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A Visit to Chicago University.

Being in Chicago for a few days recently it was a special pleasure to look through Chicago University. My conductor was Prof. O. B. Staples, who is there doing graduate work in the schools of psychology and education. He expects to continue in the institution till he takes his doctor's degree. He afforded me a good opportunity to understand the work of the university, and is entitled to my thanks.

The university occupies ground covering eight blocks. It borders on the old Midway Plaisance of the Chicago Fair grounds. Those fair grounds, which were practically out in the country fifteen years ago, when I saw a crowd of 725,000 people on them in one day, are now all built over by the city, a city which claims 2,500,000 people.

The buildings are all of the Tudor-Gothic style, built three stories, and of limestone. Many of them are yet to be added to as the university develops, as you may see by brick walls which close up certain places, the brick to be removed when the full plan of the building is filled out. All the permanent work, and that includes nearly all of the work done, looks like it had been done by the United States government, meant to stand till the trump of doom shall sound. I did not inquire the amount now invested in property, but it is a great sum. Our readers know that the assets of Chicago University amount to \$20,000,000. Mr. Rockefeller has recently given another million, which we were told is to provide a library building, and maybe some other buildings. At present there is no general library, each department having its library in its own building, the whole aggregation of books being very great, though found thus in different buildings. An ideal university is a place that deals with all knowledge. This is what Chicago University is attempting to do. It begins with the kindergarten and has practically no place to stop except at the limits of human knowledge, and it tugs away in all departments to widen these limits by original research of its own. It enters all fields of knowledge, endeavors to impart instruction in all, to teach all that is known in all, and to learn what is not yet known. You may start your child of three years of age into its work, and he may find work enough there to keep him at it till he has become a grey-headed man. Children of three years and men of sixty years are students there. There is no useful knowledge that it does not seek to impart. All the forces which make our great civilization are under the study of men of ability, who seek to discover the whole truth about them and to help other people to know the truth. I was from the South and am of the South. Had I any touch of green envy as I looked upon this great plant far up toward the line of Canada; worth almost if not quite as much in money as all the colleges and universities of the South are worth? Not a particle of it. On the contrary, contemplating it as an American citizen, as a member of the human race, and as a son of the Most High, I greatly rejoiced. It is one of the spots on this earth, made so dark by sin and ignorance, where God through the efforts of earnest men is knocking out the electric sparks of truth; it is one of the intellectual power-houses of the world. Therein I rejoiced, and will rejoice. If any man is small enough to despise me for it, the more is the

pity for him. Did I smell "tainted money?" Not a whiff of it. That is the cry of a malevolent demagogue. The negro had a better philosophy: "Taint yourn and taint mine; let's use it for some good purpose." O that we had a duplicate of this institution in the South! Our people have not the millions in money of the North; but we are growing richer every year, and we must in larger measure begin to consecrate our wealth. Our Vanderbilt needs millions right now. Our colleges in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and Epworth University need hundreds of thousands of dollars. Let the Southern man envy no man his richer opportunities, but let him do for himself and for his children as God has given him opportunity. The South is entered upon an era of vast development. She is destined to grow rich. We undertake to say that she will be rich intellectually. I pay no heed to the sneers of some Northern people about Southern illiteracy, indulged in by some smart Alex who comes South to "study" social problems, and goes home after a few weeks in some mountain region among "poor Southern whites" to tell his tale. For I know that if the negroes and the mountain whites are eliminated the average of intelligence in the South will not suffer by comparison with the average in the North, and the average of all that goes to make a gentle and refined human nature will excel the average of the North. The high instincts that lead to culture are in our Southern people, and they will lead us forward.

But is not Chicago University a hotbed of heresy? In answering this question we beg the reader to consider that you may put down some several hundred able and true men who attend without ostentation to their work, with moral earnestness, and then get two or three cranks in among them, bright fellows, who love to shock the nerves of people, who "play to the galleries" with their learning—and with some things that are not learning—and the world will likely hear more from the two or three than it hears from the several hundred; it is the business of the former to make a noise, of the latter to do the abiding work of their age. This is really the situation at Chicago University. It was told that there is one atheist in the teaching force, kept there, not to teach atheism, to be sure, but because of his special fitness in his line. And then there is Prof. Foster, whose book on the Finality(?) of the Christian Religion we reviewed in these columns two or three years ago, a book which is a living, palpitating outrage, written apparently to startle somebody. I would not put such fellows in the faculty of a church institution, just as I would not put an atheist or an infidel in a Christian pulpit. Perhaps I would not put them in any faculty. And yet such men are not wholly useless in the field of thought; they at least compel other men to make sure of their ground—not a bad thing to do;—and in a great university where the whole field of human thought is to be covered something like a free forum must be the rule. If the two or three hundred can not take care of the truth against the two or three fellows who want to run away with the theological wagon, then we are, after all, in a bad way. It is, moreover, a question largely of whether these errant men are put to teach immature youth, and a question of their own utter sincerity. If they are warped they

should not be suffered to put their hands upon boys; if they are not sincere, they should not be employed to teach at all.

The general spirit, the predominating spirit, that prevails in Chicago University, is that of the love of truth, a spirit which faces truth patiently and fearlessly, unhampered by prejudice, unfettered by tradition. I like this; it is the only attitude a university of any true sort can hold. Tradition does doubtless have its uses, but no true use of it ever can bind the minds of men against fearless, honest and reverent investigation. Nor is the faith once delivered to the saints in such danger that it needs the armor plate of the cast-iron dogmatism which makes the tradition of some people. We cry out against the traditionalism of the Pharisee of old—which murdered Christ: we rush wrathfully upon any man who dares to abandon the traditions of our own elders! Tradition is matter of authority, the authority of men, of great names, in support of certain propositions. Such authority is a good guide, but woe to human progress if it must be made master. Treat it reverently, if you will, but come to your truth with a serene and an open and fearless mind, for all that. For any otherwise your truth will not become yours at all, except as broken, refracted truth; your traditionalism will compromise your sincerity, will make of you what it made of the Pharisee, a hypocrite.

Assembled at supper—dinner, in the North—at the Men's Commons, I saw together about one hundred members of the faculty. They were a fine body, headed by Dr. Judson. I was surprised at the youthful appearance of a number of them. But they are not to be blamed for being young rather to be praised for having attained eminence in early life. There are about 300 members of the faculty, teaching about 3,000 students.

We wish the institution mighty well. It is a light that shines both for the North and for the South, an incentive to all high endeavor.

JAS. A. A.

Worth Looking After.

Negotiations are pending for a renewal of the treaty between the United States and Russia. It is a good time for all Christian citizens to call upon our Senators to see to it that the dignity of our American citizenship is more clearly held up in Russia. Russia is just about the one country in the world, for instance, in which full liberty of action is not given our missionaries. The bigotry of the Russian State Church, the Greek Church, greatly hampers their freedom. It ought to be recognized throughout the world, and is recognized almost everywhere except in Russia, that any man has a right freely to tell any other man anything which he sincerely believes will be for the uplift of the other man, barring only such teaching as the common sense of mankind has pronounced vicious or immoral. This is a natural right. American citizens are entitled to exercise it anywhere on earth. It is precisely upon this principle that our treaties provide for freedom of teaching on the part of our missionaries in all foreign countries. It should be demanded in Russia.

The world, the busy, bustling world, is looking to the pulpit for instructions in moral ethics. Will the pulpit to its duty?

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Notes and Personals

Rev. A. M. Shaw is holding special services at Warren. Large crowds of interested hearers are attending. Prospects good for a gracious meeting.

Rev. C. C. Green reports real progress at Thornton. Two new Sunday Schools have been organized and the outlook for a successful year is flattering.

Rev. W. B. Wolf reports a great meeting at Yellville. Over fifty conversions are reported to date. The country for miles around is stirred and the meeting goes on.

Mr. Ed Hamilton, of Wynne, Ark., requests us to say for him that the District Laymen's Meeting advertised for Forrest City has been postponed indefinitely. Let all concerned take due notice.

We regret to know of the death of one of our good women at Mangum, Okla., Mrs. Susan Gilliland, whose death is specially mourned by the Woman's Home Mission Society of that place. She died on Feb. 4th.

Last Sunday while his own pulpit was occupied by the presiding elder and assistant pastor Dr. T. E. Sharp of First church accompanied Rev. Jas. Thomas to Camden and presented the cause of higher education. He had a good hearing and a pleasant time.

Our columns are still badly crowded and several important articles will have to be carried over to a future date. We are sorry to be compelled to do this but we appreciate the liberal manner in which our space has been used recently by the brethren and sisters of our patronizing territory.

Rev. J. M. Mason, D.D., one of the most honored and useful members of the Alabama Conference, died suddenly in Opelika, Ala., on the 3rd inst. He was an honored member of the last four General Conferences, usually chairman of the committee on rules. He was also chairman of the educational commission of the two conferences in Alabama.

Mr. A. Trieschmann, Conference Lay Leader, was in our city last week conferring with the District Leader and the Presiding Elder about the Little Rock District Laymen's meeting to be held in Little Rock March 7. Dr. W. R. Lambuth will be present and will speak at First church in the morning and at Asbury at night. A conference will be held at Winfield at 3 p. m. Representatives from each charge are urged to attend.

While in Chicago recently we spent an hour with our old friend Mr. E. B. Peirce, General Attorney of the Rock Island railway. Our Van Buren people and our Little Rock people

all remember him with much appreciation. He is doing exceedingly well in his Northern home, lives out some twenty-five miles from the city, and is leading the simple and somewhat strenuous life, is the picture of good health, as he says his good wife and his children also are. We are indebted to him for courtesies.

Many of our readers in and around Pine Bluff and many who were formerly students of the University of Arkansas will be glad to be told that Mr. M. L. Bell is succeeding admirably in Chicago. He is attorney of the Rock Island road for the city of Chicago, and has a high rating as a lawyer and a man of ability. He has a most excellent wife, whom he found in that city, and two bright little boys. On a recent visit there by this editor he showed all manner of courtesy and rendered very valuable service.

For the first time in many months the Western Methodist is beginning to carry something like its due share of advertising. The editors and managers have simply been too busy to look after this department, but a little special effort has increased it. The advertising account of a religious weekly is never nearly so remunerative as that of the average secular paper, but such as it is it enables us to keep the price of the paper within the reach of the people. We never advertise anything or anybody that we do not believe to be square, but of course we do not guarantee anything, except our own good faith in the premises.

A day spent in St. Louis recently gave the opportunity of nestling down for several hours in the home of Rev. P. C. Fletcher. He is busy, of course. The old First Church has caught his swing, and everything is getting in order. The city of St. Louis has found out he is there. We had also several most enjoyable hours with Rev. W. F. Andrews, of Centenary Church, the heaviest pastorate in Southern Methodism. He and his family are happy in their great work, and old Centenary is moving on. As was the duty of an editor, as well as a pleasure to this one in particular, we called on the bachelor editor of Southern Methodism, Dr. Palmore, who is in his new quarters, and excellent quarters they are, affording residence room for the editors of the St. Louis Advocate. Dr. Woods and his family being absent in Florida, we could not forbear making this bachelor editor one suggestion, the purport of which we may leave the reader to guess.

The Introductory Club Rate of \$1.00.

We are obliged to certain brethren who are already moving in the matter of taking advantage of the March Introductory Club Rate of \$1.00 for the Western Methodist for one year. But some are already beginning to ask us to break over the rules governing the case. It will save considerable correspondence if the rules are adhered to. They are as follows:

1st. There must be ten names sent and ten dollars sent. Do not ask us to charge anything to anybody. It is strictly a cash proposition. The reasons for this rule are that we make nothing on the deal; that we cannot undertake to keep check on all the separate clubs brethren may send in so as to see that the full club of ten have been sent; that if we should start into a club of ten, one name at a time being sent in, we should have great confusion if the club were not completed, for in that case we should have to charge the usual price of the paper. All this confusion can be avoided if the ten names and the ten dollars are sent in at one time. There is a whole

month in which to do it, and we believe that any preacher who really tries can get up the club of ten.

2nd. The rate is strictly an introductory rate, applies only to new subscribers, and cannot be given for more than one year. We earnestly request that all our pastors make this plain, else we shall have trouble when the time comes to renew.

3rd. All such orders must be in before the end of March. We give a month because this will allow every pastor to make a full round of his charge, if he be on a circuit.

We ought to get fully two thousand subscribers on this offer; it is the most liberal offer the Western Methodist ever made. It affords a splendid opportunity for the brethren to test the contention that they could do business if the paper were run at a dollar a year. It is also a splendid opportunity for every preacher to secure the help of the paper in every family in his charge.

The foregoing must not be understood as preventing the sending of additional names after the club of ten has been finished. When a pastor has secured one club of ten he may then follow it up with as many additional names as he can secure at the reduced rate. The idea is he must not send less than ten names nor less than ten dollars.

Defeat of Commission of Inquiry a Temperance Victory.

The defeat in Committee of the bill to appoint a commission of Congressmen to investigate the liquor traffic was a decisive temperance victory. The Anti-Saloon League has been quietly opposing this bill during the whole session, though it was favored by some temperance people who had not learned that the appointment of such a commission though an apparent concession to temperance sentiment, was to be used for an excuse for delaying inter-state shipment and other temperance legislation until it reported, and that the provision that any member of the commission whose term in Congress expired should be continued at full Congressional pay, afforded an excellent means of taking care of members who had been defeated for re-election or renomination to the House for refusing to report the inter-state shipment bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Two Heroes.

