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"WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE CHURCHES?" AND THE CENSUS BULLETIN.

One of the popular magazines recently sent out to a number of prominent ministers the question at the head of this article, and published a symposium on the subject. The magazines, like some other periodicals, are always hunting a sensation, and because they hunger for such pabulum they are as a rule very poor guides. Especially do they err when they undertake to deal with religious matters. Our people will do far better to rely upon their own papers, if they want the truth.

The implication of this question is that there is something vitally wrong with the churches, that they are failing. Now, the churches themselves would be the first to maintain that they are not all they ought to be, not all they are aiming to be. There was never a day when they would have held otherwise. It was ever true, as Dr. Broughton, of this symposium, says it is true now, that the church is less efficient than it might be in view of our ignorance of the Bible, for example. It has perhaps ever been true, as Dr. Aked, also of this symposium, says it is true now, that the ministers of religion are not as a class sufficiently paid to enable them to do the best work. Indeed no one of the gentlemen who has attempted to answer this question has put his finger on any defect in the churches that is peculiar to these times.

The truth of the situation is very much that brought out by Benjamin Franklin on a certain occasion. Franklin asked a party of wise men why a tub of water weighing, say seventy-five pounds, would weigh no more if a ten-pound fish should be placed in it. One had one explanation and another had another. After they had discussed, learnedly enough, the reasons for such a fact, Franklin said to them, Gentlemen, are you sure that the tub will not weigh ten pounds more? Are we sure, in the meaning of this question, that there is anything at all the matter with the churches?

It happens that about the time the Delineator was getting its answers to this question the United States Census Bureau issued a bulletin covering the religious statistics of the country. The bulletin deals with membership figures and other figures only as they apply to the United States—does not consider statistics of the missions of the several churches in other lands; and the bulletin covers the years 1890-1906, sixteen years, 1906 being the latest year for which the bureau had gathered statistics. If the enterprising editor of the Delineator had seen this bulletin beforehand, he probably would not have sent out his question.

Now, the census bulletin shows that as a matter of fact the growth of the churches is considerably in advance of the growth of the population. During the years considered the population of the country increased 33.8 per cent, while the churches increased 60.4 per cent. In 1890 the churches held in their membership 32.7 per cent of the whole population; in 1906 they held 39.1 per cent. During the sixteen years the church buildings increased 35.3 per cent, and the

value of church property increased 85.1 per cent. The Roman Catholics made the heaviest gain, showing an increase of 93.5 per cent, while the Protestant bodies showed an increase of 44.8 per cent. The Catholics have been aided, of course, immensely by immigration. But more than one-half of all the religious organizations of the country are still in the hands of the Methodists and the Baptists, to say nothing of other Protestant denominations. This does not look like the churches are dying. We might add that eight new church buildings per day are being added to the equipment of the churches. The Manufacturers' Record, Baltimore, has just given out the statement that during the first ten months of the present year the South has put \$13,000,000 into church buildings.

Another fact, which may surprise some who have been having so much to say about the dearth of preachers, is that the proportion of preachers to the number of members rose considerably during the sixteen years. In 1890 there was one preacher for every 185 members, while in 1906 there was one for every 139 members.

While we are on this subject of church statistics, we will notice another phase. The Baptist brethren are certainly doing well. The figures show that taking all the Baptist bodies together they have gained during the sixteen years 52.5 per cent, about twice the gain of the Methodist bodies. The Baptist Watchman thinks that these figures would indicate that the Baptists are the largest church in the country. We congratulate our Baptist brethren and wish them mighty well. But they need not be too quick to assume that they are the greatest body of Protestants in this country. The facts are that the Methodist Episcopal Church gained thirty-three per cent; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South gained over thirty-five per cent; that these two churches show an actual increase during the sixteen years of 1,174,304, against the actual increase of the Southern Baptist Convention, the two corresponding white churches, of 981,485. The variation is found among the negro Methodists and the negro Baptists. There are two facts, one cutting each way, both pertaining to negro statistics. One fact is that the census tables show a loss of the African Methodist Episcopal membership of 165,000 since 1890, and the census officials say that there is evidently a mistake in their figures for 1890, since that church shows substantial growth in all other particulars. The other fact is that these census tables give the colored Baptists 361,000 more members in 1906 than Dr. Burrows, the statistician of the Southern Baptist Convention allows them for that year. The two mistakes taken together show a discrepancy of more than a half million members. Take out this half million, and then see how much the Baptists have gained on us! It is a little like the statement we saw in one of our exchanges the other day to the effect that the Baptists in Arkansas have twelve thousand more members than the Methodists, in which statement the writer figured against the totals of one Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, namely, and even there his figures will need to be verified.

We rejoice in great numbers, and the figures are not at all discouraging. We have, on the contrary, every reason to thank God and take courage. But it might be well for us all to re-

member that there is such a thing as a lust for numbers. The way we follow God and devote ourselves to Christ is the thing that will surely tell in the years to come. If our Baptist brethren or, for that matter, our Roman Catholic brethren, can excel us in leading Christly lives and in teaching the people to do so, may they take the country! We may all improve in that respect.

There are thousands of professedly Christian people who really want to be religious, but they simply do not take time to keep close to the Lord. Life for them is one endless round of toil and petty vexations. They rush to business in the morning, and they worry through each day in a semi-distracted state of mind, "trying to do the best they can." If such people would spend fifteen minutes in quiet consideration of their relation to God and to high things each morning, they would find that they had saved time; would find also that all of life had been smoothed and sweetened by the process. The truth is, if we would only know it, that we have time for nothing else till we have taken time to establish right relations with God. It is a trick of the Devil that we should believe we have not time to meditate and to pray, no matter what else is on hand.

The work of any pastor is half done when he can get his people well informed about the work; and no pastor can make head about his work till his people are informed. We make no hesitation to say that the very best agency in the world through which to get information to the people about the work of the church is the weekly paper. I think no one will deny this proposition. The moral to this, not a fable, is the pastor himself can well afford to give part of his time to a systematic effort to get the church paper into the homes of his people. And this is not to be considered merely as a service rendered to the paper; it is a service rendered to the church, to those we are set to serve in holy things.

The conference politician—did you ever hear of him? Finding out the brother with a grievance at the Bishop or Presiding Elder, he pours sympathy into his ear and leads him to believe that his influence will secure a better appointment. Allying himself to a faction, he breeds discontent. Sometimes he is so clumsy that his purposes are readily detected. Sometimes he is so wily that his real motives do not appear on the surface. Such men, we are glad to believe, are not often found among us, and yet occasionally one is caught disturbing the peace of a conference. When the brethren find him out, they know how to deal with him in the spirit of the Master.

Some of our readers will receive their new pastors before they read another copy of this paper. Receive the pastor kindly, brethren. He will be a true man, sent to you after being tried and found true. He may have had, likely has had, a hard time. Kindness shown him on his arrival among his new people will fall like heavenly dews and will help him all the year through.

Our thoughts are the parents of our actions. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. No man whose mind dwells upon impure thoughts can lead a pure life.

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Notes and Personals

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Little Rock Conference, Arkadelphia...November 24
White River Conference, Searcy.....December 1

Rev. W. F. Evans, of Henderson College was among our callers this week. He is always very welcome in these offices.

Rev. D. D. Warlick, of Bingen circuit, was in to see us on a business trip this week. He always makes things happen where he goes.

It is reported that every girl in the dormitory of the Central Baptist College, at Conway, has been converted. This is a fine recommendation.

Rev. T. J. Norsworthy, of Malvern, returning from a visit to Fort Smith, was with us several hours last Tuesday. His church at Malvern is going up rapidly.

It is reported that J. D. Rockefeller has placed \$1,000,000 in the hands of a commission to be used in investigation of the disease produced by "hookworm" with a view to its eradication.

Rev. H. H. Hunt, Cabot circuit, was in town this week. He has suffered much with his eyes of late, but is much better. He has, notwithstanding, everything ready for conference.

Rev. A. M. Robertson is closing a splendid year at DeVall's Bluff and Des Arc. He loves his people and is greatly loved and respected by them. He will make a very satisfactory report.

Rev. R. P. Wilson, of Searcy, will report more than one hundred accessions and all collections in full. He is closing a prosperous year, and thinks he has the best people to be found anywhere.

We extend congratulations to Rev. W. A. Frazier and his bride, who were married at Oktha, Okla., on the 27th of October. The bride was Miss Lora Carrell. Rev. W. A. Shelton performed the ceremony.

We had a pleasant call yesterday from our brother, Rev. Abner Sage of Malvern Circuit.

He is still suffering on account of the injury to his back, but hopes to be able to get out among his people and close up his work.

We make grateful acknowledgements to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Giles, Texarkana, for an invitation to attend the marriage of their daughter, Miss Eugenia Moose, to Mr. William Henry McKinney, on the 10th of this month.

Rev. J. M. Workman, assisted by Rev. W. F. Evans and Rev. L. C. Beasley, has just closed a meeting at Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock, resulting in over twenty accessions and a great spiritual uplift to the church.

Revs. R. W. McKay and W. C. Watson, of Camden, are visiting the Arkansas Conference this week, and gave us the pleasure of some talk with them as they passed through this city. Each is in fine spirits about his work.

On his way to visit the Arkansas Conference at Morrilton yesterday Rev. E. M. Pipkin, of Newport, Ark., called. He is preparing to rebuild his church which burned recently, and hopes to carry a good report to conference.

At his fourth quarterly conference Rev. J. C. Hooks, of Lonoke, in good spiritual condition and finances will all be full. The salary is \$1.00 more than last year. The mutual appreciation of the pastor and people is beautiful.

Mrs. Beard, widow of the late Rev. E. L. Beard, died at the old home north of Lonoke, Oct. 27, and was buried in the family cemetery the following day. She had been an invalid for years and was fully prepared to go. The bereaved relatives and friends have our sympathy.

Rev. F. E. Dodson, of Junction City, called yesterday en route for Morrilton the seat of conference. He has arranged to transfer, seeking a higher altitude. He has done a fine work at Junction City and leaves it in good condition. Little Rock Conference brethren regret to lose him, but commend him to the fellowship of the Arkansas Conference.

Mrs. W. A. Cazort, one of our elect women, died at Lamar on the 26th of October. She had lived well, had reared a large family of children, who are now useful and good, and she died in peace. We extend sympathy to the husband and children and to other relatives in their bereavement. Rev. J. B. Stevenson, of Conway, was called to the funeral.

Rev. E. F. Wilson, with whom the writer spent last Sunday, is about completing a church at the good old town of Princeton, Ark., in addition to the one just completed at Carthage, a three-year-old town on the Rock Island. Brother Wilson is closing his fourth year on Princeton circuit, and has done a most excellent work. All the interests of the charge have gone forward under his administration.

Rev. B. Wright is closing a successful year at England. He had a good meeting at a mill in the country and is greatly interested in the possibilities of the surrounding territory. England is now one of our best charges and has a bright future, if the church fully measures up to its magnificent opportunities. Mrs. Wright has had a lingering attack of malarial fever, but is now almost recovered.

The Free Methodist Church has just completed a fine publishing house in Chicago, where the "Free Methodist" will be published, together with their Sunday school books, papers, etc., and where ample provision is made for the various boards of the church to hold their meetings. This building was dedicated October 14 with elaborate ceremonies. It is an example of remarkable enterprise, and reflects great credit upon the entire denomination.

Our whole church will honor the memory of Dr. J. H. Carlisle, of Wofford College, South Carolina, who passed away peacefully on the 21st of last month. Indeed all American Methodism held him in high esteem. Nearly all his life has been given to Wofford. His influence there has been immeasurable. He was a true hero, yet as modest as could be wished for any man; a gentleman, a saint, a scholar, he came to old age with troops of friends, and now sleeps in an honored grave.

Rev. W. M. Jones has done a monumental work on Tomberlin circuit in organizing a church at Keo and building a \$1200 house and in building an \$800 parsonage at Tomberlin. In addition part of a debt on Hundley's chapel has been paid, and sixty-six members have been added to the church. It is expected that salary and collections will be paid in full. The people at Tomberlin deserve great credit for bearing the whole cost of the parsonage. There is more good work to be done in developing that rich cotton country.

The protracted services recently held in Winfield Memorial church, beginning with Dr. S. A. Steel and conducted by Rev. W. M. McIntosh were very helpful to the spiritual life of the church. Possibly forty or fifty persons were converted and reclaimed, and about thirty accessions were the direct results of the meeting. The ministry of these brethren was greatly appreciated. They are strong, attractive and convincing preachers. Dr. Steel gave a series of sermons stimulating and uplifting, and Rev. Mr. McIntosh with marvelous fervor and revival power proclaimed the saving truths of the gospel. Large congregations attended the services and the influence of the meeting was felt throughout the city. These brethren will always be heard with great pleasure by the people of Winfield Memorial church.

Our Capital Church, Little Rock, under the care of Rev. P. R. Eaglebarger, is beginning a new era. Very valuable property at the corner of Third and Pulaski streets has been purchased for \$6,750, \$850 having been paid in cash, the balance to be paid in small monthly installments. The lot is 75x150 feet, is high above the street, and is just three blocks from the new Union depot in one of the most densely populated portions of the city. There are two houses. The smaller has been remodeled at a cost of about \$200, and makes a very comfortable and convenient chapel, having a small auditorium, a primary and two other class rooms, kitchen and partial equipments for the social work that must done there. The larger house is rented and the proceeds will be used to help maintain the church. Arrangements have been made for some night school work, and it is hoped that the church will develop institutional features. Bro. Eaglebarger has served the charge without salary in connection with his editorial work, and deserves great credit for helping to solve a difficult problem. A pastor will be needed for full time next year, but Bro. Eaglebarger expects to help carry on our city mission work.

The St. Louis Preachers' Meeting has taken action with reference to the large number of Methodists lost to the churches who after coming to the city connect themselves by membership with none of the city congregations. It is estimated that Methodists residing in St. Louis, having in their possession church letters and yet who are not affiliated with any of the churches, outnumber the actual members of the twenty-three congregations in the city. A committee composed of the Presiding Elder and five pastors located in different sections of the city has been appointed, and this committee has been instructed to provide means of securing the names of Meth-

odists having church letters, and who are not connected with any church, and the names of those who may come to the city hereafter bringing with them their church letters, and to distribute these names to the pastors of our various churches. It is desired that the name and St. Louis address of any person about to take up residence in this city should be sent to one of the following members of the committee:

Dr. S. H. Wainright, Presiding Elder.

