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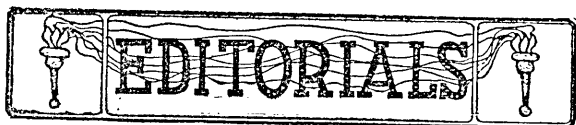
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EDUCATIONAL HIGH-TIDE.

Educational mass meeting at the Little Rock Conference was beyond any doubt the greatest occasion in all the history of Arkansas Methodism. It was an epochal night. It marked the coming of daybreak everywhere in our educational affairs.

Splendid work had been done in advance by our Commissioner of Education, Rev. James Thomas and by the Financial Agent of Henderson College, Rev. W. F. Evans. Our readers know that a great campaign has been going on for several years looking to the raising of an endowment of \$300,000.00 for Hendrix College, and meanwhile a resolute effort has been on to pay off the indebtedness of Henderson College. The subsoiling had been going on.

The collection taken at the Arkansas Conference a few weeks ago was really a great collection, amounting to \$8,000, from a popular audience, in which everybody gave. That collection broke the record for Arkansas up to that date. It remained for the collection at the Little Rock Conference to break the record of all popular collections in Southern Methodist History. At New Orleans in the great missionary meeting some years ago, with the prince of orators, Bishop Galloway, to lead, \$51,000 was raised for the building of Soochow University, China. That scene thrilled the whole church. But we raised at the Little Rock Conference the sum of \$50,800 on the endowment of Hendrix and \$5,280 on the debt of Henderson, thereby extinguishing that debt. Bro. Evans announced for the first time some thirty thousand more for Henderson, previously provided for, but not before made public, while Bishop Hendrix told the audience that "a little bird" had whispered of \$30,000 for Hendrix College. It was high tide. Enthusiasm was boundless.

It was also announced that as soon as the remainder of the Hendrix endowment should be raised, Galloway College would come next! Let the people shout, pay, pray!

THE AUTHORITY OF A CHURCH.

Referring once more to the subject of authority in religion, we desire to consider what authority a church holds over its members.

A church is a voluntary association of men for the purposes of religion. Among these purposes is the maintenance of sound doctrine. Among them also is the support of correct moral conduct. It is assumed that the source of doctrine and of practice is the Bible, but the church must determine for itself the meaning of the Bible, and it must also determine what are the demands which the Bible makes upon those who are to be members of the Christian church. In the interpretation of the Bible we acknowledge infallibility in no church. Any body of men has a right to form themselves into an association, on the basis of the Scriptures as they themselves interpret the Scriptures, and call themselves a church, provided only such a body acts on what its members sincerely believe to be sufficient ground, and not in a schismatic spirit. And provided

further that they show a decent respect for the opinions of Bible students in general.

A church so formed has the right to say what principles it will consider essential to the integrity of faith. It has also the right to prescribe the rules that shall govern the practice, the lives, of its members. Whether it is expedient for a church to lay out a detailed statement of doctrines to which all members shall be bound to adhere will depend upon what view those organizing the church may hold as to the requirements of the Scriptures on this point. Whatever they believe to be essential to godly living they ought to require as a condition of membership, for it is evident that no body of men can claim to be a church and yet knowingly misrepresent godliness among men.

This opens a wide field for organizations that differ among themselves upon points of doctrine and upon what is essential in practice. And so it happens that we actually have churches differing in doctrine and differing in what they require in the lives of their members. But in the absence of some infallible authority which shall interpret for us the Scriptures there is no other way. If the Pope is such an authority, we ought to follow his counsels. If church councils are such authority, we should be bound by their decrees. But we know no infallible men; and every man is thrown in the last analysis of it, upon his own judgment as to the teaching of the Scriptures, as we believe God intended every man should be. No man, therefore, can be compelled to give his adherence to any church. When men join a church it is an act that is entirely voluntary. Continuance therein is as truly voluntary. No man ought to continue for a day in any church which requires him to do or believe what his own judgment tells him is wrong. A man's first duty is to be true to himself, and no church can deny to him the right to be true to himself.

Nevertheless, a man joins a church knowing the things for which that church stands. Nobody compels him to join. The church as he finds it is made up of members who have a compact, implied or expressed, to stand for certain things. He enters that compact when he joins, and he agrees to abide by the requirements of the church. What if he proceeds to violate the compact by breaking the rules of his church? Has the church in that case authority over him? To ask this question is to answer it. If the church were only a human organization, it would have the right to lay down the rules by which its members should be governed, as the secret orders have done; it would have the right to enforce those rules against refractory members, as those orders claim the right to do; it would have the right to censure, to suspend, to expell. No man has a right to enter an association of men or to take up a course that threatens its peace or prosperity. If the members of any association deem the principles for which they stand important among men, it instantly becomes a duty to compel obedience to those principles by any member who is threatening their overthrow, or else to put that member out of the association. It is the law of self-preservation. Certainly the church holds such authority over her members.

Whether a church ought to descend into minutiae of doctrine or life, or whether it will deal

on the broad lines will depend upon what each particular church thinks is minutiae and what are the broad lines. Nobody can prescribe for another body. A man must consider these matters before he associates himself with a church. When he has connected himself, when he has promised to obey certain rules, it ought to be with him a matter of common sense and of common honesty to abide by those rules. If the time comes when he is not willing to abide by them, the plain and honest way is for him to withdraw from the church. If he does not withdraw the right of the church to discipline him, to the point of expulsion, is a plain and undoubted right—in the very nature of the case. No man has or can have a right to betray any organization which he has vowed to support, and any organization has a right to protect itself against treachery.

We set it down as our own judgment that the church of the future will have broad terms of fellowship, requiring only the simplest and broadest tests consistent with true devotion to Jesus Christ. It is in accordance with the tendency of the times and the signs for the future, and we believe in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures, that it should be so. There are certain tests of membership in some churches that are really tests of narrowness; but they will be eliminated as the years go on, and we shall be inquiring whether men in their hearts are seeking to be true to Jesus Christ, not whether they agree with us on this or that little point of doctrine. We go further and say that men who are true in their spirits but who have intellectual difficulties of the worst sort should find a place among the people of God. What other place is there for such people? All the true, sincere and good people of the earth ought to find a place in the church. What other provision is there for them? And shall we who profess to follow Jesus Christ deny to men who really have his spirit and who are doing their level best to be good and true as they understand the good and true a place among his people, simply "because they follow not with us?" Nay, the church is the nursing mother of all such, and if they come in under the principles we have set out in the foregoing lines, and are obedient in spirit to the church, they have as much right in its fold as the most "orthodox" on the earth. It will be a great day in this world when we get away from narrowness and bigotry. It will be a great day when we have that wide spirit of tolerance that was in Jesus, that was in John Wesley, coupled with inflexible sincerity of heart to do the will of God.

It might be well enough for our pastors who are just beginning the new year and are anxious to succeed to remember that the apostle said that "Charity never faileth." Other methods sometimes fail, they often fail, they are liable to fail, but the way of love never fails. If we love our people, if we love them soul and body, success is ours in our work for them. If we do not love them we may yet do them good, but there is lacking the element of certainty that we will accomplish good with them. That charity and there is no other kind that covers a multitude of faults (sins) will bring success in our efforts. Try it, brother pastor, if it takes all winter and all the succeeding summer. Give it a good trial.

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Notes and Personals

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

White River Conference, Searcy.....December 1

Rev. B. A. Few, our pastor of Magnolia station, was in the city Tuesday and made the Methodist a pleasant call.

At the late session of the West Texas Conference Rev. P. B. Summers was sent to Smithville station, and is well pleased with his appointment. A local paper speaks in high terms of him.

Mr. J. D. Goldman, of the Lesser-Goldman Cotton Co., of St. Louis, has given \$5,000 to the Trustees of the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Other gifts to this noble enterprise are expected.

Rev. D. H. Colquette, of Alma charge, Arkansas Conference, made this office a pleasant and brotherly call Tuesday. He was on his way to Searcy to visit the session of the White River Conference.

On his way to visit White River Conference at Searcy Rev. A. O. Evans of Arkadelphia called at our office Wednesday. He made a model conference host, and seemed to enjoy entertaining the brethren.

After four years at Pine Bluff, Rev. T. Y. Ramsey is transferred to White River Conference. Everybody knows that the White River preachers and people will find in him a gentleman and a good preacher.

We regret very much that Rev. I. N. Holt could not have been retained in the Little Rock Conference. He is one of the best equipped young men of this State. He was transferred to St. Louis Conference.

Rev. Z. D. Lindsey, of Nashville, Ark., had the credit of making the best report at the Little Rock Conference, every claim being not only paid in full but every claim showing an excess over the assessment.

Remember that County Conventions of the Anti-Saloon League are called to meet in each county seat December 11, unless the central committee fixes another date. Every church should be represented.

Rev. H. W. Brooks, of the Memphis Conference has recently assisted Rev. L. B. Padgett in a very successful meeting at Marked Tree, Ark. There were about fifty conversions, and the accessions will be about forty-five.

Rev. Thomas J. Norsworthy, who takes the place of Rev. J. M. Workman at Hunter Memorial, this city, came over from Malvern, his old charge, to look after his new work Tuesday and made the Methodist force a brotherly call.

Rev. Alex. Crawford, who came to our church from the Protestant Episcopal church, and was stationed at Stuttgart, called Wednesday. He expects to be at his post Sunday, and seems greatly pleased with his prospective work.

Rev. S. T. Powell, of Rochelle, Texas, has been appointed to the Bauxite circuit, Little Rock District. He is a local preacher who has done supply

and evangelistic work in Texas and Oklahoma. He is a brother of Rev. C. R. Powell, of the Anti-Saloon League.

Rev. O. H. Keadle, a superannuate of the Little Rock Conference, is spending several days visiting in Little Rock and has made this office headquarters while here. His home is in Pine Bluff. He is enjoying fine health at present.

The force in our office were sorry to have Rev. J. M. Workman moved from the city. He has been a welcome visitor and his sunny face has always come as a ray of sunshine. The word "force" here means everybody, from editors down to the "boy."

Mrs. S. L. Cochran, ordering her paper changed to Stockton, Ala., says that she and her mother, Mrs. Hayes, had a safe and pleasant trip and are comfortably established for the winter. They want their paper so that they may keep in touch with Arkansas friends.

Rev. H. H. Watson, as will be seen from the list of appointments, transfers from Little Rock Conference to White River Conference. He has been three years at Lake Village and Portland and leaves there three times what he found, both as to membership and to finances.

Rev. W. F. Andrews, formerly pastor of our First church, Little Rock, has been visiting his relatives in Sheffield Ala., while waiting for his Texas appointment. He and Mrs. Andrews have just returned from a trip through Europe and report a very profitable and pleasant trip.

We were glad to have, on last Saturday, a call from Rev. A. T. Galloway, Presiding Elder of Searcy District, and Rev. W. E. Hall, pastor of Dye Memorial, Argenta. Brother Galloway was returning from Arkadelphia, where he had visited the session of the Little Rock Conference.

Rev. Naphtali Luccock, D. D., and ex-Governor J. Frank Hanley are the fraternal delegates appointed by the bishops of the M. E. Church to our next General Conference. Dr. Luccock has long been prominent in St. Louis Methodism and Mr. Hanly is the famous temperance governor of Indiana.

Rev. W. F. Evans, Agent for Henderson College, reports the total amount of money secured during the year as follows: On mortgage and interest \$31,990, subscriptions at conference \$5,135, cash and notes before conference \$6,000, guarantee and current expenses for five years \$21,875, total \$65,000.

We are in receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Rev. J. O. Crook to Mrs. Mayme Lee Orton, at Texhoma, Oklahoma. They are at home at Waurika, Oklahoma, their future home. Brother Crook is on trial in the Oklahoma Conference and stationed at Waurika. We extend them our best wishes and congratulations.

Rev. W. C. Davidson has been transferred from White River to Little Rock Conference, and stationed at First church Pine Bluff. Our Pine Bluff people may be assured that they have a man who wears the white flower of a blameless life, and that they have obtained one of the very best preachers in white river Conference.

Rev. D. N. Weaver, of the Arkansas Conference, Treasurer of the Conference Bible Cause Board, wishes us to state that his post-office is Waldron, Ark., instead of Bates, as thought by some. In fact, Brother Weaver states that some mail sent to Bates for him has been returned to the writer. Let the brethren please take notice.

We are in receipt of resolutions passed by the fourth quarterly conference of the Fairview church, Texarkana, expressing their great appreciation of Rev. S. C. Dean, who has just served that congregation for four years and their regret

that he should be compelled under the time limit to leave them. Our people at Benton will find Brother Dean one of the noblest of men.

We were glad to have on Monday a pleasant call from Dr. E. B. Chappell, our Sunday School editor. He is spending a few days visiting the Conferences in Arkansas. The Sunday School interests of the church were never more alive than now and the demands for good literature were never more pressing and our Sunday School editor is making vigorous effort to supply the demand.

It is reported that County Judge Simmons, of Newport, Ark., has announced that, although the vote in Jackson county was for license, he will not issue license for next year. This he has a clear right to do under the law. His stand is due to the fact that he was recently converted and has joined the Baptist church, and cannot conscientiously issue saloon license. Would that all county judges might thus be converted!

The vote by which Dr. T. E. Sharp was elected to the General Conference, by the Little Rock Conference was an unusual compliment. He has been in the conference only a little over two years, and received eighty-three votes of the 122 cast, and was elected on the first ballot. It is an honor of which any man might well be proud. Dr. Sharp has made himself a true conference man and has not played the giraffe among his brethren.

The superannuation of Bro. John H. Riggins, at the Little Rock Conference, last week brought on one of those scenes which are known only in high and deep moments, seen only in the disbanding of soldiers and on such like occasions. There were tears and embraces and rejoicings over a life which had been honest and true and useful and long among his brethren. May the faithful man yet have many years granted him, and may he find some way in which to serve still! Doubtless he will.

Our British Wesleyan brethren have sustained recently a great loss in the death of Rev. Peter Thompson, the superintendent of their East London Mission. He is a man who deliberately turned from a life of scholarly ease, which was easily possible to him when a young man, to do work among the very lowest and vilest of the English population, and who had a triumphant success at the latter work. Nearly twenty years ago we had the privilege of meeting him at the second ecumenical conference of Methodism, in Washington City, and have watched with interest his course ever since. He is gone to a great reward.

We are indebted to Brother Carl Hollis, one of our leading laymen at Warren, Arkansas, for an item about their great Baraca class in that charge. He tells us that they have 208 members in that class. On the 14th they held a memorial service for their late class president, Mr. R. E. L. Pennington, who has recently passed into the heavens. The address, for which we hope we may yet find space in this paper, was delivered by Hon. Fred. L. Purcell. On that day the class paid for missions \$78.00. A more notable Baraca class we do not know. Rev. A. M. Shaw, the pastor, or some member of the class, is hereby invited to tell our readers more of its workings.

THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG.

The fact that 237 men out of the 337 in the Oklahoma conference were moved in the making of the appointments at our Annual Conference this year justifies the complaint: "There is something wrong." Notice also that only twenty pastors and Presiding Elders were returned for the fourth year and only twenty for the third.

The moving will not cost our pastors less than twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars. Then there

is the strain and worry for the preachers' wives and children, the breaking into the schooling of the children, the separating of parents and children, or the loss of employment for the sons and daughters who are at work, the loss of time by the pastors in moving and getting acquainted. What is the need of all this changing anyway? Surely it is not true that more than half of our men are "misfits," making it necessary to move them every year. It is absurd to memorialize the General Conference to remove the time limit until we can make a better record than this. The very fact, however, that our conference sent such a memorial to the General Conference indicates that we are dissatisfied, that we do not think it best to be "everlastingly on the move."

But how shall we stop it? By finding the causes of it. May they be found in the following?

