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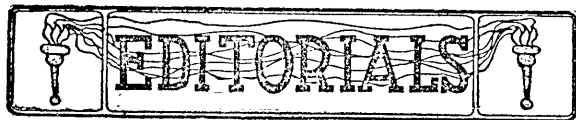
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A NEW HOME MISSION POLICY.

We recently had a long talk with Dr. John R. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of our General Board of Missions, and in charge of the Home Mission department of the Board. He lays down a new policy for Home Missions, which he is asking the church to adopt.

As our mission work is now organized, each annual conference has complete control, through its own mission board, of all the missions within its bounds. Each annual conference also is solely responsible for the funds to be provided for its own missions. It follows that each annual conference must be left alone to develop the work in its own borders.

The only qualification upon this lies in the fact that the General Board of Missions has undertaken in some conferences, notably in some of our western conferences, to supply certain monies to meet a need which the annual conference manifestly could not reach. Some of the conferences in the eastern part of the United States, Western Virginia and Florida, for example, have also received money from the General Board. But for the most part the conferences have been left to themselves to take care of their own work.

Now, some of our conferences are strong and some are weak. It will usually be found that the strong conferences have less domestic mission territory to care for than the weak ones. This means that the burden is heaviest where the conferences are least able to bear it. For example, the Virginia Conference, is one of our oldest and strongest, and raises for domestic missions, say \$14,000, and occupies territory that has been developed as fully as any in all the church; while the West Virginia Conference, lying right along side of it, separated by a line that God did not make, having the problem of the mountains, the mines, the foreigner, is one of the weakest conferences, and raises, and is able to raise, only about one tenth as much domestic mission money as Virginia raises. This parallel represents perhaps the extremes of the case, but it also represents a general situation.

The result must be manifest—the church must develop in spots. The strong may grow stronger, but the weak must be left to perish, or at least left to a languishing existence. This is precisely what has happened under our system, it is what must continue to happen under such a system.

The question is, Shall we change the system? Dr. Nelson says, Yes. We say yes. The present policy is not in keeping with our general polity. Methodism has always held to the connectional idea; we are a vast brotherhood, laboring together for the good of all parts of a great connection. We have always sought to teach our people that narrowness is contrary to Christianity, that breadth of labor and of love alone becomes a Methodist. In every branch of our service, except in our domestic mission work, we illustrate the principle. It is good Christianity to change.

But, aside from this broad view of it, how

else shall we remedy the situation, how reach the waste places that lie within the borders of the church? Annual conference lines cannot circumscribe our obligations in such a matter. We are just as much under obligations to preach the gospel to a man in West Virginia as we are to preach it in Japan, and if our brethren in West Virginia are not able to reach the people, we should recognize their right and the right of these people to our help.

Besides, again, it is not good administration on the field at home to allow a vast section of country to lie waste and desolate: we ought to present solid masses of Methodism in the territory we pretend to occupy. We do but lead a driveling life otherwise. These words apply where the population is homogeneous; there is a still graver fact when foreigners are rolled in upon certain parts of our territory, far beyond the ability of the Methodist people of their region to take care of them. And that is the case now in many places, will be the case in many more places as foreigners come to settle in the South. In some places they will submerge us, if we are not better prepared to look after them. In brief, we ought to so organize our domestic mission work as to be able to project the power of the whole church upon a given situation, as may become necessary, instead of being compelled to depend upon the treasury of a conference already overburdened.

Nelson's plans to all our readers. a thing could be done at all. We commend Dr. throughout the church, as far, at least, as such would enable them to help in every weak place the Home Mission authorities at the center, and would put a large sum of money in the hands of as we now raise our educational funds. This to me made on the basis of assessment, precisely the present domestic mission money, settlement additional assessment, to be collected along with matters are to stand as at present, to levy an Mission department of the General Board, if Board, if we are to organize one, or the Home Mission would be sufficient to allow the Home Mission to send a dollar of what we now collect. It Nashville. It probably would not be necessary monies to Nashville, to be administered from necessary to send all the domestic mission to be jealous of that power. It would not be of our conference boards, if any one is disposed be necessary to take away much of the power will not require anything radical. It would not It ought to be remembered that this change

THE CONDUCT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Southern Methodism has been for several months past going through its season of annual conferences—all our conferences except the Baltimore, may be called "fall conferences," though occasionally one or two are held in the winter months. It affords a time for us to study how the conferences may best be conducted, for while all annual conferences have precisely the same legal status, there is really no small difference in the ways in which they do business. It is a difference in the spirit in which men go at the work they have in hand, a difference of the methods to be used in carrying on the work.

Many years of observation have wrought some changes in our personal convictions as to the

best ways. For example, we once believed that every conference would do well to have a leader among its men. Matters must be planned in advance, and somebody must do the planning. This seemed to us better than going up to conference with no plans made. Now, it depends upon several things whether this is wise. A wise friend of ours, a former editor of this paper, used to say that a conference needs no leader; that it is better that the body should get together and do its business without the leadership of any one of its members. We have swung to his position; it is better. We have watched the action of conferences which had a recognized leader, and we have watched the action of some which had no recognized leader; in the long run—and that is the run we are all in for—we do better simply to get together and proceed in the open to make plans and form policies. It is the only way that suspicions of unfairness can be avoided. It will make things sometimes awkward, it will sometimes leave them in a rather indefinite shape; but that is better than that it should be supposed that things have been pushed over a lot of free men who have not been consulted. Nothing worse can happen to a conference than to have suspicions going around that a cabal of its members have taken charge of its matters and are working out their own wills without the concurrence of the wills of the members of the body. Nothing worse can happen ultimately for the members of the supposed cabal, they themselves have a very direct interest in being protected against such suspicions, for sooner or later these suspicions will be the death of them. And there is no possible way of avoiding such suspicions except to come right out in the open when we seek to form the policies that a conference is to pursue. Let them be stated on the floor of a conference, and let them be freely discussed there; let every man say what he thinks. Then let the vote of the body be taken. If things are said which some do not like, things that stir up some feeling, at times, that is no more than is to be expected in all such matters. It is still better to battle an issue out in the open, for when the vote is taken under such conditions, and a majority of equal men have determined the issue, every man has had his rights, and a sense of fairness will bind all fair-minded people to the settlement.

The doctrine has recently been laid down that an annual conference is a court, and that the bishop in charge has a right not only to determine the order of business, but also to limit debate. To this doctrine we cannot in any wise agree. An annual conference is in some of its aspects a court, it has in some of its forms the functions of a court, it adjudicates certain matters, charges against its members, for example. In such a case the presiding officers, whether in the chair or in a committee of trial, are in the position of a judge, and may limit debate. But an annual conference is more than a court; it must determine many matters of policy. In such cases there can be no limit to debate, except the limit imposed by the law, to the effect that an annual conference may sit at least a week, if it so desires. The prerogatives of the presiding officer are determined by ordinary parliamentary usage and by the provisions of our ecclesiastical law, and not otherwise.

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Notes and Personals

While in Little Rock on business our friend, Mr. Dick Ansley, of Nashville, paid us a pleasant visit.

Rev. J. C. Hooks, our pastor at Lonoke, spent a day or two in Little Rock this week and was a welcome visitor at this office.

Rev. A. C. Pickens is making a most encouraging beginning at Pryor Creek, Okla., and expects to do a great work this year.

Rev. R. K. Triplett, of St. John's Church, Oklahoma City, is making a very satisfactory beginning of his work. He moves with his head up and his face to the future.

Rev. S. K. Burnett, of Mabelvale, called while in the city Wednesday. Prospects for the year are bright. Some repairs are being made on the parsonage and others are contemplated.

Rev. W. J. Moore, our Sunday School man for Oklahoma Conference, is now established in his headquarters at Oklahoma City. He is a tireless worker, and earns all the success that comes to him.

Rev. T. J. Norsworthy, the new pastor of Hunter Memorial, Little Rock, has been elected to the chaplaincy of the Confederate Soldiers' Home to succeed Rev. J. M. Workman, who goes to Malvern.

Our Oklahoma brethren will be glad to know that Rev. J. Rush Goodloe is doing well at Deming, N. M. They will be sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Goodloe though she is reported improving.

Dr. N. L. Linebaugh is in business up to his eyes as Superintendent and Business Manager of Oklahoma City College for Young Women. He is not only a good preacher, but he is also a man of affairs as well.

Rev. H. A. Storey, who has at different times traveled as an itinerant preacher but who is living on his farm near Alma, Ark., at present, was in the city recently and made the Methodist office a pleasant call.

Rev. S. G. Thompson, appointed Presiding Elder of Tulsa District at the last session of the Oklahoma Conference, is actively at work on his new charge, but his friends will address him at McAlester, where he still lives.

We were glad to look on the smiling face of Rev. T. Y. Ramsey Wednesday. He has been to his new charge, Helena Station, and is well pleased and has been heartily received. He was in Little Rock to visit a new grandson.

Mr. J. D. Hammond, the District Steward for Carlisle and Hazen, spent some time in our office, while attending the District Stewards' meeting Wednesday. He is one of our most faithful laymen, and represents some of our best people.

