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IMPORTANT MATTERS.

We are sending out to our pastors their post-office lists for the Western Methodists. We are sending them at this time for two reasons. First, we wish every pastor to have a complete list of all his members who get the paper. This will enable each one to know what members are not getting it, which is about the same as to say each pastor will thus know what homes in his charge are without the information and the inspiration which the paper ought to take into them every week; he will know where we are not able to help him, because we cannot reach those members. Second, on many of these lists will be found names underscored with a blue pencil, and these are the names that will have to come off the list soon unless their accounts are looked after. There are about one thousand of them on our entire list. We have notified them, but have not heard from them. We do not wish to lose these names, nor to lose the accounts they represent. We urgently request the pastors to give immediate attention to them. To take off a thousand names, and to set on a side as old accounts twice that many dollars, is a very serious matter in the life of this paper. It will take months of work to replace the names; and our experience shows us that many of the accounts will not be collected at all. **RIGHT HERE IS THE WEAK SPOT IN THE WORK OF OUR PAPERS.** When we cannot hear from the subscriber our only hope is in the pastor. We beg every pastor to look after the matter in his own charge at once. If any pastor has not received a list for all his post offices, we will gladly furnish such lists as may be called for. It is practically impossible for us to be entirely accurate in determining where all the members on each pastoral charge get their mails. It is further true that the rural delivery system confuses matters for us. But we ask each pastor to see that he gets all the lists that come to him. Drop us a postal card for any that do not arrive.

SHIP SUBSIDIES.

In a recent number of Success Mr. J. J. Hill, the great railroad manager, contends earnestly that restrictive legislation on American shipping has practically lost for the United States the carrying trade of the Pacific, and resulted also in a vast loss in the commerce of the Far East. We understand that the restriction chiefly complained of is that prohibiting American registration of ships built in foreign countries. We understand Mr. Hill to be also of the number who believe that the Government of the United States should subsidize its merchant marine. The plain reader will understand that this means the Government should pay vessels of American registry, out of the public treasury, a sum of money in addition to the carrying charges they collect from the shipper.

We do not profess to understand all the intricacies of such matters. As a plain citizen this writer is under the necessity of applying simply a few common sense principles to the case.

As for the denial of registration to foreign built ships, we presume this to be an effort to

foster our ship-building industry, and it is of the nature of a special privilege, inuring to the benefit of American ship builders, as the protective tariff does to other industries in this country, to be treated, therefore, upon the same principles. If this privilege has been administered in the same spirit as the protective tariff it ought to be reformed, at least. We have before said in this paper that the tariff is no longer a party question. The action of certain Democrats in helping the "standpatters" to put through the present tariff schedules and the bitter hostility of the "Insurgents" in opposing it fairly takes the question out of party politics, for the time, at least. We are, therefore, at liberty to speak our mind on these schedules, without incurring the suspicion of having carried a religious paper into politics. In perfectly plain words, our mind is that the present tariff schedules are a cruel outrage upon the common people of these United States. They bear most heavily and unequally upon the plain, ordinary people. They tax most unjustly the plain woollen and the plain cotton goods, for example, which the poor must wear. If, therefore, the privilege secured to American ship builders is working in like fashion, we are quite prepared to agree that it should be greatly modified or that it should be abolished.

But the direct subsidy to American shipping is a different matter. We see no reason why the common people should be called upon to pay an enormous amount of import and other taxes in order that men who move ships on the high seas should run their hands into the national treasury. If Americans cannot profitably engage in the business of carrying ocean freight, let them stay out of the business; let them put their money and brains into some industry that is profitable. This thing of everybody who undertakes to make a living running up to the Government and asking for a reward for making an effort is contemptible. American manhood ought to scorn it.

As a matter of history the ship subsidy argument cannot make good. England and Germany, with the most successful merchant marine in the world, have no such subsidy. France has a subsidy, and a poor merchant marine.

As a matter of economics, we cannot understand why we should suffer in our foreign trade simply for the reason that our exports are not carried in American ships. Merchants ship by such transportation as affords the cheapest and best service. If a lumber dealer in Seattle should desire to transport a cargo from that port to Japan, why should he care whether it goes in a Japanese clipper or an American clipper, and what difference can it make to his business in the East? Is it assumed that the sight of our ships in foreign ports will prove such an advertisement of American industry as to justify a subsidy? Or are American ship owners solicitors in foreign ports for American trade? We may appear stupid to ask these questions, but they are the questions of common sense, nevertheless. Merchants in any part of the world may be depended upon to buy their goods in the cheapest and best markets of the world, and they may likewise be depended upon to patronize the cheapest and best transportation they can find. If Americans find it profitable to engage in ocean freighting, let them do it; if they find better use for time and

money, let them whoever wishes attend to the shipping business.

THE CHURCH AND LABOR.

The American Federation of Labor recently meeting in Toronto, Canada took substantial recognition of the attitude of the Christian church toward the laboring man. This is one of the best signs of the times. Surely the church of Christ ought to be, and is, the best friend of all who "labor and are heavy laden," and can utter with sincerity the invitation of her Lord to all such. If Jesus Christ were living on earth the life he led before he entered upon his public ministry he would be classed as belonging to the laboring men. It has been his voice that has wrought out the emancipation of humanity thus far, his hand that lifted the yoke of oppression off the necks of men. But he has always dealt with justice toward capital as well. Christ and his church stand for justice between man and man—all of the American Federation recognizes this fact. It was eminently fitting that the officers of the Federal Council of Churches should make response to this call. We give here the resolution passed by the Federation and the resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the Council in response:

Important paper and the action taken by the executive committee of the council at their annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., last week.

FEDERATION MEMORIAL.

"Whereas, the churches and the clergy are taking a growing interest in the study of the labor movement; and

"Whereas, Many of the ministers of the various denominations are indicating that interest in part by public discussion in their pulpit of the problems of the toiler; and

"Whereas, it would be an advantage to both church and labor to select a special day upon which the attention of all classes may be concentrated up on the questions which concern the toiler; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Sunday before Labor Day in September be officially designated as 'Labor Sunday,' and that the churches of America be requested to devote some part of this day to a presentation of the labor question; and be it further

"Resolved, That the various central and local labor bodies be requested to co-operate in every legitimate way with the ministers who thus observe labor Sunday, seeking with them to secure as large an audience of working men and others as possible."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL.

"Resolved, That we have received with profound gratification the official communication from the American Federation of Labor, which we hail as a recognition of the real attitude of the churches toward labor questions. The communication is hereby ordered spread upon the minutes of this committee, and we commend to the churches of America hearty compliance with the request of the Federation of Labor therein made, namely, that the Sunday before the first Monday in September, or another as near thereto as possible, be observed as 'Labor Sunday,' with

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Notes and Personals

"Rum is on the run!"—Hon George Thornburgh.

Rev. C. F. Mitchell, Presiding Elder Lawton District, is visiting his father at Chapel Hill, Ark.

Rev. John Ball, Shark, Ark., has had the great sorrow to bury his mother, who died on the 10th of this month.

"Talk about blind-tigers in prohibition territory! I will dare to say that more whisky is illegally sold in Little Rock than in all the dry territory of this State!"—Thornburgh.

Rev. J. B. Stevenson, of Conway, and Rev. J. H. Glass, of the Morrilton District, were both present at the Anti-Saloon League Convention this week. Right men in the right place.

Mr. N. B. Conatser, one of our best laymen of Ozark, made a good member of the Anti-Saloon League Convention this week. A massive man he is—all of him on the right side of things.

Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, Ph.D., has opened his work at University Church, St. Louis, and expects to begin building before the next Conference one of the finest churches in St. Louis.

We are very glad to report that Rev. C. C. Green, Charleston, Ark., who has been quite ill of pneumonia, is rapidly improving. So says a note from his good wife, under date of the 24th.

Rev. B. A. Few, of Magnolia, represented Columbia County in the Anti-Saloon League Convention this week. Columbia has long been in the dry column, and sent us a good representative.

One of the much-honored men at the Anti-Saloon League Convention this week was Rev. Frank Barrett. The Convention gave him the Chautauqua salute, as a token of his great work in getting whisky out of Texarkana.

Rev. T. J. Taylor, Yellville, Ark., was one of the representatives of the Arkansas Conference in attendance at the Anti-Saloon League Convention. He gives a good report of his charge. We can vouch for the staunchness of their pastor.

Several of our good lay people have been to see us this week. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Johnson, West Point; Mr. Fulton Farish, of Cato; and Mr. J. N. Churchman, of Hope. They are always welcome—and all like them.

Rev. Hugh Reveley writes from Hamburg Circuit that they have sold the old parsonage on that charge and built a new one, a good one. He looks for the best year of his life, so he writes. He also rounds up this editor for not being able to read his writing. Well—

Rev. G. W. Young, D. D., assistant general superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, was present this week during the convention and rendered invaluable service

throughout. Dr. Young is a unique personality and eminently suited to his position.

Rev. W. F. Walker's only complaint of Harrisburg is that all seems to be going too smoothly. He thinks he has the most pleasant charge in the White River Conference. It is a good charge, with a good people. This pastor was present at the Anti-Saloon League Convention this week.

The address of Hon. George Thornburgh, President of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, before the Convention on last Tuesday, was the ablest temperance document we have ever heard before an Arkansas audience. It will be printed, and it ought to go into every family in the State.

Relatives and friends of Rev. F. M. Winburne, Glen Rose, Texas, will be grieved to hear that he and his family are in great sorrow, over the death of a daughter, Mrs. May Garner, who died on the 13th at the home of her sister, Mrs. Julia Graham, whither she had gone on a visit. We send our condolences to our dear brother and his family.

The Whisky Power has subsidized every paper in the county it can get its hands on. The main method is to send out "news items," with no sign that they are paid for as advertising, but which are paid for at a good round rate. The editor of the Little Rock Gazette says that his paper will not accept such matter. No honorable journal will do it.

Rev. Marion Nelson Waldrup, of Morrilton, on last Sunday delivered three addresses of distinguished ability in Little Rock, all in the interest of temperance. It was Anti-Saloon League day in this city. Brother Waldrup spoke in the morning at Winfield, in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., and at night at our First Church. We regret that he had to leave on Monday to attend the bedside of a brother, who was reported to be dying at McCloud, Okla.

Rev. Boone L. Wilford, Forrest City, was in the city this week, as one of the representatives of the White River Conference at the Anti-Saloon League Convention. He can always be depended upon where temperance work is to be done. This is his fourth year at Forrest City, and the church has made a great advance under his ministry, an advance which may be measured by the increase of the pastor's salary from \$800.00 to \$1,300.00. When whisky was put out of Forrest City it marked a new era there.

Judge Simmons, of Jackson County, the plucky judge who put liquor out of that county, received at the Anti-Saloon League Convention this week an ovation. He modestly disclaims any credit for the stand he has taken, saying that the grace of God had made him do it, he having recently been converted. He told the Convention how he had co-operated with the liquor fellows in getting charge of the election machinery last election; how the liquor fellows had offered to pay every debt he owed and send him and his wife off to a health resort with \$16,000.00 in his pocket if he would resign before passing on the license question for this year. His reply was that all the money they could stack up would not induce him to resign.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The crowded condition of our columns this week compels us to use few words about an important matter. The Anti-Saloon League Convention of Arkansas was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It was a very harmonious session, representatives of about all branches of the protestant churches, representatives from County Leagues, all having one mind and purpose. Not a jar arose in the whole proceedings. But it was also a very vigorous session, as well. Solid and substantial work

was done. Plans were laid with great care—and plans were laid! The whisky interest and the whisky politicians can look out. The League asks nothing of them. There will be great care to meddle not at all with party affairs, so far as strictly party matters are concerned; but there will be direct and energetic interference wherever temperance is concerned. We expect to come to a hand to hand grapple, in most practical and direct ways with the liquor traffic.

A new Board of Managers was elected, made up of men from all the churches. They are as trustworthy men as are to be found in the State, and will have the oversight and direction of the officers and work of the Anti-Saloon League in this State for the coming year. The members of the Board who were in the city have held an informal meeting and have called the full Board to meet in this city February 4, at 10:00 a. m. We ask in advance that all Christian people in Arkansas give the organization hearty support. We are in the midst of a great battle. We must and we will win it.

HOMES FOR SUPERANNUATES.

Our readers saw in last week's issue the statement of Dr. Riggan about homes for our superannuate preachers. First and last there has been a good deal said about building such homes among us, and we doubt not there is abundance of good intention. Perhaps what is needed is somebody to open up and lead the movement. A good layman at Hamburg says the Western Methodist should take the lead, and that the first thing to be undertaken should be a home for Dr. Riggan himself. We cheerfully adopt the suggestion, and hereby give notice that we will acknowledge from week to week, in the columns of the paper, all amounts sent us, and will transmit the money to such parties at Arkadelphia as have in hand the building of a home for Dr. Riggan.

Our Alabama Methodists have signaled themselves among all Southern Methodists by providing a number of these homes. The North Alabama Conference at its recent session commissioned one man to give all his time to this work. It is a most gracious work. We ought to have at least a half dozen such homes in each of our four Conferences, to be occupied by our honored superannuates or by the family of a deceased preacher, who are not otherwise provided for, as long as they need a home. We give notice that we shall be glad to accept and acknowledge receipt of all moneys our people may wish to contribute to this cause. Our admonition is that we do not let such a good work drag. If you are going to make a contribution, make it now. As for Dr. Riggan, whose home we shall first undertake, we need not say that he is no object of charity, in the ordinary meaning of those words; but he certainly has friends enough to see that the amount needed shall be speedily forthcoming. As Arkadelphia has taken the lead in this case, let us hear at once from Arkadelphia. Let others also respond at once. Who will be first?

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY AT SEARCY.

