
M. A. Clark
 19. Randlett.....Geo. W. Hooper
 20. Snyder.....To be Supplied
 21. Temple.....E. A. Rinney
 22. Walter.....R. A. Baird
 23. Indian Interpreters.....
Kicking Bird and Clyde Cochoa
 24. Conference Sunday School Secreary.....
W. J. Moore

Mangum District.

Presiding Elder.....L. L. Johnson
 1. Altus.....Robert Hodgson
 2. Blair.....W. H. Hawkins—Sup.
 3. Duke.....G. W. Martin
 4. Dryden.....W. R. Rosser
 5. Elmer.....N. B. Taylor
 6. Eldorado.....O. W. Stewart
 7. Granite and Gotebo.....M. T. Allen
 8. Hobart.....M. C. Hays
 9. Hollis.....G. E. Holley
 10. Kelley.....To be Supplied
 11. Lone Wolf.....C. H. Armstrong
 12. Mangum.....J. S. Lamar
 13. Mangum Ct.....J. C. Seivally
 14. Mountain View.....J. J. Crow
 15. Martha.....R. P. Witt
 16. Olustee.....
W. D. Sasser, W. A. Dieker Super.
 17. Vinson and Deer Creek.....R. L. Reese
 18. Willow.....J. W. Martin—Sup.

19. Carnegie and Boise.....F. C. Maberry
 20. Supernumerary.....J. J. Shaw
 21. Student in Polytechnic College.....
N. A. Phillips

McAlester District.

Presiding Elder.....Sam G. Thompson
 1. Atoka.....S. H. Babcock
 2. Allison Ct.....B. E. Seivally—Sup.
 3. Canadian Ct.....J. D. Massey
 4. Coalgate and Centrahoma.....A. G. White
 5. Conser Ct.....To be Supplied
 6. Eufaula.....P. C. Atkins
 7. Eufaula Ct.....To be Supplied
 8. Harishorne.....
To be Supplied; J. J. Bearden—Super.
 9. Howe Ct.....W. D. Sauls
 10. Kiowa Ct.....J. R. Smith
 11. Mowdy and Wardville.....
W. D. Philpott—Sup.
 12. McAlester—Phillips Memorial.....
W. M. P. Riney
 13. McAlester—Stonewall Ave.....C. W. Myatt
 14. McCurtain.....To be Supplied
 15. Poteau.....C. P. Cox
 16. Pecola Ct.....J. W. Davis—Sup.
 17. Quinton Ct.....D. L. Hines—Sup.
 18. Spiro.....H. B. Vaught
 19. Stuart Ct.....
A. K. Millar—Superannuate; T. J. Minnis,
 Supernum.
 20. Wilburton.....G. A. Lovett
 21. Dist. Miss. Evan.....J. D. Edwards

Guymon District.

Presiding Elder.....J. F. Lawlis
 1. Blue Mound Ct.....J. D. Z. Munsy—Sup.
 2. Cimarron Ct.....G. B. Carter
 3. Carthage Ct.....C. C. Williamson
 4. Ellis Ct.....R. T. McDaniel
 5. Guymon.....W. W. Crymes
 6. Grand Valley Ct.....W. P. Meador
 7. Hooker Station.....R. C. Taylor
 8. Hooker Ct.....J. E. Russell
 9. Iola Ct.....W. J. Clark—Sup.
 10. Mutual and Tangier.....W. J. Hale
 11. Nabisco Ct.....C. R. Thomas—Sup.
 12. Postal Ct.....To be Supplied
 13. Sampsel Ct.....B. R. Turner—Sup.
 14. Tyrone Station.....R. C. Autry
 15. Tapley Ct.....G. L. Gilbert—Sup.
 16. Texhoma and Goodwell.....E. A. Southard
 17. Woodward.....C. L. Canter
 18. Student in Polytechnic College.....
J. O. Crook
 19. Student in Vanderbilt University.....
Charles A. Long

Muskogee District.

Presiding Elder.....W. F. Dunkle
 1. Boynton and Morris.....G. W. Damon
 2. Bokoshe Ct.....To be Supplied
 3. Brushy Ct.....William Grose—Sup.
 4. Checotah.....W. A. Shelton
 5. Cowlington Ct.....R. A. Cowan—Sup.
 6. Council Hill Ct.....To be Supplied
 7. Fort Gibson and Braggs.....W. M. Spain
 8. Haskell Ct.....R. H. Horton
 9. Muskogee—First Church.....
O. E. Goddard; J. M. Hively, Supernum.
 10. Muskogee—St. Pauls.....T. L. Rinney
 11. Muskogee Ct.....Wiley Smith—Sup.
 12. Muldrow.....E. V. Dowell
 13. Natura Ct.....To be Supplied
 15. Peggs Ct.....R. P. Hardecastle—Sup.
 16. Sallisaw.....A. C. Pickens
H. B. Scruggs, Supr.
 17. Stigler.....A. B. L. Hunkapillar
 18. Stilwell and Westville.....W. L. Anderson
 19. Tahlequah.....C. W. Clay
J. F. Thompson superannuated.
 20. Tahlequah Ct.....W. A. Culver—Sup.
 21. Vian Ct.....A. M. Belcher
 22. Warner Ct.....T. R. Houghton
 23. Whitefield Ct.....J. W. Fulton
 24. Pres. Spaulding College.....O. B. Staples
 Teacher in State Blind School.....
V. M. Crutsinger

Oklahoma City District.

Presiding Elder.....A. L. Seales
 1. Arcadia and Wheatland.....

-W. O. Esarey—Sup.
 2. Blanchard Ct.....To be Sup.
 3. El Reno.....H. C. Garrett
 4. Franklin Ct.....W. L. D. Childress
 5. Guthrie Station.....J. R. Abernathy
 6. Lexington Station.....E. H. Creasy
 H. H. Everett, Assistant.
 7. McLoud.....Jesse Crumpton
 8. Noble and Shiloh.....E. D. Farrish—Sup.
 9. Norman.....R. E. L. Morgan
 10. Oklahoma City—St. Luke's.....
P. R. Knickerbocker
 11. Oklahoma City—Oak Park.....J. E. Disch
 12. Oklahoma City—Capitol Hill.....
W. L. Blackburn
 13. Oklahoma City Ct.....To be Supplied
 14. Perry.....J. L. Haw
 15. Piedmont.....James Arvin
 16. Purcell.....G. L. Taylor
 17. Shawnee—First Church.....O. C. Fontaine
 18. Shawnee—Trinity.....G. W. Groce
 19. Shawnee Ct.....To be Supplied
 20. Sparks Ct.....J. B. McCance
 22. Sweetwater.....O. L. Ownby
 23. Tecumseh.....H. K. Monroe—Sup.
 24. Union Chapel Ct.....R. M. Lemming
 Washington Ct.....To be Supplied
 Dist. Miss. Evan.....D. A. Gregg
 Editor Christian Advocate.....
Geo. B. Winton, D. D.
 Dean Epworth University.....Geo. A. Crowell
 Assistant Church Extension Secretary.....
N. L. Liefbaugh
 Professor in State University, Norman.....
T. F. Brewer

Tulsa District.

- Presiding Elder.....J. B. McDonald
 1. Broken Arrow.....C. W. Hardon
 2. Beers and Mounds.....H. G. Summers
 3. Bristow.....T. A. O'Bryant
 4. Coweta.....W. C. Savage
 5. Dustin and Lamar.....To be Supplied
 6. Henryetta and Weleetka.....J. B. Blackwell
 7. Morrison Station.....Mallory Flanagan
 8. Okemah.....R. A. Crosby
 9. Okmulgee.....W. J. Sims
 10. Okfuskee and Bearden.....J. A. Hill—Sup.
 11. Pawnee Station.....A. M. Miller—Sup.
 12. Pragne and Paden.....C. F. Dowell
 13. Red Fork Ct.....To be Supplied
 14. Sapulpa.....J. C. Jeter
 15. Stroud and Davenport.....S. M. Sartin
 16. Tulsa—First Church.....A. F. Smith
 17. Tulsa—Tiger Memorial.....A. M. Brannon
 18. Keokuk Falls Ct.....To be Supplied
 19. Dist. Miss. Evan.....G. L. Crow

Vinita District.

- Presiding Elder.....John W. Sims
 1. Afton.....W. P. Pipkin
 2. Adair and Big Cabin.....J. A. Grimes—Sup.
 3. Blue Jacket Ct.....L. R. Jones
 4. Centralia Ct.....G. M. Byers
 5. Chapel Ct.....W. M. Leatherwood—Sup.
 6. Chelsea.....J. C. Fowler
 7. Claremore.....G. W. Lewis
 8. Choteau.....A. S. Cameron
 9. Fairland and Wyandotte.....To be Supplied
 10. Grove Ct.....To be Supplied
 11. Inola and Talala.....J. B. Lyle—Sup.
 12. Miami.....C. A. Burris
 13. Spavinaw Ct.....To be Supplied
 14. Vinita.....J. M. Cantrell
 15. Wagoner.....J. D. Salter
 16. Wagoner Ct.....To be Supplied
 17. Welch and Anthracite.....J. A. McBride
 18. Dist. Miss. Evan.....J. L. Crowe
 19. Student in Vanderbilt University.....
Geo. B. Jackson

Weatherford District.

- Presiding Elder.....W. D. Mathews
 1. Butler Ct.....R. P. Eubanks
 2. Berlin.....To be Supplied
 3. Cheyenne.....W. W. Robinson
 4. Clinton and Arapahoe.....S. F. Chambers
 5. Clondchief Ct.....To be Supplied
 6. Cowden Ct.....J. W. Armstrong
 7. Custer City Ct.....G. R. Wright
 8. Cordell.....R. S. Satterfield
 9. Doxey Ct.....J. R. Ennis

10. Delhi Ct.....J. M. Holt—
 11. Dill City Ct.....J. L. Southward
 13. Elk City.....W. A. Randle
 14. Erick and Texola.....W. M. Taylor
 15. Foss Ct.....J. A. Kenney
 16. Gyp Ct.....To be Supplied
 17. Hammon Ct.....R. J. Hodges—Sup.
 18. Rocky and Sentinel.....
W. M. Vernon, H. L. Mauldin, Super.
 19. Roll Ct.....J. N. Tinkle
 20. Rhea Ct.....B. G. Burns—Sup.
 21. Sayre.....J. L. Seaton
 22. Sweetwater Ct.....J. W. Nigh
 23. Texmo Ct.....H. C. Gullette
 24. Weatherford.....J. E. Savage
 25. Port Ct.....To be Supplied
 26. Dist. Miss. Evan.....O. L. Martin
 27. Student in Epworth University.....
B. E. Lewis

Transferred to Other Conferences.

- Texas Conference.....J. R. Murray
 Northwest Texas Conference.....B. T. Sharp
 West Texas Conference.....J. E. Lovett
 North Texas Conference.....J. S. Riley
 Missouri Conference.....W. D. Neale

Anglo-Chinese College—Annual Report.

I desire to submit the following report of the college along general lines for the conference year, Sept. 1907-Aug. 1908.

Teaching Staff—Bro. Whiteside, Mrs. Cline and I formed the permanent part of the foreign staff. Bishop Wilson consented for Bro. Estes to remain with us during the fall term of last year, and we have had the services

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of two European teachers from Shanghai during the spring term of this year. We also had the services of a foreign drill master all the year. Twelve full teachers and student teachers have composed the Chinese staff. Some of these have assisted in teaching English branches, some have taught Mathematics in Chinese, some science in Chinese, and then the regular work in the Chinese language and literature has been kept up.

Although we have had the definite promise for some time of a new teacher from home to take up some special work designed by the Board to be taken up so far the help has not materialized. The last advice was to the effect that the right man had not been found, but that all possible would be done to realize for us the promise for the spring term. We are holding on the best we can till reinforcements come, but in the meantime our strength is severely taxed.

Student Body In our printed statement we limit the attendance to 180 students; 140 boarders and forty day students, but as a matter of fact we have admitted a few more each term, as it has been found extremely difficult in certain cases to refuse. In order to show the growing tendency to remain in school, it may be of some interest to quote from a hasty review of the year's students.