Rev. L. E. Todd, Centenary Church, for the downtown section.

Rev. C. N. Clark, Scruggs, Memorial, for the central section.

Dr. C. M. Hawkins, Lafayette Park, for the south side section.

Dr. Theo Copeland, St. Paul's Church, for the north side section.

Rev. C. W. Webbdelell, Wagoner Place, for the west end section.

AN EFFICACIOUS REMEDY.

On the 27th of October, at Shreveport, La., District Judge Bell sentenced thirty-three violators of the prohibition laws of Louisiana. They were "near-beer" men and such like. All physically able to work were sentenced to work on the parish roads from twenty to 130 days, while the others, exempt from such service, were sent to jail. In addition, fines to the amount of \$8,500 were assessed. Besides these who are sentenced there are eight others, who are to receive sentence on the 8th of this month. All but six of these violators are white men.

It is not for temperance people to gloat over the misfortunes of these men. They are to be pitied for having fallen so low. But all good men will approve these sentences and will applaud the judge who sat in his place to uphold law. We would that the time might speedily come when no judge need be called upon to so sentence any of the men of this country. But as long as men trample upon the prohibition laws, or upon any other laws, for that matter, there is but one thing to do. Such a process seems to be the only medicine that will cure some men cursed by the whisky traffic. The attention of our officers in Oklahoma is especially called to this court scene.

PRESS PRESUMPTION.

The secular press has been passing a news item to the effect that at the recent session of the Holston Conference at Johnson City, Tenn., Bishop Hoss, who was presiding, "boosted" Dr. R. G. Waterhouse for the episcopacy. As secretary of that Conference I have received two letters from church editors asking me as to the facts. Since the newspapers have given widespread publicity to the matter, I write to correct the absurd exaggeration.

Some one presented Bishop Hoss with a gavel made from the tree where Daniel Boone "cilled a b'ar." The Bishop responded in good humor. Among other things he declared he was getting so many gavels he hardly knew what to do with them. Then, with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes, he said that he would promise now to present this one to the first member of the Holston Conference who should be elected as his colleague. There was a ripple of laughter and applause, while some one called out: "We've got the man, Bishop." No name was mentioned. The incident was one of pure pleasantry. To make of it a serious attempt to boost anybody does gross injustice to all concerned.—J. A. Burrow.

For the sake of everybody concerned we are glad to reproduce from "The Nashville," the foregoing item. The moral of the incident is that if our people want the news about their conferences or the other doings of their church they must look to their church papers for it.

TRAVELOGS IN MISSION FIELDS.

The Educational Department of the General Board of Missions announces that the Board has united with the Christian Lantern Slide and Lecture Bureau of Chicago in an interdenominational movement for missionary education and missionary evangelism in the church. Two lectures on missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South are now ready, namely: "The Dragon Empire or John Chinaman at Home" and "The Brownies of Dai Nippon or a Tour in Sunrise Land." These two lectures are carefully prepared in booklet form and the sets of slides are the most artistically executed hand colored work. The rental rates on these sets are very reasonable and after keeping up the repairs, the returns all go to building lectures on other fields.

The Bureau also handles a full line of stereopticon apparatus and accessories and all profits from sales and rentals go to build new lectures and keep up the circulation. Mr. L. F. Swarthout, Y. M. C. A. Building, 153 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., who is manager of the Bureau is a master in this field of work and is thoroughly reliable. The brethren are urged to write to Mr. Swarthout for catalogue and other literature concerning the lectures and apparatus, and to avail themselves of this excellent material while it is fresh.

Drs. W. R. Lambuth and Ed. F. Cook have been elected members of the Advisory Board and represent the interests of the M. E. Church, South in this movement to place at the command of our constituency excellent materials for up-to-date illustrated lecture work.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editors: It is Sunday night and I have just returned from a trip to the great auditorium where "Gypsy" Smith is holding his great meeting. The services are advertised to begin at eight o'clock, and although I reached the building by 7:15, the doors were closed and thousands were clamoring for entrance on the outside and every incoming car continued to bring as many as could find standing room in it. A policeman on duty at the building told me it had been full for half an hour when I arrived, and so it has been from the first night three weeks ago. This is the first time I have failed to get in, but I have always had to go early and some of the time could not have gotten in then but for the University having engaged a section of seats which are reserved until filled by University students.

Of course there has been much psychologizing and discussion among the "wise-heads" as to the secret of his wonderful influence. He is utterly devoid of all the characteristic tricks and devices of the typical evangelist. He tells no funny stories, uses no slang, cuts no antics. On the other hand he preaches a most thorough-going evangelical gospel and a high standard of morality. Conviction of sin, repentance, justification by faith in Christ, regeneration, witness of the Spirit, are the themes which make up the burden of his message. It is not uncommon for several hundred to go to the Inquiry Room for a season of prayer and conference with the personal workers after one of his searching, though simple straightforward sermons.

At the invitation of the Divinity School of the University he delivered a short address to the University students one afternoon, and notwithstanding the fact the man has been to school according to his own statement only four weeks in his life, I think it was the most masterful piece of English I have heard from that platform where only the learned and great are supposed to appear. And yet it was the simple story of Him who went about doing good. But how he has acquired such perfect use of simple Anglo-Saxon can but excite the wonder and admiration of every impartial, intelligent hearer. He made

a profound impression on the great body of students who heard him.

To be sure he is intelligent about his work. Of course he knows men and women as do but few men. Certainly he adapts himself and his methods to a situation as he faces it with little regard for traditional conventionalities. In other words he is an extremely practical, modern, Christian missionary endowed it seems to me with an extraordinary quantity and quality of that uncommon thing they call "common sense," and surcharged with an overmastering love for his unsaved fellowmen.

But I have wanted to say a word about Southern Methodism at the University during the summer quarter which closed the first of September. According to the best estimate several of us could make there must have been nearly a hundred representatives preachers and teachers from the various conferences of Southern Methodism here adding to their equipment for more efficient service in their various fields. The faculties of Vanderbilt, Southwestern University, Emory and Hendrix colleges, many of our secondary schools, pastors from some of our strongest churches, besides numerous State institutions and the public schools were all represented. The summer attendance as a whole was the largest by some two hundred or more it has ever been. There were over seventy here from Oklahoma, many of whom are among the leading teachers of that great new State.

Dr. Judson, the present president, is not the equal of the lamented Dr. Harper as a brilliant scholar and prophetic projector, but he is a great executive—quiet, firm, far-seeing, intensely practical, wholly sane. He is putting the institution on such a solid financial, and thoroughly practical, and at the same time strictly modern educational basis that to practically all who spend any time here there comes the conviction that this is fast coming to be the greatest university in America. Lord Northcliffe, not long since in this country, made the deliberate declaration after coming here and going through the university that under normal conditions it ought to become the greatest university in the world.

Of the many Southern students I meet every quarter, seldom do I see one who is not delighted and hopes to get back. This means they will encourage others to come; so whether it is to be for our betterment or detriment, this university is surely and steadily exercising a growing influence upon the thought and leadership of our Southland.

O. B. STAPLES.

6009 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Oct. 27, 1909.

LAYMEN'S MEETING.

At the Laymen's meeting of the M. E. Church, South, for the Prescott district which will convene at Hope, on Wednesday the 10th day of November, at 9 o'clock a. m., the following among other subjects, will be discussed:

1. The plans and purposes of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.
2. What is the duty of the church toward the world? and especially toward those who have never heard the gospel?
3. Is the church ready for the work of evangelizing the world? If not, why not?
4. The spiritual value and results of a missionary awakening, to the individual, to the church and to the world.
5. The relation of the church papers to the church and its work.
6. The best methods of meeting expenses for all church purposes.
7. The situation in the Prescott district. What is there for the laymen to do?

We are praying for, and expecting a good time at this meeting. Every church in the Prescott district should be represented. Send your name to Hon. J. H. McCollum, at Hope, and he will see that your entertainment is provided for.

J. O. A. BUSH, District Leader.

WORK AMONG THE KIOWA INDIANS.

Perhaps a chapter in the life of the missionary among these people will give a better idea of the work than a description of the condition of it. So I will write a short chapter.

I started from my home, a short distance from Fort Sill, Okla., to go a distance of thirty miles in my buggy up on the Washita river to a settlement of Indians. Not being very well acquainted with the whites along the route I took a lunch for myself and feed for my horse, Incitatus. It being a very dry time, I also provided myself with a bottle for water. The only incident on the journey out of the usual line occurred when I stopped to feed my horse and to eat my lunch. I had forgotten to put a picket rope in my buggy before starting, so I tied Incitatus with the buggy line, allowing him room to graze. I walked down along the bank of the running stream where I had stopped. Running streams have been scarce in this country this summer. This and one other were the only ones I crossed on this journey. When I got back my horse had broken the line and was making his way back towards home. I am a cripple, having left a leg somewhere in the soil of Virginia. Now I have a peg leg. I did some hopping and skipping up that road. I succeeded in overtaking Incitatus, while stopping to graze, brought him back and did not give him another opportunity of getting away.

The thought of being a cripple reminds me that these Indians have a peculiar genius for naming people. If a person has anything peculiar about him that fixes his name. They call me Ah-tone-kee, which is wooden leg. Brother J. J. Methvin is low and slender with red hair and somewhat red complexion. They call him "red ant." The Creek Indians used to call him "Este-Hutkee-Kochokonee." Short white man. While I am on this line I will state that Oklahoma is a Choctaw Indian word and means "red people." Okla, people, and homa, red. I have seen it stated several times that it means, home of the red man. If the l is left out so as to make it Okahoma, it would be red water, which is whisky. I am glad whisky is neither in the name nor in the constitution. That the red people kept it out of the name and helped to put it out of the State.

I reached the home of Gaw-kee-Ah just as the sun was setting. Found him and his wife, Daw-mah-dae, Big Bow and his family, at the home. Gaw-kee-ah is an old Indian warrior about seventy-two years old. In his younger days he made many raids into Texas with other Indians stealing horses. Brother Methvin told me he was one of his greatest opposers when he began work among these Indians. A few years ago under the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Gassoway, and under the preaching of Rev. Kicking Bird, he enlisted in the cause of the blessed Jesus, to whom he has been true. Some one told me that when other Indians around him were holding a meschal feast he took the children off under an arbor and held a prayer meeting. His wife is a somewhat prominent character among the Kiowas, endorses Christianity, but is somewhat in the condition of "running with the hare and holding with the hounds."

They all gave a hearty welcome. There were but few Indians in the community. A large number had gone off to the Cheyenne Indian dance. This tribe had given a dance and an invitation to all the Indians in the western part of Oklahoma. At this dance they, the Cheyennes, gave away ponies and articles to the amount of two hundred dollars, so I was told. How the government authorities allow this I cannot tell. How hard it is for the Indians to break away from these old customs! Yet it is no wonder. This stands in the same place to him that patriotism stands to us. He thinks allegiance to his race requires him to keep up his race habits. While

there must be strong faith with strong effort to lead him away from what hurts him, there will be pity for him to those who understand him.

Clyde Cocoa, my interpreter, did not meet me here at this home as was agreed upon. So I had to resort to others. Lilly, the wife of young Joe Gaw-kee-ah understood English. She had a young babe and headache and begged to be excused. Big Bow understood a little English and had heard a good deal of preaching. He is an exhorter and had done some preaching himself. He was my only hope for an interpreter. There were some picture illustrations of Sunday school lessons of former years hanging on the walls of the room where we met. One was of Christ healing the blind man, the other of Peter walking on the water. I took one of these for the morning service, the other for the afternoon. A few Indians who had not gone to the dance came in. We had a good service. The Lord helped. Big Bow seemed to comprehend. I tried to make it plain. The Lord helped me. I returned home on Monday. There were other incidents I wanted to write. This chapter is long enough.

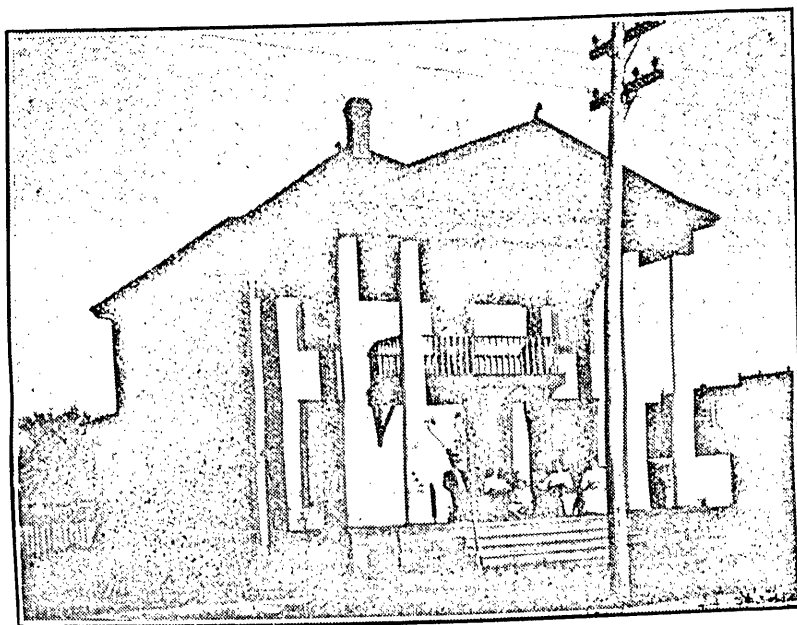
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Fort Sill, Okla.

LETTERS FROM REV. C. N. WEEMS.

II.