Last June when the Anti-Race-track bill was pending in the Senate of the State of New York, Senator Otto G. Foelker, at the risk of his life, was carried from his sick-bed to vote for the bill. A few weeks ago when the State-wide bill was pending in the legislature of Tennessee the senator from Perry county left the bed of his dying father to vote for that bill. It is said that he was in his seat with a drawn face, sad, pensive, resolute, while they were burying his father. Here is heroism as true as ever men showed. It is a falsehood that men will not do things for righteousness' sake. It is also false that men who do great things never get their reward in this world; for Mr. Foelker has been sent to Congress by an admiring constituency. Tennessee owes her heroic senator something, and will pay it!

Prodding the Brethren.

Rev. Dr. L. W. Moore, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, uses a trenchant pen. He is bright and witty and always hits the mark straight. In last week's paper he prodded the pastors of his conference in the following sensible paragraph:

"All this talk about the INABILITY of the church in certain conferences to support a church paper is the veriest nonsense. A town

of ten thousand inhabitants can support a daily paper creditably; this ten thousand too counts in all the illiterates and the children who are too young to read. A conference of ten or twenty thousand able-bodied Methodists can support a weekly, if they will half try. They will try if the preachers push the circulation of the paper as the Discipline directs.

"This is a patient proposition to us because of what the Florida Conference is doing at the present. Since our connection with the paper almost six months ago, we have heard but one note sounded on a minor key in this matter. A member of a certain charge sent in his subscription and wrote us that he was sure the paper could not succeed if the pastors did not push its claims, and that his pastor had spoken but one time on the subject of the church paper in his hearing, and had never tried to secure a subscriber so far as he knew. With this kind of support no paper could succeed, if it were the only one in universal Methodism. That is the only preacher in the conference of whom we have heard such a report. We hope it will be the last and that he will repent and do better.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

A Correction.

You make me say in my field note "We had a good sermon at Malvern." It should be a good service.
D. J. WEEMS.

Galloway College Notes.

The last week or two have brought us some interesting visitors.

Miss Bettie Sue Rives of the violin class of '08, visited her sister and treated the faculty and pupils to some of her exquisite music which will long be remembered by those so fortunate as to hear her.

Miss Lillian Anderson of the class of '05, was a week end guest of some of the girls.

We are very grateful for the fine letter written in the last issue of the Western Methodist from "An Appreciative Mother."

Miss Susie McKinnon, our Science teacher, spent two days in Little Rock the guest of Mrs. A. C. Millar.
REPORTER.

Oh Mother!

In pain thou gavest me birth. In my infant days I laid upon thy lap the helpless object of thy ceaseless care. Thou laidest me down to go about 1,000 other tasks but to return at my vain cry to cover my cheek with kisses, to sing some sweet song and lull me into slumber. If my baby feet stumbled I fell into thy arms. When I fell asleep my last vision was thy watchful eye, the last sound the soft whispers of thy prayer. When I awaked thy face clothed in radiant beauty, beaming smiling, glowing, greeted me, a rush of love words leaped from thy heart while thy arms folded me to thy bosom.

Days, weeks, months, years! Ever watching, ever toiling, ever loving mother! Thy eyes never wearied, thy arms never failed. Other children came. Somehow thou didst find time for all. But lo, a hundred, yea a thousand, yea more sat at thy feet. Each one found a place in thy heart. Yet thy love waned not rather grew, glowed, lit by eternal fires. With all thou never didst forget me. Had I a burden? it was twice thine. Did my cup fill with sorrow? thou drankest it to the dregs. Did my feet slip and I fall into sin? never so deep but that thy arms reached all the way.

Consciously thou hast blessed thousands. Unconsciously the stream from thy heart brushes untold shores bringing life and joy.

The secret? A soul—pure, cultured, strengthened, filled with all the fulness of God—a great soul.

Now thy body—worn, broken—rests. Thy spirit—clothed with righteousness, covered with the trophies of victory, crowned with the glories of heaven—shines among God's great immortals as the stars forever and ever. Oh my mother, my mother!

SIDNEY H. BABCOCK.

An Arkansas Boy Commended.

The following correspondence is interesting because Mr. Mason E. Mitchell is a Conway boy and a Hendrix College student. After serving in the U. S. Navy for about seven years he located in Panama and engaged in banking. It is gratifying to know that he represents the Master's cause so well.

Culebra, C. Z., January 2, 1909.

Mr. Mason E. Mitchell, Station "A," Ancon, Canal Zone.

My Dear Mr. Mitchell: In behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association on the Canal Zone, I wish to extend to you hearty thanks for your personal interest and co-operation in our work for the American Sailors during their recent visit to Panama. I do not hesitate to say that the success that was achieved in this work would not have been possible except for your untiring efforts and wise council. Not only did you devote your time and energy to this enterprise after it was started but you were the FIRST to suggest to the Y. M. C. A., the possibility of this work during the visit of the Pacific Fleet.

I enclose herewith a copy of Admiral Swinburne's letter relative to that work and wish you to feel that a large portion of the appreciation expressed in Admiral Swinburne's letter is accredited to you personally.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

A. BRICE MINEAR,
General Secretary.

Office of Commander in Chief United States Pacific Fleet, U. S. S. West Virginia, Flagship.

Panama, R. do P., December 22, 1908.

The Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Panama, Panama.

Dear Sir: Before the Squadron's departure from this port, I desire to extend to you, and through you to the members of the Y. M. C. A., my most hearty thanks for the kind and generous welcome extended to the officers and men upon our arrival, and for the many favors and courtesies extended throughout our visit.

It is indeed gratifying to all, that the Y. M. C. A. made such thorough preparations for the entertainment of the enlisted men and provided so nicely for their comfort and welfare. This has indeed made our stay a pleasant one and has added greatly to the men's contentment; and, in addition, the facilities offered our squadron's patrol on shore has greatly expedited the official work and enabled me to allow the men on shore under the most favorable conditions.

Again thanking you, and with the heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for your societies' continued success, I am, Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. T. SWINBURNE,

Rear Admiral U. S. Navy, Commander-in-Chief United States Pacific Fleet.

Oklahoma Letter.

The announcement of district conferences remind one that the year is passing away. How rapidly the years go by, we feel sometimes, that it is even a rush, to the end. I often ask, "Is it that time passes more swiftly, or is it that duties accumulate as I grow older?"

So far as we can hear the health of our ministers has been good all winter, and they have been faithful in the work committed to them. The revival spirit starts with encouraging signs. Many helpful meetings have been held and many have been converted and added to the church. Our only school, Ep-

worth University, is in the midst of a very successful year, the attendance all that we can well provide for, the discipline and organization better than at any other time of the school's history, and it is thought that better work is being done than at any time. Dr. Crowell is a strong man and the man for the place he occupies, while other members of the faculty add strength that has been needed. Architects have been employed, and plans will be adopted the first of March, and work will begin on the new hall.

The evangelistic meeting now being held in the city of Tulsa is stirring public sentiment as never in the history of the town. Dr. Bulgin has been unable much of the time to do the preaching, but Rev. J. R. Abernathy, our pastor at Guthrie, has filled the pulpit and the meeting has gone on. Only the best reports reach us of this meeting.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey is doing a splendid work at McAlester. He is providing for the heavy debt on the parsonage, and along other lines, leading that important charge to larger service.

Rev. T. P. Turner is having a most successful year at Pauls Valley. The work is, perhaps, in the best condition in the history of the church. Turner is given to succeeding.

Wynnewood sends out only the best reports, a mutual appreciation of pastor and people. The people are much pleased with the high grade of sermons given them by Bro. Waller.

Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker will be absent from his charge several months during the summer, but he has provided well for the pulpit. During his absence Rev. Dr. Collins Denney will supply, and bespeak for the great congregation at St. Luke's a great treat.

Rev. W. T. Freeman, P. E., is closing his term of four years on the Ardmore District, and perhaps no man in the conference is more highly appreciated. He has been faithful and shared the hardships with his brethren, and will go out with the love of all.

Rev. W. P. Pipkin is holding a meeting at Afton, with prospects of success. Here is a faithful man with a number of faithful members, may they have the desire of their hearts.

We find ourselves much embarrassed by the action of the last session of conference, touching our Woman's College. Propositions have to be turned down, and we will have to await the next session. It should have been given into the hands of the board of trustees, and board of education. We have the plans and opportunity for the greatest Woman's College in the Southwest, and we believe we shall yet succeed.

Okmulgee, 1st Church, will begin the erection of a \$25,000 new church about May the first. Plans have been drawn, the building committee is composed of about twenty of the leading business-men of the city, and we feel sure we shall build here, a temple that will honor our cause and meet the demands of the congregation for many years. W. J. SIMS.

Death of Mrs. J. M. Thrasher.

Please say through the Western Methodist that Sister J. M. Thrasher, wife of the Rev. J. M. Thrasher, died in great peace at her home in Alicia, Ark., on February 13, and was buried at Strangers Home the following day in the presence of a host of sorrowing friends. Bro. Thrasher will have the sympathy of all in his dark hour. An obituary will follow soon.

W. D. ELLIS.

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

Arkansas' Need is High Schools.

The establishment of high schools throughout the State is one of the greatest educational needs of Arkansas, in the opinion of Dr. Wallace Buttrick, secretary of the General Education Board, and this is the principal object of the board in creating the position of professor of secondary education in this State. Dr. Buttrick declares that he regards the acceptance of this position by Prof. B. W. Torreyson, superintendent of the Little Rock public schools, as an event of the greatest importance to the educational interests of Arkansas and he bases this opinion upon the results which have been accomplished in other Southern States through similar agencies.

Prof. Torreyson, when he takes up the duties of his new position, will be a member of the faculty of the University of Arkansas, but will have his headquarters in Little Rock and will work in harmony with the State department of public instruction. His salary and expenses incident to his work will be paid by the General Education Board and he will receive such aid in his work as can be furnished by the board.

When the General Education Board was organized to administer the trust funds donated by John D. Rockefeller and others for the purpose of promoting education, the first work undertaken by the agents of the board was a thorough investigation of educational conditions of the South, with a view to determining how the efforts of the board could be best directed to improve these conditions. One of the results of this investigation was a conviction that one of the special educational needs of the South was an efficient system of public high schools. It was found that the cities of the South maintained excellent high schools from one to three high school grades had been added, but that for its population the South had a limited number of standard public high schools.

"The board decided that it could best promote the founding of high schools by co-operating with the State universities," Dr. Buttrick said. "It therefore made appropriations to several State universities to cover the salaries and traveling expenses of professors of secondary education. The principal duties of this official are to ascertain where the conditions are favorable for the establishment of public high schools not now in existence; to visit such places and endeavor to organize public high schools in accordance with the laws of the State, to endeavor to create in these communities a public sentiment that shall permanently sustain such high schools and to endeavor to place the high schools under such local leadership that will give them intelligent and wise direction. After the organization of the high schools, this official and the State university are expected to exercise a fostering care over such institutions."

This work was begun in Virginia and has been extended through North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and most of the other Southern States. The board has been prevented from undertaking this work in Arkansas only by peculiar conditions existing here.

Since the work was begun hundreds of high schools have been established in the South. In Virginia, where the work was first begun, the professor of secondary education has been able to secure the enactment of legislation which has enabled him to accomplish remarkable results. He secured the passage of a law making and appropriation of \$150,000 to be distributed among such communities, having less than 1,000 population, as should comply with the conditions with reference to the establishment of high schools. The communities receiving aid from this State fund were required to provide additional funds, either by subscription or by taxation, for the support of the high schools. With the aid of the State appropriation. Similar results have been obtained of the work in Georgia has succeeded in securing local aid, either through subscriptions or taxation amounting to more than \$2,000,000, and has aided in establishing more than 200 high schools in the State during the past three years.

North Carolina was the next State in which this work was taken up, and within two years 140 new high schools have been established in that State. In South Carolina the professor of secondary education has had equal success, having secured a State appropriation and established many high schools by raising local funds to be used in connection with the State appropriation. Similar results have been ob-

tained in Alabama, Tennessee and one or two other Southern States. In Georgia difficulties were encountered on account of a constitutional provision which prevented the making of a State appropriation to aid the work, but in spite of these difficulties much progress has been made in that State, according to Dr. Buttrick.

The various officials make monthly reports to the General Education Board, and these reports are manifolded, bound together and sent to all the professors of secondary education, the president of the universities and the members of the board. These reports permit every official to know just what is being done in other States.

The small number of efficient high schools in Arkansas has been chiefly responsible for the retention of the preparatory department of the State University, which has been under fire for several years. The announced policy of the university authorities has been to discontinue this department whenever the State is supplied with sufficient high schools to prepare students for entrance into the university, but under present conditions, it has been maintained, that the preparatory department has been necessary.

If the results which are expected are accomplished through the efforts of Prof. Torreyson, the necessity for the maintenance of the preparatory department will be removed.

Dr. Buttrick emphasized the idea that in establishing all these new high schools throughout the South, the people themselves have done the work and have supplied most of the money. "The board does not claim credit for these results," he declared. "We have simply pointed the way and furnished the necessary money to start the work. To the people of the several States is due the credit for accomplishing the results which have been obtained."

The establishment of high schools is only one of three primary objects of the General Education Board. Another line of work undertaken is the promotion of a comprehensive system of higher education in the United States. This work was made possible by the second gift of Mr. Rockefeller of \$10,000,000, which the donor stipulated should be used for that purpose.

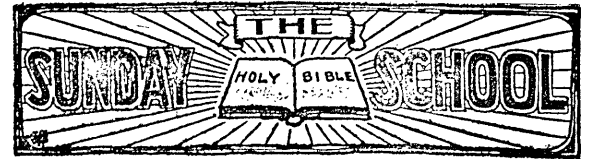
The board had already made a study of the colleges of the South, and it then proceeded to make a similar study of all the institutions in other parts of the United States. After making this investigation, the board, according to Dr. Buttrick, adopted the general policy of co-operating with the religious denominations, choosing the centers of wealth and population as the permanent pivots of an educational system, and massing its funds on endowments securing the largest possible local co-operation.