A great Sunday school day was held at Searcy, Ark., Sunday, Jan. 23. The General Secretary preached for Dr. R. P. Wilson at 11 o'clock, a general rally held at three and a union service at night in the Baptist church. The Secretary was most beautifully entertained in the Methodist Parsonage. At the close of the morning service the official board of the Methodist church voted unanimously to send Dr. Wilton to the World's Sunday School Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., May 19-24, 1910, and to pay his expenses. The generosity on the part of the church is greatly appreciated by Dr. Wilson and his estimable wife.

H. A. DOWLING.

THE CHURCH AND LABOR.

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sermon and other exercises appropriate to the occasion."

The supposed attitude of the laboring man towards the church has long been a matter of solicitude with all thoughtful Christian people and we are glad indeed to record this action and trust that the suggestion will be observed and acted upon as wisely and earnestly as possible. We well know that the church of Christ is in hearty sympathy with the toilers of the world and cannot afford to be thought indifferent with regard to them. If in the excitement accompanying the conflicts between labor and capital the church has been misunderstood, we earnestly hope that the future may be so utilized as to remove any impression of unfriendliness in the church from the minds of the toilers of all classes and conditions, and that a new era may be speedily introduced in which the employer and employed shall, in mutual forbearance and hearty sympathy, gather to the sanctuary of the church—the only hope of the world.

REV. JAMES RICHARDSON EDWARDS.

One of our faithful itinerant preachers has finished his work and passed over the river to receive his reward. He is at rest "over there." Bro. Edwards was born in Ballard county, Ky., April the 12th, 1844. Of his early life I cannot write, except that he was not religious. But in 1882 on the Pineville circuit in Izard county, Ark., he was genuinely and powerfully converted, actually made a new man, changed from a horse-racer to an humble, devout Christian. Wonderful power and grace that can effect such a radical change in a man, and so change the course of his life even unto the day of his death. Bro. Edwards joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was licensed to preach the year he was converted, and admitted on trial into the White River Conference at Newport, Ark., Dec. 12th, 1883. His recommendation was from Mammoth Spring Mission Quarterly Conference, Batesville District, S. G. Shaw, P. E.

Bro. Edwards served the following works: Mammoth Spring Mission, 1884; Chickasawba circuit, 1885; Jonesboro circuit, 1886-7; Lorado circuit, 1888; State Line, Miss., 1889; Ash Flat circuit, 1890-1; Newburg circuit, 1892; West Batesville, 1893-4; Mountain View, 1895; Imboden and Black Rock, 1896; Black Rock, 1897; Siloam circuit, 1898; Jacksonport circuit, 1899; Boydsville circuit, 1900-1-2; Mitchell Point circuit, 1903, Walnut Hill circuit, 1904; Knob circuit, 1905; Boydsville circuit, 1906-7-8; Knob circuit, 1909. This last work he only served part of the year and his health failed and he was compelled to give up his work. Went to Raven-den Springs and found a good home with his wife's nephew, Bro. A. A. Griffiths, where he remained until Jan. 6, 1910 when the Lord took him to his home in heaven. At our last conference he was granted a superannuate relation.

Bro. Edwards was ordained deacon by Bishop Grandberry Dec. 13, 1885, at Helena, Ark. Was happily married to Mrs. Lula Phillips of Mammoth Springs, Ark., Dec. 27, 1883. She died December, 1902, and Bro. Edwards was again married to Mrs. Eliza Grantham Dec. 6, 1903, who now mourns her loss in the death of her companion. We buried Bro. Edwards as he requested, at Mary's Chapel, near Rector, Ark., beside his first wife. The sermon being preached by Rev. J. F. Jernigan, Rev. T. A. Bowen and the writer assisting in the service. Cold as it was a good company met to pay loving tribute to a former pastor.

Bro. Edwards suffered much during his last illness; but bore it patiently, and was ready. He was as true and brave a soldier as ever enlisted in the Master's army. With an undaunted

courage and a steady step he went forth to fight for his Lord and was never happier than when in a great revival where saints were shouting and souls were being saved. A good man is gone. We will meet him beyond the river. The Lord bless and comfort his bereaved and faithful companion.

M. M. SMITH.

FROM BROTHER CLINE.

Dear Western Methodist: Within the past three days I have received over twenty letters, mostly from our dear preachers, asking me if that small comet in the west was Halley's comet. Therefore it is due me and Halley's comet that you please publish the following in this week's Methodist. Please do so.

That small comet which recently appeared soon after sunset in the west, is not Halley's comet at all. It is no kin whatever to Halley's comet. That small comet would remain visible a very short time and would then entirely disappear. I have seen many such during my long lifetime. Halley's wonderful comet is still to be plainly seen in all his glory, through a telescope, between the constellations Taurus and Gemini. That most wonderful comet will certainly be visible to the naked eye within a few more weeks.

JAMES M. CLINE.

ATTENTION, LAYMEN!

Every Methodist layman in Oklahoma and Arkansas ought to get ready for our great coming laymen's meetings. Three of them will be in reach. The Southern Methodist laymen will meet in Dallas, February 19-22. It will be a great meeting. Dallas is all astir preparing for it. The great Interdenominational Laymen's Convention will meet in Oklahoma City on February 15-17. This will be a great meeting. Brother DeArman, lay leader for Oklahoma Conference, last week called attention to it. Let our Methodist laymen of Oklahoma rally there in great force. You will see something you never saw before. The great Laymen's Convention, interdenominational, will meet in Little Rock February 11-13. All Arkansas Methodist laymen ought to rally out to that. It will mean wonders to you, brethren.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

At the Laymen's Meeting at Murfreesboro, Arkansas, Feb. 8-9, 1910.

At the Laymen's Missionary Meeting which will be held at Murfreesboro, Arkansas, Tuesday afternoon and evening, and Wednesday morning, February 8-9, 1910, the following subjects among others, will be discussed:

1. What is the plan of the Laymen's Missionary Movement? How is it organized? What is the duty of the Church Leader?

2. What is the spiritual condition of the Church? Is there a necessity for an Awakening? If so, on what lines?

3. How should the service and work of the Church be divided? What part should be performed by the Pastor? What part by the Laymen? What part by the Women?

4. Should the Church undertake to evangelize the world? What part should the United States perform in the evangelization of the world?

5. If the church should undertake in real earnest to carry the message of the gospel to the whole world at the earliest possible moment, what effect would that have on the Spiritual and Temporal condition of the Home Church and the Home Land?

6. What is the most intelligent, practical and scriptural method of raising the necessary finances for the support of the gospel?

7. What is the greatest incentive to Christian duty?

8. Is there anything to be done this year of

special importance to the Prescott district?

9. When and where shall we meet again?
J. O. A. BUSH.

A WORD TO LEADERS.

Dear Brethren: As you know a National Campaign of Cities by the Laymen's Missionary Movement is now in progress. This great movement is sweeping the country. In the growth of enthusiasm, conviction and liberality, the results have been remarkable.

A NEED.—That we secure for the M. E. Church, South, its rightful share of the fruits of this great missionary agitation and the missionary awakening of laymen throughout the country. This will depend primarily upon local organization and leadership.

A CALL.—We, therefore, call upon the representative pastors and leading laymen of the several cities where the Conventions are to be held, and upon other recognized missionary leaders of your Conference, to aid by bringing our Methodist men into a full share of the benefits of these great conventions. This you can do. (I) By widely advertising the convention in your section. (II) By personally soliciting the leading men of your church to attend. (III) By securing a large attendance upon the Denominational Meeting to be held during the Convention. (IV) By lending your influence in the follow-up campaign to the adoption of a strong policy for the missionary education of the church and a wise plan for the development of missionary liberality.

We will send a competent field Secretary who has been assigned to the preliminary and follow-up work. In order to succeed he will need your sympathy and co-operation. This we earnestly request in the lines indicated. We will greatly appreciate any assistance that will be within your power to offer.

Yours fraternally,
W. R. LAMBUTH,
W. W. PINSON,
JNO. R. NELSON.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA METHOISM
Sunday, Jan. 23.

First Church, T. E. Sharp pastor. The pastor preached at the morning hour and Rev. M. N. Waldrip of Morrilton, preached at night. Fine congregations at both hours. Seven were added to the membership of the church.

Winfield Memorial, P. C. Fletcher, pastor. Great congregations at both services. Rev. M. N. Waldrip preached at the morning hour and the pastor at night. Three accessions were reported.

Henderson and Highland, S. W. Rainey, pastor. The pastor preached to fine congregations at both hours and reports a fine revival at the night service.

Asbury, Frank Barrett, pastor. Dr. Jas. A. Anderson preached at the morning hour and P. R. Eaglebarger at night. Good congregations greeted the preachers at both hours. Four persons were received into the church.

Twenty-Eighth Street, W. D. Mitchell, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at both hours, one addition. An appointment for preaching in the afternoon at Forest Park had to be called in on account of the burning of the school house during the week previous. As there is no place for worship in that section a movement has been inaugurated to erect a chapel and the prospects are good for success.

Capitol Church, L. C. Beasley, pastor. Services and preaching by the pastor at both hours. Two were received by letter.

Gardner Memorial, H. H. Hunt, pastor. The pastor preached at both hours. Two were received into the church. The congregation at night crowded the house and some had to be turned away for lack of room. The children were placed in and around the pulpit.

OUR NEW CHURCH, BRINKLEY, ARK.

Our new church just completed in Brinkley, Arkansas, is a verification of that passage of Scripture that has brought so much life, comfort and help in times of disappointments, trials, and afflictions, namely, "All things shall work together for good to those who love God."

When on March 9, we beheld wreck and ruin on every hand and became aware of the fact that every church in town save one was completely demolished by the destructive cyclone of the previous evening, a shadow of gloom was cast on the entire community, and all were naturally faint-hearted and full of discouragement; but when sympathizing friends came rushing to our rescue, bringing timely aid, hope and words of cheer, our wounded spirits began to feel the touch of the tender, loving, Savior's healing hand, so much so, we soon began to say with one of old "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God."

So suffering ourselves not to become altogether cast down, stimulated by the generous donations of our friends, we in due course of time began the erection of a better building which is now completed as indicated by the accompanying picture or cut.

Our new church is well designed and splendidly arranged. By more than one visiting friend it is pronounced a "gem." The wood-work of interior has a hard oil finish, the walls are all plastered, with white coat finish. We have the Sunday School class room so arranged that all may be thrown into one auditorium as occasion may demand. The class rooms are large enough for committee work. (Just here I serve notice that Brinkley will be in line for entertainment of our Annual Conference next after Forrest City.)

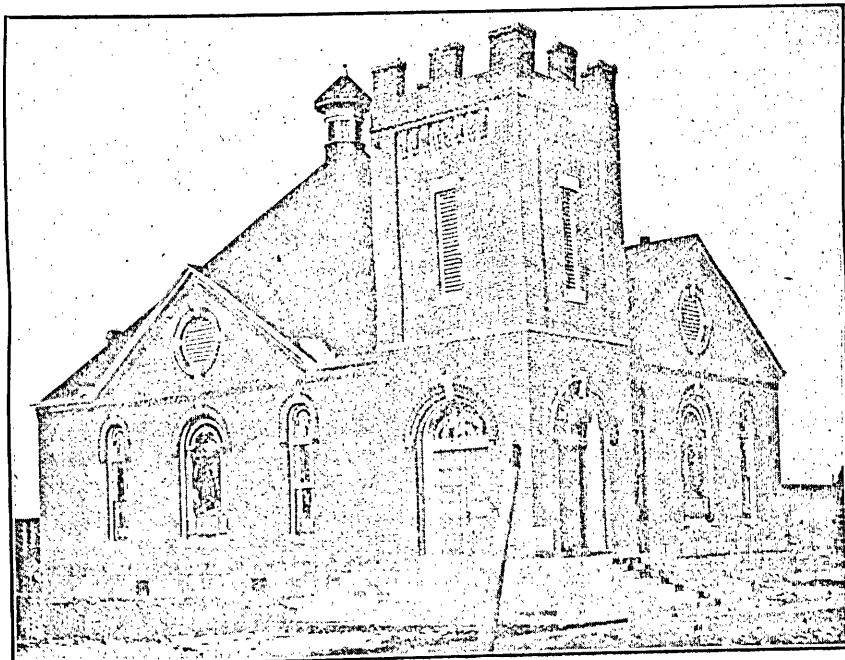
One splendid arrangement in our church is a dome to regulate the acoustics and likewise to give upper ventilation. By the time we were ready to purchase windows, pews, and other furniture, the Building Committee and Official Board had become inspired and unanimously they decided to buy the very best. Our glass is opalescent. The large windows have beautiful and impressive paintings, most all the smaller windows likewise, have some choice emblem significant in meaning—one coming from a Catholic friend has the clasped hands, with this motto: "An expression of friendship." One thing to be remembered in the building of this church is this: "Where there is a will there is a way," or what is really needed can be secured. Or even better expressed in Scripture, "According to your faith so be it unto you."

While the church is now completed, yet not without labor, toil, sacrifice and prayer. At first it seemed to be altogether an impossible proposition and more than one time did we reach, seemingly, the end of our strength. But still venturing in God's name, the way always became open. It was indeed a beautiful spirit that took hold on our people when we met to arrange for, or to purchase, windows. The pastor was exceedingly anxious for the large windows to have nice paintings, so when engagement was made for one there seemed to be a contagion to come upon the people. And one by one they were all engaged save three, some by individuals, some by the societies of the church and some by the Sunday School classes. One of our most impressive windows is the large circle window over the pulpit placed by the Junior Epworth League through

the untiring efforts of their faithful Superintendent, Mrs. C. F. Simmons. At last came the carpet proposition, taken up by the ladies, and indeed no small proposition was it. Some said, "We need not attempt it; some said, "Better defer it;" but some did say "we are willing and we will try." As a result of their efforts and willingness to try a nice carpet has already been placed in the church. The blessed Book says when Jesus became weak through trial (an hungered) the angels came and ministered to him. So the day we met to lay the carpet (some felt the load we had been carrying, and on the carpet there was a small amount unpaid) there came through the mail two checks made payable to our good women one to the amount of \$10.00, the other \$10.50.