On Friday morning, August 20, we turned our faces westward and started upon the last stage



NEW PARSONAGE, OKMULGEE, OKLA. Rev. W. J. Sims, Pastor.

of our journey across the continent. For the three hours we crossed an arm of the great Salt Lake on the famous "Lucin Cut-off." For twenty-eight miles the track runs over trestle work built at enormous expense by the Southern Pacific railroad which formerly ran around the northern edge of the lake. The cut-off saves a heavy grade besides several hours in running time and is considered an engineering feat of the age. For the next few hours we crossed the great American Desert—surely the most barren and the most desolate country in the goodly world. Missionary life in Korea seemed inviting in comparison with the loneliness of the life of a railroad agent on these dreary, sun-baked plains. The stations are fifteen or twenty miles apart with nothing between and nothing where we stop but the station agent and section houses. This desert consists of a great plateau. The elevation ranges from four to five thousand feet, and is marked at each station on the board along with the distance from the termini of the road. Next morning (Saturday) to our great delight our eyes opened upon the picturesque hills of California. Soon the train was besieged at every stage by fruit vendors offering the most delicious pears, peaches and grapes at surprisingly low prices. From now on the landscape was a succession of surprises: Mountains, snowbeds, valleys, streams and orchards. We traveled for miles parallel to the right of way of the Pacific

Western railway which is an extension of the Denver and Rio Grande, and is being constructed into San Francisco. We saw a number of gangs of men building bridges, and making cuts, fills, tunnels, and culverts. Railroad building in the West is a matter of enormous expense. At Sacramento, where we tarried for a few minutes just before noon a great many passengers left and as many more boarded the train. We rapidly descended to only a few hundred feet above sea level among meadows and farmlands. By two o'clock we had reached the Bay but we had to go around this arm of the sea for fifteen miles, pass through Berkeley and Oakland, and be ferried across the bay before we reached our destination. This was accomplished in due time and by three p. m. we were comfortably quartered in the Argonaut hotel. But as we had the dust of eight States to brush off it was no small task to bring ourselves up to the plane of recognition—not to say respectability. We unexpectedly happened upon a familiar face as we entered the hotel lobby. It was no other than the one-time president of Galloway College, Dr. C. C. Godden, who passes at home as a superannuated Methodist preacher, but who travels about the globe—now in Europe, now in Cuba, and now in the Far West—like an eagle in mid-career, making his valued observations for his readers and friends

at home. May he be spared for many years to gratify a pardonable curiosity as to what is going on in this world before being called to look in upon the glories of another. The church needs the wisdom of his counsel. At the Argonaut hotel we were again surprised to look into the face of Prof. G. A. Cole, of the U. of A., and to meet his traveling companion, Mr. Adams, both of Fayetteville.

SAN FRANCISCO.

On Sunday morning, August 22, it was my pleasure, in company with Dr. Godden, to visit our only Southern Methodist Church in all the great city of San Francisco. Brother J. E. Squires, the pastor, gave us a most helpful and inspiring sermon, as well as a cordial welcome. After the long trip across the continent in contact with people of all classes most of whom were unsympathetic tour-

ists, it was refreshing to come into the atmosphere of worship and to feel the touch of hands in sympathy with me in my work. In the early part of the service we were greeted by Mr. Dibrell Chapin, formerly of Searcy but now living in California. Alas, that the girls of Galloway should allow such a handsome and manly youth to wander to this land of gold. After the service we met the interesting family of Brother Squires and a large number of the elect members. They showed real and intelligent interest in missions.

On Monday morning in the delightful company of Bro. Squires, I attended the preachers' meeting at the Methodist Book Concern. The service was especially arranged for outgoing missionaries and proved to be a benediction to all present. At the meeting I found another Arkansas friend in the person of the chairman, Rev. Alfred J. Kennedy, a child schoolmate in the public school at Van Buren, who had been converted under the ministry of my father. He took all the dignity out of me and my remarks, when I was introduced, by asking: "Is this Clarence Weems? Why, I used to know him in knickerbockers." Bro. Kennedy has been in California about twenty years, and is now pastor of a church in Oakland. I was again fortunate at this meeting in forming the acquaintance of Bro. Ryang, a native Korean, who is in charge, under the supervision of Dr. C. F. Reid, of the Southern Methodist work for Koreans in California. He is the

assistant editor of the Korean "Evangel," a copy of which he presented me, but which I have not read for lack of time.

While we were making the rounds of the city Monday morning, in addition to his other kindnesses, Bro. Squires gave me a very interesting account of the earthquake, the fire, and the strike of the street railway employees. It seemed that San Francisco had reached a depth of political and social corruption unbelievable by one unacquainted with the facts. Licenses for all sorts of evils were openly sold. The expression was rife, "Everything goes in San Francisco." It is remarkable that the very section of city given over to this unspeakable wickedness was entirely destroyed. The claim is made that not a single member of any Christian church was killed in all the dread cataclysm. In the darkest hours of this awful period, when an industrial war had been in progress for two weeks, the city authorities appealed to the Christian people to help settle the strike. A committee was appointed including some of the ablest ministers of the city. This committee in conference with the capitalists and the representatives of the laborers found an equitable solution for the trouble—thus establishing a precedent and gaining prestige that has been turned to good account by the forces of civic righteousness in bringing moral reforms. Among other improvements all plays, before being posted on the boards, must be examined and approved by a competent committee.

As to material rehabilitation about one third of the buildings have been replaced. The new buildings have an ornate finish but are modest in height. The reason for this is apparent. Thousands left the city after the fire never to return, but there is evidence on every hand of energy and determination. With her magnificent harbor and other advantages, San Francisco will in time regain her position.

Our brief stay of three days allowed but little time for sight-seeing. We did find time, however, to get a glimpse of the beauties of Golden Gate Park. It is said to be the finest in the West. It even surpasses Belle Isle Park in Detroit and Stratton Park in Colorado Springs.

Before our departure many things had to be seen to with reference to the voyage, household furniture to be purchased, umbrellas, wraps, shoes and hats for two seasons, and last but by no means of least importance, a supply of Validol (supposed to prevent sea sickness). By eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning our arrangements were completed, our trunks and grips strapped for the "Nth" time, and we were ready to exchange the hospitable and convenient Hotel Argonaut for the stately "Siberia" which was to be our unstationary and unstable home for more than two weeks or more than five thousand miles.

III.

The sadness of leaving our native shores at San Francisco was in part relieved by the pleasure of having Dr. Godden, Mr. Chapin and Bro. Squires at the dock to bid us God-speed. At 1:15 p. m. the visitors were hustled ashore, the anchor lifted, and we were off. Our good ship was piloted out of the harbor, passed the cliffs on either side that form the pillars of the "Golden Gate," and launched out on the mighty Pacific like some great bird for a distant flight.

We were soon recalled from the depression of our own feelings to the prosaic realities of life by the announcement of Tiffin (luncheon). What a tempting repast was spread for us on that day! And how we did enjoy it! Alas! We did not then know that this meal would be our last for a day or more.

Few were the stout hearts that made their way to dinner that evening. It was not more than twenty-four hours however, before most of the passengers began to creep out of their cabins to

find their equilibrium restored, the sea smooth and blue the ceaseless engines moving our ship ever onward, the quaint little Chinese boys doing all in their power to make everybody comfortable, the officers the very flower of courtesy, and the passengers a representative and interesting body of people.

THE PASSENGERS.

Besides a number of individuals of consequence, we had on board two important groups. The congressional group, consisting of eighteen Honorables with their wives, daughters and secretaries making a party eighty-six strong, was the more noticeable from its size, gayety, and assertiveness. The smaller group of thirty missionaries—men and women, married and single, some grown gray in the service, others just out of college—though quite unobtrusive in their quiet manner, presented by far the most significant party in purpose and possible results. The congressmen were very properly met, when our ship entered the harbor by a native band playing national airs. At the wharf they were decked with garlands of flowers which grow in profusion upon those beautiful islands. They were to be the recipients for the next three weeks of social honors at the hands of the Hawaiian government. These representatives are supposed to get together enough data for a report but a bothersome formality of that sort can safely be left to secretaries. Of the missionaries, Dr. Butcher, Dr. Neeld, and Dr. Gamewell—all of the M. E. Church—are veterans in India. They seem homesick to get back to their fields of labor. Miss Pyle of our Southern church is connected with the Laura Haygood Memorial school in Souchow. Her traveling companion is Miss Park, a Georgia lady who has been teaching and studying in the Scarritt B. and T. school for two years past and goes now to take up work in Shanghai.

At Honolulu a Japanese preacher of the Congregational church joined us. He gave us an interesting lecture Sunday afternoon on the "Rise of Christianity in Japan." We had also a delegate from the Philippine government en route from Washington. There were several naval and military officers. We had one lady in our company who came all the way to Yokohama to meet her affianced. They were to be married upon the arrival of the steamer. To relieve any suspense on the part of any young lady who may read these lines I will say that the groom-to-be came on board at Yokohama; he was a good looking fellow and for aught I knew they were happily married. We had on board an interesting young Chinese woman who had been in America for five years attending school at Wesleyan Female College in Georgia. Her name is Miss Eling R. Soong. She is bright, vivacious, and gives evidence of excellent training in English. Her father, a layman of Shanghai was himself educated at Vanderbilt. We had the society folk with us. They had the usual proclivities. And yet I was very glad to note that all games and sport were discontinued on Sunday and fully nine-tenths of the passengers attended the morning service. It made me feel proud of the American public.

FIRST SIGHT OF LAND.

We all seem to be creatures of habit to a large extent. A land lubber on his first voyage upon reaching land feels very much like "Brer Rabbit" when he was thrown into the briar patch. How welcome was the sight of land when we steamed into Honolulu Bay early Monday morning after five days of steady sailing! When all allowance is made for the circumstances under which they are seen, these Hawaiian islands still present a picture of rare beauty, and the more you see of their fruits, flowers, streets, and balmy breezes, the more you are impressed with their charm. Honolulu nestled among the hills of the island of Oahu, is a very important center of navigation

and commerce. All Pacific steamers call at this port. Its position is strategic. The "Stars and Stripes" have floated over it for eleven years. Before we were allowed to go ashore a quarantine officer came on board and made an inspection of every face and hand. The first class passengers came by request to the dining saloon while the inspector went his rounds.

HONOLULU.

Nearly all the passengers availed themselves of the privilege of going ashore for a few hours. The Aquarium, the Museum, the king's tomb, the residence of former queen Liliokulani, Waukiki beach, the Punch Bowl (the crater of an extinct volcano), and the tropical vegetation and fruits, were among the objects of interest. It was quite reassuring to see American goods in the shops and to post some letters with U. S. stamps. At five p. m. on Monday we steamed out of Pearl Harbor and started on the last half of our voyage.

CLARENCE N. WEEMS.

THE METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL.

BY A. M. TRAWICK, JR.

To begin the work of the fourth session of this institution for Christian workers, there is a faculty of nine teachers and instructors, two of whom were added to the teaching force during the summer vacation. This gives the Training School an adequate corps of instructors so that better and more thorough work may be done in all departments this year than during any previous year of the school's history.

It is the purpose of the school to furnish adequate training in every subject necessary to best preparation for active life, but not to offer anything as a mere accomplishment. More and more is it becoming possible every year for our teachers to specialize in their appointed fields and to develop their full strength in what they teach.

We have a student body this year of which we may justly be proud. We shall have a graduating class of fourteen or more most excellent young women and two or three men, all of whom have had the equivalent of a high school graduation, and some of them additional training for two or three years in college.

The Junior class numbers about thirty, and these with some ten or twelve special students, have among them most excellent spirits to be trained for service and leadership. It is a joy to help such devoted young lives in their work of preparing for the best life in the church. The Conferences represented in our body of students are as follows:

Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 1; Baltimore, 1; Brazil, 1; China, 2; Florida, 2; Holston, 3; Louisiana, 1; Louisville, 2; Memphis, 3; North Alabama, 3; North Carolina, 2; North Georgia, 5; Northwest Texas, 3; Oklahoma, 1; South Carolina, 3; South Georgia, 3; Saint Louis, 1; Tennessee, 11; Texas, 3; Western North Carolina, 1; West Virginia, 1; White River, 1. A few others are expected to enter in the course of a week or two, so that our enrollment will be about sixty pupils for the first term, which is the limit of our facilities for board and room until some improvements are made.

The government of the students is altogether in their own hands, and is in all particulars the application of the Honor System to their moral and social life while in the Training School. The school has, of necessity, an ideal of work and character, but beyond holding out this ideal constantly in all the activities of the school, nothing is done to compel obedience to a set of rules or regulations. Laws for individual life and conduct emanate altogether from the students as a body, and it is gratifying to the last degree to observe how jealous the students are for their own reputation, and how true they are to the ideal of the Training School. The members of the faculty are in heartiest sympathy with this feature of student life, and they are ready to believe that this system of student governing will yield

better results in character and efficiency than any other method of supervision.

A further feature of student life is its spirit of mutual helpfulness and co-operation for the common good of all. We are far from teaching or practicing any form of Communism or erecting in the school any artificial standard of social conduct. But as a Christian family we seek to make our daily life minister to the comfort and pleasure of all who are associated with us. To do this, every student is responsible for some little task in keeping the building in best order, and in preserving a home-like atmosphere in the entire institution. The young ladies and gentlemen enter very heartily into this assignment of duty, and the result is not only to settle the vexing problem of many servants about the building, but also to preserve a genuine spirit of sympathy and assistance like that which exists in large homes.

A character of our school life which distinguishes it from most others is the social half hour just after supper every evening. This is a time to forget lessons and tasks and personal complaints—it is a season of fun and enjoyment for a few minutes and is maintained throughout the year as a purely voluntary expression of student life. At the opening of the session it is peculiarly fitting to speak of this feature, inasmuch as by it many students avoid homesickness and a spirit of loneliness. And, too, a good hearty laugh is no bad preparation for a few hours of hard study to follow, so from the early morning devotions, we spend the day together praying, working, studying, and in social fellowship, a group of fellow laborers in a common cause.

At the beginning of the year we are about ready to install a new laundry and heating plant, and we are proud to say our furnace will be provided with a smoke consumer, which is successful, will be a needed object-lesson to this smoke laden city in order that we may, if possible, assist in making things what they ought to be.

The Training School is in the midst of a district where all kinds and conditions of humanity congregate. We have within our reach, boarding houses, tenements, apartments, houses of known immorality, dwellers in attics, in basements and in back alleys—white people, black people, Jews, Syrians, Protestants, Catholics, people of no faith and of every faith, and with immorality, disease, vice, infidelity, combined with the utmost respectability, on every side. It is our modest ambition to do for this community what no church or institution is doing. The Catholic Cathedral on one side, a colored church in the center, a poor little rescue mission further on, and the Training School Community Hall, are the active religious forces in this population estimated variously at six to ten thousand people. We desire to reach their souls, their minds, and bodies, and to that end we have a clinic with a trained nurse in attendance, a room for social entertainments and a hall for religious meetings.