Rev. C. M. Coppedge, Presiding Elder of the Choctaw-Chickasaw District, has not been at all well since the session of his Conference. We had the pleasure of looking in on him the other

day at his home in McAlester. He was still in bed, but was improved. His brethren should remember him in his afflictions.

We caught a glimpse of Rev. E. M. Sweet, Jr., in Oklahoma City, the other day. He was there to read proof on the Conference Minutes, which are going through the press. He reports that Lawton keeps him busy and that the outlook there is first rate.

We are pained to chronicle the death of Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He passed away in New York on the 5th, after an operation for carbuncle. We mourn with our brethren of the North over the death of one of their great leaders.

Mrs. Gross Alexander, wife of our Book Editor, and their son, Gross, Jr., are now members of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, they having taken up residence in the West for the benefit of the son's health. We trust that they will find in Oklahoma all they have desired.

The whole civilized world sustains a loss when such men as Dr. W. T. Harris long while Commissioner of Education for the United States, and Richard Watson Gilder, long editor of the Century, pass away, as both have recently done. God's greatest gift to the world is a great man.

Rev. S. W. Rainey, who was appointed to Lono Circuit, has been relieved by his Presiding Elder, Rev. T. D. Scott, and has been appointed to Henderson and Highland, in Little Rock District. He filled the pulpit last Sunday night and was very kindly received. He will move his family this week.

A gift of \$500,000.00 to Trinity College, Durham, North Carolina, has been announced. This donation comes from the Duke family, who have been so loyal to the school heretofore, and its specific purpose is to provide means of establishing medical, pharmaceutical, and dental departments.

Mr. E. B. Peirce has been appointed to the highest place in the legal department of the Rock Island Railway. He is an Arkansas man and was once a member of our First Church, Little Rock. We congratulate him on his promotion, and believe that he deserves it and will meet all expectations.

The Wesley Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., treated 750 cases during the year from November 1, 1908, to November 1, 1909, of which number 302 were Methodists. The number of patients who were unable to pay for their treatment was 346. The buildings of the hospital have been enlarged twice since it was opened, in 1905, but patients have been turned away during the past year for lack of room.

Letters have been sent out this week to all the students who have attended Hendrix College. Arrangements are being made for a great Home Coming of all the Hendrix students. Should this note come to the attention of any Hendrix student who has not received a letter let him sit down now and send his name and address to M. E. Dunaway, Southern Trust Building, Little Rock.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth has been notified of his election as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of England. Dr. Lambuth's extensive travels are his principal qualification. He has been three times around the world, and estimates that in the past thirty years he has traveled no less than 500,000 miles. Among other American Fellows of this Society are Dr. Harlan P. Beach, Mr. John R. Mott, and Dr. S. M. Zwemer.

Since the session of the Oklahoma Conference Bishop Atkins has appointed Rev. J. B. McDonald to be Business Manager and Superintendent of Construction for Oklahoma Woman's College,

which is the successor of Spaulding Female College, and which holds the assets of the same. Brother McDonald had been appointed to McAlester District, which place is now taken by Rev. J. A. Parks, who had been appointed to Checotah Station.

Being advised by his physician against undertaking full work, Rev. Alonzo Monk, D. D., asked to remain on the superannuate list, and has decided to make his home for the year at Little Rock. While we regret that he is not fully restored to health, still we are glad to have Dr. Monk reside in our city, and trust that we may have helpful fellowship with him, and the privilege of hearing him preach as he may feel able to render service among the brethren.

The Midland Methodist was, at the last session of the Memphis Conference, adopted as the official organ of that Conference. We have not been able to agree with the editor of the Midland on the Vanderbilt question, but we agree that the Midland has done a good thing here, and that the Memphis Conference has also done a good thing. It will be found more and more that the only way to have a good church paper is to put behind it a strong constituency. We congratulate all concerned.

In a business letter ordering change of address, Rev. Franklin Moore, formerly of Little Rock Conference, states that he has been transferred from North Texas Conference, where he served Winnsboro, to West Texas Conference, and stationed at West End Church, San Antonio. He has been kindly received and looks for a good year. He reports Rev. H. D. McKinnon, one of Little Rock Conference's honored superannuates, present at pastors' meeting looking well and happy in spirit.

This editor had the pleasure of spending last Sunday with Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker and his people, at St. Luke's, Oklahoma City, preaching there at the morning hour. It is a great church, one of the greatest in our Methodism. Pastor Knickerbocker is doing business there, doing business all the time. Two weeks ago he received ten families into the church, and last Sunday he took in fifteen new members, about one-third of them on profession of faith. There is a great lot of laymen in that church, who believe in doing things. We hear nothing but good of the services of Dr. Denny, last summer, while the pastor was abroad—a trip from which he returned, by the way, much inspired and helped for greater service. This church pays its pastor this year \$3,600.00.

OKLAHOMA CITY COLLEGE.

At the last session of the Oklahoma Conference of the M. E. Church, South, the Woman's College for the central or western part of Oklahoma was located at Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City parties made the following offer for the school, which was accepted by the Commissioners representing the Conference, and on the 11th day of November, 1909, the contract was signed by both the church and the College Park Company and the College is now located and is to be built on a beautiful campus of fifty-six acres in the center of College Park which is a suburban addition to Oklahoma City, composed of 640 acres of land.

The proposition from College Park Company, which was accepted by the church, is:

"In consideration of the Oklahoma Conference of the M. E. Church, South, locating, equipping, and maintaining a high-grade Girls' and Young Woman's College on the campus as shown by the official plat of College Park, The College Park Company agrees to deed to the trustees of said College 160 acres of land, viz: The Northwest quarter of section 21, township 13 north, range 3 west, and forty per cent of the gross sale of

the east half of section 21, with a guarantee that the forty percent of the east half of section 21 shall amount to \$100,000.00."

This is not a new scheme, the building of this College. Nearly a year ago when Bishop Atkins was on a visit to Oklahoma City, he and Dr. N. L. Linebaugh took up the matter of establishing there a first-class Woman's College. They went out from the city a short distance and picked out a most beautiful site. The matter was then brought before the Board of Education of the Oklahoma Conference, together with certain commissioners who had been appointed in conjunction with the board, to look after any such project that might arise in the interim of the Conference. But neither the board nor these commissioners had power to take final action in the premises. Dr. Linebaugh and five or six other gentlemen therefore took an option on what land they wanted, and the matter was brought before the Conference at its last session, with the result indicated above. Dr. Linebaugh was appointed Superintendent and Business Manager. He is financing the plan through the College Park Company under the contract detailed above.

Dr. Linebaugh calculates that the church will realize out of the sale of lots in which the College Park Company have an interest not less than \$140,000.00, and out of another quarter section, all of which belongs to the church he expects to get about a quarter of a million dollars more. This would leave the church in possession of a campus of fifty-six acres and \$390,000.00 assets. This may look pretty large to some of our people, but our Oklahoma brethren know how to project and carry to completion large enterprises. In this College there is to be nothing shoddy or incomplete. The lots of the College Park went on sale on November 11, and a thousand of them had been sold by December 11, and are being rapidly taken every day. We are glad to say to our readers that we know the men who conduct the affairs of this company, that they are all men of standing and members of our church. No one need be afraid to deal with them. So far as we are able to judge or to foresee the future, the whole enterprise looks good, and we have made a special trip to Oklahoma City to satisfy ourselves on this point. If these gentlemen make something for themselves it is no more than they are entitled to, and we cordially wish them success; they are creating for our Methodism and theirs an institution of learning that ought easily to be as good as any in the South or West, putting in time and money to do it. Any one concerned may refer to their advertisement, which appears in this issue.

Dr. Linebaugh expects to have the College command large and immediate patronage. We bespeak the heartiest interest of all our people in the whole great enterprise.

LAYMEN'S MEETING AT LITTLE ROCK.

I hope the Presiding Elders, Pastors, Lay Leaders and members of our church will please take notice that one of the great Laymen's Meetings planned in the general tour of instruction to laymen is to be held in Little Rock on February 11-13, 1910.

At the Laymen's Meeting at our Annual Conference just closed at Arkadelphia, the basis of representation to this meeting was fixed at one delegate from each church, said delegate to be the church Lay Leader, if possible, and where there is no Lay Leader, the pastor is requested to have one elected or appointed as soon as possible and urge all laymen so elected or appointed to attend the Little Rock meeting.

Those who are leading in this movement regard it of sufficient importance to spend a great deal of their time and money in this propagating work and if we fail to get the full benefit of these

meetings we will be the losers.

Remember this meeting is inter-denominational. Let us be up and doing with our full share in the work. Much depends on the earnest co-operation of our ministry. Respectfully,

J. O. A. BUSH, *Conference Leader.*

Prescott, Ark., Dec. 14, 1909.

THE SECRET OF DIGNITY, INTEGRITY AND PEACE.

Now that he has finished his task and passed to his reward, many are praising the character and work of Dr. James H. Carlisle, sometime president of Wofford college. And truly, this man has set us an example worthy to stand as an object lesson in the conduct of life.

I met Dr. Carlisle first at our General Conference in Richmond, in 1886. He was then in the prime of manhood and even Bishop Keener was not more impressive in person, poise, and speech. During the General Conference at Memphis, in 1890, I was fellow-guest with him at the Clarendon Hotel. He was the most interesting person among the guests, and his conversation, easy yet serious and instructive, and delivered in the purest speech, never failed to draw to the parlor a circle of admiring listeners.

