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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY ONCE MORE.

In the last issue of the Midland Methodist and in the last issue of the Epworth Era the editors of these papers respectively take us to task for what has recently appeared in the Western Methodist with respect to Vanderbilt University.

Dr. DuBose resents the idea that a man who does not live about Nashville should assume to know anything about Vanderbilt University or that he should dare to write anything until he had made inquiry of certain men thereabout. He thinks, as does Brother Shuler, that if we quote certain statements that have appeared in the press of that city and ignore certain twaddle that some men have been pleased to print, the evidence upon which we act is highly *ex parte*, indicating that somebody over there is putting up a job upon us by sending matter to suit his purpose.

Possibly the editor of the Western Methodist is afflicted with a sort of myopia, peculiar to the climate of Arkansas, let us assume; but it is certain that not one word that has come from his brethren about Nashville, who so burn with zeal for the church, not even the editorial of Dr. DuBose, nor yet that of Brother Shuler, has contained one word of enlightenment. As for clippings, we have seen them galore, indicating that somebody else has been industrious; but they also are unavailing.

These editors have rehashed for their readers the suspicions with which they and a few others have filled the air around Nashville, and as for what they have to say besides, it brought to mind a scene in Hamlet, wherein Hamlet after he had gone crazy was walking about with a book in his hand. His sweetheart Ophelia, thinking to soothe his mind asked him, What are thou reading, my lord? He replied, Words! Words! As far as we are able, in our myopic state, to make out what they mean, it is about this, While the church owns Vanderbilt University, her tenure is of such a nature that its ownership is subject to dispute, and some concerned in the management of the University are seeking to take advantage of this situation and weaken the control of the church. Chancellor Kirkland, in particular, is seeking to wrest the University from the control of the church, as is shown by his publicly announced views and by his advocacy of a bill in the Tennessee legislature, which they say was intended to promote that end. They tell us that certain "plans" have been on foot to secularize Vanderbilt University; that Governor Porter (eighty years old), has heard about them; that Prof. Wickliffe Rose has heard about them. They are good enough to tell us also that Chancellor Kirkland is acknowledged on every hand to be a gentleman of unquestioned integrity, and that they would believe any statement he might make.

We have a few questions to ask these gentlemen. If the church is to absolutely own the University—how shall she hold it? Shall it be held for the church by a mob or by a board of trust? And if it must be held by a board of trust, do they know any better or abler men than the church has

on the present board of trust? Where is Bishop Hendrix, the President of that Board, and what has he been doing all the while this treachery has been going on? Where are the other bishops whose places on that board nobody questions, and what have they been doing? Where is John R. Pepper? Where is Major Millsaps? Where are the able lawyers that are on that board? Are these men also so myopic that they can see nothing or are they afflicted with such blind stupidity that they cannot see far or near? Or are they all into the job with Chancellor Kirkland? And as for Chancellor Kirkland, can he be a man of unquestioned integrity and also a traitor and a false witness? Has he not said plainly that he entertains no such purpose as they impute to him? If these gentlemen do not know that he has, we do know it. Has not Dr. Winton said plainly that neither Chancellor Kirkland nor any member of the Board of Trust has ever done a single thing to disturb the agreement made ten years ago, devised under the guidance of Bishops Wilson and Galloway and ratified by the General Conference, under which the University passed from certain annual conferences into the hands of the General Conference? Have not other members of the Board told us the same thing?

Gentlemen, you have found a mare's nest; either that or else you must convict as honorable a body of men as there is in the church of duplicity or of stupidity. The church is not going to believe your wild talk or credit your wild rumors.

The simple truth about the whole matter is that there are personal antipathies at the bottom of it, and misguided men have filled the air, and are attempting to fill the church with dust and smoke over nothing. It is charged, we understand, that the Vanderbilt authorities are insubordinate to the findings of the Vanderbilt Commission appointed by the last General Conference. The plain truth about that is that the Vanderbilt Board of Trust, under a resolution drawn by Bishop Galloway, unanimously accepted the findings of that Commission, and nobody is seeking to disturb that status. We say flatly that not one single clear fact, not one single clear act of the Chancellor nor of any member of the Board, has been or can be pointed out that will raise even a decent presumption to the contrary. And it is outrageous to appoint able and true and honest men to administer a great trust and then attempt to fill the earth with suspicions against them. Any man who will do or attempt to do what these gentlemen are charging is a traitor, and any other men in authority in the premises who will permit the treachery are either traitors or stupid dolts. There is no avoiding the alternative that either the Chancellor and the members of this Board of Trust are such traitors or dolts or else Brother DuBose and Brother Shuler and all who are joining in their hue and cry are misguided.

We think that some sort of memorial on this subject ought to go up to the General Conference. We are inclined to think that had we been in the Tennessee Conference we might have voted for the one they send up. It has been made necessary, not by any misconduct of any one connected with the management of the Vanderbilt. It has been made necessary by the wild talk of certain preachers of suspicion who ought to be ashamed of this performance of theirs. A fine

species of advertising they are giving our chief school. Let the memorial go up; the day will show who are the disturbers.

The unanimity of the Tennessee Conference in voting for their memorial is certainly not to be taken as evidencing their unanimous agreement in these suspicions, as these gentlemen would seem to plead; but the unanimity can be accounted for solely upon the ground that the Tennessee Conference is tired of this nonsense, though some of its members may be suspicious, like the editor of the Era and the editor of the Midland. Certainly there are men in that conference that know there is no foundation for all this hubbub.

We must add that we do not agree with the view expressed by Dr. Winton that the Vanderbilt Trustees so hold this property that they might, if they so chose, sell it and abscond with the proceeds. This cannot be true, for they hold not as individuals but as trustees. Technically the title is in this board, as how else could it be than in a board? but equitably and morally the title is in the church, and nobody is seeking to deny it.

How deceitful a thing sin is! It cloaks itself with a seeming of virtue; it counterfeits virtue, parades in the sight of the world, and, worse still, before the eyes of its victim, as a virtue. It is possible for a man to think himself humble, yet all the while indulge a secret pride in his humility. Such a man will do many things that humility will do; he may wash the feet of his brethren, and as he washes their feet he will be saying within himself, Am I not humble? Look at me! He will refrain from pushing himself into the public eye, seeming to make himself prominent—and indulge a secret pride that in this respect he is superior to many of his brethren, and indulge also a secret determination, as deep as ever was that of Diotrophes, to hold for himself the pre-eminence. Such a man may do many kindnesses, expressive of good will; but his kindnesses are never meant to rob himself of the ultimate advantage over his fellows, are, at bottom, sops to Cerberus, bones that have meat enough to stay the hunger of the dog, not meat enough to make the dog so strong that he would be dangerous. The worst thing about this man is that he is blinded by these mock virtues that attend upon his humility. He is bound to have glimmerings now and then that his humility is not the perfect thing, but his eyes turn at such times upon the virtues that give evidence of the presence of humility, and he sets himself to exercise more frequently these virtues. His error lies in the quality of it all. Humility is, in truth, his foible.

A man with pure motives may often be suspected because of his careless or wrong methods. Every man to make his life count for the most should seek to employ the best methods. No man should be willing to live under a cloud that hinders his usefulness, if he can honorably remove the cloud.

The crying need of our rural churches is better organization of their work. To see a country church whose place of worship is neglected; whose services are haphazard; with nobody giving systematic and reverent attention to any part of its work, is pitiful; more, it is shameful.

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Notes and Personals

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

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

It is given out that the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanitarium will be built at once, at Booneville, Ark. Dr. J. S. Shibley will be superintendent.

Bishop Hendrix stopped at Argenta on his way from Arkansas Conference to Memphis Conference, and preached on home training of children, and baptized several infants.

We have had the pleasure of visits this week from: Rev. H. W. Wallace and his Sunday school superintendent, Brother Anderson, of Biglow; Rev. W. T. Martin and his little daughter, of Leslie; Dr. George McGlumphy, of Ozark.

Rev. W. C. Toombs and the people of Mabelvale Circuit are rejoicing over the results of the year's work. All collections and salary will be in full. A new church has been organized at Salem Hill. Good revivals have been held and many have been added to the church.

Among the best speeches made at the recent session of the Arkansas Conference were those of Rev. J. W. Gilbert and Prof. G. L. Tyus, representing negro schools. If the Southern people will educate negroes according to the ideals of these two men we will solve the negro problem.

At the Bryant quarterly conference last Saturday Rev. J. H. McKelvey made a fine report. Salary and all collections will be in full, and about 110 have been received into the church. The Salem camp shed and church and Mt. Carmel church have been rebuilt, and a new church started at Pleasant Hill.

Rev. R. L. Barnett, of Mount View, Ark., pays the Western Methodist the highest and most substantial sort of a compliment by sending us voluntary a check to cover his subscription till the year 1914. We thank him more for what this implies than for the money he sends, though the latter is, of course, appreciated.

Arrangements have been made to bring Ex-Governor Little to the Hospital for Nervous Diseases at Little Rock. He is reported to have so far improved where he is, St. Joseph, Mo., that it is believed he can be brought here among his friends and be completely restored. This would immensely gratify the thousands of friends of this able and incorruptible public servant.

Rev. John W. Boswell, D. D., has retired from the editorship of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. He was the Nestor of Southern Methodist editors, always sane, always conservative, always sensible, always a gentleman. We regret to see him go. Rev. R. A. Meek, of the North Mississippi Conference takes his place. We welcome Brother Meek to tribulations and triumphs of the tripod.

It is understood, so he tells us, that Rev. J. R. Ashmore, who has just been reappointed to Belleville, Ark will have one Sunday in the month which he can devote to evangelistic work. It may be that the work can be so arranged that he will be able to so use two Sundays. That is a capital arrangement, and Brother Ashmore is the man to make such an arrangement tell on the surrounding country.

Rev. James Thomas is pushing with great energy the endowment of Hendrix College, and hopes to have the matter so far on the way that he can easily take an appointment at the coming session of the Little Rock Conference. The boom that was put on it at the session of the Arkansas Conference seems to assure us of success. But let everybody remember that the time to rest is not yet come.

Rev. E. N. Watson, one of our veterans on the superannuate list, reported at Mabelvale quarterly conference of which he is a member, that he had organized a new church called Stonewall near the Arkansas river west of England. A building committee has been appointed and prospects are good for a fine church. Bro. Watson has rendered efficient service to these people and is rejoicing in the opportunity to preach.

The authorities of the University of Arkansas have decided to maintain at Fayetteville a summer school. We rejoice to hear it. Fayetteville is a sort of paradise for the people of the southern part of Arkansas during the summer months, and there is no reason at all why our students should be compelled to leave the State in order to find some place to pursue their studies during the summer. More definite announcements will be made later.

The fourth quarterly conference of Austin Circuit, having been deferred three weeks, was held at Mt. Tabor, Oct. 27. The presiding elder had done his preaching three weeks before. Rev. J. M. Cannon, of Hickory Plains Circuit, preached a strong spiritual sermon at eleven o'clock. A great crowd was present for the fine dinner which among other good things included "possum and yellow yams." At the conference Bro. McGuyre reported all collections in full. The salary was only a few dollars behind and will be paid. It has been a very successful year in every respect. Bro. McGuyre and his people are in love with each other.

CONFERENCE NOTICES.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REQUEST.

I shall be on hand the day before Conference opens ready to receive your reports. Please have reports made out before coming to conference, and turn them in to me as soon as you arrive.

Remember that we are to leave the cents' column blank. Report dollars only. Fraternally,
 W. T. MENARD, Statistical Secretary.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

The class of the first year will meet the committee

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, Nov. 23, in the Methodist church at Arkadelphia.

FORNEY HUTCHISON.

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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

All candidates applying for admission on trial will meet the committee on the course of study at the Methodist church at Arkadelphia Nov. 23rd at 3 p. m.

J. D. HAMMONS.

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COMMITTEE AND CLASS FOR ADMISSIONS.

The committee on admissions and the class for admission or re-admission, are called to meet in the Methodist church at Arkadelphia, Nov. 23rd at 2 p. m. Let any who may wish to represent any of the class be present.

W. W. CHRISTIE, Chairman.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE—IMPORTANT.

Preachers are kindly reminded that statistics are to be made in whole numbers leaving off the cents in the financial reports both on collections and valuations. I speak this on behalf of our new secretary, Bro. J. T. Menard. J. M. WORKMAN, Ex-Secty.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

The class of the third year, White River Conference, will meet the Committee in First Methodist church, Searcy, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. the 30th, 1909.

A. M. R. BRANSON, Chairman.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The Oklahoma Annual Conference met in its sixty-fourth session at Muskogee, Oklahoma, Nov. 3, 1909, Bishop James Atkins presiding. Bishop E. E. Hoss attended and preached in the afternoon the first three days of the session, but left for other engagements on Friday.

The lateness of the adjournment of the session prevents a general write-up for this week's issue but we will give this next week. Below we give the names of delegates elected to the General Conference and the appointments.

Rumor has reached us that several changes were made by the Bishop after the appointments were made but they have not been verified by official notice so we publish as near as possible the copy read before the conference.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

FROM OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Clerical—N. L. Linebaugh, O. E. Goddard, L. L. Johnson, S. G. Thompson, G. B. Winton, and T. F. Brewer.

Alternates—J. S. Lamar, W. F. Dunkle, and C. M. Coppedge.

Lay—D. H. Linebaugh, T. S. DeArman, A. E. Bonnell, B. C. Clark, I. D. Hitchcock and T. P. Howell. Alternates—Ed. S. Vaught, Frank Jones, and Ed. Nix.

ADA DISTRICT.

S. F. Goddard, Presiding Elder.
 Ada, First church, W. M. Wilson, Assistant Missionary Secretary.

Ada, Asbury, A. M. Dupree.
 Calvin and Allen, J. B. Blackwell. G. H. Huff, supply assistant.

Center Mission, Duke Simpson, supply.
 Holdenville, C. S. Walker.

Hickory Mission, H. I. Dupree, supply.
 Konawa, Willmoore Kendall.

Maud Mission, Bion Hensley, supply.
 Moral Mission, Absolom Crumpton.

Pontotoc Circuit, C. A. Martin, supply.
 Roff and Mill Creek, A. B. L. Hunkapillar.

Saint Louis and Asher, S. H. Berry and H. H. Windham, supplies.

Sasakwa Mission, W. A. Nash.
 Stonewall and Tupelo, T. O. Shanks.

Sulphur, First church, W. U. Witt.
 Sulphur, Vinata Avenue, A. M. Brannon.

Vanoss Mission, G. H. Strong, supply.
 Wanette Circuit, I. R. Haun.

Wetumka, C. C. Barnhardt.
 Wewoka and Seminole, M. C. Hamilton.