With our beautiful and splendid church completed, with our membership inspired and encouraged, with our Official Board standing as a unit and ready to indorse every good and forward movement with brotherly love prevailing and with God's Spirit and presence felt at almost every service, may we not confidently expect another good years? Indeed the Lord "is good, whereof we are glad." To the editors of the Western Methodist and to each and every one who have in any way remembered us, we shall ever be grateful.

W. P. TALKINGTON.



NEW M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, BRINKLEY, ARK.

THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION, ROCHESTER, N. Y., DEC. 29, 1909- JAN. 2, 1910.

The sixth quadrennial Student Volunteer Convention recently held in Rochester was one of the great events of continental Christianity. While the attendance was not so large as that of the Nashville convention four years ago, yet its power and influence was certainly none the less. That the evangelization of the world in this generation received a mighty advancement in this convention is doubtless true. To see the fervor, enthusiasm and determination on the faces and see the consecration manifested there by the strongest and noblest of our young men and women from the colleges and universities of the entire continent gives one a new vision of the hold which the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ has on the hearts of men. It reveals the fact that in this age, when there are so many doubts and fears about the ability of the gospel to withstand the onslaught of its enemies, that same gospel is more firmly implanted in the hearts of men than ever before in the history of the world, and that Satan with all his pry-poles can never shake the Rock of Ages.

It was the privilege of the writer to be one of

the party from the colleges of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, consisting of about 40 students, teachers and the State secretary, Mr. S. W. McGill. We had through Pullman cars going and coming reserved for us, so that the services of song and prayer on the way were among the many good things that we enjoyed. Vanderbilt sent up 21 men, of whom 18 were from the Biblical department.

The city of Rochester, situate some two hours east of Buffalo, has about 220,000 inhabitants, and because of its religious atmosphere it has been called the "City of Churches." The city is a delightful one from the standpoint of streets, buildings, parks, etc., and the welcome we received at the hands of the noble people there, and their hospitality, was royal indeed. The boasted hospitality of the South could have done no more. The temperature, ranging from 4 to 10 degrees during our stay, was not at all disagreeable.

As for the convention itself, language fails me in the attempt to describe it. Mr. John R. Mott was there in all his glory as the presiding officer. Aside from him the men who were easily in the lead with their great messages of the kingdom were: Mr. R. E. Speer, Bishops McDowell, Hendrix and Hartzell, Mr. Sherwood Eddy of India, Dean Bosworth, Dr. Adam, Ambassador Bryce, Mr. S. M. Zwemer, Mr. Robert Miller and Prof. Harlan P. Beach of Yale, and others who were by no means of small magnitude.

The total attendance was 3,624, of whom 2,678 were students. Seven hundred and twenty-two institutions, 49 States and provinces, and 29 countries were represented. Missionaries and missionary secretaries were there from all over the world.

In the morning and night services there was a mass meeting, with an overflow meeting at one of the churches, and in the afternoon there were sectional conferences by countries, by classes of schools, by denominations, etc. I may pause to say that the M. E. Church, South, had a splendid representation in that body, too.

As to the messages of the convention, the very first was the call to a deeper life and more faithful and devout service of the Master. Throughout the entire convention the constant insistence

was on the deep spiritual life, as is the prayer of every one on the mission field. Faith in God and His Word was insisted upon as being absolutely indispensable, and the stronger the faith and the more spiritual the life the more efficacious the work on the field. Further, the things insisted on were not denominations; only one afternoon was this subject mentioned, when each denomination met in its own sectional conference; not mere emotional enthusiasm, although there was an intense enthusiasm—men were too busy with the great problem of dying men to be going into ecstasy; not for money, though this subject was given a place, and it was shown that the church has the men and the money to do the work of the Lord in redeeming the world, if it were only consecrated; not even for volunteers for the work, though the reasons for volunteering were given once, the declaration cards were handed out the last day among a lot of other literature to be taken home, and the greater part of the delegates did not know that these cards were included in the list. But if one word may be used, the one thing insisted on from first to last was "Christ."

Another message of the convention was the laying before the eyes of those in attendance the

vision of the open doors of the world. Asia is in a revolution of ideas and breaking away and men are calling for the light of the West. A crisis of such magnitude is on that the church must act quick, act fast, act largely in both men and means else the flood tide will pass and the work of hastening the coming of the Lord will be delayed immensely. China's conservatism and India's caste system and philosophy are waning—yielding to the onslaught of the Gospel and Western ideas. The great problem yet is the Mohammedan world, embracing one-seventh of the human race. But even here there is revolution and there are those who are ready to turn over the keys of that system to the Christians when they are able to do their part by the followers of the Prophet. The open sore of Africa is still unhealed. The slavery of lust, greed, and cruelty, and the bondage of fanaticism of Mohammedanism hold that continent in darkness with only a ray of light beginning to penetrate the denseness of the gloom. On the other hand, Russia is even making the call for men to come over and help her in her problems in the Far East in dealing with her Godless peoples.

But to America the most appalling picture of all is that at our own door. The Neglected Continent, otherwise called the Continent of Opportunity, South America, seems to have been left to our special care and the sad thing about it is that the closer one gets to North American Christendom the darker the picture. Mr. Speer, in a marvelous speech on this field, showed the mere fringe of missions that touch only a part of the border, not over three hundred miles inland anywhere, and the pitifully small amount that is really being done in comparison with the work that needs to be done, and then Bishop Hendrix gave another thrilling but heart-rending account of the sad lack of Christ even among those that are supposed to have the Christian religion (Roman Catholics whom even Rome is tempted to repudiate for their corruption), and on the other side of the glorious effect of the true Gospel and the pure Word of God when given to those forty millions that need it so much. Much of the territory is not even touched by the Catholics. Surely Christian America will rise in righteous indignation at her own waywardness in failing to care for her sister of the South! May God grant it! Other fields wherever there is need were duly considered.

The spirit of the whole convention was intensely devotional. The silent moments of prayer during and following the close of the services were of great value in deepening the lives of those attending. Many were the secret prayer circles organized for heart cleansing and spirit filling as a result. The song service was all that could be desired. A male quartette gave special selections. The morning watch cards added to the devotional spirit.

In the last service the roll of the heroes who have died at their posts in foreign lands in the last four years was called and strong men, bishops and all, stood and wept, and as Bishop McDowell said in his prayer following, "We have felt the tread of the nations on our hearts tonight." It seemed that we were treading Holy ground indeed that hour.

Another feature of the last service was the reading of messages of greeting from all countries in the world, almost all of which asked to be especially remembered in help and prayers. This was followed by something like a hundred giving their testimony that they were expecting to sail in the next twelve months, their destination and why. These were stirring indeed, too.

The whole convention was beautifully summed up in the last message which Mr. Sherwood Eddy gave in the form of three visions: The first was

that of a deeper life, more joyful and fruitful than ever before. The second was that of the vision of the needy world. The third was that of a vision of Christ.

Finally, in the words of Mr. Speer: "Christ is ours today only as we share him with all the world."

The quartette sang, "Still, Still With Thee." The benediction and another epoch in the world's evangelization had closed or rather begun.

The return trip was by way of that matchless wonder of God's universe, Niagara Falls. The greatness of God was the uppermost thought in the writer's mind during the entire time of listening to the mighty cataract.

Yours for the Master's use,

CHARLES A. LONG.

Wesley Hall, Nashville, Jan. 15.

CUT BEHIND.

BY T. DEWITT TALMAGE.

The scene opens on a clear crisp morning. Two boys are running along the road to get on the back of a carriage whose wheels are spinning along the road. One of the boys with a quick spring succeeds. The other leaps but falls on the part of the body where it is most convenient to fall. No sooner has he struck the ground than he calls to the driver, "Cut behind."

Human nature is the same in boy as in man—all running to gain the vehicle of success. Some are spry and gain that for which they strive; others are slow and tumble down; they who fall crying out against those who mount, "Cut behind."

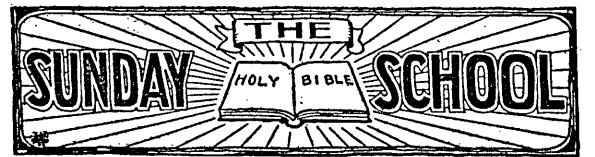
A political office rolls past. A multitude spring to their feet and the race is on. Only one of all the number reaches that for which he runs. No sooner does he gain the prize, and begin to wipe the sweat from his brow, and think how grand a thing it is to ride in popular preferment, than the disappointed candidates cry out, "Incompetency! Stupidity! Fraud! Now let the newspapers of the other political parties 'cut behind.'"

There is a golden chariot of wealth rolling down the street. A thousand people are trying to catch it. They run, they jostle, they tread on each other. Push and pull and tug. Those talk most against riches who cannot get there. Clear the track for the racers! One of the thousand reaches the golden prize and mounts. Forthwith the air is full of cries, "Got it by fraud! Shoddy! Petroleum aristocracy! His father was a rag picker! His mother was a washer-woman! I knew him when he blacked his own shoes! Pitch him off the back part of the golden chariot! Cut behind! Cut behind!"

In many eyes success is a crime. "I do not like you," said the snowflake to the snow bird. "Because," said the snow flake, "you are going up and I am going down!"

We have to state that the man in the carriage on a crisp morning, though he had a long lash-whip, with which he could have made the climbing boy yell most lustily, did not "cut behind." He heard the shout in the rear and said, "Good morning, my son; that is right; climb over and sit by me. Here are the reins, take hold and drive; I was a boy myself once, and know how it tickles a youngster."

Thank God there are so many in the world who never "cut behind," but are ready to give a fellow a ride whenever he wants it. There are hundreds of people whose chief delight it is to help others on. Now it is a smile, now a good word, now ten dollars. When such a kind man has ridden to the end of the earthly road, it will be pleasant to hang up the whip with which he drove the enterprises of life, and feel that with it he never "cut behind" at those who were struggling.—Exchange.



PREPARED BY P. R. EAGLEBARGER.

SOME LAWS OF THE KINGDOM. Jan. 30.

Golden Text: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father in heaven also is perfect. Matt. 5:48.

Our present lesson follows immediately on that of last Sunday though the printed lesson omits from the 17th to the 21st verses. These verses are, however, a part of the lesson.

Lesson Text: Matt. 5:17-26, 38-48.

Our Lord here distinctly indicates that he is equal to any authority that has gone before in dealing with the question of moral law. The law had been given through Moses, and in its promulgation Moses had been elevated to the position of a legal authority. The elevation of the messenger above his lord, a thing that might occur, but never should, made it necessary for Jesus to proclaim publicly his standing in reference to the law. He is, however, careful to state that he is not a law abrogator or destroyer but that he had come to fulfill and make plain. The law as given by Moses must stand. Not so much of it as a "jot" or "tittle" shall be destroyed. From this statement the Jews understood at once that all was to remain as before. He then goes forward to explain and enforce it. The law of Moses had been used as a civil code among the Jews until in many instances its spiritual significance had been lost. The execution of its edicts by the "officer" had overshadowed the fact that God was not only the law giver but the judge of the law in the last analysis. The Jews had been deprived of the right to execute the laws as civil enactments by the Roman authorities until they were confused as to the force of the commandments. Jesus here brings out their deeper meaning and their deeper authority. The courts of law among the Jews were not able to give immunity or to adjudicate these weighty matters, hence the appeal to the courts of heaven. So Christ here endeavors to establish the authority of the Mosaic enactments that had fallen down through the failure of the civil administration among the Jews.

In verse 22 such terms as "raca" and "fool" are not easily understood. They are doubtless provincial terms that were understood by the hearers on that occasion and of no importance to us at this time except as they may indicate that we are not to apply any evil or hateful epithets to our neighbors. It matters not what the words were that were used by the Jews to express hatred but it matters much to us whether we use English or other words that show hatred of our brother.

Gifts were brought to the altar and there the priests became the agent which necessitated a considerable delay sometimes on the part of the people as they had to await their turn. This time might very well be employed in meditation and examination. While there thus thinking over the past, if aught should be remembered between thee and thy neighbor leave off the offering and settle the difficulty. Go to the one offended and bring about a reconciliation and then offer the sacrifice. God will not forgive until the matter is settled. God's people must live in peace.

In the 26th and 26th verses reference is had to a higher authority than an earthly court. The retributive character of the 26th verse shows this. Our Lord means here to teach the people that there is a higher authority by which every act is reviewed and they should not think that the decision of a matter between two individuals would be the end of the matter. We have an adversary more powerful than the bailiff

or the chancery court. This very law that is under discussion and which Christ here says shall not pass away indicates a high and holy lawgiver and judge. Conformity to this law is necessary if we would avoid trouble and sorrow. This law, if violated, might become a very powerful adversary. Agreeing with it or conforming to its requirements, is the part of wisdom as the violation of its requirements cannot fail to throw us into serious trouble.

In verses 38, 39 the idea that we are to seek for vengeance is discouraged. God has set a day in which he will judge the righteous and adjudge all their wrongs and we are here taught that we should not undertake the matter ourselves. The same point is pursued further in verses 40 and 41. The Jews regarded the Roman occupation of Palestine as an evil. Its burdens were galling. The Roman officers or soldiery could force service from any one no matter how inconvenient. This they did not hesitate to do and the result was that the Jews were placed in the attitude of recalcitrants. Jesus counsels them to assume a generous attitude and meet the demands cheerfully relying upon God to take account of their burdens. In these matters they were not to resist evil. We must not understand that the Scriptural injunction to "resist the devil" is here cancelled. Christ resisted the devil and it is our unmistakable duty to do the same.