Others have described the qualities of Dr. Carlisle's character and the general charm which invested it with more fidelity and force than I could do. I write of him only to put emphasis upon the one principle from which all nobleness springs—a devotion to duty undisturbed by selfish ambition.

No ambitious man—as the world counts ambition—can be just or true. Desire for place, power, riches or a name, is a deadly poison, when it becomes the motive of life. The ambitious man will contrive the overthrow of his rival. He will undermine him secretly and "oil his decline" in perilous situations. He will give secret aid to his enemies and rejoice when he blunders and stumbles. If he boast of being open, fair, generous, even chivalrous, he still boasts but as a prize fighter who has kept the code. He keeps the code to justify himself when he has slain his brother. He is far from the spirit of Paul's injunction. "In honor preferring one another;" far from the Master's precept, "Let him that would be greatest among you, be servant of all." From such a spirit no clash of arms would come.

Leadership, when gained, is a peril. It is a snare to sincerity, a stumbling block in the pursuits of truth. The leader calls to his aid whatever may strengthen his hold upon the people. Sophistries which the public will take for truth serve him better than truths which many will fail to see, or seeing reject. When one, to be true to his own convictions, abandons his creed or party, he is not credited with sincerity, but denounced as a turn-coat, and as false to the clearest light. It was the crucial test of Paul's sincerity that, after craving letters of authority to waste the church, he turned in the face of those who boasted of him as their champion and preached the gospel which he once persecuted. This made him a mark for vengeance all his life, chased through life by a host of foes. Truth says: "If any man will come after me let him take up his cross and follow me." It is hard for the leader to turn upon his followers and confess himself in error. The seeker after truth fears to bind himself with the trammels of leadership. The men who were most devoted to truth have been martyrs to her cause. They became the leaders of the future, because, for truth's sake, they forfeited temporal interests. The decree of truth is "He that will lose his life for my sake shall keep it unto life eternal." A pure devotion is even the martyr's spirit, though it possess or be blessed with peace.

James H. Carlisle was not a martyr. He was

not a sufferer for truth, yet was he true and without selfish ambition. He was not an explorer of new paths. He incurred no censure of heresy. He followed beaten ways. But he followed the good with singleness of heart. He found within the walls of Wofford college his world, a sphere of service satisfying mind and heart. For forty-eight years he pursued his vocation contentedly, lovingly. Few men were loved as he. The classroom in which he taught seems almost a sacred place, and the table by which he sat for more than two score years is a cherished relic.

A satisfied mind and heart gave dignity to Carlisle's character and peace to his life. Many with less ability have climbed to dazzling stations. None of equal worth have been ambitious of place or power. His was a worthier aim. A pure heart, a philosophic mind, right views of life fitted him to the noble employment of a teacher of young men, and in the sphere of the teacher he was content.

The lesson which Dr. Carlisle has taught is a lesson which this restless generation needs to learn. To be conspicuous is in the estimation of most to be great. To show ourselves superior to others is to win honor. Wealth or fame measure success. Carlisle has shown us the beauty and beneficence of unselfish service, and happiness in that service. To the envious, the disappointed, the ambitious such a man may say "I have meat to eat that you know not of." To recognize merit only as it is rewarded by earthly riches or honor, to measure earth by salary or station is to transform virtue into a policy of selfish greed. Lives which would be rich in the fruit of good works, and filled with heavenly peace were service the real aim are filled with vexations and envies, when the aim is not service but the temporal gains of service. Carlisle has shown us the dignity, integrity and peace of the man who never wearied with his task, and whose ambitions never wandered beyond it.

In this age many aspire to be leaders, few desire to follow. May the tribe increase of the quiet toilers, who are wholly content in doing good.

Should not a man have ambition? Yes. An ambition to be all that God and nature have qualified him to be that is good, to do all that he may do for the good of others, an ambition that prizes and uses every power and privilege to gain the "Well done" of the Master.

Then, having done all within his power, the good man should wish that every other man surpass him in all for which he himself has struggled. Sincere devotion to truth and human good demands nothing less.

J. E. GODBEY.

Hendrix College, Dec. 13, 1909.

We asked a considerable number of the members of this Conference the following question: Has the State of Oklahoma a suitable man for the Methodist Episcopacy? To our great surprise they all gave the same answer and named the same man, which is quite unusual in any Conference or State. Such a great central and phenomenal State is entitled to a bishop and ought to have one. The man named is so clean in body, brain and record, and is so symmetrical in physical, mental, moral and social make-up as to almost insure his election. One of his strong points is that he is in no way seeking this or any other office. An unfit man in such an office can in no way show his cloven hoof and lack of qualification for such a position more glaringly than to organize a persistent and systematic campaign of boosters years before hand. The success of such a man means that his time-serving and place-seeking boosters will reciprocally be, to the detriment of the church, pushed to positions they are not worthy of or competent to fill.—*St. Louis Christian Advocate.*

MY CONFERENCE LETTER.

How can I stay me from writing occasionally for our paper, when Dr. S., whose Thanksgiving sermon I did come so near enjoying, and several other brethren, some of them unknown by face to me, said: "We wish you would write more; we read everything you write," and then my beloved Sister H. says, "I would stop cooking dinner any time to read anything you write." None of the ego in my making these statements, I trust. Should ye editor think there is, he knows where and how to dispose of such.

But I asked myself more than once, Why is it thus, that these good friends ask us to write? and this is the way I put it up: They know I have been a Methodist itinerant and have not only some heart experiences as such, but observations and treasured reminiscences by the way. And then, too, they know that I am old enough to have known their fathers and mothers as my parishioners back in days long gone. Yes, that is so, and the meeting with their children and grandchildren here at Arkadelphia has been the episode of this conference with this deaf superannuate. I tell you, the Callowses, the Sloans, the McDaniels, the Hearnss, the Paumers and others I could mention were true men and loved their church with religious ardor, and know, too, how to hold up the preacher's hand. Mutual tears flowed as we looked into the faces and exchanged hand grasps with the children of these honored, now glorified, pioneers of our church in Arkansas. Don't tell me that it is unmanly to shed tears; if that is so, "I am the most offending soul alive," for I do thank God for every good cry I get.

The opening services of the fifty-sixth session of the Little Rock Conference is being conducted by Brother W., and the brethren, as I thought, of course, were singing the usual hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive," and there I was, doing my best mentally to join a song with sweet accord with my brethren; but I learned from some one that it was only an informal meeting, pending the arrival of the bishop. I smiled at my mistake, but didn't feel much like it, for my heart was busy with memories of dear comrades whose voices have long since been stilled in the silence of the tomb, but who now, O blessed thought! in a nobler, sweeter song are singing Jesus Christ's power to save.

There are some things too sacred to be even read of but with bated breath and bared head. So my sense of reverence was somewhat shocked as I looked upon the picture in the church window, representing the crucifixion of the world's Redeemer. Others may, and no doubt do, think otherwise.

As I looked upon the splendid college and church buildings with all modern improvements and contemplated the mighty strides forward our church has made on all lines, literary and material, the great, searching thought of my heart was, Are we, as a church, there and everywhere, correspondingly equipped for the task assigned us by the great Teacher and Bishop of souls, that of saving men and women from sin and hell? Well would it become every preacher of Christ's gospel to have such a passion for souls as he had when he wept over Jerusalem. Brother, such a feeling will help you wondrously both in the pulpit and out of it. I suppose there are occasions even in the regular church service when a good, mild, hearty laugh is in order and may be indulged in by both preacher and people, but when that laugh degenerates into actual rudeness, I don't care who is preaching, I do think it is time to call a halt. I should be strongly inclined to discredit an angel from Heaven were he to tell me, as some doctors of divinity would have us believe, that "Christ made remarks that must have produced a roar of laughter, and that

he made those remarks purposely to that end.' Not one word of that do I believe. I do sincerely hope that no young preacher will get the idea into his head that he must say sharp, funny things in the pulpit to interest the people. The prevalence of this habit is lamentable in the extreme and deserves rebuke.

Conference occasions have a mighty drawing power; dear souls from far and near come, expecting large things, and generally are not disappointed. Really some of them seem to think that is the only place for them to hear the gospel, as though they could get a year's supply. Brother, your family, your church, your pastor, your neighbor at home, all want to see you interested in the mightiest enterprise ever set on foot in this world, and that, too, year in and year out. You ought to be eager to do what you can, in view of your certain reward, even for a cup of cold water, given for Jesus' sake.

JAMES E. CALDWELL.

Tulip, Ark.

IMMERSIONIST DIFFICULTIES.

We were told a few days ago, by a most excellent woman, of a case of Baptist immersion in a little home in a country place in Kentucky. An aged man was very sick, and wished to be received into the church. There being only the Baptist church in the place he must be immersed, of course. So a bathtub was hauled out from the city, brought into the room and filled with warm water, and then the sick man was put into it in order to satisfy the crude and undisciplined ideas of this primitive people. It is hard for any ordinary reader or student of the Bible to believe that any such thing is called for under the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is sent out to all the world, and is adapted, in the divine wisdom, to the needs of all the race.