Byers and Stratford, G. S. Saunders.
 Editor of Western Methodist, P. R. Eaglebarger.
 Y. M. C. A. Work, M. A. Cassidy, J. V. Baird.
 Conference Missionary, W. F. Jordan.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

I. K. Waller, Presiding Elder.
 Ardmore Mission, J. C. Morris.
 Broadway Station, W. H. Roper.
 Berwyn and Dougherty, P. A. Smith, supply.
 Carter Avenue, W. S. Lee.
 Cornish and Loco, L. H. Fullingim.
 Davis and Oak Ridge, J. L. Gage.
 Elmore Circuit, to be supplied.
 Hennepin Circuit, O. A. Morris.
 Lebanon Circuit, Charles Mann, supply.
 Leon and Burneyville, J. M. Holt, supply.
 Lone Grove Circuit, W. C. Driskill.
 Marietta Station, J. H. Rogers.
 Petersburg Circuit, B. F. Taylor, supply.
 Ravia Circuit, E. M. Garrett, supply.
 Springer and Mission, P. W. Ward, supply.
 Thackerville Circuit, D. E. Shaffer.
 Tishomingo and Mannsville, D. A. Shaw, supply.
 Wapanucka and Mission, S. E. Kirby, Assistant
 Missionary Secretary.
 Woodford Circuit, J. A. Clawdus, supply.
 Wynnewood Station, J. G. Blackwood.
 President of Hargrove College, J. M. Gross, D.D.
 District Missionary, W. T. Freeman.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

L. L. Johnson, Presiding Elder.
 Alex Circuit, Mallory Flannagan.
 Chickasha Station, M. L. Butler, Assistant Mis-
 sionary Secretary.
 Comanche Station, J. E. Disch.
 Duncan Station, G. L. Taylor.
 Linsey Station, G. E. Holley.
 Marlow Station, C. F. Roberts.
 Minco and Ninnekah, A. H. Dickerson.
 Oak Grove Circuit, F. M. Dykes, supply.
 Paoli and Florence, W. J. Wilson.
 Paul's Valley Station, J. D. Canaday.
 Purdy Circuit, C. H. Culpepper.
 Rush Springs and Bailey Circuit, W. C. Fleetwood.
 Ryan and Terral, W. T. Ready.
 Velma Circuit, W. A. Lowrey, supply.
 Verdin and Tuttle, J. J. Bailey, supply.
 Waurika Station, J. O. Cook.
 Wayne Circuit, J. H. Scott.
 Whitehead and Maysville, G. M. Dilbeck.
 Wood Reserve Circuit, F. C. Mayberry.
 District Missionary, R. J. Deets, supply.

CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

C. M. Coppedge, Presiding Elder.
 Atoka Circuit, L. N. Ischomer.
 Bennington Circuit, Eastman Jacob.
 Bethel Circuit, A. S. Williams.
 Chickasaw Circuit, Thomas B. Wade.
 Kianitia, Eden Nelson.
 Kiowa Circuit, James Frazier.
 Kullitoklo, Houston Jacob.
 Long Creek Circuit, L. W. Cobb.
 Owl Circuit, Louis V. Colbert.
 Rufe Circuit, Willie James.
 Sans Bois Circuit, Griggs Durant.
 Sugar Loaf Circuit, C. B. Wade; Milton Monroe,
 assistant.

District Interpreter, H. E. Nohio.

District Missionary, A. H. Homer.

CREEK-CHEROKEE DISTRICT.

Orlando Shay, Presiding Elder.
 Broken Arrow Circuit, M. L. Checote.
 Cherokee Circuit, James Butler.
 Euchee Circuit, N. G. Gregory.
 Hitchita Circuit, John Davis.
 Honey Creek Circuit, Lewis Dunson.
 Okmulgee Circuit, March Monday.
 Seminole Circuit, William Hill.
 Saline Circuit, A. H. Butler.
 Wewoka Circuit, L. E. Dunson.
 Sapulpa Circuit, Jasper Bell.
 Cedar Bluff Circuit, Eli Snell.
 District Interpreters, S. J. Checote and A. H. But-
 ler.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

W. D. Matthews, Presiding Elder.
 Burmah Circuit, J. B. McCance.
 Berlin Circuit, W. B. Nichols, supply.
 Butler and Shiloh, Jesse Crumpton.
 Clinton Station, S. F. Chambers.
 Cheyenne and Washita, W. W. Robinson.
 Cloud Chief, E. F. McClannahan.
 Cowden Circuit, J. F. Russell.
 Custer Circuit, G. R. Wright.

Cordell Station, R. S. Satterfield, Assistant Mis-
 sionary Secretary.

Bethel Circuit, J. L. Davis.
 Doxey Circuit, H. C. Gullledge.
 Dill Circuit, R. S. Chambers, supply.
 Elk City Station, W. A. Randall.
 Erick Station, H. L. Mauldin.
 Foss Circuit, E. H. Driskill.
 Hammond Circuit, B. G. Burns, supply.
 Port Circuit, W. A. Lewis.
 Rhea Circuit, R. E. Davis.
 Rocky and Sentinel Circuit, Moss Weaver.
 Roll Circuit, G. W. Walters.
 Sayre Station, J. E. McConnell.
 Sweetwater Circuit, A. L. Brace, supply.
 Texmo, James Arvin.
 Texola Circuit, J. W. Nigh, supply.
 Weatherford Station, J. E. Savage.
 District Missionary, Robert Lear.
 Students in Vanderbilt University, I. W. Armstrong
 and B. E. Lewis.

DURANT DISTRICT.

T. P. Turner, Presiding Elder.
 Antlers and Boswell, A. N. Averyt.
 Bennington and Bokchito, W. F. Tyree, supply.
 Soper Circuit, J. O. Summit, supply.
 Bryan County Mission, G. H. Lovett, supernu-
 merary.
 Caddo Station, R. C. Alexander.
 Colbert and Kent Circuit, M. B. McKinney.
 Cumberland Circuit, Harvey Darrow, supply.
 Durant Station, G. C. French.
 Fort Towson Circuit, D. D. Warlick.
 Grant Circuit, J. D. Rogers.
 Hugo Station, J. F. Roberts.
 Idabel Circuit, T. F. Roberts.
 Kingston and Woodville Circuit, W. W. Williams.
 Madill Station, T. L. Darnell.
 Talihina Station, J. W. White, Assistant Mission-
 ary Secretary.
 Tuskahoma and Moyer, Ira Wade.

GUYMON DISTRICT.

J. F. Lawliss, Presiding Elder.
 Boise City Circuit, G. B. Carter.
 Carthage Circuit, to be supplied.
 Grand Valley Circuit, G. L. Gilbert.
 Hooker Station, R. C. Taylor, Assistant Mission-
 ary Secretary.

Guymon Station, R. A. Crosby.
 Island Circuit, W. P. Meador.
 LaKamp Circuit, C. C. Williamson.
 Mutual Circuit, J. J. Copeland.
 Nabisco Circuit, C. E. Galloway.
 Sampsel Circuit, Chas. L. Cole.

Tyrone Station, F. E. Shanks.
 Tangier Circuit, J. D. Z. Munsey, supply.
 Texhoma and Goodwell, to be supplied.
 Goodwell Circuit, to be supplied.
 Woodward Station, W. W. Crymes.
 Student in Vanderbilt University, Charles A. Long.
 Student in Epworth University, R. C. Aubrey.

LAWTON DISTRICT.

C. F. Mitchell, Presiding Elder.
 Anadarko Station, J. V. Stanley.
 Alheatone Circuit, W. B. Stanley.
 Cement Circuit, T. E. Williams.
 Davidson Circuit, R. H. Horton.
 Fort Cobb Mission, J. W. French, supply.
 Frederick Station, W. A. Shelton.
 Frederick Circuit, S. M. Sartin.
 Greary Mission, T. H. Ward.
 Glenwood Circuit, R. H. Denny, supply.
 Grandfield Circuit, J. R. Brooks.
 Hastings Station, J. E. Martin.
 Headerick Circuit, B. F. Stegall.
 Indian Work, C. W. Clay.
 Lawton Station, E. M. Sweet, Jr.
 Manitau Circuit, Chas. Doak, supply.
 Mountain Park Mission, J. E. Bryan supply.
 Randlett Circuit, G. W. Hooper.
 Snyder Mission, E. A. Townsend, Assistant Mis-
 sionary Secretary.

Temple Station, W. E. Humphreys.

Walters Station, C. P. Cox.

Walters Circuit, G. W. Morris, supply.

Conference S. S. Secretary, W. J. Moore.

District Missionary, J. T. Armstrong, supply.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

C. H. McGhee, Presiding Elder.

Altus Station, Robert Hodgson, Assistant Mission-
 ary Secretary.

Blair Station, W. H. Hawkins, supply.

Carnegie and Boise, H. B. Thomason.

Dryden and Red Hill, W. R. Rosser.

Duke Circuit, T. Y. Hern, Supply.

Eldorado Station, O. W. Stewart.

Elmer Circuit, N. B. Taylor.

Granite Station, M. T. Allen.

Hobart Station, W. M. P. Rippey.

Hollis Circuit, W. C. Savage.

Kelley Circuit, R. L. Reese.

Lone Wolf and Gotebo, J. J. Shaw.

Mangum Station, J. S. Lamar.

Mangum Circuit, J. C. Scivally.

Martha Circuit, H. B. Ellis.

Mountain View Circuit, C. H. Armstrong.

Metcalfe Mission, G. M. Moon, supply.

Olustee Station, W. D. Sasser.

Vinson and Deer Creek Circuit, R. P. Witt.

Willow Circuit, J. W. Martin, supply.

Conference Missionary, M. C. Hays.

District Missionary,.....

MCALESTER DISTRICT.

J. B. McDonald, Presiding Elder.
 Atoka Station, J. R. Hardin.
 Canadian Circuit, G. W. Martin.
 Coalgate and Centrahoma, J. I. Murray, supply.
 Cameron and Harrell Circuit, A. G. White.
 Caney Circuit, to be supplied.
 Eufaula Station, P. C. Atkins.
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 Hartshorne Circuit, J. F. Parsons, supply.
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 Kiowa and Savannah, J. R. Smith.
 Mowdy and Wardville Circuit, to be supplied.
 McCurtain and Bokoshe, J. J. Crow.
 McAlester-Phillips Memorial, W. F. Dunkle.
 McAlester-Stonewall Avenue, C. W. Myatt.
 Poteau Station, O. C. Fontaine, Assistant Mission-
 ary Secretary.

Quinton Circuit, to be supplied.

Stringtown Circuit, B. E. Scivally, supply.

Tushka Circuit, to be supplied.

Spiro Station, H. B. Vaught.

Stuart Circuit, J. M. Russell.

Wilburton Station, J. D. Massey.

Wister Circuit, W. D. Sauls.

Italian Mission, Remo Yardelia, supply.

Palestine Circuit, H. B. Hooker, supply.

Chaplain to State Prison, Frank Naylor.

District Evangelist, J. D. Edwards.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

O. E. Goddard, Presiding Elder.
 Boynton and Morris, G. W. Daman.
 Brushy Circuit, J. W. Anderson, supply.
 Brushy Mountain Circuit, A. M. Lusk, supply.
 Bald Hill Circuit, O. S. Snell, supply.
 Checotah Station, J. A. Parks.
 Cowlington Circuit, R. A. Cowan, supply.
 First Church, Muskogee, S. H. Babcock.
 Fort Gibson and Oktaha, A. M. Belcher.
 Hulbert Circuit, T. L. Smith, supply.
 Muldrow and Hanson, E. V. Dowell.
 Muskogee Circuit, W. H. Smith, supply.
 St. Paul, Muskogee, T. L. Rippey, Assistant Mis-
 sionary Secretary.

Sallisaw Station, A. P. Johnson.

Sallisaw Circuit, to be supplied by H. B. Scruggs.

Stigler Station, J. D. Salter.

Stillwell Circuit, Wm. Grose, supply.

Stillwell and Westville, W. L. Anderson.

State Line Circuit, R. M. Templeton, supply.

Tahlequah Station, J. T. Thornton.

Tahlequah Circuit, A. W. Culver, supply.

Tamaha Circuit, J. M. Ball, supply.

Vian Circuit, J. L. Brown.

Wauhilla Circuit, B. T. Hill, supply.

Webber Falls Circuit, J. W. Fulton.

Whitefield Circuit, T. R. Houghton.

District Missionary, J. D. Edwards.

Professor in State School for the Blind, E. V.
 Crutsinger.

Student in Chicago University, O. B. Staples.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

A. L. Scales, Presiding Elder.

Arcadia Circuit, J. F. Hendrey.

Blanchard Circuit, W. D. L. Childress, Supply.

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ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met on the 3rd of this month in Morrilton in its seventy-fourth session, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding. The Bishop made each morning a talk on Men of Vision, based on the 11th of Hebrews.

Henry Hanesworth was elected secretary, with F. M. Tolleson, George McGlumphy, D. H. Conquette, George Patchell and E. Dyer as assistants.

The following brethren visited the conference: Rev. N. B. Williams, of the Baptist church, and Rev. S. J. Martin of the Presbyterian church, Morrilton; Rev. W. C. Watson, Rev. W. F. Evans, and Rev. R. W. McKay, of the Little Rock Conference; Rev. J. T. McCrory, of the Southwest Missouri Conference; Mr. D. M. Smith, the Senior Book Agent, Rev. E. M. Pipkin, of the White River Conference; Rev. Geo. Sexton, assistant secretary of Church Extension, Rev. Glenn Flynn of the American Bible Society, Dr. J. D. Hammond, secretary Board of Education, Dr. J. E. Godbey, and Dr. S. Anderson of Hendrix College, President J. M. Williams, of Galloway College, Hon. Geo. Thornburgh, and Rev. C. R. Powell of the Anti-Saloon League, Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Payne College, Prof. G. L. Tyus, of Haygood Seminary, and Rev. R. S. Stout, Church Extension Secretary of the C. M. E. Church.

Preachers received by transfer were Rev. F. E. Dodson and Rev. C. C. Green, from Little Rock Conference; Rev. G. W. Hively, Los Angeles Conference and Rev. R. A. Robertson, White River Conference.

The following were admitted on trial into the traveling connection: C. H. Bumpers, G. C. Johnson, C. H. Sherman and J. M. Herly.

The traveling preachers elected and ordained elders are W. J. Faust, Jefferson Sherman and H. A. Stroud. No local preachers elected.

Elisha Dyer, M. A. Fry and W. W. Allbright were elected and ordained deacons. Olin Cole, Floyd Villines and J. A. Bratton were elected and ordained local deacons.

Admitted into full connection: Elisha Dyer, Matthew A. Fry and Wm. W. Allbright.

Placed on the superannuated list: Jas. Cox, G. W. Evans, G. W. O. Davis, J. W. Taylor, C. H. Nelson, C. H. Gregory, Alex Mathis, O. J. Beardslee, T. A. Martin, S. F. Dykes, Z. W. Lindsey, I. L. Burrow, R. M. Traylor, W. B. Johnsey, S. S. Key, B. Monk, J. H. Torbett, J. E. Woodruff, J. H. Cummins, Jno. C. Shipp.

The supernumeraries are: L. A. Blevins and W. H. Dyer.

Rev. W. R. Gardner and Rev. J. M. Bull had died during the year. For them a tender memorial service was held on Sunday afternoon.

The conference by resolution requested Bishop Hendrix to address the body, at a time of his own choosing, on the Church Federal Council, of which he is President. The address was delivered on Sunday night.

The conference concurred in a resolution of the General Conference changing, for foreign countries, the 23rd Article of Religion, so as to make Christians subject to the civil rulers of the countries in which they dwell.

At the educational meeting Bishop Hendrix made a great speech and \$8,000 was raised on the endowment of Hendrix College.

Delegates to the General Conference were elected as follows: clerical, Rev. F. S. H. Johnston and Rev. J. H. O'Bryant; lay, P. W. Furry and Prof. J. H. Reynolds. The alternates are: clerical, Rev. J. M. Hughey, and Rev. Jas. A. Anderson; lay, H. F. Rogers and J. F. Munday.

The Commissioners of the Arkansas Methodist Hospital were continued with full power to act for the conference.

Hon. George Thornburgh presented the matter of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, and the conference gave hearty endorsement to this great work.

The financial reports showed that all the work of the church is in a healthy condition. There was paid for foreign missions \$5,400, and for domestic missions \$3,913.25.

