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## New Year's Greeting.

This issue of the Methodist will be the last to reach our readers during the present year. Before another number is due the old year will have died and the new will have been ushered in. We would be glad to know that the passing year has been full of happiness to all of our readers and that the new year stores an abundance of happiness and prosperity, for if there is a class of people on earth that we are inclined to hold in everlasting gratitude above another they are those who take and read the paper that we have by authority of the church and by labors and anxieties untold sent out from week to week during this year.

If we should undertake to speak a word personal we should assure all our readers that we have had a good year. We do not mean by this that we have made money out of the Methodist as an enterprise. We are glad to state however that by the help of every available interest under our control we have been able to meet our financial obligations and we have assurances that at the end of the year our credit is unimpaired. If we shall be able to live and do good, even if we never accumulate wealth, we shall feel that the battle of life has not been fought in vain. We face the new year with bright prospects and with the added experience of the years that are gone, we have no tormenting fears as to the outcome of our affairs.

There is one thing that has given us unmeasured anxiety and we are inclined to take our friends into our confidence on that point. We refer to the shrinkage of our subscription list. We must not be understood as bemoaning the fact that the subscription list of the Methodist has been reduced by several hundred names. If that were the cause of our anxiety we could solve that problem, for each of the editors can stand up for himself in the battle of life with his fellows, and if the paper that we have edited was the only one that has suffered from this shrinkage, then we would surrender it into more competent hands and seek for ourselves a field more suited to the exercise of our energies. But, alas, what is true of our list is also true of the lists of well nigh all our religious contemporaries. The cry has gone out from the North and from the South and from the East to the West that from some cause our people have neglected this most important agency of the church, the press. This fact is true: there has never been a time when the art of printing had reached so high a state of development as at present. There is more money invested in it and greater effort is being made to reach the multitude with a revenue paying literature. The time was when the religious paper was well nigh the only effort at a really high class periodical literature. In supplying this class there was a reasonable income to remunerate those engaged in it. But now those who claim to get

out a high class periodical literature is legion. Just now the production is overdone. Few who went into this kind of a venture are able to realize a profit on their investment. But they have in a measure supplanted the religious paper. If it were a mere matter of finance we should not take up our space to discuss it. But that is only a small part of the question. The trouble is that this literature which has come into such sharp conflict with the church paper is not in any sense under the control of the church. Our people read it and are pleased with its glossy appearance and it often has articles in it that make their religious emotions swell. The pastor becomes aware of this fact. The longer they read it the more they are inclined to lay all other aside and give undivided heed to its teachings. All is well until some unhappy day the ruling spirits that have made such a good paper find it profitable to sell the circulation and good will of the journal to some one not so refined in sentiment and not religiously inclined. Then there is a drift to the bad and the families under its influence are carried with it into the maelstrom of sin and wickedness. When this is accomplished, then the pastor may weep bitter tears and wring his hands in anguish, but the reading of a literature that is in nowise under the control of the church has wrought this havoc in the flock of God. It is never safe to allow any influence that is mercenary in its very nature to occupy the chief place in the home. There is absolutely nothing that can rightly take the place of the religious paper in the family. Here is material for serious thought on the part of our pastors. They could probably restore the religious weekly to its place in the homes of the people. If they suffer the inroads to continue to be made in the ranks of our religious weeklies, the day will surely come when they will see the folly of such a course.

But we have a mission to perform and we are not in so bad a plight that we are inclined to surrender the effort. It is still true that within the territory of our patronizing conferences we have the largest circulation of any high-class periodical. The interests of the church must be looked after. So we have planned for the incoming year with confidence that there is a happy day coming. In order to meet our growing responsibilities we have done some things that we believe will be helpful to our work in the future.

We have purchased a new and up-to-date press. One that will do the best grade of work and turn that work out at a speed that will meet the demands of our enterprise.

Our Sunday School and Epworth League departments have been placed in safe and competent hands. We invite our women to use our columns in interests of Home Mission Societies and Foreign Missionary Societies. The Methodist is read by more people than any other periodical open to you and your work. We will be glad to aid our laymen in their work and are sure they will find this an indispensable agency for carrying forward

their enterprise. But space would fail us to tell of all our plans for the incoming year. We wish all our readers a happy and prosperous year and beg them not to forget us in their pursuit of this prosperity and happiness.

## The Rising Tide of Liberty.

The great cause of liberty is making rapid progress throughout the world. The people are finding themselves in China, awakening from the sleep of ages. The peasant millions of Russia have been stirred by the impulse, and have their Douma, or parliament. They will make more and more of it. The Emperor of Germany has recently had an important lesson from the people, and Chancellor Von Bulow has given it out that his hot-spur master will be more careful in the future. The recent popular uprising in Persia makes it certain that there will be a parliament in that country before long, notwithstanding the present purpose of the shah to resist the demand—he cannot long resist it. India is in a turmoil of popular unrest. We doubt not that British rule in that country is for its best interests, yet the rule must recognize more and more popular rights. Even Turkey is to have a parliament. This is like the stirring of the dead, for all the world has long believed that Turkey was beyond reform.

It is all like the swell of the ocean tides. No ruler can stay the movement; no set of rulers can arrest it; it is the stirring of a deep instinct in a sea of humanity, brought into action by the touch of the infinite. The Great Emancipator has reached the heart of the world with at least this much of the truth. His declaration that the truth shall make us free can but be fulfilled.

The first business of every man is to make the most of himself. This is not selfishness, for it will include the making the most of every altruistic function of human nature; it means that we are to make the most of our faith, love, hope; it means that we shall learn to use our powers to do good as truly as we learn to use them to get good. Herein is a Christian conception of ambition. To be willing to be nothing is a crime. To be somebody is God's own first demand of every man.

Our psychology knows but little as yet of that vast mass of "buzzing blooming confusion," that "feeling mass" which underlies all our conscious life, out of which conscious life arises; it is the sea surrounding the little island of conscious life; it is the environment which makes life to be what it is; it is made up of all our past and all our heredity.

The deepest form of belief is instinctive belief, arising out of our organic desires. We believe a thing must be because a voice,—perhaps a thousand voices, within us cries after it. We are impelled to believe or to deny our world of reality. Our experiences lie deeper than our reasoning.

Intellectual belief, as distinguished from natural credulity, is possible only after doubt has arisen—we should have no need of a reason where there were no doubt.