In verses 44 and 45 the example of the great God is cited to show how we should treat evil. As God sends his rain and sunshine upon the just and the unjust so we should not become exasperated by the evil that surrounds us. God's providence is but the expression of his fatherly love and we should study to follow the gracious example given. The man who holds malice toward his associates is miserable. A heart full of love renders its possessor happy. It is God-like.

PREPARATIONS FOR LAYMEN'S MEETING.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 20.—Nine committees are busily engaged in preparing for the Conference in Dallas, Feb. 19-22 of the Laymen of the Southern Methodist Church. It is believed that the out-of-town attendance will not be less than four thousand. Of this number the greater part will be business men, representatives of the entire South.

Judge W. B. Stubbs of Nashville, Tenn., leader of the Laymen's Movement in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been in close conference with the local committeemen and he has advised them to expect one of the largest representative gatherings ever had in Dallas. Judge Stubbs is now on the Eastern Coast, where he is advertising the Convention to be held at Dallas. Also in the way of advertising a great deal of literature is being mailed from Dallas, much of it from the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Arrangement has been made for a gigantic barbecue, to be served Saturday evening, the opening night of the Conference, in the Fair Park Auditorium. At this barbecue bankers, lawyers, farmers, bishops, artisans, presiding elders, doctors, and all interested in the conferences will dine together on a common basis, and it is expected that the occasion will be one of the happiest of the entire Conference. Immediately preceding the barbecue there will be a reception, at which it is hoped to introduce the delegates to one another.

Sunday morning the pulpits of Dallas churches will be occupied by visiting laymen. In the afternoon at the Fair Park auditorium, George R. Stewart, former associate with Sam Jones, and one of the most prominent platform speakers in America, will address a meeting for men only. His subject will be "Strong Men and the Need of the Hour." In the evening the

pulpits will again be filled by prominent visitors.

It is contemplated that a special meeting for women will be held Sunday afternoon in one of the local churches, with Prince T. H. Yun, a member of the Korean Imperial family and at present the head of a Korean Methodist College, and Dr. Lambuth, one of the Missionary Secretaries of the Southern Methodist Church, as the principal speakers.

The regular program of the Conference will be taken up Monday morning in the Fair Park auditorium, where all sessions of the Conference will be held. At the morning session addresses will be delivered by prominent laymen. The following laymen are expected to have a part on the program:

Jno. R. Pepper, Memphis, Tenn.; T. B. King, Memphis, Tenn.; — Jackson, Norfolk, Va.; T. S. Southgate, Norfolk, Va.; Sumpter Smith, Norfolk, Va.; Bruce, R. Payne, Charlottesville, Va.; C. H. Ireland, Greensboro, N. C.; D. B. Zollicoffer, Weldon, N. C.; W. B. Cooper, Wilmington, N. C.; J. S. Carr, Durham, N. C.; Geo. C. Hodges, Greenwood, S. C.; Charleon, Durand, Manning, S. C.; J. A. McCullough, Greenville, S. C.; R. S. Wimberly (Atty.), Mason, Ga.; R. F. Burden, Macon, Ga.; C. C. Brown, Macon, Ga.; Alex S. Smith, Swainsboro, Ga.; N. E. Harris, Macon, Ga.; Jno. W. Walker, Sparta, Ga.; C. C. Brown, Bainbridge, Ga.; Dr. W. E. Park, Nashville, Tenn.; C. C. Christenberry, Greenwood, Ala.; Z. Z. Linton, Fernwood, Miss.; G. L. Jones, New Albany, Miss.; A. G. Norrell, Florence, Miss.; R. R. Reid, Amite, La.; C. A. Sanford, Sherman, Texas; W. E. Williams, Ft. Worth, Texas; E. B. Bynum, Abilene, Texas; R. H. Wester, San Antonio, Texas; M. D. Fields, Houston, Texas; G. G. Johnson, San Marcos; A. Trischman, Crossett, Ark.; F. M. Daniel, Mammoth Spring, Ark.; P. W. Furry, Van Buren, Ark.; A. B. Barnett, Opelika, Ala.; Addison W. Lynch, Eusley, Ala.; C. B. Van Arsdall, Harrodsburg, Ky.; C. M. Phillips, Louisville, Ky.; Judge B. J. Castele, St. Joseph, Mo.; Perry S. Rader, Jefferson City, Mo.; Nathan Newby, Los Angeles, Calif.; — Ferguson, Trenton, Ky.; A. C. Leddy, Greenville, Texas; W. D. Gray, Lawrence, S. C.; G. W. Gruber, Charleston, S. C.

It is expected that many of the above named prominent laymen will address the citizens of Dallas in the various churches in Dallas on Feb. 20, 1910, during the Laymen's Conference.

Many of the bishops of the Southern Methodist Church are expected to be in attendance. All have been invited. J. Campbell White, known throughout the world for his missionary activity, particularly in connection with the Laymen's Movement, will, together with Prince Yun, address the session to be held Monday night. This is expected to be the most interesting session of the entire Conference.

Pastors of the city have addressed all the Methodist pastors of the State, calling attention to the Laymen's Conference and urging a large attendance upon it. The purposes of the meeting are explained in this address.

Local committeemen are led in their work of preparation by Judge Henry G. King, President of the Laymen's Council of Dallas. Judge King said: "This Conference will be largely attended by the most representative business men in the South. The first Conference held at Chattanooga two years ago drew an attendance of about two thousand out-of-town delegates, who, as they will do at Dallas, paid their own way. Long before the Conference convened at Chattanooga, every available room in the reputable hotels had been engaged, and it is expected that the same condition will prevail at Dallas. The Conference will undoubtedly mark an epoch in the Southern Methodist Church, and it is believed that the meeting will be one of the most important ever held in the South. It is not im-

probable that a move will be initiated for the extension of lay representation in the conferences of the church. There are many who advocate a lay representation at conference equal to the ministerial representation. It is certain that lay representation in the church will be one of the important themes of the Conference at Dallas.

"Meetings held in Texas recently guarantee a large attendance of Texas laymen. Abilene laymen, at a recent meeting, with Judge Stubbs as the principal speaker, promised to send a delegation of several hundred. The Texas attendance will be very large in view of the fact that one-seventh of the entire membership of the Southern Methodist Church is in Texas."

G. C. RANKIN,
GUS THOMASSON,
W. C. EVERETT,
Committee.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MEETING, PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

Editor Western Methodist: Please say that all ministers of the gospel of every denomination are cordially invited to be with us; also, that all members of other churches will be accorded a hearty welcome.

It is expected that every pastor in the Prescott district, (Methodist) will be present and extend a helping hand in this effort to do good. The lay leader for each church should not fail to attend. We are expecting the best meeting that the laymen have yet held in this district.

The good people of Murfreesboro are generously expecting to give free entertainment to those who attend this meeting. In order that they may know who to provide for, please write Hon. Q. H. Lewis, at Murfreesboro that you intend to attend, and he will see that a home is provided for you while you stay.

On the 11th, 12th and 13th of February, will be held in the city of Little Rock, an International Laymen's Meeting. Some of the able men of the world will be there to present the duty, opportunity and responsibility of the great Laymen's Movement that is now stirring the whole church. We sincerely hope that our own denomination will not fail to get all of the good out of this great meeting that is possible. Let at least one layman, the leader if possible, from each church attend this meeting.

Yours very sincerely,
J. O. A. BUSH.

Prescott, Arkansas.

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THE ROCHESTER CONVENTION.

By JENNIE HOWELL.

The closing of another quadrennium of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions was marked by the holding of its sixth international convention, a convention which, more markedly than any other in the history of the world, presented a summons, impressive, momentous, and imperative.

The Student Volunteer Movement is primarily a movement, although it unites by its common declaration of purpose those who have given their lives for service in foreign lands. It is not for me here to expatiate upon the workings and history of the movement for in a recent issue of the Methodist that has been discussed, but it is for me to tell you of the convention which I, as a volunteer, was privileged to attend.

The convention was the most wonderful of its kind ever held, 3,007 delegates, both professors and students (for it was held at the holiday session in order that the professors might attend), 165 missionaries, 95 secretaries of mission boards, 165 general secretaries of Student Associations, 78 international and State secretaries, 3 fraternal delegates from Europe and 155 other Christian leaders and workers were in attendance. All these represented 722 institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada, 49 States and 29 nationalities.

From the hour when the gavel fell for the first time promptly at three o'clock on the afternoon of December 29, till the closing session January 2 there was for all a season of spiritual uplift a time of world-vision. "The objective of this gathering is to make the Gospel known to the whole world, that all men living may have the opportunity to know the living Christ." These were the first words of the convention spoken by Mr. John R. Mott, the chairman, a declaration of the watchword of the movement showing the age's progressive spirit, words strong with the magnitude of their demand, yet in their simplicity fresh and vigorous.

The first afternoon Mr. G. Sherwood Eddy, for fifteen years a missionary to India, spoke upon the subject "Is Christianity Worth Propagating?" proposing five questions by which we might see whether we had something in our own lives worth giving to others, (1) What am I before God? (2) Am I a constructive Bible student? (3) Am I a man of prayer? (4) Am I a winner of men? (5) Have I victory over sin? Mr. Speer followed with an address upon "The Abounding Sufficiency of Jesus Christ to Meet the Need of All." These two themes were rather in the nature of an introduction to the convention.

But what shall I say of the personnel of the convention? Mr. Mott, with his commanding diction and great earnestness of manner; Mr. Robert E. Speer, eloquent, forceful; Ambassador Bryce, clear-cut and statesmanlike in his bearing; Mr. Marling, a financier of the world and of the kingdom; Dr. Richter, with great logical power and breadth of vision; our own Bishop Hendrix with his masterly eloquence, and Bishop McDowell, beloved of young people. Time would fail me to tell of all.

Three great thoughts ran constantly through the convention, like the cords of a great wire so interwoven as at times to be almost indistinguishable from each other, then sometimes plainly visible. They were, the appeal of the objective facts of the foreign field, the sane analysis of self and the spirit of

prayer. There was no pressing of men to go to the foreign lands, but to get them to give themselves to the will of God. "Am I where God would have me to be?" Time and again when our innermost souls had been touched by some powerful address, there would follow some stirring presentation of the urgent needs and with hearts too deeply moved for utterance recourse would be had in silent prayer. Each day as the noon hour approached there was a season of silent prayer and the calls throughout the convention to the form of communion were frequent.

There was no emotionalism displayed, for the meetings had a singular dignity and repose that was most impressive; never over-excitement even when hearts were stirred beyond human endurance almost. One morning when Mr. Marling at the close of his address brought to the students this challenge from the laymen's mover: "Will you enter into partnership with us? If we will supply the money will you supply the lives, furnish the capacity and ability?" feeling ran deep but there was outward calm.

That same morning Dr. Haggard, of the Young People's Missionary Movement, brought us a message of greeting. This was the first time the three great missionary movements had met and their three-fold purpose brought them very close together; the Y. P. M. M. proposing to disseminate widely missionary education, the laymen to supply the funds, and the Student Volunteers to give the necessary lives, thus forming a great corporation.

The closing day. Two powerful messages came to us at the morning session. Dean Bosworth in his address upon the "Discovery of God," told in words powerful in their simplicity exactly where and when to look for God when our sense of His presence has grown dim. Bishop McDowell spoke on "The Highly Modifying Possibilities of Obedience to the Will of God." God has had only one perfectly obedient life—the life of Jesus Christ—and He saved the world through that.

The evening session—the last—three great impressive features fix themselves upon our minds. The memorial service when the audience of 5,000 stood, while the roll of the 65 sailed volunteers who had been called to a richer life since the last convention, was read. Then the telegrams from the distant countries were read. From South America: "The crisis challenges the Volunteers. Multitudes without religion." Assiut College, Egypt: "The Nile Valley greets you with expectation." Russia: "Remember Russia. Needs intense. Possibilities tremendous." Calcutta: "India spiritually thirsts. Reinforcements or retreat, which?" Tokyo: "Fifty years of planting and tilling. Harvest imminent. Where are the reapers?" Shanghai: "God has melted ancient China, who will mold the new?" Fuchow: "Changing China needs your unchanging Christ."

The consecration service for the 92 volunteers who were to sail within a year next and each told in a sentence where they were going and why. Bishop McDowell offered prayer for the outgoing ones and the quartette, that had so often in those days voiced our prayers, sang, "Speed Away on Thy Mission of Light."

Four great visions we brought away with us: that of a deeper spiritual life, a needy world, a church rising to meet that need, and greatest of all the vision that was so pre-eminent throughout the convention—the Christ—and in our hearts is still ringing the closing hymn of the convention:

"O! let me see Thy Foot-Marks,
 And in them plant mine own,
 My hope to follow duly
 Is in Thy strength alone.
 O! guide me, call me, draw me,
 Uphold me to the end;
 And then in heaven receive me,
 My Savior and my Friend."

METHODISM OF TEXARKANA, ARK.

Present: James Thomas, W. A. Swift, Rev. Mr. Harwell and L. Hundley.

Sunday, January 23, at First Church: The pastor, Bro. Thomas, reported congregations at both morning and evening services good. Interest fine. Audiences appreciative. The assistant pastor, Rev. Mr. Harwell, reported Sunday school services as being best of the administration, there being 200 present, with a collection for missions amounting to \$14.12. The League showed a marked improvement in interest. The social department doing good work. Attendance increasing in prayer meeting, with much better interest.

At Fairview: The pastor, Bro. Swift, reported large congregations at both services. No additions. Interest on the increase. Sunday school had an increase in membership of 13. League good. Increase, 10 in membership.

At College Hill: The pastor, L. Hundley, reported splendid interest in Sunday school, with good attendance. Regular services, well attended, with interest high. League planned to do some much needed work. An increase of eight or ten in attendance at prayer meeting.

LOUIS HUNDLEY,
 Secretary.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION EXECUTIVE MEETING.

I hereby call the Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to meet in my office, 200 North Robinson street, Oklahoma City, Okla., March 14, 1910, at 2:00 p. m.