The gain in membership was decided. There are now 27,087 members in the Arkansas Conference, including 131 local preachers.

Of course there was much good preaching, which the brethren and the people of Morrilton much enjoyed.

The next conference goes to Fayetteville.

The appointments follow:

DARDANELLE DISTRICT, J. H. O'Bryant, P. E. Altus and Denning, W. J. Faust. Belleville Circuit, J. R. Ashmore. Beech Grove Mission, J. N. Villines. Clarksville Station, H. Hanesworth. Hartman Circuit, W. M. Adcock. Dardanelle Station, F. M. Tollison. Dardanelle Circuit, J. C. Weaver. Danville Station, H. H. Griffin. Graveley and Wing, J. E. Dunaway. Havana Mission, C. H. Bumpers. London and Knoxville, R. N. Davis, Supply. Lamar and Mt. Olive, J. C. Floyd. Ozark Station, G. McGlumphy. Ozark Circuit, J. W. Howard. Ola Circuit, C. E. Gray.

Prairie View Circuit, J. M. McAnally. Roseville and Webb City, Charles H. Sherman. Spadra Mission, L. W. Fair. Walnut Tree Circuit, R. B. Cook, Supply.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT, J. M. Hughey, P. E. Bentonville Station, R. E. L. Bearden, L. A. Blevins, Supernumerary.

Centerton Circuit, Supplied by J. H. Ruble. Elm Springs Circuit, J. D. Roberts. Fayetteville Station, J. W. Herring, W. H. Dyer, Supernumerary.

Goshen Circuit, Supplied by J. F. Thornsbery. Gravette and Gentry, W. B. Wolf. Huntsville Circuit, Supplied by J. R. Presley. Lincoln Circuit, C. E. Edwards. Parksdale and Farmington, O. H. Tucker. Pea Ridge Circuit, Y. A. Gilmore. Prairie Grove Station, F. A. Lark. Rogers Station, Jefferson Sherman. Siloam Springs Station, G. E. Patchell. Springdale Station, J. W. House. Springtown Circuit, Thomas Martin. St. Paul Mission, Supplied by J. A. Reid. Viney Grove Circuit, H. A. Armstrong. War Eagle Mission, J. M. Haley. Winslow Mission, W. E. Reid. Missionary to Korea, A. W. Wasson. Missionary to Japan, C. B. Moseley.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT, F. S. H. Johnston, P. E. Alma and Kibler, D. H. Colquette. Bates Circuit, D. N. Weaver. Booneville Station, F. E. Dodson. Booneville Circuit, J. F. Etchison. Branch Circuit, G. B. Griffin. Charleston Circuit, C. C. Green. Ft. Smith, First church, Wm. Sherman. Ft. Smith, Central, E. R. Steele. Ft. Smith, Dodson Ave., C. W. Lester. Fort Smith Midland Heights and Grand Ave., A. L. Cline.

Ft. Smith Circuit, J. S. Hackler. Greenwood Station, J. M. Williams. Hartford, G. L. Horton. Hackett Circuit, J. H. Sturdy. Huntington Station, J. A. Reynolds. Magazine and Wesley Chapel, B. M. Burrow. Mansfield and Midland, M. A. Fry. Mulberry Circuit, A. B. Williamson. Paris Station, J. J. Galloway. Van Buren Station, J. F. E. Bates. Van Buren Circuit, Elisha Dyer. Van Buren Mission, G. C. Johnson. Waldron Station, J. E. Lark. Waldron Circuit, Supplied by W. J. Harris. Conference Missionary Evangelist, J. L. Bryant. Conference Missionary Secretary, Wm. Sherman.

HARRISON DISTRICT, W. T. Thompson, P. E. Berryville Station, M. F. Johnson. Clinton Circuit, R. S. Lawson. Cotter Station, M. R. Lark. Eureka Springs Station, L. H. Eakes. Green Forest Circuit, F. G. Villines. Fair View Circuit, D. U. Kline. Harrison Station, W. A. Womack. Gassville Circuit, W. K. Biggs. Leslie Station, W. T. Martin. Mt. Home Station, H. A. Stroud. Bellefonte and Marshall, J. W. Griffin. Valley Springs Circuit, Supplied by Everette Faulkner.

Yellville Circuit, T. J. Taylor. Edgemont and Higden, to be supplied.

MORRILTON DISTRICT, J. H. Glass, P. E. Atkins Station, G. M. Barton. Adona Circuit, R. B. Snell. Appleton Circuit, Supplied by J. L. Ferguson. Conway Station, J. B. Stevenson. Conway Mission, Supplied by H. B. Flippin. Bigelow Station, H. W. Wallace. Damascus Circuit, Supplied by H. Young. Dover Circuit, F. F. Cotton. Flat Rock Circuit, Supplied by W. W. Woods. Holland Circuit, R. A. Robertson. Houston and Perry, G. W. Hively. Morrilton Station, M. N. Waldrup. Plumerville Circuit, J. T. Gossett. Pottsville Circuit, A. E. Goode. Quitman Station, W. W. Allbright. Quitman Circuit, J. E. Snell. Russellville Station, G. G. Davidson. Springfield Circuit, J. L. Lucas. Editor Western Methodist, J. A. Anderson. Field Editor Western Methodist, D. J. Weems. Student in Hendrix College, W. R. Kirkpatrick. Transferred: J. E. McConnell, to Oklahoma Conference; J. P. McDonnell, to St. Louis Conference; J. McCrory, to North Texas Conference.

LETTER FROM REV. C. N. WEEMS.
III.

It was but natural on leaving Honolulu that we should resolve to make ourselves comfortable, to form a closer acquaintance with the passengers, and to examine more closely the structure and management of the ship, our temporary home. The "Siberia" and her mate the "Korea," though not so large as the "Manchuria" and the "Mongolia," are two of the best steamers in the Pacific mail service. The "Siberia" makes a round trip in two month and five days. When Honkong is reached the entire vessel is overhauled

and put in ship-shape for the next voyage. The usual time from San Francisco to Yokohama, a distance of 5,500 miles is sixteen days, including the stop at Honolulu. The "Siberia" has a record run of ten days, without stop at Honolulu. She is now on her thirty-first voyage and is carrying 200 first class passengers, fifteen second class, 375 third class, 285 crew—making a total of 875 souls on board.

The management of the ship has been a very interesting study to me on this my first voyage. The head-work is done by the second, third, fourth and fifth officers and four quarter-masters who relieve each other in watches of four hours each. Their station is on the "bridge" which is forward on the highest part of the vessel. They keep two records (logs): one for the ship company, and one for the U. S. government. According to the daily report of the commander issued each day at noon, we are now in Lat. 33 degrees, 34 minutes N; Long. 164 degrees, 24 minutes E. The distance traveled in the last twenty-four hours is three hundred and seventy-two miles or knots. The first officer does not go on watch, but oversees everything on the ship. And the captain? Well, as long as things go right, he looks after the ladies. He bears the responsibility. Besides the men on the bridge there is constantly a boatswain on watch in the "crow's nest," a barrel shaped contrivance way up on the mast. These watchmen are relieved every hour. At night they have an electric lantern hanging from the mast some ten feet over their heads. These boatswains when not on watch have charge of the deck crew. The machinery of the boat is controlled by a chief engineer, two senior and two junior engineers and an electrician. There are four white oilers. The firemen are all Chinamen and are relieved every four hours. When by permission of the Chief Engineer we went down into the engine and boiler rooms, our respect for the ship was greatly increased. The machinery is wonderful. There are six boilers which are fired at four doors in each end by a Chinese stoker. There are twelve men on duty at a time. They are changed every four hours. They are fed rice and soup, wear no clothes to speak of, and are paid about \$10 a month in American money. The ship has its own dynamo and ice plant, but to my surprise has no laundry. Wireless telegraphy apparatus has not been installed on any of the Pacific liners except the new Japanese boats.

The accountant for the ship is the Purser. His duties correspond to those of a train auditor or of a hotel clerk. He takes fares and answers questions. As far as the passengers are concerned, he is one of the most important personages among the officers.

HOW WE WERE FED.

The fresh water supply is carried in eight immense tanks located in the hold between the two bottoms. The ship takes on a fresh supply at various ports. She can when necessary change salt water into fresh by evaporation. The boat is provisioned in San Francisco for the entire voyage and return. 'Frisco ice cream is carried for at least sixteen thousand miles wrapped in tissue paper and packed in pasteboard boxes. To save my reputation I must hasten to say that the ship is provided with 15,000 cu. ft. of cold storage. The menu cards are printed on board ship each day by the Chief Steward who also sees to the serving of the meals in the kitchen while the second Steward superintends the dining room. The two Stewardesses look after the sick and the children. The ship has a Surgeon, who like the Captain, has a good deal of time for the ladies. There are four Chief Cooks for first class passengers and each has a helper. Then there is the Baker with his assistant, and the pantry boy with several assistants. The waiters, numbering about thirty, are like the cooks all Chinese. Some of them have been on this ship for five years, and understand English fairly well. It is quite amusing to see a Japanese passenger trying to make a Chinese waiter understand his order in English.

SPORTS.

The "Siberia" has many devices for entertaining the passengers. These are on the upper deck. There are two rings for Shuffle-board, a punching bag, a set of rope rings with peg (like throwing horse shoes), and a sand bag game. On the lower deck, forward, there is a swimming pool. Occasionally we have something like field day sports. One evening we had a mock trial with two congressmen for lawyers. One of them was Irish (decidedly) and his speech was humorous throughout. On the middle deck, forward, is a music room with piano, library, and writing desks. During the voyage we had some excellent solos, quartettes and popular songs. On the last evening before we reached Yokohama, there was a highly creditable program rendered, consisting of music of various kinds and readings. On Sunday we had religious services. The ship is supplied with Bibles, hymn books, and prayer books. With three Episcopal, eight Methodist, and one Congregational preachers on board we were not at a loss for speakers.

Every passenger on board, I suppose, has thoroughly enjoyed the voyage. The ship is elegant in all its appointments and the weather has been glorious. Old Neptune, too, has been propitious except for the first day out of San Francisco and the last day before reaching Yokohama. Notwithstanding the elegance of the ship, her tempting bill of fare, and the delightful company on board, there is an evident cheerfulness on the faces and in the manner of all at the near approach of land. It was so at Honolulu,

and is beginning to show itself again in view of landing at Yokohama in three more days. That means more than a thousand miles, but does not seem far since we have become adjusted to life on the steamer. We omit the current day in counting the time, as the girls at Galloway used to just before Christmas. On Thursday night we had the novel experience of crossing the International Date Line. Theoretically, this line is exactly 180 degrees longitude from Greenwich but it really varies considerably from a direct line in order to throw certain islands east or west for the convenience of commerce or government. As we crossed there was no perceptible jar to the boat, but our calendar got a considerable shake-up. When we retired it was Thursday, Sept. 2, but when we waked it was Saturday, Sept. 4. Dr. Butcher and family of India, who went to America about a year ago via the Suez canal, London, and New York and are now returning to the "Siberia" have traveled all the way round and consequently have lived their day up a little at a time. We that have been turning our watches back twenty to thirty minutes a day for only about three weeks—thus living time that is not actually counted—feel that we have lost seventeen or eighteen hours. Our only recourse is to return traveling eastward, when we shall have to run our watches up each day and upon crossing the Date Line we shall gain a whole day.

YOKOHAMA AND KOBE (JAPAN).

About three o'clock on the morning of Sept. 10, our ship was tied to a buoy in Yokohama bay. After breakfast when the mail was brought on board, many of the passengers received greetings from friends, and most went ashore to visit Tokio twenty miles away. We stayed on board and made ourselves miserable in order to afflict our readers with these lines. It was here that we got our first intelligence of Bishop Ward's condition. It is inexpressibly sad for him, the church, and especially for his family.

At Kobe we disembarked from our noble ship, feeling deeply grateful to her strong keel and able officers and to the kind Providence that had brought us safely through. Before we left the ship we had met Miss Park's sister and had accepted an invitation to luncheon at the Lambuth Memorial Bible School, an invitation that was renewed as soon as we reached the shore by Miss Bonnell. After establishing headquarters at the Mikado hotel we called a riksha boy and experienced our first ride behind a human horse. Dr. Lambuth calls them "pull-man cars." The Christian hospitality so unexpected on our part and so graciously bestowed by Misses Bonnell and Park gave us a taste of Christian fellowship long to be remembered. On Monday we very much enjoyed dinner and supper with Bro. Jones and wife who had left their home in Missouri just one year ago for Japan. On Monday night we visited the night school at Palmore Institute under the management of Bro. Steward, where more than two hundred young men from the shops and offices gather for the study of English. The chapel service consists of a Bible talk and religious songs. On Tuesday we visited the Kwansai Gakuin in the suburbs of Kobe. This school, with a native Japanese president, and with Dr. Newton at the head of the theological work is an institution of which the church may well feel proud. The brethren of Richmond are not likely to have cause to regret their liberality in providing funds for a new building. Brethren Hager, Haden and Matthews and the Japanese teachers are doing a great work.

KOBE TO SONGDO.

Through the help of the hotel manager who spoke English fairly well we made arrangements to go by boat from Kobe to Chemukpo. As only Japanese food was served on the boat it was necessary for us to provide our own food. Fortunately (it seemed providentially) I found a German bakery and an importer of foreign canned goods. Fruit was plentiful. So it was not long before we were supplied with provisions. Our route lay through the Inland Sea justly famed for its beauty. Hardly out of sight on either side, all day our eyes feasted upon the picturesque hills, dotted with villages, upon hundreds and hundreds of boats of all sizes. Our boat was to touch at Fusan (Korea) from which place there is a railroad to Songdo. We decided therefore not to go on to Chemukpo but to leave the boat at Fusan. This change put us in Songdo three days earlier. The end of our long journey at last.

Arrangements were made at Fusan through the Station Master who spoke English fairly well. A night's run brought us through Seoul to Songdo or as the Japanese call it, "Kaijo." Between Seoul and Songdo we were met by Mr. Wasson and Miss Erwin who gave us a royal welcome. At the station the entire mission community and the school met us all of which we greatly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Wasson are playing the Good Samaritan until our goods arrive. I began the study of the language and one hour's teaching of English today. The workers here all seem to be happy and hopeful.

With best wishes for friends in Arkansas, Kentucky and elsewhere who may chance to read these lines.

CLARENCE N. WEEMS.

"A mother's club!" exclaimed Mrs. Farmer Hayrick, putting the newspaper down. "The very idee o' setch a thing! I never use nothin' but a shingle. Nice sort o' mothers they must be that has to use a club!"—*Browning's Magazine*.

OUR DISTINCTIVE POLITY AND ITS PRESERVATION.

A. C. MILLAR IN (NASHVILLE) CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.
No human government is perfect, yet the Church or State that does not seek to perfect its form and methods is unworthy of life. However, each should develop according to its own nature. Radical innovations either force conservatives out or partially fail until modified after experiment. When changes of constitutions, laws, or rules are contemplated, the genius and history of the body affected ought to be carefully regarded. The Master's reference to the age relation of wine and bottles is pertinent and suggestive.

Methodism believes that the fundamental principles of doctrine and polity must be found in the Scriptures, although forms and methods may be legitimately worked out according to the spirit and needs of different peoples in different ages. All that is fundamental should be permanent. The accidental or incidental is subject to modification. Extreme radicalism suggests rich variety for consideration. Extreme conservatism furnishes restraint for the preservation of the organism from self-destruction. Moderatism examines the propositions of radicalism, feeling the cheek of conservatism, discards the mere vagaries of radicalism, and, overcoming the inertia of conservatism, adopts that which satisfies the radical without losing the conservative. Thus there is progress without destruction through revolution.