In the center of the North Nashville Cotton Mill District, we have under our own control a social settlement which is the center of all our religious activity in that part of the city. One of our Deaconess graduates of last June is head resident at the settlement, and here are held the Children's Clubs, the Children's Story Hour, and their cooking classes, and here also are conducted the weekly Club Meetings for girls, for boys, and for the mothers.

The clubs are under the leadership of our students and they are required also to do a certain amount of friendly visiting in the neighborhood adjacent to the settlement. This kind of work is exceedingly attractive and profitable to the students, and we believe also to the people among whom they labor. Certain it is that we give no better preparation to Christian workers than this actual, living, contact with souls.

The Training School is the creature of prayer

and consecration; its one motive is love to God and humanity, its one aim is to catch the vision of need and of service, and its one desire is to be faithful to its generation upon the earth.

A. M. TRAWICK, JR.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS, PREACHERS AND LAYMEN OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Dear Brethren: The Laymen's Missionary Movement has planned a national campaign of education, designed to cover the entire territory of the United States. Meetings will be held in seventy or more cities, where men of all church affiliations will be asked to meet and discuss the evangelization of the world in this generation. The meetings will continue until May, 1910, at which time a great meeting of representative men from all parts of the United States will convene at Chicago, Ill., to adopt an adequate national policy to enable the United States to do her share in world evangelization. Canada has already adopted such a policy at a meeting attended by over 4,000 men from all parts of the Dominion. Forty or more of the Mission Boards of the United States have endorsed this campaign. The program provides for a denominational rally on the morning of each convention, at which time the men of each communion will assemble separately to agree upon the best way to utilize the interest and enthusiasm aroused in doing the share of the work assigned to their denomination, and to plan how to enlist every church and every man in the work.

We believe that your attendance upon these meetings will mean much for the Kingdom of Christ among men, and that the arousing of interest in world-wide missions will result in a quickening of the church at home in every department. We, therefore, urge you to have a part in this effort to arouse our nation to a sense of its duty and opportunity:

First, By praying daily for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the enterprise;

Second, By observing November 14, 1909, as a day of prayer for the success of the campaign, and by holding laymen's meetings on that day, wherever possible, in all of our churches;

Third, By keeping your people informed as to the progress of the work, using private conversations, the press and the pulpit, to give the largest possible publicity to the campaign;

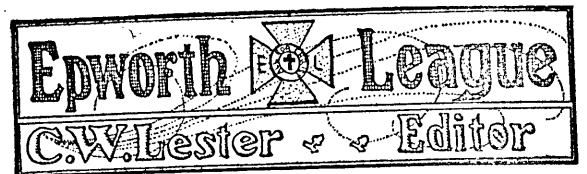
Fourth, By attending one or more of the meetings, if possible, even at a sacrifice;

Fifth, By co-operating in the adoption of a workable plan for an every member canvass of every church in your Conference, thus giving to all an opportunity to share in preaching the gospel to every creature in this generation.

Your servants in Christ,

A. W. Wilson,
W. A. Candler,
E. R. Hendrix,
H. C. Morrison,
J. R. Pepper,
F. M. Daniel,
D. H. Abernathy,
F. M. Thomas,
T. J. Watkins,
C. B. VanArsdale,
C. M. Phillips,
J. W. Kemper,
C. Tuck,
A. E. Bonnell,
R. F. Burden,
John P. Pettyjohn,
C. H. Ireland,
W. R. Lambuth,
W. B. Stubbs,
A. Trieschmann,
D. G. Grantham,

J. S. Key,
E. E. Hoss,
O. P. Fitzgerald,
James Atkins,
E. D. Newman,
J. S. Carr,
A. E. Barnett,
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M. D. Fields,
G. L. Jones,
P. S. Rader.



Scripture Lesson for Nov. 7: Luke 19:11-27.

Topic: In Business on Borrowed Capital.

The parable is of a nobleman who went into a far country to obtain a kingdom and to return. He called to him his servants and turned over to them his goods, giving each of the ten a pound with the instruction to use it until his return. Upon his return he called them to account. Some of them had used well, one, at least, had not used at all, the pound lent. The former he commended and rewarded, the latter he condemned and relieved of his pound.

The first lesson we are to get from the parable is that the Christian is doing business not on his own but another's capital. The ten servants were not the owners but the borrowers of the ten pounds. They operated on the nobleman's not their own capital. They were the trusted users of another's goods. It is even so with the Christian. He has as his capital only that which is given by another, even his Lord. He operates upon borrowed capital altogether, for what has he that was not given or lent to him by his Lord? It would be a distinct gain in many of our lives if we could better realize that we are not the owners but the trustees of what we have.

Another lesson to be strongly urged from this parable is that the Christian is expected to use for God what is thus lent to him. The specific instruction of the nobleman to his servants was, Occupy till I come. The plain meaning of which is, Be busy using these until I call for them upon my return. This phase of the parable translated into terms better understood by us is that God expects each of us to be constantly employed in using the precious time, the golden opportunities, our material means, our natural endowments, and everything else given us, in his blessed service. For such a service have we been saved, for such a holy end have we been made trustees.

The parable makes plain the results of using and of not using that which has been given. This case of the two given who used their Lord's pound brings out a three-fold result. They increased their capital. "Thy pound hath gained." increased, grown, five and even ten-fold. The seed sown was a single pound, the harvest reaped was in one case, ten-fold greater. They also received the commendation of their lord. What sweet music, what power to stir their souls had the simple words of their lord, "Well, thou good servant." They also won the larger confidence of their lord. Because they had been faithful in the smaller things committed by him to them, they were rewarded by his larger confidence in them. "Because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." How different was it with the man who failed to use his pound. His conduct was followed by a three-fold result. He lost his pound. Instead of increase as in the case of the others there was decrease. It was true in his case as it is in every Christian's that he could keep only what he used. He lost what he had failed to use. He received the condemnation of his lord and he forfeited his lord's further confidence. His lord could not believe in him now.

Another lesson in the parable not to be overlooked is that the day of reckoning is coming to us all as the stewards of these things God has committed to our trust. This lord told these servants to look for his return and when he returned "he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading." Each of them had to meet their lord face to face in the day of accounting. So it shall be

with us all. "He hath appointed a day, in the which he shall judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." We must stand before God in the great judgment day to answer to him as to how we have used all these things of his which he has entrusted to us. What will that day mean to us? From that day how shall we go out into eternity?

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EPWORTH LEAGUE, WEEK OF NOV. 7.

The Talents, Luke 19:11-27.

The Leader speaks of his own talent and says while it is small he is going to cultivate it.

Song, I am thine O, Lord.

Responsive Reading. Psalm 37.

Prayer. Ask for grace to use what powers we have for greater good.

Best verses from Psalm 37. Each one reads the verse and tells why his is best.

The Lesson. (a) The Ten Talent Person (b) The Five-from-one man (c) The slothful. (See Methodist for help on these topics.)

Song. "Work for the night is coming."

Question. Have "I" a pound? Have "I" used it? Am "I" the slothful?

Benediction. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hands unto usefulness.

M. H. NEWTON.

AUTOMOBILE LEAGUES.

There are two places where new Leagues won't run themselves. One is on stations and the other is on circuits. Some preachers say "What's the use of having a League if you have to do all the work to get it to work." Just the same reason Wright brothers keep trying to fly. A League when it becomes kinetic, does things. A pastor who tries to do it all either doesn't know what "all" is or is bigoted.

Begin low, go on slow, gradually rise, to the skies, every hour take on power, 'till we win, over sin.

M. H. NEWTON.

OUR OFFICIAL AND PROVINCIAL NAMES.

Never probably in our history would a change of our official name have been less opportune than it would be at this present time. In the West the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South are established, and established seemingly to remain so until organic union is effected. As for this union he who has watched carefully its course, with hope of its success, has cause for silent regret, while he who has in like manner watched it with hope of its failure has cause for silent rejoicing. As to the present situation, whatever may be the name of the one or the other of these two Methodist churches, identical in doctrine and similar in polity, their organization, side by side, calls for an explanation.

In making this explanation to say that we were "the first on the ground" is childish as well as futile; to urge that we are commanded to "go into all the world" is applicable only on the theory that the M. E. Church, South is the only church. The true explanation is this: We are here to serve our people. To this the M. E. Church answers We are here to serve all people. As contrasted with ecclesiasticism Christianity alone is universal. Any ecclesiasticism is necessarily provincially limited. Written boldly is this fact on the pages of missionary history. Theoretically the Catholic Church practices universal administration but practically it suffers increasing limitations.

That the limitations which are implied in our explanation of this situation is characteristic of Methodism note these instances: The organization of the M. E. Church at the Christmas Conference of 1784; the bisection of this M. E. Church, in 1844, into the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South; The organization of the negroes of the M. E. Church, South into the colored M. E. Church in 1870; and the organization of the Methodist Church of Japan in 1908. A little reading of Methodist history would supply other instances.

The Free Methodist, The Methodist Protestant, and the Wesleyan Methodist (in America); the African

Episcopal, the Colored Methodist Episcopal, and the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant—these and other churches, stand as a protest of the idea of universality which seems to have aroused the M. E. Church, and now influences the aggressive policy of that church.

It is provincialism rather than legislation that will bring about the condition in the West when there will no longer be two Methodist churches side by side. A potent factor now at work in this direction is the increasing use of provincial names. These are: "The South Methodist Church" and "The North Methodist Church." The free use of the word "South" is forcing an increasing use of the word "North." While making no explanation of seemingly rival organizations, the use of the names is causing a public recognition of ecclesiastical limitations. Legislation interfering with this factor would be either belated or injurious: belated if it should fail to stop the use of provincial names, injurious if it should succeed in so doing. Thus is being forced, provincially, though not geographically, the keeping of that clause the Plan of Separation (1844), broken by the M. E. Church, which, placing the same limitations upon the one as it did upon the other of the two churches, reads thus:

"All the societies, stations and conferences adhering to the church in the South, by a vote of a majority of the members of such societies, stations and conferences, shall remain under the unmolested pastoral care of the Southern Church; and the ministers of the M. E. Church shall in no wise attempt to organize churches or societies within the limits of the church South, nor shall they attempt to exercise any pastoral oversight therein; it being understood that the ministry of the South reciprocally observe the same rule in relations to stations, societies, and conferences adhering, by vote of a majority to the M. E. Church; Provided also that this rule shall apply only to societies, stations, and conferences bordering on the line of division, and not to interior charges, which shall in all cases be left to the care of that church within whose territory they are situated."

Another factor of no mean significance is a western type of provincialism which is developing out of a heterogeneous population. Respecting this factor legislation is powerless except as the legislators become cognizant of the trend of provincialism to self consciousness will demand a Methodism in conformity thereto. That which is distinctly Southern and that which is distinctly Northern will have to give way to that which is distinctly Western.

Our official name provincialized and leaving a western provincialism will, it is believed, work out the largest results for Methodism at large.

E. A. TOWNSEND.

Snyder, Okla.

WHITE RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Will the presiding elders send to me at once the names of the delegates, together with the names of other persons from their districts, who will have business at the Conference. All the pastors who expect to bring their wives will also report to me at once. Chairmen of committees may call their meetings at First Methodist church where accommodations will be provided.

R. P. WILSON.

TO THE PREACHERS OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren: Our Conference convenes only one month from today. Very few of the preachers have remitted anything on either Domestic or Foreign Missions.

It will be an accommodation to me if every one of you will remit me any amount you may have on hand for either of these funds right away and not wait until Conference to pay it over. If you have not yet taken your collections won't you take them at once and remit me as soon as collected? This will save me much work at Scarcey. Fraternally,

A. L. MALONE, Treas.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

Please say to the brethren of the Little Rock Conference that if their wives will accompany them to conference I must be informed of the fact at once.

Yours truly,

A. O. EVANS.

OIL TROUGH BOTTOM.

Editor Western Methodist: In your issue of Oct. 7th appears a communication captioned "Oil Trough oBttom" to which my attention has recently been called. I saw the communication and the signature thereto, but did not read it.

As the truth half told is misleading, I write for the information of those concerned, that at a quarterly conference held at Aydlotte's Chapel, May 7, 1901, Rev. J. K. Farris, presiding elder, presiding, a committee was appointed with authority to convey the acre of land at Aydlotte's Chapel, for the consideration of \$100.00, the deed therefor being recorded in the Recorder's office on Independence county at Batesville, dated June 26, 1901.

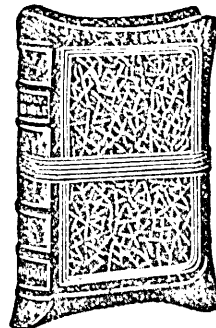
The church building having been torn down by a pastor previous to the conveyance aforesaid, the purchaser built thereon a modern structure of firstclass material and workmanship in every detail, with a seating capacity of 250 persons, appointing a board of management consisting of three persons, the chairman of which is an ardent Methodist, to manage and control the same as they in their good judgment saw fit, without any restraint whatever by the owner, except that the Methodist pastor was to have the precedence in preaching, and that all public speakings, elections, debating societies and the like were to be prohibited at all times.

During the existence of the old church, all these things had full sway as the doors were generally left open, no one seemingly being in charge. Now, the doors are kept closed and the house in good condition by the board of management.

Respectfully,

V. Y. COOK.

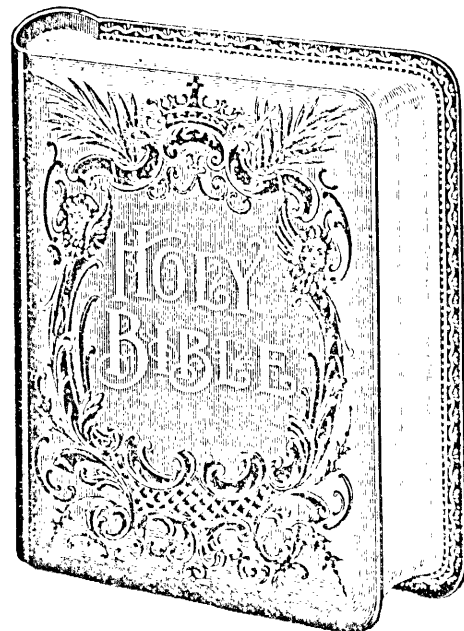
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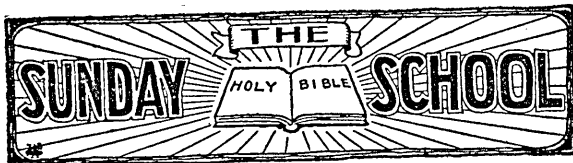


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Prepared by Rev. George McGlumphy, Ph. D.
November 4. Paul a Prisoner—In Rome. Acts
28:11-31.