But if immersionists have difficulty in carrying out their theory they have difficulties of a different theory when they deviate from it. We read, recently, of a Baptist minister who baptized his daughter on her death-bed by sprinkling, and his association is reported to have disciplined him for it by suspension from the ministry. The New York Sun gives what are said to be the facts in the case.

The Living Church, the Episcopal paper, tells of another case of difficulty as follows: "An unbaptized woman, a regular attendant of Baptist meetings, was in a hospital in grave peril of death. She sent for the Baptist minister and sought baptism at his hands. He was, of course, unable to immerse her, but he might have told her that she would have 'the baptism of desire,' since she wished for it and was hindered from having it. He did not tell her so; instead, he sent a note to the Methodist minister saying, in substance: 'Mrs. A. is at the hospital, and wants certain ministrations which I can not give her. Please to see her and do what she wishes.' The Methodist went, baptized her by affusion and she recovered. Then naturally she left the Anabaptists and turned Methodist."

Now we do not believe that an ordinance would be instituted and made obligatory on all which is attended with so much external difficulty and confusion as is immersion, and our study of the Word and Providence of God makes us certain that the true form of baptism is that of sprinkling, to impress the fact of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us for cleansing of our hearts.

The Western Recorder, a Baptist paper, reports the following case, and comments upon it adversely: "Seven were to be immersed at the close of the meetings held by two churches. There were two ministers; one of them had been ordained, and the other not. The ordained man had a withered right arm and could not immerse. The brother who had not been ordained was 'large and brawny,' but had not been authorized as yet

to administer baptism. * * * Both of them 'went down into the water.' The crippled minister stood still and the strong minister 'put them under.' It is hard to determine whether this is more pathetic or ludicrous. Certainly, believing as we do, from the Scriptures, that no such an act is called for at all, the sight of it is calculated to cause one to recoil.

The sacraments of the New Testament are simplicity itself. The cup and bread of the feast were taken to be elements of the Lord's Supper for all lands and ages, and the sprinkled water on the head or forehead is the true form of the baptism which has been provided for God's people and their little ones of all centuries and climes. Where there are manufactured obstructions to the simplicity of the gospel they should be swept away by those who wish to be in line with the mind of Christ.—*Herald and Presbyterian*.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Much has been said and written as to what the General Conference should do. I am of the opinion:

1. That the time limits should not be removed. Our spirit of connectionalism is our greatest strength. If one man stays in a place till he makes himself necessary to the work of the church, our connectional spirit is in large measure broken and we become but little better than a strictly congregational government. The church served by this man becomes congregational more than connectional.

2. That the presiding elder is a necessity if we would preserve intact our connectional organization. The presiding elder who superintends the work of a district is its representative in the Annual Conference. He is the head to which all the charges in the district look for unification. Remove him, and the bond between the different charges is broken. They will then operate separately and independently rather than in co-operation. Strengthen the presiding elder, but do not remove him.

3. That the Bishops should not be elected for a term of years. We do not elect elders and deacons for four, eight, or any special term of years. They are elected for life, unless they voluntarily surrender their credentials or forfeit them by unbecoming conduct. It might be well to have the time limit apply to the Bishops as to the other orders of our traveling ministry. Four years is long enough for any one man to have the pastorate of any one field in succession, whether it be the poorest circuit or the best episcopate. Of course it might be well to except our mission fields, just as we except them in the work of our ordinary traveling preachers. There is very little danger that one of the Bishops will transcend his authority in any way. If he does, he can be made to account for his misconduct as readily as any other traveling preacher, the Discipline providing a way of dealing with him.

4. That it might be well to give lay representation in the cabinet. Our laymen are becoming more active in the work of the church, and a godly layman can be trusted in planning wisely for the preaching of the gospel throughout the bounds of his church. This would come near enough to a democracy to satisfy the most exacting. The laymen love the church, and if they desire to be represented in making the appointments, let them have representation.

5. That the two missionary societies of the church should be merged. It is a delicate matter for the pastor to give a preference to either the Home or Foreign Missionary Society, and it often happens that it is almost impossible for him to have the two in his charge. It is a hardship on those who constitute the workers in these societies to have to give double the time to this work that it would require, if the two societies were one. Why not say the Missionary

Society, leaving off the prefix altogether?

6. That some steps should be taken to eliminate the word South from the name of our church. If we have a mission to the South and to the South alone, why not withdraw from all other fields? If we have a mission to the world, let our name indicate that we are universally evangelic. If there was ever any cause for the word South being added to the name of our church, that cause is surely removed by now, and we are ready to begin a world crusade unhampered by the name we bear.

7. That some sort of organic union between the Methodist churches should be worked out. There is a waste of men and money by the different Methodist bodies operating in the same field. There is a very great loss of influence with liberal men because we bear the same name, have the same creed, and yet seem to counter each other instead of co-operating with each other in the salvation of the lost. Saving the lost is more important than preserving church pride and prestige.

8. That our periodic literature should be unified in some way. Each editor feels that his periodical is the one of greatest moment, and he is not too reserved to push the claim of his paper. Of course, when all the editors have spoken, the preacher feels that he ought to subscribe for all the papers that are published; for the editors are all good and able men and he should not miss the counsels of any one of them. But he finds it hard to spare the price of all of them. He finds it still harder to find the time to read all of them, and they are not specially valuable as ornaments for his study table. Besides, it is embarrassing to have a man come in who has specialized in the reading of some one of the papers and begin talking about a discussion had in its columns, while the host is ignorant of the contents of a periodical that carries his name on the subscriber's label. Let our wise men get wiser and make the question of our periodic literature easier for us. Very truly yours,
W. T. MARTIN.

THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE AT SEARCY.

Your scribe was an interested visitor to the late session of the White River Conference, which convened the first of this month at Searcy. Here is the seat of Galloway, our inter-conference girls' school, of which Arkansas is justly proud. The sessions of the Conference were honored and enlivened by the attendance of the uniformed girls of Galloway, as sweet-faced and intelligent-looking body of students as can be found anywhere.

The Conference was presided over by Bishop Hendrix. His distinguished ability as a presiding officer and his marked affability to the members of the Conference were not only satisfactory but much appreciated.

The committee on public worship showed its wisdom by turning over the Wednesday evening's hour to the laymen. That service was the most helpful one to the writer of all he attended during the Conference. The meeting was presided over by Brother Daniels, the secretary of the Conference, and the principal address was made by a Brother King, a knightly-looking, mellow-voiced layman from somewhere in Tennessee. His views, as expressed in that speech, should be printed for the benefit of the clergy and official laity of the church. He characterized many of the things we are attempting and some of our methods as nonsense to the well-informed and thoughtful layman. He verified his credentials as from the Lord by pleading for what our fathers knew as a "Christian experience." With religious and consecrated laymen looking after the temporalities of the church,

studying and working and praying for the salvation of the world, as our good women are already doing, he saw the possibility of the proclamation of the gospel to all the world in this generation. He insisted that the ministry should be relieved of all responsibility and care save that of preaching the word. He declared that what we call the "big boy problem" in the church is really the "man problem." Girls are imitating their pious mothers, while the boys are following their worldly and insincere fathers to worthlessness and ruin. Let the men be as devout and as careful of their examples as are our good women, especially at that period in a boy's life when there is a question point in everything he sees, and the boys will be as religious and circumspect as the girls.

Dr. R. P. Wilson, the host of the Conference, with his courteous and obliging entertainment committee, dispensed a large and pleasing grade of Arkansas hospitality to the Conference. Dr. Wilson is new in the White River Conference, but nevertheless the Conference showed its appreciation of him by giving him a very creditable vote for delegate to the General Conference. I doubt not that he would have received a hearty election if he had been personally acquainted with all his brethren of the Conference. I came in *hearing* of agents from two of the strongest churches of the Conference who were in Searcy seeking the services of Dr. Wilson for their pulpits another year. But so strong is the hold of Dr. Wilson upon his congregation and the Searcy community in general that it was impossible to disturb him. And when his appointment was announced by the bishop there was quite an unusual demonstration of joyous approval by the members of his congregation present. His pastorate at Searcy has been a very successful one. But success is a habit of his. He grew up here in Arkansas, and by making the most of his opportunities he has qualified himself for the best the church has to give him. As circuit rider, station preacher, business manager and editor of a connectional newspaper and manager of our publishing house in Shanghai, China, he has shown himself possessed of such strength and versatile ability that unquestionable success has invariably crowned his labors. May his third year at Searcy be the best of his life.

A VISITOR.

LAYMEN'S MEETING, LITTLE ROCK, ARK., FEB. 11-13.

Dear Brothers: I hope that you will give prominence in the Methodist to the Laymen's Meeting that is to be held in Little Rock, Feb. 11-13. A resolution was passed by the laymen in session at the conference recently held in Arkadelphia, that each church be entitled to one delegate to the meeting at Little Rock, and that delegate should be the church leader, if possible, if no church leader has been elected, then the pastor in charge shall appoint, or the church conference elect, one delegate from each church.

It is thought worth while by those in charge of this work to organize this movement and instruct the church leaders in their duties, and a great deal of time and money is being used to get the work well under way, and I sincerely hope that every minister and especially every pastor, presiding elder and lay leader, in the Little Rock conference will work earnestly for the success of this meeting.