Four things fundamentally characterize Methodism: (1) A Scriptural creed, definite enough to differentiate its consistent members from the world and liberal enough to bind all true Christians in fraternal bonds; (2) the ecumenical missionary spirit; (3) the connectional spirit; and (4) a plan to give to every Church a preacher and to every preacher a charge.

1. It would be presumptuous and arrogant to assume finality or perfection for Methodist creed, yet every modern evangelical creed has been in its practical application consciously or unconsciously modified by contact with Methodist creed. There is therefore no reason for abandoning the principles therein embodied. However, as some of our doctrines are the result simply of a common understanding and are not expressed in clear-cut definitions, it was natural that some of our best scholars who had thought through all these subjects should desire a fuller and more formal statement; hence the movement for re-statement in our last General Conference. It was not an ecclesiastical crime to seek a re-statement, especially by a movement that required the co-operation and consent of other leading Methodist Churches; but as these other Churches have refused to join us in the movement, it would now certainly be unwise for our own Church to change the one thing in which all Methodists substantially agree and the one thing which gives promise of fusing in fraternal bonds all evangelical Christians. Then, too, as the problem of re-statement is studied it becomes more difficult. No body of men could agree on a collocation of words which would satisfy all. Division and schism would threaten and disturb. No one could afford to accept in advance the definitions of the other men. If I wrote the re-statement, few would accept it. I am not sure that I could satisfy myself. The attempt of the United Brethren some twenty-five years ago and of the Presbyterians more recently furnish food for thought. Let fair discussion continue, but let brotherly love prevail so that no man may undertake to force his creed or his interpretation of the creed upon another.

2. The ecumenical missionary spirit needs no definition to express its purpose. It will broaden, deepen and strengthen as men and women more and more know the mind of the Master and catch his vision of a redeemed and spiritually developed world. Definitions might even hamper unless their meaning could expand with the growing concept of divine love and of human duty and privilege. The ecumenical missionary spirit simply needs to concrete itself in adequate administrative form for world evangelization and adapt this form to environmental needs. This involves co-operative relations with all sympathetic organizations; hence the necessity for practical federation with other branches of Methodism.

3. Connectionalism—each part working for the whole, and the whole working for all the parts—has ever been a principle of Methodism; but as the various Conferences with functions more and more clearly defined have been differentiated for administrative purposes, the localizing spirit has grown, and that spirit is demanding yet more concessions. For the sake of developing self-support and proper individuality this spirit deserves to be fostered, provided the unity and vitality of the larger organism be not thereby sacrificed.

4. The plan by which each Church is given a preacher and each preacher a charge is military in its spirit and form. It requires close organization, but permits variety. It uses episcopacy, but is not dependent upon it. The Canadian Methodist Church has only one general superintendent (elected for eight years and eligible for re-election), Annual Conference presidents, and stationing committees. The Wesleyan Methodist Church in England elects its president annually, and has a stationing committee. The Methodist Protestant Church does almost everything through its Annual Conferences. The United Brethren and Free Methodists elect Bishops for four years, and may re-elect. All are criticised by their best friends, and yet all seem to meet the requirements for bringing Churches and pastors together just as well as the Methodist Episcopal Church and

our own Southern Church, both with bishops elected for life. The method of each Church has both merits and faults. It is perfectly legitimate to study the methods of other Churches, and when a method is thoroughly tested and proves to be better than ours, to adopt it and adapt it by making the necessary modifications in our machinery. Viewed without bias or prejudice, the Canadian Methodist Church seems to combine more excellent properties than any other, probably because it was deliberately formed through the union of several Churches and elected the best things in each.

One of the distinguishing characteristics of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is that its book of Discipline is not so minute and explicit in its directions as are the Disciplines of other Methodist Churches. Officials and members are freer to exercise their own judgment. It seems to take for granted that we are men and not children under a school-master. While we have a written constitution, it is brief and simple; and, like the English people, we have unwritten understandings and agreements, more or less flexible, which greatly influence our actions. There is nothing in our written constitution, for example, which inhibits our General Conference from deposing a bishop or forbids our entering into politics or prevents our receiving colored members; but our history and prevailing sentiment have committed us to certain positions on these subjects. Thus great advantage accrues to our Church as compared with other Methodisms in that we could change on these and other positions without formal amendments of our written constitution. Our Discipline does not contain the term "bishop's cabinet" and does not require the bishops to call the presiding elders together for advice concerning the appointments; yet the "cabinet" is as firmly fixed in our polity as is the English cabinet and on precisely the same basis, custom, or accepted understanding.

If government is wisely administered in the interests of the people, it is best that its forms be not too rigid, so that judicious administrators may prudently adapt themselves to the changing needs of the people. Our Southern Methodism is superior in this respect to all other branches of Methodism. Shall we thoughtlessly surrender our advantage? Much depends upon the spirit and conduct of our chief administrators. There is a growing spirit of democracy among our people. They respect proper authority rightly used, but quickly resent any show of arbitrary power or mere officialism. As there is nothing in our constitution requiring a bishop to hold "cabinet" meetings, and yet he holds them for the good of all concerned, so there is nothing in the constitution prohibiting him from securing from a Conference an expression by ballot of the approval of presiding elders and suggestion of suitable men, nothing prohibiting him from announcing that he will make no appointment without the knowledge of the whole "cabinet," nothing prohibiting him from stating that he desires the counsel of laymen and the suggestions of all who have the welfare of the Church at heart, nothing to prevent a bishop from tendering his resignation to test the feeling of the General Conference. Tactful handling of these and kindred questions by our bishops may preserve the simplicity of our constitution and save us from a revolution which might destroy or impair our episcopal form of government.

Some changes cannot be made merely by the administrators, but are needed simply to make the Church machinery more effective. As the result of comparative study of Church government and practical experience in the presiding eldership, the following suggestions for legislation are offered:

1. Relieve the pastor of responsibility for the Conference collections by providing stewards to look after these interests, thus developing laymen and giving the pastor time for distinctly ministerial work.

2. Provide for the election of stewards, superintendents, and trustees by Church Conference, fixing reasonable qualification for the electorate. This will meet the objection that the Church is under the domination of the preachers, save the pastors from embarrassment, and, bringing the whole Church into closer relation to its officials, increase activity and efficiency.

3. Provide for the election of five assessors (and alternates) by the District Conference to fix the presiding elder's salary and apportion the assessments, allowing each Quarterly Conference to elect its district steward to represent the charge before the assessors.

4. Provide for a Statistical Quarterly Conference to be held under the presidency of the pastor one week before the meeting of the Annual Conference to make a complete report and furnish the same to the presiding elder, so that he may know before going to Conference the exact condition of each charge and accurate statistics may go to record.

5. Provide for a joint meeting of old and new stewards at the Statistical Conference, and authorize the new stewards to make a written statement to the presiding elder as to what salary will be assessed. Then the presiding elder can more fully represent the charge, and there will be no quibbling about the salary with the next preacher, and the stewards may at that meeting make the assessments and begin to collect. One of our weakest points is the long delay in making assessments and beginning to collect.

6. Provide better methods of keeping and examining Church registers and Church Conference and Quarterly Conference journals, and penalties for failure.

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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—CONT.

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Earlsboro Circuit, H. H. Everett.
El Reno Station, H. C. Garrett.
Franklin Circuit, M. F. Sullivan.
Guthrie Station, J. R. Abernathy, Assistant Missionary Secretary.

Lexington Station, E. H. Creasy.
McLoud Circuit, A. N. Averyt, Jr.
Noble and Shiloh, E. D. Farrish, supply.
Norman Station, R. E. L. Morgan.
Oklahoma City-Capitol Hill, W. L. Blackburn.
Oklahoma City-St. James, W. M. Spain.
Oklahoma City-St. Johns, R. K. Triplett.
Oklahoma City-St. Luke's, P. R. Knickerbocker.
Oklahoma City Circuit, J. W. Glance, supply.
Perry Station, A. M. Miller.
Piedmont Station, J. P. Cox.
Purcell Station, R. A. Baird.
Shawnee, First Church, J. H. Ball.
Shawnee, Trinity, M. W. Dunaway, supply.
Shawnee Circuit, J. B. Turner, supply.
Stillwater Station, R. L. Ownbey.
Tecumseh Station, T. B. Fisher, supply.
Union Chapel Circuit, W. N. Taylor.
Washington Circuit, G. W. Groce.
District Missionary D. A. Gregg.
Editor Christian Advocate, Geo. B. Winton, D.D.
Dean of Epworth University, Geo. H. Crowell,
Ph. D.

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TULSA DISTRICT.

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J. R. Ennis and K. R. Mears to the Columbia Conference.
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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Will the presiding elders of the Oklahoma Conference please furnish me the post office addresses of the lay delegates from their respective districts? Also those who have not done so, the list of (1) Sun-

day School Superintendents, and (2) local preachers, indicating whether elder or deacon, with the post office address of each.

If the post office address of any brother is different from the name of his appointment, let him please advise me by postal card. Where two names constitute the appointment (for example, Henryetta and Weleetka), I will give the first as the pastor's post office unless instructed otherwise.

E. M. SWEET, JR.

704 D Avenue, Lawton, Okla.

THANKSGIVING.

BY B. F. M. SOURS.

The bluebirds carolled joy,
New from the south-land come;
The violets again
Made glad their springtime home.
Where brooklets flow, the flowers, you know,
Burst like a gushing song,
And then the summer broke her bands,
In triumph sure and strong.

The happy, happy days
Of praise and light and joy
Swept like the zephyrs' breath
That gloom could not destroy.
The sun and rain, the whitening grain,
Spread the whole valley wide,
And shine and rainbow blent their songs
Until the summer died.

And the rough stubbled wheat
And golden pumpkins lay
Like summer eventides,
When from beyond the bay,
The fishermen, in evening call,
The echoes seem to stir,
Of gladsome day, now slipped away,
Where toil and blessing were.

But autumn came apace:
The garner groan with spoils
From tree, and bush, and earth,
While the tired year recoils
Like weary bird at close of day
A'singing lest it grieves,
Till mountains throng with tides of song,
Of crimsoned autumn leaves.

And now, today, we pause
To view the pathway trod
By all the regal year,
Varied, but glory shod;
Borne in upon the wintry wind—
But with what blessing fraught!—
The hills and glens have reaped the wealth
From storms we treasured not.

And now, the harvest sped,
In autumn's rest at last
We view the vision broad,
With all the roses past:
And o'er the hills the tides of rest
And gladness seem to ring,
As nature in her festal robes
Sings praises to her King.

Shall my poor lips be still?
The days his blessings brought:
The year was light and song,
Although I sought it not.
O Father! may my song to thee
Be like the winds that play
Across the strings of Heavenly harps,
On my Thanksgiving Day!
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

THE CALL TO PREACH.

Dear Methodist: The fact that so few men are entering the ministry has become a source of alarm and has brought forth many suggested reasons. After reading quite a number of these

I have failed to find what I regard as the underlying cause of the great dearth of young preachers in our own church. I do not claim to be a prophet or the son of a prophet, but want to kindly suggest a few reasons which to my mind underlie the important question. 1. The scarcity of family altars. It was once the rule of Methodist homes to strictly observe family prayer night and morning; this is an exception now. Some of our preachers have no family altar. 2. The lack of *pastoral visiting*. 3. The great stress we are putting on intellectual preparation.

As a rule our preachers come from homes of prayer. It is the boast of many of our ablest men to day that they were given to God by pious fathers and mothers at the family altar. "As pastors we make visits to the homes of our people, but do we make pastoral visits?"

We frequently hear one of our aged preachers in conference love feast with tears of joy running down his furrowed cheeks, and heaven's sunshine beaming from his eyes, declare that his first impressions and call to the ministry came when as a little boy in the home his mother's pastor laid his hand on his little head and prayed for the descent of God's Spirit upon him, and encouraged him to give his heart to God. Our visits as pastors are too often just simply of a social nature, no special regard paid to the children. Many of our boys and young men have wrong conceptions of the true meaning of a call and preparation for the ministry because of the urgent necessity of intellectual qualifications and attainments beyond their reach. Now I would not depreciate in any sense the need of an educated ministry, but, beloved, let us encourage in our young people the observance of the scriptural injunction to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his (right-living) righteousness, and all these things shall be added."

J. H. BRADFORD.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

We your committee on the spiritual state of the church, find that we have had during the year about 12,000 conversions and 13,436 additions to the church. These figures show an increase in membership of nearly 3,500 above the work of the previous year.

This is largely the result of the work of our district evangelists who in most instances have done very effective work. Whatever methods may be adopted by other churches, the Methodist church was born in, and will be perpetuated very largely by, revivals.

We deplore the fact that so few of our people have family altars and we urge our pastors to emphasize the necessity of family worship. A prayerless home is not a Christian home, whatever else it may be, and in the homes of our people lies the future of our church.

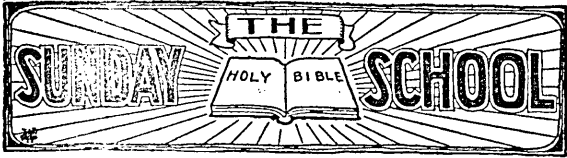
Methodism has been defined as "Christianity in earnest," and accepting that as a true definition, we must perfect the organization of every individual congregation and then wait upon God for a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Nothing but the power and presence of the Holy Spirit will save us from the tide of worldliness that threatens to engulf us together with the other Christian churches. And only this will give us victory in our conflict with sin and Satan. May we then keenly conscious of our own weakness, go continually to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we are able to ask or think.

Thus the achievements and triumphs of the past will be but the pledge and promise of greater victories in the future.

A. C. PICKENS, Chairman.

C. L. CANTER, Secretary.



From R. R. Doherty, Ph. D., in Sunday School Journal.

Nov. 21. Paul's Story of His Life. 2 Cor. 11:21 to 12:10.

Golden Text.—"He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9.

Our printed verses contain all that is essential to the lesson. Verses 21 and verses 29-33 do, indeed, contribute a certain personal tone to this apostolic declaration, but the gist of all that Paul has on this occasion to say concerning the earthly side of his career is contained in verses 22-28, while his spiritual experiences are wonderfully condensed in chapter 12:1-10. The teacher may therefore wisely treat the printed verses in these two groups, and show the applicability to each group of the wonderful truth of the Golden Text.

I. Paul as an Investor. Verses 22-28.

A misunderstanding of these seven verses may do great harm to the pupil. Be very careful here.