Let all applications for aid from the General Board of Church Extension be in the hands of the secretary, Rev. C. F. Mitchell, Lawton, Okla., by this date, as they must be passed upon by the Executive Committee, before the General Board will take action on them.

A word to the preachers who may make application to the board for aid: Be sure and get your application properly filled out, answering all questions fully.

N. L. LINEBAUGH,
 President Oklahoma Conference Board of Church Extension.

LAYMEN'S CALL, OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brother: Our two great Missionary Conferences soon to be held in Oklahoma City and Dallas, Tex., should stimulate each of us to our best efforts to insure success, and we must not allow anything to prevent us making these conferences the best that have been or will be held this season. I want the number of church leaders appointed and organized in your district at once and the good done by the leaders last year and up to date, that I may report at these conferences. I call for you and all the church leaders and committeemen you can muster in ladies' parlor of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, February 16, 8:30 a. m., to plan our year's work. Fail me not in this duty you owe the church and humanity. Yours to work,

T. S. DEARMAN,
 Conference Lay Leader.

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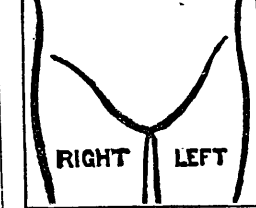
The State Department of Education is issuing a circular to the School Improvement Associations of the State announcing that flower and garden seeds may be secured for the schools from the United States Department of Agriculture by making the request through the State Department of Public Instruction.

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CHURCH EXTENSION NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension for Oklahoma Conference will meet in Oklahoma City, March 15, at St. Luke's, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. All applications must be in the hands of the committee by that time.

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CLINTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Clinton District Conference will be held at Cordell April 19, 20, 21. Opening sermon on Monday evening, 18th.

WILLIAM D. MATTHEWS, P. E.
 Weatherford, Okla., Jan. 24, 1910.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of January, 1910, or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, I, as Administrator of the Estate of Sallie Williams, deceased, will apply to the Probate Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, for an order to sell part of the north half of the southwest of the southeast, and southeast of the southwest of section six (6), township one (1) north, range twelve (12) west, Pulaski County, Arkansas, for the payment of the debts of said estate.

FRANK HARRISON,
 Administrator.

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.)

Carolan, Ark., Dec. 8 1909.

Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins: I am knocking at the door for admittance again. How are you all this cold morning? I am fine. Well, I guess you all are going to school. I have been out today. Sister Verter is away from home and I had to stay with Mamma. She is sick. Our school teacher's name is Mr. Warren. His wife is helping him. They have a sweet little baby. His name is Douma.

Brother is our preacher. This is his second year. We were all glad to receive him. Well, I saw in the Western Methodist the request of Evelyn (of Okla.) trying to get up a band of us girls. I think it a good plan. I will help all I can. I nominate Miss Lillian for President, Miss Ruth Carr for Secretary, and Miss Evelyn for Treasurer. I will close. My letter is growing long.

I remain your cousin,

HELEN SANDERSON.

P. S.—I will ask a question: What were Paul's last words?

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Tangier, Okla.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: Will you let another little girl join your happy Methodist band? My father takes the Methodist and I enjoy reading the letters very much. I have never seen a letter from Tangier, so I thought I would write. I hope my letter will escape the wastebasket.

Oklahoma Nancy, I will answer your question: The shortest chapter in the Bible is the 117th Psalm.

Evelyn, I thought your poem was fine.

Well, as my letter is getting long I will close by asking a question: How many times is the word "and" found in the Old Testament? Your new cousin,

LULU HAYES.

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Paragould, Ark., Dec. 10, 1910.

Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins: How do you like cold weather? I don't like it. We haven't got the steam heat connected with our school yet, and we burn oil stoves and we nearly freeze. What do you all want Santa Claus to bring you? I can answer in one word "books." I had rather read than do most anything else. Miss Ruth Carr, come again; your letters are so nice. Everyone else is making you guess their age, so I will tell mine. I am 14 and in the tenth grade at school. I go to the Methodist Sunday School and church. Brother M. M. Smith is our pastor. Do you girls belong to a club? I do and to a literary society too. Well, I will close, hoping to see this in print. I am,

Your new cousin,

ALMEDA.

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Askew, Ark., Dec. 23, 1909.

Dear Methodist: I will stay all day this time, if you please. There, the door opened and Auntie opened it. "Walk right in," she says. Thank you. I knew she was a kind lady. "Yes, and I am so cold and here is a great fire. Well I am warm and I will just take a seat over here by Wretha Best. Hello Wretha, I don't know you, but think I know your Uncle Jim Best, or is he any kin to you. He said he had some nieces that wrote to the children's page, and I guess you to be seventeen years old. Am I right? I want Evangel Galloway to write again and Christine also. Come again, Flora and Grace Julian. Aren't you sisters? I wish ora James would write often. I think you are fourteen years old. Am I right? If so, my address is Askew, Ark. Gladys Bishop, Blue Bell, Senda Vail, I like your letters. Wait, there is Clarissia Taylor. She asked if us cousins wouldn't be glad when Christmas came. I will for one. I am always glad when it comes, like most children.

Hello cousins, over there at Quitman, Ark., I got your letters today. The map was good. Denney will answer your letters after Christmas. I am not going to sign my real name this time. I am going to sign it what mama calls me sometimes and take some one by surprise, but I think Brother Best will know me. Hope he will. Say, cousins, how many of you wish for the same pastors back for next year? I do for I don't think there is a better one here. I haven't any pets, as the dog caught my pet, "Chip," a little black chicken, just a few minutes ago, but such is life. At times it is bright and times there is sorrow. Hand me my toboggan, please, and let me run home, for I hear mama calling, come.

SONG TONGUE.

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Yarbro, Ark., Dec. 19, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: As I have never seen a letter from Yarbro, I thought I would write one and join your happy band. I am a little girl ten years old. My birthday was the 4th of this month. I got a nice gold ring for my birthday present. I have just came home from a visit to my grandparents at Sikeston, Mo., I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mr. J. D. Stewart. I am in the fifth grade. For pets I have a little baby brother. He was four months old the 5th of this month. I have one little sister in heaven. What do you girls and boys want old Santa Claus to bring you? I want him to bring me a pair of ice skates. I would like to exchange post cards with any of you cousins. I could write all night, but I won't write so much for my first time. If I see this in print, I will write more the next time. This is not Ruth Carr, but

Your new cousin,

RUTH HALCOM.

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Newark, Ark., Dec. 19, 1909.

Dear Methodist: How would you like to have another little girl to join your happy band? I go to school every day. I am in the third grade. I am a Sunday School girl. I belong to the Methodist Church. I am ten years old. I wish that some of you cousins were here to spend Christmas with me. Our school is going on now. I have a fine time at school. As my letter is getting long, I had better close. If this happens to jump the waste basket I will try again.

Your new cousin,

FAY LANE.

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Snyder, Ark., Dec. 24, 1909.

Dear Cousins: Well, this is Christmas eve. I wonder what Saint Nicholas will bring you cousins. It is not a pretty day here. It has been raining all day. I hope it will stop before tomorrow, because we want to have a program. We were going to have a Christmas "bush" this evening if it had not rained. We gave our new pastor a "pounding." I think he has won the love of everyone here. My birthday is the 17th of January. I would appreciate some cards from the cousins. I would answer all of them. Say, cousins, when do you suppose "Arkansas Blonde," "Arkansas Brunette," "Country Girl," and all those girls that have signed their names that way will satisfy our "gnawing curiosity" as to what their names really are? We had a very exciting time a few nights ago, the 8th, a band of robbers went in our store. They blew open our safe and were making the second attempt on the vault, when we got the boys working for us out there and ran them off. They did not get more than about ten dollars. Well I must close.

Lour friend,

JUANITA CONE.

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Yarbro, Ark., Dec., 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I have never seen a letter from Yarbro I thought I would write one and join your happy band. I am a boy fourteen

years of age. My birthday is the 16th of September, and I have a little brother two years younger; his birthday is on the same day. I am not as fortunate as some of our cousins. We have no Sunday School, but I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mr. Stewart. I am in the eighth grade. For pets I have none, but I go fishing often. If any of you boys want to go fishing, come and visit me. There is fine hunting here and around here too. I live on the Premiscot Bayou. I would like to exchange post cards with you cousins. I am not particular, but just so the girls write the most. I would like to get acquainted with you all.

Your cousin,

FRANK W. NELSON.

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Cloud Chief, Okla., Dec. 11, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: How are you all this cold weather? I have been going to school three weeks. I study the eighth grade. I like my school work fine. Our teacher is a good man, I think. I live on a farm fourteen miles from Mountain View. I work in the field and think it no disgrace. How many of you readers like music? I do. We have an organ and I can play it. I play for our Sunday school. We had a singing reunion at our church the second Sunday in November. It was fine. I belong to the Methodist Church. Our new preacher's name is Brother Russell. I have never heard him preach, yet. Miss Bertie Marton. I will guess your age to be 16. Hope I'm right. My age is seventeen. As this is my first, I will close, hoping this misses the waste basket.

Your new cousin,

BUNA MILLER.

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Cloud Chief, Okla., Dec. 11, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I will try to write for my first time. I am going to school and like my teacher fine. His name is Mr. McCubbins. I like to go to school and I enjoy reading the cousins' letters. I am a little girl 11 years old. I go to Sunday school nearly every Sunday. As this is my first time to write, I will close, hoping to see this in print.

Your new cousin,

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MAUD MILLER.

Capps, Ark., Dec. 18, 1909.

Hello Cousins. How are you all these cold days? I am going to school. I have just been reading the cousins' letters. I enjoy reading them. Clarissia Taylor, I guess you to be 12 years old. I hope I am right. One of my friends have just gone. We have a nice time together. Christmas will soon be here. I wish you cousins would come to see me. We would have a nice time. How many of you cousins have written to old Santa Claus? I haven't yet. It may be he will come anyway. I will answer Clarissia Taylor's question, "Solomon was the wisest man in the world." Well, cousins, I must close I am going to church tonight. Sister Ollie Dyer is going to preach tonight. I like her fine. The teacher's association met at Capps Friday night and Saturday. We had a nice time. There was about twenty-five teachers here. Well cousins, we must write more. The old advertisements will take our page, and we wouldn't like that. If this escapes the waste basket I will write again, so good-by. With much love to all the cousins and Miss Lillian.

HATTIE YOUNG.

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Goodwin, Ark., Dec. 11, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: This is my first letter. I have been reading the letters and enjoy reading them and want to join the happy band. O girls, the boys are getting ahead of us. Well, Bessie McDonald said Pauline was her best chum at school. Pauline is my cousin. I am going to school now. My teacher's name is Mr. Oather Jeardan. I like him fine; he is so kind to us. My



It Is a Burning Shame

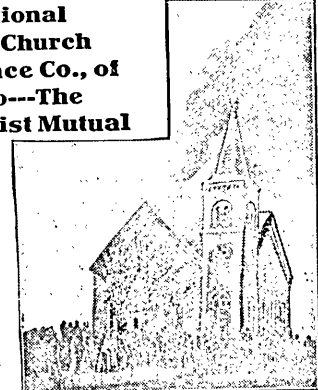
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best chum at school is Gussie and Bertha. We surely do have a good time. Gussie is 13 years old and Bertha is 15 years old. I am 13 years old. My studies at school are arithmetic, reading, physiology, grammar, spelling, history, and geography. I will tell you my pets. My sister is married. She has a little girl 3 years old and I have a little calf for a pet. The old year will soon be gone and the new will soon be here. Let us all live nearer to the cross of Jesus in the future than we have in the past. I hope the waste basket has gone visting. I hope to see this in print soon. Love to all. I will close. If I see this in print, I will write again.

From a new cousin,

CARDIE CRASS.

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Onapa, Okla., Dec. 10, 1909.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I have been reading the children's page. I thought I would write too. I go to Sunday School every Sunday morning. Our Superintendent's name is Mr. J. M. Calhoun. My teacher's name is Mr. H. S. Nance. I have only been in the church three months. I live on a farm. Close to a little town named Onapa. We have a nice school. We have two teachers, Mrs. McFall and Miss Mitchell. My teacher is Miss Mitchell. I am in the sixth grade. I will send the one who will guess my age a post card. Well I will close for this time and write more next time.

With love to all,

CLARENCE ROARK.

P. S.—My age is between 10 and 15.

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Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 8, 1909.

Dear Cousins: Will you admit a new cousin into your list? As I have never written before I will do so now. I have no trip to tell you of, but if you will let me take the space, I will try every month to put into this paper a story. If they are published the first months you may expect them every month, as I take an interest in this paper. The first story I will tell you of is about a horse. The title is "Billy." Have you ever heard the story of how a horse once won a famous battle? If not, go back with me and visit the scene of the last battle of Fredericksburg.

The Twenty-second Regiment of Maine, against heavy odds, was keeping Early's men in check. Several times the attempt was made to charge the battery on the hill, but each time the column was beaten back. The hill was steep and rocky and the path was strewn with the bodies of the dead and the dying. To push farther toward the battery meant death, to retreat meant disgrace. At that moment there was a break in the line, and an aid came riding at full speed. His message was brief, but decisive. "Yonder battery must be silenced."

In answer the Colonel merely touched his cap. Spurring his horse to the front of the line with no thought of refusal, no matter what the danger, he once more gave the order "Charge!"

As they heard the sharply given command the wounded blessed him and the remainder of the line, rallying, willingly followed him into the very jaws of death.

Their first wild rush carried them halfway up the hill. The aid was filled with shot and shell, which the enemy poured down from their vantageground; and their leader, pushing ahead on his eager horse fell wounded in the very act of giving his commands.

A cheer went up from the enemy's line as they saw the leader being borne to the rear of the line and saw that his already wavering soldiers were slowly falling back. That line had followed him to victory many times and now it seemed as if his fall meant theirs.