Almost eighty-eight per cent. of the whole body are old students. Sixty-five per cent. of the whole number are those who have been with us two years or more; more than forty per cent. as much as three years; more than

twenty-five per cent. four years or more; about fifteen per cent. have studied with us as much as five years, and some have been with us six and seven years, and of course others whom we have not cared to retain.

I give this summary simply to call attention to the changed conditions. This registers a different result from that to be obtained from an examination of the records of the college even a few years ago, when it was so hard to persuade students to remain in our schools long enough to get any considerable benefit.

This showing, too, is in spite of the fact that all schools now suffer from the presence of the type of student peripatetic who has to come up somewhere or somehow with his ideal of education. And there is much the more promise to us in it in that we are constantly strengthening our demands in the matter of Bible study, and no kind of concession is made in the matter of church attendance. It might be added also that for several years our charges have been constantly advancing.

It seems to me to mean that if there are results towards the teaching of the gospel in China to be hoped for in the work of the church has set us to do, we are in a better way to measure up in its accomplishment than we have ever been before. My own conviction on this subject was greatly strengthened by a conversation I had with the late Dr. Li, the beloved Chinese evangelist. He himself was formerly a teacher in the college and we were talking of the plans we are making for Bible teaching and for religious work in general. He expressed the most cordial sympathy with aims indicated and with the results he himself had observed during the time he had been living neighbor to the college. He then ventured a testimony voluntarily to the value of the regular class work teaching of the Bible as an evangelistic agency that I was somewhat surprised to hear him give, knowing as I did his very strong convictions along the line of preaching. He said his work had carried him among all the missions, and that he was often asked for his opinion as to the relative value of the different methods of mission work and as to the different missions of the field. He said that in the beginning of his evangelistic work he had expected to find the best type of Christian work in the work of the missions where preaching was the sole, or chief, means of work. He said his fuller experience was that the most fruitful work was in the missions where the Bible was strongly taught in the schools as a part of the course. He said that while many who learned the Bible this way were never converted, those who were afterwards converted had a foundation to build upon that he had found no other to provide. He mentioned the frequency with which he had borne testimony to the permanent work of our mission in this respect. I think such a testimony from such a person should be taken as a ground for encouragement.

At the close of the fall term just before Chinese New Year, eight young men received certificates for having finished the work of the Preparatory Department, all of them having been with us from two to five years. Six of them re-entered school in the spring.

We have given financial help to twenty-six students in the way of reduction of fees. Most of them have paid out of board. Six of these are the sons of members of this conference. It has been possible for several to remain in school by the contributions of former beneficiaries of the college. This method of expressing what has been done for them seems to me to be worthy of mention.

Religious Activity. No student in the school has less than two Bible lessons a week and some of them have as many as one a day. I find the longer they stay in school and the better they get along in their studies the more they respond to the Bible work. All the stu-

dents attend preaching, and all attend daily prayers.

We have an active students' Christian organization, managed by the students and weekly meetings are held. This exerts a helpful influence in the student body. A voluntary class for Bible study has been maintained during the year. The enrollment has been good, and the interest sustained.

Several of the older students have engaged in Christian work for the prisoners in the jail in Hongkow. Every facility has been afforded them by the authorities, and Captain Superintendent Bruce conveyed to me his appreciation of the work done and his desire to have it continued. Other Christian students have found other forms of work to do and have given good account of themselves. It is my conviction that it is in this way helping to develop some valuable Christian workers. This form of work has had all the encouragement from us that it has been in our power to give. I have never known more conscientious planning and doing of religious work than some of these young men have been doing.

Several of the students expect to give their lives to the ministry, and yet others hope to do other definite forms of Christian work.

We have a good Sunday School. Since the Sunday School and church services are held in the college chapel, the school comes in for the larger share of the work as well as greater parts of the benefits. The attendance during the year reached 350. Our indebtedness to Bro. Zia Hong Lo, our faithful superintendent, cannot be expressed. He has not spared himself in any way to make the work prosper. His concern for the salvation of the students has been manifest to all. The recent failure of his health is a matter of the greatest concern to all of us. We share with him the hope that he may be able to resume his labors after a few months' rest.

Just before the close of school for the summer holidays a decision meeting was held with the students, and more than a dozen of the young men expressed very definitely their determination to lead a Christian life. Some of these are leading men in the student body, and the change in their attitude in many respects bears testimony to the depth of their conviction. The meeting was unattended by any undue pressure or excitement. Nothing has happened in my experience in China that has done more to strengthen my faith in the gospel and in the work I was trying to do.

The circumstances connected with the death of one student in the spring contributed no little to bring about the results of the meeting. While he had never in the five or six years he had been in the school made a public confession of faith in Christ, yet it was well known to his companions that he was a believer. During his last illness he bore testimony to his mother of his faith in the Savior. The story of his illness reinforced by his character made a deep impression on the whole student body.

Finance.—The Bursar of the College has received from fees of all kinds for the year about Mex. \$20,000 and we have succeeded in keeping this expenditure within this amount. The expenditures on repairs and improvements of a permanent nature have been about \$4,000, and we have about \$1,000 more to pay on this account. It has not been possible to do this from the earnings of this year alone, but from what we have been saving for several years. We have paid out about \$1,000 in the matter of furnishing foreign teaching help. In short, outside the salaries of two missionaries and the taxes, we are meeting all expenses of teachers' salaries, insurance on college and residence, repairs, and all expenses of up-keep, even to the extent of doing our own building. This year we have provided a residence for one of the foreign staff. We feel that the financial sheet does not make a bad showing.

As I review the work of the year, I am constrained to think it has been one of some success and progress. It has been in some respects a hard one, one of the hardest I have had in China. The work has been heavy, and elements making for discouragement have not been wanting, but the work has been done, and I believe the summing up of results, if that were possible, would tend to encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. CLINE, President.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

A Word Personal and General.

Bishop Atkins saw proper, at our late conference, to place this chairman in charge of our general Sunday School interests in this conference. Many know that this responsible position was not of his own seeking. The need of such was and is apparent to every one who knows anything of the situation. We had labored two years with that object in view—to get the schools and the church leaders to see the necessity for such effort, and to put a man in the field. The Bishop and cabinet seemed to see the way clear for such appointment.

Now, that the opportunity has been made, we shall take hold of the work with all the energy and ability at our command. No one can promise or do more. The field is inviting—is "white unto the harvest." In fact, there is more work to be done than any one man can do. Therefore we beg of every pastor, superintendent and Sunday School worker to give us your hearty co-operation and earnest prayers. Let us make it the best year in the history of this conference.

The plans for the year have not yet been worked out. We are conferring with the presiding elders at this time. It is likely that we shall inaugurate a system of institutes—from one to four in each district. Our first work will be to get in touch with the pastors and other Sunday School workers. In the meantime let us pray that we may plan wisely and execute diligently.

The growth of our Sunday School work for the last few years, in spirit, in interest and in efficiency has been quite gratifying; but we have only made a beginning. Let us join our hands, our hearts, our efforts for still greater things

That Special S. S. Report.

If any pastor of the Oklahoma Conference knows that he did not hand in his special Sunday School report, will he not send it at once to the chairman? We expect to publish a "Sunday School Year Book" soon; and these reports are very much needed to make up a complete report of the Sunday School interests of our conference. It will be a misfortune to any pastor or school not to have in a report. Attend to it NOW, brethren.

The address of the chairman will be Lawton, Okla., until further notice is given.

Dr. Chappell's Visit.

To say that the visit of Dr. Chappell to our conference was a joy and an inspiration to us all would be but a poor statement of the simple truth. Filling, perhaps, the most responsible and useful position in our great Church, he is surcharged with the interest of our Sunday School movement. In every word and act he proves to you that the great Sunday School interests are upon his heart. That was a great address and inspiring, which he gave at the Sunday School Anniversary. His untiring services, and the excellent literature he is giving us, entitle him to a lofty place in our hearts of appreciation.

A New Departure.

An interesting feature of our annual conference was the display of Sunday School literature, devices, helps, etc., under the supervision of Mr. E. E. French, of Nashville.

We are glad to note that many of our pastors and Sunday School workers availed themselves of this very fine opportunity to acquaint themselves with advanced ideas and plans. We hope our people will keep in close touch with this department inaugurated by French will be glad at all times to serve the church in this capacity. He was a welcome visitor and his visit did much good, we are sure.

Report Number Two, Board of Missions, Oklahoma Conference.

We recommend the appointment of the following district missionaries:

Choctaw—Chickasaw District, A. H. Homer.

Creek—Cherokee District, Jas. Broadnax.

Vinita District—G. L. Crow.

Mangum District—H. B. Ellis.

Chickasha District—Frank Naylor.

Ada District—D. A. Shaw.

We recommend that the Oklahoma and the Weatherford Districts be formed into an evangelistic district and that O. L. Martin and D. A. Gregg be appointed as missionaries; that Bro. Martin give the major part of his time to revival work among our organized churches, and that Bro. Gregg give the major part of his time to the unorganized territory. The Conference Board of Missions agrees to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to each of the above named missionaries, except Bro. Martin, whose work will be among our organized churches.

We recommend that the Ardmore, Ada and Durant districts be organized into an evangelistic district and that W. F. Jordan be appointed missionary evangelist. We also recommend that the McAlister, Muskogee, and Tulsa districts be formed into an evangelistic district and that J. D. Edwards be appointed missionary evangelist.

Further recommendations:

(1) That in all the districts having a missionary, the presiding elder, the district lay leader, the district treasurer, with the conference missionary secretary be the missionary committee which shall have charge of the missionary, fix his salary, and look after all the details of the work.

(2) In the evangelistic districts composed of more than one presiding elder's district, the presiding elders, the district lay leaders, the district treasurers, and the conference missionary secretary be the missionary committee which shall have charge of the missionaries, fix their salaries, and look after all the details of the work.

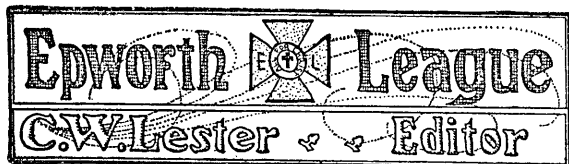
(3) That all the money collected by the missionaries and the missionary committee be sent to the conference teller, who shall remit it to the treasurer of the Board of Missions. The recording secretary of the Board of Missions shall pay the missionary evangelists monthly out of the funds in hand for their districts.

(4) That each missionary evangelist make a monthly report to the conference missionary secretary and to his presiding elder.

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Scripture Lesson for Nov. 22: Matt. 21:10; Zech. 8:1-8.

Topic: The City for Christ.

The Modern City a Menace.

"On the one hand the city stands for all that is evil—a city that is full of devils, foul and corrupting; and on the other hand, the city stands for all that is noble, full of the ages of the world represented both these as brilliant light. But, if we think a little more carefully, we shall see that the city has in all ages of the world represented both these aspects: It has been the worst, and it has been the best. Every city has been a Babylon, and every city has been a New Jerusalem and it has always been a question whether Babylon would extirpate the New Jerusalem or the New Jerusalem would extirpate the Babylon. It has been so in the past. It is so in the present. The greatest corruption, the greatest vice, the greatest crime, are to be found in the great city. San Francisco, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Brooklyn are full of devils—and also full of the glory of God."—Dr. Lyman Abbott.

"The nineteenth century gave birth to many marvels, but beyond question its greatest and most characteristic wonder was the unprecedented and disproportionate development of material civilization."

"If, now, it is true of modern civilization that materialism is its supreme peril, preeminently true is it of American civilization; and if material growth finds its comparative in the New World, the modern city furnishes its superlative. The modern city is at the same time the most characteristic product and the best exponent of modern civilization, and beyond a doubt will determine the civilization of the future."

"The time is certainly coming, and at no distant day, when a majority of the population will live in cities. This is already true of fifteen states, in eight of which the urban population is more than two-thirds of the whole." "Again another fact which must be faced is that our foreign population is largely concentrated in the city." "We are now prepared to weigh the gravity of the fact that more than one-half of our population will soon be urban, and that in due time we shall be a nation of cities. If the rate of the movement of population from country to city, between 1890 and 1900 continues until 1940, there will then be in the United States 21,000,000 more people in our cities than outside of them." "Beyond a peradventure the city is to determine the future of civilization and the national destiny." "The character of the men who usually get control of our largest cities, such as New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, together with the corruption which has been laid open in recent years, indicates that the moral development of the city has by no means kept pace with its material growth."