Twice in the world's history has there been something like the commercial and intellectual enterprise that keeps us all astir today. The era called the Renaissance, that followed closely on the discovery of America and brought with it the Reformation, was one of these. But even before that was the period of investment and enterprise in which Paul lived. So forcefully had Roman life and energy stirred and revived all the kingdoms of the earth, that almost every man (whether slave-born or free, and almost regardless of his opportunities) became in a sense a personal adventurer, an investor, one who made great endeavors for the sake of achieving great personal results. *Such times of commercial and intellectual enterprise are always of necessity times of advertising.* The novel treasures that have come to light must be publicly advertised to arouse a demand for them. Few chapters in history are more interesting than those which tell of the means taken by the earliest adventurers in "the New World" and the merchants in Eastern seas to call the attention of Europe to the wonders of the newly exploited continents. Roman enterprise was quite as well advertised as any that has followed it. The acts and the epistles very many allusions to the advertising of wares and of conduct by all manner of men—kings, governors, chief captains and centurions and people of much lower rank. Such statements are not to be regarded as boasting or braggadocio any more than are the advertising columns of modern newspapers, which set forth praiseworthy truths concerning bonds or breakfast foods, railway shares or household goods. Chapter 11 is *one of Paul's advertisements* of the goods he is giving to the world and his conduct as an ambassador of Christ. It is not boasting, in any ordinary sense of that word. It is a sort of declaration of independence— independence of men who assumed superiority over Paul. He declares that he is certainly none the better in God's sight for being a full-blooded Jew; but it is just as well that those who brag so much about their hereditary stock should be reminded that hardly any of them can surpass himself as "a Hebrew of the Hebrews." (Acts 22:3; Rom. 11:1.) But if it is on their faithfulness to Christ these men would found their claim to superiority, let them for a moment review Paul's career as an apostle. It will not be wise, perhaps, to refer in detail to every event here noted. Some were much more dramatic than others; and it is a strange class of intermediates whose interest cannot be quickened by the teacher setting them

to search for thrilling passages already found by the teacher. Select two or three from the following texts and frankly give preference to the most picturesque. (Acts 9:16; 1 Cor. 15:32; Acts 20:31; 2 Cor. 6:1-10; Acts 16:22; 14:19; 27:41; 9:23; 13:50; 14:5; 17:5; 20:3.)

II. Paul's Gains. Verses 1-10.

Paul has been the agent of Another. He feels, as he begins the paragraph which is now numbered chapter 12, that he has said quite enough of the privations which have been endured by him for the sake of the gospel. He turns to direct communications which have been made to him by his Lord.

III. The Golden Text. 2 Cor 12:9.

If we pray and trust, this precious truth may be directly applied to our personal experience. In so far as we can separate spiritual from secular affairs, in both realms God's strength is made perfect in human weakness. Each of us should hear the voice of the Lord Jesus saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

How does that strike the members of the White River Conference as a more suitable name for our conference? For two reasons I venture to suggest that we memorialize the coming General Conference to change the name of the White River Conference to Northeast Arkansas Conference.

1. The name, White River, does not readily and easily locate us. People do not and cannot locate a small river as readily as they do a great and growing State. Besides, there are two *other* White rivers in the United States; and I expect people in other States know just about as well where our White river is as our brethren know where these other two White rivers are. Our church is getting to be a great church, reaching out over vast distances; and when we are referred to as the White River Conference thousands of our own church do not know where to find us. But Northeast Arkansas Conference would readily and exactly locate us with all who are worthy of our acquaintance. Is any one of us ashamed of *Arkansas*? Let him be Anathema, Maranatha! This scribe is a native of Arkansas, and he is proud of his nativity.

2. Our present name has a tendency to advertise us as a low, unhealthy country. Both preachers and people at a distance are thereby inclined to think—not of the *wealth* we have in this section, so much as of the *health* which (as they think) we do *not* have. About one-half of our conference territory is hill country, and a very small part of it lies in the low bottom of White river. Below the Ozark foot-hills around Batesville we have three fine thrifty stations, but no circuits, on White river, a distance of over three hundred miles. It is a known fact that gifted young preachers, as well as older ones, hesitate to come to us because they look upon us as a small conference in an unhealthy country; when, in fact, the most of our territory is as healthy as any in the State.

As for myself, I am, and have always been, in favor of combining our conference with the Arkansas Conference, under the name of North-Arkansas Conference, if for no other reason than to secure a larger field for the interchange of preachers. This would be a real and a great advantage, as every one is compelled to admit. However, some slight objections can be raised against this proposition; but I see no ground whatever for objecting to the mere change of our name from White River to Northeast Arkansas Conference. Some one might object on purely sentimental grounds; but for me there is far less *sentiment* in the name, White River, than in ARKANSAS.

W. C. DAVIDSON.

COURTESIES TO PARENTS.

Parents lean upon their children, and especially their sons, much earlier than either of them imagine. Their love is a constant inspiration, a perennial fountain of delight, from which other lips may quaff, and be comforted thereby. It may be that the mother has been left a widow, depending on her only son for support. He gives her a comfortable home, sees that she is well clad, and allows no debts to accumulate, and that is all. It is considerable, more even than many sons do, but there is a lack. He seldom thinks it worth while to give her a caress; he has forgotten all those affectionate ways that keep the wrinkles from her face, and make her look so much younger than her years; he is ready to put his hand in his pocket to gratify her slightest request, but to give of the abundance of his heart is another thing entirely. He loves his mother? Of course he does! Are there not proofs enough of his filial regard? Is he not continually making sacrifices for her benefit? What more could any reasonable woman ask?

Ah, but it is the mother heart that craves an occasional kiss, the support of your youthful arm, the little attentions and kindly courtesies of life, that smooth down so many of its asperities, and make the journey less wearisome. Material aid is good so far as it goes, but it has not that sustaining power which the loving, sympathetic heart bestows upon its object. You think she has outgrown these weaknesses and follies, and is content with the crust that is left; but you are mistaken. Every little offer of attention—your escort to church or concert, or for a quiet walk, brings back the youth of her heart; her cheeks glow and her eyes sparkle with pleasure, and Oh, how proud she is of her son!

Even the father, occupied and absorbed as he may be, is not wholly indifferent to these filial expressions of devoted love. He may pretend to care very little for them, but having faith in their sincerity, it would give him serious pain were they entirely withheld. Fathers need their sons quite as much as the sons need the fathers, but in how many deplorable instances do they fail to find in them a staff for their declining years!

My son, are you a sweetener of life? You may disappoint the ambition of your parents; may be unable to distinguish yourself as they fondly hoped; may find your own desires, but let none of these things move you from a determination to be a son of whose moral character they need never be ashamed. Begin early to cultivate a habit of thoughtfulness and consideration for others, especially for those whom you are commanded to honor. Can you begrudge a few extra steps for the mother who never stopped to number those you demanded during your helpless infancy? Have you the heart to slight her requests, or treat her remarks with indifference, when you cannot begin to measure the patient devotion with which she bore your peculiarities? Anticipate her wants, invite her confidence, be prompt to offer assistance, express your affections as heartily as you did when a child that the mother may never grieve in secret for the son she has lost.—*Sunday School Times.*

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OUR DISTINCTIVE POLITY AND ITS PRESERVATION.

(Continued from Page 5.)

7. Provide a more complete system of issuing Church certificates and following up members removing from one charge to another.

8. Provide that in country charges where separate Epworth Leagues and women's societies cannot be organized or maintained the work may be done in connection with the Sunday school.

9. Provide for a reduction in the number of Church papers and for their distribution by Quarterly or Church Conferences, so that every family may be reached.

10. Provide for all local preachers to arrange with the presiding elder for work, and make much larger use of them. Under present law many pastors have no work for their local preachers and they are needed in other charges.

11. Provide for larger districts, and enforce on the presiding elder the fact that he is pre-eminently the domestic missionary arm of the Church, charged with the development of weak Churches and exploitation of new fields and the discovery of men and means for these enterprises. Increase his possible term to six years, so that he may carry out large plans for missionary work; but forbid his appointment to any district without a year intervening in other work. This will force him to bring things to pass and remove suspicion that a few men run the Conference.

12. Provide for advance publication in the general organ of the exact form of proposed legislation, so that everything desired may be clearly before the General Conference without delay.

13. Submit a fair plan for federation, not organic union. Provide that if the plan is not fairly considered by the Northern Church our name shall be changed to "The Methodist Church" and overtures made to the smaller Churches for federation on a liberal basis, and then arrange to expand without reference to historical boundaries.

GERMANS PLANTING FORESTS IN CHINA.

In considering the progress of the almost worldwide movement for protection of forests, an interesting review has just been made of the work in China—a country which is so often cited as an example of the evil effects of deforestation.

In a portion of the Celestial Kingdom earnest efforts are now being made to re-establish a forest cover by planting. Consul Wilbur T. Gracey of Tsingtau, China, reports that the Germans in that region are making successful attempts at reforestation. The success of the work was practically assured at the start, for Germany is given the credit for having the highest developed system of forestry, and it was natural to expect that the long experience in forest work in the Fatherland would lessen preliminary experimentation and hasten progress in China.

When Tsingtau was occupied by the Germans about eleven years ago the hills were found bare and barren, with only a sporadic growth of scrub pine and weeds. Plans for reforestation were made at once, and about 2,965 acres have already been planted. About half of this is planted in acacias, the balance in pine, larch, walnut, oak, ash, maples, and alders. So successful has this planting been that the point has already been reached where the sale of timber can be made. Small branches are sold for firewood and some of the timber is used for mining purposes. The sale and exportation of acacia is expected to become a considerable source of revenue during the next few years.

It is particularly remarkable that this work should have been so successful in view of the difficulties to which the plantation was subjected. The rainfall is slight and the lack of moisture considerably retarded the development of the trees. By far the worst enemies, however, were insects. Various species of caterpillars and other insects have been so destructive that thousands of Chinese boys and women are now engaged annually to destroy them. Various measures of prevention have been tried, such as placing girdles of glue on the trees, but these have not been effective and it was found necessary to resort to a systematic destruction of the insects by hand.

During 1908 over seven million caterpillars were gathered by hand, smashed, covered with lime, and afterwards used as fertilizer. This method has been successful in protecting the greater part of the plantations, but on the mountains on the border of the territory the trees are eaten bare. Acacias appear to withstand the attacks of the insects better than any other species; and the summits of the mountains are now being planted with these trees in an effort to check future destruction. In addition to these enemies, Chinese thieves are another source of difficulty, and on one occasion a band of thirty-six thieves was captured in the act of stealing wood.

In spite of these drawbacks, however, the work has been so successful that the Chinese Government is now undertaking forestry schemes in a number of places under advice from German experts. This work centers about Mukden, Manchuria, where success has already been obtained with acacias and experiments are now being made with other trees. The first Chinese forest school was established at Mukden two years ago. Six hundred and twenty-five acres have already been set apart for cultivation,

and 24,710 acres are to be purchased for afforestation.

Three large mines in China, in the provinces of Chihli and Shansi, which are under the management of Europeans, are making plans for afforestation, and the Shantung Railway is planting acacias along 260 miles of its track. This, however, is simply a beginning of the work, and the Chinese Government now has in contemplation the inauguration of extensive afforestation work in different parts of China.

BISHOP WARD AS AN ITINERANT.

I can never forget his spirit and conduct when Galveston and the southeastern coast of Texas were desolated by the great storm in the year 1900. I was in charge of the Texas Conference that year, and when the news of the disaster came I hastened to the scene of distress. He was living in Houston at the time, and he went with me to the stricken city and to other storm-swept points. His calm courage cheered the people where he went. Some two and a half months after the storm I held the Texas Conference at Rockdale. In that time we had been able to bring to nearly complete restoration the churches which had been swept away in the rural districts, and the rebuilding of the houses of worship in the smaller towns was far advanced. But the situation in Galveston was appalling. Many of our people had been killed by the tornado. Many had removed from the city. The property of those who were left was greatly reduced. I was perplexed by the situation. If I sent a young man without family to do the work, he would lack the experience required for such a heavy task; if I sent a man of family, he and his wife and children must endure hardship and face great difficulties. I knew not what to do. But Dr. Ward solved my problem. About midnight after the first day's session of the Conference he came alone to my room and said to me: "I have never sought to influence my appointment as an itinerant preacher, but I think I am justified in talking to you about it on this occasion. Our Conference has suffered an unprecedented calamity. You are perplexed about Galveston. Each and all of us must meet the situation heroically; and I have come to say to you that if you think I am equal to the work to be done in Galveston, I am willing to go." I replied: "Have you considered what going there at this time would mean to your wife and children?" And he said: "Yes; I have talked the matter over with my wife, and she agrees with me about it." Then I said: "Brother Ward, I have intended to appoint you to the Austin District. Knowing that fact, are you still willing to go to Galveston?" To which he answered: "Some older man, who could not stand the strain at Galveston, can do the work on the Austin District. Put me where I am perhaps more needed."—Bishop W. A. Candler, in *Texas Christian Advocate*.

BE GLAD.

O heart of mine, we shouldn't
Worry so!
What we've missed of calm we couldn't
Have, you know!
What we've met of stormy pain,
And of sorrow's rain,
We can better meet again,
If it blow.

We have erred in that dark hour
We have known,
When the tears fell with the shower,
All alone—
Were not shine and showers blent
As the gracious Master meant?
Let us temper our content
With His own.

For, we know, not every morrow
Can be sad;
So, forgetting all the sorrow
We have had,
Let us fold away our fears,
And put by our foolish tears
And through all the coming years
Just be glad.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

MACADAM ROAD ECONOMY.
(From Ernest Flagg's "Road Building and Maintenance," in the November Century.)

I have no doubt that it will surprise most people here to learn how little material is used in the making of some of the finest roads of Europe. The average thickness of the national roads of France is only five and one-eighth inches; 11 per cent of them are less than two inches thick, and 42 per cent are less than four inches thick. Yet they stand constant and often heavy traffic with impunity, and are always in a perfect state of repair. Perfect repair is, indeed, essential, for it needs no argument to show that roads so thin must be free from irregularities if they are to stand at all.

"Jesus Christ was a man; He committed His gospel to men; He looks to men today to lead in winning the world to Him. Christianity is a masculine religion; it appeals to the militant, the virile, the aggressive that is in manhood at its best. And men as men are waking up to these facts."—*Sunday School Times*.

GUARD THINE ACTION.

BY SALLIE REEDY VANCE.

When you meet with one suspected
Of some secret deed of shame,
And for this by all rejected
As a thing of evil fame,
Guard thine every look and action;
Speak no heartless word of blame;
For the slanderer's vile detraction
Yet may soil thy goodly name.

When you meet a brow repelling
In its wrinkled lines of gloom—
Silent lips, to no one telling
Miseries of an unshared doom;
Guard thine action; some great sorrow
Made that man a specter grim,
And the sunset of tomorrow
May have left thee like to him.

When you meet with one pursuing
Ways the lost have entered in—
Working out his own undoing
With his recklessness and sin;
Think, if placed in his condition,
Would a kind word be in vain?
Or a look of cold suspicion
Win thee back to truth again?

There are spots that bear no flowers—
Not because the soil is bad,
But that summer's genial showers
Never made their bosoms glad.
Better have an act that's kindly
Treated sometimes with disdain,
Than, by judging others blindly
Doom the innocent to pain.

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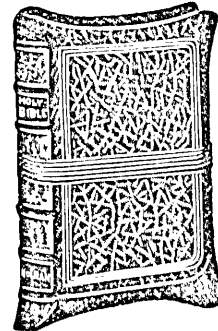
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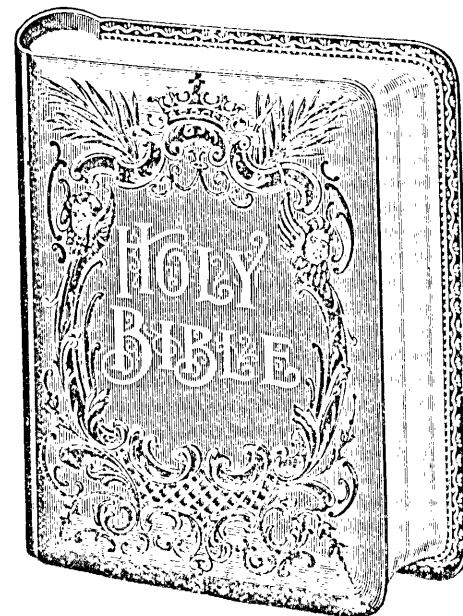
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COUNTY ORGANIZATION FOR ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

The Executive Committee of the State Anti-Saloon League has prepared the following Constitution for County organizations. They will appoint soon a Temperance Central Committee in each County to arrange for a County convention. Unless otherwise provided, a convention is called to meet in the County seat of each County on Saturday, Dec. 11.