What are they to do? The bugle called the soldiers from their slumbers man stirred. Their leader was gone and their courage was swept away with their commander.

Just then a neigh was heard and before in his accustomed place stood Billy, the Colonel's war horse, his trappings on, his nostrils swelling, and his feet impatiently pawing the ground as if his master was still on his back. His every movement seemed to say, "If I am not in front how can the Twenty-second charge?"

There stood the horse, ready to lead where they feared to go. Every eye and heart caught the fire, and with one impulse the column swept up the hill, and with Billy in the lead captured every gun. When the fight was over they vainly sought their dumb leader, until dark drove them from their search into their tents.

The next morning when the bugle called the soldiers from their slumbers and sent them out to parade, half the regiment of the day before was missing. The Sergeant tried to call the roll. Hearts burned and tears could not be restrained when familiar voices failed

to answer. The last few ranks were sadly being read when slowly and heavily tread, a horse came across the field, and there stood the old brave hero safe from the horrors of battle.

Before a bugle sounded or a command was given the whole line presented arms. Then with one accord the air was rent with mighty cheers.

Ever after that day, when the roll was called, Billy's name was read; and the whole line answered "Here."

ARKANSAS CHARLIE.

Good.

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Colt, Ark.

Dear Cousins: This is my first letter and I will answer Clarissa Taylor's question. Solomon was the wisest man in the world. I have no pets, but I have two sisters and two brothers living and three sisters dead and one brother. I want to tell my age, but will let you cousins guess it. It is between 9 and 13. The one that guesses it I will exchange post cards with. If they will send me their address.

Your new cousin,
GLADYS MAY.

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Tillar, Ark., Dec. 15, 1909.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: How are you all getting along by this time. Fine, I guess. How many of you are going to school. I am. Our teacher's name is Mrs. Elva Ferrell. We like her fine. I am in the eighth grade. How many joined the church this summer? I did. Our pastor is Rev. Frank Hopkins. He surely is a fine preacher. My father takes the Methodist and I like to read the cousins' letters. Ruth Carr, come again with another of your nice letters. I will close, hoping to see my letter in print.

JESSIE LAGRONE.

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Bradford, Ark., Jan. 10, 1910.

Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: I am a little girl 11 years old. I am writing for the first time. If it escapes the waste basket I will write again. I go to school. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Jane Hickman. I like her fine. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. Our preacher's name is Brother Blevens. We think he is a fine preacher. I guess I had better quit for this time. My papa takes the paper and I read the children's page. I like it fine. I am getting sleepy. I will stop for this time.

EDNA WILLIAMS.

TRANSLATION FROM PROVERB.

Sasoh ma, a nan alhpisa ya ik chim ahakso kashke; amba chi chukash at nana chi mihiali tuk putta ka iesh-ashke:

Nitak hofaloha micha afammi lawa micha nanaiya aiena ka chimafoka he-bano hoka.

Nan i nukhalo micha nan ai ahli aiena kat ik chi flammo ka hi a ish ai ah-nashke: chikonla ya ish afommashke; chi chukash atukma ish ai o holisso-chashke:

Yohmi hosh Chihowa micha hatak itikba ya nana kat a chim ai ahli achukma micha im aholitomp hosh ish ayashke.

Chi chukash a mominchi hosh Chitokaka ya isht ish anukchietashke; micha nan ish ithana kak osh chik anukchieto kashke.

Nana ish akaniohmi putta kat Chihowa ha ish ithanashke, yohmikma ish atia chi ka chim ottanincha he bano hoke.

Nana ka apunna fehna ahnit chik ahanto kashke: amba Chitokaka ish i nukshopa cha nan ik achukmo ish i flamashke.

Chi haknip at isht im ai alhpiesa he, micha chiffoni ya i hatpi toba hi oke.

Nana chira aiasha micha na chiway-ahpi poyuta ka Chitokaka ya isht ish holitoblashke:

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Sasoh ma, Chitokaka yat chi kostin-inchi ka ish shittilema na, micha na chi miha ka im itakobit ish taha na.

Kana ho Chitokaka yat i hullo hokato, iki at ushi a heh ahni hokato ya-mihchi chatuk a choomit kostinihinchi hoke.

Anompa aba takohmaya ilappat Plafab chapta .3 anompa ammona hiket auah tuchina ont alhi hoke.

A. S. WILLIAMS.

POOR CONSUMPTIVES CAUSE VAST LOSS.

Sixteen States and Territories of the United States provide no place where the poor consumptive can be treated, except in jails and insane asylums. This statement, together with another, to the effect that not one in thirty of the victims of consumption who want to get in hospitals can find a place there, a fact which will mean a loss to the country of \$1,275,000,000, is made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in a bulletin just issued.

The National Association states that there are in the United States at least 300,000 consumptives who are so poor that they cannot pay for proper medical treatment in tuberculosis sanatoria and hospitals. Some of them can pay small amounts a week for their maintenance, but the great majority of them cannot pay anything. For this large class of patients the entire country has provided only 10,000 beds for the free treatment of tuberculosis. In Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Philippine Islands, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming there is no place where the consumptive without means can be treated but in jails or insane asylums, and in most cases he will get no treatment there. Sixteen other States provide less than 50 beds each for poor consumptives. In only two States, Massachusetts and New York, have beds for needy tuberculosis patients been provided, so that at least one in ten may find a place for treatment. In many of the other States not one in 50 of the destitute consumptives can find a bed in a hospital or manatorium.

It costs on an average about \$250 to cure an incipient consumptive or to care for an advanced case until death. If he is left in destitute circumstances without proper attention he will surely infect with his disease at least two other persons, and possibly many more. Considering that the average life is worth to society in dollars and cents about \$1,500, the net loss which would accrue to a community by not treating its poor consumptives in proper institutions would be for each case, including those who are unnecessarily infected, at the very lowest figure, \$4,250. On this basis, if the poor consumptives in the United States who are now sick were segregated from their families, and either kept in institutions until they died, or else cured of their disease, the saving to the country would be the enormous sum of \$1,275,000,000.

Consumption is primarily a poor man's disease. Dr. Woods Hutchinson of New York City says: "Roughly speaking, the incipient tuberculous patient can buy as many chances of fresh air and cure as he has money." The percentage of deaths from consumption among the poor is 100 per cent higher

than among the well-to-do and the rich. Sixty-five per cent of the consumptives in the United States are too poor to provide proper means for treatment. They must either be placed in a sanatorium or a hospital where they can be cured of their disease and where they will be removed from the possibility of infecting other members of their families, or the loss resulting from neglect to care for these poor consumptives will be twice or three times as great as would be the case if they were properly housed in institutions.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis declares that if every county or township should erect an institution for the treatment of indigent cases of consumption, this disease would be wiped out in a few years.

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G. W. M. FREEMAN, P. C.

Cave City, Ark., Jan. 12, 1910.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Augusta Ct., at Union.....	Jan. 29-30
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Hammonsville.....	Feb. 5-6
Cato.....	Feb. 12-13
Vilonia.....	Feb. 13-14
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. F. SKINNER, P. E.	

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Granite, 11 a. m.....	Feb. 13
Quarterly Conference, 7 p. m.....	Feb. 14
Blair, 7 p. m.....	Feb. 13
Quarterly Conference, 10 a. m.....	Feb. 14
Martha.....	Feb. 19-20
Mangum Sta., Fr. 7:30 p. m.....	Feb. 20
Dryden and Red Hill, at R. H.....	Feb. 26-27
Hollis.....	Feb. 27-28
Mangum Ct., at Gyp Hill.....	March 5-6
Willow, at Ozona.....	March 6-7
Vinson and Deer Creek, at Vinson.....	March 12-13
Lone Wolf and Gotebo, at Gotebo.....	March 19-20
Hobart.....	March 20-21
Duke, at Victory.....	March 26-27
Altus.....	March 27-28
C. H. McGHIE, P. E.	

DURANT DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Goodwater, 2 and 7:30 p. m.....	Feb. 3
Idabel-Garvin, at Garvin, 1 and 7:30 p. m.....	Feb. 4
Fort Townsend.....	Feb. 5-6
Conference, 1 p. m.....	Feb. 5
Talahoma, 3 and 7 p. m.....	Feb. 9
Albion, 7 p. m.....	Feb. 10
Conference, 3 p. m.....	Feb. 11
Tuskahoma.....	Feb. 12-13
Conference, 3 p. m.....	Feb. 12
Soper Ct., at Kent.....	Feb. 19-20
Antlers and Boswell, at Boswell.....	Feb. 26-27
Benington-Bokehito, at Bokehito.....	Feb. 27-28
Albany Ct., at Albany.....	March 5-6
Colbert-Kemp, at Kemp.....	March 6-7
Grant Ct., at Sawyer.....	March 12-13
Hugo.....	March 13-14
Bryan County Miss., at Silo.....	March 19-20
Cumberland.....	March 20-21
Woodville.....	March 26-27
Madill.....	March 27-28
Caddo.....	April 2-3
Durant.....	April 3
District Conference will be held at Durant April 6-10. All pastors will be expected to report at least half of the Conference assessments in hand at the District Conference, and of course the Stewards will be able to report preachers' salaries paid up to date.	
T. P. TURNER, P. E.	

WISTER CIRCUIT.

Dear Methodist: Wister Circuit, as you know, was created at our last Conference. It is now composed of Wister, Leflore, and Red Oak. A very unique charge. We have about 200 members, 150 of which are at Wister. Our first Quarterly Conference has just been held. Brother Parks was on hand full of interest and every detail of the work looked after. The finishing touches are now being put on both the church and parsonage and we now have a plant here easily worth \$6,000.00. We have a beautiful six-room parsonage and as petty a church as there is in the Conference of its kind. Our people are kind and generous and tokens of affection are constantly being shown. I am planning for a meeting to begin right soon in which we hope for much good.

W. D. SAULS.

IOLAND CHARGE, OKLA.

Mr. Editor: Everything is moving along slowly; but nicely on this charge. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. Brother Lawlis was with us, and at his post of duty. We were glad to see him. He is a good Presiding Elder and we all love him. The Stewards have made a good assessment for the pastor, and Presiding Elder and by the grace of God we are going to gain the victory over sin. We have entered into a covenant together at all points on this work to pray for conversions at every Sunday service, and we ask all of the brethren to pray for us in this large field of labor. We have some good religious people on this work. They look well after their pastor's interests. But this is about the largest work in the Guymon District. It extends up and down the Canadian River for 45 miles and it is in a good fruit country, and by the help of the Lord and the good people here, we are going to make it the banner charge in the district this year.

W. P. MEADOR, P. C.

SHERRILL CIRCUIT.

Dear Methodist: I have just received a copy of the minutes of our last Annual Conference, please allow me to correct a mistake in the financial report of Sherrill Circuit. We paid over assessments in full. The minutes don't show we paid anything for orphanage. My receipt from Brother Ramsey shows we paid the assessment, \$13.00; paid \$13.00. In the main I think the minutes correct and neat. I have one serious objection to them, viz: They are so late reaching us. I have never been able to understand and no one has ever been able to explain to my satisfaction, why it was necessary to wait two months for the printed minutes. I used to worry over it, but have quit. All the people I have ever served willingly paid their assessment for minutes and some years ago would begin to inquire of me in three or four weeks after Conference about the minutes. When we would get them, etc., but it has come to pass they have done lost interest in the matter long before the minutes are out. Now, I would not undertake to say that I could bring them out any sooner than those who have been intrusted with the matter, but will say this: I am willing to vote to double the usual assessment for minutes if necessary in order to get them in a reasonable length of time after the adjournment of Conference.

J. H. BRADFORD.

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CHELSEA, OKLA.

At the last meeting of our board of stewards I was requested to report to the conference organ that all finances, pastor's salary, conference collections, etc., have been provided for in full for the year 1910. We have a system which will work anywhere. The board wishes to thank Rev. A. S. Cameron of Choteau for his assistance and suggestions as to the operation of the plan. Bro. Cameron was kind enough to put in several days' hard work with them while visiting in Chelsea during the holidays.

Any pastor wishing to know about the plan may write to Mr. Bartley Milam, Chelsea, Okla., or A. S. Cameron, Choteau, Okla. Cameron is a Vanderbilt man and is in high favor with the people of Choteau.

We have had a hearty welcome and are starting off nicely. No pastor ever had better assistance from his W. H. M and W. F. M. societies. Under the leadership of these good women our church will continue to hold its ground as a vital force in the present day crisis. We are creating a great deal of interest by having open meetings of the W. F. M. S. and inviting the men to take part in the discussions. Anyone in need of good working plans, write to Mrs. W. J. Strange or Mrs. J. T. McSpadden. This pastor is in for hard work.

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BRADFORD AND BALD KNOB CIRCUIT.

We are very thankful to say that we were returned for the second year to this delightful charge. Since our return we have reorganized our Sunday school at Bradford, bringing it under the organized system of our church, with a full corps of Methodist teachers. While the school has been doing good work under the superintendency of Bro. Plant, we think we can see a brighter future, with the co-operation of the church members.

We have received a nice pounding of groceries from Bradford and also from Kensett, and a nice dry goods donation from the Bald Knob class.

Our church at Bald Knob is looking forward to larger things this year. We have a very excellent Home Mission Society there, which is planning for a good year's work both materially and spiritually. The young people, under the leadership of Bro. W. B. Moody, are improving their talents for vocal music and are rendering services which are very helpful to our church.

We entertain the Searcy District Conference at Bald Knob this year, and expect to repaint our church and install a new pipe-toned organ before the district conference.

The official board has raised my salary a little over last year, and are planning for monthly payments of all the collections of the church, so we are hoping to have a full report at conference next fall. The start we have favors a full report very much.

Bro. E. N. Bickley and family are located at Bradford this year. He being a supernumerary, he will preach twice a month for me, once at Russell and one Sunday at Bradford. We appreciate his presence with us and his help. The blessings of God be upon the good Western Methodist.