Golden Text: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16.

LOCATING THE LESSON.

Time.—From A. D. 60 or 61, to 62 or 63.

Places.—Too many to mention here. Trace the journey from Malta to Rome on the map. The Imperial City at this time possessed about a million and a half of inhabitants. It was a typical city where extremes met, of wealth and poverty, learning and ignorance, beauty and ugliness, virtue and vice.

Persons.—Paul; his traveling companion, Aristarchus, Luke, and possibly one or two others; the Christian brethren of Puteoli and Rome; the Centurion Julius; the other prisoners; Roman Jews; Emperor Nero, though unmentioned, stands in the background.

Connection.—Immediate.

I.—From Malta to Rome. Verses 11-15.

1. *Nearing the Goal*—All roads led to Rome and the Mistress City flung the spell of her enchantment over the world. Every great heart felt an irresistible impulse Romeward. Well might one say "Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Rome!" For years the heart of the Apostle had yearned to preach the Gospel of power in the center and heart of the Empire. At last the "eternal hills" were almost in sight. The dream of long years was coming true.

2. *Discouraged*—Paul was a man of the keenest sensibility. He was intensely alive to the presence and power and reality of things and forces that other men never saw. He seems to have been depressed as he approached Rome. There may have been three or four reasons. (1) The long strenuous journey had overtaken that frail body. (2) The uncertainty of the result of the great trial before Cæsar. (3) He may have been in doubt as to his reception by the Roman Church. (4) The fact that he was come a prisoner to be tried rather than an Apostle to preach.

3. *Strong Again*—Never was a man more able to stand alone, willing to be the "one" that God needed to make a "majority," yet no man ever loved his friends more and leaned harder on their strength and sympathy. We have here no John the Baptist who dwelt apart from men. Like his Lord he breathed best and deepest amid the multitude. That little band of Roman Christians never dreamed of the good their warm greeting would do the great Apostle whose fame filled the world, yet, it was a most refreshing cup of cold water which they put to the lips of thirsty Paul and he drank and became strong.

II.—In Rome. Verses 16-31.

1. *Comparative Freedom*—Luke tells us that Paul lived in his own rented house with full permission to receive as many visitors as he liked with the privilege of teaching and preaching the Gospel. This can be accounted for on several grounds. (1) Paul was probably financially able to bear the expense of his own keep and that of the soldier detailed to guard him. (2) Festus had sent a favorable report from Cæsarea. (3) The Jerusalem Jews at that time made no effort to further prosecute the case against him. (4) The good word that Julius the centurion spoke for the prisoner who saved all on board the wrecked ship.

2. *Preaching to the Roman Jews*—True to custom Paul sought an audience with his fellow

countrymen living in Rome. He evidently hoped that being so far away from the influence of the Jerusalem hierarchs that their minds might be open to the truth as it was in Christ Jesus. He throws his whole heart into his day-long service, but in vain. While some were temporarily inclined to believe his Gospel yet it is probable that the dispute which arose among the Jews ended in the great majority of them rejecting Jesus the Christ. There is no evidence, however, that they persecuted the Apostle, or threw their influence against him when his case came to trial.

3. *Preaching to the Gentile*—Having offered salvation to Jews, Paul on their refusal began to preach to any and all of whatever nation that would come to his "mission hall." All classes of society were welcome. After nightfall many a patrician may have descended from his chariot and slipped in, Nicodemus-like, for a private talk with that wonderful Jew. Poor slaves bearing on their flesh the stripes of the lash listened, believed and rejoiced. The great middle class, the brain and brawn and hope of all ages, was permeated by the Gospel of Paul's Christ. He was pouring into the world's life-blood at its heart—Rome—the new life—which was pulsating to the uttermost parts of the earth.

4. *The Roman Letters*—Not the least fruitful of the Apostle's work during the First Roman captivity were the three letters he wrote, one to the Colossians, one to the Philippians, and one to the Ephesians. Also the exquisite love-letter to his friend Philemon. The student should do well to read these four epistles. Some one has said that Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus is the profoundest book ever written. Doubtless he wrote many others which have been lost.

5. *The End of the Book*—Luke completes his story with Paul, his hero, preaching in Rome with no one to hinder him. Some think the writer is abrupt in his close, and conjecture that some of the book is lost or that Luke intended to write another treatise, but which he never did. It seems to me that the author's ending is natural when we keep in mind the purpose that he has in view. His theme is "the expansion of Christianity from a Jewish sect into a world-wide religion." The keynote of the book is struck at once in 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." At Rome the Gospel was being preached unto the ends of the world.

THE ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Arrangements for the meeting of the fourth Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Toronto, Canada, in October, 1911, are now well under way. On the 20th and 21st of October, the Executive and Program Committee held their second meetings in Toronto, in the Board Room of the Wesley building. Nearly all the members of the Program Committee, of which Bishop Hamilton is chairman, and Dr. William Briggs, of Toronto, is secretary, were present. The committee took up the matter of formulating a program for the Conference. As the Conference is to be held on this side of the sea, the Eastern Section desired the American brethren to make the first draft of a list of topics for their consideration.

The dominant feeling on both sides of the ocean is that the program for the fourth conference shall be of a living and practical character, and that all the interests which the several Methodist branches in common have at heart—theological, apologetic, devotional, educational, social, evangelistic, and missionary—should come within the scope of the conference.

Suggestions of topics were received from many sources, including bishops, editors, educators,

pastors and others. The committee carefully considered all these suggestions, and after indicating a score or so of subjects, which, in its judgment, should find a place on the program, appointed a sub committee to draw up a program in outline, and submit it to the committee at its next meeting.

The Executive Committee, of which Bishop E. E. Hoss is chairman, and Dr. H. K. Carroll is secretary, made an assignment of the 300 delegates allotted to the Western section as follows:

Church	Delegates.
1. Methodist Episcopal Church.....	121
2. Methodist Episcopal, South.....	63
3. African Methodist Episcopal.....	29
4. African Methodist Episcopal Zion.....	20
5. Canada Methodist.....	24
6. United Brethren.....	10
7. Colored Methodist Episcopal.....	9
8. Methodist Protestant.....	9
9. Evangelical Association.....	2
10. United Evangelical.....	3
and one to each of the following:	
11. Free Methodist.	
12. Congregational Methodist	
13. United Brethren (Old Constitution)	
14. Wesleyan Methodist	
15. Union American Methodist Episcopal	
16. Methodist Church of Japan	
17. Primitive	
18. British Methodist Episcopal	
19. Reformed Methodist Un. Episcopal	
20. Zion Union Apostolic.	

These twenty bodies have an aggregate according to the report submitted by the secretary, of 7, 943,180 communicants.

It was reported that the Evangelical Association cannot be represented in the Toronto Conference, because it General Conference meets in October, 1911, at the same time that the Ecumenical Conference will be in session. For this reason two of its four delegates were assigned to the Methodist Protestant Church, which will, therefore, have the same number of delegates at Toronto as it had at the London Conference.

A number of subcommittees were appointed, on Arrangements, Transportation, and Publication. Superintendent Carman is the Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements, and Dr. Carroll and Dr. Briggs were appointed on the Committee on Transportation and Press, with power to appoint associates.

A budget recommended by the Finance Committee of \$16,000.00 to meet necessary expenses was approved. The amount is to be apportioned to the several churches on the basis of \$55.00 for each delegate.

Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., of the Methodist Protestant Church, was appointed a member of the Program Committee, and Mr. A. M. Lyons, Steubenville, Ohio, and Mr. T. A. Hunter, Greensboro, N. C., of the Methodist Protestant Church, were appointed members of the Finance Committee, also Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham, N. C., in the place of Mr. Murray Carleton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Ex-Gov. S. R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, in place of Mr. F. A. Chamberlain, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, resigned.

The next meeting of the Executive and Program Committees will be held at the headquarters of the Executive Committee, at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The whole world is keeping its eye on modern Germany on account of its vigorous struggle for efficiency in all departments of its national life, and President Hadley of Yale tells us in an important article he has written for The Youth's Companion of what he saw of education during his recent visit to that country.

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.)

Note.—The little girl who is writing the story, "The Little House-wife," will have to send in the entire story before we can print any part of it. She must sign her name.—Editor.

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UPS AND DOWNS OF THE TWINS.

BY RUTH CARR.

Martha was a very forgetful child, but when Caroline learned anything it was in her mind to stay; so it was with any prank played on her, she never forgot it, and always watched for a chance to "get even." Their mother often said Caroline was "part Indian" as she never forgave one who mistreated her, but that was long before she became a Christian.

At any rate it was still fresh in her mind about how Martha had disturbed her late nap with the electric battery, and although she said very little about it, she treasured it up, and was constantly on the watch for a chance to get even.

One Saturday afternoon she was at the very back of the large plum orchard where she had been filling her basket with fruit, and suddenly she spied an old goose on a nest; wishing to know how many eggs there were in the nest, yet fearing the goose might resent any intrusion, she decided to go to the house and call Martha, who often bragged that she was "not afraid of anything."

A few minutes later, two pairs of little feet were cautiously slipping through the tall weeds toward the nest.

"Where is it," said Martha doubtfully.

"Just a little further up the ditch, under that pile of brush, but you'd better be careful or she will fly on us and whip us half to death."

"O come on, you're such a coward, to be afraid of a little thing like a goose; if she bothers me I'll kill her," picking up a rock.

Caroline really felt braver after that speech from her sister, and feeling sure Martha could and would protect her from anything, she hurried to the spot where the nest was.

"Here it is—but—but—oh look—the old gander is on the nest; I guess it is his time to lay an egg."

"Don't you know any better than that, you little silly thing?"

"Well here he is on the nest, anyway, what's he going to do, you reckon?"

"O he's just keeping the eggs warm while the old goose goes for water and something to eat," said Martha feeling that she was very smart to know more than her sister.

"How on earth can we get him off, so we can see the eggs?"

"Just leave that to me," said Martha with a swell of pride, "for I'm not afraid of him," so breaking a limb from a plum bush she walked boldly to the nest while Caroline kept well in the background, occasionally glancing toward the fence where a picket was missing, and through which opening the children had crawled.

"Shoo—shoo—sh—sh—" poking at him with a stick, and with a rush the old gander was off the nest and had fast hold of Martha's dress; he screamed and whipped her with his wings and flew at her till she was frightened almost to death. Both children made a swift dash for the fence, but Caroline got there first and all at once she remembered about the electric battery, so holding tight to the fence she refused to move, while Martha and the gander were having a terrible battle on the other side.

"Get through, get through and let me in," screamed Martha, but still her sister stuck fast in the hole and refused to move; the battle waged hotter and Martha was fast getting the worst of

the fight when Caroline slipped to the other side and lit out for the house, where she felt sure she would be safe.

"I thought you were not afraid of anything, and here you have let an old gander wear you out, be ashamed of yourself," she called over her shoulder as she ran.

Martha was pretty well covered with blue and black spots where the gander had given her hard pinches and whipped her with his wings, but her pride suffered more than her body, for she knew Caroline would tell it at school, and all the girls would guy her about it.

It was a long time before Martha dared brag again, for every time she started it, Caroline had only to suggest that "we'd better go to the goose nest again."

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Beebe, Ark., Sept. 24, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: I have just been reading the children's page and enjoy reading it very much. I was so glad to see another story from Ruth Carr. Your stories are just fine; come again Ruth.

Well, I am going to let some one guess my age; it is between twelve and seventeen. The one that guesses my age will receive a nice card from me.

Our school opens the 8th of October. I sure will be glad when it starts, for we have had a long vacation. I have enjoyed my vacation very much. Our principal's name is Prof. Freeland. I think I will like him very much. My papa is the pastor of the Methodist Church, South, here. Well as this is my second attempt to write I will close. With much love to all of the cousins.

Lovingly, by "ALICE."

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Tillar, Ark., Sept. 22, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: As I see so many nice letters on the children's page have gathered courage to try myself; but "oh" I have looked around and seen that "horrid" waste basket already. But I have always been taught if you try and don't succeed "thy-try" again. Now cousins, I live in the country six miles from our nice little town of Tillar, and my father is a "tiller of the soil." He takes the Western Methodist which is a Bible within itself if we would follow the advice given in it, from some of our good and smart preachers.

Oh! the dust and hot sun has been awful; but I hope the drouth is broken as it rained and the wind blew off and on all last night. Papa is gathering the crop and he says the cotton will make about a half of a crop.

Cousins, will some of you guess my age? My birthday is between now and X-mas, cousins? How many of you joined the church this summer? I for one did. Our pastor's name is Brother Frank Hopkins, and we all love him. Oh, I hear Miss Lillian saying, Hurrah, hurrah, and let some of the other boys write. By by. Your new cousin,

LESTER WARRICK.

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Poteau, Okla., Oct. 24, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist: Will you let a jolly little girl join your happy band? I am a little girl of fourteen summers. What are you cousins doing this lonesome old day? I am a member of the Methodist church. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. We have a large Sunday school and we have a beautiful church. Bro. Cox is our pastor. I think he is a fine preacher. Myrtle Hoyle, write again; your letter was just fine. My letter is getting rather long, so I will close. I would like to exchange post cards with any of you cousins. Your new cousin,

GERTRUDE BURTON.

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Askew, Ark., Oct. 23, 1909.

Dear Methodist: I shall try to write to the dear old paper again.

Well, I am going to school now. My sister is my teacher. This is the first letter I ever wrote with "ink." Well I

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guess you thought something. Cousins, I was so glad to hear from Miss Ruth Carr. She surely wrote a nice letter; I did enjoy reading it. Well, I will tell you all about sister and I the other day. Papa said brother couldn't go to school that day and papa said we could ride; so we got ready, brother hitched up and a negro drove for us, but where the funny thing came in was we had to hitch up that evening and what a funny time we had. You may guess how we were. I will tell you we were tired of laughing when we got through. I will ask you all a question: What name is it that is the greatest book in the world? I will tell you my schoolmates' names. They are: Mary, Bessie, Nellie, Helen, Pearl, and Garland. I am very glad that our little page has a very nice time. I will ask a question in arithmetic; it is this: If you had five dollars and I had fifteen, and some one else had sixteen, how many times is 16x100. Who can answer this? I will invite Miss Ruth Carr,

Evelyn, Miss Mirth to write again.