1. A very large number of our men are "misfits." It is necessary to move them every year. They "have to move" is the term used. Or,

2. They do very good work for a year but are not capable of being useful longer in one charge. They are, "one year men." Or,

3. Our men are restless and do not want to stay in one charge long. They get discouraged easily. They make big church debts, cause friction and dissatisfaction. They go to conference and make glowing reports but want some one else to pay off the debts and bring about peace and harmony. Or,

4. They are seeking "better places," a sentiment that frequent changes fosters. Or,

5. The presiding elders are at fault. They forget that it takes time for a man to do all these things needed in the charge. They do not properly appreciate the average man's limitations and expect too much of him, or they listen too frequently to the whims of two or three whom they regard as leaders in the church who for some reason are disgruntled, not having at heart the real good of the church or expressing the will of the people as a whole. Or,

6. The people are hard to please. They soon tire of a man and demand a change. They fail to support their preacher but are continuously promising the presiding elder that they will pay a good man. "Only send us a good man, a man for the place, and we will pay him." Or,

7. The Bishops move men too readily. Without proper information concerning the man and place, or to satisfy the desire to "swap" on the part of the presiding elders they pick a man up and move him from district to district, it may be from one side of the State to the other. Or,

8. All this changing is for the good of the work. There is no need of reducing or stopping it. It is one of the factors contributing to our large success.

What say you, brethren? Let us think on these things.

R. S. SATTERFIELD.

Cordell, Okla.

SEED CORN AND SORGHUM.

WALTER R. LAMBUTH, D. D.

About two months ago a terrific storm visited Northern Mexico. It was accompanied by a cloud burst and flood which deluged Monterey and the surrounding country. The destruction was frightful. Hundreds of houses were washed away and thousands of Mexicans lost their lives. Consul General Hanna of Monterey and other American citizens threw themselves into the effort made for relief. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. A. Phillips, Dr. C. B. Hanson, in charge of our Monterey Hospital, and Brother Quillian were not one whit behind in rendering aid to the sick, wounded and dying. Our hospital wards, patios and even the chapel were full. The sympathetic ministry of our missionaries and Mexican preachers touched many hearts and turned them to Christ.

Brother Phillips has just made a tour afoot, on ox cart and horse back in company with Consul C. A. Miller, of Matamoros, and Consul General Hanna of Monterey. They have distributed relief in the way of blankets, medicine and money, but find an urgent need as well of seed corn and sorghum for the January planting. Will not the Methodists of Texas and Oklahoma respond swiftly to this appeal and, in this material way, help to get these poor, destitute Mexicans on their feet? If Methodism is Christianity in earnest, now is the time to prove it. I give the text of Brother Phillip's letter in full.

I have just finished an eight days' trip in company with American Consul, C. A. Miller, from Matamoros. Consul General Hanna let us have 600 blankets, a lot of chill tonic and some money. We went from ranch to ranch and house to house on ox cart, a foot and horse back and distributed those blankets, over 100 bottles of chill tonic and some money. We have found out pretty well the condition of people from Reynosa to Aldamas on the Rio Grande and San Juan Rivers, a distance of over eighty miles. There is a good deal of destitution and a great deal of poverty. We have done a good deal of relief work, and the people are delighted with the "Americanos" and the "Protestantes."

The worst of it is the loss of crops and the absence of seed corn. They begin planting about January 1. I need a car load of seed corn, and the Kansas or Oklahoma corn would come on two or three weeks earlier than the seed of this country. How shall I go about getting it? Have just written Bishop Candler also. It would also be a good scheme to appeal to Texas Methodists through the Texas Advocate for some sorghum seed. They have none of that in all the territory I have visited. My judgment is that there is no better nor more economical method for helping those people than with seed corn and sorghum cane seed. If we can get it I shall distribute it myself, and I do it because I know the field and have the co-operation of the people.

The way is now open to do an excellent work teaching and preaching in Camargo, San Miguel and several other points. Over a month since I held a ten days' meeting at Camargo, and we had some fifteen or twenty Protestants and about a hundred Catholics every night. Recently I had Julian Castro there over a week preaching and visiting. Those Catholics are practically ours now. In fact we have the ear of eighty per cent of the people in all that region. Now if I can get that corn and cane seed it would be of immense benefit.

I do hope you may find a way to get it, or make a way for me to get it. We need it by January 1, or 15th if possible. I shall be in Monterey about November 27, and a few days after that date. Will you kindly write me about it, so I may know by that time?

J. A. PHILLIPS.

McMillan, Texas, November 22, 1909.

A private note from Dr. Lambuth regarding this very important matter suggests that all seed might be well sent to Dr. G. C. Rankin, Dallas, Texas, who will forward to Brother Phillips. We would urge our people to respond to this appeal. Our Oklahoma people especially are in position to do so. It will be a practical demonstration to these poor Mexicans that we have in us a spirit that is worthy of their consideration; it will be a most practical form of preaching.—EDITOR.

WORTH CONSIDERING.

The trustees of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate have recently issued a statement that is so pertinent that we wish our readers to consider it. It is as follows:

1. To edit a paper, a clean, religious paper, and keep it from failing, for some thirty thousand readers and please everybody is a task no two

nor dozen men have ever yet accomplished. But to please is only a small part of what such a paper is for. Real, spiritual and mental food, that which helps to build up a better character and make men and women useful in the world—this is what the management are seeking every week in the year to lay before their readers. The best judges affirm that not one of all the papers reaches a higher level of excellency.

2. Hundreds of people do not know, hundreds of others will not believe when told, that the receipts from subscribers barely pay for printing and mailing the paper. They hold up the Weekly Constitution or Journal and tell you, here in this paper, you get a great deal more than the Wesleyan furnishes, and all for \$1.00. And they are utterly ignorant of how such a paper as one of these weeklies is made. Alas! alas! that is not the most regrettable fact in this comparison. Such people are so indifferent as to what goes into the characters of their children that tainted canned beef, because it costs less, is as good for health as the choicest cut from the butcher's stall.

3. The advertisements in these mammoth weeklies make the paper a financial success. But, what sort of food do they furnish for a pure girl or an innocent boy? Cheap? Most assuredly. Cheap as the mud in a Mississippi bottom and as reeking with poison. Turn to the columns of the Wesleyan, read its ads—clean, wholesome, nothing hurtful to character about them. Read its editorials, contributions and other matter. No blood-curdling tales of murder and the worse things that befoul the pages of the daily papers. Is there no difference between this and that when the object is to make men and women?

4. For another thing, the Wesleyan is a teacher of the highest and best things, the things that broaden and build up the spiritual life. A lesson of that sort once learned, will any one undertake to measure the value of it in money? Now, Rev. M. J. Cofer, who runs the business end of the paper, is as much concerned for the interests of the readers of the Wesleyan as the editor is. He positively refuses to admit an advertisement to the columns of the paper that is not reliable. Now and then, with the utmost watchfulness, one of a doubtful character slips in. If he were to admit all that beg to get in, as most daily papers do, the paper could be published for less than \$2.00 a year. The paper simply cannot be published for less than the present price, unless you change the character of the paper and elect a different editor, business manager and board of trustees. The paper may fail in the end, but it will not because those who have charge of it are not doing their best to keep it what it now is—a safe teacher of the young, an instructor of those who want to do something for mankind, a comfort to the shut-in class, and a blessing to all who read it.

Finally, with the most careful oversight, watching all points and departments, unceasing toil on the part of Editor and Business Manager, the paper manages to just about hold its own. With quite two hundred thousand Methodists in Georgia the circulation, including special issues—educational and missionary—averaged the past year, 11,481 per month. Our membership is increasing year by year. We are not making any money. We are not trying to make money; there is something infinitely better this paper is striving to do than to make money—making men and women. Will he or she who reads this lend a hand by speaking a good word for the paper?—W. P. Lovejoy, President Board of Trustees.

The early church had deaconesses in it, and the church of the present day has the same, only they are not numerous enough, and their usefulness is not recognized as it should be. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest."

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SESSION.

The Little Rock Conference met in its fifty-sixth session at Arkadelphia, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding. A. P. Few, assistant secretary of the last session called the roll. W. P. Whaley was elected secretary, and A. P. Few, W. F. Menard and Carl Hollis, assistants.

Alpheus C. Clanton, John L. Hoover, Jesse A. Sage, Jr., and H. H. McGuire were continued on trial in class of the second year, and W. M. Jones in class of the first year. Henry T. Buhler, John T. Rogers and Terry M. Armstrong were elected traveling deacons. Dr. J. E. Godbey preached the annual sermon for the undergraduates at 3 p. m. and Dr. Alonzo Monk preached at the evening hour.

Throughout the day, as throughout the whole session, good fellowship prevailed. The attendance was large. The entertainment at Arkadelphia was generous, and both guests and hosts enjoyed themselves.

SECOND DAY.

The conference was opened the second morning by Bishop Hendrix, Dr. J. R. Stewart, of Nashville, Tenn., conducting the opening exercises. Rev. O. H. Keadle was elected assistant secretary.

A number of distinguished gentlemen were today visiting the conference. Dr. J. R. Stewart, Agent Superannuate Endowment Fund, Rev. M. N. Waldrip, of the Arkansas Conference, Rev. B. E. Mullins, of the Church of the Nazarenes, Rev. B. F. Mason, a transfer from the Florida Conference, Rev. A. T. Galloway, of the White River Conference, Mr. I. G. Campbell, representing the Publishing House at Nashville, Rev. D. J. Weems, representing the Western Methodist, and Rev. W. P. Gipson, of the St. Louis Conference, and Dr. H. M. Du Bose, General Secretary Epworth Leagues, were, during the morning introduced to the conference. Dr. Stewart addressed the conference, as did also Rev. Glenn Flinn, of the American Bible Society. Dr. Du Bose spoke on Epworth Leagues at the afternoon hour.

The following were admitted on trial into the travelling connection: L. C. Beasley, I. L. Holt, B. F. Christmas, C. N. Baker, Geo. E. Traylor, Jno. M. Mann, Jas. W. Williams, J. D. Baker. Those readmitted: F. W. Harvey, J. Z. Burleson; S. A. Hill, C. O. Mitchell and John M. Kaufman were elected local deacons, and F. W. Harvey was elected local elder.

The thanksgiving service was held at 11 a. m., the sermon being preached by Dr. T. E. Sharp, of Little Rock.

Dr. Alonzo Monk, who was many years ago a member of this conference was present and a very welcome guest of the conference.

On the night of this day the greatest educational rally ever held in Southern Methodism took place. Bishop Hendrix made the address. \$50,800 was added to the endowment of Hendrix College and \$5,230 was raised to pay off the remainder of the debt of Henderson College, thus making available about \$30,000 previously pledged for Henderson, which was contingent upon paying the entire debt. This gave a great impetus to the Hendrix endowment and wipes out all the debts of Henderson. Enthusiasm rose to the highest pitch. No collection in Southern Methodism ever equalled it. Rev. James Thomas, Commissioner, and Rev. W. F. Evans, the Agent of Henderson, were overjoyed.

THIRD DAY.

The session of the third morning was a very busy and interesting one. Just after the opening the presence of Governor Geo. W. Donaghey was reported, and he took his seat as a lay delegate. Mr. A. W. Mills, lay delegate from Pine Bluff, was also reported present.

Dr. Alexander Crawford, a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Rev. Wm. F.

Rogers, a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, made application for membership in the conference, and they were formally received, in elders orders.

Bishop Hendrix called to the chancel the class to be admitted into full connection, namely, W. T. Menard, H. L. Simpson, Frank Hopkins, J. C. Williams, H. F. Buhler, D. S. Holman, J. T. Rogers and T. M. Armstrong, and after a solemn and lengthy charge, they were admitted into full connection in the traveling ministry.

A resolution which is being passed around, from the General Conference to the annual conferences, changing the 23rd Article of Religion, of the Methodist Church, so as to make all people in foreign lands subject to their own rulers, was unanimously passed. As that article now stands it would bind all people to the President of the United States of America, and the change is made to suit the condition of foreign lands.

The conference was addressed during the morning by Dr. John R. Stewart, in the interest of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, and also by Dr. John R. Nelson, who had just arrived, in the interest of Home Missions and of the Board of Missions.

Great interest was manifested in the election of delegates to the General Conference. Two ballots were taken for clerical delegates, on the first of which Dr. T. E. Sharp was elected, by a handsome vote. On second ballot no election; and the third was not announced when conference adjourned.

The laymen elected Hon. Geo. Thornburgh, Hon. J. H. Hinemon, and Mr. W. K. Ramsey, with Dr. W. J. Pinson as alternate.

Dr. W. B. Palmore, editor St. Louis Christian Advocate was visiting the conference today and preaches tonight. Rev. Marion N. Waldrip preached this afternoon and Dr. Monk is booked for an address at Henderson College.

FOURTH DAY.

The election of delegates to the General Conference was completed the fourth morning by adding Rev. T. H. Ware and Rev. Stonewall Anderson to the delegation. Rev. W. F. Evans is the clerical alternate.

When the name of Dr. J. H. Riffin was called, and was referred to the committee for the superannuate relation, a most touching and lengthened scene occurred. He is one of the old heroes of the conference, now seventy-five years old. There were speeches and tears and embraces. The conference made him a contribution of \$335 as a token of love.

Many of the conference boards and committees brought in their reports this morning. They were read and adopted.

The connectional men present this day were Dr. E. B. Chappell, the Sunday School Secretary, and Dr. J. D. Hammond, the Secretary of the General Board of Education, both of whom addressed the conference. Besides these, Rev. H. A. Dowling, State Secretary of the International Sunday school work and Rev. C. R. Powell, Field Secretary of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League were introduced to the conference, as was also Mrs. Dr. Williams, president of the Little Rock Conference W. H. M. Society, who addressed the conference.

An afternoon session was held, and it was provided that a session should also be held Monday morning. At the afternoon session further reports were acted upon, and the conference practically concluded its business, except the Sunday services and the reading of the appointments. During the afternoon Dr. Dowling and Mrs. Hotchkiss addressed the conference, the latter speaking for the Woman's Foreign Missionary work.

The Bishop preached a sermon which greatly pleased and edified the people on Sunday. Dr. Werlein also preached an excellent sermon at the

Baptist Church, and Dr. Chappell preached one of the very best sermons of the whole occasion Sunday night. We heard good reports from other sermons preached on Sunday also. The three o'clock hour Sunday afternoon was given to the Anti-Saloon League. There were three excellent speeches, by Judge Steel, by Rev. C. R. Powell, the Field Secretary, and by Rev. Frank Barrett.

The statistics read Monday morning showed that there are in the Conference 133 local preachers and 37,762 members; that 856 infants and 1,380 adults had been baptized during the year; that the Conference had raised for foreign missions \$6,917.00; for domestic missions, \$4,433.00; for Church Extension, \$3,167.00; for Conference Claimants, \$7,884.00, but the Conference Treasurer notified the Conference that these figures did not tally exactly with the Treasurer's report.

A more delightful session of the Little Rock Conference was never held.

The next session of the conference goes to Prescott.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

T. D. Scott, P. E.

Arkadelphia Station, A. O. Evans.

Arkadelphia Circuit, James B. Evans.

Benton Station, S. C. Dean.

Dalark Circuit, J. H. Kelvy.

Holly Springs Circuit, J. J. Colson.

Hot Springs—

Central Avenue, Forney Hutchinson.

Third Street, J. A. Parker.

Malvern Avenue, B. F. Mason, M. B. Corrigan, Junior.

Park Avenue, J. R. Rushing.

Tigert Memorial, W. M. Harden.

Hot Springs Circuit, Supplied by J. A. Black.

Lono Circuit, S. W. Rainey.

Malvern Station, J. M. Workman.

Malvern Circuit, C. R. Shelton, supply.

Princeton Circuit, H. E. VanCamp.

Friendship Circuit, F. W. Harvey.

Ussery Circuit, T. F. Hobbs, supply.

Conference Colporter, D. D. Warlick.

Student at Henderson College, J. A. Sage, Jr.

Financial Agent Henderson College and Conference Secretary of Missions, W. F. Evans.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

R. W. McKay, P. E.

Atlanta Circuit, A. G. Cason, supply.

Bearden Circuit, P. S. Herron.

Chidester Circuit, J. C. Sample.

Camden Station, W. C. Watson.

Camden Circuit, J. Z. Burleson.

El Dorado Station, J. W. Harrell.

El Dorado Circuit, L. M. Powell.

Hampton Circuit, W. F. Rogers.

Huttig Station, Moffett J. Rhodes.

Junction City Station, F. F. Harrell.

Magnolia Station, B. A. Few.