Please remember that the meeting is to be inter-denominational, and I am anxious to see all of the evangelical churches well represented, and especially our own beloved Methodist church.

Yours for greater things,

J. O. A. BUSH,
Conference Leader.

"OUR MINISTER'S WIFE."

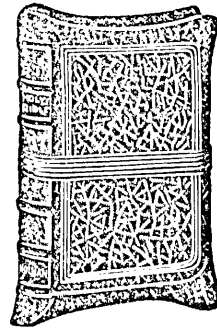
1. Don't criticise her.
 2. Don't grumble if she visits two or three families in the congregation more than others. She has as much right to special friends as you have.
 3. Don't expect her to do her share of work and yours too.
 4. Don't expect her to do things you are too shy, or too nervous, to do yourself. Marrying a minister does endow her with special gifts of speech and freedom from nervousness, though it does bring special opportunities.
 5. Remember that her duties to her husband, her children, and her home are just as important as yours.
 6. Remember to speak kindly of her to others.
 7. Remember to pay her short, cheery visits, and take her a bunch of your choicest flowers.
 8. Remember to pray for her.
- "If every woman in our church was just like me,
What sort of a church would our church be?"

—Australian Christian World.

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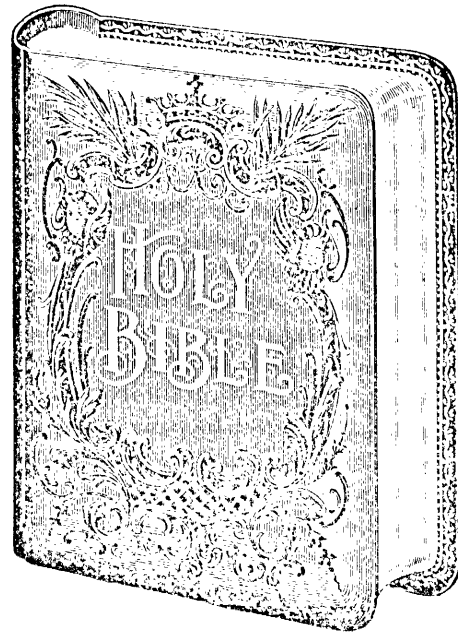
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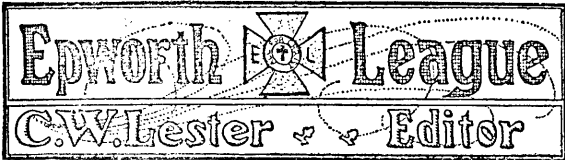


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SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

(Week of December 19, 1909.)

Opening sentence—"Take back my interest in the blood, unless it flows for all the race."

Song—"I gave my life for thee."

Responsive—Luke 10:1-16.

Song—"Stand up for Jesus."

Scripture—Matt. 9:36-8; Acts 22:10.

Exposition—By three. See the paper for help.

Song—Selected.

Prayer—That the Lord may send forth laborers into his harvest.

Discussion—Would "I" be willing to go if the Lord designated "me."

Song—"I'll go where you want me to go."

Announcements of Christmas plans.

Doxology. Sing opening sentence twice.

M. H. NEWTON.

LITTLE ROCK METHODISM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Winfield, S. H. Werlein, pastor. Pastor preached at both hours, three accessions.

Hunter Memorial, T. J. Norsworthy, pastor. The pastor preached at All Souls' Church, Scott's, and the pulpit was filled by Rev. C. H. Gregory.

Asbury, Frank Barrett, pastor. The pastor preached both morning and evening.

Twenty-eighth Street, W. D. Mitchell, pastor. The pastor preached at both services, four accessions and one profession.

Capitol Church, L. C. Beasley, pastor. The pastor preached at both the morning and evening services, four accessions.

GREAT EDUCATIONAL GATHERING.

The next meeting of the Southern Educational Association will be held at Charlotte, N. C., on Dec. 28, 29 and 30, 1909. This will be one of the largest, most important and notable educational gatherings that ever assembled in the South. The last meeting at Atlanta was the largest in its history. The association has been largely reconstructed and has now developed an organization almost as extensive as that of the National Educational Association.

Among the leading educators of the country who have already accepted places on the general program may be mentioned the following: Ex-President Eliot of Harvard University, President Jordan of Leland Stanford University, President Judson of the University of Chicago, President Dabney of the University of Cincinnati, Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt University, President Hill of the University of Missouri, President Mezes of the University of Texas, President Denney of Washington and Lee University, President Venable of University of North Carolina, President Abercrombie of the University of Alabama, President Kincannon of the University of Mississippi, President Mitchell of the University of South Carolina, Prof. P. P. Claxton of the University of Tennessee, Congressman Chas. R. Davis, the United States Commissioner of Education; one or two European ambassadors, United States Senator Overman of North Carolina and a number of others. In addition to those already mentioned who will be on the general program, there are about three hundred on the sixteen different departmental programs.

Among the subjects that will be discussed in the general session are the following: Educational ideals and problems of the New South as compared with the Old South; the industrial development of the South—the development of

Southern rural life and public schools in relation to it; the movement of the improvement of school houses and grounds; the call for educational citizenship; national aid to Southern schools; educational legislation and progress during the year; the trend of State administration to public schools; present status of illiteracy in the Southern States; methods of State and local taxation for public schools; present conception of negro education in the South; methods of educational campaigns; the service of the State university; present status of college education; higher education of women; the movement for the education of adults; the supervision of rural schools; the improvement of teachers; Southern summer schools; development of rural high schools; secondary agricultural education in the South; secondary education in Europe; European and American trade schools, etc.

The most progressive Southern universities, colleges and normal schools will make exhibits of their equipments, special facilities, etc., bearing especially upon the professional preparation of teachers in secondary and elementary schools. Some of the leading Southern industrial high and elementary schools, also several kindergarten schools, will exhibit the work they have done. The United States Bureau of Education and the Teachers' College of Chicago University will also make large exhibits. They will exhibit in the line of architecture, equipment, courses of instruction, etc. Apparatus for the examination of defective hearing, seeing, lung capacity, fatigue, etc., will be on exhibit and children examined by a specialist; also chemical, physical, biological, psychological apparatus and school supplies. Publishers will exhibit the latest texts, etc.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MEETING WITH ASSOCIATION.

Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Religious Educational Association, American School Peace League, Southern Association for the Improvement of Public School Houses and Grounds, etc.

A number of the Southern universities, colleges, normal and technological schools will make the meeting of the Southern Educational Association the occasion for a meeting of graduates and for holding banquets.

The railroads have granted half rates and hotels will also give special rates. Charlotte is a large commercial and industrial center, and an excellent place for meeting.

H. E. BIERLY, *Secretary*.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, 1909.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN 1909.

Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture, declares the Secretary of Agriculture in his Thirteenth Annual Report, made public today. The value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is \$8,760,000,000.00, a gain of \$869,000,000.00 over 1908. The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. The report says: "Eleven years of agriculture, beginning with a production of \$4,417,000,000.00 and ending with \$8,760,000,000.00! A sum of \$70,000,000.00 for the period! It has paid off mortgages, it has established banks, it has made better homes, it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world, and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive."

FARM PRODUCTION OF 1909.

The most striking fact in the world's agriculture is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which is about \$1,720,000,000.00. It nearly equals the value of the clothing and personal adornments of 76,000,000 people, according to the census of

1900. The gold and silver coin and bullion of the United States are not of greater value. It has grown up from the soil and out of the air in 20 days—\$15,000,000.00 a day for one crop, nearly enough for two Dreadnaughts daily for peace or war. This crop exceeds in value the average of the crops of the five preceding years by 36 per cent.

Cotton is now the second crop in value, and this year's cotton crop is easily the most valuable one to the farmer that has been produced. With cotton lint selling at 13.7 cents on the farm November 1 and with cotton seed selling for about \$25.00 per ton, the lint and seed of this crop are worth about \$850,000,000.00 to the farmer. No cotton crop since 1873 has been sold by farmers for as high a price per pound as this one.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$725,000,000.00 at the farm, and this largely exceeds all previous values. The November farm price was almost an even dollar a bushel, a price which has not been equaled since 1881. This is the third wheat crop in point of size, with 725,000,000 bushels.

The hay crop is valued at \$665,000,000.00; oats at \$400,000,000.00; potatoes at \$212,000,000.00; and tobacco at nearly \$100,000,000.00. Beet and cane sugar and molasses and syrup, from farm and factory, will reach the total of about \$95,000,000.00. The barley crop is worth \$88,000,000.00, flaxseed \$36,000,000.00, and 1,000,000,000 pounds of rice \$25,000,000.00.

COMPARISONS WITH FORMER YEARS.

The production of all cereals combined is 4,711,000,000 bushels, an amount considerably greater than that for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 6.5 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equaled in a previous year. It is almost exactly \$3,000,000,000, or 34 per cent above the five year average.

Compared with the average of the previous five years, all principal crops are greater this year except cotton, flaxseed, hops, and cane sugar; but without exception every crop is worth more to the farmer than the five-year average.