The Modern City Can Be Saved.

"Even if no solution of the problem of the city had yet been found, every one who believes that the prophetic prayer of our Lord, 'Thy kingdom come,' is to receive its fulfilling answer must have confidence that the problem is soluble." These quotations except the first are from "The Challenge of the City," by Dr. Sironi. In his chapter on the "Christian Solution of the Problem," he shows that in the example and teachings of Jesus are certain principles which applied to this grave problem can solve it. The principles of incarnation, that is of living the truth, of personal contact of the brotherhood of man, of the recognition of the entire man, physical, intellectual and spiritual, of emptying by filling, that is, by putting something

better in the place of the resorts of sin which we are trying to put out of existence, and of love expressing itself in service and sacrifice. These principles, embodied in the individual and social character will solve all our problems, even this great problem of the modern city.

Sam Jones Memorial Day.

Program for Sam Jones Memorial Day, Sunday, December 6th, 1908, to be observed by all Epworth Leagues of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Song (where possible to be used) "The King's Business."

Invocation.

Address, or paper, "Sam Jones' Early Life and Entry into the Ministry."

Address, or paper, "Sam Jones, the Preacher and Evangelist."

Address, or paper, "Sam Jones as a Citizen and Benefactor to Mankind."

Address, or paper, "Sam Jones and His Wit."

Free-will offering for the Monument Fund to be taken, the proceeds of which to be sent direct to Dr. H. M. DuBose, editor of Epworth Era, Nashville, Tenn., who is treasurer of all funds.

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The monument to the memory of the Rev. Sam P. Jones is to be erected on the lawn of the new St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Oklahoma City in the interest of which church this faithful "Soldier of the Cross" held his last great meeting.

This monument is indeed a fitting tribute on the part of our young people to this great and good man, whose very life was spent in fighting the enemies of young manhood and young womanhood of our country.

The memorial will be a combination of monument and drinking fountain; the fountain feature being added to give expression of an ever living influence. The monument proper will be of best grade of granite and marble. The lion heads represent the fountains, faucets being in the lion's mouths. In the center, between the four massive columns, will be a small spray, upon which will be perched numerous little white doves from the mouths of which the spray of water will come.

The statue is to be of bronze and in life size likeness. Upon the tablet on the south side and at the top will be his favorite text from 2nd Tim., 4th chap.: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up

for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day." At the base of the columns will be two inscriptions written in scrolls; the one on the south side will be: "Dedicated to the memory of Rev. Sam P. Jones," and the one on the east side will be: "Erected by the Epworth Leagues of the M. E. Church, South."

The plan to erect this memorial has received the unqualified endorsement of Dr. H. M. DuBose, editor Epworth Era; Dr. W. B. Palmore, editor St. Louis Christian Advocate; Dr. S. A. Steele, former editor Epworth Era; Rev. George R. Stuart, for fifteen years the co-worker of Sam Jones; also Prof. E. O. Excell of Chicago, and numerous others. The success of the movement is an assured fact.

December 6th has been set aside as "Sam Jones Memorial Day" throughout Southern Methodism, and every Epworth League is urged to begin immediately to make preparation for the proper observance of the day. We wish the Epworth League to take charge of the evening church service, and feel sure that all pastors will gladly co-operate to this extent. It will be a heart educator, and will do us all good to recall some of the incidents of the valiant work of this good man.

At the conclusion of the service it is desired that a free-will offering be taken and that the funds so raised be sent direct to Dr. H. M. DuBose, Nashville, Tenn., who is treasurer of the fund. Not one cent is to be solicited, as we have an abiding faith in the loyalty of our young people that their nickels and dimes will amply provide the necessary fund. No one, however, is denied the privilege of subscribing to this fund, for we know he has thousands of friends throughout the country who will deem it a great pleasure and privilege to aid in such a worthy cause. To those we invite you to send your subscription to Dr. DuBose, as above.

Oklahoma Conference Minutes.

Will every member of the Oklahoma Conference whose postoffice address is different from the name of his charge, please write me at once and give me his correct address. Let this include supplies as well.

Where the name of the charge includes two places, I shall assume that the first named is the postoffice address of the preacher unless I get information to the contrary.

Will the last year's presiding elders please send me at once the postoffice addresses of (1) lay delegates, indicating by check who were present at the conference; (2) local preachers, indicating (a) those used as supplies, (b) elders, (c) deacons, and (d) licentiates; and (3) Sunday school superintendents. The large interest in the Laymen's Movement and the renewed interest in Sunday schools make it very important that the names and addresses of these officers of our church should appear in our minutes.

I would thank any brother whose name or initials may have been printed incorrectly in the last minutes advise me, so that correction may be made.

I would thank anyone for the correct addresses of those members of the Boards which we were unable to get last year, as shown on pages 12-14 of the minutes.

We desire to make the minutes as complete and correct as possible. But we shall need to have this information at once. Address Box 988, Oklahoma City. E. M. SWEET, JR., Editor Minutes.

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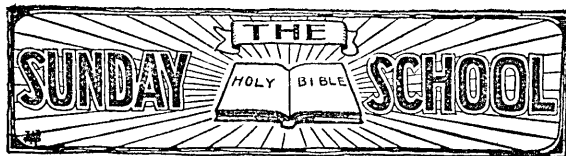
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November 22. Solomon Anointed King.
1 Kings 1:32-40, 50-53.

Golden Text.—Know thou the God of thy Father, and serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind." 1 Chron. 28:9.

Locating the Lesson.

Time.—Some date between 1023 and 972 B. C.

Places.—Jerusalem; Enrogel and Gihon, springs in or close to the city.

Persons.—David, a broken old man; Adonijah, probably the king's eldest living son; Nathan, the prophet; Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon; Solomon, David's son by Bathsheba; and others.

Connecting Links.—Read 2 Sam. 19:9 to 24:25.

I. The Plot of Adonijah. 1 Kings 1:5-10.

"Adonijah, the son of Haggith exalted himself saying, 'I will be king.'" verse 5.

1. Adonijah, who strikingly resembled Absalom, seems to have been "heir-presumptive" to the throne. While the law of primogeniture was not yet established in Israel, he had every reason to expect to succeed to the sceptre. It is probable as "King David was old and stricken in years" that a triumvirate, Joab, Abiathar and Adonijah ruled the kingdom. There was strong opposition to Adonijah led by Zadok the priest, Benaiah captain of the royal guard and Nathan the prophet. The contest for power was really between Joab and Nathan, Adonijah and Solomon being mere "pawns" in the political game.

2. It is easy to understand why the Adonijah-Joab-Abiathar party "forced matters," though in possession of the government and apparently sure of succeeding itself. David had not as yet publicly nominated his regal heir. The king was in his dotage and hence uncertain. Nathan was an antagonist not to be despised. Bathsheba had not really lost her hold on the kingdom though she seems to have been at the time supplanted by Abishag the beautiful young Shunammite (I think this was a "trick" of Joab). The only sure course was for Adonijah to suddenly declare himself king.

II. The Counterplot of Nathan. 1 Kings 1:11-27.

"Wherefore Nathan spoke to Bathsheba," verse 11.

1. It is difficult to decide how much Nathan was influenced by the Lord, and how much by his own judgment. We are, however, safe in saying that Nathan regarded Adonijah as unfit to be king, and that if he could help, the handsome son of Haggith should never sit on the throne. Solomon to him should make much the better king. He does not appear to have been actuated by any selfish considerations. His heart beat true to Israel's future. Nathan prayed I think. We know that "he kept his powder dry."

2. The people understood what Adonijah's meant ("v\$Yk iloohrx(c xaoIdfpvbgk emfw "chariots and horsemen and fifty men" meant. He must have known of the secret alliance of Joab, Abiathar and Adonijah. We may be certain that through spies he kept in touch with every movement. He was silent and watchful. Not a word to David or Bathsheba. He was giving Adonijah plenty of "rope" with which to hang himself. He desired that the conspirators fatally compromise themselves. Nathan could watch, wait, and strike.

3. The scene within David's private apartments is wonderfully dramatic. It does not need comment for the movement is simple, direct and powerful. The student should read this over and over until he actually sees it. Read it aloud, imagining yourself in turn

to be Nathan, Bathsheba, and David. The old king is thoroughly aroused and acts with all his old time decision, swiftness and vigor. Nathan, thou Hebrew Richelieu, thou hast played the part well and won!

III. Solomon Anointed King. 1 Kings 1:28-33.

"All the people said, God save King Solomon," verse 39.

1. We are to be spectators of a coronation procession, so let us hasten. Hark! the blare of trumpets! There they come! Nathan the prophet and Zadok the priest head the procession. After them is Benaiah, captain of the royal guard. See that band of grim silent soldiers. They are the famous Cherethites and Pedathites. David's "noble six hundred." In their midst rides the new king on the royal mule. The holy oil is upon the young man's head. Ride on King Solomon and may the "increase of thy government" be without end.

2. The glad shouts of the people fell as a thunder clap of doom upon the feasting company at Enrogel. Adonijah's adherents were scattered like autumn's leaves before the blast. "All is lost, save himself who can." Poor Adonijah, without chariots, or horsemen or men, fled to the altar and clung to its sacred horns a criminal, the very thing he expected Solomon to be doing ere the close of that fateful day. True to the spirit of his age—perhaps somewhat in advance of it—Solomon curtly dismisses Adonijah to his home on probation, and the new era in Israel had begun.

Thoughts.

1. It was very hard to find a king in David's family.

2. How frequently brothers follow in the footsteps of their older brothers.

3. It is far easier to say "I will be king," than to mount the throne.

4. Would that the last days of David had been as bright as the dawn on Bethlehem's hills.

5. The master chess player wins the game by moving the "men" as he wills. God lets men do their own moving and yet wins the game. Great is God.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, Oklahoma Conference.

To the Oklahoma Conference—Dear Brethren:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

The recent election has left the status of prohibition legislation in Oklahoma somewhat in doubt for the time being. There seems to be good ground for the opinion that it is not competent for a legislature to submit for a vote of the people two independent questions upon one indivisible ballot, in such way that each voter must vote for both or against both and providing no way whereby he may vote against one and for the other, if he should wish to do so.

Upon the one ballot touching the Agency question in the recent election there were at least two questions inseparably linked together: (1) The question of amending the Constitution so as to provide for Agencies in smaller towns, which also involved the violation of the provisions of the Enabling Act which were accepted by ordinance irrevocably as a condition precedent to statehood; and (2) the question of ratifying the act of the Legislature in establishing the Agencies in towns of 2,000 population, as authorized in the Constitution. Many desired to vote "yes" on the ratification of the Agencies already established, and "no" on amending the Constitution; while many voted "no" on the Constitutional amendment, under the advice of attorneys that such vote could not affect the law as already in operation.

The question was raised with the administrative officers of the Anti-Saloon League shortly before the election; who felt that no

practical good, but possibly much additional confusion might arise from a discussion of these doubts at that time. Therefore they continued to recommend to prohibition voters to vote "yes" on the question, knowing that the legal status of the issue might be determined, if necessary, after the election. It is hoped and believed that some one interested will bring an action at law, if necessary, to determine just what is the effect of the recent election upon the Agencies already established.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that too many of our people are allured with the dream that our fight is over. Instead of being over, our fight is just begun. We are just where our fathers were when they signed the Declaration of Independence; it may require seven years of persistent fighting to make the enemy acknowledge our independence. Our law is but our implement of warfare. Eternal vigilance is the price of prohibition. Therefore we recommend:

1. That we do not neglect to keep the people informed as to the benefits of the law, and also as to the plans of the enemy to overthrow our law. We recommend that the preachers preach on the subject at least once a quarter, and also encourage and aid Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues to prepare suitable programs for their quarterly temperance day.

2. As an interesting and reliable compendium of information on this subject, full of suggestions for sermons and addresses, we recommend "The Anti-Saloon League Year Book," by E. H. Cherrington; cloth, 60 cents; vanilla, 35 cents; which may be obtained of the Anti-Saloon League of America, 610 New Hayden Building, Columbus, Ohio, or of Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock, Arkansas.