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## Notes and Personals

Rev. G. G. Davidson reports a good beginning at Russellville, Ark., where he has entered upon his work with his accustomed zeal. He was in this city last Monday.

Rev. Barnett Wright, who was in the city Monday, is laying broad plans for his work at England, Ark. He takes to that charge a strong brain and an abundant store of energy.

We have cheering reports from Rev. W. W. Crymes, at Guymon, Okla. He is delighted with the possibilities in front of him, and is laying the foundations of a good work.

Rev. H. H. Watson reports from Lake Village and Portland that every prospect pleases and that the official board have made handsome provision for the support of the pastor.

Many of our friends are among the teachers who compose the Arkansas State Teachers' Association in session here this week. We appreciate the visits of those who took time to call.

Clergy Permits can be obtained over roads in Arkansas and Oklahoma where three cents per mile is charged by applying to J. E. Haunegan, S. W. Clergy Bureau, Room 1115 Liggett Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

We note with regret that the parsonage of our First Church at Paragould burned down the other day, having caught fire from an electric wire. The loss was about \$4,000.00, partially covered by insurance.

The session of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association just held in Little Rock was the best ever held. The program was rich and well carried out. The interest fine and the enrollment nearly seven hundred.

Rev. J. F. Lawlis, presiding elder of Guymon district, Oklahoma conference, asks us to say that he is in need of two preachers for works in his district. Write to him and send commendations to Hooker, Oklahoma.

Rev. J. F. Lawlis reports that Rev. R. C. Taylor has made a good beginning at Hooker, Okla., with crowds to preach to, and with several auxiliaries organized. The presiding elder speaks well of Bro. Taylor's preaching.

In the list of appointments of the White River Conference last week there was an omission of "Marianna Mission, J. S. Best, supply." In the same field last conference year Bro. Best did excellent service, and his return to that charge was generally desired.

Our subscribers will observe that we send out only eight pages this week. This is done to give our employees an opportunity to spend some time in recreation during the Christmas holidays. We are sure that no one will be inclined to deny them this privilege.

Mrs. A. M. Robertson, who has been visiting since conference, passed through our city Monday to join her husband at DeVall's Bluff. She honored our office with her presence. We predict for Bro. and Sister Robertson a successful year at DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc.

Very properly does the Christian Advocate congratulate Rev. O. E. Goddard, of Oklahoma Conference, upon the outcome of his agitation for a missionary evangelist for each presiding elder's district. It is a great plan, and we shall watch the progress of it with no small interest. Other conferences will do well to keep an eye on it.

Rev. J. F. Russell, of Tangier and Mutual, Oklahoma Conference, has organized two Sunday Schools and one Epworth League since conference. He is said to be preaching to large audiences and to be mixing much with the people. May success crown the labors of all our brethren in that our most western district.

In his address before the State Teachers' Association Monday night Governor-elect Donaghey presented strong argument in favor of better agricultural and industrial education, and promised his official influence to promote these interests. He is studying these problems as perhaps no other governor has. It is to be hoped that great progress will mark his administration.

Cards are out announcing the approaching nuptials of Mr. James Marvin Herring to Miss Ida West Waller at Wynnewood, Oklahoma, January 4. Miss Waller is the daughter of our pastor at Wynnewood, Rev. I. K. Waller. This happy young couple will be at home, Calvary, Georgia, and we wish them continued happiness and prosperity.

Rev. P. C. Fletcher is meeting with immediate success in the old historic First Church, St. Louis. In ten weeks he has received into membership one hundred and five. He recently had a home coming for the former members of that church, and it was a complete success. When Missouri gets short on preachers she draws on Arkansas. We never disappoint them in the men we send them.

It has usually been held that no man would steal a Bible, but the theory was upset the other day at Marked Tree, Ark., when a man entered a plea of guilty on such a charge. He was fined \$35.00, which he paid. The Western Methodist recently had some one to walk off with a morocco-bound hymn book, worth five dollars. But we do not suppose it was a theft.

The members of Winfield Memorial church and other friends of Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Werlein tendered them a reception in the Sunday

School room last Monday night. The attendance was large and the occasion greatly enjoyed. Dr. Werlein enters upon his second year with a bright outlook. Under his vigorous leadership his progressive people may be expected to do things this year.

At the Tuesday night session of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association President J. N. Tillman, of the State University, made a forcible appeal to the teachers for co-operation in securing State-wide prohibition in 1909 declaring that the dominant party in its platform was pledged to submit the question in 1909 so that it might be settled apart from personal and partisan issues. He was warmly and liberally applauded.

We notice that Rev. R. H. Mahon, D.D., and Rev. J. W. Blackard, D.D., have taken places on the editorial staff of the Methodist Advocate, to look after the interests of the Memphis Conference. These brethren are men of ability. We welcome them to the editorial fraternity. We notice further that Miss Laura Bradford, of Brownsville, Tenn., takes charge of the Woman's Foreign Missionary department of the same paper. She is a woman known to the church, with every quality of head and heart to insure success.

Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, at the Arkansas State Teachers' Association Tuesday night, delivered a strong, clear, inspiring address on the work and influence of the teacher. His presence and charming address were heartily appreciated by the great audience that greeted him. Prof. Rodgers in introducing Dr. Kirkland, referred to Vanderbilt as the greatest university in the South. We are pleased to have our central connectional institution thus recognized.

The Methodist Advocate, conducted in the interest of the Memphis Conference, commenting on the action of the Oklahoma Conference in favor of one Methodism for America, under several General Conference jurisdictions, recognizes the fact that the Oklahoma Conference is one of the weighty bodies of our Methodism, and says it looks as if something will have to be done. Our brethren of some of the larger conferences in the Southeast do not realize this necessity as do their brethren who are face to face with the problem of conducting two Methodisms in the same territory. Oklahoma knows; Missouri knows; all the West knows.

Dr. H. S. Hartzog, president of Ouachita Baptist College, nominated by Prof. J. J. Reynolds of the State University in a great speech, was unanimously elected president of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association. Prof. Reynolds also introduced and supported in a brilliant speech a resolution heartily adopted that Amendment No. 8 should always be called by teachers and friends of education the Hinemon Amendment because of the tireless and efficient service of Mr. Hinemon in securing the adoption of this amendment for increasing the public school revenues of Arkansas.