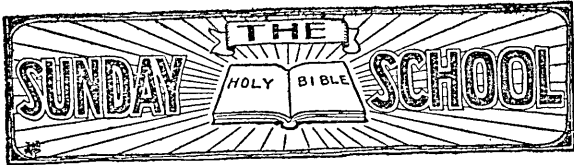
This is the year of highest production for potatoes, tobacco, beet sugar, all sugar, and rice; next to the highest production for corn, oats and all cereals. Compared with 1908 gains in value are found all along the line, the exceptions being barley, buckwheat, rye, and milk. The increase for cotton, lint and seed, is \$208,000,000, wheat, \$107,000,000; corn, \$105,000,000; hay, \$29,000,000; oats, \$22,000,000; tobacco, \$18,000,000; potatoes, \$15,000,000.

The increase in the value of farm products this year over 1908, \$569,000,000, is enough to buy a new equipment of farm machinery for over 6,000,000 farms. The value of the cereal crops to the farmer would pay for all the machinery, tools, and implements of the entire manufacturing industry. The value of all crops, \$5,700,000,000, would make a half payment on the value of all steam railroads, according to the valuation of 1904.

Secretary Wilson concludes his review of the production of 1909 as follows: "The agricultural production of 1909 must add much to the prosperity of farmers. The record is unexampled in wealth production and tells of abundance in quantity. Year by year the farmer is better and better prepared to provide the capital and make the expenditures needed to improve his agriculture and to educate his children for farm life and work."

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(Prepared by Rev. George McGlumphy, Ph. D.)
December 26. The Birth of Christ—Matt. 21:12.

Golden Text: "And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

LOCATING THE LESSON.

Time—Impossible to fix exact date, though the year B. C. 5 is probable; and December 25 is as good a guess as any.

Place—Bethlehem, the home of David, a village five miles south of Jerusalem.

Persons—The infant Jesus; Herod the Great, king of Judea for some 44 years; "wise men," astrologers from the "East" (Babylonia, Arabia, or Persia).

Parallel Passages—Read John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-39.

PREPARING FOR THE CHRIST.

Few facts in history are as striking and instructive as that of the preparation which God made through many centuries of working and waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ. All the movements of nations and races unconsciously focused at Bethlehem. Specially is this true of the three great nations of ancient history, the Jew, the Greek and the Roman.

Tragical, as much of Hebrew history, yet in a very true sense God's work in and through the Jew was a splendid success. Israel, after long tuition and training, learned—that is, the "elect souls" did—the great fundamentals of true religion. Jehovah was to them the one supreme God, whose essence is spirit, whose character is holy, and whose heart is love. The acceptable life loves God and man, and finds the crown, not in burnt offering, nor elaborate ritual, but in faith, as Habakkuk says, "The just shall live by faith." This lesson learned, God in the dispersion scattered the Jews throughout the known world; and building their synagogues wherever they went and gathering around them many Gentile converts, called proselytes, they taught the "Law" and nourished the ever-growing hope of a coming Messiah.

If the Jew, under God, furnished the *thought* of the divine revelation, the Greek nation gave as its gift the *vehicle* for this thought. At best the Hebrew is a halting tongue, with meagre vocabulary, narrow range and uncouth sound. Through the centuries as Homer sang, Plato wrote and Demosthenes orated, God was shaping a vessel, fitted to carry the fragrant, precious, life-giving wine of the new kingdom. The mellow-toned, the thousand-stringed, and the marvelously empowered Greek became the new evangel, not only through its innate fitness, but also because of its wellnigh universal spread, being the common language of commerce, society and philosophy. The Septuagint, the Greek version of the Hebrew Scriptures, was found in every synagogue throughout the world.

It was not enough to have the thought of the Jew and the language of the Greek; there must be opened a way into and through the hearts of every nation. Without this the "Great Commission," "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," were an empty dream. So God, who never works by halves, laid his hand on the Roman and made him the unconscious slave of the divine purpose. The march of Rome's legions cut through mountains, crossed deserts, bridged rivers, made paths in seas, finally at the beginning of the Christian era made the world one with a great heart-beating in the imperial city whence flowed out and in the life blood of the world.

Truly we see as we look back across the cen-

turies a Jew riding in a Greek chariot along a Roman highway proclaiming the everlasting gospel of the Star of Bethlehem to uttermost parts of the earth.

THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST.

The nationality and names of the Magi who come to Jerusalem inquiring for the new-born king of the Jews are of small importance. The thing of large moment is the witness which their coming bears to the widespread and intense hunger for a manifestation of God. The Wise Men had probably crass conceptions of what they should find in Judea, but of one thing they were certain, that they were seeking God. Surely the Holy Spirit "which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" was moving upon the Magi's hearts, impelling them to cross mountain, desert and river, bearing not only gold, frankincense and myrrh, but also the homage of true hearts. What a prophecy of that day when "many shall come from the east and the west and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

By W. J. MOORE, *Chairman*.

PART OF HIS BUSINESS.

In a note from one of our busy pastors we find the following statements, which prophesy success for him, or for any other pastor who will take hold of the Sunday School and the young people generally. Here are his words:

"Am at work already. Found schools not observing birthday offerings, and one not observing missionary day. But they will. That's part of my business here."

Yes, and it is the part of every pastors "business here" to get down (or up) to the detail work of the Sunday School. He had better get his school to observe the birthday offering or missionary day than to preach a big sermon to the old folks on Church Extension or on Missions.

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"THE MOST PRESSING NEED."

From a report from the General Sunday School Board we clip the following true and significant statement:

"The most pressing need of the Sunday School work at the present is the need of trained teachers; it is the imperative duty of our leaders to join hands with those who are trying to supply this need."

A teacher-training course in any Sunday School means more to that school than any other one part of the work. If each of our 431 schools in Oklahoma had a live, interesting class of men and women who were trying to fulfill the Apostolic injunction (II Tim. 2:15) it would mean a great forward work for the church next year. May we not plan now to put such a necessary movement on foot for the year 1910?

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"THE BIGGEST SERMON."

"Whether you believe it or not, I am sure the biggest sermon you can preach is to place a good book in the hands of the superintendent and get him to read it."

So writes a live Sunday School man to this chairman. And that is the very thing we are trying to do. Every superintendent ought to be an up-to-date, intelligent, enthusiastic man. He can then inspire, instruct and lead his teachers, officers, and pupils. Dear superintendent, start in with a good book and read and study it. Then get another. You ought to read one book each month during the year 1910. If you do not know what books to read, write this chairman, and he will suggest.

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Let us make this year the greatest in the study of missions and in giving to missions. The Sunday School is certainly the place to begin. Miss

Hixon says in her book on "Missions in the Sunday School" that "The Sunday School alone is capable of providing missionaries sufficient for the world's evangelization."

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BROTHER M'BRIDE REPORTS.

"We have our Teacher Training class started and good interest taken in it. Have one Philathea and one Baraca class organized. Good Sunday School."

We like such reports. Let others give us some items.

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"THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY."

If you were not able to carry out the program on last Sunday, then make your plans to do so at some future date. Do not kive it up. You can make it a great occasion and helpful in many ways.

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OTHERS FOLLOW.

At the late Texas Conference the Rev. C. J. Oxley, an up-to-date Sunday School man, was reappointed as Sunday School Secretary for another year with the additional helpful and business-like item of "\$2,000.00 to be assessed on the Conference for his salary." Brother Oxley has had to work and scuffle, and then scuffle some more to keep going in the past; but the brethren saw the heavy double burden on him. So they rose up and did the only proper thing—laid an assessment on the Conference. They knew of the Oklahoma plan and are following.

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HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Hot Springs Methodist preachers met at Central Church, Monday morning, December 13, at 10 o'clock. Present: Hutchinson, Parker, Rushing, Harden, Keadle, Black, Mason and the presiding elder, Brother T. D. Scott.

Brother Hutchinson in the chair. Prayer by Brother Harden. "The Christian's Home in Glory" and "Rock of Ages" were sung.

Brother Harden had a good day yesterday; good attendance at the Sunday

school at Tigert Memorial and fairly good attendance at the preaching services for the weather conditions.

Brother Parker reported a splendid prayer meeting. He talked on the Sunday school lesson and the service developed into quite a revival spirit. Congregation small at the morning service. Seventy-five at the Sunday school. No service at night.

Brother Hutchinson reported a good prayer meeting and 150 at Sunday school. Brother Scott, presiding elder, preached a good sermon at 11 o'clock. Chapel full at both services. The board of stewards raised the salary \$100. One addition to the church.

Brother Rushing was in good spirits, although he had quite a lively experience yesterday in various ways; yet it did not keep him from preaching at 11 o'clock; however the smell of arnica still remained upon his person. His salary also has been raised \$126. His congregation was somewhat short, but the Sunday school was fair. Brother Scott, presiding elder, preached at night to a fair-sized crowd. A new stove has been placed in the church, which adds a great deal to the comfort of the congregation. If the pastor can keep on his feet in the future all will be well.

Brother Mason reported a good prayer meeting, with 59 at Sunday school; small crowd at the morning service, no services at night. One addition to the church. Conditions at this church are much better than they have been for years, so says the ex-presiding elder.