Magnolia Circuit, J. J. Meneff.

Kingsland Circuit, T. H. Crowder.

Fordyce Station, B. B. Thomas.

Thornton Circuit, J. C. Williams.

Wesson Station, J. R. Dickerson.

Stephens Station, C. O. Steel.

Strong Circuit, Baxter Williams.

Waldo Circuit, J. L. Leonard.

Professor in Hendrix College, C. J. Green.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

A. C. Millar, P. E.

Austin Circuit, H. H. McGuyre.

Bauxite Circuit, To be supplied.

Bryant Circuit, W. C. Toombs.

Carlisle and Hazen, A. P. Few.

Carlisle Mission, W. A. Greer, supply.

Devall's Bluff and Des Arc, A. M. Robertson.

England Station, Barnett Wright.

Hickory Plains Circuit, J. M. Cannon.

Little Rock—

Asbury, Frank Barrett.

Capitol, L. C. Beasley.
Henderson and Highland, To be supplied.
Hunter Memorial, T. J. Norsworthy.
First Church, T. E. Sharp; H. F. Buhler,
Junior; C. C. Godden, supernumerary.
Twenty-eighth Street, W. D. Mitchell, supply.
Winfield Memorial, S. H. Werlein.
Lonoke Station, J. C. Hooks.
Mabelvale Circuit, S. K. Burnett.
Maumelle Circuit, G. M. Gentry, supply.
Oak Hill Circuit, J. F. Mitchell, supply.
Tomberlin Circuit, W. J. Rogers.
Chaplain of Penitentiary, A. C. Graham.
President Hendrix College, S. Anderson.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.
Collins Circuit, J. W. Williams.
Dermott and Portland, R. R. Moore.
Dumas and Watson, B. F. Christmas.
Crossett Station, J. A. Sage.
Crossett Mission, W. W. Christie.
Hamburg Station, F. N. Brewer.
Hamburg Circuit, Hugh Revely.
Lake Village and Eudora, T. P. Clark.
Lacey Circuit, A. T. Clanton.
Monticello Station, J. L. Cannon.
McGehee and Arkansas City, J. H. Cummins.
Parkdale and Wilmot, C. W. Drake.
Wilmar Station, J. B. Sims.
Warren Station, A. M. Shaw.
Johnsville Circuit, A. B. Holland.
Selma Circuit, R. A. McClintock.
Tillar Circuit, Frank Hopkins.
Snyder Circuit, W. F. Lasiter.
Hermitage Circuit, John Hoover.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

J. D. HAMMONS, P. E.
Alzheimer Circuit, D. C. Holman.
Carr Memorial, M. W. Manville.
DeWitt Station, F. P. Doak.
DeWitt Circuit, J. D. Baker.
Douglas and Grady, E. J. Slaughter.
Pine Bluff—
First Church, W. C. Davidson.
Lakeside, T. O. Owen.
Hawley Memorial, W. W. Nelson.
Gillett Circuit, C. N. Baker.
Macon Circuit, M. O. Barnett.
New Edinburg Circuit, W. M. Jones.
Redfield Circuit, J. E. Waddell.
Rison Circuit, M. K. Rogers.
Roe and St. Charles, J. T. Rogers.
Rowell Circuit, G. T. Traylor.
Sherrill Circuit, J. H. Bradford.
Sheridan Circuit, B. F. Scott.
Star City Circuit, T. M. Armstrong.
Stuttgart Station, Alexander Crawford.
Swan Lake, T. J. Reynolds, supply.
Stuttgart Training School, Claud Orear.
Student in Vanderbilt University, W. T. Mc-nard.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.
Amity Circuit, H. M. Bruce.
Bingen Circuit, S. A. Hill.
Blevins Circuit, F. R. Canfield.
Caddo Circuit, J. L. McKinley, supply.
Center Point Circuit, J. J. Mellard.
Gurdon Circuit, A. Turrentine.
Harmony Circuit, R. K. Bass, supply.
Hope Station, W. P. Whaley.
Hope Circuit, To be supplied.
Mineral Springs Circuit, L. W. Evans.
Murfreesboro Circuit, E. F. Wilson.
Nashville Station, W. M. Hayes.
Emmet Circuit, J. W. Berry, C. D. McSwain,
supernumerary.
Mount Ida Circuit, John Simpson, supply.
Oden Circuit, D. P. Forsythe, supply.
Okolona Circuit, J. D. Dunn.
Prescott Station, W. A. Steel.
Pike City Circuit, David Bolls.

Washington Circuit, A. D. Jenkins.
Professor in Hendrix College, J. E. Godbey.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

T. H. WARE, P. E.
Ashdown Circuit, R. G. Rowland.
Bright Star, H. L. Simpson.
Cherry Hill, J. F. Taylor.
College Hill, L. E. Hundley.
DeQueen Station, M. K. Irvin.
Fairview Station, W. A. Swift.
Foreman, To be supplied by B. C. Few.
Gillham Circuit, J. W. Mann.
Horatio Circuit, H. W. Mills.
Locksburg Circuit, W. M. Crowson.
Lewisville Circuit, J. R. Sanders.
Mena Station, Z. D. Lindsey.
Spring Hill Circuit, J. B. Williams.
Stamps Station, W. R. Harrison.
First Church, Texarkana, James Thomas.
Texarkana Circuit, C. F. Messer, supply.
Umpire Circuit, J. J. McKinnon.
Vandervoort Circuit, Edgar Seay.
Commissioner of Education, James Thomas.
Transfers—
I. L. Holt to St. Louis Conference.
W. A. Lewis, to Oklahoma Conference.
F. E. Dodson to Arkansas Conference.
C. C. Green to Arkansas Conference.
H. H. Watson to White River Conference.
T. Y. Ramsey to White River Conference.

A MISSOURI LETTER.

Editor Western Methodist: Your valuable paper reaches me weekly and keeps me in touch with the militant army of the church in Arkansas and Oklahoma. I see that the brethren are fighting great battles and winning great victories. I see that your temperance hosts are gathering for the great conflict, and it is certainly to be hoped that the day will be won for God, and home, and native land. Carnegie makes the statement that England cannot compete with Germany on a contract for structural steel because the working men of Great Britain lose from one to two working days out of the week on account of intoxication. This is in accordance with the utterance of the lamented Dr. Joseph Parker that intoxicants threaten the very existence of the Anglo-Saxon race. For confirmation of this view let a man walk through Billingsgate, London. Here is the cyclonic blackness of strong drink. Humanity cannot flourish on destruction. Up here in Missouri we begin to hear the rumbling of the coming conflict. Our large cities are the strongholds of the brewing interests. Vast fortunes are invested in this business and these great financial interests render the problem all the more complex and difficult. My native county in Missouri, Shelby, has been without saloons for twenty years and more and even the villages of a hundred inhabitants have banks. There are grown young people in that county who have never even seen a saloon. The truth is the saloon has been weighed in the balances and found wanting in everything that makes for good to mankind. The God of heaven is with the right and right will prevail.

I have been looking over the pages of some great lives lately. One of these is the life of Gladstone. I was so deeply impressed on the re-reading of this life that I made use of it one Sunday evening in a sermon to my people on constructive statesmanship. I was deeply impressed with the value of this one man's life to the reign of Queen Victoria. To be sure he was not exactly a royal favorite, but he was a tower of strength to the throne of the world's greatest empire. To the thoughtful student of those times it is evidence that some of the reforms introduced by Gladstone in England prevented revolution. Reformation is always better than revolution. One of the important lessons in

this life was the gradual toning down of his aristocratic tendencies. Even old aristocratic Oxford finally repudiated him on account of his democratic broadening. The interests of the people became more and more important to him and thus he finally came to be the very soul of Liberalism. Happy the man who discovers his age and governs himself accordingly. What a loss it would have been to England to have set aside Gladstone in the prime of his powers.

I have been making some notes of things seen in our church papers in the course of the last few months. Some wise and strange things have greeted my eyes. It seems that Occident has at last yielded to Orient. The proud West bows humbly to Japan and prays for lessons on the Methodist general superintendency. Great Japan just emerging out of the night of paganism. England and the United States have dressed up the dear little doll, and they have kept bad old Russia from tearing its little dresses, and now what airs little Frenchie puts on. Lessons to John Wesley and Francis Asbury on up-to-date Methodism. Excuse me, Mr. Editor, I do not mean to hurt dear little Japan. She is a dear girl. I fell in love with her at Chicago in the art exhibit at the World's Fair. I renewed my love for her blushing beauty at St. Louis at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. I have bought her more ribbons than one and I am proud of her spirit of progress but I am not willing for this dear little child to teach me the very latest about Methodism. Of course, she is an eclectic, but I am a non-eclectic and there the matter ends with me. England was wise enough to use Gladstone for nearly a whole century and she made no mistake in so doing. It would have been a mistake for one short-sighted tatesman to have been the occasion of the setting aside of such a man as Gladstone.

For the first time in my life I have read the life of Abraham Lincoln and I am now a man of at least fifty. When I was a child Abraham Lincoln was not popular in the home of my father and mother who were Kentuckians by birth and southern in their sympathies. When I was a small lad one evening a neighbor came over and told us that Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated, and I was glad of it! I shall never forget the first money I ever earned. An uncle with strong southern feelings promised me a silver half-dime if I would go out in the yard and "holler" "Hurrah for Jeff Davis," and I went out and "hollered" it to the very best of my voice and heart. Reconstruction has been a slow process with me, and even the union of Methodism is to me one of those "far off" divine events. Lincoln's age is gone, it is true, but there is still "a nigger in the wood-pile," and he is getting bigger socially. We are not done with him even in the church. Brother Rockefeller is trying to "trust" all of our Protestant churches and when the two Methodisms have been "trusted," what is going to become of Abe Lincoln, Afric Ham, and me, especially me? I never did like old Abe, although I confess now that his place in history will be exalted for all time to come, and the Negro, enslaved in this country and blessed by slavery, admitted to my ecclesiastical and domestic life on exact terms of equity, never. Evidently Brother Carnegie and others are trying to buy up all Protestants into one, and that means ultimately one Methodism. I am not saying that much good will not be done in this gigantic scheme, and I grant that it may be the ultimate Christian ideal, but I am wondering what will become of me when Abe, the darkey and I, all land in the same heap. Perhaps there will be a remnant of a Methodist "southern jurisdiction" left, and if so, I hereby give the world notice that I intend to organize an expedition to the South Pole. If I am driven to this I will see if I cannot convert Lieutenant

Shackleton and all the south polar region to Southern Methodism.

I beg your pardon, Mr. Editor, for intruding these views on your patient readers. I am fully aware of the fact that my position shades me with the past. I am not out of sympathy with the high and noble endeavors of the present. I have hopes for a brighter future for the church and the on-coming ages. I confess to quite a tinge of old fogeyism, however. I am thinking of writing a book on the hitherto unheard of title, "The Glorious Satisfaction of the Old Fogey," including an account of such men as Moses, Isaiah, St. Paul, Martin Luther and John Wesley.

M. L. GRAY.

Chillicothe, Mo.

THINGS THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER.

Our next general conference will be one of unusual importance. The whole church is looking forward to it with more than ordinary interest. Before it will come some grave questions, the solution of which will have an important bearing on the future of Methodism as represented by the M. E. Church, South. There is a strong and ever increasing sentiment in favor of certain changes in our polity. This sentiment is almost strong enough to make such changes mandatory. There is a demand for a more general distribution of the governing powers in the church. The power of the Episcopacy is out of harmony with the Democratic spirit of the age which is pervading the world and modifying all governments. Both the ministry and the laity are demanding larger liberty, which they will have sooner or later. The voice of popular sentiment may be expressed somewhat as follows:

1st. A Bishop should not have the power to station the preachers without freely conferring with his advisers.

2nd. He should not have the power to make an appointment without the concurrence of at least one-third of his advisers.

3rd. The transfer power should have such limitations placed upon it as to restrict its exercise to the needs of the church.

4th. The tenure of the Episcopal office limited to eight years.

5th. The Annual Conference should have the right to nominate its presiding elders.

6th. The district conference should be authorized to elect a layman to a seat in the Bishop's cabinet.

7th. The church conference should be empowered to elect its official members.

C. O. STEELE.

Stephens, Ark., Oct. 1st, 1909.

A KEY TO THE BOY'S HEART.—AN INCIDENT.

A teacher had in his class an incorrigible boy. She had exhausted all her resources in trying to manage him. In her despair, she went to consult his mother. The mother exclaimed, "Oh, don't mention that bad boy to me. Come into my kitchen and see what he has done." They went in, and the mother pointed to the walls where the boy had made pictures of cats and dogs and birds and horses, etc. "See there what he has done!" said the mother. The teacher looked at the pictures intently for a time and then said, "Madam, I thank you for showing me what your boy has done. Good-by." The teacher, the next Sunday morning, appointed this very boy as the artist of the class, to draw maps and to make pictures illustrative of the lesson. He loved to do it. She found a key to that boy's heart, and saved him. Go thou and do likewise!

The average production of apples this year is 42.5 per cent of a full crop, against 43.4 per cent in 1908, and a ten-year average of 50.9 per cent.



DEC. 5. ABSTINENCE AND STRENGTH.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

Dan. 1:8-16; 1 Cor. 9:25-27.

THE TOPIC.

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, more than six hundred years before Christ, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, laid siege to Jerusalem. Because of the evil doing of Jehoiakim, God gave the victory to Nebuchadnezzar, who took Jewish captives back to the land of Shinar, which is the proper name for Babylon and the country round about. King Nebuchadnezzar gave orders that certain picked ones of these Jewish captives should be trained in the use of the Chaldean language and otherwise prepared for service to the king in his palace. These chosen Jews must be without physical blemish, skilled in wisdom, and able to add strength to the king's cause.

A daily provision of flesh, wine, etc., was ordered by the king for these captives, that at the expiration of three years they might stand before the king. Among the Jews were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Under the leadership of Daniel, these four begged the man in authority to give them pulse to eat and water to drink instead of the rich foods and wine ordered by the king. Having won the favor of this man, Daniel and his friends were given ten days of secret trial with the plain fare. It showed them so much fairer and fatter than the others that the pulse and water were permanently substituted for the king's meats and wines.

Religious training and character are paying investments. Though captives far from native land, these Jews do not forget the God of their nation and the faith of their fathers. Pessimistic discouragement is not to cloud their lives even if a foreign foe has conquered their king and taken them away as prisoners. Brave hearts of faith do not surrender and mope in melancholy because of defeats and lowering clouds.

"The sweet blue sky will soon peep through,
When the ominous clouds are rifted."

Daniel "purposed" in his heart. It is a tower of strength to have a pure heart and with it a strong, true purpose. To drift with a muddy tide may do for foam and straw and chips, but it is unworthy of immortal man. In the midst of life's multitudinous temptations and irresolute human weaklings it is refreshing to see a stout soul that sees something better than surrender—something higher than tame submission to times and conditions.

An appetite needs control. The king's meats and wines had their appeal to the flesh. Daniel and his fellows were human, and had human appetites. But appetites, like whimsical children, ought not always to be humored. Indeed, they very much need discipline. To gratify a taste is not a sufficient reason always. What will that taste lead to? What evils will it bring? If it forebodes a slavish bondage to appetite, then by all means let it get no hold. It brings physical injury, the momentary gratification is a small matter, and deserves only to be spurned as unworthy a being who bears God's image.

Plain food is more wholesome than rich viands. Water is better than wine. The fat from beer is bloat. Over and over and over has it been proved that high feasting and drinking are health-breaking in their effects. Alcohol is no longer considered a food. Dr. Henry Smith Williams in an article in McClure's Magazine some time ago shows that the tissues of the brain, the nerves,

the heart, the blood vessels, the stomach and intestinal tract, the lymphatic system, the kidneys and the liver may each and all become diseased by the habitual drinking of even small quantities of alcohol. "He notes also," says the Literary Digest, "that these consequences are not confined to the drinker, but are passed on to his descendants of successive generations. All this may be compared to the eroding effect of a flowing stream, which has its greatest action on the part of its banks that is least resistant. So alcohol circulating in the blood tends to attack whatever organ or tissue may be weakest and most susceptible. Dr. Williams agrees with those who tend to class alcohol as a poison and discards the 'pernicious theory' that it 'gives any persistent increase of muscular power.'"