3. Assuming that the Agencies already established for the sale of liquors for medical and scientific purposes will not be discontinued as a result of the recent election, for which continuance we hope and pray, as a necessary means for the enforcement and perpetuity of the law prohibiting sales for beverage purposes, we recommend to the next Legislature the enactment of a law providing a uniform prescription blank which will require the embodiment of more definite evidence of good faith on the part of physicians prescribing intoxicating liquors.

4. We also urge upon the Legislature the repeal of that provision of the law covering county court procedure, by fault of which it is now practicable, through the medium of several affidavits, to remove from the bench a judge elected by the people and substitute in lieu of him a judge elected by the lawyers practicing before the court, a majority of whom may chance to have clients accused of similar crimes. This provision is being used to work a travesty upon justice in a number of counties in Oklahoma.

5. We call upon the legislature also to clothe special enforcement officers with the powers of sheriffs in any county in this State.

6. We recommend the election of E. M. Sweet, Jr. and T. P. Howell to represent our church on the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League. We commend the Anti-Saloon League to the confidence, co-operation and more liberal financial support of our people, and we recommend that our preachers open their pulpits once a year to its duly accredited representatives.

7. We commend Governor Haskell for his faithful efforts to enforce the law, as well as every other faithful officer in this State, and we pledge them our continued support in so doing. To this end, we recommend the organization and maintenance of law-enforcement leagues in every county and town, such local organizations to be tributary to the Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. SWEET, JR., Char.
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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.)

Larkin, Ark., Oct. 25, 1908.

Dear Cousins: I will write a few lines for the second time. I am a little girl ten years old. I have been picking cotton lately. Our preacher's name is Bro. Cochran and our presiding elder's name is Bro. Skinner, and we like both very much. I go to school now. Mr. Forrest is my school teacher.

LOCKIE FORREST.

Faler, Ark., Oct. 24, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist, I will write the consins a few lines today, but I don't know much to write you all. My other letter come out in the paper and I was glad to see it in print. How many of the consins will be glad when Christmas comes. For one, I will, then Santa Claus will come to see us all. My mother has gone to see her married daughter in Pine Bluff. She has been gone two weeks today, and just papa and us children are here now, and you know we are lonesome without mama. Our school will start at Brown Springs the first of November. We haven't our cotton out yet and I don't know when we will get it out because Gus and I have it to pick out. I had company today, a little friend. Your cousin,

AUGUSTA DUTHERAGE.

Philosophical Tommy.

Did you ever hear about him? Grandma once knew just such a little philosopher, and he was the biggest little philosopher I ever knew. I do not think he ever cried; I never saw him cry. If his sister found her tulips all rooted up by her pet puppy, and cried and cried—as little girls will—Tommy was sure to come around the corner whistling and say: "What makes you cry? Can you cry a tulip? Do you think that every sob makes a root or

a blossom? Here! let's try to right them."

So he picks up the poor flowers, puts their roots into the ground again, whistling all the time, and makes the bed look smooth and fresh, and takes her off to hunt hens' nests in the barn. Neither did he do any differently in his own troubles. One day his great kite snapped the string and flew away far out of sight. Tommy stood still a moment, and then turned around to come home, whistling a merry tune.

"Why, Tommy," said I, "are you not sorry to lose that kite?"

"Yes, but what's the use? I can't take more than a minute to feel bad. 'Sorry' will not bring the kite back, and I want to make another."

Just so when he broke his leg.

"Poor Tommy!" cried his sister, "you can't play any more!"

"I'm not poor, either. You cry for me. I don't have to do it for myself, and I'll have more time to whistle. Besides, when I get well, I shall beat every boy in school on the multiplication table; for I say it over and over again till it makes me sleepy every time my leg aches."

If many people were more like Tommy, they would have fewer troubles and would throw more sunshine into this world. We must cry, sometimes, but try to be as brave as possible.—Christian Work.

A Banker for Bishop.

We are told that "there is nothing new under the sun," but here is something new—the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected a bank president one of its bishops.

That bank president is none other than Bishop Charles W. Smith, better known when elected as editor of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

It now transpires that for many years Bishop Smith held the position of president of the Central Bank of Wilkesburg, Pa., and that he did not resign his position until October 12, 1908. As a banker he was frequently complimented by national bank examiners for the most methodical and best regulated bank in the Pittsburg district.

Good for Banker-Editor-Bishop Chas. W. Smith! Would there were more such as he. The banking business needs officers who will be faithful to their trust, watching over the deposits of the people, weeding out inefficient and reckless employees, and keeping the banks of the country in safe and sound condition.

The ministry too needs the example of preachers who are good businessmen, prompt in meeting their obligations, quick in discharging their duties, commanding in the confidence reposed in them, and straight ahead in all that goes to make them men among men and equals among their business peers.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

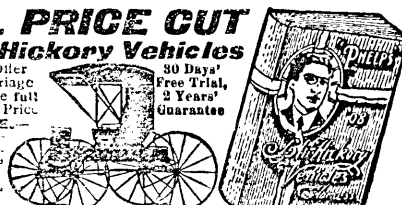
Missions and the Sabbath School.

A lady who was asked to take charge of a missionary program, happening to be also the teacher of a Sabbath School class of high school girls, conceived the happy thought of asking their assistance. It was not only a treat to the Society to see the fresh young faces and to hear the brief papers as they were given one by one, but to the young ladies themselves the word Micronesia will always have a different meaning because of their study in preparing the papers.—Congregationalist.



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When things are at their worst

Is the time to smile.

Any heart can be content

When life looks worth while;

But the girl whose cheerful face

Meets the hardest day,

Finds the sunshine in the end,

Finds the joyous way.

When things are at their worst

Is the time to trust.

It is easy to accept

What seems happy and just;

But the soul that holds to faith

Through its storm and pain,

Finds the everlasting strength,

Finds the things that remain.

—Priscilla Leonard, in Wellspring.

A Teacher's Creed and Prayer.

I believe in boys, the noble sons of today, the fathers of tomorrow. I believe in girls, the delight of the present, the stay of the future. I believe in the innocence and purity of both and in the great need of keeping them so, their freedom from the curse of ignorance and crime. To this end I believe in the joint effort of the home, the school, the Church, and the State. I believe that the only right environment of any life is truth, beauty, goodness—truth as reached through all the sciences, beauty as embraced in art, and goodness as expressed in all right conduct.

I believe God is infinite, man is infinite. I believe in the dignity of man's creation, of his great possibility for today and for all the future. I believe in the constant quest for perfection for myself and for all my fellows. I believe in the past and all its contributions. I believe in the present with all its joy of service. I believe in the future and its reward. I believe in Jesus Christ, his service, his brotherhood, his authority, his life. I believe he was and is the world's greatest Teacher.

May I be like him! Amen.—S. H. Layton.

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Is It Right?

Is it right to receive Heaven at the price which He paid and then give Him the odds and ends, the convenient service, the things that cost us little or nothing? The crumbs that fall from your laden table are not enough; they will not do to meet the need of the world that gropes in its ignorance, in its blindness, without God. You have no right to crucify the Lord Jesus Christ afresh upon the cross of your convenience.—W. R. Hatchkiss.

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The Camden Auxiliary feel that they have had much to encourage them the past year.

They observed the week of prayer, opening on Sunday, Oct. 11th, with a sermon by their pastor, Rev. W. C. Watson. We feel that we have had a blessing in having him and his wife with us, as they are both such earnest workers for home missions as well as all other branches of church work.

On Monday a reception was held for all lady members of the church. They were also invited to exercises on the other afternoons when interesting and instructive programs were carried out. The Brigade having charge one afternoon with their exercises. Twenty names were added to the roll, and the collections amounted to \$40.00. We would have been glad if it had been even more, as it was to go to the Training School and Rescue Home at Dallas, Texas, towards a new building which is much needed.

We hope that the society has been helped not only in numbers and finances but also spiritually and that all will strive with new zeal to try to win souls for the Lord.

MISS LIZZIE S. STINSON,
 President Camden Auxiliary.

Texarkana Circuit.

Our fourth quarterly conference met in an adjourned session at Mt. Pleasant church on Thursday, Nov. 12, and in spite of the cold weather the attendance was good. Our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. B. B. Thomas, presided. Bro. Thomas has done great work with us this year and I sincerely hope that he will be re-appointed to Texarkana District. It is my opinion that he ought to be sent back. This is my second year here, and the Lord has greatly blessed us, giving us one hundred and sixty souls added to the church. To Him be all the glory.

Both the years that I have been here have been comparative failure of crops, and as my people are all farmers, the two successive failures of crops has hindered my people financially, and they are not able to pay my salary in full. And for the same reason I will not be able to collect the conference claims in full. Our people, the majority at least are willing to pay, but the truth is that they haven't got the money. I am now preparing to go to conference. Everything is ready for the new preacher and he will find a good people when he comes.

FRANK HOPKINS, P. C.

Our advertising manager requests us to call the attention of our readers to the Christmas advertising of C. P. Barnes & Co., the mail order jewelers of Louisville, Ky., in this issue. This is an old reliable house that has been in business for over half a century. If you need anything in the jewelry or silverware line, write for their catalogue. They guarantee every article they sell and give privilege of return except on engraved articles.

Little Rock Conference.

A letter just received from Mr. J. E. Hannegan of St. Louis, Mo., relative to special rates to the Little Rock Conference to be held at Winfield Church, reads as follows:

Mr. Geo. Thornburg. My Dear Sir: I take pleasure in advising you that interested lines today individually announced the following rate and arrangements to apply in the sale of tickets from all points in Arkansas south of the Arkansas River and along the line of the Rock Island to White River, to Little Rock, Ark., and return, account of this occasion, which I trust will prove entirely satisfactory to you.

"Open rate of fare and one third for the round trip from all points in Arkansas south of the Arkansas River and along the line of the Rock Island to White River, to Little Rock, Ark., and return, minimum selling rate fifty cents; tickets to be one sale November 22, 23 and 24, 1908, good for return up to and including December 2, 1908. Tickets to be good going commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction. Respectfully,
 J. E. HANNEGAN, Chairman.

Fort Gibson, Okla.

We have closed up our second year well, and now that conference has seen fit to place me here among the same people again, I am trusting that a greater good may be done than before. My people have greeted me kindly on our return, with showers of good things. I preached to a full house Sunday and Sunday night and now that we have twenty-three Western Methodists taken in our town and a people who seem to like their pastor and I believe love their God, I am counting on one of the greatest years in its history for greater good. I am willing to spend and be spent in this effort and I believe that a great portion of my people are. My prayers are that every charge, this year may lay themselves on the altar of God for greater service. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit sayeth the Lord." W. M. SPAIN, Pastor.
 Nov. 16, '08.

Carlisle and Hazen.

We have not written anything this year from this splendid charge. While we have said but little we have been laboring hard, and are closing a year of great prosperity. Notwithstanding our large increase of last year we have had a wholesome increase in membership this year. The official board of each church in the beginning of the conference year very kindly raised the salary of the pastor very materially, all of which will be paid in full. All the claims ordered by the conference will be in full also. God's blessings have been upon us, whereof we are glad.

Fraternally,
 F. N. BREWER.

Carlisle, Nov. 16.

The Century, for forty years a leader among American magazines. There are others, but there are none "just as good." It is a force in the community—you see it in the homes of people who really know what is best. There is an uplift in it—an optimistic, cheerful view of life—nothing of the muck-raker. And the best writers and best artists are glad to be represented in it. Send for prospectus and special subscription offers.

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Fairview, Texarkana.

Dear Methodist: We had a good day yesterday. Two young men joined the church. Fine League service. Rev. T. J. Reynolds of Magnolia preached for us at night. Closing best year of our three at Fairview, and for many years past, as to that. Good revival, sixty-one accessions to the church. Growing Sunday school. League doing well. Spiritual prayer meetings. Faithful W. H. M. Society. Conference collections all promised. No debts on church or parsonage. Expecting all finances in full. One of the best parsonages.

S. C. DEAN, P. C.

Nov. 16.

In the Christmas Century.