Our pastor's name is Bro. Best. He is a very nice preacher; I like to hear him preach. I will close as I am sleepy and want to study my lessons.

Yours truly

LOIS PAULINE GILLENWATER.

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Scotland, Ark., Sept. 22, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: I write again. Our school is out. I live on the farm. I have been picking cotton. How many of you cousins like to pick cotton. I went to a big baptizing last Sunday a week ago. There were twenty-one baptized. I saw seven babies baptized too. Have all the cousins been baptized. I have. Brother Biggs and Brother Sherman baptized me at home. We had a big rain this evening, though we have had a long dry summer. I just have one pet and that is a little black kitten. I call him "Nig" because he is so black. If I see this in print I will write again.

Your cousin, MAMIE MIZELL.

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The Significance of A Poor Appetite

Good Digestion Usually Produces a Good, Healthy Appetite for Substantial, Nutritious Food.

In nearly all cases of good keen appetite, and a hearty relish for food are significant of good health and indicative of a strong digestion—one which is capable of handling properly all of the food eaten, so that the person will not be annoyed for hours after each meal with bloating sensations, a feeling of weight in the epigastric region, sour eructations, heartburn and waterbrash.

Practically everyone is aware of the fact that if the appetite fails for any length of time, the strength and energy wane considerably, and the blood and nerves are appreciably affected, the condition of the one indicating anemia, or thin blood, and of the other, neurasthenia, or nervous exhaustion. Then follow such symptoms as want of energy, "that tired feeling," a state of languor, lassitude and weariness, together with melancholia and despondency.

A good hearty appetite usually indicates a good, healthy digestion, though, of course, there are exceptions to this rule, for example, as in diabetes, or in bulimia, conditions in which the appetite is tremendous, in fact, downright ravenous, and cannot be satisfied no matter how much food may be eaten. The "exaggerated appetites" of these diseases are just as unnatural, and just as sure indications of stomach disorder, either directly or indirectly, as is anorexia, or loss of appetite.

In ninety-eight cases out of a hundred, however, a large, hearty, capacious appetite means a good, active condition of the stomach, a healthy, powerful digestion, an excellent absorption and assimilation, so that when the appetite is lost it may be correctly assumed that the stomach is at fault and needs attention.

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CLOSES TWO YEARS AS PASTOR.

With sermons of two services tomorrow, Rev. M. L. Butler will wind up two years of service as pastor of the Methodist Church in this city. On Monday morning he will leave via the Frisco for Muskogee, where the annual conference will be held.

If the unanimous wish of the con-

gregation here as expressed by the official board and by members are regarded by the bishop, there is no doubt that Mr. Butler will be returned to Chickasha. During the year just closing 100 new members have been added to the church and the Sunday School has grown to an enrollment of 590. About \$7,000.00 has been contributed for all purposes during the year.

When Mr. Butler took charge two years ago, a heavy indebtedness hung over the church, but through incessant activity, this has all been provided for. All departments of the church are in fine working condition. The official board is composed of leading business and professional men of the city and a large number of most excellent ladies compose a splendid working force in the church. The church choir is one of the best in the State.

A close student, a clear thinker and a forceful speaker, Mr. Butler is a preacher of great power and his congregations have steadily grown larger. He has spent nearly all of his life in the country, coming to Indian Territory when he was a very young man, and he understands the people and conditions here as few men do. He has scores of friends who will be as pleased as his own people to see him returned.—Chickasha Express.

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The congregations were composed of professed Christians almost exclusively. Hence the number of conversions was small. But the church was strengthened and edified and much good was done.

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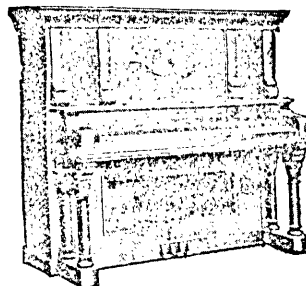
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MRS. C. S. LONG.

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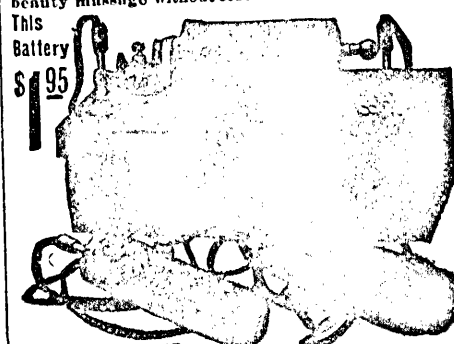
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DISTRICT MEETING.

District meeting of Women's Foreign Missionary Society and Women's Home Mission Society, held at Devall's Bluff, October 26 and 27.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. At this our midyear meeting, we pause in the active campaign work and look back over what has already been accomplished and more especially forward into the plans and possibilities of the work for the remainder of the year.

2. We are thankful for the wise thought of our leaders in the happy combination of our Home and Foreign work. With the same blessed Lord directing all, there can be no discord, no partiality in our thought.

3. We are very fortunate in having with us our efficient Conference officers who, combined with our splendid District force, have given us ideal leadership.

4. We feel especially indebted to Miss Eva Shoppach for her efficient service as Recording Secretary. She has an unusually happy way of putting things.

5. We wish to thank every one who has made possible the whole splendid program of this institute.

6. Above all else we wish to express

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our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Devall's Bluff for their generous hospitality as shown in their royal welcome, their loving greeting and kind thoughts while here. It has been an occasion the memory of which will linger long in our hearts, bringing gladness and sunshine. From the time the white uniformed ladies came smilingly forward to greet us upon our arrival until the close of this meeting, the flowers, the music, the many little delicate touches given besides the abundant home comforts provided, have made us very happy.

We wish to give especial thanks to our host and hostess, Brother and Sister Robertson for their untiring efforts to make everything a success.

7. We do thank our dear Lord for making it possible for us to meet in a body the ladies of our District, who are so much interested in missions. We feel that much enthusiasm, inspiration and zeal will grow out of this meeting. That hearts have been stirred, encouraged and strengthened for the Master's work, and above all things else that we have the conviction that saving souls is our supreme work.

MRS. W. D. MITCHELL,
MRS. ALICE HAZEN,
MRS. C. K. BOREN,
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Chairman.

W. F. M. S. HELENA DISTRICT WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

To My Dear Lady Friends and Co-workers of the Foreign Missionary Work of the Helena District:

We are now in the last month of our membership crusade. I trust during September and October you have been busily engaged in arousing interest and securing new members for your Auxiliary and in coming to the month of November you have prayed and planned to observe the week of prayer that our ranks may be increased. Could we ask for a better program than we have in the Woman's Advocate? Then with such a program as this, will we be guilty of not observing it where it is possible to do so.

Please lay this matter upon your hearts and let this week be the crowning climax of our efforts the past two months and God will reward you bountifully.

MRS. J. R. NELSON,
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Dear Methodist: I have just a word or two of good cheer here at the close of the year. We have added one hundred and twenty souls to our rolls this year and raised the collections in full. The salary will be in full we think before Conference meets. This is one of the most pleasant charges in the Conference and is in a growing condition. I predict that another year or two of growth such as this has been will place both places to the point of separate stations. The people of both towns are enthusiastic and both towns are growing nicely as the adjacent country develops into productiveness. A fine class of citizens is coming here bringing their quota of wealth and enterprise. There will be two churches added and a circuit formed about Stilwell.

On yesterday the Home Mission Society of Westville visited the parsonage bringing many good things for the mistress of the manse and the children. If they only knew how much pleasure they conferred and what exquisite grat-

itude the very thought of them awakens they no doubt feel repaid for all their pains. Such luxuries and such blessed associations are like angels' visits, they are the exception. Should we return here for the coming year we should feel in position to render some good service and feel that we indeed have a loyal band with whom to serve. And should the bishop be disposed otherwise we shall envy our successor, whoever he may be. He will have a goodly heritage. Above two thousand dollars will have been raised on the charge by the time the Conference sits, and no building and very little repairing, done either. Blessings be upon all the kind coworkers.

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REV. D. J. WEEMS.

AUGUSTA.

The county seat of Woodruff county is Augusta, situated near where the Memphis branch of the Iron Mountain road crosses the White river. This is a very rich county in land and is especially adapted to corn and cotton. There is also some fine rice land. They have a number of mills and gins which are running full time. Also a large compress and oil well, light plant and fine water supply, two banks and plenty of merchants to supply trade. A most excellent school, Prof. A. L. Hutchins, principal.

Rev. A. E. Holloway is in his second year as pastor, and has accomplished a great work. They have built a \$15,000 brick church, complete in all its departments, most beautiful art glass windows, Sunday school rooms and is in every way a gem of beauty. Elegant pews, carpet, etc.

Brother Holloway had built the elegant brick church at Corning. If any town wants a new church send for Holloway; he knows the Modus-operandi. He is an intelligent preacher and good all round man. Dr. Anderson had been to Augusta and secured a number of new subscribers, so my work was renewing the old. Brother and Sister Oakley are quite cheerful. We have thirty-five subscribers among the best people of the town. I had the pleasure of addressing the public school.

BALD KNOB.

A few hours were spent in Bald Knob between trains. This is an important junction of the Iron Mountain roads. It is a good business point. We have a nice church. Rev. W. F. Blevins, the pastor, lives at Bradford. Dr. W. A. Clark, T. J. Campbell, R. H. Hoskins, Mrs. Robertson, R. P. Moore were on the honor roll as readers of the good Western Methodist. I secured five new subscribers: Mrs. J. W. Scantlin, Bing Moody, J. F. Clark, A. P. Moody, and Mrs. C. G. Cleveland.

BATESVILLE.

One of the best towns of North Arkansas is Batesville, Independence county. It is on the west branch of the Iron Mountain road and near the White river. They have about 4,000 population. Have several wholesale and large retail stores, factories and the great white marble quarry. The stone of which our new State capitol is built, and is in demand everywhere. They have not been able to supply the demand. I hope to see a Methodist church built of this stone in Batesville. They have a substantial stone building. If they can sell it there will be no trouble to build a modern church of this fine marble. We have an excellent membership, a most delightful service was enjoyed with them on their prayer meeting night. There was a real good attendance. We have a good two-story parsonage. Rev. R. C. Morehead is in his third year and has done well here as he has at other places.

CENTRAL AVENUE.

Rev. Edward Forest is in his third year as pastor. He has a neat church and parsonage and has had a most prosperous time. He has one or two country churches. He is a success and is blessed in a fine helper in his consecrated wife. Their beautiful daughter, Miss Alma, is in the Batesville College. She is very anxious to attend Galloway College. With the aid of Brothers Morehead and Forest we shaped the old and secured six new subscribers, viz., E. M. Flinn, Prof. Sidney Pickens, superintendent of the public schools, Mrs. J. W. Greenfield, Prof. W. J. Jernighan, principal of West Side school, Mrs. W. D. Massey, and Mrs. C. M. Flinn.

Rev. A. F. Skinner, the worthy presiding elder, lives at Batesville. This is his third year. His praise is in the

mouth of both preachers and people. He is so faithful and earnest. He is in labors abundant. The Lord is blessing him and his excellent family.

SULPHUR ROCK.

About ten miles east of Batesville is Sulphur Rock. It would be just as appropriate to say Sulphur Springs. For they have very excellent sulphur water in abundance. This is a pleasant town fairly good for business, and most excellent public school, with a fine corps of teachers. The school gave an excellent entertainment which all enjoyed after which we attended a good service at the Baptist church. While here I met Brother Wayman, a faithful local preacher, Dr. Hodges, Dr. Bevans, J. D. Morris and Mrs. A. D. Wilson, devout members of our church and readers of the Western Methodist. The following subscribed: J. B. Wright, J. H. Jimerson, Mrs. J. K. P. Wood, Ed. Owens, Prof. J. K. Rawlings, and Prof. T. J. Hardin, teachers in the school.

Rev. Charles Hively is the pastor. He was on his way to the train for Salem to help in a meeting when I met him. He has had a real good year. He has a nice family. Two of his daughters are teaching.

NEWARK.

Situated between the white and Black rivers on the Batesville branch of the Iron Mountain road is the prosperous town Newark. The land is very rich. The crops while not first class were very good; the extra prices more than made up for the shortage in yield. So I found money plentiful and collected extra well on the old and secured seven new subscribers, viz., G. D. Gilbreath, Frank H. Martin, Mrs. M. C. Eller, D. C. Lane, Mrs. B. W. Crow, Dr. W. P. Lawton, and Mrs. Lon H. Brown. The closing of the saloons has been a great blessing to Newark. They have a good public school and a fine church interest. Rev. Jas. F. Jernigan is in his third year. He has had extra fine success building up every interest of the church and has helped in quite a number of good meetings. Brother Jernigan would make a first class district or conference evangelist. Few men have had a better record as a soul winner.

His good wife is in full harmony with him. Paul and Willine, their bright son and daughter, gladden their home. Sunday was spent most delightfully with Brother Jernigan and his good people, preaching morning and evening to large and attentive congregations. Brother McHenry was elected superintendent of the Sunday school in place of Brother Magness who has served long and well, but on account of failing health could not serve longer. Newark has developed into a nice station and is a most desirable charge. They have a good church and parsonage.

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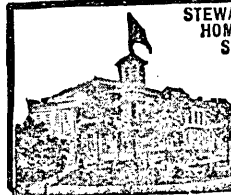
A very successful revival was closed at the Wilmar Methodist church Sunday evening, Oct. 24th. Great good was accomplished and the spiritual life of both town and community was quickened, and all who attended the services from time to time enjoyed the meeting. Quite a number professed faith in Christ and sixteen members were added to the church. At the close of the meeting the pastor administered infant baptism to thirteen little children.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Sims was assisted by Rev. J. H. Cummins of Crossett, whose sermons and appeals were delivered in a forceful manner, and was accompanied by great spiritual power.

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This is the first pastorate year for the pastor, Rev. J. B. Sims, and much credit is due him for the good work done not only during this meeting, but during the year, and it is desired by all that he be returned to us another year.

J. D. C. McCLURE,
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Oct. 28.

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OLD PEOPLE.