Quotations could be multiplied almost *ad finitum*. Medical science is fast exposing the delusive theories of a stimulating and strength-producing power in strong drink. Dram drinkers are the quickest to go down in a disease crisis. So conspicuous is this fact that mortuary tables for life insurance companies take it into cold calculations and make it a mere matter of commercial account. On the other hand, abstinence has fortified itself times without number in ruddy health and strength. Of course, there is a possible extreme. A sufficient quantity of wholesome food is one of the necessities. Diet has been carried to absurd extremes. But the lesson remains that plain food and simple drinks are beneficial to the body. That they are beneficial to character is so self-evident as to need no comment.

Finally the meats and wines were no longer brought to Daniel and his friends. Strong and resolute as they were, the temptation was not brought into their presence. We hear much nowadays about the necessity of temptation to make men strong. But the wise man will keep out of the way of the tempter as much as possible. It is true that morals cannot be legislated into people, but it is also true that laws are guards to human safety and protection. Hence the whole world is awakening to the fact that instead of legalizing the liquor traffic lawmaking bodies must put the handcuffs on it.

BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS.

1. The woe to the treater and the vender. (Hab. ii. 15.)
2. Perverts. (Isa. v. 20-25.)
3. Bad morals and manners. (Rom. xiii. 11-14.)
4. A comprehensive rule. (1 Thess v. 22.)
5. For the sake of others. (1 Cor. viii. 9.)
6. Sowing and reaping. (Gal. v. 17-21.)
7. Spiritual wisdom and its contrast. (Eph. v. 17-21.)

ILLUSTRATIONS.

Alcohol and Longevity. Of 61,215 persons, the average deaths should be 1,000 a year. Of 61,215 liquor sellers, the death average is 1,642. Of 61,215 abstainers, the death average is 560.

Alcohol a poison.—Sir Frederick Treves, physician to King Edward the Seventh, declares that alcohol is an insidious poison, and should be subject to as strict limitation as opium, morphia, or strychnine, and that its supposed stimulating effects are delusive.

(From British Parliamentary report on physical deterioration, prompted by failure of a majority of candidates for enlistment in British army to pass medical examination. Quoted in Craft's "World Book of Temperance.")

"It is an error to say that alcohol is necessary to workmen who engage in fatiguing labor; that it gives heart to work or that it repairs strength. The artificial excitation which it produces speedily gives place to nervous depression and feebleness."

"The habit of drinking entails disaffection from the family, forgetfulness of all duties to society, distaste for work, misery, theft, and crime. It

leads at the last to the hospital, for alcohol engenders the most varied maladies—paralysis and lunacy, disease of the stomach and liver, dropsy. It is one of the most frequent causes of tuberculosis. Finally it complicates and aggravates all acute maladies. Typhoid fever, pneumonia, erysipelas, which would be mild in the case of a sober man, quickly carry off the alcoholic drinker. The hygienic faults of parents fall upon the children. If the latter survive the five months they are threatened with idiocy or epilepsy, or, still worse, they are carried off a little later by tuberculosis, meningitis or phthisis."

"For health of the individual, for the existence of the family, for the future of the nation alcohol is one of the most terrible scourges."

(Quoted from posters put up by French city governments to check national decay that has led the deaths exceeding births, in Craft's "World Book of Temperance.")

From the days of the ancient Olympic games until now no athlete has been able to indulge in alcoholic or malt drinks without diminishing his strength and endurance. Contestants in the games spent ten months in training, during which they did not eat nor drink anything that would weaken their bodies. Modern training admits of no alcoholic drinking.

Wine killed Alexander the Great and caused his empire to fall into ruins.—*Rev. J. A. Burrow, D. D.*

REPORT OF THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

(Made to the Annual Conference.)

This report covers the work of the fall term of 1908, and the spring term of 1909.

I. Teaching and Teaching Force.—The teaching staff was composed of five Americans and ten Chinese, and besides the regular College teachers a foreign drill master and an instructor for the student band have been employed. The college has never had a stronger teaching force. For some years we have been carefully forming the Chinese staff, and it has never been so efficient as now, and nothing in the development of the work has given us quite so much pleasure as the growth in the sense of responsibility and interest on the part of the Chinese staff.

The outside foreign assistance we are under the necessity of obtaining has been much more satisfactory than has often been the case.

The course of study has been somewhat modified, and the department of Commerce has been started. The failure of the home office to find us a permanent man for this particular work has been a serious drawback and a discouragement, but we were very fortunate in securing a part of the time of the Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D. D., an experienced Accountant, to help in this work. We are convinced that this new venture along practical lines can be very useful in extending the work of the college. We are promised a permanent man for this special line, and we must have one to make the work count.

In the matter of military drill for the students and the student band we have made substantial progress. While such work is not to be ranked as of the first importance of the work of a school, it is not a negligible factor in the development of school discipline and (college) spirit.

At the close of the last school year three young men were graduated from the complete course. Of these one is studying in America, and two are teaching in China. Five received certificates from the Preparatory department, and four of these continued studying in the college. The present class is the largest the school has ever had.

The closing exercises were interesting, and well attended. Addresses were made by Admiral Sah, Consul General Denby, and the President of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce.

The Study Body.—180 has continued to be our limit of students to be received. In spite of the limitations on our side and increasing competition from the outside, the attendance has been fully sustained, and we are compelled to refuse admittance to students each term because we were full. We labor under great embarrassments in trying to house those we take. We need more room—teaching room and dormitory room—and we could make good use of it. The number of old students in attendance has been more than eighty-five per cent of the student body.

We have continued the work of using scholarships, loans, etc., in reducing the expenses of certain young men who have promise but little financial ability. Our success for a long time in this kind of work encourages its continuance. This assistance is granted preferably to our own people, but it has not been entirely limited to our own church. The sons of our own preachers pay no tuition, and none of them have ever been charged in full for other fees. We have been able to draw some splendid Christian young men from outside our church, especially from South China, who pay their way. During the year we sent one student to help form the first class of the Theological Department of the Soochow University, and we shall do our best to have others follow.

The students—present and former—with some of the friends of the college arranged a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the college for the 4th of June. The arrangements were enthusiastic and elaborate. In spite of the heavy rainstorm, about two thousand were estimated to have been present. Addresses were made by U. S. Consul-General Wilder, Dr. Timothy Richard, and others. Gifts were made to the library and subscriptions to the building improvement were started by the former students to express their appreciation of the college.

Religious Work and Effort.—The religious life and work of the students have given us much encouragement. Very promising interest and industry have been manifested in the regular Bible work required by the course of study. This work holds such a place in the program of teaching that its importance cannot be mistaken by the students. I am confident we are seeing results of it, and I am sure that the nearness of a large number of the leading students to the truth is influenced in no small degree by this conscientious work in the class room. Three young men were baptized during the spring term who have been with us three, five and seven years respectively.

Special services were held during the spring term, and a large number of students committed themselves to lives of Christian service, and genuine improvement is clearly seen in the lives of many. I have made it possible to give more time than ever before to personal talks to the older students, and am convinced that it will pay.

Our Sunday school has been well attended and has been very enthusiastic. We draw from the Y. M. C. A. school and several day schools, until the attendance reached 370. Our Sunday services have been an inspiration.

The religious work planned and carried on by the students has prospered. Several classes for voluntary Bible study have been kept up and well attended. Weekly services for the inmates of the Municipal jail have been continued, and there have been various other activities.

The College Y. M. C. A. has been active in the college, and has been prominent in furnishing workers in the Summer and other Students' Conferences, and our young men have given a good account of themselves. I consider the daily lives of quite a number of our young men a strong testimony to our Christian faith.

Finance.—Outside the salaries for two married missionaries and less than the amount for one

single missionary, we have found all the money for salaries, running expenses, and repairs—ordinary and extraordinary. The work of repairing and dividing 18 Quinean Road authorized by the home office has been completed, making residences for two families. All this as well as all ordinary repair work, has been done from the earnings of the College, and yet we have managed to keep out of debt. The charges for new students have been increased during the year, but so have the expenses. Some money has been contributed by members of the Old Students' Association and there is promise of more. This will be applied to the buildings.

We have tried to do the work that has been done for the Master, at the command of the church whose orders we are all here to obey. We are aware of the failures that have been made. We ask most earnestly your prayers and co-operation in the work.

Respectfully,
JNO. W. CLINE, President.

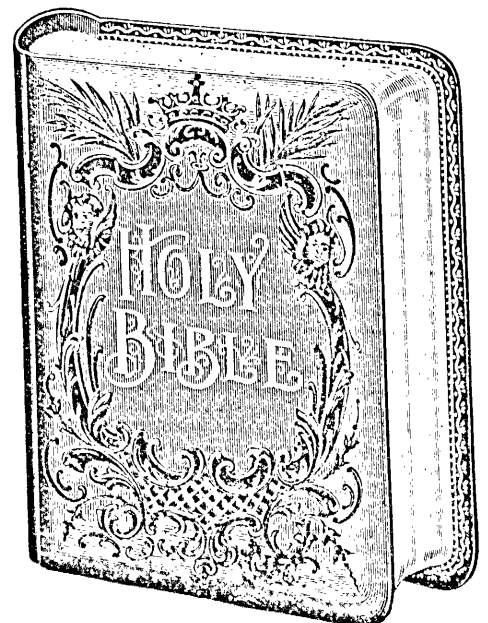
LAYMEN, ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Mr. P. W. Furry, lay leader of the Arkansas Conference, sends us the following list of delegates and alternates elected by the laymen of the Arkansas Conference to the Laymen of the Conference at Dallas, Texas, Feb. 22-24, 1910:

Delegates—S. W. Simpson, Morrilton, Ark.; J. W. Hammock, Quitman, Ark.; R. L. Fisher, Rosebud, Ark.; Dr. E. H. Stephenson, Ft. Smith, Ark.; B. M. Woodruff, Mulberry, Ark.; W. B. Cherry, Paris, Ark.; J. A. Bell, Greenwood, Ark.; H. F. Rogers, Ft. Smith, Ark.; W. G. Furry, Van Buren, Ark.; A. W. Estes, Yellville, Ark.; J. C. Eaton, Bellefonte, Ark.; Walter Clinton, Ozark, Ark.; J. H. Basham, Clarksville, Ark.; C. B. Winton, Coal Hill, Ark.; J. H. Reynolds, Fayetteville, Ark.; J. M. Wellborn, Rogers, Ark.; C. G. Dodson, Springdale, Ark.; J. B. O'Neal, Morrilton, Ark.

Alternates—S. S. Waters, Conway, Ark.; J. F. Munday, Russellville, Ark.; G. C. Brown, Pottsville, Ark.; J. H. Stubbs, Conway, Ark.; G. P. Jackson, Bentonville, Ark.; E. S. Eatman, Rogers, Ark.; M. M. Collier, Prairie Grove, Ark.; W. B. Young, Ft. Smith, Ark.; C. S. Greenway, Booneville, Ark.; E. L. Matlock, Van Buren, Ark.; Joshua Buel, Paris, Ark.; Fay Pendergrass, Charleston, Ark.; J. B. Pains, Van Buren, Ark.; R. F. D.; G. D. Huddleston, Lamar, Ark.; Dr. W. R. Hunt, Clarksville, Ark.; Dr. A. J. Vance, Harrison, Ark.; J. H. Dunnaway, Hindsville, Ark.; A. D. Reynolds, Ozark, Ark.

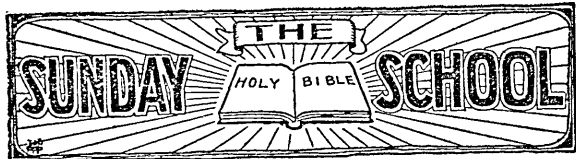
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December 12. "Paul's Last Words"—II Timothy 4:1-18.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"—Phil. 1:21.

A LESSON PLAN.

Our church has eliminated the regular quarterly review, substituting in its place a missionary lesson. On the whole this is a change for the better, but there are times when it works a distinct loss. We need to take leave of the great "apostle to the Gentiles" with a definite life-sized portrait of that marvelous man. The International Review lesson for next Sunday gives opportunity for the picture, but as our lesson is to be a missionary study it will be necessary for us to use our recent lesson as a review, closing with "Paul's Last Words." This is the plan that I offer the teacher. Read slowly and thoughtfully Acts 9 to 28, omitting such parts as do not refer to Paul. The apostle's letters give us considerable autobiographical material.

I. Paul's Youth and Upbringing. (Two minutes.)

He was born in Tarsus, a world center, in an intensely Jewish home. His education was completed in the famous school of the Pharisee Gamaliel. He evidently took high rank, for we find him in the opening of Luke's story already a member of the Sanhedrin. Three great influences blend in affecting his formative years, to-wit: (1) Hebrew in his home and school life, (2) Greek in Tarsus, (3) Roman in his citizenship. Thus unconsciously was he a "citizen of the world."

II. His Conversion. (Three minutes.)

Never knowing Jesus as a man, his first acquaintance with the Nazarene was when he returned to Jerusalem, and this new sect was filling Jerusalem with its doctrines, and it looked like the whole nation would go off after this new "heresy." Paul threw himself with all the ardor of his great soul into "saving"—as he thought—Israel from ruin. The dazzling vision near Damascus transformed the persecutor into a flaming evangel of the cross.

III. The Missionary Journey. (Five minutes.)

Five minutes is a very small compass into which to pack some twenty years of intensest, modest work. Of course only the "high places" can be touched, yet it is possible for the teacher who has been gripped by the imperial sweep of those wonderful journeys to so picture the pioneer as he goes forth to win the Roman world for his Lord.

IV. The First Imprisonment. (Five minutes.)

Paul is in the capital city of Israel—Jerusalem—bearing the alms of the Gentile Christians to the "mother church." He is mobbed under the very shadow of the temple itself; is saved by the Roman soldiery; is spirited away by night to Caesarea; after two years of prison life is taken to Rome on that memorable sea voyage which ends in shipwreck at Malta; finally arrives in Rome; after two years of mild imprisonment he is tried before the emperor and is released (this is almost a certainty), and makes a fourth missionary journey, of which there is little or no record.

V. The Second Imprisonment. (Ten minutes.)

Paul's release is not for long. Sad days have come to the church; the hand of Caesar is raised to smite that gentle sect "which is everywhere spoken against." The apostle is rearrested. This time the charge does not break down and he is condemned to death. Out of this last incarceration he writes his "good-bye" message to Timothy and to his spiritual children scattered throughout the world. It is full of the ripest

thought, touched with deepest pathos, yet radiant with the dawn of eternal day.

VI. The Martyrdom. (Five minutes.)

Tradition tells the story of his execution. "He was led out of the city with a crowd of the lowest rabble at his heels. The fatal spot was reached; he knelt beside the block; the headman's ax gleamed in the sun and fell, and the head of the apostle to the world rolled down in the dust. So sin did its uttermost and its worst. Yet how poor and empty was its triumph. He lives among us today with a life a hundredfold more influential than that which throbbed in his brain while the earthly hull which made him visible still lingered on earth. He is the greatest of the uncrowned sons of the race."

WHY OBSERVE "SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY"?

1. Because the Conference has ordered its observance, and every pastor undoubtedly desires to be loyal to the great movements of his church.
2. Because the church and Sunday School need the education and inspiration that will come from the proper observance of such an occasion.
3. Because it will make prominent the Sunday School cause and will emphasize its importance as an agency for the salvation of our young people, their education in Christian doctrine and training for service.
4. Because it will give us a vision of the opportunities and possibilities of the Sunday School work when we look out upon the field we see the one "whitest unto the harvest." It is an inviting field. Let us enter.
5. Because the Sunday School Board needs every cent available to carry out the large plans that have been outlined for the next year. Let all the collections in all the services on that day go into the Sunday School fund.

It is estimated that there are more than 7,000,000 boys and girls in the United States between the ages of six and eighteen who are not in any Sunday School. Is it not time that the people of God should bestir themselves to save this great army to the church?

HOW WE GROW.