CONSTITUTION FOR COUNTY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Article I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the—County Anti-Saloon League, Auxiliary to the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas.

Article II. Object.

The object of the League is to co-operate with the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas for the extermination of the liquor saloon and liquor traffic from every county in Arkansas. To this end, we invite the co-operation of all who are in harmony with this object.

Article III. Membership.

The membership of this League shall be composed—

First. Of all the Ministers of the Gospel in good standing in their respective denominations, who are residents of the county and in accord with the purposes of the League.

Second. Of one representative from each local church in the county, and one additional representative for every 100 members, or major part thereof, said representatives to be chosen by the church to which they belong; provided that until a church elects its representatives, as herein provided, the Sunday School Superintendent of that church, may act ex officio as the representative.

Third. Each local Anti-Saloon League shall be entitled to representation on the same basis as above.

Fourth. Each business, fraternal, or labor organization, which shall have declared itself in harmony with the objects of the League, shall be entitled to representation, upon the same basis as above.

Delegates to the County Convention shall present credentials or other satisfactory evidence of their right to seats in the Convention.

Article IV. Officers.

The officers of the County League shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the County Convention.

Article V. Central Committee.

The officers of the League shall constitute a County Central Committee, which shall co-operate with the State League in carrying out its plans, and executing its work in the county; provided that the county convention may provide for the executive committee to be composed of others than the officers above named.

Article VI. Duties.

The President shall preside when present, and shall perform such other duties as usually devolve on such officer. He shall, unless the executive committee provides otherwise, have general oversight of the work of the League, and shall keep the Superintendent of the State League informed as to what is being done in his county, and the status of the Prohibition Cause.

The First Vice President is at the head of the Agitation Department. He

may select a committee of three or five, who shall plan the agitation and educational work, such as arranging for public meetings, the circulation of literature, securing the publication of proper items and articles in the newspapers, and whatever will tend to arouse public interest.

The Second Vice President is at the head of the Legislative Department. He also may select others to act with him. His committee should be few and discreet persons. They should keep posted as to who are not friendly to the temperance cause among the candidates, especially those candidates who have to enforce the liquor laws, or make them.

The Third Vice President, with a committee to be chosen by him, is at the head of the Law Enforcement Department. It should look after the enforcement of law and punishment of blind tiger men. Also to keep a lookout as to whether the officers are doing their duty in the enforcement of law.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform such duties as usually belong to their offices. The same person may be both Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall also keep a record, as far as possible, of all the voters in the county, who favor prohibition, and send the names to the State League when requested.

Article VII. Delegates to State League.

When a County League is composed of representatives of a majority of the local church organizations of the denominations, which, in their State Organization, signify their purpose to affiliate with the State League, it shall be entitled to elect two delegates to the State League Convention.

SUGGESTIONS.

Let some one or more persons interested in prohibition call together the preachers and as many representatives from the churches in the county as possible, and then proceed to elect officers as provided for in this Constitution. As soon as organized the Secretary should inform the State League, giving names and addresses of all officers. Put every member of your League to work at something.

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STATISTICS FOR TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS GIVEN. WIRE MILEAGE RUNS INTO ENORMOUS FIGURES.

As a part of the third census of the electric industries of the United States for 1907 a bulletin has been compiled by Chief Statistician Stuart which will be issued shortly by United States Census Director E. Dana Durand. Among the notable facts disclosed are the stupendous wire mileage of the commercial telephone and telegraph systems, the millions of messages carried over the wires, the almost incredible growth of the telephone system as compared with the telegraph, the enormous capital of the companies and the immense sums expended by them, and the difficulties surrounding the development of the wireless system. The total length of single wire in miles, of all the telephone and commercial telegraph companies, is 15,072,220. Of this the telephone systems controlled 12,999,369 miles, which includes 486,294 miles of wire on independent farmer or rural lines. Of the total of 142,723 wage earners 118,871 were employed by the telephone systems, receiving wages amounting annually to \$48,986,704, while the 23,862 commercial telegraph wage earners received \$15,013,312. Besides this, the 625 railroad telegraph systems operated 860,324 miles of wire, employed an average of 68,197 telegraphers and dispatchers who received in salaries and wages \$37,242,479. These systems reported 33,441 telegraph offices and 30,115 telephones. It is assumed that the telephone will come into more general

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use for train dispatching as, during 1908 two conventions of railway telegraph superintendents heard reports that the telephone would appear to be as safe as, if not safer than, the use of the telegraph and that the telephone actually expedited train movements because of its greater speed and flexibility. (As a matter of fact, in the two years that have elapsed since this information was compiled by the census bureau the use of the telephone by many railroad systems has been very greatly increased and the indications now are that the telephone in railroad service has come to stay and that its employment will become more universal in its adaptation to general railroad traffic.) The grand total of capital stock and bonds outstanding, par value, was \$1,034,909,579, of which \$814,616,004 was credited to the telephone systems and \$220,293,575 to the telegraph companies. The grand total income was \$236,461,747, and expended \$140,802,305,

while the commercial telegraph systems earned \$51,583,868, expending \$41,879,613. Of the whole number of systems in operation the telephone constituted 99.9 per cent. It is pointed out in this bulletin that the Federal Government has realized the value of wireless telegraphy and the Board of Equipment of the Navy Department at the end of the fiscal year 1907 had installed wireless telegraph apparatus on seventy-three vessels and forty-four short stations. The shore stations are open to the public for message, and these are also received from or put on the telephone or telegraph land lines. Great development has occurred in the two years that have passed since these figures were prepared and they are not a fair index of present conditions, but for the period to which they relate they are highly interesting as showing the stupendous growth of the industries mentioned and the combined enormous amount of capital invested in them.

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"My country, 'tis of thee—
 Sweet land of Liberty—
 Of thee I sing:
 Land where my fathers died,
 Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
 From ev'ry mountain side,
 Let Freedom ring."

Next week is Thanksgiving—and our Week of Prayer. We have many things for which we should be thankful. In the first place, we should celebrate the memory of our forefathers, thanking God that He moored their little bark to the shores of liberty-loving America. When these Pilgrim exiles launched the Mayflower with liberty at its prow, and conscience at its helm on the rough and dangerous sea, fixing their eyes steadfastly on their heavenly Pilot, after a voyage of sixty-four days, they landed on the bleak shores of America with nothing to greet their welcome but the roaring of the pine in the wild forest. They nailed the Banner of the Cross to Plymouth Rock, and soon after held their first American Thanksgiving service, thanking God for a safe deliverance through so many dangers; thanking Him for freedom to worship him with a voice from their own conscience—that still small voice, which had been waiting even at their very doors to lead them out of the storms of war and persecution. We should

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not only celebrate their memory, but we should thank Him that we are today enjoying their influences, and the liberties bought with their sacrifices, their heartaches, their courage, their faith in God which was stronger than bars of iron. Oh that all of God's children would imitate these worthy examples. All the heathen nations would soon hear of this Plymouth Rock thanksgiving. This thanksgiving service was held in November 27, 1621. After the first plentiful harvest. It was something like the Jewish celebration—like feast to which Moses called the children of Israel—and following the proclamation of this Hebrew lawgiver to the letter, they shared their substance with the "strangers within the gates." The Indian chief Massasoit with sixty of his warriors partook of this feast with the Pilgrims. This custom became general throughout the New England States, occurring every three or four years, and continuing three or four days out of doors. In 1865 Lincoln issued a proclamation making the last Thursday in November forever a national Thanksgiving Day, thus cementing the union which had been torn asunder by the civil war—another great blessing for which we should give thanks.

Next, we should thank God that he has been with us in our Foreign Missionary work. We should feel thankful that we have heard His call and that we have the privilege of being His co-worker in this great work—Oh we have so many things for which we should be thankful.

Let our heartfelt prayers go up to God in the meetings, that our indifferent sisters may hear Him calling, and that they may not be "disobedient to this they may not be 'disobedient to this When our beloved Lincoln was starting to Washington to take his oath of office, some lady presented him with a flag of our country; beneath its silken folds were found these words from Joshua: "Be not afraid neither be thou dismayed for the Lord our God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest. There shall no man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life, as I was with Moses so shall I be with thee. I will not leave thee nor forsake thee." May these beautiful and encouraging words of the Master be our inspiration. May we burn them in golden letters on the Banner of the Cross and at this hour of victory, waft it to the breeze with heartfelt prayer, that it may be so dominated, so permeated with this great love for humanity that it will prove a blessing to every woman that comes under its influence.

"Rise, for the day is passing,
 And you lie dreaming on;
 The others have buckled their armor
 And forth to the fight have gone.
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S. C. DEAN.

Texarkana, November 9, 1909.

BLYTHERVILLE STATION.

We have just closed a great revival of thirty days, which resulted in thirty-one accessions to our church and more to join later, besides persons who joined other churches of the city. There were about fifty conversions. Rev. Raymond Browning, of Littleton, N. C., did the preaching. He is a young evangelist of fine gifts as a preacher, spiritual, resourceful, tactful, he has a pathos and a wit which may equal Sam Jones in a few years. He left no stone unturned as to the forms of evil in the city, and presented the facts of the gospel with clearness and power. He won the people and held them with intense interest even during the last week of the meeting, when a street carnival ran with little profit.

Any church in our connectionism will do well to get the services of this gifted young man. He is as gentle as a woman and as fearless and free as the bravest of men.

We have had over one hundred accessions to this church in two years, and they are persons from the best homes of our city, many of them grown people. Thus the personal and money strength of the church has increased an hundred per cent. It is now in splendid shape for doing the best work in its history. All the departments, League, Sunday School, Woman's Home Mission So-

ciety, are well organized and with a magnificent new brick church \$16,000 there is nothing to hinder the church from making an enviable record for the years to come.

The church will send a hearty invitation to Searcy to the annual Conference to meet here in December, 1910.

The financial report will be "raised for all purposes during the year" between ten and twelve thousand dollars. All Conference benevolences will be raised in full.

This closes twenty-six years of pastoral life in the White River Conference. I have grown during these years but have hardly grown as much as the Conference. With love to all our preachers, including the Methodist staff, I am,
 A. M. R. BRANSON.

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I started a meeting at Sheridan October 10 and closed October 17. The writer preached the first two sermons. Monday evening Rev. T. P. Clark, of Stuttgart, came to me and preached twice each day till Sunday and three services on Sunday. We felt we needed the doctrines and usages of our church preached, and requested him to do so. The doctrines of other churches have been preached here constantly till we felt the need of letting the people know we have scripture for our faith and practice. Brother Clark did it well and in a fine Christian spirit. We are highly pleased with his services. We are rejoicing over the good results of the meeting. The results of his clear scriptural preaching will abide.

If any brother needs doctrinal preaching or other kind of preaching, call on T. P. Clark. You will not regret it.

B. F. SCOTT.

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.)

Hoxie, Ark., Sept. 18, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I have been reading the children's page I will write again. I am a boy between ten and fifteen. I will send the one a post card that guesses my age. I guess Willie Thornton to be sixteen years of age. I hope I guessed it. How many of the cousins live on a farm? I do for one. I have two brothers younger than I am. I guess Myrtle Hoyle's age to be seventeen years. Our pastor's name is Bro. Hamilton.

My school was out in last month. I was glad of it. Our meeting broke up recently; we had a good meeting. My Sunday school is fine. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Lolie Worsham. I like her fine. Our superintendent's name is Mr. Riley. I will ask a question: What is the last verse in the Bible? How many times is the word Jesus found in the Bible? Well as my letter is getting long I will close. Ruth Carr, come again: your letters are just fine. I will close leaving room for better letters. Your cousin,

WILLIE LENARD MCBRIDE.

Pocahontas, Ark., Sept. 19, 1909.

Dear Cousins: I thought I would write another short letter as it is to be the third time. I am going to school now and the principal of our school is Mr. J. W. Campbell and my school teacher is Miss Helen Leahman. I like her fine. I will let the cousins guess at my age, and the one that guesses right I will send them a post card. I am between ten and fifteen years old. I have for pets one little dog. How many of you go to Sunday school? I do for one. My Sunday school teacher is Miss Helen Leahman. How many of you like to go grape hunting? I do. I guess I will close this time as it is getting close to church time. I will ask a question at the close and the one that answers this question I will send them a post card. Why didn't God want the Israelites to know where Moses was buried? Your cousin,

BUEL RUSSELL.

Pocahontas, Ark., Aug. 31, 1909.

Dear Cousins: I thought I would write again as I saw my other letter in print. School will begin next Monday, Sept. 6, 1909, and I am surely glad. I am going to take up the seventh grade work this year. How many of you cousins like to go to school? I do for one. My mother is dead and my two sisters are keeping house for papa. I go to Sunday school every Sunday that I can. Our pastor is Bro. Beakley and our superintendent is J. D. Wells and every one likes them. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Jennie Johnston. She is a fine teacher. As my letter is growing long I will close by asking a question: Who was ever the stoutest man in the world?

BUEL RUSSELL.

Sheridan, Ark.

Dear Western Methodist: I will write again as my last letter was printed. I think the Western Methodist is a grand paper. I always enjoy reading the children's page. Last week there was a grand letter from Ruth Carr. I think all of the boys that read that should learn a great lesson. Prof. Marden is my school teacher; I like him fine. I study the seventh grade studies. Clyde Rushing is my desk-mate and best friend in Sheridan. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can, and like to go very much. Mr. G. W. Walker is my Sunday school teacher. Who of you cousins like music? I do for one, but cannot play. Sister plays. If any of you cousins have the song in the "Shadows of the Pines" I would be glad if any of you would send it to me.

LILLIAN BUTLER.

HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Methodist preachers of Hot Springs met in regular session at Central Church, November 7, 1909.

Present: Hutchinson, Parker, Mason, Rainey, Hotchkiss, and Keadle. Our Chairman Hutchinson led in prayer.

REPORTS.

Park Avenue, Rev. J. R. Rushing, pastor.—Not present. Brother Keadle reports everything in good condition. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. O. H. Keadle, and by the pastor at night. Five accessions to the church.

Tigert Memorial, Rev. S. W. Rainey, pastor.—A very good week. Things moving on smoothly. Preaching at Tigert morning and evening, and at Dodson's Chapel at 3:30. All by the pastor.

Third Street, Rev. J. A. Parker, pastor.—Excellent prayer meeting and League; 160 present at Sunday School. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. Woman's Home Mission Society open session at night. Very spiritual meeting.

Central Avenue, Rev. Forney Hutchinson, pastor.—League and prayer meeting at high-water mark; 228 present at Sunday School. Preaching by the pastor morning and evening, with sacramental service. Fine congregations and twenty accessions to the church.

Malvern Avenue, Rev. B. F. Mason, pastor.—Prayer meeting and League fair. Eighty-eight present at Sunday School. Preaching both hours by the pastor. Sacramental service and one accession.

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McComb, Okla., Oct. 12, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I am a little boy eight years old. This is my first time to write to the cousins page. My papa takes the Methodist. I have two brothers and two sisters. My brothers' names are Ray and Wilber. My sisters' names are Gladys and Neva. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I can. My teacher's name is Miss Ersä

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Black. Our pastor is Rev. S. H. Berry. Our Superintendent is papa. We are planning to go to quarterly meeting the 16th and 17th of this month, and hear Brother Goddard, our Presiding Elder, preach. I will close by asking a Bible question. What book in the Bible does not contain the name of God?

From a new cousin,

ROY WALKER.