## Italy's Earthquake.

One of those vast horrors that makes the heart of the world throb has just visited Southern Italy and Sicily, an earthquake of very unusual severity. The papers give heart-sickening descriptions of what has happened. Floods, tidal waves, falling cities, lurid flames of hundreds of burning buildings, tens of thousands of the dead, tens of thousands of terror-stricken refugees, tens of thousands of cries of pain, shrieking in the darkness; these are the elements of the picture, reminding one of the scenes in the Apocalypse. The city of Messina and the city of Reggio are said to be in almost total ruin. Many smaller

towns and cities are said to be destroyed.

Such reports are almost always exaggerated at the first, but making all due allowance for present terror, undoubtedly a terrible and vast calamity is upon the stricken region.

### To Our Oklahoma Brethren.

We wish to call the attention of our Oklahoma pastors to the publication of the early history of the Indian Mission Conference which has been begun in the Methodist. The minutes of the conference beginning with its organization in 1844 down to 1878 have been discovered in manuscript form, they never having been published in our issue of Dec. 17 we published a part of the first session. In the first issue of the new year we will continue and conclude the account of this first conference and give along with it the picture of Bishop Morris who presided and other of the prominent members of the conference. Then we will continue from week to week to publish this early history of the conference until all has been published. Then we expect to bring it out in book form in order that it may be kept for future generations. We suggest that there are many persons in Oklahoma who would be glad to pay a year's subscription to the Methodist in order to get these articles. Let the pastors take the matter up from their pulpits and secure all the subscribers possible on this account. We will fill all orders on subscription on this account with next week's paper so that the first session may be had also that part of it which has already been published. Let the brethren act at once and send in the names. We are indebted to Rev. W. F. Dunkle for the preparation of the manuscript and other services that he will be glad to perform in connection with the matter. We feel that this will be one of the most interesting publications ever undertaken for the conference.

### His Old Father Satisfied.

Twenty years ago a discouraged young doctor in one of our large cities was visited by his old father, who came up from a rural district to look after his boy.

"Well, son," he said, "how are you getting along?"

"I'm not getting along at all," was the disheartened answer. "I'm not doing a thing."

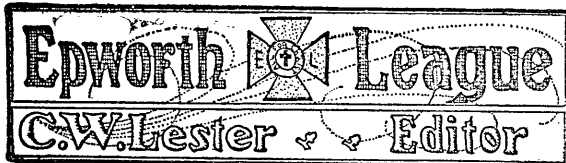
The old man's countenance fell, but he poke of courage and patience and perseverance. Later in the day he went with his son to the "Free Dispensary," where the young doctor had an unsalaried position, and where he spent an hour or more every day.

The father sat by, a silent but intensely interested spectator, while twenty-four unfortunates received help. The doctor forgot his visitor, while he bent his skilled energies to his task; but hardly had the door closed on the last patient, when the old man burst forth:

"I thought you told me that you were not doing anything! Why, if I had helped twenty-five people in a month as much as you have in one morning, I would thank God that my life counted for something."

"There isn't any money in it, though," explained the son, somewhat abashed.

"Money!" the old man shouted, still scornfully. "Money! What is money in comparison to being of use to your fellow-men? Never mind about money; you go right along at this work every day. I'll go back to the farm and gladly earn money enough to support you as long as I live—yes, and sleep sound every night with the thought that I have helped you to help your fellow-men."—Selected.



### Weekly Devotional Meeting.

Topic for January 3—Getting Ready for a Day's Work (Mark 1:35; Acts 10:9.) (Morning Watch Covenant.)

### The Theme and the Scripture.

Mark 1:35. Jesus was always seeking opportunities for prayer. He was truly human in his prayer life. He felt his dependence on God, and expressed that dependence by praying. Though he had no sin, he needed prayer. And if he needed it, how shall we hope to live without it?

And Jesus sought solitude when he prayed. For that reason he loved the hills. He could go apart into the loneliness of the hillsides and the ravines, and pray. In the long watches of the night, or in the dim light of the early morning, he gathered strength and courage for the work that must be done. Perhaps he went out to the quiet places because he could find no place to be alone in the homes where he came as a guest.

Our life is not lived so publicly as was his, and the customs of our time give us much more privacy than any one can secure in the East. So, even in the crowded city we can shut out all the world and be with God. A few moments of the early morning may be ours, before the world has put in its claim for our service and our toil.

Acts 10:9. Peter found the place of his Morning Watch on the houstop. In so mild a climate the houstop is a favorite retreat from the distractions of the home or the publicity of the street. There is no provision for a sacred place in our worship, but "every place is hallowed ground."

### The Meaning of the Theme.

This meeting is intended to promote the Morning Watch Enrollment. But first and most important, it is intended to promote habits of prayer. Scripture reading, and quiet thinking. These are simple habits, but the forming of them is all that many people need in order to find the religious life full of a joy and power they have not yet discovered.

We do not pray enough. We do not pray aright. We do not give God's Book a fair chance at our lives. We do not think enough on the things that concern our spiritual life. All these are facts which everybody knows.

But how may we mend our ways? Not by confessing our folly; not by reading new literature about these things; not even by resolving to do better. There is a short road, a royal road, out of our neglect and weakness. And this is it: Begin this very day to pray, and read and meditate, and hereafter fight against any influence that would prevent your taking this holy exercise every day that dawns.

Therefore, the Morning Watch! Not a new organization, but a new faithfulness. It means exactly what the theme suggests: secret prayer and the devotional reading of the Bible at a set time every day. Usually the morning is the best time.

### The Morning Prayer.

The secret of prayer is the sense of relationship. If we are God's children, prayer is not only essential, but natural to us. Whatever scoffers may say, and whatever may be the claims of science regarding the uselessness of prayer, we have one sufficient answer. These nineteen hundred years attest, through the experience of myriads of God's saints, that prayer is a real force and must be reckoned with. For the Christian himself there is a more vivid proof. In the measure that he has been a praying Christian he has been a successful Christian. There are many causes of

backsliding, but none are so certain to produce that effect as the neglect of the prayer life.

Prayer at the day's beginning is likely to fix the level of the day's living. It is a confession of allegiance, and going from the presence-chamber of the King to a day of sinfulness is not possible, continuously. Either the sinful day must be abandoned or the morning prayer will be.