Brother Scott met with us and gave quite a nice little talk on general lines. He is still living at Texarkana. He has visited Arkadelphia, Central Avenue and Park Avenue in an official capacity so far. He is planning for an aggressive campaign. In this connection the following resolution was offered by Brother Parker:

"Whereas, The powers that be have seen fit to change our presiding elder and send to another field our beloved Brother, H. M. Bruce, and in his place our Brother T. D. Scott has been appointed; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we assure our ex-presiding elder, Rev. H. M. Bruce, of our love and pledge him our prayers for God's blessings to rest upon him and his at this time, and during the year in his new field of labor.

"Be it further resolved, That we give to Rev. T. D. Scott a hearty welcome in our midst, and pledge to him our support, best wishes and prayers for the success of the work that has been committed to his care for the year 1910."

Brother A. J. Black's name was added to our roll.

Brother Keadle was present, but had no report.

Brother Parker was appointed by the chairman to give an exegesis of one of his sermons of next Sunday.

B. F. MASON, Secretary.

PASTORS OF OKLAHOMA.

We are at home now making our slate for next year. Pastors will address me at Siloam Springs, Ark., through December; after Christmas at Oklahoma City.

E. G. PHILLIPS.

THE CENTURY IN 1910.

There are to be more of Mr. Timothy Cole's wood engravings direct from the French masters ancient and modern in the Century during 1910; and Mr. Joseph Pennell, who occupies a unique position as an etcher and draughtsman, has made a group of notable drawings of "Picturesque Pittsburg," to appear in the Century.

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trict school teacher and Baptist preacher. Brother Bumpers is the gifted leader of the Central choir. Brother Patchell made a nice speech and as spokesman for the crowd explained the cause of the storm and bade me and my family welcome to the community. After which these good people dispersed to their several homes, leaving us to rejoice over the immense pile of good things and to thank the Lord that our lot has been cast among such big-hearted people, and let me say right here, Mr. Editor, that nearly all these people take and read the Western Methodist. Bishop Hoss once said: "Any man who takes and reads the Nashville Advocate is a Christian gentleman." It has been my experience as pastor that the man or woman who reads the Western Methodist is a good Methodist.

The ladies of this community have just presented me with a nice quilt with the names of the donors on the blocks. Among them is the name of my oldest daughter who is now in her grave. The ladies of Flat Rock Church presented me with a nice quilt, and the ladies of Goodlow Church presented my wife with a nice dress. So I am wishing these good people the same good blessing that the old lady bestowed on her daughter when she started to Arkansas: "May you live forever and die happy and go home to heaven."

Success to the Western Methodist.
W. W. Wood.

Dear Methodist: I am now at home from quite a successful trip through southeast and north Missouri. We also had a great meeting in Cairo, Ill. Would have been much greater had it not been for the excitement caused from the killing of Miss Rely. The city was under mob law for three days. Excitement ran high. We witnessed the most terrible sight of our life and that was the burning of a negro and the hanging and shooting of a white man. All this was caused from the lack of law enforcement. The time has come when people demand better services of its officers. Three lives sacrificed as the result of political rot. Many of our cities need a general cleaning up. Any one wishing to write me will please address me 1211 East Eighth Street, Oklahoma City.

O. L. MARTIN.

NOTICE, CAMDEN DISTRICT.

I call the District Stewards and the preachers of the district and all the laymen who can come to meet in Camden January 13, at 2:00 p. m., to remain in session Friday, 14th. A program will be furnished later.

R. W. MCKAY, P. E.

EVANGELISTIC SLATE FOR 1910.

We are at home now, making our slate for next year. Pastors will address me at Siloam Springs, Ark., through December; after Christmas at Oklahoma City. Ed. G. PHILLIPS.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMEN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

THE RIGHTS OF THE LAITY FOR THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.

Dear Friends and Coworkers: You may be surprised to hear that I have not discussed this subject before for fear of embarrassing our brethren. A preacher in the South Georgia Conference told me he would vote for no delegate to the General Conference who favored granting the rights of the laity to the women of the church. We laughed, told him that was human nature, and left him to grow in grace.

Now, without unnecessary questions, the delegates to General Conference have been elected by the Arkansas and Oklahoma Conferences, and they will have to deal mainly with the human nature that is within themselves.

I dare say they, too, like the rest of us, need to grow somewhat in grace even though they may favor granting the rights of the laity to the women of the church.

I do not know how they stand in this matter, but they will, I am sure, give the memorials from the Woman's Board of Home Missions careful attention.

At any rate they are not like the old miserly man who said: "Get all you can and keep all you get," for they are followers of John Wesley, whose motto was, "Make all you can, save all you can, and give all you can." Money is a very small part of what we own and must share with our fellow-men.

Unless the brethren know it would hinder the church of God for a majority of its members to have a voice in its management, they should not continue taxation without representation.

Two-thirds of the members of our M. E. Church, South, are women, and not long ago I heard a preacher, east of the Mississippi, declare that all the active work in the church is done by them.

He said the men sign checks and their money is valuable, but in personal work, necessary to advance the coming of God's kingdom, the men are doing nothing. It is just to say that he was trying to organize a Laymen's Missionary Society and his commendation of the women of Southern Methodism was incidental.

Besides the personal work of these women, the combined annual collections of their Foreign and Home Mission Societies for real mission work (not local) is nearly \$400,000.00.

The management of their schools, hospitals and other missions proves them capable and intelligent as well as zealous workers for Christ. Is it not reasonable for them to desire the legal right to say when and where the fruits of their labor shall be distributed?

Sixteen years ago the General Conference of the M. E. Church (North) granted the rights of the laity to the women and as Miss Belle Bennett, the President, said in her recent annual message to our Woman's Board of Home Missions:

"No great calamity has befallen either men or women because of this

enlargement of woman's duties and liberties, and by every token the Lord still loves and leads that great division of his militant Methodist army."

Some of the leaders and strongest men of that church who bitterly opposed this measure at first now declare it to be the just and wise course for all religious organizations.

If the General Conference remands this question to the Annual Conferences, and two-thirds of them report favorably at the General Conference four years later the rights of the laity will be granted to the women of the church in 1914.

That does not mean that the women will be made preachers, Presiding Elders, or Bishops, but only that they may have a legal voice in planning and perfecting the work of the church.

It is said twenty years crystallizes a person in thought and habit, and a few of us are almost twice crystallized in church work. Yet, not one of us is like the faithful old horse that had gone around in the treadmill so long he couldn't learn to walk straight.

Doubtless, the rights of the laity will be granted the women of Southern Methodism some day, whether we of the Little Rock Conference work for it or not. Let us think carefully, speak courageously and be not disconcerted by untoward criticism of this advance movement.

We told another brother in Georgia that his woeful predictions for our church might prove as those made in the good old days in England when men and women protested against the introduction of railways.

They honestly thought their country would be ruined, said the smoke from locomotives would impair the health of the nation, would destroy vegetation, and might even suffocate the birds of the air.

Now, and for many years, all England has been proud of her splendid system of railways, and a heroic statue of George Stephenson, who perfected the locomotive engine, occupies a conspicuous place in London today.

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WOMAN'S WORK.

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FROM REV. J. T. ARMSTRONG.

Dear Methodist: I will take this means of letting the brethren know why I have not been on my work. I have been at home with a sick boy since the fifth Sunday in October. He is some better now and if he keeps on improving I will begin a meeting at Geary the 10th of this month. I hope I can get the co-operation of all the preachers in the district. Look out for any place where I am needed and let me know about it.

J. T. ARMSTRONG,
District Evangelist Lawton District.

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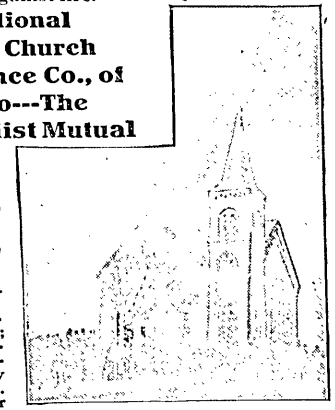
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LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

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
Maumelle 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.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Lakeside	Dec. 22
Macon, at Good Faith	Dec. 25-26
Rison, at Rison	Dec. 26-27
Sherrill, at Sherrill	Jan. 1-2
Hawley Memorial	Jan. 2-3
Roe and St. Charles, at Hunter Chapel	Jan. 5
DeWitt Sta., at Sunshine	Jan. 8-9
DeWitt Sta.	Jan. 9-10
Gillett, at Gillett	Jan. 12
Redfield, at Center	Jan. 15-16
First Church	Jan. 19
Star City, at Star City	Jan. 22-23
Rowell, at Wesley Chapel	Jan. 25
New Edinburg	Jan. 27
Swan Lake	Jan. 29-30
Sheridan, at Sheridan	Feb. 2

District Stewards meeting at First Church, Pine Bluff, at 7:30 p. m., December 16.
J. D. HAMMONS, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Texarkana Ct.	Jan. 1-2
College Hill	Jan. 2-3
Lewisville	Jan. 8-9
Spring Hill	Jan. 15-16
Stamps	Jan. 16-17
Umpire	Jan. 22-23
Lockesburg	Jan. 22
De Queen	Jan. 25
Horatio	Jan. 26
Gillham	Jan. 29-30
Vandervoort	Jan. 30-31
Gherry Hill	Feb. 5-6
Mena	Feb. 6-7
First Church	Feb. 12-13