The gift of \$75,000 toward the endowment of Hendrix College furnishes an example of the methods which have been adopted by the board in aiding colleges. The board employs a force of experts, who are making a continuous and systematic investigation of educational conditions in every State in the Union. The board has a complete report on all educational institutions in Arkansas, as well as the other States, and only those institutions which measure up to required standard and can meet the conditions imposed by the board can receive aid. Only a few conditions are attached to the gifts of the board, but they must be met. One of these conditions is that the institution receiving the gift is entirely free from debt. The donation is generally made, as in the case of Hendrix College, conditional upon the raising of other funds, but this is done to encourage local co-operation and the conditions are made as easy as possible.

The board has adopted the policy of aiding the colleges which are located at the centers of population, and Dr. Buttrick indicated that if there were a denominational college located at Little Rock it would receive liberal aid from the board, if it came up to the required standards. He regards it as extremely unfortunate that none of the denominational colleges of the State are located in this city.—Arkansas Gazette.

The Southern Methodist Handbook.

The Southern Methodist Handbook for 1909 will be out in a few days. The editor in preparing the Handbook has striven to carry out the motto, "The best yet." Send all orders to Smith & Iamar, Nashville, Tenn. Fraternally,
THOS. N. IVEY, Editor.



Prepared by Rev. George McGlumphy, Ph. D.
March 7. Philip and the Ethiopian. Acts 8:26-40.

Golden Text: "Ye search the Scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life: and these are they which bear witness of me." John 5:39. (Revised Version).

Locating the Lesson.

Time—Some date between A. D. 33 to 36. Places—Gaza, a city near the coast some fifty miles southwest of Jerusalem; Azotus, the old Ashdod, about twenty miles north of Gaza; Caesarea, the chief city of Palestine, where the Roman procurator resided, about fifty-five miles northwest of Jerusalem; the unnamed cities of the coast plain where Philip preached. Ethiopia, a nation lying south of Egypt. Persons—Philip the evangelist, not the apostle of that name; the eunuch, likely a "proselyte of the gate;" Candace, an official title, not a personal name. Parallel Passage—None.

Introduction.

The common name of the book we are studying is misleading for it is not a history of the acts of the apostles in any true sense. Some one has suggested as a truer name, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit;" or to state it more fully, The Fulfillment of the Great Commission in the Power and under the Leadership of the Holy Spirit. This fundamental idea comes out strongly in our present lesson, and should be the prominent teaching in every class. Do not allow minor questions, such as geography, mode of baptism and the like "sidetrack" the real central truth.

I. The Divine Generalship.

1. God did not simply issue to his disciples the "Great Marching Orders," "to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature," and then leave the planning of the campaign to the mere judgment of men and the ordering of circumstances. While the disciples do not become mere machines in the hands of God, yet the Spirit does personally lead and order the "far flung battle line."

2. This leadership was and is exercised in two opposite ways, to-wit (1) A Sending Forward, and (2) A Holding Back. Both of these have place in the early church. The Macedonian call of Acts 16:9-12 is a noted example of the first, while the Divine prevention of Paul's attempted mission to Asia and Bithynia, Acts 16:6, 7, illustrates the second. Modern missionary history is full of interesting examples of this double leadership. Consult Gordon's "The Holy Spirit in Missions," Lecture III.

3. The mode of the Spirit's communication of his will to the church is of secondary importance. In the early days it was by vision as in Acts 10:10-16, by an angel—possibly a form of vision—as in Acts 8:26, by an inward voice as in Acts 8:29, by the providential ordering of circumstances as in Acts 8:3, 4, and possibly other ways. There is no record of the use of the "sacred lot" to determine the will of the Lord after Pentecost.

II. The Spirit-Led Evangelist.

1. The receiving of the mission to far away Gaza is proof that Philip was in touch with God. His ear was attuned to the Divine voice. Heaven is flashing its "wireless messages" continually out upon the church but only one here and there is so in accord with the Spirit's will and purpose as to catch and rightly interpret the messages. Sin in the life deadens the ear, and slothfulness sleeps over the "receiver."

The prompt and unquestioning obedience in spite of several "good excuses" bears high testimony to Philip. He was in the midst of a wonderful revival in Samaria and, humanly speaking, couldn't leave. The journey down to the region of Gaza was sure to be long and hard to one on foot. He was to go alone, for no fellow-worker went with him. Hardest of all, it was a deserted place to which he was or-

dered and he was to go not knowing why he was going. In spite of all these things are those five words, "And he arose and went." No wonder such a man took Samaria by storm.

III. The Spirit-Led Seeker.

1. The scattering of the Jews throughout the world sent some of them far down into Ethiopia. A high official in the royal court comes into contact with the religion of Israel. He is attracted by the loftiness of its thought and the purity of its life, and above all the Messianic hope of a golden universal future. Maimed in body yet strong in soul he accepts the new faith and begins a diligent study of its sacred books. Zion bulks large in the Old Testament and soon an intense longing to gaze upon the Holy City "whither the tribes go up," takes possession of him. It is a long, weary and expensive journey, but nevertheless "he arose and went."

2. What the eunuch's feelings were on seeing Jerusalem we are not told. Possibly as he looked upon the temple courts filled with robbery under the guise of merchandise, and heard the all too true stories of priestly intrigue, like Luther on his famous visit to Rome, he was terribly disillusioned. Perhaps he heard the garbled story of Jesus of Nazareth from the lips of his enemies. Sadly and thoughtfully he returns homeward turning again to that marvelous book of Isaiah. He is reading that wonderful fifty-third chapter. How unconsciously yet how truly the Spirit is leading the heart-hungry Ethiopian!

III. The Divinely Ordered Meeting.

1. The Spirit's purpose was all plain to Philip when he heard the eunuch reading the familiar words of the prophet, and he eagerly seized the opportunity and was soon expounding the Scripture and showing how it was all fulfilled in Jesus, proving him the Christ. The seeking soul drank in the words of life, finding there in the desert the fountain of living water. Philip forgot all about Samaria and the weariness of the journey as he admitted the Ethiopian treasurer into the church.

Thoughts.

1. Philip didn't say, "Lord send some one else to do this piece of 'desert' work, I am a 'station man'."
2. Thousands are like the eunuch in not understanding what they read, but few are as honest as he to confess it.
3. God never sends his messengers on a "fool's errand." He works at both ends of the line.
4. Wherever there is an honest soul diligently seeking the light God always sees to it that that soul gets the light.
5. The Scriptures of the early church were the Old Testament, yet some moderns presume to discount them.
6. "The Ethiopian treasurer was a model scholar. He was eager to read the word of God, eager to have it explained to him, and eager to heed what he had learned."
7. The Spirit still speaks directly to the listening ear, but we must be on our guard lest we mistake the call of our own desires for the voice of God. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God." 1 John 4: 1.

Sunday School Notes.

By W. J. Moore, Chairman.

The Children's Day Programs.

We are glad to announce that, by the time these lines are read by you in this paper, the Children's Day programs will be off the press. This is good news to you and to all the S. S. people. We need have no delays this year; and we truly hope that the pastor and the superintendent of each of the 450 Sunday Schools in the Oklahoma Conference will now begin to plan a great day for May 16, 1909. We owe it to the children—we owe it to the cause.

The church building at Sayre is one of the

most conveniently arranged for Sunday school work that we have seen. Separate rooms for classes are provided, and nearly all open into the main auditorium. It is a means of grace to us to find, even occasionally, a church building adapted to the needs of the Sunday school.

"When you ring the dinner bell, be sure you have something on the table." You would soon quit a boarding house that set before you only water and tooth-picks. These are needed, but do not satisfy the hungry man. Teachers, when the young, hungry hearts come to you on Sunday morning, be sure that you are ready to give them something worth while.

A Two-Fold Revival Needed.

The revival of which we speak is that of Bible study and church attendance. We call the Sunday school a Bible school, and yet not one in ten, including the teachers, has his Bible in hand at the Sunday school. The various excellent helps were not intended to hinder; but they have largely eliminated the Bible from its place in the Sunday school. It has become a magazine school instead. The teachers must lead the way—set the example—and then urge every student who can read to bring his Bible. We thereby honor God's word, as in days of old when "Ezra (the Supt.) opened the book in the sight of all the people * * * all the people stood up." Neh. 8:5.

The other phase of this revival is church attendance on the part of our Sunday school people. Why do we not hold the children for the church service? About three or four reasons obtain: 1. The superintendent and teacher have made the S. S. hour dull and uninteresting, and our boys and girls say at its close, "I want no more of this."

2. The superintendent and teacher do not extend anything like a cordial invitation to remain. Often nothing is said to them about it. 3. The pastor then conducts his service without any reference to the young people. The preacher who is really trying to get and hold his young people ought to arrange the songs and the reading of the Scriptures so that these young folks can take part. Don't go in a gallop when you come to the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's prayer. The children cannot keep up. Be sure to have at least one song that they can sing, more if you can. Stop long enough in your prayer to remember the children specifically. Simplify the sermon—weave in a nice, appropriate story—don't preach too long. My word for it, the young people will then stay to hear you. Try it. Write me.

The presiding elders are, in the main, attending our Institutes in their respective districts. That is well, for it gives the sanction of the chief pastor; and his presence and participation gives dignity to these occasions. We trust every P. E. will try to be with us at one or more of these Institutes. We are advertising them so far in advance that nearly all can arrange to attend.

"Not Enough Time."

We are frequently asked if one hour is long enough for the Sunday school service. The complaint is, "Not enough time." We answer, Yes it is long enough viewing it from either of two standpoints.

1. If the superintendent has not his program fully in hand, not ready to put snap and vim into every portion of it, and if the teachers come poorly prepared to teach, then one hour is too long to spend in such a service.

2. But if the superintendent and every teacher comes with his heart aglow with enthusiasm for the work in hand, and ready with every detail of the program, and the lesson well prepared, as much, yea more, can be taught as can be emphasized by the teacher or remembered by the pupil. A great weakness of our teaching is that we try to teach too many things.

You get through the S. S. hour in due time, without tiring the young people. They will feel more inclined then to remain for church service. Yes, I think one hour, well spent, is long enough. If not, too long.

The Chairman's Dates.

Oklahoma City District—Purcell, March 2 and 3; Shawnee, March 5-7.

Ada District—Holdenville, March 12-14; Ada, March 16-17; Sulphur, March 19-21.

Other Institute dates will be arranged when we know the dates for the district conferences.

Lawton, Okla.

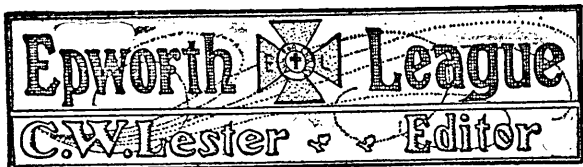
An Inter-State Liquor Shipment Law to be Passed.

The eight year's fight of the Anti-Saloon League to protect the States against nullification of their State and local prohibition laws under the guise of inter-state commerce, is about to receive recognition. Assurances were given the temperance people of Speaker Cannon's District last fall that if he was re-elected some measure would be passed. The leaders in Congress have now decided to incorporate such provision in the "revision of laws" (penal code) and for that purpose have determined upon the Knox bill which was introduced in the House by Mr. Miller of Kansas. This measure, while some help, does not go far enough, and the introduction of a new bill by Mr. Langley of Kentucky was for the purpose of serving notice that the Anti-Saloon League will not stop short of complete relief and will continue the fight. However, as evidence of good faith pursuant to the League policy to accept anything which is an advance, no matter how slight, the League has advised its friends in Congress to support this measure and advises the temperance people of the country to encourage them in so doing.

The Knox bill, which is now slated for passage, prohibits C. O. D. shipments or delivery to fictitious consignees and requires packages of liquor to be plainly marked to show the contents. It will be apparent that while this does not go to the root of the matter, it is a concession of the principle contended for, and when shown to be inadequate, will facilitate further action. The Littlefield bill made liquor subject to State laws immediately upon crossing the boundary and was objected to on the ground that it was an attempted delegation of Congressional power and therefore unconstitutional. The Anti-Saloon League bill, introduced by Mr. Langley, provides for direct Congressional prohibition of inter-state liquor shipments into States, etc., where shipment or transportation of same is illegal, or to the same State, etc., thus protecting both prohibition States and "dry" territory in local option States, and at the same time avoiding both the constitutional argument and the objection against Federal action before the States have exhausted their own powers.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON,

Acting Legislative Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of America.
Feb. 4, 1909.



Weekly Devotional Meeting.

Topic for February 28—Shepherds and Hirelings. John 10:1-16; Matt. 8:11-13.

Scripture Points for Emphasis.

John 10:1-16. Three sorts of people are described in relation to the sheep: robbers, hirelings, shepherds. The robber is an open enemy, the hireling is a treacherous servant, the shepherd is an unfailing friend.

The shepherd leads. Sheep can be driven; but only one whom they trust can lead them.

Jesus Christ is the Supreme Shepherd. No under shepherd can rightly lead the flock unless he is himself following Christ.

The business of Jesus in the world is to make it a better place to live in by transforming the lives of men. He is the door to larger, better, fuller life.

It is no special virtue in a shepherd that he gives his life for the sheep. That belongs to his calling. The man who says, "I'm not paid for that," tells the truth. No man is paid for sacrifice. But he who says it, by the very saying confesses himself a hireling.

Any selfish coward can be a shepherd when there is no danger. Any poltroon can be a soldier in time of peace. The wolf proves the shepherd, as the battle proves the soldier. Anybody can do the pleasant duties of the Christian life. The call of difficult tasks, or the coming of undesirable duties, proves what sort of Christian you are. Do you stand, or do you run?

It is good to be sure that our Lord knows us, as we know him, personally. The twenty-seven bishops, or head shepherds—for that is their business as "chief pastors"—of the Methodist Episcopal Church, cannot possibly know intimately, or even slightly, all the members of their great flock. No one of them could know even one twenty-seventh of the church's membership. But Jesus says, "I know my sheep."