The following figures will indicate, to some extent, the growth of our church in every particular. There are some things that cannot be tabulated; but some specific statistics may form a basis for some general conclusion. Those below indicate the growth of our Children's Day offerings:

1901	.....\$	119.07
1902	.....	166.73
1903	.....	250.44
1904	.....	210.30
1905	.....	251.24
1906	.....	178.32
1907	.....	441.05
1908	.....	755.18
1909	.....	1,170.00

WELL PLEASED.

In a note to this chairman Dr. Chappell, our Sunday School leader, expresses his pleasure at the progress of the work in Oklahoma. He says: "I am delighted at the way things went off at your Conference. . . . Am sure that the coming year will prove even more pleasant and profitable than the last." Dr. Chappell has lent a helping hand, has given encouraging and helpful words for our work for the past three years. To him is due, in a large measure, the credit for whatever success or advancement we have made. We are glad that he is pleased.

THE BOY AND THE HEROIC.

To the average American boy everybody who has anything to do with religion, from the kindergarten to the angels in heaven, is a woman. It

is not to be wondered at that the presentation of that kind of religion does not appeal to the average boy. He loves and worships the heroic. What a fine opportunity every teacher has had during this year in the study of Paul's life to present the thought of high and holy heroism, and to inspire every boy to desire to live that sort of life. If we are going to hold our boys to the Sunday School, we must present the manly, heroic view of Christ and of the Christian life. So we change a word in the Apostolic injunction and say, "Add to teaching courage."

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"The eleven o'clock hour of every first Sunday is devoted to the children of the congregation." The above statement we find on the visiting card of one of our young pastors. The wisdom of such a thing is seen in the results. Twenty-eight were converted and that number joined the church. Would that every pastor in the Oklahoma Conference would do likewise; or even preach to them once a quarter. The only suggestion I would make on the above good plan is that we adopt every service so that the children may get something—yea, a good deal—out of every service. Won't you do it, brethren?

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"IF."

"If you are strong-headed, view Moses.
"If you are getting weak-kneed, look at Elijah.
"If there is no song in your soul, listen to David.
"If you are a policy man, read Daniel.
"If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.
"If chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you.
"If your faith is below par, read Paul.
"If you are getting lazy, watch James.
"If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land."

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"MAY QUIT PREACHING TO CHILDREN."

In conversation with this chairman not long since, one of our most successful preachers in his ministrations to the children said, "I can conceive of but one condition that may cause me to quit preaching to children. If I see that other ministers who follow me are not going to take hold of these children that I get committed to Christ and into the church my efforts will be largely lost. Under such conditions and such circumstances I think I should quit." Such a conclusion would be a sad one indeed; but this preacher, as many others are doing, and *all* ought to do, is studying the child problem as it relates to the church of God. He sees how his best efforts may be lost by being not followed up in the training of childhood. Let no one think of "quitting," but let all begin anew to obey the Divine injunction "Feed my lambs."

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And don't forget the "Sunday School Day," December 12. On December 7, "tag" all the school; and send them out to advertise and to "tag" everybody else who will promise to go.

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"METHODISM AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL."

We have endeavored to put a little tract with the above title in the hands of every pastor in the Oklahoma Conference. It is well worth reading. The Sunday School Board got permission from Dr. W. F. Packard to put his address in this form. It puts Methodism in the forefront of the modern Sunday School movement, where she ought to be.

Brother Preacher, if you need some help in the preparation of that address for "Sunday School Day," read "Methodism and the Sunday School," which the chairman sent you.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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.)

Bono, Ark., Nov. 1, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: This is my second time to write. I guess you all remember me for it has been a short time since I wrote last.

Ruth Ward, your letter was fine. I guess your age to be seventeen. I hope I have guessed it for I want to get that postal.

Ola Boothe and Nora Lyon, you missed my age. You all guessed it to be sixteen and it is just fifteen.

It seems like the boys are taking more interest in our page. Wonder what has become of Oklahoma Blanche? Come again Blanche; your letters are fine. I wish you would tell us your name.

I have read a good many books, among them are: "Courtship of Miles Standish," "Stories of the Bible," "The First Mortgage," and a good many more too numerous to mention.

How many of the cousins are going to school now? I am not and guess I'll not get to go any this winter for they are going to build a new schoolhouse. I surely hate to miss school but I am glad they are going to build a new house.

Sterling McKinney your letter was good. Come again. I like to see letters from Bono.

Our protracted meeting will begin Sunday, Nov. 7th. It is rather late in the season but I hope it will prove a success.

Well as my letter is getting long I will close by answering Harriett Comb's question: "Reverend" is found only once in the Bible, in Psalms 111th chapter and 9th verse.

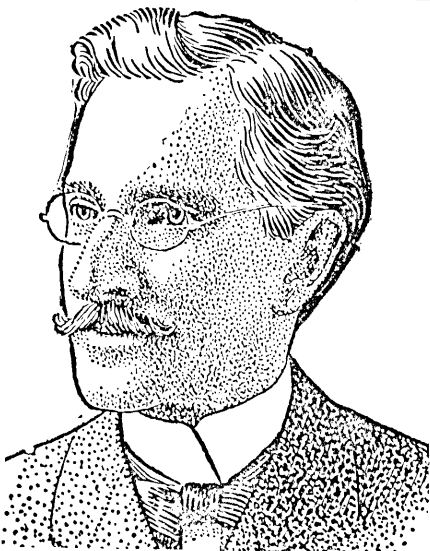
With best wishes to the Western Methodist and cousins,

WILLIE JOHNSTON.

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Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 31, 1909.

Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins:
Please be patient just a few minutes



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while I make another suggestion, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

I think it would be so useful as well as interesting for us to organize our little band. Have an executive committee composed of a president, corresponding secretary, and treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the president to co-operate with our little band, and write a letter once in every two months to the paper, offering suggestions, and giving encouragement and her ideas of how the band is progressing. I suggest that Miss Lillian be elected for president. Give her your right name.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a list of all the names and addresses of every cousin and to write to them and find out the reason, when one does not write to the paper one or more times in six months. Cousins, send in your right name and address as soon as you know who the secretary is.

The treasurer is the most important office of all for here is where the cousins will do the most work. Cousins, please send your names to the treasurer and if you can, give five cents every month. This goes to help some unfortunate girl or boy. The president is to appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to distribute these funds—buying flowers and anything that is needed for the sick. So cousins, when you hear of some one who needs help send word to the chairman of this committee. Madam President, I suggest that Ruth Carr be chairman. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to send in a report to the paper every six months, telling of all funds that have been taken in and sent out and what they were used for.

Send the names of the ones that you want for president, secretary, and treasurer to Miss Lillian and she will publish names of one who have the most votes.

If you wish to find out anything more about this, write me a letter and send it to Miss Lillian for she has my address.

EVELYN.

P. O. Box 55, Tulsa, Okla.

NOTE: I would suggest that you nominate Ruth Carr for president but send all names to me.

"Miss LILLIAN."

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Fort Gibb, Okla., Nov. 2, 1909.

Hello Cousins: Well Cousins I thought I would write to you to see what you all were doing this pretty November day. We are having some fine days aren't we? How many of you Cousins are christians? I am for one. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and to League every Sunday night, and I go to prayer meeting every Wednesday night. I am at school now. I am in the sixth grade. My room mate is writing to the cousins.

Our fathers both take the Western Methodist and I like to read the children's page.

There is forty-four in our school and the oldest one is eighteen.

Cousins, I am going to let you guess my age. It is between 11 and 14. Miss Bula Ward I guess you to be 18. I have two sisters and one married brother. My sister's names are Grace and Susie and my brother's name is Jackson. I am the oldest. Say, Oklahoma girls don't let the Arkansas girls beat us. Boys, wake up and don't let us girls beat you. I would not be so backward. Roy Lofton is about the only boy that writes. I have gone to three ice cream suppers and we sure had a good time. Well Cousins, I guess I had better stop and get my history lesson. I have eight studies and have to work hard. I will close by asking a question. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? Good bye.

From your Cousin,

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McComb, Okla., Oct. 12, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I am a little girl five years old. This is my first letter to the cousins' page. My sister is writing it for me. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. Miss Ersa Black is my teacher; I like her fine. Cousins, come over and help us eat apples. We have a good many of them. I am writing this to surprise papa. I will close hoping to see this in print.

From a new cousin,
NEVA WALKER.

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McComb, Okla., Oct. 11, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I have never written before, so I thought I would write to the Methodist. I go to Sunday school every Sunday that I can.

We have Sunday school at two places; one in the morning and one in the evening. Our school is out. Our preacher's name is Rev. S. H. Berry. I have one sister and one brother. Guess my age, between eleven and fifteen. I will close, hoping to see this in print.

GLADYS WALKER.

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Riverside, Ark., Oct. 21, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist: I thought I would write a letter as I haven't seen any letters from here. I go to Sunday school and church every Sunday I can. Our pastor's name is Bro. C. F. Wilson, and our presiding elder is Bro. Galloway. My teacher's name is Mrs. Adair; I like her fine. My papa is the superintendent. I am not going to school. I will let you guess my age, it is between seven and ten. I will send a post card to the one who guesses it. Well, I will close for this time as this is my first attempt to write.

Yours truly, GRACIE MAY CLAYTON.

* * *

RUTH CARR.

Of all names ever spoken,
The sweetest name by far,
Is a name that will live forever,
The sweet name of Ruth Carr.

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To pen us a word of love;
To teach us to live ever nearer
To the home that is waiting above.

Her life is brightly shining.

Pure and clear as an evening star,
May our lives be as useful and happy
As the life of our cousin, Ruth Carr.

EVELYN.

Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 23, 1909.

Good. Write again, Evelyn.—Ed.

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Manila, Ark., Oct. 14, 1909.

Dear Methodist: I have been reading the children's page for my first time. I thought I would write a little letter. I go to Sunday school every Sunday that I can. My teacher's name is Miss Besie Cannon and I like her fine. Our pastor's name is Bro. Gar. Brother and I like him fine. I go to school every day and I am in the fifth grade and my teacher's name is Miss Alice Womack and she is a fine teacher. I have got one little sister and four brothers. My superintendent's name is Mr. Joe Ashabanner and I like him fine. Well as my letter is getting long I will close.

Your new friend,
ETTA WELLS.

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Adona, Ark., Oct. 30, 1909.

Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins: As I have not written to the children's page for some time, I thought I would try to write again. I have just finished reading the nice letters and it made

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me want to write one. Ruth Ward, come again with another nice letter. Your letter was just fine. Our school has been going on three weeks. We have fine teachers this year and I am learning fast. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I received a Bible by going to Sunday school every Sunday in one quarter.

"Evelyn," I have read "Stepping Heavenward," too. I think it is a dandy book and I have read "Dora Dean," and many more.

Miss Ruth Carr, your letter on cigarettes was just fine. I think every boy that read it will surely quit the awful habit. I will let you cousins guess my age, it is between thirteen and seventeen, and the one that guesses it will receive a post card. Ruth Ward I will guess your age to be seventeen. Am I right? I will close with much love to the cousins.

Your cousin,
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YELLVILLE STATION.

Annual Conference has come and gone. I don't know that I ever enjoyed myself better at Conference. Though a stranger I was made to feel at home among the brethren of the Arkansas Conference. They are as fine a body of men as one will find anywhere.

Bishop Hendrix read me out to Yellville. I got home Tuesday about 11 a. m., proceeded at once to pack up and get ready to move to Yellville. On Friday, 10:35 a. m., we left Berryville, went to Harrison, spent the night with Brother Womack, our pastor at Harrison. Friday evening, after arriving in Harrison, I called up Brother T. L. Bond, our faithful Sunday School Superintendent at Yellville, told him I was at Harrison on my way to Yellville, would be there Saturday, would preach in Yellville Sunday. Saturday morning we took the hack for Burgman, arrived there 11:50 a. m. Took the train for Yellville at 12:25, arrived at Yellville about 1:30 p. m. There was one of the ladies of the Woman's Home Mission Society at the train to meet us. We took the bus for the parsonage. When we got in sight I could see there was a storm raging about the parsonage. I remembered that about a year ago I had to face the ruins of a church and parsonage caused by a storm. Immediately I decided it was my fate to face another storm. But this was quite a different kind of storm. When we drove up to



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the front of the parsonage a number of the ladies of the Woman's Home Mission Society met us, conducted us into the parsonage, which we found to be a large house of eight rooms. A number of them furnished. The first place they took us was into the family room, which was a large room, neat and clean, furnished and carpeted. After we had deposited our grips, hats, etc., they invited us into dinner. On going into the dining room we found a table loaded with good things to eat. They then bade us good-by.

We wandered around to see where we were. Then commenced a search to see what we could find. We found everything we needed to go to keeping house and several days' provisions. So we are at home at Yellville faring well.

We had good services Sunday and Sunday night, while we feel unworthy we feel thankful for a place to work in the church. Are also thankful we are permitted to labor with the people of Yellville. We are determined, by God's grace to make this the best year of our lives.

T. J. TAYLOR, P. C.

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Dear Methodist: We are grieved over the loss of Bishop Ward. He greatly endeared himself to the people last year. His work with us was truly helpful, and we were hopeful of great things from him in the future. He died very shortly before the session of our conference.

Considering our great disappointment, we had a good conference. The work was carried on in good spirit and reports show a good year. Some reports were very inspiring. If I could give you the reports of some of the native preachers they would inspire you to larger faith in the work.

Since conference, our oldest preacher, our only superannuate, has passed away. His two only sons are in America, one in Millsaps College and one completed at Vanderbilt this year. In fact, the oldest is supposed to be en route home. The old father was trying his best, when I saw him at conference, to live till his son returned, but he could not hold out. He leaves a good name.

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The itinerant wheel has made another revolution and dropped me in the above mentioned place. Leaving Sallisaw, where we had in some respects a very pleasant year, and where we have many dear friends, we arrived here in due season and were most cordially received by as fine a body of Methodists as can be found in Oklahoma. Thus far we like the people very much. Our Sunday School Superintendent is an up-to-date Sunday School man and a Christian gentleman, and of course has a fine Sunday School. The stewards and trustees are a fine body of men, manly straight forward business men, who love God and the church. It is a real pleasure to have such an official board. The good women of the church are well organized, having both Home and Foreign Missionary Societies with some splendid workers. The Foreign Missionary Society gave me a birthday din-

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A. C. PICKENS.

FROM BROTHER EDWARDS.

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Yours for a great year,
J. D. EDWARDS.

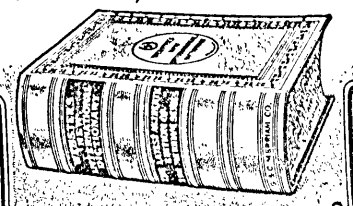
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court made and entered on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1909, in a certain cause (No. 12408), then pending therein between M. S. Griggs *et al.*, complainant, and Mose Shepherd, defendant, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the east door or entrance of the Pulaski County Courthouse, in which said court is held, in the city of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Saturday, the 11th day of December, A. D. 1909, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lotes One (1) and Twelve (12), in Block Thirty (30), in the town of Wrightsville, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Terms of Sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 15th day of November, A. D. 1909.

F. A. GARRETT,

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This year we shall raise three billion bushels of corn. It is hard to realize what that means, says a writer in *Success Magazine*. It is a harvest greater even than the bumper crop of 1906. These three billion bushels will be worth to the farmer over a billion and a half of dollars, or over three times as much as the corn was worth in 1896. Last year the value of all farm products in the United States was almost eight billions of dollars. This is more than the entire wealth of America in 1850. In 1850 the farms of the United States where worth less than four billions, today they are worth twenty-eight billions. Every day the farmers of the country are worth \$3,400,000 more than they were worth the day before.

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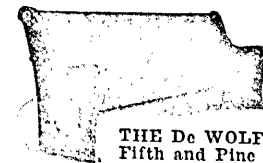
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Gifford Pinchot has become something more than a passing incident. He stands for a big idea—the conservation of our public resources—as no other man, with the possible exception of Senator Burton of Ohio, stands for it in the public eye. He is a man with a mission, and he has succeeded in enlisting in his mission two Presidents, forty-six governors, and a very considerable part of both houses of Congress. "I want to say here," said President Roosevelt, at the opening of the historic conference of governors in Washington, "that if it had not been for Gifford Pinchot, this conference never would or could have been held." If a man is to be measured by the size of his mission—and what better way is there of measuring him?—Pinchot has become one of the largest men in our public life.