Prayer at the morning hour works its most potent spell upon our own lives. There is a mighty reflex power in prayer. It reacts upon ourselves. The morning finds us rested. Our minds are clearer than at a later hour. The day has not yet written its marks of care and preoccupation upon our faces and our hearts. God has the first opportunity to bring moral and spiritual forces to bear upon us. It gives God the first fruits of the day, the right of way in our lives.

### Two Illustrations.

One day at noon I called to see a man at his place of business. "He is in, but you cannot see him for twenty minutes," I was told. I urged that my card should be sent to him, for it was important. The clerk replied: "I cannot do it. Come with me." He led me through the basement till we were beneath the sidewalk of Broadway. He bade me look quietly down a long corridor, at the other end of which I saw my friend upon his knees. The dim light revealed an open Bible upon a chair before him. The clerk then said: "He spends thirty minutes of the noon hour there each day, and there is not a man in the house who would dare interrupt him."—Christian Advocate.

We pray, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy Word." But the Word must be opened, too. The Holy Spirit does not reveal to us what is written in a closed book. He does not illuminate a dust-covered Bible. Give the Book a fair chance at your life.—Epworth Herald.

### Of Course Not.

No League will succeed without the helps that men who have given much time and study to provide; no League will succeed well that is not connectional; and no League can be connectional without the connectional Helps provided for the League work. If you want your young people to be Methodists, give them the Institute course, twelve numbers cost only fifty cents, order several sets, and when they read all give an examination and award diplomas. Young people can no more carry on League work without League Helps, than a business firm can carry on business without bookkeeping.

The pastor as the general at the head of the League forces should secure a copy of "How to Make the League Go," for the President, and "Epworth League Methods," for himself. The first costs 28 cents, the second \$1.00.

Among other forward movements in our conference, it is sadly surprising that there is not a complete District Organization in every District in the Conference. Measures will be shortly instituted to accomplish this, and as we must largely depend upon the presiding elders we bespeak the earnest co-operation of each, and believe there are better things promised for our Leaguers. More anon.

JAS. E. SAVAGE,

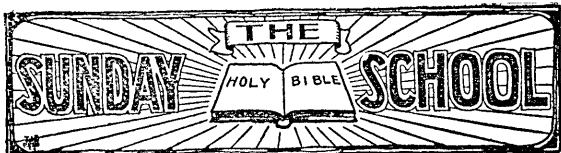
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Prepared by Rev. George McGlumphy, Ph. D.  
January 10. The Descent of the Holy Spirit.  
Acts 2:1-21.

Golden Text: "I will pray the Father and he will give you another Comforter that he may be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth." John 14:16-17.

#### Locating the Lesson.

Time: Probably Saturday or Sunday, May 27 or 28, A. D. 30. Places: The upper room of some private house in Jerusalem, though some claim it was one of the rooms in the temple courts. Peter must have preached his sermon in some open place where a multitude could assemble, possibly in one of the temple courts. Persons: The apostles, the other disciples to the number of one hundred and twenty (see Acts 1:13-14), the multitude composed largely of visitors "devout men out of every nation." Parallel passages: Read Joel 2:28-32; Acts 10:44-47; 1 Cor. 14:1-33.

#### Introduction.

The election of Matthias to the Apostolate, Acts 1:15-26.

The defection and death of Judas Iscariot left the Apostolic College of Twelve incomplete. Jesus returned to heaven without appointing anyone to the vacancy. It was very natural for the "eleven" to desire to have their broken circle of the sacred, mystic, twelve filled up. Peter, "The first among equals," suggests to the assembled one hundred and twenty that a successor to Judas be chosen. He grounds the proposition not as we should expect on their Master's famous words, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven," etc., but on a strange (though natural to the Jew of that day) interpretation of Psalms 109:8.

2. The method of election or selection is a curious mingling of the exercise of human judgment—in narrowing the possible choice to Joseph Barsabas and Matthias—with an appeal, through the "sacred lot," to Divine direction. Whether the disciples were warranted in attempting the choice of a twelfth apostle cannot be answered, for the record neither approves nor condemns. One may find food for thought in the two facts that no further mention is ever made of Matthias and that Christ himself later appoints Saul of Tarsus "Apostle to the Gentiles."

#### I. The Coming of the Spirit, Acts 2:1-11.

1. The Disciples' Preparation for His Coming. The getting ready of the one hundred and twenty for the great blessing of Pentecost was of the simplest nature. Its key-note was faith, that all-conquerer. They took Jesus at his word when he said, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." They did not realize all that his promise meant, but they did know three things: (1) It was to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. (2) It would be in a very few days. (3) It was all-important in furnishing them for their work as heralds of the kingdom. So they tarried, for who wouldn't that believed such a promise? They assembled together, the most natural things to do, for they were fellow-countrymen, Galileans, strangers in a great city. For months they had followed the same Master. Greatest of all was the wondrous "secret." Thus drawn together in one company they talked, sang, and prayed as the days swept by as "some rare bird of

song." The heart of it all was an intense expectancy.

2. The Manner of the Coming of the Spirit. The outward manifestation of that "First" Pentecost were highly significant. The mighty rush of sound symbolic of the Power mysterious yet potent breaking in upon a world. The lambent tongue of flame that sat upon each head, indicative of the large place in the propagation given to the tongue set on fire. The strange mingling of many languages praising God, prophetic of that day when the earth will be girdled with a thousand tongued voice of praise to the Christ.

3. The greatest fact was that inward filling of the disciples with the Holy Spirit. We cannot explain the "how" of this marvel, but we do know that a new era dates from that wonderful experience. Dull lumps of clay became flashing jewels flooding Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth with God's own light. From that hour we find the apostles and their companions new men, "having power with God and man."

#### II. Peter's Sermon, The First Part, Acts 2:12-21.

1. The sound "as of the rushing of mighty wind" echoed in startling reverberation through Jerusalem, and soon a vast crowd gathers to see this "new thing under the sun." Many are awe-struck and count it a miracle and are the good soil to bring forth a quick harvest. Others, always ready with explanation for all phenomena, declare it is the noisy, silly babble of a drunken lot of men and women.

2. Simon's quick ear catches the malicious taunts and seizes it as an introduction to his first sermon. Disposing in a few words of the charge of drunkenness, he opens up to them a chapter from the old prophet Joel and declares that now is that old promise being fulfilled. A new day has dawned. Well for him who has eyes to see the "Sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings." The sermon is continued in our next lesson.

#### Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

#### A New Secretary.

Rev. C. J. Oxley has been appointed Sunday School Field Secretary for the Texas Conference by Bishop Candler. We understand that he is a live, up to date S. S. man, and will doubtless bring things to pass in that section. He is about the seventh new in the field in our church.

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#### Let us Help.

1. If you have any S. S. problems that perplex you, a "mired wheel," in your work, please to write us. We very much desire to help every man and woman. We do not presume to say that we can solve all these problems; but we can, at least, sympathize with you and pray for you.

2. If you have any specially successful features in your school, write us, and let us rejoice with you, and "pass it on" to others who need the help and inspiration of your success and experience.

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And don't forget or neglect that Institute which is to be held near you and for the benefit of you and your people.

Lawton, Okla.

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#### A New Departure.

We have been hoping and praying that some church would rise up and assume the support of its Sunday school and let all the collections from the school go into missions,

Church Extension, and other benevolences. We have the following note from Bro. Lamar, of Mangum:

"The church has agreed to pay for the literature of the Sunday school for 1909, so that all the collections of the school may be applied to special missionary work. The first Sunday's collections now goes to our medical missionary in Korea.

"We are going to make 4th Sunday Charity Sunday, and the collections on that day will be used for helping the poor."

Of course, we expect such a Sunday school to prosper and to be blessed of the Lord.

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If you want to help and be helped in your Sunday school work, be sure to attend one or more of the district institutes. The programs cover every phase of the work. This invitation is to pastors as well as to the superintendents and teachers.

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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.)

Lone Wolf, Okla.

Dear Methodist: Here comes another little girl eleven years old. I have never written before and I thought I would write. Papa takes the Western Methodist and I like to read the cousins' letters. I like to go to Sunday school. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. Lillie Sims. Our superintendent's name is Mr. Jones. Our pastor's name is Mr. Hail. Our school will start the first of January. How many of you cousins like to go to school? I do for one. I have four brothers and two sisters at home and one married, and one sister dead. I will ask a question: Which chapter is grandmother in? I will close in hopes this will skip the wastebasket. FRUNIE McGUIRE.

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Lone Wolf, Okla., R. F. D. 2, Box 56.

Dear Western Methodist: Here comes a little stranger girl 14 years old. My papa takes the dear old paper and I like it fine. How many of you cousins like to go to Sunday school? I do for one. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Cora Whentoning and I like her fine. Our school will start the 28th of December, and my school teacher's name is Miss Eliza Richerl. Our superintendent's name is Mr. John Jones. Our pastor's name is Rev. Hail, and I like him very well. Well, I will close by asking you cousins for a post card party. Your new cousin,

DORA McGUIRE.

Dear Cousin Dora: We never say Rev. Hail, though you may say Rev. Mr. Hail, or Rev. John or Thomas Hail. —Cousin Lillian.

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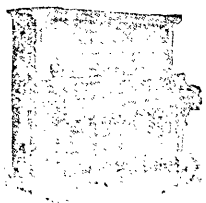
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ter to the children's page. I enjoy reading the children's page very much. I am a little girl thirteen years old, and I am in the fifth grade. I have three sisters and one brother at home; the baby's name is Johnnie, and my sisters' names are Eula and Hattie and Eva. I live on a farm. I don't like to live on a farm. I go to school every day I can. My school teacher's name is Miss Clara Pass. We don't take the Methodist, but our pastor takes it and he lets us read it when he comes. I belong to the South Methodist Church. For a pet I have a dog and a little cat. How many of you like pets. I do for one. Well as this is my first letter I will close. How many of you like your pastor? I do for one. If this jumps the waste basket I will come again. Your new cousin,

WALSIE YOUNG.

Dear Walsie: Ask your pastor if "South Methodist Church" is the way to put it.—Cousin Lillian.

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Capps, Ark.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little girl twelve years old. I have six sisters and one brother; three of my sisters are married. I am going to school. I am in the fifth grade. I go to Sunday school. My Sunday school teacher is Miss Tennie White. I like her fine. I like to read the children's letters. Our new pastor's name is Bro. Stroud; I like him well. I belong to the South Methodist Church. We are going to have a Christmas tree the twenty-fourth of this month. How many of you like to go to a Christmas tree? I do for one.

Well, if this escapes the waste basket I will write again. Your new cousin,

HATTIE YOUNG.

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Capps, Ark., Dec. 18, 1908.

Dear Methodist: Here comes a new cousin. Will you let me in? My name is May Glen. I am twelve years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Clara Pass. I have four sisters. The baby's name is Minnie, and the other names are Alice and Mary and Martha. For a pet I have a dog. I live in the country. Well, as this is my first time I will close, hoping to see this in print. Good-bye.

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Ussery, Ark., Dec. 20, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: Please admit a new little cousin to your list. I am a little Methodist girl. My papa takes the dear Western Methodist and I want to surprise him. Mamma and papa belong to the Methodist Church. My papa is a preacher. This is his first work. We have moved into the parsonage. I like to live here. I have two brothers and no sisters. My brothers' names are Robert and Bruce. I have only one grandma living. She is about 67 or 68 years old. Her home is with us. My little baby brother is named for Brother Bruce, the Presiding Elder at Arkadelphia. My papa preaches every Sunday except the fifth Sunday. Mother and little Bruce and I get awful lonesome here all alone. It has been so rainy and bad to day I did not go to Sunday school or preaching. Xmas time is here again, and Oh, how glad I am. Will have to put this to a close, hoping to see this in print. Good night to you all.

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Vinson, Okla., Dec. 15, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: Will you admit another little girl into your happy band? My papa takes the Methodist paper and I enjoy reading the children's page very much. I think the

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editor is very kind to give us children a page in the paper.

What did you cousins spend your time doing this summer? I went to see my grandma and had a fine time. We went over to Granite and stayed all day, took our dinners, went up in the mountains and over to the skating rink and watched them skate. I did not skate myself, but I know it is great sport. We stayed all day and then went home.

I am going to school. I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. My teacher's name is Mr. Russell. Well, I will close asking for a post card party the 25th of December. All cards will be answered if possible. Your new cousin,

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Prescott, Ark., Dec. 21, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: Here comes a new cousin tapping for admittance into your happy band.