I want to say a word to the old people. I see you wherever I go. I see you on the street cars. The conductor gives the car an extra rest when you get on or off, out of courtesy to your slow steps. I see you at church. You nod sometimes, but the sermon is not complete without your smile of approval. I see you in the warmest corner of the hearth, reading the paper.

You have one great temptation—it is to think that your days of usefulness are over. You are only in the way, so you feel, and you'd better be out of the world.

It is a great mistake. If the Lord thought that old people were useless, He would have devised some way suddenly to get rid of them.

What makes a person useful? Not ability to work, yet it is often the most important factor in the household. Baby's coming often makes father "straighten up," often unites the estranged hearts of husband and wife; often brings sobriety and industry into the home life.

An old man, sitting in an arm chair, feeble and helpless, may be the most useful member of the household. Let me say these things to you:

1. Old people are a blessing because

of their accumulated wisdom. You have made the journey of life. You have the rich experience. That boy is a bright boy who forms the acquaintance of some aged person.

2. Old people supply a necessary conservative force. You make society more stable. You bring reverence to it. The age that is wise rises before the hoary head.

3. Old people link us to heaven. You remind us of the future. "My old mother knows how to pray," said a merchant recently to me. You bind us to the throne of God.

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WOMAN'S OBLIGATION.

O women born in a Christian land,
 If all the good could be swept away
 That has come to the world since the
 Christ dwelt here,
 Then where would you be today?

You who are honored and loved and
 screened—
 You may walk unshamed and dread
 no wrong—
 Who are sought to for counsel and
 comforting
 By men who are wise and strong.

Did you ever put it among your thanks,
 As you knelt in peace at your even-
 ing prayer,
 That you owe it to Jesus of Nazareth
 That your lives are glad and fair?

Arise and shine, for your light is come,
 O women favored above the rest!
 The glory of God has arisen on you,
 That the heathen may be blessed.
 —Janet Wyld Pitcairn.

Woman was a slave—groping in darkness—not even thought to have a soul or mind—but when Christ came His loving words to her, touched a responsive chord in her heart, which was so hungry for love and kindness. This response showed itself in service. Woman was constantly ministering to him—pouring the ointment of sympathy—“She had done what she could,” to make his rough paths smoother while on earth. Thank God for the Christian religion. Nothing has so stimulated women as this beautiful light, which Christ kindled in her soul in Gethsemane. It is still burning in women's soul today and is guiding us all along life's pathway—through sunshine and shadows. It is now pointing us across the ocean filling us with a hungering, a longing to share it with our heathen sisters—for what is women without the influence of the Christian religion. Eliminate the idea of God from any women? Thoughts—what a cloud of desolation fills her soul!

The most inspiring thought in this foreign work is that it elevates woman to that sphere in life in which God in his wisdom intended her to move—and it does seem that this thought alone would fire every Christian woman's soul with missionary zeal, and it would if they just knew. Sisters, come to our meetings, take our literature, read it, think about it, study it prayerfully—there will come into your soul an awakening, a vision that will fill your life with a new and wonderful meaning—for if Christianity means love, which is the law of life—love to our neighbor as ourselves—if Christianity means a living faith in God, who is the Father of all nations—if Christianity means going about doing good, helping the poor, relieving the distressed, the suffering, walking humbly, affording all the help possible, willing to part with our ease, our pleasures, not confining our charities to our friends, but like the boundless goodness of Almighty God, extending it to all—if all this means Christianity—then this knowledge should invest us with a responsibility, that we cannot shirk without forfeiting our duty to God and to mankind.

The more I know of this missionary work the more convinced am I that this Woman's Foreign Missionary Movement is a special call from God to woman—that God in his infinite wisdom has organized all the forces of heaven and earth around this scheme of human salvation—and that woman was included in this plan. Each one of us have our mission to fill, however humble, helping

each other—helping God—helping man—and that God is calling, calling us. Since woman first held in her arms the Infant King—in “the starlit manger of Bethlehem”—since woman bathed his feet with her tears and wiped them with the tresses of her hair—since He first revealed to woman His plan of salvation—since He stood at the cross gazing in the faces of women so full of anguish, sorrow, and sympathy, as the last dark billows were rolling o'er His soul whispered, “Woman, behold thy son”—since he first made himself known to woman after his victory in Gethsemane. He has been tenderly calling us to rally our forces and help spread the “glad tidings.”

In 1878, when the General Conference met in Atlanta, a few consecrated women, who had been listening to the still small voice for years, attended. With their faces beaming with a brightness, caught from the rainbow in the clouds, presented their petition. They returned to their homes with but one interest, one thought, without rules nor information, only a few articles in the constitution, giving them the right to organize a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. They planted their organization on a solid foundation—“Rock of Ages”—cut out of the mountain without hands.” Educational training had made Southern woman most conservative in her views. This new movement was most startling to them. Some stood by watching, criticising, but she stood upon her golden pedestal, looking o'er the heathen world, saw what she might accomplish, and with one mighty effort of faith, she put in motion a wave of influence, which went rolling o'er the country, making such music, such melody, that other States took up the sweet strains and followed on. At the close of the first year 218 societies were organized, 5980 members, four thousand dollars and one missionary. See what a wide light was kindled from a few illuminating torches! Each succeeding year has marked an increase, until today, the whole world seems astir. The Sun of Righteousness is dawning for our heathen sister. This Resurrection message has been borne to China, to Brazil, to Mexico, to Korea and to Cuba, by noble women whom our Board has sent. These angels of mercy are rolling the great stones of darkness away. While these stones look like invulnerable barriers—too great for human strength, yet difficulties are God's errands—they do not dismay heroic souls. God who filled the great ocean to the brim with beauty will fill their souls with the loving water, and like Christ at the well, bring joy into the heathen woman's life.

Now is our opportunity to answer God's call. The great Gibraltar of difficulties are broken. The doors to the heathen world are now wide open. Listen to the pathetic wail of the heathen mother, as she calls to us to come o'er and lift her out of the toils of slavery. Let's heed that “Macedonian cry” by sending her the gospel. For nothing but the Spirit of the living Christ can loosen the shackles that bind woman to abject slavery—“where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” Emancipate woman and you emancipate man. When man loses faith in women, he loses faith in God. So evangelization of the world depends upon the emancipation of women.

Ruskin says that all the injustice, all the suffering, and all the misery in this world, can be traced to woman—her failure to exercise her power, her influence, which is purer than the airs of heaven and deeper than the seas of the earth. Oh sister, what a charge! He says that women can feel the depth of pain, and sympathy which is the golden key to wisdom; unlocks for her its treasures, and she can see a way, while man weak in sympathy and prone to fight at the least cause. While this is a grave accusation laid at our doors, yet when we come to think about it,

there is a great truth in it. All down the ages of time, his story has proven that strong, capable, energetic, and Christian womanhood has been necessary for the upbuilding of a downtrodden country. No doubt that Greece would have been in the zenith of her glory today, had woman been given her religious liberties.

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“THE COMET OF FATE.”

See Flammarion's Popular Astronomy, page 481:

“In the days of Noah, because of sin, God sent a comet, which cut the plane of earth's orbit at a point from which our globe was distant but 9,000 miles. A stupendous tide was thereby produced in the waters of the seas; and also in those waters found under the solid crust. The mountain chains of Armenia, which were nearest to the comet at the moment of conjunction were disturbed and opened out and thus the fountains of the great deep were broken up.” The atmosphere and tail of the comet, reaching the earth and its atmosphere, were precipitated in mighty torrents which fell for forty days and forty nights, according to the Holy Bible. And thus ‘the floodgates of heaven were opened.’ The waters of the Deluge were $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles deep. The same comet which produced the Deluge in Noah's day, will at some future time, when God thinks best, come behind us and it would retard the motion of our globe, and it would change earth's orbit, and thereby earth would be brought much nearer to our sun, and earth would experience a heat of most awful intensity and our world would be burned up.”

Next see Newcomb's School Edition Astronomy, page 383. He says:

“The above comet was here last in 1680; and it would be here again in 2255; and it would come every 575 years.”

When this comet was last here in 1680, it was on the great danger line, in almost direct line to our sun, passing nearer to our sun than any other comet before known.”

See “Pith of Astronomy,” page 57. By Bayne. He says:

“In regard to the possibility of a collision with a comet, Professor Pickering, astronomer of Harvard, states that it must be admitted that such an event is possible; and if the earth lasts long enough, such a thing is practically sure to happen, because there are several comets' orbits which pass nearer to earth's orbit than the semidiameter of the comet's head; and at some time the comet and the earth will most certainly strike together.”

Again, see “Pith of Astronomy,” page 57. He says:

“Professor Young, astronomer of Princeton, states that there are two ways in which comets may hurt us, either by actually striking the earth or falling into our sun, and thus producing such an awful increase of solar heat as to burn us up.”

It is this way: The comet which produced the Deluge in Noah's day, was here last in 1680; and then because it traveled on the great danger line between earth and our sun, came very near burning up our earth. Should it on its next visit in 2255, travel on that same great danger line as it did then earth would then be in most awful danger. Or if that comet should not destroy our earth on its next visit in 2255 then perhaps at some one of its future comings (God only knows which one) it would burn up our world, for it would continue to come every 575 years.

This certainly is “The Comet of

Fate” created by God to produce the Deluge in Noah's day, and also to burn up our world, and maybe other worlds as well, when God shall permit and order it.

Read II Peter 3:5: “Whereby the world that then was being overflowed with water perished; but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” II Peter 3:10.

There is no conflict whatever between astronomy and the Holy Bible. Astronomy tells how this world would be burned up by “The Comet of Fate,” but not when—It is how? Not when? “Therefore, be ye also ready,” etc. Matt. 24:44. JAMES M. CLINE.

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OBITUARIES.

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SHELTON.— Sister J. R. Shelton was born in Raleigh, N. C. May 13th, 1839, moved to Hernando, Miss. when a child, professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church when about twelve years of age, moved to Salem, Ark., in 1853 and was married to Jno. R. Shelton Dec. 31st, 1856. There were four children born to this union, V. H. Shelton who survives her and lives in Waxahachie, Texas now, Sallie V. who died in Waxahachie June 17, 1891, Walter and Katie Maude who died in early childhood. She joined the Methodist church in 1856 with her husband and lived a most devoted and consistent member till death. She moved to Waxahachie, Texas in 1896 and departed this life June 8th., of this year after an illness of about three weeks of typhoid fever.

Most of her life was spent in Arkansas where her home was always the preacher's home, having entertained many of the most noted ministers of that State she often spoke of them very tenderly. She was an active worker in the church and Sunday school. She had a bright, sweet-spirited, happy disposition that made sunshine and gladness wherever she went. Had no enemies, but the circle of her friends extended as far as she was known. She was taken sick during a great revival from which she had received a great spiritual blessing and her craft went out at flood-tide. Her life was a triumph of the Christian faith; she was thoroughly prepared to go and we know where to meet her. May God's grace sustain her bereaved companion who has lost so heavily in her going, together with her remaining son, V. H. Shelton and family, and may it be an unbroken family circle on the other side.

J. T. McCLURE.

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MITCHELL.— Louisa Leonard Mitchell was born in Center, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1843; died at Wewaka, Oklahoma Oct. 7, 1909.

The deceased was converted early in life and joining the Methodist church lived a consistent Christian life until God took her away. Her love and faithfulness for the church was noticeable to all. She leaves a husband and daughter and five sons to mourn her loss. Five children have preceded her to the better world. The bereaved family have the condolence in the memory of a well spent life.

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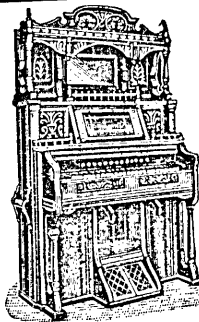
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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Knobel, at Knobel Nov. 7, 8
 Pocahontas and Hoxie at P. Nov. 13, 14
 Reyno Ct. at Biggers Nov. 14
 Maynard Ct. at Siloam Nov. 20, 21
 Pocahontas Ct. at Clearview Nov. 23
 Walnut Ridge Station Nov. 27, 28
 Imboden Ct. at Imboden Dec. 3
 Mammoth Springs and Hardy at H. Dec. 4, 5
 J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Floyd Ct., at Mt. Olive Nov. 6, 7
 West Point Ct., at New Hope Nov. 13, 14
 Bradford & Bald Knob, at Kensett Nov. 14, 15
 Wilburn Ct. Nov. 20, 21
 Gardner Memorial Nov. 27, 28
 Dye Memorial Nov. 28, 29
 A. T. GALLOWAY, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT
(Fourth Round.)

Hamlin, Miss., at Ellis Chapel Nov. 6, 7
 Parkin Sta. Nov. 7, 8
 Turner and Shiloh Ct., at Shiloh Nov. 13, 14
 Clarendon Sta. Nov. 14, 15
 McCrory Miss., at New Haven Nov. 20
 McCrory and DeView at McCrory Nov. 20, 21
 Laconia Ct. at Melwood Nov. 27, 28
 Helena Station Dec. 4, 5
 Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round—Revised.)

Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrow Nov. 6-7
 Blytheville Sta. Nov. 7-8
 Manila and Dell, at Dell Nov. 8-9
 Monette and Macey at Macey Nov. 9-10
 North Jonesboro and Lake City, at Lake City, 7 p. m. Nov. 10
 Lake View and Lunsford Ct., at Pleasant Valley Nov. 11
 Preaching at eleven with basket dinner on the grounds and quarterly Conference, 2 p. m. West End and Cotton Belt Mission Q. O. at the District Parsonage at 2 p. m. Friday Nov. 12
 Harrisburg Ct., at Pleasant Valley Nov. 13-14
 Harrisburg Sta. Nov. 14-15
 Marked Tree and Bay at M. T. Nov. 17-18
 Brookland Ct., at Brookland Nov. 20-21
 Marion and Gilmore at Marion Nov. 21-22
 Luxora and Rozelle at Luxora Nov. 24-25
 Osceola Sta. Nov. 25-26
 Wilson and Bardstow at Wilson Nov. 27-28
 Preachers and officials will please be on hand at the weekday appointments as well as on Saturday and Sabbath and with full reports. Observe the changes made on account of change in time of holding our Conference session.

CADESMAN POPE, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.
(Four Round—Revised.)