The fold of Christ is beautifully inclusive and roomy. Every one who is willing to follow him is welcome. We are not always wise enough to make our churches so spacious. It may be that for convenience there will always be distinctive church groups, but never to the exclusion of any follower of Christ from the one fold which shelters us all.

Matt. 8:11-13. There is no room in the fold of Christ for those who will not recognize his shepherding, and will not follow in his steps. He will seek a lost sheep, but he cannot save the rebellious and the rejecter. So some who were born and reared in the fold may choose for themselves the outer darkness, while others, lacking such privileges, may seek the Shepherd and be found of him. It is not the fold that saves, but the Shepherd.

Shepherds, Hirelings or Robbers?

Look up the record of these men. Tell to which of the three classes they belonged, and why:

- Saul of Tarsus. (Acts 26:10-11.)
- Paul the Apostle. (Acts 20:28-29.)
- Simon of Samaria. (Acts 8:9, 13, 18-20.)
- Caiaphas the High Priest.
- John of Jordan. (John 1:29-30.)
- Peter the Denier. (John 18:16-17, 25-27.)
- Elisha the Helper. (2 Kings 5:15-24.)
- Gehazi the Grasping. (2 Kings 5:15-24.)

Micaiah the Prophet of Defeat. (1 Kings 22:8-28).

Zedekiah the Prophet of Victory. (Kings 22:8-28).

Suggested Program for Epworth League Week of Feb. 28.

What God reveals to us about the real shepherds and hirelings.

Responsive reading. Jno. 10:1-16.

Prayer. That we may follow the true Shepherd.

Song. "I can hear my Savior calling."

Recitation. Psalm 23.

Verses by all present. (Key words are shepherd, lead, etc.)

Song. Selected.

Explanation of Shepherds (from Methodist.)

Explanation of Hireling (from Methodist.)

Leader's remarks on "Our Shepherd."

Announcements of business meetings, leaders, topics, etc.

M. H. NEWTON.

Dermott Epworth League.

The Epworth League of Dermott, Ark. Chapter No. 7558, held installation services at the Methodist church on Sunday Feb. 7th at three p. m.

The services were very impressive, and were conducted by Rev. A. B. McClintock.

The following officers were installed:

Mr. U. C. Barnell, Pres.; Mr. L. F. Etter, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. Harsey Parnell, 2nd Vice Pres.; Miss Mamie Calhoun, 3rd Vice Pres.; Mr. J. T. Crenshaw, 4th Vice Pres.; Miss Darone Fowler, Secretary; Mrs. L. F. Etter, Treasurer; Mrs. V. E. Moss, Epworth Era Agent.

On Friday evening Feb. 12th, the Epworth League entertained with a social at the home of Mrs. V. E. Moss. The Valentine idea was carried out. A profusion of hearts were seen everywhere with groups of palms, ferns and jonquils.

Each guest wore an emblem to represent a book. Miss Ola Krisle won in the contest by guessing the greatest number. The prize being a handsome bound book. A short musical program was rendered during the evening. Cream and cake were served as refreshments. The heart decorations were carried out at the table. A great deal of interest has been evinced by our League workers, and our League is growing rapidly. About seventy-five were present at the entertainment.

DARONE FARABE.

Notice.

The Conference League Cabinet is hereby called to meet at the Methodist church in Benton, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m., March 4th. The business of this meeting is to plan a program for the League Conference to be held at Texarkana. Let all the members of the Cabinet take notice.

FORNEY HUTCHINSON, Chairman.

Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Upon the Lay Leader rests the responsibility of disseminating information and generating enthusiasm among the laymen of his church that will not only increase missionary zeal but enlist the co-operation of all men in the church to solve the local problems, especially finances, and aiding the pastor as much as possible.

Some equipment for good work is necessary and the following suggestions are offered after carefully examining the best pamphlet literature on this subject.

You will receive from our Nashville Pub-

lishing House a package of literature containing the following:

1. "The Aim and Scope of the Laymen's Missionary Movement."
2. "The Laymen's Missionary Movement."
3. "War is on," by John R. Pepper.
4. "The Lay Leader in the Congregation."
5. "Hints on Operating the Plan of Organization of Laymen's Missionary Movement."
6. "Educational Policy of the Laymen's Missionary Movement."
7. "Declaration of the Laymen's Missionary Conference."
8. "Suggestive Topics for Laymen's Meeting."
9. "The World Our Parish."
10. "A Million for Missions."
11. "How Can I Work the Laymen's Missionary Movement in My Church."
12. "Christ's Cure for Covetousness," by W. R. Stubbs.

Pamphlets 1, 4, 5, 8, and 11 are especially prepared for Church Lay Leaders, and they will of course study these very carefully. Numbers 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12 should also be studied thoroughly and after making a careful count of the Laymen in your church order at once enough of these from G. W. Cain, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., for distribution. This literature is all free excepting Number 12 which costs \$1.00 per hundred, and Number 1 at ten cents each.

It is very important that the distribution of these pamphlets be thorough and I would suggest that these be mailed unless they can be distributed in person, which is still better. Pastors will receive a full supply of the above and should call special attention to this literature as soon as distributed, as the success of our undertaking depends largely upon general knowledge of this movement which will result in increased Missionary zeal. As early as possible Lay Leaders should plan with pastors to have a special service by men and pamphlet Number 8 will be very suggestive in getting up programs. Number 8 also refers to a number of very helpful Missionary Books some of which ought to be purchased from time to time and Missionary Committees who should help in all plans should especially be encouraged to read some of these books.

Our membership as a whole lacks knowledge concerning our Missionary Movements and if we laymen study these questions as outlined in the above literature it will not be necessary to apologize every time we ask for a missionary contribution. We will publish in the Western Methodist the amount each church and district contributes above their regular assessment for Missions.

Several churches in our Conference expect to support a missionary by increasing their present Foreign Missionary apportionment \$600, the amount required. Wouldn't it be glorious to have your own representative in the field. Let us say "We Will Do It." For further information about plans pertaining to the Laymen's Work communicate promptly with either of the following: W. B. Stubbs, General Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., or the District Leader, or J. O. A. Bush, Vice-Leader, Prescott, Ark.

A. TRIESCHMANN, Leader.

Notice.

The eighteen-year-old daughter of Rev. J. H. Barrentine, pastor of the Methodist church at Beebe, is at this writing, Monday evening, Feb. 22nd, very seriously ill of pneumonia, and but little hope is entertained for her recovery. Let prayers be offered up in behalf of the stricken family. R. P. WILSON.

Indian Mission Conference—Sixth Session.

Oct. 25th, 1849.

The sixth session of the Indian Mission Annual Conference met at Rileys Chapel Cherokee Nation. Bishop Paine being present, opened the Conference by reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, singing and prayer. And the secretary of the last Conference was instructed to call a list of members. After which, W. L. McAlister was nominated and elected Secretary.

The Conference agreed to open its daily sessions at 9 o'clock a. m. and close at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

The following committees were appointed: T. B. Ruble, J. M. Garner and Thos. Bertholf a committee on public worship and pulpit exercises

And on motion the Conference ordered the election of the Mission committee by ballot—whereupon W. Browning, W. L. McAlister, D. B. Cumming, N. M. Talbot and T. B. Ruble were elected.

E. B. Duncan, B. R. Baxter and W. A. Duncan were appointed an auditing committee. E. Couch and J. S. Noble were appointed a committee on books and periodical accounts.

The exhibit of the "Book Concern" by Rev. John Early, book agent, was presented the Conference by the Bishop—which was read and referred to the appropriate committee.

A list of accounts was presented to the Conference from the book agents at New York—which on motion was referred to the committee on accounts.

Then the first question was taken up,

Who are admitted on trial?

James A. Cummings, Jack Burgess, Enoch Johnson and Thomas Segro were duly recommended from the Cherokee and Muskogee district, and were admitted.

Washington H. Dumison was recommended from the aforesaid Dist. but the P. E. was permitted to withdraw his recommendation.

The Conf. ordered a committee to examine the preachers of the 2nd and 4th years, and Thomas Johnson, B. R. Baxter, Thomas Hurlbert and Thomas Bertholf were appointed said committee. Tho. Bertholf begged to be excused from serving on said committee— which was granted, and S. G. Patterson was nominated and appointed in his place.

The hour for adjournment having come, the Conference was closed with the benediction by the bishop.

Friday morning 9 O'clock Oct. 26th.

Conference met according to adjournment Bishop Paine in the chair. The Conference was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer by Bro. D. B. Cumming.

The 5th question was taken up:

"Who are elected to Elders orders?"

B. H. Russell on motion passed in examination and was elected to elder's orders.



Bishop W. Capers.

W. A. Duncan's character passed and elected to elder's orders.

D. W. Lewis, not being present, his character passed, but he was not elected to elder's orders not having been before the examining committee.

John Boston's character passed, but not being before the examining committee was not elected to Elders orders.

The third question was then taken up:

Who are admitted into full connection?

Under this question William Proctor passed in examination, but on account of ill health, was discontinued by request through his P. E.

J. S. McAlister was examined before the Conference by the Bishop, his character passed, he was elected to Deacons orders, and was admitted into full connection.

The character of elders was then taken up, and the following brethren passed, L. B. Stateler and Thos. Johnson.

The hour for adjournment having arrived on motion the Conf. adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m., and was closed by the benediction by the bishop.

Friday evening 3 O'clock October 26th Conference met according to adjournment Bishop Paine in the chair.

Conference was opened with usual religious exercises by Bro. Bartholf. On motion the calling of the list was dispensed with during the remainder of the session unless called for.

The examinations of the characters of Elders was resumed, and Thomas Hurlbert's name was called and his name was referred to the following committee: W. L. McAlister and W. Browning, at his own request.

N. T. Shaler, J. T. Peery, T. B. Ruble, D. B. Cumming, W. McIntosh, B. R. Baxter, J. F. Boote, J. Bertholf, W. D. Collins, T. W. Mitchell, James Essex, S. G. Patterson, N. M. Talbot, W. L. McAlister, J. S. Noble, E. B. Duncan, J. Page, Isaac Chuck-mub-bee, E. Couch, W. Browning, and John H. Carr, Elders, passed in characters. On motion, adjourned with a benediction by the Bishop.

Saturday morning, 9 O'clock, Oct. 27th, Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Paine in the chair, and was opened with the usual religious exercises by Bro. Mitchell.

The Bishop called for reports and Bro. T. Johnston read a paper on the subject

of concentrating the school funds belonging to the Delawares with the Indian M. L. School, giving the Delawares an interest in said school, and on motion it was referred to the following committee: T. Johnston and W. Browning, to reduce to proper form and report to this conference, for its adoption and final signature.

The case of Brother F. Hurlbert was resumed and the committee to whom it was referred reported altogether favorably, which report on motion was adopted and his character passed.

The examination of the characters of preachers of the 3rd year was taken up and J. M. Garner, Nathan Scarritt, Dan'l Asbury and Walker Carry passed in examination.

The bishop called for numbers in Society—

	Indians	Whites	Colored	L. Preachers	No Schools	No. S. Scholars	Supt.	Teachers	Library	Monies Collected
Kansas District—										
Indian M. L. School	5	20	3	1	1	75	1	6	200	\$ 33 00
Shawnee	102									22 65
Delaware	56	1		1						11 05
Kickapoo	32	1								
Wyandotte	103	5								26 25
Kansas										
West Academy										
Polawa	4									
Cherokee and Muskogee	302	27	3	2	1	75	1	6	200	\$ 92 90
Seneca and Upper Cherokee	250	6	14	5	6	100	6	6	100	19 94
Saline	270	2	52	7	1	20	1	2	40	12 85
Tahlequah	215	29	63	2	5					135 00
Barren Fork	315	30	36	4	4	100	4	7		33 90
Lower Cherokee	323	16	11	1	1	40	1	3		52 80
Webbers Falls										
Creek School										
	1479	83	176	19	17	260	12	18	140	\$ 256 49
Creek Agency	130	5	1		2	60	2	5	200	
No Fork and S.	244	5	17	3	1	18	1	2		\$ 6 00
Springhill	187	1	12	3	1	50	1	1		1 00
Crawford		3			1	25	1	1		6 45
Choctaw District—										
Ft. Coffee	38	7	1	1	2	90	2	5		\$ 26 30
Doaksville	488	8	78	8	1	60	1	2		101 90
Robeson School										
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The following communication was received from the General Council of the Cherokee Nation now in session in the town of Tahlequah. (See paper No. 1) On motion Thos. Johnson, T. B. Ruble and Thos. Hurlbert were appointed a committee to confer with a committee which may be appointed on the part of the Council, and on motion the Conference ordered an answer per Miss George Hicks, Wm. P. Ross and Davis Curtis infammy committee on part of the Council which is as follows: Whereas this Conference is informed by a committee appointed by the Cherokee Council that the Council has repealed the act authorizing the establishment of a manual labor school for the benefit of Cherokee orphans—and consequently the contract entered into between the said Council and the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, has not been confirmed, and whereas the Council proposes further negotiations on the said matter. Therefore, Resolved by the Indian Miss. Conf. that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Cherokee Council or a committee thereof, and that said committee be authorized to propose such arrangements as they may deem proper, and report the result thereof to this conference at its present session if practicable.

The auditing committee presented and read their report which on motion was accepted.

The reports of the superintendents of the Creek Indian M. L. School and the Chickasaw academies were read and received by the Conf.

The Conference proceeded to elect delegates to the General Conference to commence the 1st day of May, A. D. 1850 in the city of Saint Louis, the Bishop announced that the Conf. was entitled to two delegates, and on counting the votes the number was found to be twenty-eight, whereupon W. L. McAlister and N. M. Talbot were found to have a majority of the whole number and were announced by the Bishop duly elected. The Conference then proceeded to elect one reserve delegate. T. B. Ruble was found to have a majority of all the votes given and was announced by the Bishop duly elected.