I am a little girl nine years old. I like to read the children's letters. We don't take the paper, but my Aunt Fannie does and I go to see her and read them. I haven't got any pets but a sweet little brown-eyed baby sister three months old. I have three brothers and three sisters living and two sweet baby sisters in heaven. I go to school every day and like to go real well. My teacher's name is Miss May Stivers; I like her fine. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I like to go to Sunday school; my teacher's name is Mrs. Londermilk and I love her. Our pastor is Bro. Millard; we all like him. I am a member of the Methodist Church; joined when I was seven years old, and I try to live for Jesus every day. Our Sunday school is going to have a Christmas tree and I hope Santa Claus will bring me something nice.

My letter is growing long and I guess I had better quit for fear of the waste basket. I will be glad when Puth Carr writes another story for the paper. I close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your little cousin,

JULIA OGDEN.

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Brinkley, Ark., Dec. 13, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: I am a little girl ten years old. I like to read the cousins' letters. For pets I have a little baby sister three weeks old. I have three sisters and three brothers. These are my sisters' names, Ruth, Amelia and Virginia. These are my brothers' names, Paul, Reuben and Carl. I am going to school and I am in the fourth grade. My sister is in the third grade. My two brothers, Paul and Reuben, are both in the first grade. How many of you cousins know what Xmas represents? I do for one. It represents Christ's birth. I go to Sunday School. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Simmons. My school teacher's name is Miss Emma Gholston. And

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the assistant teacher's name is Miss Allen Dabbs. We have an organ. I take music from my mama. I have two dolls; one of their names is Ethel and the other's name is Bertha. If this jumps the waste basket I will write again. Your new cousin,

NAOMI B. VOIGHT.

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Imboden, Ark., Dec. 12th, 1908.

Dear Western Methodist: I am a little girl eleven years old. I am going to school. I am in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Mr. Walter Hinson; I like him fine. Say cousins, how many of you like to pick cotton? I don't. I have one brother and two sisters at home.

CLARA MOORE.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

White River Conference.

**HELENA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
 Forrest City Station, Dec. 27, 28  
 Wheatley Ct. at Wheatley, Jan. 2, 3  
 Cotton Plant & Howell at C. P., Jan. 9, 10  
 Brinkley Station, Jan. 10, 11  
 Colt Ct. at Colt, Jan. 16, 17  
 Wynne Station, Jan. 17, 18  
 Marianna Station, Jan. 24, 25  
 Marianna Mission, Jan. 25  
 Haynes Ct. at Millbrook, Jan. 30, 31  
 La Grange Ct. at Poplar Grove, Feb. 6, 7  
 Holly Grove & Marvell at Marvell, Feb. 7, 8  
 Hamlin Mission at Hamlin, Feb. 12, 13  
 McCrory Mission, Feb. 13  
 McCrory and DeView, Feb. 13, 14  
 Parkin Station, Feb. 14, 15  
 Turner and Shiloh Ct. at Shiloh, Feb. 20, 21  
 Clarendon Station, Feb. 21, 22  
 Laconia Ct. at Melwood, Feb. 26, 27  
 Helena Station, Feb. 28, Mar. 1  
 The district stewards are called to meet in the Methodist church in Forrest City at 2 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 1909.  
 Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

**SEARCY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
 Newport Station, Dec. 26, 27  
 Searcy Station, Jan. 2, 3  
 Haygood and Higginson Ct., Jan. 3, 4  
 Augusta Station, Jan. 9, 10  
 Wiville Ct. at Wiville, Jan. 10, 11  
 Searcy Ct. at Gum Springs, Jan. 16, 17  
 Beebe Station, Jan. 17, 18  
 Gardner Memorial, Jan. 23, 24  
 Dye Memorial, Jan. 24, 25  
 McRea Ct. at McRea, Jan. 30, 31  
 Cabot Ct. at Cabot, Jan. 31-Feb. 1  
 Pangburn and Mt. Pisgah, at Mt. P., Feb. 6, 7  
 Heber Station, Feb. 7, 8  
 auvergne and Weldon at Weldon, Feb. 13, 14  
 Cato Ct. at Cato, Feb. 20, 21  
 Vilonia Ct. at Section, Feb. 27, 28  
 Floyd Ct. at Floyd, Mar. 6, 7  
 Wilburn Ct. at Wilburn, Feb. 13, 14  
 West Point Ct. at Griffithville, Feb. 20, 21  
 Bradford and Bald Knob at, Feb. 27, 28  
 The District Stewards will please meet at Searcy, January 5, at 2 p. m.  
 A. T. GALLOWAY, P. E.

**JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.**  
 Harrisburg Ct. at Pleasant Valley, Jan. 9, 10  
 Harrisburg Station, Jan. 10, 11  
 Jonesboro, First Church, Jan. 17, 18  
 North Jonesboro and Lake City, Jan. 17, 20  
 Crawfordville and Earle at Earle, Jan. 23, 24  
 Brookland Ct. at Pleasant Grove, Jan. 30, 31  
 Nettleton Station, Jan. 31-Feb. 1  
 Luxora and Rozelle at Luxora, Feb. 6, 7  
 Osceola Station, Feb. 7, 8  
 Vandalia Ct. at Vandalia, Feb. 13, 14  
 Blytheville Ct. at Clear Lake, Feb. 27, 28  
 Marked Tree, Bay and Tyronza at Marked Tree, Feb. 20, 21  
 Blytheville Station, Feb. 28-Mar. 1  
 Trinity Ct. at Trinity, Mar. 6, 7  
 Hilkerson and Grubb's Mission at Hilkerson, Mar. 13, 14  
 West Side and Cotton Belt at, Mar. 20, 21  
 Wilson and Lepanto Ct. at Wilson, Mar. 27, 28  
 Marion and Gilmore at Marion, Mar. 28, 29  
 Lake View and Lunsford Ct. at Farr's Chapel, April 3, 4  
 District Stewards meeting will be held at Nettleton Monday January 11th, at one o'clock p. m.  
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Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting.

The Hot Springs Methodist preachers met at Central Church in their weekly meeting Dec. 28, 10 a. m. There were present Forney Hutchinson, S. V. Rainey and J. A. Parker.