Hamlin Mission, at Ellis Nov. 6, 7
 Parkin Station Nov. 7, 8
 Clarendon Station Nov. 13, 14
 Laconia Ct., at Melwood Nov. 15, 16
 Cotton Plant and Howell, at Cotton Plant, 2 p. m. Nov. 17
 Brinkley Station, 8 p. m. Nov. 17
 Wheatley Ct., at Wheatley, 10 a. m. Nov. 18
 Wynne Station, 8 p. m. Nov. 18
 Colt Ct., at Colt, 10 a. m. Nov. 19
 McCrory Mission at McCrory, 2 p. m. Nov. 20
 McCrory and DeView at McCrory Nov. 20, 21
 Haynes Ct., at Haynes, 10 a. m. Nov. 22
 Marianna Miss., at Marianna, 2 p. m. Nov. 22
 Marianna Station, 8 p. m. Nov. 22
 Holly Grove and Marvell, at Marvell, 8 p. m. Nov. 26
 LaGrange Ct., at Poplar G. 10 a. m. Nov. 27
 Helena Station Nov. 27, 28
 Forrest City Station, 8 p. m. Nov. 29
 I tis hoped Stewards will be ready for payments in full, and Trustees have correct reports under Question 29.
 Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Bryant Ct., at Bryant Nov. 6, 7
 Mabelvale Ct., at Mabelvale Nov. 7, 8
 Oak Hill, at Oak Hill Nov. 13, 14
 Benton Nov. 14, 15
 Carlisle Mission, at Hazen, 1 p. m. Nov. 19
 Hickory Plains, at Cross Roads Nov. 20, 21
 Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen Nov. 21
 A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round—Revised List.)

Redfield, at Bethel Nov. 6-7
 Gillett, at Gillett Nov. 9
 Kingsland, at Grace Nov. 11
 Sheridan, at Ebenezer Nov. 13-14
 Rowel, at Mt. Olivet Nov. 16
 Lakeside Nov. 18
 Rison, at Wofford's Chapel Nov. 20-21
 First Church Nov. 22
 W. W. CHRISTIE, P. E.

Let all the brethren concerned take notice and make announcement of any changes. These changes are made because of the change in the date of Conference from December 1, to November 24.

W. W. CHRISTIE.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Dierks Nov. 6, 7
 DeQueen Nov. 8
 Cherry Hill Nov. 13, 14
 Mans Nov. 14, 15
 Texarkana Ct. Nov. 18
 Mt. Ida Nov. 21, 22
 College Hill Nov. 25
 Fairview Nov. 26
 Bright Star Nov. 27, 28
 First Church Nov. 29
 THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Princeton at Princeton Nov. 6, 7
 Usery at Grant's Chapel Nov. 13, 14

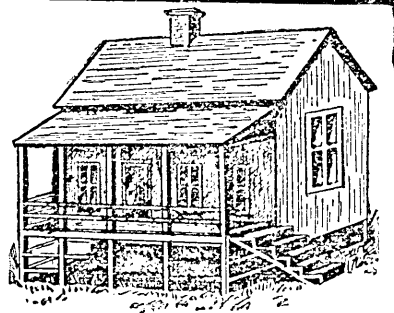
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Arkadelphia Ct. Nov. 20, 21
 Arkadelphia Sta. Nov. 21, 22
 Social Hill Nov. 27, 28
 H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Tillar Ct., at Newton's Chapel Nov. 6, 7
 Eudora Ct. Nov. 11, 12
 Lake Village & Portland, at L. V. Nov. 14, 15
 Parkdale & Wilmot at Wilmot Nov. 20, 21
 Dermott & Ark. City, at Dermott Nov. 27, 28
 J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Hampton Ct. Oct. 30, 31
 El Dorado Ct. Nov. 6
 El Dorado Sta. Nov. 7, 8
 Atlanta Ct. Nov. 13, 14
 Magnolia Ct. Nov. 15
 Stamps Sta. Nov. 16
 Fordyce Sta. Nov. 17
 Huttig and Strong Nov. 20, 21
 Stephens Sta. Nov. 23
 Camden Sta. Nov. 28, 29
 Let our women be ready to answer Questions 14 and 16 and let the board of trustees be ready with answers to Question 29.
 R. W. McKAY, P. E.

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MANILA AND DELL.

There is to be a religious debate at Dell beginning on November 23 to continue for four days. The contestants are Rev. R. H. Pigue, of Arlington, Ky., member of the Memphis Conference, who will champion the cause of Methodism, and Elder E. M. Borden, of Batesville, editor of the Christian Pilot, who will defend the Campbellite Church.

The propositions for debate are: "The Church with which I stand identified is scriptural in origin, doctrine, and practice."

On this Brother Pigue affirm two days and Borden denies, then Elder Borden affirms two days and Pigue denies. I extend a cordial invitation to all who can to attend the debate, especially all former pastors.

Of late I have been hindered somewhat by sickness in my home, which has kept me from being in a good many homes. Now my wife and I are rejoicing over the happy arrival of a fine girl, who has as her mission to make life in the parsonage more bright and cheerful.

The church house at Manila has been insured against fire and storm. The financial report will be somewhat like that of last year.

WILLIAM S. YARBROUGH, P. C.

DELHI, OKLA.

We are now winding up for Conference. This closes our second year for Delhi-Pioneer Circuit. In many respects it has been two of the hardest and most anxious years of our life. There has been 150 conversions and 139 added to the church, and four acres of land secured on which to build two church houses. There has been \$173.00 collected on the collections, and the preacher has received \$510.00 for two years' work (and he is satisfied). Some had it all to do. Some would not do anything. We had hail, hail, the first year, and drouth, drouth the second year, and the people are oppressed and will be as long as they arrange to pay every thing else and repudiate what they owe unto the Lord. We are now leaving Western Oklahoma with the best

of feelings to all, and praise the Lord that we ever came to this country. There never has been a connectional man on our charge, not even a newspaper man has ever seen this charge. Our Presiding Elder has run through our charge four times each year, but has been most efficient and most of the children know him. William D. Matthews is the man for this country. He has all the details well in hand. We go to Conference not asking for any place, but ready for any appointment that the bishop and his Presiding Elders think we are able to fill. With best regards to all, I am, as ever,

Yours in the work,

J. M. HOLT, P. C.

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WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas,
 County of Pulaski.—ss.
 In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
 Lou Ripley Smith, Plaintiff,
 vs.

The Unknown Heirs of Sim J. Ripley, Deceased, Defendant.

The Defendant, The Unknown Heirs of Sim J. Ripley, Deceased, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Lou Ripley Smith.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.

By T. J. OLIPHINT, D. C.

October 26, 1909.

Jones & Hamiter, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas,
 County of Pulaski.—ss.
 In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
 J. E. Aldridge, Plaintiff,
 vs.

Minnie C. Aldridge, Defendant.

The defendant, Minnie C. Aldridge, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, J. E. Aldridge.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.

T. J. OLIPHINT, D. C.

October 23, 1909.

Bradshaw, Rhoton & Helm, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Methodist preachers of Hot Springs met in Central Church in regular session November 1, 1909. Present: Hutchinson, Parker, Mason, Rainey, Rushing. Visitors: Hotchkiss.

REPORTS.

Tigert Memorial, Rev. S. W. Rainey, pastor—Moving on quietly; Sunday School as usual; League at 3:30 p. m.; preaching at Dodson's Chapel at 11 a. m. and at Tigert Memorial at night. All by the pastor.

Malvern Avenue, Rev. B. F. Mason, pastor—Prayer meeting, Sunday School and League as usual; seventy-eight present at Sunday School. Has been helping Brother Rushing some in pro-

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tracted meeting; preached to W. H. M. S. Sunday at 11 a. m. Had one accession to the church.

Third Street, Rev. J. A. Parker, pastor—Has been helping Brother Rushing; moving steadily; 120 present at Sunday School; service by the pastor at 11 a. m. Baptized four in the afternoon. Had a fine meeting at Gardner Schoolhouse, with seven accessions to the church.

Park Avenue, Rev. John R. Rushing, pastor—Just closed a very fine meeting, which was very helpful to the church; ten or eleven conversions and six accessions. Dr. Corrigan did most of the night preaching; also had valuable help from Brothers Parker, Mason, and Hutchinson.

Central Avenue, Rev. Forney Hutchinson, pastor—Fine prayer meeting; 194 present at Sunday School; old peoples' service at 11 a. m. very interesting. Splendid League service at night.
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BLUE MOUND.

I am finishing up my first year at four points on this charge, and my second at three.

My charge is in the midst of old "No Man's Land," but the "Great American Desert" that I used to describe to my school in the 70's has given place to the wheat, corn and kaffir corn.

I can see twenty-six houses from my home including a store and a Methodist church. I started this enterprise last year, and it has been completed under the pastorate of Geo. Wesley Gilbert, who has been very successful on Grand Valley charge this year.

I have a church enterprise on the way, at LaKemp, which is to be the central railroad town on the new line through extreme Western Oklahoma.

I have received twenty-seven into the church and have baptized five babies.

I believe that I shall be able to report all salaries and other collections in full. Brethren, if you had your collections on your heart and had the grit and industry, you could get them. Remember, you are the church's missionary stewards; yea, more, the Master's stewards.

W. P. Meador, our district evangelist, has been with me in several meetings, resulting in conversions and additions. He and I were the only pastors that were in this district seven years ago, and helped break the ground for Methodism and Christ.

Seven years ago this district had but one parsonage, and one house of worship. I saw then the most promising mission field in the church, but few believed it.

Our pressing need is larger missionary appropriations, and more parsonages and churches. I am offered, on every hand, land and money, if the Board and friends of the church could meet the enterprises. The drought has not stopped the onward-march spirit of our people, and all are active. The congregations at my regular services have been large, and the question comes from so many, "When and where will you build?"

Yours until we shall see you "face to face" at conference,
J. D. Z. MUNSEY.

P. S.—Brother J. F. Lawlis, P. E., has returned from the east end of the district, and will be able to attend and take part in the conference.

By the way, this district could be easier, and better served, were it divided.
J. D. Z. M.

BRYANT CIRCUIT.

This is my third year on Bryant charge and everything considered it is the best year of the three. We have painted the church at Alexander and the parsonage, rebuilt the church and shed which was destroyed by fire at Salem camp ground, have the shed complete and the church so we can worship in it. We will get the church at Mt. Carmel so we can hold services in it, in time for my next appointment, which is the first Sunday in November, at 2:30 p. m. This church, you remember, was blown away last spring when Brinkley was destroyed. We also have some lumber on the ground for rebuilding Pleasant Hill church which was destroyed by fire several years ago

and hope to get everything in shape at that place next Sunday, so that the church there will be completed this winter. And I believe the people will pay their preacher and presiding elder their salary as they have for the last three years. And the claims will all be in full, and a little the rise, I hope, unless some sad misfortune happens to this scribe between this and conference. I had almost forgotten to tell you that we have bought and in one-half day paid for a nice new organ, for the church at Bauxite. But best of all, we have had scores and scores who claimed conversion. I never count conversions, and somewhere between 125 and 150 additions to the church. Our work you see is moving along nicely. But how could it do otherwise with such men as M. A. Harris, C. Elliott, A. B. Martin, R. J. Fields, T. A. Orr, M. A. Bragg, John L. Smith, John B. Gregory, James Harrison, R. F. Roper, J. W. Prichet, Col. J. R. Gibbon, Geo. Lemaster, James Bruner, David Dodd, John Crowson, A. J. Knight, Prof. Ray, L. G. Thomas, the Sangey boys, Widow Prichard and her boys, Joe Lewellen, and many others who have had the best of counsel from our wise and unselfish presiding elder, Dr. A. C. Millar, whose only desire is the advancement of the cause of Christ. He is not (the son of thunder) but using the language of our sainted B. G. Johnson, we need freight trains as well as passenger trains.

Yours for a pleasant and prosperous conference,
J. H. MCKELVEY.

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

F. W. Parkhurst, the Boston publisher, says that if any one afflicted with rheumatism in any form, neuralgia, or kidney trouble, will send their address to him at 704-35 Carney Building, Boston, Mass., he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells you how he was cured after years of search for relief. Hundreds have tested it with success.

THE VALUE OF THE HOME ALTAR.

A father and mother were converted one Sunday night during the progress of a meeting in a Pennsylvania town. The husband determined that he would erect a family altar that same evening in their home. On their return from the church he secured an old worn Bible which had come as a gift from the parental home; he and his wife sat down for worship. The father knew nothing about the position of the books in the Bible, so began at the first place that opened, which happened to be Revelation.

On nearing the end of the reading of the first chapter, he could not summon sufficient courage to stop and say, "Let us pray." So he read on and on, until the end of the book. There was nothing more to read; then without uttering a word he got on his knees and began the first broken prayer of his life.

The home has always been a Christian home since that time. The first attempt at family worship has been blessed in sending sons and daughters out into the world whose lives have honored Christ and their parents.

A young man and woman recently started a new home. The wife was a Christian, active and zealous, but the husband was an unbeliever.

In a special meeting of wondrous power this husband was one among many who gave their lives to the service of Christ.

He and his wife instituted an evening altar for reading and prayer. One evening at twilight, while engaged in their devotions with their girl baby looking on, a neighbor woman peeped in through the curtain of the open window to say goodnight. She saw the little group bowing in prayer. The lady drew back hurriedly and went home to tell what she had seen.

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Official Notice.

Rev. L. J. Ridding, who was preacher in charge of Emmet circuit has withdrawn from our church. Rev. S. A. Hill has been appointed to serve until Conference. Brother Hill will be up for readmission at our next session.

W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.

October 23.

A drunken carter came into a Greenock train and sat opposite a clergyman who was reading his paper. Recognizing the profession of his vis-a-vis, the carter leaned forward and in a maudlin way remarked, "I don't believe there's any heaven." The clergyman paid no heed. "Do you hear me?" persisted the carter, "I don't believe there's any heaven." Still the clergy-

man remained silent behind his newspaper. The carter, shouting his confession this time loudly, said, "I tell you to your face, and you're a minister, that I don't believe there's any heaven." "Very well," said the clergyman, "if you do not believe there is a heaven, go elsewhere, but please go quietly."—London Graphic.

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COUNTY OF PULASKI—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Lucy Mayes, Plaintiff,
vs.
Jim Mayes, Defendant.

The Defendant, Jim Mayes, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Lucy Mayes.

F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.
JAMES A. GRAY, Solicitor for Plaintiff.
October 13, 1909.