In his discussion of "My Experiences With, and Views Upon, the Tariff" in the Christmas Century, Mr. Carnegie explains that his views upon the subject—"which I still hold as firmly as ever and have never changed"—were formed in the early seventies by Adam Smith, "who was not the bigoted 'free trader' he is supposed to have been, and by John Stuart Mill's celebrated photograph which sums up the matter."

Motives and Character of the Late Grover Cleveland.

The Century has under way, for early publication, papers, from several sources, which will give the public an intimate view of the methods, motives and character of the late Grover Cleveland. The papers will include an illustrated sketch of Prof. Andrew F. West on the ex-president's residence at Princeton, and his interesting and influential connection with the affairs of a great university.

Notice.

The district stewards and pastors of the Weatherford district are requested to meet in Elk City at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 1 o'clock p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to organize the Laymen's Move-

ment. All who come will be entertained by Bro. Randle and his church.
 WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.,
 Weatherford District.

Prof. Robert M. Yerkes, of Harvard University, has written for the Century of the experiments and investigations being made along the lines of animal psychology. Sometimes hundreds of experiments are made to test a single proposition, often with surprising and most interesting results.

How to Get Rid of Catarrh.
A Simple, Safe, Reliable Way and it Costs Nothing to Try.

Those who suffer from it well know the miseries of catarrh. There is no need of it. You can get rid of it by a home treatment originated by Dr. J. W. Blosser, who for over thirty-three years has been engaged in the treatment of catarrh in all its various forms.

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Thanksgiving.

By B. F. M. Sours.

Give thanks! give thanks! let the glad-
ness

Across the nations roll!
Give thanks! give thanks! let the mes-
sage

Speed forth from soul to soul;
For a year was full of brightness
And all the store of things,
Like a bird that soars in triumph
With the sunshine on its wings.

For the year was full of gladness,
With a tinge of shade sometimes.
Like the night to thrill the spirit
With the morning's welcome chimes
When the birds, like far off steeples,
Give the happy, happy strain
That the dark is gone and sunshine
Has possessed the world again.

The clovers and the roses
And all the precious store
Have vanished, for last springtime
Will come to us no more.
But the autumn, copper-tinted
Windblown like all the rest,
Told of the happy ending,
The last, the great, the best.

For after flowers is the harvest;
Toil comes—then recompense.
I wonder why men slumber,
Locked up in self and sense,
When all of the happy futures
Await the struggler here.
And joy in eternal triumph
Shall chase away the tear.

Be still! be still, with your weeping!
The gladness waiteth thee.
The Heaven of the angels
Is pure and glad and free.
The dear ones, holy, vanished,
Are waiting thee above.
And the heart will thrill with rapture
In God's eternal love.

Let joy, let joy and gladness
Be yours this happy day!
The stores of the songs of triumph
Are not so far away.
God watches o'er his children
To feed as he knows best,
And the heart that trusts him fully
Has softest, sweetest rest.

Give thanks! give thanks! the Redeemer
Now intercedes for thee.
O rise, on eagle pinions,
And strong, and glad, and free,
For the year was full of blessing
And beneath the skies of blue,
With Heaven and earth your garners,
You should be happy too.
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

What am I Doing for Foreign Missions.
Think of the mother and babe at

LIFE A BURDEN

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,
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At least it can do no harm to give
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It may be the very medicine you
need.

Hearken to the words of Mrs.
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She says: "Two years ago my
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my suffering.

"At last I decided to try Cardui.
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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 suf-
fering 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

her breast. Think of the father and son;
think of the young, and loved ones
too, all of them doomed as it were by
my very hand, to fall into darkest de-
spair. What am I doing to save them?
Ask yourself this question in earnest
prayer with your hand on your pocket-
book. Does the thought ever come to
you that you are responsible for some
soul that is in darkness? How often
do we remember Christ's message, "Go
ye into all the world and preach the
gospel to every creature." Do you
know that that means you. You say
you can't "go." But what are you
doing towards sending some one? Did
you ever think that God will call us
to account for neglecting the cry of the
heathen. When you pray, "Thy will
be done on earth as it is in Heaven"
do you stop to ponder what "Thy
will" means? Do you know that in
this great State of Oklahoma, we as
Southern Methodists are doing less for
Foreign Missions than for any other
line of our work? The Sunday Schools
are doing greater work. We're build-
ing churches and parsonages; our
church schools are broadening; the
great Laymen's Movement is being
felt. The Home Mission Society is an-
swering the cry of the needy, while
we as Foreign Mission women don't
raise \$750.00 a year for the support of
one missionary. I make this a personal
appeal to you who read this whether
you are a member of our Society or
not, to wake up, get up, stay up and
pay up. We need the money, you need
to give it and those in darkness need
the gospel. Hasn't something come to
you this year that you are specially
grateful to God for? Then send us
your "Thank offering."

MRS. W. J. STRANGE,

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A Church Blessing.

"But, mother, a fellow doesn't get
much good going to church when the
whole business bores him."

"My son," said Mr. Stevens, laying
down his fork, "I have something to
tell you."

Mr. Stevens was a man of few
words, often sitting silent through the
entire meal, and at his earnest voice
we all stopped eating.

"When I went to college," he con-
tinued, "I promised my mother to at-
tend church every Sunday morning,
and I did. For several months it was
a trial and a bore, but it brought me
one of the greatest blessings of my
life. A young man can gain nothing
but good from regular attendance at
church, and I expect it from you as
long as you have respect for my author-
ity, whether you like it or not."

This sounded very stern, but Mary
touched her father's arm. "Won't
you tell us about it?" she asked.

"There's not much to tell. I went
to church when it rained, and when it
snowed; when the boys were amazed,
and when they ridiculed. I suppose it
did seem queer to them, for I was not
a Christian."

"You were a lover of your mother,"
said Mrs. Stevens.

Her husband flashed her a grateful
look. "I was," he said, briefly.

"But, father," persisted Mary,
"you have not told us about the bless-
ing it brought you."

I caught my breath. Mr. Stevens
was not even retelling his emotions,
and I should not have dared the re-
mark; but he took no offense.

"I had a roommate after Christmas
and he went to church with me. I don't
know why I was such a fool as to go
all alone that first term. I could have

found some one to accompany me, I'm
sure."

I did not wonder at his going alone.
Mr. Stevens was that sort of man.

"When you don't like to attend
church," he continued, "take some one
with you. It helps matters wondrously."

There was silence a minute.

"But about the blessing," said
Mary. Mr. Stevens smiled. "You'd
call it a very commonplace blessing,"
he said, "but it made me over again,
and gave me a new purpose in life. My
son, do you know of one instance where
your influence has made a man better
—drawn him from evil ways?"

"No, father," said the young man,
in a low tone.

"Then don't quit church-going yet
a while. You have not got your eyes
open."

"But how about the blessing?" in-
quired Mary.

"H'm! I found out that I had been
recommended by the secretary of the
Y. M. C. A. to my roommate as a com-
panion who would help him quit his
evil ways." Mr. Stevens was trans-
formed. His eyes flashed, and his
voice trembled; his face was all aglow.
"Think of it! I was not even a Chris-
tian, and yet that young man who had
fallen among wild companions, and
sought help, was sent to me, and I
knew nothing of it. I thank God and
my mother that I lived straight and
steady those days."

"And your roommate reformed?"
asked Mary.

"He did, and he and I joined the
church together the following Easter.
That's what came of church attend-
ance, even though I took no pleasure
in it. The Y. M. C. A. secretary told
me that all he knew of me was that for
three months I had attended church
every Sunday morning, with no one to
urge it, nor even any one to accom-
pany me."

Mr. Stevens arose and pushed back
his chair. "My son," he said, "stick
to the church. Some day it will surely
bring you a heart blessing which will
sweeten the hard places of your life.—
Classmate.

Methodism in the City.

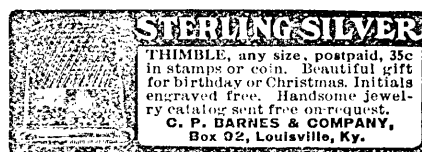
It was formerly an axiom that Meth-
odism has not been a success in the city.
It was held that the time-limit was in
a large measure responsible for this
weakness. This has now been reme-
died.

But this was not the principal cause.
The principal reason for the lack of
success of our denomination in the
mastery of the city was the lack of
connectionalism, the lack of co-opera-
tion and common aggression. In the
cities Methodism has been congrega-
tional rather than connectional. It
has built up a strong church or two;
but as for the other churches scattered
through the city, they might as well
have been in the Sahara Desert, so far
as cordial co-operation is concerned.
The strong church has not hesitated to
pilfer from the outlying church the
men sorely needed in the weak congrega-
tion; the weak church has been use-
ful not for the flourishing and self-re-
specting promotion of the Redeemer's
kingdom in the strategic parts of the
city, but for pilfering, for seduction,
for absorption, by the big church in the
interest of the big church.

And where this has not occurred,
there has been a situation only a little
distinctive—namely, a situation of un-
neighborliness, of carelessness and
oblivion and their consequent neglect.

To our thinking, one of the reasons
why the Catholic church prospers in
the city is because of its connectional-
ism. The churches are one. Aristoc-
racy is pretty well unknown. The
members are loyal to the parishes in
which they live. The Catholic church
in Chicago has a property valued at
forty-four million dollars. Centralized?
Not a bit of it. The parishes have
from four to five hundred families; and
each of them aims at a work worth
while.

Our cities need a solid Methodism,
cherishing at once the local church and
the connectional tie. We need Meth-
odist social union, city evangelization,
organization, accord, unity, brotherly
interest and contact. Methodism is
more than a confederation of churches;
it is a connectional church. To stress
this fact; to get together, familiarly,



as neighbors, as members of the same
big family; to visit in a social way the
smaller churches, and study the Meth-
odist map of the city—this is the hope
of Methodism in the city.

It would be a good idea to have a
big map of the city prepared, design-
ating the name and location of each
church in the city, and have this map
taken and hung in each church where-
ever the City Social Union meets. One
solution of the "city problem" is
brotherliness.—Central Christian Advo-
cate.

Treasurer's Notice.

To the Preachers of the Little Rock
Conference: From noon Tuesday, the
24th, I will be at the Southern Trust
Co., of Little Rock to settle with you,
and all are urged to report on arrival,
or as soon thereafter as possible. Where
convenient bring exchange on St. Lou-
is, Memphis, Little Rock or other mon-
ey center. It is difficult for me to
handle local checks. Fraternally,

W. K. RAMSEY,
Conference Treasurer

Fire at Salem Camp Ground.

Dear Methodist: Church and arbor
and some tents at Salem Camp Ground
near Benton, Ark., burnt to the ground
last night during prayer meeting. Fire
caught from stove. Yours in Christ,

JAMES M. CLINE.

"Man is as Old As His Stomach"

This Persian Epigram Is the Real
Gauge of a Man's Life.

The Persians were a very sagacious
people, noted among other things, for
their deep thinking on life and the
things which make up life.

The above epigram shows the wis-
dom of their judgment.

When a man's stomach is able to fur-
nish new material to the system as
fast or faster than the natural decay
of man requires, then such a man lives
his fullest and his best.

When through wrong living or dis-
ease a man's stomach begins to tax
the other organs and takes from the
blood strength which it cannot give
back in nourishment taken from food
then begins the death of man and he
decays fast. The stomach is strong,
splendidly strong, and can stand an un-
told amount of abuse and neglect, but
when it dies, man dies.

The stomach gives tons upon tons of
good rich blood every year to the sys-
tem and draws only 680 lbs. of nourish-
ment for its own use. If, however, the
food which it receives cannot be turned
into blood which is capable of use
by the body, then the stomach receives
no help from the other organs.

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known to science and at the same time
the most powerful. They will mix
with the poisonous juices of a sick
stomach and digest food in spite of
this handicap.

They will stop gas making and bad
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whole digestive canal, including those
of the stomach.

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enough to digest 3,000 times its weight
in mixed food.

They have stood the test of time
and today are more sought after than
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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.
Osceola.