When he graduated from Yale about

twenty years ago, where he won high honors on the athletic field as well as in the class room, young Pinchot was a millionaire, with a world of pleasure before him to be had for the asking. He threw in his lot, however, with the toilers and builders. He had imbibed from his father a love of forest culture and he determined to make a specialty along this line.—*Current Literature.*

"Go now ye that are men, and serve the Lord." (Ex. 1:11.) I am not careful for what may be a hundred years hence. He who governed the world before I was born will take care of it likewise when I am dead. My part is to improve the present moment.—*John Wesley.*



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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

SWIFTON, ARK.

Situated on the Iron Mountain road about half way between Newport and Hoxie is Swifton. This is a very good business point in a fertile valley. We have a nice church and have bought a very good parsonage. Rev. W. D. Ellis and his good family occupy it. He has been quite successful as a preacher, both on his own work and helping his brethren. We secured two new subscribers, C. A. Dukes and S. A. Driver.

ALICIA.

A short run brought me to Alicia, a good railroad town. We are building a new church here. I collected well from the old and secured two new subscribers, Mrs. J. C. Loller and Mrs. I. E. Bryant, who keeps the hotel.

MINTURN.

This is an old town but a new place for Methodism. It is very much like the last two towns for business.

The Methodists have bought the public school home for a church. Bro. Ellis has held a good meeting and organized a church with about 16 members. He gave me the names of seven persons whom he thought would take the paper. Each of them subscribed, viz., Prof. A. W. Ellis, Mrs. O. P. Killion, T. J. Shrabel, Mrs. Rebecca Madox, Mrs. Ida Lisle, W. R. Smith and T. J. Owens, who is applying for license to preach. Prof. Ellis is principal of the school and is a fine teacher. He has two lovely daughters.

WALNUT RIDGE.

The county seat of Lawrence county is Walnut Ridge, one of the growing towns of North Arkansas. Substantial brick business houses and beautiful cottages are still being built. They have an elegant court house, in which the conference was held six years ago, a splendid two-story brick academy, laundry, oil mill and other public works. We have a real nice parsonage but very much need a new church more centrally located. We have a fine membership of first class Christians drawn the closer together by virtue of the difficulties they have had to encounter.

Rev. L. C. Craig seems to be the right man for this place. He is a strong scriptural preacher and is master of the situation. He has had a prosperous year. With a partial canvas we shaped up the old and added nine new subscribers, J. P. Biggger, Mrs. M. Rankin, Mrs. S. T. Benningfield, Mrs. Dr. J. C. Land, Mrs. S. F. Wallor, Mrs. E. M. Davis, Mrs. L. L. Rankin, Mrs. J. C. Pinnell, and Mrs. C. W. Letbetter.

MAMMOTH SPRING.

This town is well named. The spring makes a little river from its source. A third dam is being built about three miles below the head. The walls are made of cement. It is their purpose to have extensive electric power for light and machinery. The town is improving. Business seems good. We have a comfortable parsonage and a neat church. Rev. J. W. Thomas is the popular young pastor here and at Hardy. He has been treating his congregations to a few sermons on baptism, a very proper thing for a Methodist to do, as our people hear so much on this subject from the other side. We had a very pleasant service with a few Misses Daniel and Erwin furnished good music.

They have a fine white stone public school building and a good school. Collecting well from the old, we secured one new subscriber, Mrs. C. W. Culp, who keeps an excellent hotel at reasonable rates.

HARDY.

About twenty miles from Spring river is Hardy. It has the court house for the north half of Sharp county. Is a good business point. We have a good church, and a creditable list of subscribers who paid up. While at Hardy

I met Bro. W. S. Southworth who was in deep sorrow over the death of his son J. C. on the 13th of November. He leaves a wife and precious child.

IMBODEN.

A half day was spent in Imboden, one of the best towns west of Jonesboro on the Frisco road. You are impressed with the many beautiful snow white cottages. I predict this will be quite a resort for health and schools for those who live in the river bottoms. The soil is fertile and well adapted to grain, grass and fruit. Corn is plentiful. They are completing a large two story brick public school house. The Sloan Academy has a good school. The grade of work is excellent. Prof. B. P. Smith, principal, is giving great satisfaction, and he has other good help. Rev. T. A. Bowen, the pastor, was at Ravenden Springs. But his good wife, Dr. Henderson and Dr. Poindexter furnished helpful information. So I shaped up the old and secured seven new subscribers, viz., Mrs. G. Meredith, G. G. Guthrie, Prof. B. P. Smith, M. E. Morgan, W. D. Taylor, Alonzo Spaulding, and Mrs. J. A. Straughn, who runs the Commercial hotel, a nice place to stop.

Brother and Sister Bowen are natives of this county. They have honor in the land of their nativity. We have a real good church and parsonage and an excellent membership.

BLACK ROCK.

At the confluence of Spring and Black rivers is Black Rock. The soil is quite rich along the rivers. The town is on a high ridge. Has quite a number of mills, substantial brick stores, plenty of churches and an extra good public school as reported to me by one of the directors. Prof. W. H. Phipps, the principal, is giving full satisfaction.

I secured two new subscribers, Mrs. C. P. Lentz and Prof. W. H. Phipps. Our list here is too small. Rev. W. J. Leroy and wife have been here two years. They were out on another part of their work rounding up for conference. They are very dearly loved by their people.

PORTIA.

A few hours were spent in Portia. They are gradually recovering from the big fire that destroyed nearly all the business district two years ago. Located in a fine farming country, Portia will continue a good trading point. They have an extra good citizenship. The Frisco road have built nice brick pavements about the depot, that help appearances very much. They are doing this at many other places. We have a good church and a creditable list of subscribers. Two others subscribed, Mrs. J. A. Moore and Mrs. Alexander.

HOXIE.

Located at the crossing of two trunk-lines, Iron Mountain and Frisco, is Hoxie. This is strictly a railroad town, extending fully a mile and a half on both sides of the railroad. It is a division of the Iron Mountain with a round house, a Y. M. C. A., a bank, several stores, hotels, a splendid public school two story brick. We have an elegant church with extra nice pews. Sunday was delightfully spent at Hoxie preaching morning and evening to appreciative congregations, and holding service in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Bro. E. H. Watkins is secretary, and is a fine Christian worker, having charge of the Sunday school. Rev. E. N. Bickley is here and at Pocahontas. He is loved by his people. Hoxie needs and should have preaching every Sunday, especially Sunday night. A liberal appropriation from the Board of Missions would in a few years yield fine results. I collected well from the nice list of old subscribers and secured two new subscribers, Mrs. W. M. McGowan and Mrs. M. M. Krawser. Mrs. Sadie Richardson furnished elegant entertainment. I also enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Walker and Bro. J. M. Jackson, who has a son in Hendrix Col-

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The plan of section programs proved so successful last year that it has been adopted for the coming convention. Complete programs are being arranged for the following divisions: Elementary, School Section; High School and College Section; County Examiners' Section; Superintendents' and Principals' Round Table; School Improvement Section; Mathematics Section; Classical and Modern Language Section; Athletics Section.

Special railroad rates will soon be announced and reduced hotel rates are arranged at Hot Springs. Information and programs can be received by addressing Dr. H. S. Hartzog, President, Arkadelphia; Prof. H. S. Traylor, Secretary, Booneville; Supt. George B. Cook, Statehouse, Little Rock.

EVANGELISTIC NOTICE.

I have my time all promised for meetings till the fourth Sunday in January. The brethren of the Oklahoma City District who desire my help in early meetings should write Brother Scales at Oklahoma City or myself at McLoud at once. We will need to hold the meetings where we can use the houses now until about the first of May, as the weather will be too cold and the winds too high for the tabernacle meetings before that time. I hope the pastors of the town churches who want my help will use these winter months and

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AN IMMORTALITY WORTH WHILE.

A friend of mine passing along the streets of New York some years ago heard the newsboys announce the death of A. T. Stewart. Instantly he said: "We were about the same age. If I am to do any good in this world with my money I am to begin now." During that year he put \$80,000 into educational enterprises. This was not taken from his current income, but from the accumulations of all his life.

A man I knew exceedingly well in Boston, put his entire estate, after caring for his mother and a few poor relatives into founding and endowing the Boston University, and now over six hundred young men and women are preparing for a life of higher usefulness by his aid. What a blessed family! Is it not better to help six worthy poor persons to help themselves and the world rather than to encumber two or three such people with the care of unnecessary wealth?

Peter Cooper put his last years and fortune into the Cooper Institute. A thousand beneficiaries crowd its halls. He used to go on commencement days and sit in the pleasant halls. Hundreds of bright boys and beautiful girls would come and take his withered arms in their plump hands and say: "Father Cooper, all we have of brightness and hope in life is owing to your kind generosity." No wonder the old man lived to be ninety. He has already lifted hundreds from poverty and a life of indebtedness to skill, taste, comfort, and honor and will continue to do so for a thousand years.

But he did no more than was done by two girls I met in Ohio. I was raising money to build an industrial school for the emancipated negroes in the South. Two young ladies were introduced who wished to help in the good work. I soon discovered that they were blind and earned their own living. But they were as cheery as the morning and anxious to help those less fortunate than themselves. I thought of the Master's approval of the giving of the poor widow, and felt that in the world of perfect light their blind eyes would open on a brighter glory than most of us can see.

Excuse my earnestness. I plead with what is born in my blood. After my father had spared two sons to go to college, he bought a perpetual scholarship to enable someone to be at school, free of tuition, to the end of time. After my mother had brought up and educated her own five children she began to aid in the education of children of others, and when her children gathered in the old home after her spirit went to heaven, they put her little fortune into a scholarship in the Boston University, where one of her sons is president, and to the end of time there will always be someone preparing for the Christian ministry by her instrumentality. She being dead, yet speaketh in many pulpits of this land and beyond the seas. Honored parents, who trained children to lofty ideals of service, who tuned your own lives to that divine rhythm whose keynote was struck by the model life, living you wrought all your power for God and man, and dying were so wise as to continue your work as long as time shall endure!

O friends, how shall we most meet our responsibility? Citizens of the best nation on the earth, the continents and centuries were winnowed for seed fit

to plant this land withal; they brought higher ideas of education than we have maintained. We are made the example of the world. I hear the tramp of coming millions. I ask, how can we give them what we have enjoyed? We know that only the workers will be the winners. We look into the face of God, and see that he has daily loaded us with blessings, and cry, what shall we render unto him for all his benefits?

Let me lay on your tender hearts the cause of Christian education. Working for this high end we shall not die, but pass down the coming ages as having wrought with God for man, and he who works with God wears an eternal crown. —Bishop Warren.

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I shall never forget a lesson I received when at school. We saw a boy named Watson driving a cow to pasture. In the evening he drove her back again, we did not know where, and this was continued several weeks.

The boys attending school were nearly all sons of wealthy parents, and some of them were dunces enough to look with disdain on a scholar who had to drive a cow.

With admirable good nature Watson bore all their attempts to annoy him.

"I suppose, Watson," said Jackson, another boy, one day, "I suppose your father intends to make a milkman of you?"

"Why not?" answered Watson.

"O, nothing, only don't leave much water in the cans after you rinse them—that's all."

The boys laughed, and Watson, not in the least mortified, replied: "Never fear. If ever I am a milkman, I'll give good measure and good milk."

The day after this conversation there was a public examination, at which ladies and gentlemen from the neighboring towns were present, and prizes were awarded by the principal of our school, and both Watson and Jackson received a creditable number, for, in respect to scholarship they were about equal. After the ceremony of distribution the principal remarked that there was one prize, consisting of a gold medal, which was rarely awarded, not so much on account of the great cost, as because the instances were rare which rendered its bestowal proper. It was the prize of heroism. The last medal was awarded about three years ago to a boy who rescued a poor girl from drowning.

The principal then said that, with the permission of the company, he would relate a short anecdote.

"Not long since some boys were flying a kite in the street just as a poor lad on horseback rode by on his way to the mill. The horse took fright and threw the boy, injuring him so badly that he was carried home and confined some weeks to his bed. Of the boys who had unintentionally caused the disaster none followed to learn the fate of the wounded lad. There was one boy, however, who witnessed the accident from a distance, who not only went to make inquiry, but stayed to render service.

"This boy soon learned that the wounded boy was the grandson of a poor widow whose sole support consisted in selling the milk of a cow of which she was the owner. She was old and lame, and her grandson, on whom she depended to drive her cow to the pasture, as now helpless with bruises. 'Never mind, good woman,' said the boy, 'I will drive the cow.'

"But his kindness did not stop there. Money as wanted to get articles from the apothecary. 'I have money that my mother sent me to buy a pair of boots

Sister Woman!

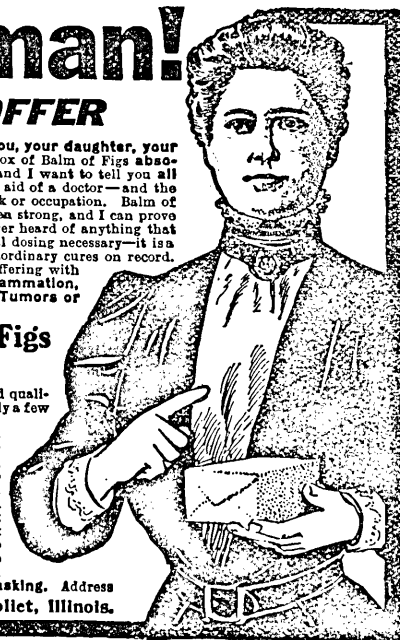
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"O," she exclaimed, "I'm doing type-writing for Professor Summer. He asked me if I could do it as well as I could sweep walks, and I told him I could. It is fascinating work, copying the notes of his experiments."

"I've no doubt," the Dean declared, "that you intend to perform experiments of your own some day."

"I'm going to try," she laughed.

When he reached that point in his favorite story, the old professor always stopped.

"And did she?" somebody was sure to ask.

"No," he fumed; "she went and married a young up-start of an instructor. She swept his piazza for awhile, till he made a reputation, and she copied his notes, and I've no doubt did half his work. He always said so."

"It seems a pity," the sympathetic listener, lured on so far, would probably begin, only to be vehemently interrupted.

"Pity?" Where's the pity? What's the pity? She helped a man do his work in the world, and brought up three sons, any one of whom would have washed piazza floors cheerfully to get out West, one is helping build brains in the East, the third is still in college. I'd like to know how a woman could put her education to better use." Then he would smile and look out across the campus, with its group of girls. "I used to doubt the wisdom of higher education for girls. The girl who washed piazzas converted me," he would finish. —"Youth's Companion."

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OBITUARIES.

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

YOUNGER—Mildred, daughter of Mrs Mary Younger, was born at Baren Fork, Izard county, Ark., July 9, 1894; died Nov. 1, 1909; aged fifteen years, three months and twenty-two days. She was converted in the summer of 1905 and joined the M. E. Church, South. Mildred was always a sweet girl, but I have never seen anything that equalled the last two weeks of her life in the way of manifesting a sweet Christian spirit. She loved and trusted God, and moved every one to tears who visited her with the love she showed for them and her Lord. It made one's heart sad to see her taken from her mother in her youth when she was needed in the home so bad.

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Sometimes there are only a few irregularly situated pimples on the cheeks, forehead or chin, while in other cases, where the blood is extremely impure, the entire face becomes literally peppered with them, giving the countenance a most repulsive appearance, and exciting much unfavorable and derogatory comment and criticism by people on the streets and elsewhere.

Pimples are caused, secondarily, by an inflammation of the sebaceous glands and pores, while the primary, or underlying cause, is undoubtedly a depraved, morbid condition of the blood, and is a sure indication that the latter is filled with all sorts of impurities which should be eliminated from the system.

The purchase and application of salves, ointments, jellies, cold creams, etc., is a waste of time and money, for a blood disease cannot be cured by applying a medicament to the skin.

All persons who suffer from pimples, boils, carbuncles, eczema, skin blotches, ulcers, scrofula, scurvy, and all other skin diseases arising from an impure and impoverished condition of the blood, should use **STUART'S CALCIUM WAFERS**, a remedy, the chief ingredient of which is calcium sulphide, the most powerful alterative and blood cleanser and purifier in existence.