Tigert Memorial, S. W. Rainey, pastor, reported good services Sunday, Dec. 27. Sunday School fairly well attended. Epworth League work good. Attendance about thirty. Laymen's meeting held at Oak Lawn, with good results.

Central, Forney Hutchinson, pastor. Sunday services good; congregations larger. Sunday School improving. Ep-

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Bro. Edwards did some powerful preaching. His sermons were all strong and convincing and he is full of the Holy Ghost. His sermons are all of the genuine old fashioned Methodist type. That kind from which sin and Satan get no quarter, and before which the emesaries of the evil one flee as darkness before the morning rays of sunshine. We feel sure that there will be a great revival wherever Bro. Edwards goes.

We have a fine bunch of young people in Oktaha, we are going to organize an Epworth League as soon as possible, our young people are very much interested in the work of the Lord. Many of them took a very active part in the meeting, praying and speaking in public when opportunity afforded. We have a very consecrated band of Methodist people here. They have just about completed one of the most beautiful little churches I have ever seen in a small town.

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Chickasha, Okla.

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Opening sermon, H. Hanesworth.

Wednesday, Jan. 13—

9 a. m. Devotional Half Hour, J. M. McAnally.

9:30. Missionary Day in the Sunday School, G. M'Glumphy.

9:45. Lander Day in the Sunday School, W. M. Adeock.

1. Our obligation to pay the preacher's salary in full, G. W. Denton, T. A. Johnson, R. T. Compton, T. D. Patton, H. W. Melton.

11. Sermon, J. H. O'Bryant.

2 p. m. Devotional Half Hour, J. C. Shipp.

2:30. Our Specials for Missions, W. M. Adeock, J. C. Shipp, J. H. O'Bryant.

3. Our Conference Collections, How and when to secure them; J. E. Dunaway, J. R. Ashmore, R. T. Compton, C. H. Bumpass, J. Sherman.

3:45. Pastoral Work, J. E. Woodruff. General discussion.

7. Laymen's Movement, P. W. Furry.

Thursday, Jan. 14—

9 a. m. Devotional Half Hour, J. E. Dunaway.

9:30. Missionary Obligation a Privilege, H. Hanesworth.

9:45. The Spirit of Missions the Spirit of Christ, M. F. Johnson.

10. Our Equipment for the Evangelization of the World, J. Sherman. General discussion.

11. Sermon, J. M'Anally.

2. Devotional Half Hour, I. N. Martin.

2:30. Prayer as a means of extending the Kingdom, P. W. Furry.

2:45. Facts Fresh from the Field, G. M'Glumphy.

3. The Power of a Consecrated Life, J. R. Ashmore.

3:30. Woman's Work, Mrs. H. Hanesworth.

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Oklahoma Conference Minutes.

The brethren will be interested in knowing that the Minutes of the Oklahoma Conference are on the press, under contract for delivery January 15.

Fraternally,

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Lawton, Okla., Dec. 28, 1908.

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Marriages.

Dr. H. O. Wilson, of Grapevine, Ark., to Miss Ola Mullis, of Sherwood, Texas, at the clerk's office, Rison, Ark., M. K. Rogers officiating.

Mr. B. H. Stewart, of Rison, Ark., to Miss Lucy Mabel Kendall, of Rison, Ark., at the home of the bride, M. K. Rogers officiating.

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...Regretting this and trusting that it may not prove to be a precedent for others to follow, with every good wish for the success of our work during the coming year,  
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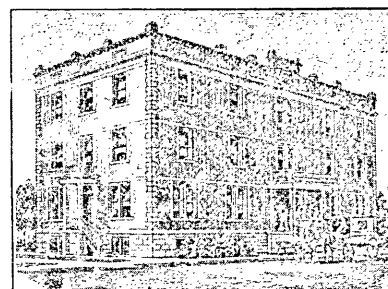
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**Mutual and Tangier Circuit.**  
 Dear Methodist: Our coming to this goodly land was on this wise. William J., whose surname is Hale having been read out at the Annual Conference for Mutual and Tangier, became exceeding pessimistic concerning the prospect of existing here and entreated the Bishop that he of his good mercy might permit him to remain for a season in the fat valleys of the south country; which petition the Bishop did grant. Now it came to pass that Joseph F., of the family of Russell, who was assigned to labor in the country of the extreme west (the same being very dry and desolate, reluctantly consented to being removed from thence to afflict the inhabitants of the Mutual-Tangier community for a season with his last year's sermons. (from which the natives of the east have not yet recovered), and to haunt them with his hungry visitations by day and night.

Then spake Russell unto Lawlis. (the same being presiding elder), and said: The journey hither was from afar off and the shekels in our purse were not many to start on our travels. They were gone ere we arrived in this city. Will thou make us a loan of a slip of that same green parchment with which the men of this province purchase train tickets? Lawlis being of a compassionate spirit. (having been busted himself on several occasions), said unto Russell:

Leave with me that same machine with which you write letters and you shall have enough shekels to buy a train ticket to Tangier. This seemed grievous unto Russell and he had determined to walk and carry the machine and the few goods that he owned, so he was not a little pleased to hear Lawlis say, I was speaking in fun. Then after two days' journey he arrived at Woodward over against Tangier and tarried there over night, being of a sad countenance because of prolonged fasting. He found friends in that city who set before him a goodly spread. When he had eaten all and was refreshed with sleep he continued his journey and came unto Tangier.

Excuse me brethren for this little attempt at humor. I will not perpetrate this offense again. To speak seriously, our reception in this community has been such as makes us the happiest bachelor in ten States. Tangier is a thriving town on the Santa Fe in a community of prosperous farmers. Our church is the only one in the community and our opportunity here is the most wonderful that I have ever seen. A very good sign which we found here is the habit of attending the services of the church. We have large congregations at all our services. Using this spirit as a leverage, we have wrought wonders in re-organizing the work and getting our hand on the ropes, so to say. We will begin the New Year with all the departments of the work well organized—a new Methodist Sunday School, a good Senior Epworth League, a W. H. M. Society with Brigade, a Young Men's Baraca Class such as I have not seen before in in-



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terest—these and others are the hopeful features of the work; while the few difficulties that we have, I look upon as things to be overcome. We are all but flattered by the general intelligence which prevails among this people.