Wister, Okla., Oct. 31, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I haven't seen any letters from this place, I will write. I am a little girl ten years old. I am a member of the Methodist Church. I am in the fourth grade. I have two brothers. Their names are Lester and Elbert. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I will close, as my letter is getting rather long.

Your new cousin,

BERTHA EMERSON.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: Will you admit another girl to join your happy band? This is my first attempt to write a letter to the Methodist. My grandmother takes the paper and I do enjoy reading the children's page so much. I will let you all guess my age. I am between fourteen and eighteen. Hoping the waste basket has gone on a visit, I will close by asking a question. How many times is the word "girl" found in the Bible? I remain,

Your new cousin,

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BUSY PAPA.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

REV. D. J. WEEMS.

BRADFORD, ARK.

Situated in White County, on the Iron Mountain road is Bradford, a small town, but a very good business point. We have a good church and a new two-story parsonage with extra large rooms. There is a feeling of freedom in a large room you do not feel in a small, cramped place. The broad expanse of the prairies in Oklahoma may in part explain the big-hearted, grand spirit of our brethren in this new and growing State.

Rev. W. F. Blevins is pastor of Bradford, Bald Knob, Russell and Kensett. Four nice railroad towns. He and his good wife made my stay very pleasant indeed. They are blessed with five precious children. We had a pleasant service with a fairly good congregation, there being preaching in another church at the same hour. Brother Blevins is a splendid man, has a pleasant manner, is a good preacher and has a bright future for usefulness. They have waited until too near conference to press the collections and pastor's salary. Forty years of experience and observation have taught me to press the collections in the early part of the year and they will not press you in the latter part.

We collected from some of the old, got some good promises from others to pay soon, and secured two new subscribers, H. W. Gates and Miss Euna Pollard.

KENSETT.

A few hours was spent in Kensett between trains. The new Helena and North Arkansas road that crosses the Iron Mountain at this place has revived the town. J. A. Bevil, who for a long while kept the hotel at Higginson, having burned out, has built a large two-story hotel at Kensett. We have a very neat church and some good members. I secured two new subscribers, Mrs. L. A. Watkins and Miss Winnie Cowen, a nice young school teacher. Others



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CABOT.

A night was most delightfully spent at Cabot. J. F. See and family furnished most elegant entertainment. Rev. H. H. Hunt, the pastor, met me at the train. We began work at once and met all the old subscribers who are in town. Not one asked to stop their Western Methodist. We had canvassed the town twice before for new subscribers, so we did not find any new subscribers this time. Brother Hunt has suffered for several months with ulcers on his eyes, but is very much better. He is one of the most active and successful preachers in his conference, and will make a good report at conference. He is blessed with a consecrated wife and some sweet children.

We had an excellent service with a good week night congregation. Dr. A. C. Millar, the presiding elder of the Little Rock district, and Rev. H. H. McGuyre, of the Austin circuit, were present and took part in the service. They had just held the fourth quarterly conference for the circuit. All reports full, or will be by the Annual Conference. I have heard real good reports of Dr. Millar as a presiding elder.

Cabot is one of the best towns between Little Rock and Newport. They have a most excellent school, a splendid set of merchants, a bank, a beautiful brick church, and comfortable parsonage. This, with Jacksonville, makes a most delightful charge.

JACKSONVILLE.

A few hours were spent at Jacksonville. This is a small but pleasant town. They have a large, two-story academy, have recently added two rooms. P. W. Dupree & Co. have a large store. He subscribed for the paper. I collected well from the old subscribers. Some of the best members of this church live in the country. I hope to spend a Sunday with them soon, and get a number of them to subscribe for the paper. After a six weeks' absence, home again to get ready for conference. While at Jacksonville I met Rev. A. T. Galloway, presiding elder of the Searcy district, on his way to the Cato circuit. He has done a faithful year's work and has made good as a presiding elder.

CONWAY.

In the face of a rainy day a large and representative congregation greeted Rev. J. B. Stevenson to hear his last sermon before going to conference. This is his third year on a second term, having served here two years as pastor and also as presiding elder, some time ago. Few preachers have had a better record as pastor or minister. To say he is loved by all, men, women, and children, in the church and out, would not endanger us of another "Lie-Bill" suit. The sermon was interesting from beginning to end. The text, I Kings, 17: 24, "I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth." He said it is best for those who know us best should have confidence in us. What impressed me most was the statement that we sometimes fail in that for which we are best known; illustrating by Moses for meekness, yet for losing his temper he was not permitted to enter Canaan. David, a man after God's own heart, in an evil hour sinned. Elijah, full of courage at times, sitting under the juniper tree prayed to die. John, the beloved disciple, wanted fire sent down upon his Lord's enemies. Peter, who could stand before kings, denied his Lord before a maiden.

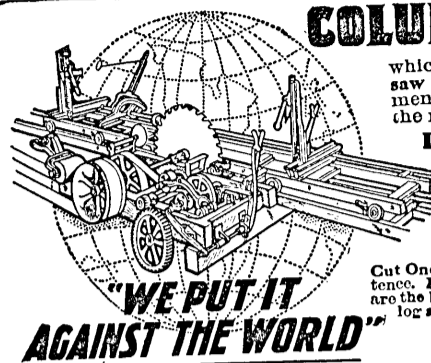
At night the storm grew worse, but about three dozen came. It fell to my lot to preach. They have a very fine Sunday school, Prof. Russell superintendent. Hendrix and Central Colleges are about the same they have been for several years, with an upward tendency. The State Normal has enrolled 200, and still they come. Good families are coming from all over the State to Con-

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F. E. SHANKS,

Earlsboro, Okla.

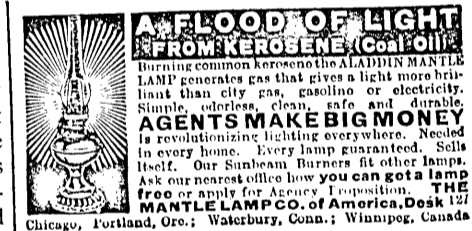
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THE UNHEEDED CRY.

"Bread for the perishing millions!"
 We heed the appalling cry;
 For in Eastern homes whence the mes-
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 Behold the thousands die.

"Bread for the perishing millions!"
 'Tis immortal souls that cry!
 And the Lord of all, when he heard the
 call,
 Was broken the bread to supply.

"Bread for the perishing millions!"
 Eternal Bread and True"
 Yet the millions die while in vain they
 cry,

And helplessly wait on you.
 —N. H. D. Wilson.

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So many when asked to help rescue these "perishing millions," "Oh, I haven't the time, I am too busy." Sisters, God wants busy women. Miriam was busy watching the cradle boat among the flags, to see that it drifted with the right tide, when God called her to "Sound the loud Timbrel." Deborah was busy obeying the Lord's command, when He called her to deliver Israel. Vashti was busy with her household affairs, when God called her, though she lost her royal crown by refusing to obey her drunken husband, yet God placed one upon her brow that will be an honor to womanhood as long as the world stands; a crown of modesty. Esther was busy talking to God, when he called her to save the Jewish people. She rose from her knees, saying "If I perish, I perish," and presented the petition to her infamous lord. Beautiful Ruth who would have adorned a crown was busy—gleaning in the harvest, toiling in the hot sun for her ill mother-in-law, when God called her to be ancestress of Christ. Hannah was busy making little Samuel's coat, when He called her to give Him Samuel. Lydia was a very busy woman, she found time to organize a prayer-meeting, and help Paul on his missionary journey. And look at the busy Marys, whom Christ revealed so much. Yes, God needs busy women. May we all be busy this month, planning, talking, thinking, and praying for success in our "Membership Crusade."

REFLEX INFLUENCE.

This mission work has divided woman's life into beautiful pathways, which are strewn with flowers, that will come up behind her, and prove not only a blessing to the world, but to herself—for it is indeed a new pathway leading up to God. In the life of all our pioneer missionaries, we see a manifestation of His power for they have drawn all their inspiration from that inexhaustible fountain: The blessed Holy Bible. To read some of their thoughts is like touching a live wire, thrilling our soul with that love that "never faileth"—and what thrills the soul more with faith in immortality, than listening to some of our noble women who have given their life to this grand work. Gazing in their faces shining with love, faith and devotion, we catch a glimpse of those "Many Mansions," filling our soul with a beautiful brightness, which leads us on our way rejoicing. Glory be to God for such assurances. Call it delusion—but anything that gives us a generous impulse causing us to stop and think, should be consecrated as though wafted from the wings of a ministering angel. In climbing these pathways, the door to our narrow life seems opened. We feel our powers unfold, giving us a glimpse of the joy, the beauty of liv-

ing and giving and serving. Our life together becomes one continual song of thanksgiving striking against the chord of selfishness, which soon vibrates and mingles with the angels, singing peace and good will to mankind,—and there comes to our awakening souls an answer to the question that has been asked since the beginning of time: "Am

I my brother's keeper?"

"Love took up the harp of life and striking on all the chords with might, Smote the chord of self, that trembling, passed in music out of sight."

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BY LILA G. ROLLSTON, CONF. PRES.

Did you join the church simply to get a passport to heaven? Did you join to get rid of the punishment for sin? Or did you join to align yourself with Christ's forces? Your answer to these questions would indicate pretty clearly the spirit and amount of your giving to Christ's cause. When our hearts are in the work we give freely and as much as we can,—nay we plan and economize to have more to give—we deny ourselves to give. When our hearts are not enlisted, we make many excuses for the pittance we give, and sometimes leave the impression that it poverty alone that limits our gifts. Indeed it often is poverty—poverty of spirit, not poverty of goods. The very women who claim they would give more "if times were not so hard," find that times ease up wonderfully when the object that calls for money is pleasure, amusement, a new dress, or piece of furniture. The question then becomes how much can I possibly get together? The price may be high, but it will be paid.

If you had rendered even a small service to a neighbor and she should refuse to bear or send a message for you to one of your children who had become estranged, wouldn't you feel that the neighbor was a very cold, unfeeling woman, if she should excuse herself with the plea that she really hadn't time, as her mending, baking, ironing just must be done, even though your child was dying, away from home and in great need, and the message would restore her to life and bring her back to the home circle?

You claim to be Christ's friend. He has promised you everything needful, protection from evil, help in trouble, consolation in sorrow, and joy beyond comparison in everlasting life. He has many children who have wandered far away from him, and to these he has asked you to take or send the message of his love and pardon, but you reply that you don't care anything about those people, and you haven't time or money to spend that way. However, lest some one might think you stingy, you "of necessity" give fifty cents toward sending the message, then straightway spend dollars for candy, ice cream and show tickets. What does Christ think of such behavior? What has he reason to think?

I wonder how many of us stop to consider that our gifts to any Christian work are offerings to the Lord, and that he looks at the motives that prompts the gifts rather than at the amount of the offering. Did you ever think of how the material for the tabernacle was gotten? God commanded Moses to "speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering; of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering." How many

churches and schools would we build at home or in the foreign field if our "Boards" held to this ruling? Unfortunately for some God still holds to this ruling with regard to his acceptance of an offering. He knows the difference between a gift and a bribe. He knows when an offering is made "grudgingly or of necessity," and when it is a free will offering. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that "if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." For "God loveth a cheerful giver."

At the last Board meeting our Conference Corresponding Secretary pledged \$1,850 as our free will offering. This amount was divided as best possible among the auxiliaries, and we will try to pay the amounts assessed. If you have read the minutes of our last annual meeting you know that a change has been made in the mode of assessment. Article 8 in the report of the Finance Committee, reads: "That hereafter at the March meeting each auxiliary hold a pledge service in which they pledge to God their free will offering and the Special for Foreign Missions, and report the amount pledged to the Conference Corresponding Secretary that she may know what to pledge at the next Board meeting."

When that article was read at the annual meeting, one sister arose and said, "If you don't assess the auxiliaries they won't assess themselves, and you won't have any special next year." Some members present nodded approval, but some of us did not agree with the sister. Christ taught "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We want the blessing for our conference that follows a willing gift to God, and not the grumbling and discord that follow an unwelcome assessment. We call our specials free will offerings, let us make them such indeed and in truth. Now I believe the women of the W. F. M. S. of the Arkansas Conference are just as loyal true and liberal as any other set of women. I also believe they will respond more liberally when they give of their own free will than otherwise. Women of the Arkansas Conference, is my confidence misplaced? Let us quit ourselves like children of the King, remembering when we come to pledge for our special that we are making an offering to the Most High God for our Redeemer's sake, and the giving will make us glad. May God help us to give after this manner.

LILA G. ROLLSTON,
 Conference President.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW.

Oh, my dear friends, you who are letting miserable misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day; you who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your mind that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them; you who are passing men sullenly upon the street, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill you with shame and remorse if you heard that one of those men were dead tomorrow morning; you who are letting your neighbor starve, till you hear that he is dying of starvation, or letting your friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy, which you mean to give some day—if you only know and see and feel, all of a sudden, that "the time is short," how it would break the spell! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do.—Phillips Brooks.

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OBITUARIES.

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

FAIN.—Lois L. Fain died near Dyer, Ark., October 8, 1909. She was converted and joined the church in childhood. She lived a consistent Christian life to the end. Though a great sufferer for twenty-five years, she bore her afflictions with patience till the death angel came and relieved her of her aged, feeble body, and gave her long-cherished rest.

HER PASTOR.

GLASS.—Martha Ellen Glass, wife of Oscar Glass, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ray Dawson, departed this life October 9, 1909, at the age of 18 years, 1 month, and 10 days. She was a devoted wife and mother. She professed a hope in Christ two years before her death, but still not being satisfied she asked Sister Roberts to pray for her, which she gladly did, and during the prayer she was made happy in a Savior's love, and shouted praises to God. She said she was saved and ready to go. She wanted her husband and friends to meet her in heaven. On Thursday night before she died on Saturday night, she said she wanted to hear one more sweet prayer. She called her physician and loved ones around her bedside and talked to them of the necessity of being prepared to die, and told them they ought to prepare for the future world, and Sister Roberts prayed another sweet prayer that will never be forgotten. She bore her sufferings patiently, and died with a look of triumph on her face. She leaves her husband, baby, and mother, seven sisters and one brother, and a host of friends, to mourn her loss. May God's richest blessings rest upon them all. May we all consider that our loss is heaven's gain. Though we are robbed of our darling and friend, we feel that heaven is made richer by her presence. She was laid to rest on the old homestead by the side of her father, to await the resurrection, when soul and body will be reunited again. What a happy meeting that will be. The funeral service was conducted

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by Brother Dan Wickles in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends.

GLAZE.—Thomas E. Glaze, who departed this life on the 4th day of October, 1909, was born February 9, 1865, in Davis County, Mo., and moved with his parents to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) and was among the first settlers of the town of Terral. He was married to Miss Ella Clary November 19, 1902, who, together with three children, two brothers and two sisters, and many friends and relatives, survive him. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1905, and has been a live and loyal member ever since. He was a member of the board of stewards and trustees when he died. He was an honest, upright citizen, and a devout Christian. He suffered much during the year just past, and though his body was in pain, yet he was appreciative of all friendly ministrations and frequently made mention of his hope in Christ and of a blessed resurrection. He died in the triumphs of a living faith. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist Church at Terral, Okla., where a large audience gathered and paid tribute to his memory. After which his body was given in charge of the Masonic Fraternity and buried according to ritual of the order of which he was an honored member. To the bereaved ones, let us say, a happy reunion awaits us just across on the other shore.