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But she has gone to meet her father, two brothers and a sister in that sweet home above. And blessed thought, mother with two sisters can meet them all again. Mildred is gone but we know where to find her. May the Spirit and blessings of God comfort all who mourn her loss.

G. W. M. FREEMAN, P. C.
Cave City, Ark., Nov. 25, 1909.

MORRIS—On the date of October 24, 1909, the death angel visited the home of Brother John Morris and took away little Johnnie. While out playing with his little brother he swallowed a lead pencil. Dear father and mother, brothers and sister, weep not for little Johnnie, for he is a little rosebud safe on the bosom of Jesus, where pain nor sorrow cannot come, and no farewell tears are shed. Dear father and mother, you can meet little Johnnie again someday. Then what a great reunion over on the other shore.

It is hard to break the tender cord when love has bound the heart, and, oh, so hard to speak the word we must forever part.

A loving sister in Christ,
MRS. J. S. LEMMONS.

DUPRIEST—James Burton Dupriest was born February 23, 1868, and died June 19, 1909. He was married to Miss Harlan Foreman May 7, 1899. He bore his afflictions with patience. Many times during his illness he would speak of dying and would always say that he was not afraid to die, but wanted to live to help raise his little family. In the last few weeks of his sickness he said several times that if he knew he would never be any better he would be glad to go. Often when his suffering would be so severe he would turn to singing a few words of some consoling song, some of which were, "We Shall Reach the Riverside Some Sweet Day," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," "The Wayworn Traveler," and "Death is Only a Dream."

On Saturday one week before he died he was suffering severely when he said, "I feel like the wayworn traveler. I feel like I had overtopped the mountains."

On Monday before he died while his mother was sitting near his bed, he said, "Death is only a dream. Ma do you ever think about that?" She said, "Yes." Then he began singing the song and sang until his feeble voice was too weak to sing more. This was the last song we heard him try to sing.

He leaves a wife, five children, a mother, some brothers, and a host of friends to mourn his death. Dear friends, weep not for him, as for those who have no hope. For Christ was his stay and he is now gone to live with him. We cannot bring him back, but thank God, we can go to him, where God can wipe all tears from our eyes and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

His pastor,
J. E. SNELL.

Quitman, Ark., Nov. 26, 1909.

FOREMAN—James Benjamin Foreman was born March 5, 1836; was married to Miss Mattie Harlan October 9, 1860. He joined the Methodist Church at Bethesda, Ark., at the age of 33, where his membership remained for forty years (until his death, September 8, 1909).

Brother Foreman remained active in his church until his death and was ever ready to help the needy. He leaves a much-loved wife, a number of children, who are all religious, several grandchildren, and many friends to mourn his death. At the time of his death he could not speak. Therefore his last words were not as some have been, but we all feel sure that he is now around the Great White Throne of God. May we all so live that we may see him again where death is unknown. May we all realize that our loss is heaven's

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J. E. SNELL, P. C.
Quitman, Ark., Nov. 26, 1909.

THE BUSINESS OF THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT.

President Taft at the inauguration of Dr. Shanklin at Wesleyan University the other day spoke a good word for the scholar as a college president. He said he had always dissented from the idea that the president must be first of all a business man. On the contrary, the college president is first of all a teacher. It is his profession, and the college is a teaching institution. In the evolution of the American college we have gone far from that ideal. We have made our college presidents little more than passers of the hat and extenders of the receptive hand. They have been so occupied with raising money for debts, buildings, and endowment, that they have not had time to attend to the real business of the college. And yet think of the men whose names make American college history luminous: James McCosh, Mark Hopkins, Timothy Dwight, Charles W. Eliot, Woodrow Wilson, and others of that stamp. They may have secured money for their institutions, but their chief work was always to give men and women to the nation.—*Epworth Herald*.

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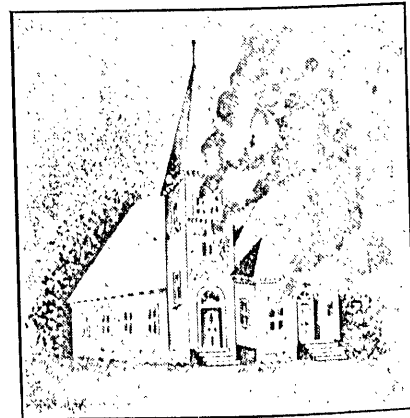
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FAYETTEVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND.
 Goshen at Zion.....Dec. 4, 5
 Springdale.....Dec. 5, 6
 Elm Springs, at E. S.....11 a. m. Dec. 10
 Springtown at Mt. Tabor.....Dec. 11, 12
 Siloam Springs.....Dec. 12
 Centerton Ct. at Oakley Ch.....Dec. 15
 St. Paul 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.

MORRILLTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
 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
 Morrillton 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 Morrillton
 Tuesday, December 7, 1909, at 1 o'clock
 JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Charleston Circuit at Charleston.....Dec. 4-5
 Fort Smith Circuit at Springhill.....Dec. 6
 Waldron Circuit at Mt. Pleasant.....Dec. 11-12
 Waldron Station.....Dec. 12-13
 Bates Circuit at Bates.....Dec. 13-14
 Hackett Circuit at Bethel.....Dec. 16
 Alma and Kibler at Alma.....Dec. 18-19
 Van Buren Station.....Dec. 19
 Greenwood Station.....Dec. 20
 First Church.....Dec. 26
 Dodson Avenue.....Dec. 26
 Central Church.....Jan. 2
 The district stewards will meet at Central
 church, Fort Smith, November 30, at 1 p. m.
 F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Roseville and Webb City, at Roseville.....Dec. 4-5
 Altus and Denning, at Altus.....Dec. 5-6
 Ozark Circuit, at Pleasant Grove.....Dec. 7-8
 Beech Grove Mission, at Beech Grove.....Dec. 9-10
 Ozark Station.....Dec. 11-12
 Clarksville Station.....Dec. 12-13
 Lamar and Mount Olive, at Lamar.....Dec. 18-19
 Spadra Mission.....Dec. 19-20
 Hartman Circuit, at Hartman.....Dec. 20-21
 London and Knoxville, at London.....Dec. 22-23
 Gravelly and Wing, at Wing.....Jan. 1-2
 Danville Station.....Jan. 2-3
 Walnut Tree Circuit, at Camilla.....Jan. 4-5
 Belleville Circuit, at Belleville.....Jan. 6-7
 Havana Mission, at Southern Home.....Jan. 8-9
 Ola Circuit, at Ola.....Jan. 15-16
 Prairie View Circuit at Prairie View.....Jan. 22-23
 Dardanelle Circuit, at Liberty Hall.....Jan. 29-30
 Dardanelle Station.....Jan. 30-31
 J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Henderson and Highland.....Dec. 5
 Capitol.....Dec. 5
 Lonoke.....Dec. 12
 First Church.....Dec. 19
 Asbury.....Dec. 19
 Twenty-eighth Street.....Dec. 26
 Winfield.....Dec. 26
 Austin Ct., at Smyrna.....Dec. 30
 Hickory Plains Ct., at Walter's Ch.....Dec. 31
 Devall's Bluff and Des Arc, at Devall's
 Bluff.....Jan. 2
 Carlisle and Hazen, at Hazen.....Jan. 3
 Mabelvale Ct., at Primrose.....Jan. 9
 Hunter Memorial.....Jan. 9
 Carlisle Miss., at Hamilton.....Jan. 12
 Bryant Ct., at Alexander.....Jan. 15-16
 Bauxite Ct., at Bauxite.....Jan. 16-17
 Mammelle Miss., at Taylor's Ch.....Jan. 23-24
 Oak Hill Ct., at Paran.....Jan. 30-31
 Tomberlin Ct., at Keo.....Feb. 5
 England.....Feb. 5
 District Stewards' meeting at First Church,
 at 1:00 p. m., December 15.
 A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

GUYMON DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Sampsel Ct., at Fairview.....Dec. 4-5
 Boise City Ct., at Garlington.....Dec. 11-12
 Nabisco Ct., at Nabisco.....Dec. 18-19
 LaKemp Ct., at Bethany.....Jan. 1-2
 Ellis Ct., at Locust Grove.....Jan. 8-9
 Inland Ct., at Pinkston.....Jan. 12-13
 Tangier Ct., at Tangier.....Jan. 15-16
 Woodward St.....Jan. 16-17
 Mutual Ct., at Mutual.....Jan. 17-18
 Grand Valley Ct., at Fulton.....Jan. 22-23
 Guymon St.....Jan. 29-30
 Tyrone St.....Feb. 6-7
 Hooker Ct.....Feb. 13-14
 Carthage Ct., at Carthage.....Feb. 20-21
 Texhoma and Goodwell, at Goodw.....Feb. 27-28
 Let all local preachers be present so as to
 plan for their year's work.
 We will have laymen's and preachers'
 meeting at Guymon on January 28-29.
 If we can get Brother Moore we will have
 Sunday School Institute at Guymon January
 29-30.
 J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Tulsa—Boston Avenue.....Nov. 21-22

Okmulgee Sta.....Nov. 28-29
 Dustin and Lamar, at Dustin.....Dec. 4-5
 Henryetta and Waleetka.....Dec. 5-6
 Coweta Sta.....Dec. 11-12
 Porter Sta.....Dec. 12-13
 Broken Arrow Sta.....Dec. 18-19
 Tulsa—Tigert Memorial.....Dec. 19-20
 Sapulpa Sta.....Jan. 1-2
 Beggs and Mounds.....Jan. 2-3
 Stroud Sta.....Jan. 8-9
 Bristow Sta.....Jan. 9-10
 Sparks and Davenport, at Davenport.....Jan. 10-11
 Okemah Sta.....Jan. 15-16
 Bearden Circuit.....Jan. 16-17
 Prague and Paden.....Jan. 22-23
 Okfuskee Circuit.....Jan. 23-24
 Haskell.....Jan. 29-30
 Bixby and Redfork.....Jan. 30-31
 S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Fitzhugh Ct., at Fitzhugh.....Dec. 3-4
 Sasakwa and Yeager, at Sasakwa.....Dec. 4-5
 Ada Asbury.....Dec. 6
 Ada, First Church.....Dec. 7
 Konawo.....Dec. 11-12
 Maud and Mission.....Dec. 12-13
 Calvin and Allen, at Calvin.....Dec. 19-20
 Wewoka and Seminole, at Wewoka.....Dec. 19-20
 Holdenville Sta.....Dec. 22
 Wetumka Sta.....Dec. 26-27
 Pontotoc Ct., at Bird's Mill.....Jan. 1-2
 Stonewall and Tupelo, at Stonewall.....Jan. 2-3
 Hickory Ct., at Hickory.....Jan. 8-9
 Roff and Mill Creek, at Roff.....Jan. 9-10
 Sulphur, First Church.....Jan. 11
 Sulphur, Vinita Avenue.....Jan. 12
 Wanette Ct., at Wanette.....Jan. 16-17
 Moral Ct., at Moral.....Jan. 17-18
 St. Louis and Asher, at Oakgrove.....Jan. 18-19
 The District Stewards are called to meet at
 First Church, Ada, December 2, at 10:30
 a. m.
 S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

VINITA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Wagoner Circuit.....Dec. 4-5
 Wagoner Station.....Dec. 5-6
 Inola and Talala.....Dec. 6-7
 Grove.....Dec. 11-12
 Afton Station.....Dec. 13
 Fairland and Wyandotte.....Dec. 14
 Miami.....Dec. 15
 Blue Jacket.....Dec. 18-19
 Welch.....Dec. 19-20
 Vinita.....Dec. 23
 Adair and Big Cabin.....Dec. 25-26
 Centralia.....Jan. 1-2
 Chapel.....Jan. 8-9
 Spavinaw.....Jan. 9-10
 Afton Circuit.....Jan. 15-16
 Peggs.....Jan. 22, 23
 District Stewards will meet at Pryor Creek
 December 2, at 10:30 a. m.
 J. W. SIMS, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT NOTICE.

Please announce that the Tulsa District
 Stewards will meet in the First Church, Tulsa,
 at 1:00 o'clock p. m., Monday, November 22.
 Pastors will please see to it that every pas-
 toral charge is represented. Shall be pleased
 to have the pastors present.
 SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.
 November 15, 1909.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Martha, at Martha.....Dec. 4-5
 Blair, at Blair.....Dec. 5-6
 Willow Circuit, at Willow.....Dec. 11-12
 Metcalf, at Metcalf.....Dec. 13
 Dryden and Red Hill, at Dryden.....Dec. 19-20
 Hollis, at Hollis.....Dec. 19-20
 Altus Station.....Dec. 26-27
 Vinson and Deer Creek, at Deer Creek.....Jan. 1-2
 Mangum Circuit, at Reed.....Jan. 2-3
 Lone Wolf and Gatebo, at Lone Wolf.....Jan. 8-9
 Hobart Station.....Jan. 9-10
 Duke Circuit, at Duke.....Jan. 15-16
 Olustee.....Jan. 16-17
 Mount View, at Mount View.....Jan. 22-23
 Carnegie and Boise, at Carnegie.....Jan. 23-24
 Looney Circuit, at Looney.....Jan. 29-30
 El Dorado Station.....Jan. 30-31
 Elmer Circuit, Elmer.....Feb. 5-6
 C. H. McGHEE, P. E.
 The District Stewards of the Mangum Dis-
 trict will meet in the Methodist Church at
 Mangum at 3:00 p. m., Wednesday, Decem-
 ber 8. Each charge ought to be represented.
 The pastors and the church lay leaders are
 requested to meet at the same place and time
 to confer concerning the campaign for the
 year.
 C. H. McGHEE, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Franklin Circuit, at Franklin.....Dec. 4-5
 Norman Station.....Dec. 5-6
 Washington Circuit, at Fox.....Dec. 11-12
 Purcell Station.....Dec. 12-13
 Union Chapel Circuit at U. C.....Dec. 18-19
 McLoud Circuit, at McLoud.....Dec. 19-20
 St. John's.....Dec. 26
 St. Luke's.....Dec. 26
 Shawnee—Trinity.....Jan. 1
 Shawnee—First Church.....Jan. 2
 Tecumseh Station.....Jan. 2-3
 Shawnee Circuit, at Bethel.....Jan. 8-9
 Earlshoro Circuit, at Earlshoro.....Jan. 9-10
 Blanchard Circuit, at Blanchard.....Jan. 15-16
 Lexington Station.....Jan. 16-17
 Noble and Shiloh, at Noble.....Jan. 17
 Stilwater Station.....Jan. 21
 Guthrie Station.....Jan. 22-23
 Perry Station.....Jan. 23-24
 Arcadia Circuit, at Arcadia.....Jan. 29-30
 St. James.....Jan. 30-31
 Piedmont Station.....Feb. 5
 El Reno Station.....Feb. 6-7
 Oklahoma City Circuit, at Moore.....Feb. 12-13
 The pastors and District Stewards are call-
 ed to meet in the parlors of St. Luke's
 Church, Monday, November 22, at 2:00 p. m.
 A full attendance is urged.
 A. L. SCALES, P. E.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Marlow.....11 a. m. Dec. 5; 7:30 p. m. Dec. 6
 Ryan and Terral, at Ryan.....7:30 p. m. Dec. 5; 9:00 a. m. Dec. 6
 Purdy, at Purdy.....Dec. 11-12
 Lindsay.....Dec. 12-13
 Rush Springs and Bailey, at Rush Springs.....