The Conference then ordered a collection to be taken up in each field of labor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the delegates to the General Conf. and forwarded to the presiding elders.

The Conference was then closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

Monday morning, 9 O'clock, Oct. 29. Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Paine in the chair. Conference was opened with the usual religious exercises by Bro. E. B. Duncan.

Bishop Paine reported that he ordained J. S. McAlister Deacon, and B. H. Russel and W. A. Duncan Elders on yesterday, Oct. 28.

The Bishop then called for reports of committees and the committee on the Delaware school case presented and read their report, and on motion it was adopted with a request that the Bishop fill the blank—which he did—with the following brethren, T. Johnson, L. B. Stateler, and J. T. Peery—to which report the following being appended was adopted:

Resolved that, in case the said arrangements shall be settled, and concluded upon, according to a resolution of this Conference, the Superintendent of the Fort Leavenworth M. L. School be and is hereby authorized and required to take measures for carrying out said arrangements, and for making the necessary improvements for said school in the Delaware Nation with as much expedition as possible, without embarrassing the funds and operations of the said M. L. School under his charge.

The committee on Book and Periodical accounts presented and read their report, which on motion was adopted.

The Conference then proceeded to fix the place of holding the next Annual session, and the Choctaw Agency, Choctaw Nation, and Rileys Chapel in the Cher-

okee Nation were nominated, and on counting the votes the Choctaw Agency having a majority, was duly elected.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the Kansas River district is entirely detached from the main body of this Conference, requiring the preachers who labor in that district to have to travel not less than 250 miles to reach the seat of the Conference, which is an unnecessary burden, therefore

Resolved, that our delegates to the approaching General Conference be and they are hereby instructed to use their influence to have that district attached either to the St. Louis or Missouri Conference, as it is contiguous to both.

Thos. Johnson,
W. Browning.

J. S. McAlister requested a location, which was granted.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby respectfully and affectionately tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for the kind manner in which they have entertained this Conference during its session.

Resolved, that the secretary have this resolution furnished for publication in the Cherokee Advocate.

L. B. Stateler,
W. Browning.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Cherokee Council on the subject of the orphan school among the Cherokees requested leave of absence for that purpose, which was granted.

On motion the Conference adjourned for the purpose of allowing the Mission Committee to attend to some unfinished business, after which the Conference convened and the bishop announced the following examining committee: First year—W. L. McAlister, B. R. Baxter; second year—D. B. Cumming, W. A. Duncan; third year—S. G. Patterson, E. Couch; fourth year—W. Browning, E. B. Duncan. And on motion the Conference directed the said committee and undergraduates to meet the day previous to the meeting of the Conference for the purpose above specified.

The bishop called for reports of committees and the Mission Committee read their report.

The committee to confer with the committee of the Cherokee Council reported verbally that the Council require the conference to express an outline of the buildings necessary for the accommodation of a certain specified number of students and the terms on which the Conference would take the school. Whereupon the Conference appointed the following: T. Johnson, W. L. McAlister, T. B. Ruble, W. Browning, S. G. Patterson, T. Hulbert and J. D. Cumming a committee to draft a plan of buildings and other improvements and propose terms to the Cherokee Council on which the Conference are willing to take the management of the orphan school, and—

On motion the bishop was respectfully requested to appoint an executive committee to carry out the above plan—provided it should be agreed to by the Council.

The bishop then addressed the Conference in an impressive manner—read the appointments, after which Rev. W. Browning offered up prayers to the throne of Heavenly Grace.

And on motion the Conference adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the bishop.

W. L. McALISTER, Sec.

R. PAINE.

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.)

Texana, Okla., Feb. 2 1909.

Dear Western Methodist: Here I come again. This is the second time I have written. My grandfather takes the Methodist, and I enjoy reading the Children's Page very much. I am eleven years old. I am in the third grade. I have not been to school for four months, but my grandmother taught me at home. Teacher's name was Mrs. W. R. Smith; she was a kind teacher. I went to school at Eufaula. I stayed with Mrs. Annie Trayson to go to school and she was very kind to me. I have only one sister; she lives at Muskogee. I live with my grandmother and grandfather. They are very kind to me. My grandfather is eighty-four years old and my grandmother is seventy-five. Grandfather's father is ninety-four years old. My little friend Donie Whisenhurst has moved near us and I am sure glad for I have some one to play with. She has a little brother named Aeil; he is a little fat boy just so high. Sometimes he laughs and sometimes he cries. He has ten little fingers and ten little toes, a little round face and short pug nose. I am trying to learn to play the organ. How many of the cousins can play the organ? I can not. I would like to exchange post cards with any of the cousins. I will close for fear my letter will be too long.

HANNAH LINDSEY.

We are glad to get your letter, Hannah; my mother and your grandmother have long been great friends.

Sheridan, Ark., Jan. 27, 1909.

Dear Cousins: Here comes a little girl to join your happy little band. I go to Sunday School every Sunday; my teacher's name is Geo. W. Walker. I go to school every day; my teacher's name is J. W. Kelly. My father is a doctor; my mother is dead; and I have had two sisters. One of them is dead, and the other one that is living is named Ruth. I am not going to tell my age. It is between ten and fifteen. Now you guess. I am in the sixth

grade. My deskmate is Emily Bradshaw. We have about fifty pupils in my room. It is next to the highest room. Love to all of the cousins.

Your new cousin,
LILLIAN BUTLER.

P. S. I will ask a question. How many times is girl mentioned in the Bible?

Wapanucka, Okla., Jan. 20, 1909.

Dear Cousins: As my sister is writing to the Cousins' page, grandpa is writing for me. I am a little boy nearly eight years old. I was born about eight miles west of here in the B. I. T. and we got into the State of Oklahoma without catching our chickens. I sure want those cards that Cousin Evelyn has promised, so here is my guess: Sixteen years, nine months and twenty-three days. Now I shall watch the children's page to see who gets them.

MARVIN HALL.

Box 133.

Wapanucka, Okla.

Dear Cousins: Will you admit another cousin into your happy band? I live in the country. I like country life fine. Come again Mollie Lee Russell. I will answer the question you asked. You asked what verse in the Bible had every letter in the alphabet in it. But the letter J isn't. It is in the book of Ezra, 7th chapter and the 21st verse. Well, Oliver Anderson, your letter was fine. I will answer the question you asked. You asked what was the shortest verse in the Bible; it is "Jesus wept," the 11th chapter, 36th verse St. John. Well as this is my first time to write I will close, hoping to see this in print.

Your new cousin,

VINA HALL.

P. S. Evelyn, I will guess at your age and then I guess I will get the cards. Evelyn, I guess you are sweet sixteen. Well I won't tell how old I am. I am between ten and fifteen. You guess.

Caddo, Okla., Jan. 15, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: My papa takes the Western Methodist. I love to read the children's page. I go to school and am in the fifth grade. There are forty-five in our school now if all would come. My

best chums in school are: Florence McClure, Fannie Corder and Grace Corder. I have lots of fun with Grace Corder. We say we are twins because both of our names are Grace, but I weigh 118 and she weighs fifty-seven. I would like to exchange post cards with any of the cousins. Cousins, guess how old I am. The one that guesses how old I am I will send them a post card. I have five sisters and five brothers. One of my sisters is married. She lives 150 miles from us. She has had five children, but two of them are dead. My school teacher is Miss Burham. I like her fine. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. McClure; she is a good teacher. I go to Sunday School every Sunday that I can. Who has my birthday? It is the 9th of December. There are four of our birthdays in December. I live in the country and like it all right.

Your new cousin,

GRACE E. DEALY.

Port Cobb, Okla., R. F. D. No. 1.

Hickory Plains, Ark., Jan. 19, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I thought I would write a short letter tonight, as I haven't written in some time. How many of you cousins like to go to school? I do for one. But we are not having any school this winter.

Our pastor's name is Bro. Cannon. He has preached for us once; I like him all right. What is the matter with the boys? The girls are writing most of the letters. Who has my birthday? the 3rd of January. I will let you cousins guess at my age, it is between twelve and sixteen. Now guess. I will guess Evelyn to be sixteen. Well I will have to close for this time and I hope the waste basket is full.

From your old cousin,

VIDA PATTERSON.

Idabel, Okla., Jan. 23, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: My mama has just finished reading the cousins' letters to me and decided I would write for the first time.

I go to school every day I can. My teacher's name is Miss Lena McCrary. I like her so much. My playmates are Augustine McCrary and Winifred James. We have nice times. For pets I have a large yellow cat; his name is Tom. We are expecting my grandmother Burk and my twelve year old uncle Lester Lee Burk from Hope, Ark. to visit us soon. Who has my birthday, Dec. 2nd? I am eight years old. I have no sisters or brothers. I enjoy going to Sunday School and go often as I can. I hope the waste basket has gone visiting. Love to all the cousins.

Your new cousin,

GERALDINE ROWLAND.

Gurdon, Ark., Dec. 30, 1908.

Dear Cousins: I thought I would write again as I have not written in so long. I am spending my Christmas holidays out in the country with my papa. I have been going to school at Gurdon. That is my postoffice. I surely have had a fine time during Xmas. I got a bracelet and ring and a nice little purse. Come again Ruth Carr. I enjoy your stories fine. Say Ruth Carr, if you will send me a post card I will answer every one I get from you. Ruth Warlick says, "Miss Ruth Carr, your stories are just fine." Say Bessie Hucheson come again. Say Hugh Key why don't you and some more boys write. You boys let the girls do all the writing. Hello, Rezie Stephens, I can sympathize with you. We didn't have any preacher until this year for three years. For pets I have a dog, two cats and a mule. I will have to start back to school Monday. I will close by asking a Christmas riddle. Four legs up and four legs down, and soft in the middle and hard all around. If I see this in print I will write again.

I remain your cousin,

RUTH JACOBS.

Searey, Ark., Jan. 16, 1909.

Dear Methodist: I am writing my first letter to the children's page. I will tell you about my trip to Paragould. Christmas I went to visit my grandmother. She has chickens, geese, hogs, two dogs and a horse. My brother and I played by the brooks and went to the woods almost every day and had

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Your new cousin,

VERA TREDAWAY.

Champagnolle, Ark., Jan. 18, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist: How are all of you today? I thought that I would write a few lines to the dear old paper. I don't think it is right to sit down and read all of the nice letters and never write one.

Cousins, how did you all enjoy Christmas? I had a fine time. This is my first letter. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. I have three sisters and no brothers. I have one sister married and one at Henderson College and one at home with me. For pets I have two little nieces; their names are Julia and Pinkie; I like to play with them. I am a little girl nine years old and my birthday was the 18th of October. Who has my birthday? I am not going to school now; our school

was out in September. Miss Ruth Gunter was my teacher.

Your new cousin,
MAUD PERDUE.
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Chapagnouille, Ark., Jan. 12, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: How are you all this dreary morning? All right I guess. Is it snowing there, cousins? It is here. The ground is covered with snow. How did you cousins enjoy Christmas? I enjoyed it fine. Santa Claus came to see me and brought me some pretty things.

How many of the cousins like to go to school? I do for one. My sister and I won the prize in our school last summer. My sister's prize was a necklace and mine was a bracelet. You cousins that have won prizes may know how glad we were. My teacher's name was Miss Ruth Gunter; I liked her fine.

How many of the cousins will be glad to see spring come? I will, so all the little birds will come back and sing. I surely do miss their songs.

I live on the farm near the Ouachita river. In the summer we go fishing very often. Now cousins, I am going to be a little selfish and ask for a post card party the 20th of February. I will answer all I get. I am going to let the cousins guess my age, it is between 10 and 14. The one that guesses right will get a post card. How many post cards have you cousins? My sister and I have about one hundred. For pets I have a cat and a dog and a bantam rooster. Well, for fear my letter will be too long I will close.

Your new cousin,
JEWEL PERDUE.
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Carlisle, Ark., Jan. 19, 1909.

Dear Methodist: Have you room for another cousin? This is my first letter. My brother-in-law takes the Methodist and I enjoy reading the letters. I am not going to school now as we haven't any. I am twelve years old. I haven't any pets but two dolls. I have five sisters and two brothers. Two of my sisters are married. One lives on our farm; she has two boys. My other sister lives three miles from us. She has a little baby girl. If this misses the waste basket I will come again. Love to all.

LANE MARTIN.
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Chapel, Okla., Jan. 20, 1909.

Dear Methodist: Will you admit another new cousin for the first time? I am eight years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Lottie Coleman. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. Our teacher is Mrs. Burgess. My papa is the pastor. Well I will close, hoping to see this in print.

KATIE LEATHERWOOD.
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Scotland, Ark., Jan. 27, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: Tonight I have got tired reading my lessons; I thought I would have a merry chat with the cousins. I am still going to school but our school will soon be out—only three more weeks. How many of the cousins love to go to school? I do for one. We are fixing to have an entertainment at the close of our school. Come again, Bessie Mizell; I know you. Write again. Well

cousins, don't this beautiful weather make you think of good old summer time. Come again Edith Dyer; write us another nice letter. I wish some more of the girls and boys of Scotland would write to the children's page. I guess all of the cousins had a fine time Christmas and a happy new year. Well cousins, I am going to ask for a post card party Feb. 28. I will be twelve years old. I will answer all I can. I have been thinking I would write to Edith Dyer, but I have not had time for I have been so busy going to school. How many of the cousins belong to the church. I do for one. My sister Rhea and I joined the Methodist church last summer. Well, I am getting sleepy and my letter is getting long. Well cousins, don't you love to read the eleventh chapter of St. John. Well I will close by asking a question: How many times is the word Lord found in the Bible. Goodbye to the cousins and success to the Western Methodist.