Monday was spent in Osceola, with Rev. A. C. Cloyce, who has been serving this station since the death of Brother Cox. He was received with open hearts and is giving eminent satisfaction. The church very much desires his return for another year. He and his good wife have been in deep sorrow over the drowning of their noble son Charley, the 6th of July, at Pouchontas. He was a high toned Christian young man, 22 years old and was at the time of his death the president of the Epworth League. Their comfort lies in the fact that he was a devout Christian. We have some excellent members at Osceola in Judge J. C. Coston, Dr. Dunnivant, Dr. Brewer, W. B. Flanigan, Gus Bryant, C. L. Drake, C. C. Erwin, J. L. Stanley, M. B. Maxwell, Geo. Abrey, Judge D. F. Taylor, Mrs. Poole, Sims, Gaylord, Samse, George and others, all readers of the Methodist. We secured nine new subscribers and collected well from the old. Brother Cloyce is a fine helper in my work. Osceola is enjoying a rich harvest in the cotton crop which is rapidly coming in. The large handle factory, gins and compress are running full time.

Luxora.

A night and part of forenoon was pleasantly and profitably spent with Rev. J. T. Self at Luxora. This is his third year and has been one of the best of the three. He had a good meeting. The spirit of the church is real good. With very little effort we secured four new subs—G. M. Denton, H. E. Neblett, J. A. Bowen and Mrs. Lela Wells. It was a treat to see the rich profusion of choice flowers in Sister Wells' yard. She sends a nice bouquet to the church every Sabbath. She can furnish cut flowers for weddings or funerals and plants or bulbs for transplanting. Other worthy members are J. W. and Walter Spaw, W. J. and Walter Lynch and their families. Sister Dean and others all readers of the Western Methodist. Brother Self has done a good work for the cause of prohibition. He had a strong circular letter printed and circulated which did great good.

Paragould.

This is a rival of Jonesboro and is assuming city proportions. The many stove and lumber mills, gins and railroad shops has greatly increased the population. They have the cotton belt, Iron Mountain and the Blytheville roads all coming into Paragould. Rev. E. M. Pipkin is closing his second year

at First Church, Rev. J. W. Thomas is pastor at East Side. They have each had some success. Rev. Joe Ramsey was helping in a meeting which promised to be a grand success. Large congregations and deep interest. The preaching is of the very best for revival work. The little blind preacher is wonderfully gifted and is a surprise to every one how he can hold up holding two or three services every day. Thousands are being saved through this man of God. He seems to have only one business and only one desire—the salvation of souls, and God is making good his promise to him. May his precious life be prolonged to help the young man, for whom he has a special fondness and great success in winning to a higher life. At the present writing forty-four had made professions and joined the church. Mrs. Gertrude Castleberry, niece of my wife, is entertaining him. Rev. A. C. Griffin, a worthy supernumate, has his home at Paragould. He is cheerful and hopeful and is in demand for weddings and funerals. Rev. C. W. Dickerson, a local preacher is devoutly pious and active in all good words and works. Rev. J. K. Farris, the presiding elder, has the full confidence of his brethren and is leading the hosts of the Lord to victory. His return to the district for the third year seems to be much desired. Brother M. F. Collier, a big hearted layman has gone to El Paso for his health. We have about fifty subscribers to the Western Methodist in Paragould.

Piggott.

My work at Piggott was collecting from the old subscribers and selling some Bibles. There was a funeral conducted by Brother Griffin and Castleberry. At night we had a precious service and a real good week night congregation. Rev. C. L. Castleberry is closing his fourth year. He has done great good. He and family are deeply planted in the affections of their people. Some of their best members are D. D. Throgmorton, C. A. Cargil, J. C. Longley, Brother Thomas, Dr. Woodbridge, J. W. Lentz, Sisters Copeland, Mabley, Senlock, Miss Lela Williams, Sister Morris, with their families. All readers of the good Western Methodist.

Rector.

Situated on Crowley Ridge is the prosperous town Rector. They have good brick stores, a bank, four gins, lumber mills. Rev. P. B. Wallace is pastor and is much loved and respected by all. We have a good church and parsonage. I secured four new subs. Bro. Dooley and wife were especially kind to me. There are several home canning factories in this neighborhood. Collecting from several old I secured five new subs—Jas. C. Harper, W. E. Douglass, Mrs. C. T. Gwin, Mrs. E. J. Smith, W. J. McBride. Other prominent members are Judge J. H. Hill, T. A. James, Prof. J. T. Copeland, Brother Cox, Brother Harper, the postmaster, and others.

Marmaduke and Harney's Chapel.

Sunday was spent at these places. Preaching at Harney's Chapel at 11 a. m. and at Marmaduke at night to good and attentive congregations. Rev. P. B. Wallace is pastor here and at Rector. He has had two very successful years. To say he is loved and honored by all who know him is to state it very mildly. A pleasant night was spent at Brother Harney's, for whom the church is named. T. A. Corley, J. A. Bradsher, Brother McBride are readers of the Methodist and active in church work. The church at Rector has been



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We have here a noble people; an old town regenerated and baptized with the spirit of commercial thrift and real possibilities are yet scarcely appreciated.
The mailing list of the Methodist has been increased about forty for the year.
BENJAMIN A. FEW, P. C.
El Dorado, Ark., Nov. 14, '08.

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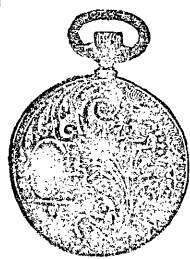
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Nov. 1.

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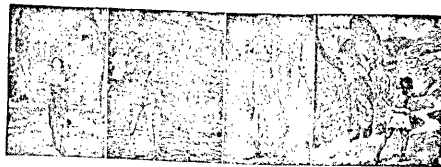
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W. S. WOLVERTON,
Treasurer of Joint Board, Ardmore, Ok.
Nov. 4, 1908.

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WARNING ORDER.

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October 24th, 1908.
F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.
Geo. L. Basham, solicitor for plaintiff.

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A Plea for Our Juvenile Worker.

In glancing over our last Annual Missionary Conference I was suddenly and forcibly impressed with the fact that we had very few young women in that body. Since then I have been asking myself the reason of this and have decided it is to be found in our neglect of our Young People's and Juvenile Missionary societies. We may excuse ourselves by saying that the Epworth Leagues have relieved us of this responsibility; but to my mind this is a mistake, because in many places where

we have no missionary societies there are also no Leagues and if there are they devote perhaps only one Sunday in each quarter to missions. Then why is it we are not training our children in missionary societies to work and pray for missions? I think the real reason is a lack of women who are willing to be lady managers. We surely realize that as advancement is being made in fitting women for all positions in life, our children must be better equipped for this service than we are. We would all be glad to have them trained; but we would like some other woman to do it. I hear some woman, who really feels she could do this work say: "I have not gift in that direction. I am not qualified." There are a few qualifications which are required in this field of glorious opportunities, some of which are God-given and some which must be acquired; but all are within reach of many upon whom Our Father has set his seal for usefulness.

The first of these requisites is a love for Christ and his mission—not a theoretical, but a practical love that realizes that His kingdom must come through personal sacrifice on the part of his children for those whom he came to seek and to save.

Then comes a love for children. I cannot conceive of a Christian woman who does not see in the innocence and purity of a little child the nearest likeness to the divine that we have in the human. This love is given by God so as to fit us for that highest mission of woman—motherhood.

Another thing necessary must be a willingness to give of the time He has given us to study and planning for the training of his lambs and last there must be entire consecration, for nobody is so quick to detect the superficial as a child. There need be no great brilliancy of mind or vast amount of learning; but only a deep purpose to help the child to an insight into the need of the heathen world for Christ and the responsibility of the individual toward carrying out his mission. I hope every woman who reads this will examine her heart and find out God's will concerning her, and should she feel that he wants her to do this work I am sure she will find much happiness in store for her. The inspiration that comes from the confidence and enthusiasm of children will do much to repay for any sacrifice made without reckoning the many stars she may add to her crown of rejoicing.

Financial Report.

Report of first and second quarter Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Little Rock Conference:

Arkadelphia District.

First quarter—Dues, \$35.90; conference expenses \$106.08; pledge, \$14.90; special, \$8.02; total, \$164.90.

Second quarter—Dues, \$20.75; conference expenses, \$62.10; pledge, \$15.40; total, \$98.25.

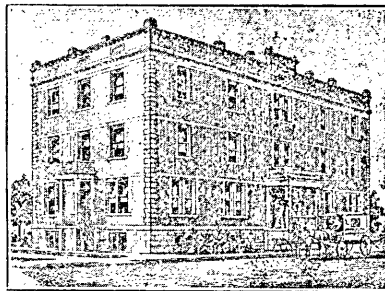
Total—Dues, \$56.65; conference expenses, \$168.18; pledge, \$30.30; special, \$8.02; total, \$263.15. Amount of assessment, \$700.00.

Camden District.

First quarter—Dues, \$26.09; conference expenses, \$12.28; pledge, \$35.30; total, \$73.67.

Second quarter—Dues, \$33.39; conference expenses, \$8.80; pledge, \$69.27; special, \$8.00; total, \$119.46.

Totals, half year—Dues, \$59.48; conference expenses, \$21.08; pledge, \$104.57; special, \$8.00; total, \$193.13.



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Second quarter—Dues, \$37.95; conference expenses, \$12.45; pledge, \$21.50; special, \$96.00; total, \$167.90.

Totals for half year—Dues, \$81.15; conference expenses, \$25.67; pledge, \$64.70; special, \$99.55; total, \$271.47. Amount of assessment, \$800.00.

Monticello District.

First quarter—Dues, \$25.20; conference expenses, \$4.65; pledge, \$23.15; special, \$5.00; total, \$58.00.

Second quarter—Dues, \$27.85; conference expenses, \$7.90; pledge, \$29.20; special, \$11.50; total, \$76.45.

Totals for half year—Dues, \$53.05; conference expenses, \$12.55; pledge, \$52.35; special, \$16.50; total, \$134.45. Amount of assessment, \$500.00.

Pine Bluff District.

First quarter—Dues, \$21.72; conference expenses, \$5.39; pledge, \$18.70; total, \$45.81.

Second quarter—Dues, \$25.48; conference expenses, \$5.87; pledge, \$15.70; special, \$42.00; total, \$89.05.

Totals for half year—Dues, \$47.20; conference expenses, \$11.26; pledge, \$34.40; special, \$42.00; total, \$134.86. Amount of assessment, \$400.00.

Prescott District.

First quarter—Dues, \$30.90; conference expenses, \$9.60; pledge, \$10.35; special, \$39.16; total, \$90.01.

Second quarter—Dues, \$20.80; conference expenses, \$5.85; special, \$38.54; total, \$65.19.

Totals for half year—Dues, \$51.70; conference expenses, \$15.45; pledge, \$10.35; special, \$77.70; total, \$155.20. Amount of assessment, \$300.00.

Texarkana District.

First quarter—Dues, \$22.80; conference expenses, \$13.30; pledge, \$18.35; special, \$17.75; total, \$72.20.

Second quarter—Dues, \$25.60; conference expenses, \$3.20; pledge, \$38.70; special, \$38.00; total, \$105.50.

Totals for half year—Dues, \$48.40; conference expenses, \$16.50; pledge, \$57.05; special, \$55.75; total, \$177.70.

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CALDWELL.—James Albert, infant son of G. H. Caldwell and Mrs. M. F. Caldwell, was born Aug. 20, 1908, and on Oct. 2, 1908, God sent the Angel to carry the precious little one to his own bosom. May God's richest blessings come into the home that has been made sad and cheer the hearts of father and mother and little sisters.

J. B. SIMS, P. C.
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PROCTOR.—Jesse A. Proctor was born in Merryweather county, Ga., seventy-seven years ago, but moved to Arkansas with his parents before he was fully grown, where he lived continuously until God called him to reward Nov. 2nd, 1908.