W. F. BLEVINS, P. C.

Jan. 13, 1910.

HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS' MEETING.

Present: Harden, Black, Hutchinson, Parker, Keadle, Hotchkiss, and Mason. Brother Cunningham, a layman of Central Church, was also present.

Prayer by Brother Black.

Song, "Rock of Ages."

Hot Springs Circuit, Brother Black, pastor—Quarterly Conference at Gum Springs Saturday, Brother Scott, Presiding Elder, presiding. Brother Scott preached at 11:00 a. m. Saturday and also Saturday night to a good congregation of young people. Sunday they had a good service. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. by the Presiding Elder, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the baptism of one infant. No services at night.

Tigert Memorial and Oaklawn—Brother Harden, pastor, reported 54 in Sunday School at Oaklawn, and the congregation larger than usual. Tigert Memorial, 46 in Sunday School; good

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service at night. Brother T. D. Scott, Presiding Elder, present and preached a very strong, practical, forceful sermon on the "Beautitudes."

Third Street Church—Brother Parker, pastor, reported 140 in Sunday School; good prayer meeting; good congregations all day yesterday, with a big crowd at night; one accession to the church. Good League service.

Malvern Avenue Church—B. F. Mason, pastor, reported fine prayer meeting Thursday evening, well attended. Good Sunday School; 89 present. Very good congregation at both the preaching services. One was received into full connection at the morning hour.

Central Avenue Church—Brother Hutchinson, pastor, reported the "biggest" prayer meeting yet, with 298 in Sunday School; 28 more than has ever attended the Sunday School at one time in the history of the church. Good congregation at both preaching services, with two up for prayers, and five additions to the church, and a good League service.

Park Avenue Church—Brother Keadle, reported for the pastor, Brother Rushing, as he could not be present on account of a death in his community. They had in Sunday School 112, and a fair attendance at the preaching services.

Brother Keadle preached at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday to a fair congregation, not as large as it would have been had the church not been located so near the scene of the fire of Saturday night, when the "New Waverly Hotel" was burned.

Brother Cunningham, a layman from Central Church, gave us a little talk in regard to reports, etc., and illustrated the same by a little chart that he and others have gotten up for some purpose.

After a discussion of some length on the subject of the condition of Hot Springs in regard to gambling, etc., the meeting was dismissed by a short prayer by Brother Cunningham.

B. F. MASON, Secretary.
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BROTHER MATTHEWS AND THE OKLAHOMA MINUTES.

In last week's *Methodist* Rev. W. D. Matthews offers some criticisms upon the Oklahoma Conference Minutes. While he exhorts the pastors to be more religious and honest in rendering their statistical reports, he also says, "I find several errors in the additions of the columns which is not the fault of the pastors."

The statistical secretaries have performed their task this year with exceptional fidelity, and are entitled to a defense before the casual reader such as they will hardly need before those who make a careful comparison of Brother Matthews' criticisms with their work.

As I did not have opportunity to edit his revised summary of the membership table before it went into print, it becomes my official duty to do so now. If he has "found several errors in the additions of the columns which is not the fault of the pastors," I know of nothing more calculated to put him into sympathy with the statistical secretaries, printer and proofreader than a careful perusal of his own figures.

1. He writes down 3,250 when he meant to write 3,259 as the present total membership of Durant District—an error of 9 in mere transcribing.

2. He figures the increase in Guyton District as 505, whereas it is 305—an error of 200 in subtracting.

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3. In adding his "increase" column he makes an error 1,000. It foots up 11,511, and not 12,511 as he states.

4. He fails to subtract his "decrease" from his "increase" column—an oversight of 66.

5. An error of 200 appears in his statement of the 1908 membership of the Muskogee District—evidently a mistake of the printer and proofreader—a source of inaccuracy that troubles the editor of the Minutes occasionally also.

6. Concerning "members reported last year" from Weatherford District, Brother Matthews says that "the Minutes of 1909 give only 3,561, which is not correct." Column 2, "Members reported last year," Weatherford District (Minutes, page 89) totals exactly 3,561. Brother Matthews' criticism would lie properly against the three preachers in his district who left this column blank in their statistical reports—not against the Minutes. The reason why the "members reported last year" did not total 4,023 as Brother Matthews thinks it ought was because the pastors of his district did not report that many.

Now, to revise Brother Matthews' revision: If we correct his total of 12,511 by subtracting errors numbered 2, 3 and 4 above, and by adding errors indicated in paragraphs numbered 1 and 6 above (No. 5 is typographical and does not affect the total), the result is a total increase in membership of 11,716—exactly what the Minutes show.

If we have more than 49,608 members in the Oklahoma Conference the pastors did not report them. Nine charges left the item blank. The total shown by the Minutes is 49,605—a typographical error of 3, which I should have caught in reading the proof.

The 37,892 which Brother Matthews says is incorrect is the correct total of the column headed "Members reported last year," which was deducted from "Present total membership" in order to ascertain the increase. In the effort to reduce the wide discrepancy between the total of the additions reported by the several presiding elders orally and the total additions reported by the several pastors in writing, the editor of the Minutes considered the probability of overzealousness in the reports last year as one source of error. Accordingly the total from this year's reports of "members reported last year" was taken as the subtrahend instead of "total present membership," from last year's Minutes—a precedent which this editor does not recommend to his successor.

While on the subject I will mention another error or two: In Table No. 3, Oklahoma City District (page 85), Norman's figures from "Domestic Missions" to the end of the line belong to Capitol Hill, and vice-versa, occasioned by the transposition of a slug that was marked for correction on the proof, but was finally overlooked by the printer.

Rev. M. L. Butler is one of the vice chairmen of the Board of Education, and Rev. W. J. Sims, Dr. T. P. Howell and G. H. Evans were also elected to membership thereon; Robert Hodgson is secretary and T. L. Rippey is treasurer of the board. These changes were made by the board, not in open conference, and I would gladly have revised the list accordingly had the data been furnished before going to press with the Minutes.

I say an emphatic "Amen" to Brother Matthews' exhortation that we preachers be more religious in our handling of figures. But Brother Matthews' exhortation really would have been a little more impressive if he had omitted his illustration. E. M. SWEET, JR., Editor Minutes.

Lawton, January 22.

A SUPERANNUATE'S HOME FOR DR. J. H. RIGGIN.

As chairman of the Joint Board of Finance I wish to call special attention to the letter of our dear Bro. Riffin



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which appeared in your issue of January 19, and to suggest some definite line of action by which this important enterprise may be consummated.

To me two things seem perfectly clear. The friends of Dr. Riffin and the church which he has served so faithfully for these 42 years ought to provide a home for him and his family so long as they may need an earthly abode. This home ought to be built at Arkadelphia, where it will be possible for the children to have the opportunity of attending Henderson College.

But how shall this be done? For many reasons, which are obvious to all who know the local situation, we cannot expect Arkadelphia to assume the entire burden, and the friends of Dr. Riffin ought not to be willing to allow this, even if the people of Arkadelphia were ready to build the home. The good people of that generous little city have already provided a home for the current year. Doubtless they will contribute liberally towards the purchase of a permanent one.

I suggest the following plan: Let the pastor and the official board take the matter up at once and submit to the Joint Board of Finance a definite proposition stating just how much they are willing to assume of the expense of providing a superannuate home to be located in their midst. Then let the board devise some plan to bring the matter before the entire church, in the bounds of our conference, and secure the amount necessary to complete the home.

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If this plan meets the approval of our pastors and laymen throughout the conference I would be glad to have their endorsement of the same, either by a personal note addressed to me at Crossett, or a word of approval through the columns of the *Methodist*. If 50 persons would each write a postal to the *Methodist* within the next ten days endorsing the movement, an impetus would be given which would almost insure success. Remember the popular motto, "Do it now." Fraternally,
J. A. SAGE.
Crossett, Ark., Jan. 22, 1910.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

REV. D. J. WEEMS.

MCGEEHEE, ARK.

About sixty miles southeast of Pine Bluff on the Valley road is the thriving town McGehee. It is a division, and the junction of three roads, and is becoming an important town.

We have a beautiful little church, and parsonage, school building and a most excellent Y. M. C. A. well conducted. Rev. J. H. Cummins, the new pastor here and at Arkansas City, has been cordially received and with bright hopes has begun his work. He is a zealous and intelligent preacher and will no doubt have a prosperous year.

Brother Cummins has a large and interesting family.

Mrs. T. E. Underwood, who keeps a good hotel, and M. A. Tucker, a prosperous merchant, subscribed for the paper. We had a pleasant service with a small congregation. Rev. B. F. Christmas has been living here, but will move to Dumas in a few days, one of the best churches in his work. He made a good report last year and will do his best this year.

LAKE VILLAGE.

Fronting a most beautiful old river lake, with a frontage of about two and a half miles is Lake Village. There are two railroads, court house, fine public school house. A nice church and parsonage centrally located. Rev. J. P. Clark is pastor here and at Eudora. He is an excellent preacher and especially on the leading doctrines of the church.



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PARKDALE.

A night and a half day were spent very pleasantly and profitably with Rev. C. W. Drake and his good people at Parkdale. Weather too bad for a service. Collecting from several of the old we secured two new subscribers. O. Finch, the obliging postmaster, and Mrs. Williams, wife of Dr. R. G. Williams. We have a good church and parsonage. They have ordered first-class pews. A new bank has been organized, Dr. Williams, president. Have good school. A steel bridge is being built across Bayou Bartholomew, which will bring much trade to the town. Bro. Drake and his excellent wife are in excellent favor with their people. Mary their nice daughter, and W. F. their grandson, cheer their home.

DERMOTT.

This is an important railroad crossing and is fast taking on the proportions of a little city. New cottages and business houses are being built. A large mill plan is located here. The truth is all this southeastern part of the State is being developed. Bro. Moore is cordially received and will do a great work this year if we are to judge the future by the past. He is one of our truest and best men and has succeeded whether on circuit, station or district.

MONTROSE.

Stopping a half hour between trains I collected from Sister W. J. Cone and R. Carmichael and secured R. L. Long as a new subscriber. Montrose is becoming a real nice little town. We still occupy the Baptist church. We will soon be able to have a church of our own.

WILMOT.

It is only five miles from Wilmot to the line of Louisiana. It ranks with the best towns in the county as a business point. The soil in the entire county is the richest of river land. Drainage is all that is needed to make this a great farming country. Bro. Drake is also pastor here. Most of the members were getting the paper and renewed.

DERMOTT AND PORTLAND.

This makes a fine appointment with R. R. R. Moore as pastor. Portland has a fine class of business men, who are doing well. They have a large two-story school building. Sister Williams keeps a real nice hotel. The town is largely Methodist. No saloon here nor at Parkdale or Wilmot. We have a creditable list of subscribers, T. Y. Wall the depot agent was added to the list.

WILMAR.

Sunday was spent in Wilmar with Rev. J. B. Sims and his delightful congregation. Bro. J. T. D. Anderson and family furnished most excellent entertainment. There is no more lovely family to be found than this. They all love the church, and work about as hard on Sunday for the Lord as they do in the week for themselves. We had five services and this is true every Sunday. Sunday school, Junior and Senior League, and two preaching services. The interest in each was fine. Brother Sims has a real intelligent congregation and they have a splendid preacher and want to keep him. His good wife is also a great help in the church work. Mrs. Margaret McClure Seymour, an old Galloway student, treated Bro. Sims

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and the field editor to a good dinner. Judge I. A. Bird, a worthy member, is candidate for county judge. While here I also met Bro. W. B. Heflin, who is candidate for treasurer of Drew county. My visit to Wilmar will be remembered with pleasure.

SWIFTON CIRCUIT.

I served this work nineteen years ago. I had a very pleasant year here last year, and the prospects are very encouraging for this year. However, I have not been able to do much since conference on account of inclement weather and bad health. Our first quarterly conference is a thing of the past. Bro. Galloway, our new P. E., was on hand full of faith and wide awake to every interest of the church. Our people fell very much in love with him. This work is so large that we have a junior preacher whom I think is starting off well. The town of Swifton is on the eve of a building boom which will cause us to have to move and repair our church house, which will throw us in somewhat of a financial strain. We just bought a nice parsonage last year and are in debt some on it yet. And so now to be forced to move and repair our church house will place us at rather a financial strain. But we have some good men and elect ladies and a few loyal young people who will stand by the church and pastor. We are on the eve of organizing an Epworth League for which some of our young people are very anxious. Which of course, this indicates a good healthy spiritual atmosphere among the young people of our church here. For a little town I think we have one of the best Sunday schools I ever saw.

For the last year our Sunday school will show an average attendance of the enrollment of about ninety-eight per cent. The collection on each first Sunday goes on the collections ordered by the Annual Conference for missions. We keep up a regular mid-week prayer meeting. At Strangers' Home, which is one of my preaching places. We have a fine lot of good people. Unfortunately for us at this place we have recently lost a mighty good man and one of the best stewards I ever saw, in the person of Bro. Irvin Grider. The church and community will greatly miss him.

Our old time honored local preacher, Rev. H. L. Covington, who has been keeping up a regular appointment at this place for about fifty years has been compelled to call it in this winter on account of feeble health. We added a new appointment to the work last fall by organizing a church at the little town of Minturn, where we bought some good property, a house and three lots which is worth seven or eight hundred dollars. So we are moving along nicely here.

With the best of wishes for the entire Western Methodist force I am

Fraternally,
W. D. ELLIS.

HARGRAVE COLLEGE.