L. H. FULLINGIM.

EMERSON.—Mary Eliza Emerson, December 22, 1869, in the State of Mississippi, Iltwamba County. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when twelve years of age, and has lived a Christian ever since. She moved with her parents to Indian Territory in 1893. She was married to P. J. Cagle December 15, 1895. A few years later she was married to Mr. John Pigman. He has been dead eighteen months. Since his death she has passed through great affliction. But her trust was in the Lord. She quietly passed away July 20, 1908.

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BEVENS.—Elam Franklin Bevins, son of Dr. T. A. and Mrs. Donnah Bevins, was born in Obion County, Tennessee, April 15, 1878. Was converted at Quitman, Ark., in 1896, and united with the Methodist Church and died in fellowship with the same. Was married to Miss Grace Turner May 6, 1900; died August 27, 1909. Deceased was a relative of the writer, and hence will speak of him familiarly. Elam was possessed of more than one of the rare qualities which go to make up a good and useful man. Perseverance was one, and it was notable in him from his childhood. When given a task to do he stayed with it till finished. Calmness was another. He never seemed hurried nor irritated over the details of life. Candor was another. He was trustworthy in all the relationships of life. Dr. West, of Newport, said to the writer once: "I feel my interests are as safe in his hands as my own." This is what the world and the church need more of today. Such lofty and unimpeachable characters. He was a loving, kind, and dutiful husband, as also an ideal father. To know him was to be a beneficiary in showing his manly spirit. He died as he lived, trusting in God. The way was clear and his end was peace. No one could ask more, and all may have this. He leaves a wife and two sweet children to mourn his death, father, mother, two brothers, and three sisters, with a large circle of kindred. Weep not as those who have no hope. Elam is at rest.

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ISENHOWER.—William Wesley Isenhower was born in Boone County, Indiana, May 15, 1850. Departed this life in Lewisville, Ark., October 20, 1909, age being 59 years, 5 months, and 5 days. He was married to Miss Mary Angeline Clamon September 20, 1870. To this union was born five children, of which two have departed from this world. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, always obliging and self-sacrificing, loving and kind to his family and neighbors, always sympathetic and always anxious and willing to extend a helping hand to anyone in distress or need, often denying himself the necessities of life for the benefit of others. He was a sufferer from asthma for about thirty-six years, and an invalid for several years, but in all his affliction he endured his suffering with patience, always looking on the bright side of life and always of a cheerful disposition. He united with the M. E. Church at the age of twenty-one years. He leaves a wife, two daughters, and one son, a mother, one sister, and three brothers, besides a host of friends, to mourn the loss of a loved one. May all meet him in heaven.

J. R. SANDERS.

MARYMAN.—Mrs. Lola Baker Maryman was born at Walnut Hill, Ark., April 7, 1886, where she was also converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life. She was married to Mr. Thomas W. Maryman in Lewisville, Ark., February 20, 1902, and departed this life in her home in Bradley, Ark., October 12, 1909, leaving her young devoted husband, two children, a father, mother, two sisters, and a brother, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death. She was a friend to and beloved by all who knew her, both white and colored. What is our loss is her eternal gain. This once very happy home on earth is now broken up, and, as the young bereaved husband expressed it, he felt ship-

wrecked. May the Lord abundantly bless all the bereaved ones, and that finally all may have a happy reunion in heaven.

J. R. SANDERS.

OWEN.—Miss Willie Owen, daughter of U. C. and Lula Owen, was born in Paint Rock, Concho County, Texas, May 10, 1887, and died in Little Rock, Ark., September 10, 1909, where she had been taken for medical treatment, but despite all that medical skill could do, death claimed her for his own. She professed saving faith in Christ and joined the M. P. Church in the summer of 1896, severing her connection with that church in 1905, she attached herself to M. E. Church, South, at New Hope, Columbia County, Ark., in which she lived a beautiful consistent Christian life till God in his wisdom saw proper to transfer her from the church militant to the church triumphant. Miss Willie was a most lovable Christian character, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew her. In her death the church has lost a valuable sweet-spirited young lady. She leaves a devoted and affectionate father and mother, six brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn her departure. She is greatly missed in the community, and more so by her pastor in the house of worship. May God bless and comfort the bereaved loved ones. Only be faithful and you will meet again in heaven.

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White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Pocahontas and Hoxie at P. Nov. 13, 14
 Revere 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.)

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.)

Turner and Shiloh Ct., at Shiloh Nov. 13, 14
 Clarendon Sta. Nov. 14, 15
 McCrory Miss., at New Haven Nov. 20, 21
 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.)

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 Bardstown 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.
(Fourth Round—Revised.)

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
 Let all the Trustees, exhorters, and Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be ready with their reports.

Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Smithville Ct., at Smithville Nov. 6, 7
 Calico Rock Ct. at Flat Rock Nov. 13, 14
 Mt. View Ct. at Mt. View Nov. 14, 15
 Wolf Bayou Ct. at Floral Nov. 20, 21
 Desha Ct. at Alderbrook Nov. 27, 28
 Bethesda Ct. Nov. Dec. 4, 5
 Let all the Trustees, exhorters, and Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be ready with their reports.

A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

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. O. MILLAR, P. E.

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

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.)

Cherry Hill Nov. 13, 14
 Mena 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. WARR, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Ussery at Grant's Chapel Nov. 13, 14
 Arkadelphia Ct. Nov. 20, 21
 Arkadelphia Sta. Nov. 21, 22
 Social Hill Nov. 27, 28
 H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Lake Village & Portland, at L. V. Nov. 14, 15
 Parkdale & Wilmore, at Wilmore Nov. 20, 21
 Dermott & Ark. City, at Dermott Nov. 27, 28
 J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

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.

PRESBOTT DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Chidester Nov. 13, 14
 Harmony Nov. 20, 21
 Emmet Nov. 21, 22
 Prescott Nov. 27, 28
 The trustees will please be ready to answer Question 29. Let our women be ready to answer Questions 14 and 16.

W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.

Arkans. Conference.

FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND.
 Rogers, Nov. 11 a. m. Nov. 14
 Bentonville Nov. 7 p. m. Nov. 14
 Fayetteville Nov. 11 a. m. Nov. 21
 Parkdale and Farmington at F., 7 p. m. Nov. 21
 War Eagle at Pace's Chapel Nov. 27, 28
 Goshen at Zion Dec. 4, 5
 Springdale Dec. 5, 6
 Elm Springs, at E. S. Nov. 11 a. m. Dec. 10
 Springtown at Mt. Tabor Dec. 11, 12
 Siloam Springs Dec. 12
 Centerton Ct. at Oakley Ch. Dec. 15
 St. Paul Mission at Sulphur City 11 a. m. Dec. 16

Lincoln Ct. at Lincoln 11 a. m. Dec. 17
 Viney Grove at V. G. Dec. 18, 19
 Prairie Grove Dec. 19
 Winslow at Brentwood Dec. 20
 Huntsville Ct. at Huntsville Dec. 22
 Gravette and Gentry at Gentry Dec. 26, 27
 Pea Ridge at Pea Ridge Jan. 1, 2
 The District Stewards will meet at Rogers at 10 a. m. November 18.

J. M. HUGHEY, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Holland Ct. at Bethlehem Nov. 27, 28
 Dover Ct. at Dover Dec. 4, 5
 Russellville Station Dec. 5, 6
 Flat Rock Ct. at Flat Rock Dec. 11, 12
 Quitman Station Dec. 12, 13
 Appleton Ct. at Appleton Dec. 18, 19
 Quitman Ct. at Mt. Pleasant Jan. 1, 2
 Conway Ct. at Round Mountain Jan. 8, 9
 Conway Station Jan. 9, 10
 Damascus Ct. at Steel's Chapel Jan. 15, 16
 Springfield Ct. at Springfield Jan. 22, 23
 Pottsville Ct. at Pottsville Jan. 29, 30
 Atkins Station Jan. 30, 31
 Plumerville Ct. at Oak Grove Feb. 5, 6
 Morrilton Station Feb. 6, 7
 Adona Ct. at Adona Feb. 12
 Houston and Perry Ct. at P. Feb. 13, 14
 Bigelow Station Feb. 14
 The District Stewards will meet at Morrilton Tuesday, December 7, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m.

JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

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BAKER.—Lena Edna Baker, daughter of Mr. A. C. and Mrs. Rilla Baker, born October 16, 1902, and died August 19, 1909. It is always sad to chronicle the death of any one, but more so when it is a fair, lovely, bright child. This lovable little girl was the one ray of sunshine in her home. The baby girl and much loved by all who knew her. She was a faithful Sunday School little worker, and will be sadly missed by her teacher and class. But God has taken her and it is all well with dear little Lena. She was a niece of Rev. James S. Best, and granddaughter of Brother W. C. Best, one of our noble and true aged laymen. Weep not for her. She will meet you all at the gates of heaven.

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Mamie was a true woman, with naturally a strong mind, and that well cultivated. She had high ideals of life. For fourteen years she was a member of Galloway College faculty, having charge of the Primary Department, and right nobly did she administer the charge committed to her hands. She was full of love and sympathy and she bound the girls to her with the cords of love as strong as hooks of steel. She never lost a friend. She was absolutely loyal to her friends, to duty, and to her Lord. She was frail in body, but strong in spirit. I used to wonder how she could accomplish so much. But her work is done, she has entered upon that larger life and some of these days we will meet her in the home not made with hands.

C. C. GODDEN.

SLAYDEN.—Augustus Garland Slayden, was born in Jackson County, Ark., August 15, 1887. Standing on the very threshold of a useful business career, in his early manhood, he heard the Master calling and obeyed the summons November 4, 1909. "Gus" was polite, kind, conscientious, and attentive to business. He had the respect and confidence of the public, the abiding friendship of his companions, and the deepest love of brothers and kinsmen.

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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.

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HARRIS.—Rev. L. M. Harris was born in Overton County, Tennessee, July 24, 1827, and died in Black Springs, Ark., August 16, 1909. He had three children, one daughter and two sons. He was living with his daughter at the time of his death. His wife and three children survive him. He was licensed to preach in 1850, or near that time, and he served a number of circuits in Arkansas and Oklahoma. His last work was at Janssen, Ark. His life was long and useful and his end peaceful. He also practiced medicine. He was a member of the Black Springs Methodist Church at the time of his death, and the gospel which he preached supported him in his last hours.

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THE GIVING OF SERVICE.

What a subject I have! Really, it quite overwhelms me. Service, ministry, doing things. May God help me to make plain the convictions that are just now gripping my heart.

What a divine thing it is to serve. Even "the Son of God came not to be ministered unto but to minister." What an angelic thing service is. As I think through the Bible of the mention of the angels I find that their visits earthward have nearly always been to relieve some human need. An angel's voice tells Hagar where the water is when her child is dying of thirst. Gabriel stoops over a Daniel and tells him his prayer is heard. An angel finds poor, old, heart-sick Elijah away down in the desert mountains and feeds him and afterwards he talks with God.

But next to angels' ministry and perhaps dearer to the heart of God is that of woman: To her above all others God has entrusted this divine mission. Into her eyes childhood looks for inspiration and sympathy; to her side manhood comes to learn manhood and purity; into her lap suffering humanity ever lays its weary head for soothing and healing; age leans on her arm and youth follows her and she has at once, splendid and supreme, the grand opportunity of serving.

I believe that to every true woman in her best moments nothing appeals so strongly as the desire to serve. Let me give myself, even though I suffer, is the cry of her inmost heart whether she know it or not. Happy she to whom this revelation has come; or if she follow the instinct with action she has found her way out of self into God's big world of hearts and loves, where in giving, she shall receive, and grow rich and strong and joyful in a beautiful ministry. Believe me, dear hearts and loves, there is no need for any one to live an unhappy life; the unhappy life is the unused, imprisoned life. No circumstance, no sorrow, has the power to keep dark and lonely the soul that has learned the divine art of service. There is nothing to hold one in moments of sorrow and darkness like a great purpose. I have seen many a dear heart left almost morbid after some great calamity and I have wished and prayed that some great purpose for service might lead the dear one into the only real joy and satisfaction we can know, namely, as the little poem puts it, of "Doing something for somebody, quick."

I heard a powerful sermon not long since in which the speaker said that the Bible knows no predestination to service. God has fore-ordained us to work and he has made it plain that we are saved for service. God has work for every one of us and to every one of us the call comes. This afternoon we shall talk more especially about the tasks God has assigned us near at hand. To others and even to us sometime, perhaps to our children, God may assign the frontier work, the field in the foreign land, the glorious world conquest which it is given some to carry on, but for us and around us and over us today the word "HOME" shines as "the angel of the Lord that encampeth round about

and we are not asked to go far. And maybe we should be thankful that we do not have to give up father and mother and husband and children for the gospel's sake, although Jesus said this was blessed. But no less a call is ours to no lighter degree of sacrifice are we summoned.

But it is often these tasks nearest us that we are not doing. Like Sir Launfal our fancy rushes out and around the world in search of the Holy Grail and we come back to receive it at our very door-step from the hands of some poor leper we have given a drink. O! why will we as women glory in some one else's cross and neglect our own? Help to call some one else to labor while we close our ears to the voice that is speaking to us. And this not so much because we are selfish as because we are blind. We do not realize that to everyone made new in Christ there is assigned a task, there is a call to service and that service big enough to absorb all the enegries of that life. If we would be true followers we must serve God to the limit of our ability and that service, wherever it is, will be great. Why is there such a call for deaconesses? Simply because the great mass of women in our churches are shirking their tasks. Never infer that I do not appreciate the deaconess work. I love too well the blessed women who have left all to go anywhere and do anything for him, but I would have you know that the small bonnets and white ties do not signify the only ones who should go about doing good. Why are our deaconesses over-worked, why do our missionaries break down and die? Very largely because we pile on them the tasks which we might be doing ourselves.

Oh! I should like this afternoon to speak of our own homes, of the measureless, boundless opportunities there, of the beautiful tasks and all the dear doing of things for our loved ones, but I did not have time to prepare, and that is a subject for a volume anyway. I am sure of one thing, that no woman would be much good outside her home if she were not a blessing within. Home is our kingdom; with hearts for subjects and love for sceptre we may rule well. Let us see to it that we do. But there is one thing certain while we make home the center, we must not let it become the circumference of our lives. Too many a woman is imprisoned within the four walls of her own home where neither the joyfulness nor the glory of the outside world touches her, nor the blessing of her own life touches it. Such a woman is bound to become impoverished and weakened both mentally and spiritually and often physically, and God only knows how the world about her is impoverished because she withholds herself.

Oh! the lonely hearts that we might cherish; the bereaved and sorowing ones that we might comfort; the sick and suffering that we might heal; the sinful and fallen that we might restore; in fact the yearning, throbbing, sobbing world that we might love into the kingdom of God. No, our task is not small; it is tremendous; it is limitless, and to do it we shall have to drop the frivolous things and the useless things out of our lives and devote ourselves only to that which is worth while.

I love to read about Lord Shaftesbury, of England, who had done such a marvelous work among London's poor that when he died the great crowds from the slums followed in the funeral procession bearing banners which read like this: "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me

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drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and yet clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me." What kind of a procession was there in heaven about that time? Or I love to hear of Miss Booth, of the Salvation Army, who, perhaps with one of her five or six adopted babies in her arms, comes forward on to the stage before vast audiences and moves them to sobbing with her recitals of her work among the poor, and we also hear the Master saying unto her, "Inasmuch." But I am thinking that just as great is the work of some poor woman who with hands too rough to wear silk gloves, perhaps, and shoes too coarse to tread noiselessly, is still the angel of mercy to those around her and of the finger-tips, as someone has said, with which God touches the world. Nothing can take away the beauty of such a life or of such a countenance. Smiles of peace follow tears of sympathy upon her face, for she has learned the divine secret of service.

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