Dec. 18-19
 Minco and Ninnakah, at Minco.....Dec. 19-20
 Duncan Station.....Dec. 26-27
 Oak Grove, at Banner.....Jan. 1-2
 Wayne, at Wayne.....Jan. 8-9
 Paoli and Florence, at Paoli.....Jan. 9-10
 Whitehead and Maysville, at Whitehead.....Jan. 15-16
 Paul's Valley.....Jan. 16-17
 Alex, at Alex.....Jan. 22-23
 Verden and Tuttle, at Verden.....Jan. 23-24
 Wood Reserve, at Woodlawn.....Jan. 29-30
 Velma, at Doyle.....Feb. 5-6
 Chickasha.....Feb. 13-14
 L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

Duncan, Okla.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Stigler Station.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 5
 Cowlington Circuit, Keota.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 6
 Tamaha, Tamaha.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 7
 State Line, Dora.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 9
 Muldrow Station.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 10
 Sallisaw Circuit, Price's Chapel.....Dec. 11-12
 Sallisaw Station.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 12
 Brushy Circuit, Akin.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 13
 Vian Circuit, Vian.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 14
 Webber's Falls, Webber's Falls.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 15
 Checotah Station.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 16
 Firt Church.....7:00 p. m. Dec. 17
 Baldhill Circuit, Baldhill.....Dec. 18-19
 Boynton and Morris, Morris 7:00 p. m. Dec. 19
 St. Paul.....Dec. 20
 In each case where the date is 7:00 p. m.
 the pastor will please announce preaching
 followed by the quarterly conference. The
 District Stewards will please meet in St.
 Paul, Muskogee, November 30, 2:00 p. m.
 O. E. GODDARD, P. E.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Rhea Circuit at Sunshine.....Dec. 4-5
 Texmo at Texmo.....Dec. 5-6
 Roll at Dudley.....Dec. 7-8
 Hammon at Pleasant Hill.....Dec. 9-10
 Butler and Shiloh at Butler.....Dec. 11-12
 Burmah at Mt. Zion.....Dec. 18-19
 Custer City.....Dec. 19-20
 Cheyenne and Washita at Cheyenne.....Jan. 1-2
 Sweet Water at Enterprise.....Jan. 3-4
 Erick Station.....Jan. 8-9
 Texola Circuit at Pioneer.....Jan. 9-10
 Delhi at Delhi.....Jan. 15-16
 Foss at Foss.....Jan. 16-17
 Dorey at Fulton.....Jan. 22-23
 Dill City at Ural.....Jan. 23-24
 Cowden at Buck Creek.....Jan. 29-30
 Cloud Chief.....Jan. 30-31
 Port.....Feb. 5-6
 Rocky and Sentinel at Sentinel.....Feb. 12-13
 Cordell.....Feb. 14
 The district stewards will meet me at the
 Methodist church in Clinton on Tuesday,
 Nov. 30 at 1 o'clock p. m.
 WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

LAWTON DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Headrick Circuit at Navajo.....Dec. 4-5
 Frederick Circuit at Apeon.....Dec. 11-12
 Davidson Station.....Dec. 12
 Frederick Station.....Dec. 13 at 7:30 p. m.
 Hastings Circuit at Hastings.....Dec. 18-19
 Temple Station.....Dec. 19-20
 Walter Station.....Dec. 21 at 10 a. m.
 Lawton Station.....Dec. 22
 Walter Circuit at Val V.....Jan. 1-2
 Ahpeatone Circuit at Junction City.....Jan. 2-3
 Ft. Cobb Circuit at Un. Star.....Jan. 8-9
 Anadarko Station.....Jan. 9-10
 Glenwood Circuit at Hazel Dell.....Jan. 15-16
 Geary Station.....Jan. 16-17
 Cement Circuit at Cyril.....Jan. 19 at 2 p. m.
 Indian Work at Mt. Scott.....Jan. 22-23
 The stewards of each charge will please
 meet and fix salary for the pastor. The
 pastors will please be prepared to answer
 Question 5 at first quarterly conference.
 C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Elmore Circuit at Fairview.....Dec. 4-5
 Wynnewood Station.....7 p. m. Dec. 5
 Berwyn and Dougherty at Dougherty.....7 p. m. Dec. 6
 Ardmore Mission at Chapel 7 p. m. Dec. 8
 Thackerville Circuit at Bowman 7 p. m. Dec. 9
 Marietta Station.....7 p. m. Dec. 10
 Lebanon Circuit at Lebanon.....Dec. 11-12
 Leon and Burneyville at Burneyville.....7 p. m. Dec. 14
 Lone Grove Circuit at Hewitt 7 p. m. Dec. 16
 Cornish and Loco at Cornish 7 p. m. Dec. 17
 Petersburg Circuit at Petersburg Dec. 18-19
 Woodford Circuit at Woodford 7 p. m. Dec. 21
 Springer Circuit at Springer 7 p. m. Dec. 22
 The district stewards are called to meet
 in Broadway, Ardmore, at 2 p. m. Dec. 8th.
 I. K. WALLER, P. E.
 Nov. 11, 1909.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Honey Creek, Honey Creek.....Dec. 4-5
 Cedar Bluff at Cedar Bluff.....Dec. 11-12
 Broken Arrow, Hage's Chapel.....Dec. 18-19
 Wewoka, Thlewarley.....Jan. 1-2
 Sapulpa, Buck's Chapel.....Jan. 8-9
 Okmulgee, Flat Rock.....Jan. 15-16
 Uchee, Picket's Chapel.....Jan. 22-23
 Hitchitta, Eufaula.....Jan. 29-30
 Saline, Paw Paw.....Feb. 5-6
 ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT.

(First Round, in Part.)

Leslie Sta.....Dec. 4-5
 Edgemont and Higdon, at Ed.....Dec. 7-8
 Clinton Ct., at Clinton.....Dec. 11-12
 Eureka Springs.....Dec. 19-20
 Berryville.....Dec. 21-22
 Green Forest.....Dec. 22
 Fairview Ct., at Fairview.....Dec. 22-23
 Let all pastors see that the class books
 from each class are present at the Quarterly
 Conference. Also urge each steward to be
 present.
 W. T. THOMPSON, P. E.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Bethel.....Dec. 4-5
 Kullituklo.....Dec. 11-12
 Bennington.....Dec. 18-19
 Atoka.....Dec. 25-26
 Owl.....Dec. 31, Jan. 1

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Chickasaw.....Jan. 8-9
 Kiowa.....Jan. 15-16
 Kiamitia.....Dec. 22-23
 Long Creek.....Dec. 29-30
 Rufe.....Feb. 5-6

The District Stewards are called to meet at
 Hugo December 1. Brother Ainsworth will
 assist you in census work.

As the brethren have so kindly volunteered
 to assist me the first quarter, I have apportioned
 the work as follows: Sans Bois and
 Sugar Loaf, Griggs, Durant, Bethel, Kullituklo,
 Atoka and Rufe, A. S. Williams; Bennington,
 Atoka and Owl, Ishcomer; Chickasaw and
 Kiowa, Homer; Kiamitia and Long Creek,
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 tal card.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED.

A Sunday school with three or four
 or five teacherless classes is a sad com-
 ment on the indifference of church mem-
 bers. That boys and girls, young men
 and young women, should have to sit
 unoccupied in a place where the church
 is hungry to see them come, speaks
 loudly for serious reflection and prayer.
 Teachers are needed. Who will volun-
 teer? Who will get the matter on their
 hearts, and go into Sunday School work
 with the spirit of one going to a mission
 field? There must be a campaign of
 agitation. The matter must be written
 about, preached about, talked about,
 prayed about. Let every lover of the
 cause pray that the Lord of the harvest
 send forth more Sunday School teachers
 into his harvest.—Midland Methodist.

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TOBACCO PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

While some tobacco is produced in almost every State, less than one per cent of this country's stock is grown west of the Mississippi, Texas being the only trans-Mississippi State in which the industry has gained much importance.

Kentucky leads all the States in tobacco growing. It produces more than one-third of the United States crop and about one-ninth of the entire crop of the world.

The tobacco grown in the United States is of two general types or classes, (1) cigar tobacco, and (2) chewing, smoking, snuff, and export tobaccos. In 1908 something more than 150 million pounds of cigar tobacco was grown in the United States, and nearly four times that amount of the other types.

The cigar tobaccos are grown mostly in New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Wisconsin, though there is a considerable and rapidly increasing production of this type in Georgia, Florida and Texas. The tobacco used for chewing, smoking, snuff and export are produced most heavily in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

Tobacco production is largely confined to certain clearly defined districts, each of which produces a special type and fills a demand for that type. The kind of tobacco grown in particular districts depends mainly on the soil and climatic conditions.

An interesting study of "Tobacco and Districts" has just been completed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the results have been issued in a circular (Statistics No. 18) for free distribution.

RAISING FORESTS FOR RAILROAD TIES.

More than a million trees have been planted by the Pennsylvania railroad Company this season making a total of 3,400,000 trees planted by this corporation in the last three years to provide for the future demand for timber and cross ties. This work constitutes the most extensive forestry plan undertaken by a private corporation in line with the American Civic Association's campaign for the conservation of the timber supply.

No better evidence can be given of the efforts of the American Civic Association for "a more beautiful America." And, while the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's forestry operations are a private enterprise, the policy of the company is to encourage public reforestation. Upward of 151,000 trees have been supplied virtually at cost during the present season to other corporations and private individuals. In addition, 8,000 private hedge plants were distributed among individuals.

In a general way, the conservative lumbering and the forest planting by the company are serving as object lessons for farmers and others interested in the cultivation of the land.

By way of experiment, the company's first forestry operations were confined to wood lots and farm lands between Philadelphia and Altoona. These tracts were planted mainly in locust trees. In its work in the present season, 65,000 trees were set out near Metuchen and New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Of all the trees planted this year, 983,000 were red oak, and 14,000 pin oak. There were planted 40,000 Scotch pine, 29,000 locust, 14,000 hardy cat-alpa, 5,000 European larch, 3,000 chestnut, 3,000 yellow poplar, 2,000 black walnut and 1,000 white pine.

To facilitate its forestry work, the Pennsylvania company established a forest tree nursery near Morrisville, Pennsylvania last year. This place was selected because of the favorable soil conditions and its accessibility. It consists of thirteen acres of a seventy acre farm, all of which is suitable for the extension of the nursery. As the soil had been worked out, it was necessary

to develop the fertility.

During the present season the Morrisville nursery supplied 1,250,000 trees, and plants. As soon as the trees had been removed, the area was ploughed, fertilized and replanted with acorns. Half a million coniferous seedlings, which were grown in 1908, were transplanted and will be ready to be set out permanently next season. From the 100 pounds of pine and spruce seeds, it is expected to produce a million new plants.

It is the idea of the officers of the railroad company that, in the event no substitute for the wood cross tie shall be found in the next quarter century, the corporation will have available an enormous supply of timber.

As a means of economizing in the consumption of lumber, the company has decided to treat cross ties with creosote for the purpose of prolonging the life of the wood. This plan was prompted by the increasing scarcity of timber and a thorough inquiry into the conditions of the timber supply of the country.

A creosoting plant has been established in Mount Union, Pa., and this is equipped to treat 500,000 ties a year. It is expected that the creosoting will increase the life of cross ties two and three fold. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's demands are 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 ties yearly for renewals and new work. To supply these and other lumber needed, the timber is stripped from 50,000 acres yearly. By preserving the timber it is hoped to reduce the cutting to 25,000 acres yearly.

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TESTING ANTITOXINS.

In recent years the use of tuberculin, serums, antitoxins, etc., has become a feature in the treatment of diseases, both of men and domestic animals. As a large number of such preparations have appeared on the market, some being of uncertain strength, and others worthless, Congress wisely authorized the Department of Agriculture to buy samples in the market and test the various preparations recommended for veterinary use, and publish the results.

Among the antitoxins on the market for veterinary use is that prepared for use against tetanus, the disease commonly spoken of as "lockjaw." The animals most commonly attacked by this disease are horses and mules. The fact that many unsatisfactory results have followed the use of such antitoxins has led the Department to test the preparations put on the market by several manufacturers, both American and foreign, and the results have just been published in Bulletin 121 of the Bureau of Animal Industry. The striking feature of the results is the great variation in the strength of these antitoxins. It should be noted that the antitoxin for use on human beings is required by law to be of a certain known strength, so that the physician using it knows exactly what he is doing. But the veterinary who uses a preparation of unknown strength often fails to save the animal treated.

The tests showed that the "veterinary tetanus antitoxins vary extravagantly in their unit of strength, and some are comparatively weak in antitoxic potency." The results indicate the need for strict Government supervision of preparations for the benefit of the veterinarians and the live-stock interests of the country.

PROHIBITION IN NASHVILLE.

According to the figures on the police blotter in July, 1908, there were 303 arrests in Nashville for drunkenness. In July, 1909, the first month after State-wide prohibition went into effect in the city, there were 109 arrests for drunkenness. In June, 1908, there were

212 arrests for drunkenness and in June, 1909, one month before prohibition went into effect, there were 204. The following table shows the number of arrests for all cases:

July, 1909, 684; June, 1909, 1,028; May, 1909, 1,061; April, 1909, 889. July, 1908, 1,058; May, 1908, 1,036; June, 1908, 938; July, 1908, 1,058.

This shows a decrease in the number of arrests for July, 1909, when compared to July, 1908, of 32 1-2 per cent, and of 32 per cent when compared to June, 1908.

Does prohibition prohibit? Of course not, absolutely, or there would not have been any arrests at all for drunkenness or for crimes growing out of liquor selling and liquor drinking. But evidently it checks to a very large extent. "Hinc illae lachrymae." "Hence those tears." It is for this reason that the liquor men and their allies are so desperate in trying to secure the repeal of the prohibition laws.

In this connection, the following figures will be of interest: According to the figures furnished the Nashville Tennessee by the James Agency there were building permits for all kinds of building and improvements issued in Nashville to the amount of \$996,795.70 during the six months ending June 30, 1909. For the corresponding period of 1908 the total building permits issued were \$618,652, showing an increase for the six months of this year of \$376,143.70. While prohibition had not gone into effect and did not go into effect until July 1st, the State-wide prohibition bill passed the Legislature in January, and it was known that prohibition would prevail in the State after July 1. The real estate transfers for the first six months of 1909 were \$4,191,646.56. For the corresponding period of 1908 they were \$3,410,971.61, showing an increase in the six months of 1909 of \$780,674.94.

And yet they said that prohibition would kill Nashville and that the grass would grow in the streets. And this is the way it has grown. It seems to be alfalfa clover. Give us more of it.—Baptist and Reflector.

WANTED: A WORKER.

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when he needs men for his service. When God wants a worker he calls a worker. When he has work to be done he goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant he calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth.

Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb.

Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.

Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Elisha was busy ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's cup.

Amos was busy following the flock.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending their nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs.

Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.

William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.—Ex.

OUR GIRLS AND OUR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Our friend, "the Doctor," who is also one of the most active members of the School Board in the town where he lives—and which has as fine grammar school and high school buildings as any place of its size in our country—was explaining to us not long ago his idea of high school education from the physiological standpoint. He does not believe that the girls should be expected to keep pace with the boys. The latter, generally, are free to run the streets

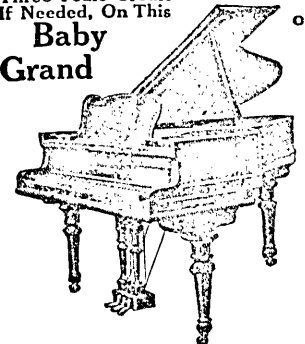
after school hours, not always to their moral advantage and improvement. They could stand even more intellectual pressure than they are now getting, being robust and athletic. But the girls go home and, in most instances have to help with the household duties, and then, when weary, sit a number of hours over their books. They don't get sufficient exercise, and they are overworked. Besides, their systems are subjected to strains from which the boys are exempt. It would be better for them, he thinks, since he has in his practice come upon so many cases of nervous break-down from the school routine, if they could be given five, or even six years, in which to complete the high school course, and then have that course more adapted to their individual needs than at present.—Ex.

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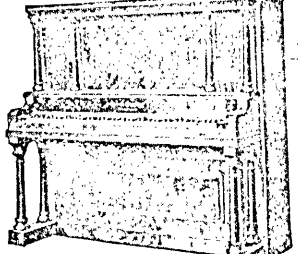
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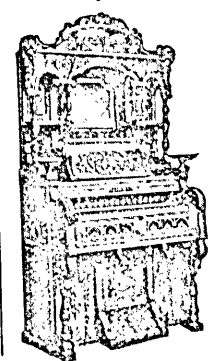
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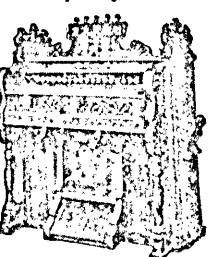
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