District stewards will meet at First Church, Texarkana, Dec. 22, 10 o'clock a. m.
THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Bearden Ct.	Dec. 26-27
Thornton Ct.	Jan. 1-2
Strong Ct.	Jan. 8-9
Huttig Sta.	Jan. 9-10
Junction City Sta.	Jan. 11
Wesson Sta.	Jan. 12
Camden Ct.	Jan. 15-16
Camden Sta.	Jan. 17
Chidester Ct.	Jan. 18
Stephens Sta.	Jan. 19
Waldo Ct.	Jan. 20
Magnolia Ct., 11:00 a. m.	Jan. 21
Magnolia Sta., 7:00 p. m.	Jan. 21
Atlanta Ct.	Jan. 22-23
El Dorado Ct., 11:00 a. m.	Jan. 24
El Dorado Sta.	Jan. 25
Hampton Ct.	Jan. 29-30

The District Stewards, and preachers of

the district, and all the laymen who can come, specially those elected on the fourth round as lay leaders, are called to meet at Camden, January 13-14, 2 p. m. The District Stewards will meet then. Our laymen will begin at 7:00 p. m. and hold that night and all the next day. Let all Stewards, preachers, and laymen who can be present and stay until the meeting closes.
R. W. McKAY, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Prescott	Dec. 26-27
Hope Station	Dec. 28
Murreesboro	Jan. 1-2
Bingen	Jan. 2-3
Blevins	Jan. 8-9
Mineral Springs	Jan. 15-16
Nashville	Jan. 22-23
Washington	Jan. 23-24
Amity Ct.	Jan. 29-30
Caddo	Jan. 30-31
Pike City	Feb. 1
At. Ida	Feb. 5-6
Oden	Feb. 6-7
Gurdon	Feb. 12-13
Center Point	Feb. 19-20
Harmony	Feb. 26-27

The district stewards will please meet me at Methodist Church in Prescott on Dec. 21, 7 p. m.
W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Hamburg Ct., at Extra	Jan. 1-2
Hamburg Sta.	Jan. 2-3
Snyder Ct., at Snyder	Jan. 4
Hermitage Ct., at Jersey	Jan. 8-9
Crossett Sta., at Mission	Jan. 11
Selma Ct., at Andrew's Chapel	Jan. 13
Wilmar Sta.	Jan. 13
Parkdale and Wilmet, at Parkdale	Jan. 15-16
Dermott and Portland, at Portland	Jan. 16-17
Warren Sta.	Jan. 20
Tillar Ct., at Tillar	Jan. 22-23
Dumas and Watson, at Dumas	Jan. 23-24
Lacey Ct., at Prairie Chapel	Jan. 26
Eudora Mission, at Concord	Jan. 29
Lake Village and Eudora, at L. V.	Jan. 30-31
Collins, at Commo	Feb. 2
Johnsville Ct., at Pine Grove	Feb. 5-6
Monticello Sta.	Feb. 9
McGehee and Arkansas City, at McG.	Feb. 10

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Wilburn Ct., at Hiram	Dec. 31
Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn	Jan. 1-2
Heber Sta.	Jan. 2-3
Auvergne and Weldon, at Weldon	Jan. 8-9
Newport Sta.	Jan. 9-10
McKae Ct., at Sixteenth Section	Jan. 15-16
Beebe Ct., at Beebe	Jan. 16-17
Cabot Ct.	Jan. 22-23
Augusta Ct., at Union	Jan. 29-30
Augusta Sta.	Jan. 30-31
Cato Ct., at Cato	Feb. 5-6
Vilonia Ct., at Vilonia	Feb. 6-7
Floyd Ct., at Hammonsville	Feb. 12-13
West Point Ct., at West Point	Feb. 19-20
Bradford and B. K., at B. K.	Feb. 26-27
Denmark Ct., at Denmark	March 1
Gardner Memorial	March 5-6
Dye Memorial	March 6-7

District Stewards will please meet me at Searcy on Tuesday, December 21, at 2:00 p. m.
A. P. SKINNER, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Paragould Ct., at Pruet's Chapel	Dec. 26, Jan. 6
New Liberty Ct., at Morning Star	Jan. 7
Gainesville Ct., at Gainesville	Jan. 8-9
Lorado Ct., at Warren's Chapel	Jan. 15-16
Boydsville Ct., at Mary's Chapel	Jan. 22-23
Rector Ct., at Rector	Jan. 23-24
Corning Sta.	Jan. 29-30
Knobel Ct., at Peach Orchard	Jan. 30
Walnut Ridge Sta.	Feb. 5-6
Pocahontas and Biggers, at P.	Feb. 6-7
Success Ct., at Success	Feb. 8
Pocahontas Ct., at Oak Grove	Feb. 10
Maynard Ct., at Maynard	Feb. 12-13
Black Rock, Portia and Hoxie, at Portia	Feb. 19-20
Imboden Ct., at Imboden	Feb. 26-27
Mammoth Spring and Hardy at Mammoth Spring	Feb. 27-28

The District Stewards will please meet me at Hoxie, Thursday, December 16, at 1:00 o'clock p. m. All pastors are invited to be present.
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Tuckerman Sta.	Dec. 26-27
Swifton Ct., at Arbor Grove	Dec. 28
Sulphur Rock Ct., at Sulphur Rock	Jan. 1-2
Newark Sta.	Jan. 2-3
Cave City Ct., at Cave City	Jan. 8-9
Evening Shade Sta.	Jan. 9-10
Ash Flat Ct., at Bethel	Jan. 11
Salem Ct., at Salem	Jan. 13
Bexar Ct., at Bexar	Jan. 15-16
Melbourne Ct., Pleasant Grove	Jan. 16-17
Calico Rock Ct., at Olive Branch	Jan. 22-23
Mountain View and Guion, at Mountain View	Jan. 23-24
Mountain View Ct., at St. James	Jan. 25
Smithville Ct., at Jesup	Jan. 29-30
Wolf Bayou Ct., at Pine Grove	Feb. 5-6
Desha Ct., at Salado	Feb. 12-13
Bethesda Ct., at Bethesda	Feb. 19-20
Jacksonport Ct., at Jacksonport	Feb. 23

A. T. GALLOWAY, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Forrest City Station	Dec. 26-27
La Grange Ct., at Moro	Jan. 1-2
Wheatley Ct., at Wheatley	Jan. 2-3
Cotton Plant Station	Jan. 8-9
Brinkley Station	Jan. 9-10
Hamlin Ct., at Hamlin	Jan. 14-15
McCrory Station	Jan. 15-16
DeView and Howell Ct., at Gray's	Jan. 16-17
Holly Grove and Marvell, at H. G.	Jan. 22-23
Turner and Shiloh Ct., at Monroe	Jan. 23-24
Colt Ct., at Wesley Chapel	Jan. 30-31
Council Ct., at Democrat	Feb. 5-6
Haynes and Madison Ct., at Madison	Feb. 6-7
Laconia Ct., at Mellwood	Feb. 11-12
Marianna Station	Feb. 13-14

Helena Station Feb. 19-20
Our district stewards are called to meet at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 1910, in the Methodist Church in Forrest City.
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Monette and Macey	Dec. 18-19
North Jonesboro and Lake City	Dec. 19-20
Trinity Ct.	Dec. 25-26
Nettleton and Forest Home	Dec. 26-27
Harrisburg Ct.	Jan. 1-2
Harrisburg Sta.	Jan. 2-3
Marion and Gilmore	Jan. 8-9
Marked Tree, Tyrone and Bay	Jan. 9-10
Earl Sta.	Jan. 15-16
Crawfordsville and Bethany	Jan. 16-17
Vanndale Ct.	Jan. 18-19
Lake City Ct.	Jan. 22-23
Leachville Mission	Jan. 23-24
Little River Mission	Jan. 26-27
Barfield Mission	Jan. 29-30
Manila and Dell	Jan. 30-31
Luxora and Rogers	Feb. 5-6
Oseola Sta.	Feb. 6-7
Blytheville Ct.	Feb. 12-13
Blytheville Sta.	Feb. 13-14
Cotton Belt Mission	Feb. 19-20
Brookland Ct.	Feb. 20-21
Wilson and Bardstown	Feb. 26-27
First Church, Jonesboro	March 5-6

District Stewards will please meet in First Church, Jonesboro, Jan. 4, 1910, at 1 p. m.
A. M. R. BRANSON, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Broadway	Dec. 23-26
Carter Avenue	Jan. 2-3
Wapanucka	Jan. 8-9
Tishomingo and Mans	Jan. 15-16
Ravia	Jan. 22-23
Ardmore Mission	Jan. 29-30
Davis and Oakridge	Feb. 5-6
Wynnewood	Feb. 13-14
Marietta	Feb. 19-20
Berwyn and Dougherty	Feb. 26-27
Hennepin	March 5-6
Elmore	March 12-13
Thackerville	March 19-20
Lebanon	March 26-27
Leon and Burneyville	April 2-3
Lone Grove	April 9-10
Cornish and Loco	April 16-17
Petersburg	April 23-24
Woodford	April 30-May 1
Springer	May 7-8

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I. K. WALLER, P. E.

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