Lovingly,
VIVIAN HALL.
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Searcy, Ark., Jan. 3, 1909.

Dear Cousins: I will write you my first letter. I am well at the present. I am going to school at present. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Effie Keith. I like her fine. There are about five hundred students in the school. The Professor's name is Mr. Garland May. We have an Epworth League. It has not been long since we organized. It has not been over two months. We have a Sunday School. The superintendent's name is Mr. E. L. Ross. The pastor's name is Rev. J. M. Talkington. There were some questions asked. I will try to answer them. The longest chapter in the Bible is found in Psalms the 119th chapter. It has 176 verses. I will ask a question before I close. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? I will write again if this misses the waste basket. Well I will close.

LEROY PARKER.
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Marmaduke, Ark.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I never see any letters from this place I thought I would write. I am a farmer's daughter twelve years old. I go to school; am in the sixth grade at school. How many of the cousins live on a rural route? I do. Cousins, what did old Santa bring you? I got a nice present. It was given to me by my aunt. I wonder if Edith Dyer got the post card I sent to her. Hope she did get it.

I will answer Oliver Doyle Anderson's question: The shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus wept." I have one sister and two brothers living. I wish Ruth Carr would write again. I will close by asking a question: Who is the first worker in brass and iron mentioned in the Bible?

Well I will ask for a card party the 31st of March, as it is my birthday. Fearing my letter is already too long I must say goodbye.

A new cousin,
ESTELLA GRESHAM.
Jan. 21, 1909.
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Marmaduke, Ark., Jan. 22, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I have never seen any letters from mthsis part I thought I would write.

How many of the cousins go to school? I do for one; am in the eighth grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss Jessie White. Our pastor's name is Rev. T. R. Allen. Our presiding elder is Rev. J. K. Farris.

Cousins, how did you enjoy Christmas? I had a nice time myself. I spent Christmas with my grandmama.

I guess Julia Baker is thirteen years old and I guess "Evelyn" is sixteen years old. Am I right?

Why don't you boys help us fill up our page and not let the advertisements fill up our page. The most of the cousins give their age when writing. I am a farmer's daughter and I am fifteen years old and weight about 160 pounds. Papa has been taking the Methodist for about twenty-two years and I always want to read the letters and Ruth Carr's stories. As this is my first letter I will close for fear of the

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Your new cousin,
ETHEL GRESHAM.
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Davidson, Okla., Jan. 23, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist: I have been reading the cousins' letters. How many of the cousins like to read the cousins' letters? I do for one. I wish Ruth Carr would write again. I have four pets, a little baby sister (her name is Julia) two dogs and a pony. Grace Shelley said she did not think it was fair to let the girls do all the writing so here I come. I will answer Rhea Hall's question: What is the shortest verse in the Bible. It is "Jesus wept," John 11:35. I am a little boy ten years old. Well as this is my first time I will close. Your new cousin,

CLAS DEAN.
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Alma, Ark., Jan. 30, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I will write you for the second time. Well cousins, how did you enjoy Xmas? I had a fine time. What did Santa Claus bring you? He brought me a photo album and some ribbon and several nice things. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. My brother is the superintendent. Our pastor's name is G. L. Horton. I like him fine. Our presiding elder is Rev. F. S. H. Johnston. I go to school. I am in the fourth grade. Our teacher's name is R. J. Wilson. Miss Fay Hunter is the teacher of the primary room. I have one brother living and one dead. I have four sisters, two married and two single. Well I will close. If I see this in print I will write again.

Your cousin,
MARIE HENSON.
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Foss, Okla., Jan. 19, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist: I have never written a letter before but will

try to write one now. I don't know whether it will be very good or not, but I hope it will be printed. I have been taking music lessons. My papa takes the Western Methodist, and my mama reads it to me. I enjoy it too. I guess Julia Farris is fourteen years old. Evelyn, I guess you are fifteen years old and five months. Your new cousin,

BYRON O'HARA.
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McGehee, Ark., Jan. 29, 1909.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write you another letter to let you know I am getting along fine. I had a fine time Xmas, and hope all of you cousins did. I got some nice presents.

I am going to school now. I carry my dinner with me. The wind almost blew me away today. Who has my birthday, the tenth of June?

Miss Ruth Carr I think your story is fine.

We have three little baby calves. For pets I have a mocking bird and a canary; their names are Duffy and Bob. I will have to close now so I can do up my night work. I will ask a question. Who made the first clothes Adam and Eve wore? Your cousin,

MAUD TRIPPE.
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Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Western Methodist: I wish to tell you something my little grand niece age four years said. I had just come in the house, had been in the rain. My hair being wet, little Hazel Cohen, my grand niece said, Oh Auntie, your hair is as wet as snow. I thinking she said red as snow answered. Why snow is not red, dear, it is white. Yes, she said, I know it's white, but it has pure in it hasn't it. MRS. C. M. BARNETT.

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Muskogee District Notes.

The end of the first quarter finds the churches and the pastors settled down to work, well pleased and hopeful of a good year.

Bokoshe circuit has been organized of Bokoshe, Panama, Shady Point and Milton, with about thirty members, and J. H. Henson in charge. The outlook is good. Property has been acquired at Panama for a church.

Boynnton and Morris start off well. The debt on the Morris church has been paid and the complications are giving way. The property at Boynnton is out of debt and being improved about \$200. Domestic and foreign missions paid.

Brushy circuit comprises the north half of Sequoyah county; has eight appointments, and is very poor, but its tireless pastor reports substantial progress.

Checotah station is well served by W. A. Shelton. The people are highly pleased. Salary has been considerably advanced, a new church is being entered and other improvements, and the collection for missions paid in full.

Council Hill circuit has changed its name to Oktaha circuit. The pastor assisted by Bro. Edwards, our district evangelist, held a gracious revival at Oktaha and greatly strengthened the church numerically and otherwise. The church there is being completed, but is already too small, and an addition is contemplated.

Fort Gibson has had a gracious revival, Brother Edwards assisting the pastor, and is much improved every way. The church at Braggs is being seated with pews.

Haskell circuit has a new pastor who is a live wire. He has built and occupied a neat little parsonage since Conference; has organized matters both in Haskell and Bixby, and has the whole circuit well in hand.

Hulbert circuit has been organized since conference out of points taken from Wagoner and Peggs circuits. L. G. Ellington is in charge, has acquired lots and is promoting a church enterprise at Hulbert.

Muldrow is abundantly pleased with its new pastor, E. V. Dowell, who is a fit man in every way and has matters well in hand.

Muskogee, First Church, continues its unbroken line of progress. The Sunday school is undoubtedly the foremost of the conference; a model of activity and efficiency, it continues to support its foreign missionary. The Men's Union and the night school are marked successes. Finances are in good shape.

Muskogee, St. Paul, is delighted (to put it mildly) with its new pastor, T. L. Rippey. The salary has been advanced to \$2,500; the Sunday school increased about double; Baraca and Philathea classes have been organized with more than fifty members each; the support of a foreign missionary has been assumed and a mission school established and maintained. Congregations fill all available space and many are often turned away.

Muskogee circuit continues to thrive. Both pastor and people are pleased and intent on bringing things to pass.

Natura circuit is new, but things are doing over there. Churches have been organized at two places—Marianna and Queen Valley—a parsonage is being built, a fairly good salary assessed and being paid, and both pastor and people well pleased with each other. This will presently be one of our best circuits.

Sallisaw station for several reasons is one of our most difficult charges and has not hitherto made such progress as it should have in a town of that size. But the light of a new day seems dawning. Bro. Pickens has matters well in hand; the people are devoted to him and have a mind to work, for they see clearly that both their liberality and activity must be increased if they are to keep pace with the other churches and the progress of the town. Some substantial improvement has been made on the old parsonage to render it habitable until a new and modern house can be erected, steps toward which have already been taken. Pews are to be installed at once. The salary has been considerably increased and is being paid monthly. All together the outlook is good.

Stigler station is rapidly completing its new church, which, when finished, will be the best in the district outside

of Muskogee. The record of this church for the past three years is so unusual as to be remarkable. Without a house of worship it has kept up all the agencies of the church and made progress from year to year. With a generosity that is unusual they have loaned their pastor to the presiding elder for one Sunday of each month that he might be placed in charge of Porum, where we are building a church and need a strong man to command the situation. This arrangement has already worked wonders for Porum.

Stillwell and Westville.—No more fortunate appointment, if the people be judge, was made this year than that of W. L. Anderson. The people at both places are "de-lighted." They recognize that it is very unusual to appoint a man of Anderson's strength to a charge of that grade, and are doing their best to measure up to their man. At both places improvements in organization, salary and otherwise have been made, and more is in contemplation.

Tablequah station has the right man. The Sunday school assumed the support of a student in one of our foreign mission schools. Congregations have increased and the salary is advanced.

Tablequah circuit has its old-time popular pastor, A. W. Culver, and is doing well. The salary has been increased a little, the parsonage improved some, and a new church uniting three places entered.

Vian circuit, in spite of many hindrances, is making progress. The church debt at Tamaha, a grievous burden on our faithful people there, has been paid. A new parsonage has been entered at Vian. Salary remains the same. The pastor is in high favor and doing faithful work.

Warner circuit.—We have no more difficult field, and a man with less patience than Bro. Houghton could not succeed, and yet he is succeeding. Porum has been taken from this charge and McClain added. The salary remains the same.

Whitefield circuit is served by J. W. Fulton, who has already succeeded in winning the hearts of the people of this large and difficult circuit. Substantial gains in membership and in activity were reported. The parsonage has been partially furnished and is to be otherwise improved.

Our supernumeraries, supernumerary and local preachers, for the most part, are making proof of their ministry as strength and opportunity allow. Brother J. F. Thompson has been teaching. He serves the church at Tablequah in several capacities and is greatly beloved by all. Brother H. B. Scruggs has organized several preaching places around Sallisaw, much to the delight of the people and his presiding elder.

Brother J. M. Hively despite his disabilities responds to every call for service. We have no truer man.

Brothers J. L. Brown and B. T. Hill are serving a large scope of territory circuit adjacent to Stilwell.

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Rev. C. R. Phillips, pastor of Stone-wall and Tupelo, sends his check on February 18 paying up in full. He is a new man and is striking a great lick down there.

On February 16, Orlando Shay, presiding elder of the Creek and Seminole Indian districts, sent in his check pay-

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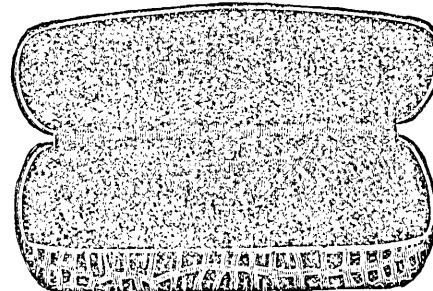
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ing up his district in full on domestic missions. This is a good example for the other presiding elders. Who will be next? I am going to publish in the Western Methodist the names and charges of the first twenty-five preachers who pay up in full and in the order in which they come. This means all of the collections ordered by the Annual Conference.

Remember that early collections mean full collections and great revivals. And somehow the man who looks after God's work thus diligently and promptly receives more at the close of the year for his work than the preacher who puts it off to the last. By all means get your missionary money in as soon as possible.

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Change of Dates.

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The purpose of the institution is to give home and school advantages to homeless and friendless girls of good character. The work is preventive.

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Arkansas Conference Women's Home Mission Society.

Every Home Mission woman is asked to make a free will offering of \$1 besides the regular dues and conference expense fund, \$1.50, every year.

If every member of an Auxiliary can not give the extra dollar, then the Auxiliary is asked to contribute as many dollars as it has members who can not give the dollar.

This is asked because the dues, week of prayer offerings, mite boxes, etc., which makes up the regular fund, is not enough to support the schools, the rescue work and the parsonages, all of which is our connectional work.

Our Arkansas Conference has never seemed to understand this extra dollar and our donations are always short. Let's do better this year. Two and a half dollars is a mighty little amount

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MRS. F. M. TOLLESON,
Ark. Conf. Cor. Sec.
Van Buren, Ark., Feb. 22, 1909.

Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting.

Brother Rainey opened the meeting with prayer. Present: Forney Hutchinson, S. W. Rainey, B. F. Mason, J. W. Parker, J. R. Rushing, and H. A. Dowling, State Sunday School Secretary.

Reports—

Tigert Memorial, S. W. Rainey pastor: Good League, 78 at Sunday school, regular services well attended.

Malvern Avenue, B. F. Mason pastor: Prayer meeting excellent, 90 at Sunday school, League interest growing, good attendance at regular services.

3rd St., J. A. Parker pastor: Fine prayer meeting, 165 at Sunday school, splendid League.

Preaching 3 p. m. at Gardner's school house; three at altar for prayer. A fine sermon at night by Rev. H. A. Dowling.

Park Avenue, J. R. Rushing pastor: Good Sunday school, a fine sermon at 11 a. m. by Dr. M. B. Carrigan; two accessions to the church. Fine League service. Preaching at night by the pastor.

Central Avenue, Forney Hutchinson pastor: 169 at Sunday school, house crowded morning and night. Two accessions to the church, and fine League services.

Claremore, Okla.

We had our second quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday. Bro. J. W. Sims was on hand and held the conference Saturday night. All of the stewards were present but two. The salary was paid up to date and some over. We are now having a good Sunday school and good congregations at the preaching services. This is the first quarterly conference that I have ever had since I have been preaching that the presiding elder didn't have to exhort the stewards about the salary. I must say something of Bro. Sim's sermons Sunday. He preached two great sermons. I have never heard better preaching, and I have never had a better presiding elder. I have never had a better board of stewards. They are standing by their preacher. I have some men lined up that are paying five dollars per month. Our great need at Claremore is a great revival and I am praying and working to this end and I believe we are going to have it.