Bro. Proctor formally and definitely gave his heart to God when a boy fifteen years old, and like the onward trend of a mighty river, onward and onward until it loses itself in the mighty ocean, so with his life, the trend was onward until it emptied into the bosom of God. For more than fifty years he was a faithful and successful steward in the Methodist church here in Camden, a great Sunday School worker all his life, always at prayer-meeting, and so he ever stood as a mountain of strength, as it lifts its head into the sky and bears the brunt of the storm, and carries on its broad shoulders the depths of the snow that would crush out all life in the valley below, and draw the thunder bolt from the cloud that cuts its swath of ruin if it struck the forest in the lower lands; so the life of the great and good man stood between the church and world. On the day of his funeral from the church, every business house in town closed, and with moist eyes and saddened hearts all turned out to honor the memory of one whom all loved. On last Sunday night we held a memorial service in the Methodist church, when suitable resolutions of love and respect from the board of stewards, of which he was chairman, were adopted by a rising vote from the large audience, after which talks of appreciation and love were delivered by Bro. W. K. Ramsey, Col. J. R. Thornton and many others. Indeed, it is hard to honor such a man enough; the church honors herself in doing so. His good wife preceded him to the good world just a few minutes. He leaves two brothers, three sisters and several nieces to mourn his loss and revere his memory, as well as the community and entire church. May his mantle fall upon another.

W. C. WATSON.
Camden, Ark., Nov. 17, 1908.
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GLOVER.—Maggie, daughter of Bro. William and Sister Minnie Glover, was born Dec. 22, 1903, and departed this life at the family residence near Smyrna church in Louoke county, on Oct. 18.

Little Maggie was a child of great sweetness of character, and was not only loved by the broken hearted parents, but by the entire community. She died from that dread disease, diphtheria, and suffered greatly, but bore her sufferings with the patience of a mature character. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, after which she was laid to rest in the "Glover Cemetery" to await the resurrection morn. May the God of all grace sustain these bereaved hearts with the assurance that they shall meet little Maggie again.

F. N. BREWER.
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MOORE.—Mrs. Ruth Moore, wife of M. L. Moore, departed this life Oct. 29, at 7:30 p. m., aged twenty-seven years and twenty-five days. She left two little children, father, mother, husband, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. She had many friends to love and admire her. She was an exemplary member of the Methodist Church, South having professed faith in Christ early in life, she lived a pure life, had a kindly disposition, and possessed a great degree of that

rare fruit of self government. Her highest ambition seemed to live to do good. She was ill two weeks and suffered severely and without a murmur. But she has taken her flight from among us to go and live with the angels. She has forgotten her suffering and pain, and is mingling with the saints in the sweet songs of deliverance around the throne of God. She was the daughter of B. F. and Lou A. Steele, raised near Prescott, Ark., and was buried in the old family graveyard at Moscow church. We feel sad and lonely. There were so many tokens of friendship during her illness. A great concourse of friends and relatives attended her to her last resting place. But we look up with glad confidence that some sweet day we shall meet her around our Father's throne, and there we shall be with her forever. We hope her godly life may be an incentive to others to follow on.

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Who Are You?

That seems an easy question to answer; but of all questions it is one of the most difficult. There are a great many people who could not answer it if we put it to them. The story is told of the philosopher Schopenhauer that, while walking abroad during one of his melancholy moods, he almost stumbled over a boy on the street. The boy sprang aside and said, "Who are you?" The philosopher shook his head sadly and answered, "How I wish I knew!" There are a great many of us who do not know who we are; we live in certain houses on certain streets; we pursue certain vocations; but we do not know who we are. But while it happens that a man does not know who he is, his acquaintances know, because, whether we wish it or not, whether we are conscious of it or not, every man is always answering that question. In any assemblage where men of distinction sit together, you pick out one man and ask who he is, and your question is answered by a name. That name is all you wish to know. It tells you who that man is, because it tells you what that man is. Abraham Lincoln means one kind of a man to you, and Aaron Burr means another.

That question is answered very differently at different periods in life. There are two natures in every one, struggling together; sometimes one nature is in the ascendant, sometimes the other, and we are different persons at different times. Re-read that striking psychological story of Edgar Allen Poe, "William Wilson," in which he

describes a boy at school in an old Elizabethan manor-house, later at Eton, afterwards at Oxford, and then as a young man in Paris; describes him contending against his better nature personified in another personality; these two boys, looking alike, wearing the same clothes, having the same manners, in constant conflict, the baser nature fighting against the higher nature. Finally, in a moment of passion, the baser boy slays the higher boy, and then he becomes William Wilson. You remember that striking story of Stevenson's, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." If you had asked Dr. Jekyll at the beginning who he was, he would have told you that he was a man of gentle impulses, of scholarship, refinement, and beneficence. If you had asked him that question the day he died, he would have told you that he was a scoundrel; that he was cruel, brutal, and a murderer; and both answers would have been true.

"Who am I?" I am fundamentally what I love. Do I love truth? Then sooner or later I shall become true. Do I love nobility? Then ultimately, with much stumbling and many faltering steps, I shall climb to the height where nobility dwells, above the strife for place and power, above low aims and self-seeking. Where your heart is, there, ultimately, you shall be also.

"Who am I?" I am what I believe. Not what my lips say I believe, but what my character proves I believe. You may repeat a thousand times the Apostles' Creed, beginning "I believe," and yet you may not believe a word of it. It is idle to say that you believe in the forgiveness of sins when in your heart you cannot forgive the friend who unintentionally harms you, or the person who intentionally hurts you. You may declare that you believe in the life of the world to come; but if you live wholly in this life, like the worm in the ground at your feet, then you do not believe it. Character, and character alone, is belief; that is to say, conviction reinforced by will.

And it is not a question of what you are today; it is a question of what you are becoming. We are all put to the test; but the test is not conformity to moral rules today; the test is, "Which way are you going?" You may fall a hundred times, and then in the end you may climb to a height never reached by many a man or woman who has never been guilty of an overt sin. What you wish passionately to become, you will ultimately be; and in the strife to become what you wish your real self will emerge.

A gifted man had one great and tragic weakness, as his father had before him—a man of great distinction and genius, but with a passion for drink. He once said, "I was born with a tiger in my blood." Often he fell terribly because he fell on a great stage, and there were those who spoke of him as a lost soul. But he never ceased to strive, and in the end he

overcame. Who was he? At first he was a stained and broken man, on the road, apparently, to complete wreck; at the end he was not only one of the first artists of his time, but a loyal, victorious, generous, inspiring human spirit.—The Outlook.

Says About Mothers.

At a mother's meeting in Omaha a young woman recounted with some pride a number of proverbs about mothers.

"It is easier for a poor mother to keep seven children than for seven children to keep a poor mother." "That sad and striking proverb," she said, "is from the Swiss."

"A mother's love is new every day." "He who will not mind his mother will some day have to mind the jailer." A father's love is only knee-deep, but a mother's love reaches to the heart. These proverbs are all German.

"The Hindus say, poetically, 'Mother mine, ever mine, whether I be rich or poor.'"

"The Venetians say, 'Mother. He who has one calls her, he who has none misses her.'"

"The Bohemians say, 'A mother's hand is soft, even when it strikes.'"

"The Lithuanians say, 'Mother means martyr.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

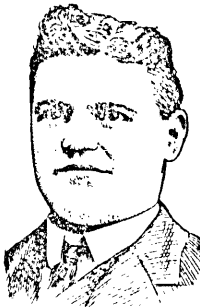
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It is a generally admitted fact that among ministers and their families Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the favorite laxative. It is not often that the layman has a chance to "speak up in meeting," and hence these words from Mr. Joseph Murphy of Indianapolis, Ind., whose picture we present herewith:

"All my life I had needed a laxative to cure my constipation and stomach trouble. I couldn't eat anything; I couldn't get what I did eat out of my system. I tried everything, because my work, engineer on a railroad train, makes it necessary that I feel strong and well. Finally it was my good fortune to meet up with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, through the recommendation of a friend. I took it and was cured. That is sometime ago, but I am still cured."

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Mr. Joseph Murphy

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Oklahoma Conference.

GUYMON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
(In Part).

Tyrone Station Nov. 28, 29
Ellis Circuit, at Lone Tree Dec. 5, 6
Ioland Circuit at Camargo Dec. 12, 13
Mutual and Tangier at Mutual Dec. 19, 20
Woodward Station at W. Dec. 20, 21
Hooker Station Dec. 26, 27
J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT—
FIRST ROUND.

Cherokee Circuit at Butler's Chapel Nov. 21, 22
Okmulgee Circuit at New Town Nov. 28, 29
Wewoka Circuit at Wewoka Chapel Dec. 5, 6
Seminole Ct. at Thoploco Dec. 12, 13
Uchee Ct. at Pickett's Chapel Dec. 19, 20
Hitchita Ct. at Broadnax Dec. 26, 27
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Honey Creek Ct. at H. O. Jan. 2, 3
Saline at Washington Jan. 9, 10
Broken Arrow at Hagie Chap. Jan. 16, 17
Sapulpa at Sapulpa Chapel Jan. 23, 24
Let all the pastors get their domestic missionary assessment as soon as possible.
ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—1ST ROUND.

Custer City Nov. 28, 29
Delhi Ct. at Delhi Dec. 5, 6
Erick and Texola Dec. 6, 7
Berlin Ct. at Berlin Dec. 12, 13
Elk City Station Dec. 13, 14
Hammont Ct. at Sandstone Dec. 19, 20
Cheyenne Station Dec. 20, 21
Butler and Shilo Dec. 26, 27
Gyp Ct. at Elm Jan. 2, 3
Cowden Ct. at Pleasant View Jan. 9, 10
Weatherford Station (at night) Jan. 10, 11
Sweet Water at Buena Vista Jan. 16, 17
Sayre Station (at night) Jan. 17, 18
Roll Ct. at Roll, Friday Jan. 22, 23
Texmo Ct. at Texmo Jan. 23, 24
Rhea Ct. at Sunshine (at night) Jan. 24, 25
Dexey Ct. at Prairie View Jan. 30, 31
Foss at Foss Jan. 31 and Feb. 1
Dill City at Dill Feb. 6, 7
Rocky and Sentinel Feb. 7, 8
Port Ct. at Port Feb. 13, 14
Cloud Chief Ct. Feb. 20, 21
Cordell Station (at night) Feb. 21, 22
Clinton Station Feb. 27, 28
District stewards' meeting at Elk City
Dec. 15th at 1 o'clock p. m.
WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

TEXARKANA DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.
Ashdown Ct. Nov. 22
First Church Nov. 28
B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND
Maynard Ct. at Alberka Nov. 21, 22
Pocahontas and Mexico Nov. 23, 23
Pocahontas Ct. at Clear View Nov. 24
Pocahontas Ct. at Richwoods Nov. 26
Black Rock & Portia at Mt. Zion, Nov. 28, 29
Walnut Ridge Station Nov. 29, 30
Hardy Ct. at Williford Dec. 5, 6
Mammoth Spring Station Dec. 6, 7
Imboden Station Dec. 12, 13
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

BATESVILLE DIST.—FOURTH ROUND
Wolf Bayou Ct. at Floral Nov. 14, 15
Desha Ct. at Alderbrook Nov. 21, 22
Pleasant Plains Circuit Nov. 23, 23
Bethesda Circuit Dec. 5, 6
Let all the preachers hold church conferences immediately and elect missionary committees, who, with the Lay Leaders and the pastor, we hope will bring up the conference collections in full.
A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Clarendon Station Nov. 23, 23
Wheatley Ct. Nov. 23, 23
Marianna Station Dec. 6, 7
St. Francis Mission Dec. 7
Helena Station Dec. 12, 13
S. T. BENNETT, P. E.

SEABOY DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Beebe Station Nov. 21, 22
Bald Knob Ct. Nov. 23, 23
Let all reports be ready and every clock cleared.
JNO. H. DYK, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Brook and Ct. at Shiloh Nov. 21, 22
Jonesboro First Church at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 23
Manila and Dell at Manila Nov. 25, 26
Monette and Lake City at Monette Nov. 24, 25
Vandale Ct. at Vandale Nov. 24, 25
Blytheville Station Dec. 5
Preaching and sacrament at Premised Land at 11 a.m., Dec. 6
Blytheville Station Dec. 6, 7
Oulton Belt Mission at Keller's Chapel Dec. 9, 10
Bay Ct. at Pleasant Valley Dec. 12, 14
CADDEMAN POPE, P. E.

With God's Help.