Mutual is an inland town in the very garden spot of all Oklahoma. There has never been a failure of the grain in this country and there is an abundance of all good things. The little city is beautifully located and will become one of the foremost of the State as soon as trains begin to run through. Our work in this place is under certain difficulties which will be hard to overcome. We are optimistic however as to the future; for people have attended our services lately who have not had the church-going habit heretofore.

Rev. J. F. Lawlis, our presiding elder, came down and held our first quarterly conference on the 18-20 inst. He preached us some good sermons. It is rather early in the season for these conferences; but in spite of this hindrance we had good report from all over the charge.

Support us with your prayers, brethren, while we do the work of our second year in the active work of the church.

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ner in which we have been received and we hope to do the best year's work of our life thus far. We have recently organized a good large auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. We have a fine League and a good Sunday School.

Pray for us. Yours,  
**A. E. HOLLOWAY.**

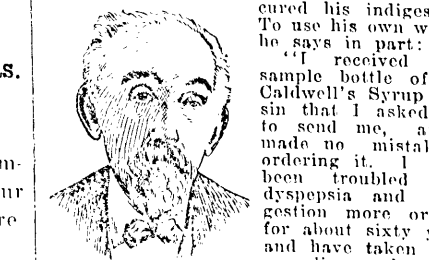
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## FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

## White River Conference.

The session of the White River Conference held at Jonesboro was one of the most harmonious and delightful in its history. The fellowship was sweet. The instructive and charming talks of Bishop Hendrix each morning on "Friendship," and his masterly sermon Sunday on "The Ideal Friendship," as seen between John the Baptist and Jesus, were greatly enjoyed. By a unanimous vote of the Conference and visitors he was requested to give them to the public in book form. Afterwards the request included his talks at the... Arkansas Conference... on "Shrunkon Ideals," and at Little Rock Conference on "The Men of Vision." We truly hope the good Bishop will comply with this request. Such a book will be read with much pleasure and great profit.

The hospitality of Jonesboro abounded. Every one who visited the Conference was provided with a good home. Dr. Z. T. Bennett, Rev. A. E. Skinner, both presiding elders, and myself were most delightfully entertained in the elegant home of Judge J. H. Carraway. He was away attending court at Osceola most of the time, but Sister Carraway and Paul, their bright little son, made our stay as pleasant as could be. Brother Skinner is returned the third year on the Batesville District. He has developed into one the best and most useful preachers of his conference. Dr. Bennett goes to the Helena District for his third year. He is perhaps the best informed man in his conference on the history of the church. He could write a good history of Methodism in Arkansas. His energy, knowledge and consecration make him a very useful man. The appointments seem to give general satisfaction.

## Reyno.

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the Frisco Railroad, I did some collecting and secured three new subscribers, viz.: L. Whittington, W. S. Johnston, and Joe A. Johnston. This is a very rich valley lying between the Black and Current rivers. Rev. J. F. Carter served this charge the past year and was very much loved. His return for another year would have been very pleasing to his entire circuit. Having loved Bro. Carter they will know how to treat Rev. Harry Behr, their new preacher. They are building a concrete school house.

## Biggers.

A few hours were spent in Biggers. Enjoyed a good dinner at the Idamay Hotel, run by Mrs. Harrison, daughter of Brother and Sister Biggers. Brother Martin, a most obliging layman was helpful in finding the old subscribers and securing several new ones. Our subs here are J. R. Later, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Thompson, J. R. Hill, S. C. Conner, Harry Hite Mrs. Laura Johnston, and Geo. Bigger. The town of Biggers is growing. They have a good school building, have bought a desirable lot, and will in the near future build a \$3,000.00 church.

## Success.

As the name indicates this town is a success. They have some good stores and are doing a fine business. The mills are cutting staves, handles, and lumber of a general character. W. D. Polk is president of three banks, Corning, Success and Reyno, and has large land interest. They are beginning to cut some large ditches, which will redeem much fine land. Bro. C. G. Johnson and family were especially kind to me, for which I am very grateful. His dear mother at Donithan, Mo., and daughter at Walnut Ridge were not expected to live long. His wife's brother Will was my guide and helper. He collected well from the old and secured one new subscriber, Mrs. R. A. Hathorne. Had a very good congregation and I hope profitable service.

## Pocahontus.

A day and night was spent at the good old town Pocahontus. This is a substantial town. The Roman Catholics have a strong hold here, but Methodism is well established and will continue to grow. We very much need a new \$10,000.00 church here.

Rev. E. N. Bickley is returned for a second year. His people seem glad to

have him back for another year. We had a very pleasant service prayer-meeting night. By Brother Bickley's aid we had good success in collecting from old and secured eight new subscribers to the Western Methodist, viz.: Miss Ina Carter, J. B. Dunn, J. W. Thomas, J. D. Wells, Sunday School superintendent, W. D. Ward, Mason Staey, Mrs. M. E. Hampp, and J. W. Bennett. Other readers of the Methodist are B. A. Brown, Mrs. Biggers, Mrs. E. S. Scooner, Prof. W. H. Phipps, Brother Miller, Mrs. N. G. Jones, Gideon Thompson, Wm. Deener, W. R. Russell, Mrs. Annie Martin, Miss Nola B. Martin, Rev. E. N. Bickley, and the Herald force. The Biggers Hotel is a good place for a way-worn traveler to refresh his body. After a three weeks absence home again with wife and boys, while Rupert is spending Christmas with his brother Clarence who is teaching one of the Vanderbilt Training Schools at Smith's Grove, Ky.

Looking back over the year, it has been one of the most laborious years of my life, and one of the most useful and happy. My health has been perfect, except a cold in the early part of the year. But have not lost a day nor an hour from affliction in person or family. For which I am profoundly thankful. I have added about 1575 new subscribers this year to the Western Methodist, over half of them in Oklahoma. To all the readers of the Western Methodist I extend a happy New Year's greeting, with the wish that 1909 will be our best and most useful year, which will make it our happiest.

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## Piedmont Charge.

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to keep garnering the sheaves throughout the year. We are praying for and expect to have the greatest year of our life. The outlook is promising indeed. Sunday morning we secured a contribution of \$70 for our "District Evangelists" work, and at night secured 75 per cent of our conference collections in good subscriptions. We are planning to extend the bounds of our work by organizing another class in the near future. We hope to be able to report "everything in full" and some extra at conference. More anon.

JAMES ARVIN, P. C.

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