GEO. W. LEWIS, P. C.

Feb. 22, 1909.

Martha, Okla.

We have the best country Sunday school that I ever saw. Bro. S. L. Doughty is a live, wide awake superintendent. He is always looking out for new features to add interest to the Sunday school. He is ably assisted by an efficient corps of teachers and officers; and the Sunday school is growing in interest and in number.

We have a splendid people here. Our midweek prayer meeting is well attended. The weekly attendance ranges from 100 to 150. We are praying for a revival. We have a large number of splendid young people in this community who will brave all kinds of weather to attend church and Sunday school. The Lord bless them and give all of them hearts full of religion.

R. P. WITT, P. C.

Yellville, Ark.

Yellville is enjoying one of the most successful and profitable revival meetings held in the town for many years. A number of new converts have been added to the list of redeemed while the spiritual fire has been so strongly rekindled in hearts of the Christians as to infuse in them a zeal for their work, long since not witnessed till now on the part of many. Old grudges have been passed into the realms of bygones and the people see in each other the good traits that all of them possess. While it may be that we are ready to give too much credit to human agencies in these things yet we can not forbear to praise the able, practical, devoted and unassuming manner in which Brother Wolf goes about his work in these meetings, which have already resulted in so much good for the town and people.—Mountain Echo.



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This mid-year meeting with attendance limited to members of the board, conference evangelists, presiding elders, and brethren serving missions bids fair to be one of the most important missionary meetings that we have held. Let all these brethren come.

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I go next to Mart, Texas. Will spend four weeks in the Lone Star State holding meetings at Mart, Ennis, Cleburne and Childress.

I think after April first I can be able to help the brethren in Oklahoma and other places where they need my help. Blessings on the Methodist and its readers.

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A Young Builder.

On our way to Mangum a short while ago, we dropped off at Lone Wolf to spend the night with Rev. Chas. H. Armstrong, and to speak to his Sunday School folk. He and his interesting family are domiciled in a nice, new parsonage which he and his people have erected since conference. It is a credit to that charge, and indicates the interest and liberality of our people in the Lord's cause. Bro. Armstrong came to this conference from Texas three years ago. He has built in this time three parsonages and two churches. Who can beat the record of this young builder? He was "admitted into full connection" last conference. Besides, he is in high favor with his people, and is doing a most excellent work. He is reaching out to unoccupied territory around, and establishing our cause in these places. A broad field and success await all such young men in the Oklahoma Conference. W. J. MOORE.
Lawton, Okla.

Hot Springs Preachers' Meeting.

The Methodist preachers of Hot Springs met in their regular meeting Feb. 15th, 1909.

Rev. F. E. Taylor, of Little Rock, opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: J. A. Parker, Forney Hutchinson, B. F. Mason, S. W. Rainey, J. R. Rushing, and Rev. F. E. Taylor of Little Rock. The brethren made the following reports:

Brother Parker reported good services; seventy at Sunday School; interesting prayer meeting; one requested prayer of the church.

Brother Mason reported prayer meeting growing in interest; forty-eight at Sunday School. Fine League, twenty-six present, received one new League member. Regular services good. The stewards raised salary \$100 over last year.

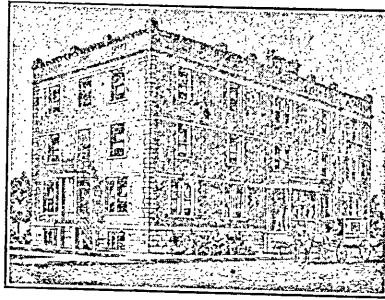
Brother Rainey reported splendid prayer meeting; no preaching at 11 a. m. but good service at night.

Brother Rushing reported good Sunday school but no preaching.

Brother Hutchinson reported good day; took one in the church. One at altar for prayer. A good League and prayer meeting. Bro. F. E. Taylor made us a short talk concerning the Orphanage. J. R. RUSHING,
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Revival at Clinton, Okla.

We closed on the evening of the 3rd a two weeks' meeting at Clinton, Okla. The results were not what we would like to have seen, but everything considered we had a great victory. The church was greatly revived. Backsliders were reclaimed and sinners turned to God. Twelve or fifteen additions and others to follow. The Baptist, Reforms and Campbellite pastors tried every way possible to hinder the work. In spite of all they did and said, the best people attended the services, and some of them united with the Methodist church. The people in Clinton are proud of Bro. S. F. Chambers as their pastor. He and his good wife are very popular.

We commenced here on the 10th last night (our second night) the house was packed, in spite of a Campbellite singing school and a snow which is filling a week's engagement. We are putting them out of business. This is a hard fight. Pray for us brethren.

O. L. MARTIN.
Please announce that my address is 1138 E. 9th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
O. L. M.

Correction of Minutes.

Dear Sirs: You will do me a favor by calling attention to a mistake in the minutes of our Conference. My charge—Crowfordville and Earle—paid in full all the assessments and I regret that it is not so stated in the statistical records of the church.

The mistake occurred thus: We were assessed at the beginning of the year for Crowfordville and Marion charge, which was later divided, Crowfordville and Earle assuming two-thirds of the assessment. The minutes are correct as to what we paid, but have us assessed too much.

This charge deserves all credit merited by meeting all claims in full.

B. L. HARRIS.

Storm at Stephens.

A severe wind storm struck this town at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Several residences were badly damaged and a number of barns and outhouses were blown down. The belfry was blown off the Methodist church and the Sunday School room was blown off its foundation and torn from the main building. The homes of A. G. Blount and Prof. Garner were seriously damaged. C. O. STEELE.

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OBITUARIES.

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

TAYLOR.—Mrs. Mary L. Taylor was born in the State of Georgia in the year 1839, and died recently at her home in the city of Hot Springs, Ark. She was educated at Old Lagrange College and was a pupil of the famous Dr. Montgomery. In early womanhood she became a Christian and joined the Methodist church in the fellowship of which she continued until her death. For many years she was a constant, but patient sufferer. She looked forward to death as an occasion of release. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom, with the exception of one son, survive her. To her five splendid sons and one noble daughter she leaves the patrimony of a saintly life and a tender request to meet her in glory. All the brethren of the Little Rock Conference know and love her preacher son, John F. Taylor. It was the writer's privilege to be near her at the last and to witness again the truth of Mr. Wesley's statement, "Our people die well." Her pastor.

FORNEY HUTCHINSON.

HOLDER.—Dan W. Holder was born in South Carolina Dec. 15, 1826, and died at his home in Grays, Ark., Jan. 6, 1909, age eighty-three years.

Truly death is only a dream. On the morning of Jan. 6th he quietly leaned back in his rocking chair and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. He leaves an aged companion, two sons, two daughters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He served in the Confederate army, ranking as captain. After the war he settled down to quiet country life, farming and hunting and stock raising. In the prime of his life he gave his heart to God and was ever a loyal soldier of the cross. He loved to talk of his comrades and the "lost cause." But the cross of Christ was to him the greatest theme. His home will long be remembered as the preachers' home. Another landmark has gone, another soldier has answered the roll call on the other shore.

C. F. WILSON, P. C.

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McKNEELY.—Little Charley Rupert McKneely was born March 12, 1908 and was taken to heaven Jan. 19, 1909, aged ten months and seven days. He struggled between life and death for many weeks, but in spite of medical skill and all the aid his fond parents could give him, his little body had to yield to death, but his spirit went up to God. Sadness fills the home, but in the midst of it all hope sees a star, and love looks up, for we know he is in safer hands than ours. We would say to the parents be submissive to Him who doeth all things well, who knows even when a sparrow falls, and who has declared that the very hairs of our heads are all numbered. He has said that our little ones are of the kingdom of God. He gives us our children, jewels from his own crown, and they are the joy of our lives and homes. But when he takes them to himself again—we have priceless treasures in heaven. We can meet them again in the city of God where parting is no more. The broken hearted parents may say with David, "I cannot bring him back but I can go to where he is." His little body was laid to rest in Selma cemetery.

FRANK HOPKINS.

LEWIS.—Fannie Adele, the sweet little daughter of Bro. W. A. Lewis, was transplanted from earth to Heaven on Jan. 7th, 1909.

She was a bright, lovable baby and though she gladdened the home for only the brief space of fourteen months yet she twined her little self around the heart strings of all who knew her. She is not dead, but only gone before Bro. Lewis. Think what an honor is yours, an angel child in Heaven. You will meet her there.

THOS. H. WARE.

PEEBLES.—In the death of John J. Peebles First Methodist church has lost one of its best members and Searcy one of its best citizens. He was born in Franklin county, Tenn., May 13, 1829, and departed this life at his home in Searcy, January 26th, 1909; lacking a few days less than four months of being eighty years old. He was first married to Mary Haney, Feb. 24th, 1852—nearly fifty-seven years ago. This union was blessed by three children, who with the mother, preceded him to the spirit world many years ago. His second marriage was to Emily Francis Neal, May 18th, 1882. To this union were born two children—a son and a daughter, who with the mother mourn his departure. Bro. Peebles first joined the Primitive Baptist church when he was young; afterward he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in which he lived a consistent member and was a steward for fifty years. He loved his church and was loyal to her doctrines and discipline. He represented a class of old

time Methodists who are fast passing away. He was a man of prayer and was given to hospitality. His house was the preachers' home. He loved the old time class and prayer meetings where he was ever ready to contribute by prayer, song or testimony. He loved the old time hymns and tunes of our church and frequently made use of them at his family altar. To sum it all up: "He was a good man full of faith and the Holy Ghost." We shall miss him. He was not only a Christian, but also a loyal citizen. He was a valiant soldier during the Civil War, serving under Gen. McCrae, who organized the first company in White county that went to the front. He possessed much of the military spirit and bearing and had he been trained while young he would have made a leader of men. His funeral was largely attended by many who had known him all their lives, many of whom were not members of the Methodist church. We commend the bereaved wife, son and daughter to God, who is able to sustain by grace divine.

R. P. WILSON.

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LEWIS.—Mrs. Lena Diggs Lewis, wife of Rev. W. A. Lewis, of the Little Rock Conference, was born in Dyer county, Tenn., March 15th, 1881. Was married to Rev. W. A. Lewis May 15th, 1901, and died in Holdenville, Okla., Jan. 13th, 1909.

Her parents having died when she was quite young she was deprived of the advantages of an early education and the tender home training of an affectionate mother. She was the mother of three children, the youngest of whom died just six days previous to her death.

Sister Lewis was a member of the church, possessing a bright mind and an affectionate disposition. I looked forward with pleasure to the warm welcome she always extended to me when visiting her home. The last letter I had from her she urged me to come and baptize her little one. May God bless Bro. Lewis and his little orphaned ones who miss her so sadly. They have in this double affliction, the deepest sympathy of their brethren of the Little Rock Conference.

THOS. H. WARE.

LEWIS.—Miss Grace Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lewis, was born Dec. 8th, 1887. From early childhood she had made her home with her sister, Mrs. Lena Gant of Harrisburg,

Ark. She was converted early in life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at McCrory, Ark. She possessed those beautiful traits of character that made her the favorite of all the family, and won for her a large place in the affections of all who knew her. She was a devoted Christian, and had an abiding love for the church, and was much concerned in the mission work projected by the church. She graduated in the High School at Harrisburg, and afterward entered Galloway College at Searcy, Ark. At the time of her death she was in her third year. Her examination papers show marks of rapid advancement, and always brought the word of encouragement that Miss Grace is among the best.

She was loved by the faculty and all the students and over Galloway College there hangs a dark cloud of sorrow because of her departure. She was of an unassuming nature, always thinking of others' pleasures first, like our Lord, rather minister than be ministered unto. On the morning of Jan. 26, at 6 a. m., God called, she answered and passed into the haven of rest.

J. R. NELSON.

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White River Conference.		
HELENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.		
Forrest City Station	Mar. 6, 7	
Wheatley Ct. at Palestine	Mar. 13, 14	
Cotton Plant and Howell at H.	Mar. 20, 21	
Brinkley Station	Mar. 21, 22	
Marianna Mission at Council	Mar. 27, 28	
Colt Ct. at Wesley	April 3, 4	
Wynne Station	Apr. 11, 12	
Marianna Station	Apr. 18, 19	
Haynes Ct. at Haynes	Apr. 25, 26	
Hamlin Mission at Ellis Chapel	May 1, 2	
Parkin Station	May 2, 3	
Turner and Shiloh Ct. at S.	May 8, 9	
Holly Grove and Marvell at H. G.	May 9, 10	
La Grange Ct. at La Grange	May 15, 16	
Clarendon Station	May 23, 24	
McCrory Mission	May 29	
McCrory and DeView at Fakes Chapel	May 29, 30	
Laconia Ct. at Modoc	June 5, 6	
Helena Station	June 13, 14	
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.		

PARAGOULD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.		
Brighton Ct. at Brighton	Mar. 6, 7	
First Church, Paragould	Mar. 7, 8	
Lorado Ct. at Warren's Chapel	Mar. 13, 14	
East Side, Paragould	Mar. 14, 15	
Paragould Ct. at Wood's Chapel	Mar. 20, 21	
Gainesville Ct. at Camp Ground	Mar. 27, 28	
Rector Ct. at Harvey's Chapel	Apr. 3, 4	
Boysville Ct. at Mars Hill	Apr. 10, 11	
Piggott Ct. at St. Francis	Apr. 17, 18	
Corning Station	Apr. 24, 25	
Knobel at Peach Orchard	Apr. 25	
Walnut Ridge Station	May 1, 2	
Pocahontas and Iloxie	May 2, 3	
Maynard Ct. at Albertha	May 4	
Reyno Ct. at Richwoods	May 6	
Pocahontas Ct. at Concord	May 8, 9	
Imboden Ct. at Hopewell	May 15, 16	
Mammoth Springs and Hardy	May 22, 23	
Black Rock and Portia	May 29, 30	
The district conference will be held at Black Rock beginning Wednesday, May 26, at 3 o'clock p. m. Opening sermon Wednesday night by Rev. A. C. Griffin. Committees: License to Preach—M. M. Smith, E. N. Bickley, J. W. Thomas. Deacons and Elders' Orders—L. C. Craig, T. A. Bowen, J. S. Watson.		
J. K. FARRIS.		