Formerly I thought of this work as more difficult than it seems to me now I am deeply convinced of one thing as I grow older, and that is, God never sends me to preach a sermon, anywhere or on any occasion, but He sends some one into that congregation to receive just that truth which He has sent me to utter. Oh, there are hearts—I cannot point them out today—but there are men and women in this audience whose souls are begin-

ning to be stirred, and to whom God is speaking, even through my feeble voice, this morning. God grant to speak more fully and more loudly to their consciences; rouse them from the stupor of sin and bring them to Christ! And there are men saying, "God helping me, I will be a better minister than ever before." God help you to carry out your purpose!—Bishop Simpson.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Little Rock Conference.

Little Rock Conference Notice.

The committee of the fourth year will meet the class for examination Tuesday, Nov. 24th, at 2 p. m., at Winfield Church.

J. E. GODBEY, Chairman.

Third Year Class—Little Rock Conference.

The class of the third year will please meet the committee at the Winfield Memorial Church, at 2:30 p. m., Nov. 24th. Those who have taken the course by correspondence will have their papers ready for the committee at this meeting, and those to be examined will not fail to come before us at first meeting, as we have not time to go over this work twice.

T. P. CLARK,
W. M. CROWSON,
F. F. HARRELL,

Conference Entertainment.

After this date no more free entertainment will be provided except to members and delegates to the Little Rock Conference.
S. H. WERLINE.

Committee on Admission.

The class for Admission and Readmission, the committee on Admission, and those who expect to represent any one of the candidates, are called to meet at Winfield Memorial church Tuesday, Nov. 24th, 1908, at 2 p. m.
W. W. CHRISTIE, Chairman.

League Fund.

Will the Leagues collect and bring or send by the pastors the amounts pledged to the Wonson chapel to the conference at Little Rock. Our League year runs to April and you have that time to pay it, but if you will have it there I will receipt for it.

W. W. CHRISTIE, 4th Vice Pres.
Little Rock Epworth League Conf.

The Class and Committee of the Second Year of the Little Rock Conference, will meet in the M. E. Church, South, where the conference will be held in Little Rock, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.
J. M. COLSON,
Chairman Committee.

Notice Little Rock Conference.

By action of last conference the amounts reported to the statistical table are to be in dollars only, leaving off the fractional amounts in columns where cents have formerly been reported. In order to assist Bro. Craig, the statistical secretary, the auditing committee will also receive reports. As chairman of this committee I will be in Little Rock Monday before conference to receive reports.
J. M. WORKMAN,
Chairman Auditing Committee.

Class of First Year.

The Class of the First Year will meet the Committee at Winfield church, Tuesday, Nov. 24th, at ten o'clock.

FORNEY HUTCHINSON,
Chairman.

NOTICE.

The committee on examination will meet candidates for admission on trial to the Little Rock Conference, Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 2 p. m., at Winfield church.
C. J. GREENE,
Chairman.

White River Conference Notice.

To the Laymen of White River Conference:

Dear Brethren: There will be held a Laymen's meeting of our Conference at Jonesboro on December 15th, 1908, the day prior to opening of our Annual Conference. W. B. Stubbs, our General Secretary, will be present and address us on "the Laymen's Missionary Movement as a whole, what it stands for and how we are to accomplish it."

Bishop Hendrix will be present. Prominent laymen will be there. Program will be announced later.

In the afternoon we expect to have an Institute for Laymen.

All Lay Leaders are requested to be present and all other laymen are cordially invited.

Send your name to Rev. W. C. Davidson at Jonesboro as soon as you decide to go.

Cordially yours,
F. M. DANIEL,

Lay Leader W. R. Conference.

R. A. Dowdy, Lay Leader Batesville District.

Ed. Hamilton, Lay Leader Helena District.

R. A. Nelson, Lay Leader Jonesboro District.

G. B. Oliver, Lay Leader Paragould District.

O. H. Davis, Lay Leader Searcy District.

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The Forty-Acre Thorough Farmer.

There are two classes of farmers who seem to experience little trouble with the hired help question. One is the large farmer who keeps eight or twenty men, and the other is the one whose farm is so small that he doesn't have to keep any help at all. Where only one or two men are kept, they get "lonesome" and restless, and the first thing one knows they have to go to see a doctor, then they have decided to lay off a week or two, which simply means that they have quit. I know farmers who are good men to work for who have had so many men to leave them in the midst of the crop-making season that they have put most of their farms in grass pasture, and are cropping only as much as they can attend to without help.

With the latest-improved farming implements one man can, if he is fairly skilled in the use and care of machinery, do fully as much as three men formerly did, and do it better; and the wages he will have to pay a hand, together with his board, will buy a first-class outfit in one season. The skilled farmer of today looks more like a machinist than a farmer. His hands are not hard and knotted, like those of the old-time farmer, and generally we find him clean-shaven, his hair properly trimmed, and a prosperous business air about him. Often he is running the farm without help, and making money at it. Nine out of ten of these farmers would hire help if they could get any that is worth the cost; but as that sort of help is hard to obtain, they are doing the work themselves with machinery.

The farmer who is not prosperous today is he who is only half farming more land than he can handle. He is growing half crops instead of full ones, and working like a slave to do it. His expenses eat up all his profits, and he comes to the end of the year as poor as he began it, and feeling that he has been miserably out of luck. To be successful at farming a man must do some keen thinking; and if he is worked to the limit he can't think. One must have time to look about and plan. Then it will do him no good to plan unless he successfully works them out. If he half does things because of lack of time to do them thoroughly, or because he has so many to do he is bound to make a miserable fizzle of his farming, and his profits will be so small

that he will be unable to find them.

I would suggest to farmers who have not met with the success they expected or hoped for this year that right now is a good time to formulate better plans for another year. Don't wait until the planting season is here before getting at it. It is not likely that hands will be more plentiful next year than they are this, so if you are trying to farm more land than you can farm thoroughly, get some of it into grass, or let some one who can farm it right have part of it. I am satisfied that the farmer who is in debt and trying hard to get out, makes a big mistake in tackling more land than he can till right under ordinary conditions. It means unceasing hard labor through the whole season, and very often unsatisfactory results. I know men farming only forty acres who are making more money than others who are farming quarter sections. The quarter-section men are doing a good deal of business and making more noise, but the forty-acre chap has the most cash in his pocket at the finish, because his expenses have been next to nothing, and he has his receipts.

The entire country would be much benefitted if we had more forty-acre thorough farmers, and less quarter and half-section common farmers.—Farm and Fireside.

The Indispensable Man.

"How are you feeling?" asked the angel of the prominent man.

"Oh, I am in a dreadful condition," said the man. "I slipped on a piece of ice this morning and broke my leg."

"Yes," said the angel, "I saw you fall."

"But," said the man, "my pain, which, by the way, is very severe" (for he did not think that the angel looked sympathetic enough), "is the smallest part of it. I should by now be at a committee meeting, where they can do nothing without me. This afternoon there is a director's meeting, where I was to be chairman; and this evening I was engaged to lecture on a subject of vital interest. This means disaster to the State, and it may be to the whole country." And he groaned aloud.

"Oh, well," said the angel, "I would not worry about all that, if I were you."

"Not worry!" said the prominent man.

"No," said the angel. "The truth is, I put that piece of ice there myself. I wanted to get rid of you."

"Get rid of—?" said the prominent man; and the rest was gasps.

"Yes," said the angel. "You see, I didn't want you at the committee meeting. There is a new man ready to come forward who knows much more than you, and if you had been there he would have been too modest to speak. Then the directors are going to take action this afternoon on that important case, and if you were there you would vote the wrong way. As to the lecture it would do more harm than good just now, but, when the crisis is past you may deliver it without doing any serious damage. So you see!"

"Good heavens!" cried the prominent man. "Am I awake or is this a dream?"

"More or less," said the angel. "It is what you call life."—Laura E. Richards.

District Stewards', Lawton District.

The District stewards and pastors of the Lawton District will please meet in Lawton Dec. 1st, 7 p. m. at the M. E. Church, South. A full attendance is desired.
C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

District Stewards' Meeting.

The District stewards for the McAlester district will meet in the Phillips Memorial church, McAlester, Tuesday, Nov. 24th, at one o'clock p. m.

SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

The Century is to publish a series of interviews, of unusual character, set down by Daniel Gregory Mason—records of familiar talk with notable musicians, among others, Paderewski, Gubrilowitsch and Kneisel.

A Country Church Awakening.

The pastor had arrived only that morning. He looked over the people who had come to hear his first sermon—three men, twenty women, four children. Now he understood why the presiding elder had looked so relieved when he had promised to go to Riley.

"Mr. Merion, I'm sorry so few are out to hear your first sermon."

"How many are there generally present?"

"I'm sorry to say only about as today, and in the evening fewer."

The next morning the pastor went to the postoffice, and began to talk with the postmaster. "Presently he asked, 'Who is the leader of the boys around here?'"

"Well, I guess about every fellow does as Ed Black says."

"Who is the toughest man in the township?"

"Well, old Dick Stagg is drunk whenever anyone will trust him." The postmaster smiled. "If you get old Dick into a church I'll donate ten dollars to any cause you may name."

The pastor went to four stores, talked to a dozen or so men, and they all named the two. He then stopped at a neat little home, went to the door and asked for Ed. A young man of about twenty came forward.

"Say, Black, some one says you can land a fish when no one else can even get a bite."

The young man grinned. "Say are you the parson?"

"Yes; that's what I am supposed to be."

"Some of us fellows are going fishing tomorrow, and I guess you can go if you can get around here by four-thirty."

At ten o'clock as they ate the lunch the preacher had put in the back of his buggy, he told them the story of his life. A rich man's son, his father dying when he was seventeen, and his finding the estate so heavy in debt that nothing was left but a good name. He told of the struggles to keep mother, brother and self together; how for five years he was sick; then of strength being given, but he stammering so he could not talk. One day a great preacher put his hand on his shoulder and said: "My brother, God can make a preacher out of even you." He told how he had advanced step by step in the mills till, at last, a good position was offered. But, as his voice grew strong and clear, he saw Christ in the pathway. A Methodist preacher started him to conducting a mission school. He joined the Methodist church. Then he told of the presiding elder giving him a license as a local preacher. Then, in September, the Annual Conference being short of men, he was sent for, asked to take a four-point circuit; how he had gone to it, and he was now with them.

The boys sat around him two hours as he told the stories of how the men great in business, then great in the eyes of God, climbed, step by step, up in the Christian life. He told of the men, strong bodily as well as mentally, who found Christ.

Sunday morning thirty men sat in the church to hear the new pastor. In a month the pastor knew every man for miles around, and in the morning of a dry Sabbath, there were forty or fifty men present, and twice as many in the evening.

Ed Black, as president of the Boys' Club, raked the country with a fine-

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tooth comb to find men and tell them of the preacher who had no notes to read, but who just stepped out to the edge of the platform and told of the power of Christ to save.

One day Ed said of a friend: "This preacher will get me yet." A week later, on Saturday night, the boys sat around the stove. "Let's have a game." The chairs were drawn up around the tables. The cards came out. "Come on Ed."

"No, boys; I've played my last game. Tomorrow night I shall go to the altar."

Not a word beyond that. Ed Black, the gang leader, a Christian! Bang! The door crashed in! a man fell again. The counter, and staggered to his feet.

"Give me a dime!" Ed jumped up. "No, I'm going to take you home."

The next morning the young man came bringing the older man with him. That morning the pastor talked on Naaman's having simply to obey the man of God to be a well man.

At the door the old man whispered: "Parson, come and see me again." Space is too short to tell of the struggles of the man to understand the coming to Christ. Then, at last his eyes opened. How like a child's his faith. Then how he trumped the road to tell others of the power of Christ to save! The winter passed and the hottest weather always had more men than women at the services. One by

one the men, working with the pastor won souls for the Master. Yet this country church had been given up to die because the Roman Catholic church had so many people around Riley. The pastor, without a college training, followed a man who was a great scholar and he won men because he knew how to reach them one by one. He learned how to do it in the ten years when he was a mechanic and a foreman in the mills, rubbing shoulders with fellow men. He proved that it is not preaching only on Sunday that was requisite, but having human sympathy and brotherliness.—Western Christian Advocate.

"Christ's Table Talk," by Bishop Hendrix, now in stock. Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock, Ark.