Little Rock Conference.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.		
Gurdon	Mar. 6, 7	
Hope	Mar. 13, 14	
Spring Hill	Mar. 20, 21	
Blovis	Mar. 27, 28	
Prescott	Mar. 28, 29	
Okolona	Apr. 3, 4	
Pike City	Apr. 4, 5	
Murfreesboro	Apr. 10, 11	
Nathan	Apr. 17, 18	
Bingen	Apr. 24, 25	
Center Point	May 1, 2	
Nashville	May 2, 3	
Washington	May 8, 9	
Mineral Springs	May 15, 16	
Emmet	May 22, 23	
Chidester	May 29, 30	
Harmony	May 30, 31	
W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.		

MONTICELLO DIST.—SECOND ROUND.		
Monticello Station	Feb. 28	
Crossett Mission	Mar. 6, 7	
Crossett Station	Mar. 6, 7	
Hermitage Ct. at Smith's Chapel	Mar. 13, 14	
Jonesville Ct. at Patville	Mar. 14, 15	
Hamburg Station	Mar. 20, 21	
Collins Ct. at Garrison School House	Mar. 27, 28	
Lacy Ct. at Prairie Chapel	Apr. 3, 4	
Lake Village & Portland at L. V.	Apr. 10, 11	
Parkdale and Wilnot at Wilnot	Apr. 11, 12	
Mt. Pleasant Ct. at Mt. Tabor	Apr. 17, 18	
Wilmar Station	Apr. 24, 25	
Warren Station	Apr. 25, 26	
Snyder Ct. at Prairie Grove	May 1, 2	
Tillar Ct. at Winchester	May 8, 9	
McGehee and Watson at McGehee	May 9, 10	
Eudora Ct.	May 11, 12	
Dermott and Ark. City at D.	May 15, 16	
New Edinburg Ct. at Good Hope	May 22, 23	
Hamburg Ct. at Extra	May 29, 30	
J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.		

Rev. I. G. Lowery.

Rev. I. G. Lowery was born in the State of Georgia Jan. 11th, 1831; was converted at the age of twelve, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; moved from Georgia to California in 1869; came to the Indian Territory in 1872; was a local deacon and supplied many churches in the Indian Mission Conference for thirty years; died in the faith on the 16th of February, 1909 and has gone to receive his reward. Bro. Lowery was a good man, respected and loved by all that knew him. He leaves a wife, one daughter and two grandchildren to mourn his departure. But they do not sorrow as those that have no hope, for they expect to meet him again in heaven above.

L. J. AMOS, Pastor.
McCurry, Okla.

Marion and Gilmore Circuit.

A Woman's Home Mission Society of seventeen members was organized at Gilmore in Jonesboro district to start March 1st. Mrs. J. B. Thompson, president; Mrs. Geo. Wright, first vice; Mrs. L. Ginn, titling; Mrs. L. Stanfield, juvenile; Miss Sadie Wright, literary; Mrs. Carlton, treasurer; Miss Ruby Hastings, corresponding secretary; Miss Pearl Richards, secretary.

M. H. NEWTON, P. C.

W. F. M. S., Little Rock Conf.

Edited by Conference Officers and District Secretaries.

Mrs. C. R. Thomas, Editor.

Golden Sayings From the Hearts of Missionary Workers.

What is our love to God worth if we are not willing to give up something for him?—Miss Annie Hitchcock.

The world cares little for creeds. When we invest our faith with visibility, the world will believe.—Rev. J. Stuart Holden.

The world sees Christ only as our lives manifest him; we may reflect him as prisms reflect the sunbeams.—Rev. J. Stuart Holden.

God takes a life, fills it with light, holds it up like a torch till it shines on many, then translates it into another room.—Mrs. Montgomery.

Discipleship must be visible; if we try to hide it, we shall lose it, as a light not aired becomes extinct by its own smoke.—Rev. J. S. Holden.

Let us no longer offend and insult the natives in our missionary fields by calling them, scornfully, heathen; use rather the softer word, "non-Christian."—Mrs. Thorp.

I would sum up the entire subject of stewardship thus: To us has been entrusted; from us will be expected; blessed is that man in whom the Lord shall find no cause for shame.—W. C. Morro.

If Jesus the Christ had not tasted death for every man, there would be no need for world-wide missions. Since he did, the fact must be published in the hearing of all mankind. Else he died in vain.—Rev. F. M. Rains.

Do not settle your staying at home as a mere matter of course. You may take for granted that you have no distinct call to go abroad. Have you a distinct call to stay at home? Christ has no uncalled servants.—A Student Volunteer.

Who Ought Not to Give to Foreign Missions.

The man who believes that the world is not lost and does not need a Savior. Who believes that Jesus Christ made a mistake when he said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Who believes the gospel is not the power of God and cannot save the heathen.

Who wishes that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathen.

Who believes that it is "every man for himself" in this world; who, with Cain, asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Who believes that he is not accountable to God for the money intrusted to him.

Who wants no share in the final victory.

Who is prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Such a one is not asked to give to foreign missions.—From a leaflet.

I do not ask you to pity the heathen, for pity is often a weak thing that spends itself in tears, and then forgets the object of it. But I do ask you, with all my heart, simply to treat Jesus Christ right. I submit to you the question: Is it right to receive the eternal life from those seared hands, and then give him only the spare change we happen to have left after we have supplied ourselves with luxuries?—Rev. W. R. Hotchkiss.

Six Ways to Raise \$100,000.

If you stop long enough to read the first plan, continue to read the entire article, or you will think the writer unfair:

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2. How the older sisters alone could raise the amount named: By giving to the mission board an amount of money equal to the extra cost of silk bonnets, lace curtains and the extra cost of only one big Sunday dinner during the year.

3. How the preachers alone could raise the amount named: By those

whose net income for the year will be over one thousand dollars. There are fully a hundred or more of our ministers who would come in this class.

4. How the deacons alone could raise the amount named: By those whose annual net increase of wealth has been over one thousand dollars for twenty years past.

5. How the younger brethren alone could raise the amount named: By giving an amount to the mission board equal to what they spend for gold, silk, and patent leather shoes and Sunday car rides.

6. How the young sisters alone could raise the amount named: By giving an amount to the mission board equal to what they spend for hair and hair ornaments, the cost of only one social entertainment, and what is spent for fast sheet music and the cost of learning such music.

7. How all together could raise the amount named: By getting on fire to help God save his lost children.—Selected.

Dr. Moore Commended.

Rev. W. J. Moore, our Conference Sunday School Secretary, has held three institutes in Mangum district. His very efficient work has assured us that he is the right man for this most important work. He is acquainted with the field of Sunday school work and rapidly approaches it from many view points. He left us satisfied as far as his work was concerned. The only regret is that more preachers, superintendents, teachers and others did not attend and prepare themselves for more efficient work. There is but little hope of real progress in Sunday school work unless those intrusted with leadership in each school will get out of old ruts, inform themselves, and, at least, keep in sight of new methods. The pastor is easily discovered who neglects the Sunday school interests in his charge, as well as the superintendent. But much good has been done and we shall endeavor to cultivate the choice seed sown.

The district is moving onward, we trust, in the face of financial embarrassments. A few profitable meetings have been held. Brother Ellis, our district missionary, is in favor with the people where he has labored. He preaches a strong, safe gospel that will bear fruit and abide. His work is entirely free from any "clap-trap" methods. I am highly pleased with the district missionary plan and our missionary.

The preachers of the district are at work, contending with the various problems of the pastorate. Each has his peculiar trials and joys, but all are hopeful; a noble band of workers: may I be a somewhat worthy fellow laborer among them. The Mangum pastor and members are enjoying the fact that all their conference claims are paid in full. Another charge has paid the domestic and foreign assessments. Another the foreign and ere this, perhaps others.

The Mangum District Conference will be held at Altus May 20th to 23rd, inclusive. L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

Muskogee District Conference Committees.

License to Preach—A. M. Belcher, Wiley Smith, Wm. Grose.

Deacons and Elders' Orders—C. W. Clay, H. B. Scruggs and G. W. Daman.

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Missions and Boundaries—O. E. Goddard, A. C. Pickens, R. A. Cowan.

Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues—T. L. Rippey, A. B. L. Hankapillar, J. W. Fulton, W. A. Frazier, R. H. Horton.

Layman's Movement—A. E. Bonnell, W. J. Henson, Jno. J. Moore, J. B. Holleman, W. H. Davis, W. O. Bruton, Luther Kyle.

Let these brethren please take notice and prepare accordingly. The conference will sit in Sallisaw April 14-16, inclusive. Opening sermon night of 13th, by Rev. G. B. Winton, editor of the Christian Advocate.

W. E. DUNKLE, P. E.

Grove, Okla.

The stewards made a liberal increase on the preacher's salary. Organized and adopted the Disciplinary plan of collection.

Our Sunday school, under the watchful care and efficient management of Bro. J. F. Pace, is in fine condition. It has the home department, cradle roll, class organization, teachers' meeting,

church extension and missionary features. We have another Sunday school at a school house a few miles out in the country; that is paying a \$25 special for missions and doing fine work in other lines.

We have just closed a week's meeting in which we were ably assisted by Rev. J. D. Salter of Wagoner, Okla. Rev. J. W. Sims, our efficient and sweet spirited presiding elder, was with us Saturday, Sunday and Monday to hold our first quarterly conference, and captured the hearts of all who heard him. The quarterly conference voted to build a good new parsonage and the W. H. M. S. took charge of the work and will have the building begun at once. Our Junior League has pledged \$1 per member for the parsonage and our Seniors will not be found wanting.

We begin the second quarter with much labor before us but our faith is strong. Pray for us that the difficulties involved may melt away and that great success may crown the work.

JAMES LAMBERT, P. C.

Anadarko, Okla.

I reached this our new field of labor for the first Sunday after conference. Our smiling Sunday school superintendent with the faithful few gave us such a warm, hearty, Christian welcome that from that day to this we have been loving them more and more.

We have just arranged to take the census of the town for the benefit of our Sunday school, which has more than doubled since the first of the conference year. The membership of the church has also more than doubled in the same length of time, or since we took charge. We are also praying and planning for our revival that Bro. M. A. Cassidy has promised to hold us in April. The church is working and praying to the end that God may send Bro. Cassidy to us filled with the love and fire of the Holy Ghost and give him the success that has attended his work and preaching at other places.

All of us love our big hearted presiding elder, C. F. Mitchell, who held our first quarterly meeting on the 18th of January.

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A. S. WILLIAMS.

Feb. 17, 1909.

Bok Falaya Ai Anompuli.

Chahta-Chikasha Ulhti ai anukaka Bok Falaya sakit at Bokehito ai ittana-aha vak o Hashi tuchina Ittanaha amona kat im asha tuk oke. Ittanahat isht ia ammona Plaiti okhlili ka P. J. Thomas, P. C. ak osh abanampa isht anompuli tuk oke.

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Atuk o okhlili ma Rev. C. M. Coppedge, P. E. ak o H. E. Nohaya yat anampa i tosholi ho anompuli tuk oke, ilappat ont ahlopulli ma hashi tuchina Ittanaha yakosh nan isht ashat isht ia tuk oke. Atuk o Nitak Hullo onnahinli ma anampa ilbasha anompuli ya Ben Wesley ak osh pehliehit anta tuk oke. Hashi kanalli chakali ma D. L. Robert ak osh anompuli tuk.

Atuk o hashi kanalli anachafa ma Rev. C. M. Coppedge ak o H. E. Nohaya ak osh anampa i tosholi ho abanampa isht pim anompohonlit ont ahlopulli cha nan ittahoba hoyo ma \$9.68 ittahoba tuk oke.

Atuk osh opyaka pilla hashi kanalli tuklo ma Ulhti Pehliehi at in ehuka ia tuk oke. Atuk o hashi kanalli tuchina ma Sim Folsom mieha P. J. Thomas ittatuklo hosh anompuli okla tuk, ont ahlopulli ma ontuklo hosh Iksa toba tuk oke. Okhlili ma H. E. Nohaya mieha P. J. Thomas, P. C. ittatuklo hosh anompuli tuk, yohmi ma ushta hosh anonti Iksa toba tuk oke.

Ittanaha achukma ai ho pehinsali mat Chitokaka ya yak oke, im ai ahni li aiahli tuk oke. Hachittibapishi.

P. J. THOMAS.

Haworth, Okla., Feb. 9, 1909.

Sakit Pehliehi Ahleha.

Ittibapishili ahleha Chahta-Chikasha Ulhti hash aiasha ka anampa haehim alishke. Abanampa ai imma a haehi apelat aya la ehi anonti ano akinla kat ittanaha apisat aya li aiena ehi hatuk oka Masetonia ak o ala eha pe apela achi tok a ehohmit ittanaha hash apesa kat hassun anoli pullashke; mieha Nitak Hullo holisso pisa yat haehim asha hokmat hashi isht ia Nitak Hullo ammona ka "Mission" isht apelaehi ittahobit Rev. T. L. Rippey, Muskogee, Oklahoma, anta ka pit hash imashke. Yohmikana "Woman Home Mission Society" yat haehim asha hokmat yammak kia "Mission" isht apelaehi ya ittahobi pulla eha Rippey ash inli ka pit ima ehi ka hash atohno chashke. Ilappat anampa ai ahli yoke.

A. H. HOMER.

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The executive committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Oklahoma Conference will meet at St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, March 16th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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Feb. 16.

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