The first home-coming of the friends and old pupils of the new and old Hargrave College was held January 18 in the auditorium, which was well filled with the joyous crowd. The presiding elder and all three home pastors were present. The out-of-town pastors present were J. G. Backwood of Wynne-wood, T. L. Darnell of Madill and Wilmore Kendall of Kanowa. The teachers and pupils rendered a nice program, after which speeches were made by Dr. J. M. Gross, T. L. Darnell, and our own

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Two years ago, when the train pulled into Madill and the conductor said, "When I left Ardmore Hargrove College was burning," I said in my heart, with sadness, "That is the end of it;" but I forgot that Gross was still living. Under his efforts the new Hargrove has grown out of the ashes of the old, and is forging on to success that it could never have attained as the old Hargrove, and this in competition with the world-famous strides of the public schools of Oklahoma.

Send us your boys and girls and under God we will make men and women out of them that will honor God and bless this great Oklahoma. Fraternally,

I. K. WALLER.

LEXINGTON STATION.

We have just closed the week of prayer under the leadership of the Woman's Home Mission Society. It has been a good meeting and was well attended. Our church work is growing in interest and numbers. Our Sunday school has grown until it is pressing out the sides of our building and has got us into trouble—that is, we will have to build a new church or add considerable room to the old one. The Epworth League is suffering very much for the want of more room. All things are very pleasant at Lexington.

E. H. CREASY.

LEWISVILLE CHARGE.

Brother Ware came and held our first quarterly meeting here Sunday a week ago, but I was ill in bed with a severe case of erysipelas in my face and head. I suffered intensely for a while and felt at one time I was close to the border land. I am so grateful to be up now, improving slowly. I learn the quarterly conference took an advance over last year and put salary of P. C. at \$1,000 and that of P. E. at \$164. This is encouraging, and we hope the spiritual life of the church will correspondingly increase.

Forty years ago this morning wife and I were married in Little Rock by Rev. B. O. Davis, then P. C. of Spring Street M. E. Church, South, which is now Winfield Memorial. I was a journeyman printer in the *Arkansas Gazette* office, where I had formerly served three years' apprenticeship. We look back now over these very happy forty years, and praise God for His many, many blessings. With our five children all grown and married, we are alone again. Their often home-coming is so joyful to us. J. R. SANDERS.

HON. THOMAS EMMET HARE.

Arkansas has lost one of her gifted sons; Vanndale, one of her best citizens; one of our homes, a loving husband and father.

Hon. Thomas Emmet Hare was born in Vanndale, Ark., Sept. 8, 1854. He was the son of Rev. Thomas Hare, a pioneer Methodist preacher, and Mrs. Olivia Hare who survives.

Having received the rudiments of his education in the public school of Vanndale, he entered the University of Mississippi. When only nineteen years of age, he graduated from the law department of that institution. Beginning the practice of law at Vanndale, he lived there till his death. At the early age of twenty-one he was elected to represent his (Cross) county in the State legislature. After great self-denial and close study he attained a distinction in the practice of his profession that few attorneys in Eastern Arkansas enjoy. Many clients in other States sought his services in important legal cases, besides his extensive practice among the people of his own State.

In 1880, Bro. Hare was married to Miss Mary Shelton of Tennessee. There are living three children from this happy union. Dr. T. S. Hare, who has a large medical practice at Vincent, Ark., Mary and Olivia both of whom are with their mother at Vanndale.

Converted in 1891, Bro. Hare joined the Methodist church in which he lived a consistent member. His friends need no testimony of mine as to his public virtues or his private worth. However, when such a man passes, it is fitting that we should linger for awhile upon some facts connected with his character. Gifted in intellectual endowments, and of high attainments in the legal profession, he was recognized, on all sides, as a peer of the leading citizens of Arkansas. He was a Christian lawyer, noted for the gentleness and purity of his life having taken the Christ as his lofty ideal, though like the rest of us mortals he never fully attained his ideal in this life.

I think this writer never knew a happier home-maker than Bro. Hare. He was always thoughtful, and devoted as a husband, and indulgent and companionable as a father.

Stricken with ptomaine poisoning a year ago which was followed by Brights disease our friend was never well again till released from the body. The family carried him to Excelsior Springs, Mo., Lithia Springs, Va., and Tate Springs, Tenn., but the treatment gave little relief. At the approach of winter he requested them to take him back to Vanndale where, no doubt, he felt that he would soon pass from earth.

A few minutes before midnight on Christmas Eve, 1909, the time which reminds us of the visit of the angel to earth with the multitude of the heavenly host rejoicing over the birth of the Savior, there was a visitation in Bro. Hare's home which caught his spirit away and left the body asleep; yes,

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."
From which none ever wake to weep."

He had made every preparation, hav-

ing assured the family of his readiness for crossing the bar. When death began to approach, it was so easy that he asked those at his bedside, "Is this death?" "Surely it cannot" be. His victory over death was complete. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things."

To the bereaved family we would say: "Weep not as those who have no hope." Keep fresh in your memory the parting counsel, and keep the promise to meet as an unbroken family where there is no more separation, in the "city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God."

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CENSUS OF 1910.

Farmers Should Co-operate With Census Officials in Affording Data.

The emphasis that the Census Bureau is giving the matter of securing accurate agricultural statistics for the 1910 census will be of great value to this State. Arkansas has made wonderful strides during the past ten years and every farmer in the State should heartily co-operate with the census officials in affording complete information.

Section 8 of the act authorizing the thirteenth census provides that:

"The schedules relating to agriculture shall include name, color and country of birth of occupant of each farm; tenure, acreage of farm, acreage of woodland and character of timber thereon; value of farm and improvements; value of farm implements; number and value of live stock on farms and ranges; number and value of domestic animals not on farms and ranges; and the acreage of crops planted and to be

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The farmer can render the Census Bureau and the public at large an inestimable service by preparing an accurate account of his farm operations for the year ending December 31, 1909, and by making an inventory on April 14, 1910, of all his farm possessions. (From George B. Cook, state superintendent of public instruction.)

EVENING SHADE STATION.

This is the first year for Evening Shade as a station. Formerly it was a part of Evening circuit. Many members of the church, with the co-operation of the people, put forth an effort to have it made a station. At the last Annual Conference their desires were fulfilled, and it is now a station.

The people are proud of it and the prospects for a successful year are good. Many are doing all they can to make it such.

The church is making rapid advancement. The reports at the first conference were gratifying, the assessment for the first quarter being paid in full.

We have a wide awake W. H. M. S., which is doing some excellent work.

Funds are on hand for repainting the church. Much will be done in the near future towards the furnishing of the inside.

The congregations are good and are increasing.

CARL C. BURTON, P. C.

TRINITY CIRCUIT.

Trinity circuit, with the parsonage at Bono, about eight miles from Jonesboro, on the Frisco R. R., is one of the best circuits in the Jonesboro district; is in a fine farming country, has some true loyal Methodists, some of them have their girls in Galloway College and their boys in Hendrix College. There are about twenty-eight copies of the Western Methodist coming to this charge.

We arrived on the work shortly after conference. Was entertained in the homes of our people for most a week before our household goods came. We are now comfortably situated in the parsonage. Christmas week the good peo-

ple rushed into our house and gave us a good pounding. However, we appreciated it.

Last week the stewards met and placed their pastor's salary at \$800.00, a little in advance of last year. The parsonage well and fencing are being repaired. They certainly believe in progress.

Who would not appreciate serving such a loyal people, one who has their church so close at heart. God help us to serve them as best we can.

J. T. HOOD.

OKLAHOMA CHURCH EXTENSION MEETING.

Please say to the Oklahoma conference that the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Church Extension, will meet in Oklahoma City March 15th, at 2 o'clock, St. Luke's M. E. Church, South, to consider application to the General Board of Church Extension. All applications must be in the hands of the Committee by that time. N. L. LINEBAUGH, Chairman.

C. F. MITCHELL, Secretary.
N. B.—Please run five times.
C. F. M.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS PROFITABLE.

The results of the campaign for the organization of School Improvement Associations in Arkansas for 1909 show returns in benefits to the schools of \$400 for each dollar expended in effecting the organizations.

School patrons of town or country, teachers and all citizens interested in the public schools of Arkansas are requested to write State Superintendent George B. Cook at Little Rock for literature concerning School Improvement Associations, which will be sent free on request.

REVIVAL AT HACKETT.

We have just closed a great revival at Hackett, the only revival of any note at this place for several years. The meeting ran 15 days and resulted in 33 or 34 professions and reclamations. Seventeen joined the Methodist church, with others to follow. Rev. J. L. Bryant, missionary evangelist, did most of the preaching, and did it well. The church at Hackett is in better condition than for a long time

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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.)

HAMILTON.—Effie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamilton, was born Dec. 25, 1902 and died on Dec. 10, 1909, at nearly seven years of age. She was one of the sweetest little girls in our town, was a regular attendant at Sunday school and a faithful member of the Junior League. She was baptized in July of 1904 by Rev. J. K. Farris and had nearly all her life been a busy little worker for the Master. She will be missed so much! Her life was just the right kind to get hold on the hearts of all who knew her. Of a bright, happy disposition, apt in her school work, and with a voice full of song, which she used to the joy and delight of all her family and friends, she was truly a sunbeam of clearest brightness. She is gone, but not to the cemetery, where we laid her body to rest, but to be with her Savior. We long to see her again! This we can do if we become as little children in our trust and love for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. **B. L. HARRIS, Pastor.**

TOWNSEND.—Mrs. Mary E. Townsend, wife of Rev. H. Townsend, was born in Carroll county, Miss., June 10, 1843. Was married Dec. 11, 1861. Joined the Methodist church in the year 1860 and died in Benton, Ark., Dec. 21, 1909. She was the mother of ten children, seven of whom are living. Two are Methodist preachers. E. A. is a member of the Oklahoma conference, stationed at Snyder; J. F. is a local preacher at Benton.

Two of the children were in New Mexico, too far away to reach the old home in time for the funeral.

She was acquainted with the hardship of an itinerant Methodist preacher's wife, though she did not complain. Her husband never heard her use an unchaste word. She was a model mother. Her children are a sufficient comment to this fact. She died in great peace. Bro. Townsend is submissive.

S. C. DEAN.

STEWART.—The subject of this sketch, Grandma, most usually called, was born May 18, 1832; married to Bro. Stewart, 1849. To this union were born six children, three of them boys living yet, she being seventy-seven this coming May the 18th, 1910. But alas, Grandma received her summons to Paradise on the 4th day of December, 1909, at Doyle, Okla. She professed religion young in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of thirteen years, if the writer is not mistaken, remaining a consistent member of the same the remainder of her days. For a long time she has been a constant sufferer and most of this time was confined to her bed. Her afflictions were borne without a murmur and she patiently waited for the voice of her Lord to call her up higher. She was a loving, sacrificing mother, a consecrated Christian and a friend and neighbor beloved by all. Her husband

and some of her children preceded her to the celestial city. There remain three children and many relatives and a host of friends to mourn for her. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for those who remain faithful unto death shall see her again. Grandma was a quiet, loving, true friend to all about her. While she was not very demonstrative, yet she was so gentle and kind and seemed never to complain though she suffered much. Yet it was all borne in a manner that indicated a complete surrender to the will of God. Well does this writer remember the last visit he made her in September. How pleasant and sweet she was. Never will I forget, as I went to leave her she gave me her hand and said she was just waiting the summons—she was ready to go, and quite frequently after that when asked how she felt, she would say I am all right, I am ready to go. May the children and relatives and hosts of friends emulate Grandma's example.

Her funeral was held in Doyle, Okla. Dec. 4, 1909 by the writer in the presence of the family and friends and was laid to rest in the Owns Parah cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

W. A. LOWRY, P. C.

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EDGERTON.—Ebenezer S. Edgerton was born in Albany, New York, Dec. 18, 1828, and died at his home in Howard county, Ark., Dec. 10, 1909, aged 80 years, 11 months, 8 days. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of sixteen years and united with the M. E. Church, South at Bluff Springs in 1888. He was of Methodist stock and had two brothers who were prominent ministers in that church. He was a devout man and a faithful worker in the church. The principal theme of his conversation was religion, and his last request was that the young people of his community be looked after religiously. He was a great sufferer, having been almost an invalid for twenty years, but was patient and heroic to the end. He did good service for his country as a soldier and was an honorable and worthy citizen. He will be greatly missed in the community where he lived. We extend loving sympathy to his sorrowing companion and friends.

J. J. MELLARD.

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SOUTHWORTH.—James Crawford Southworth, son of Rev. W. S. Southworth and Mary E. Southworth, grand son of Rev. M. C. and Mary J. Clark, and nephew of Rev. Jas. M. Clark of the Southwest Missouri conference was born in Fulton county, Ark., April 27, 1870; converted in 1892, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; married Feb., 1905 to Miss Amanda Cato of Maynard. Died Nov. 13, 1909. He leaves a wife, one child, father, mother, two sisters and two brothers to mourn his death. By request of his father and mother I contribute this notice, with a willing, though sad heart. My acquaintance and friendship began with the subject of this sketch in 1874, when he was a bright, cheerful, happy little boy. With our meeting began our friendship which the years have been unable to interrupt, or break asunder. This reminds me of what Rev. F. Ritter said: "Make a friend of a boy and you have a friend for life." It would be a sorrowful pleasure to me to linger for awhile away back in the days of 1874, when Jimmie was the little sweet boy on my knee, asking Bible questions his grandfather had taught him, but I am reminded of the limit on these notices and I come from those scenes in dear old Fulton county in the Indian Camp neighborhood, when I a young preacher began the work that has become the basis of this sympathetic obituary. Jimmie possessed many rare qualities of head and heart that made him a useful and helpful boy and

man. He was gifted in song, a sweet, musical, harp-like voice. He sings the new song now, and we shall see him and hear him again. He was a dutiful son, a kind brother, a loving husband and a patient, tender father. He was a jeweler by trade, and in dealings with his fellows was just, and humble.

Best of all he was a Christian and died in the hope of rest, and joy forever. May God bless his sorrowing survivors, and grant them his grace to sustain in this day of deep grief, and in the end of all things earthly, may they be reunited "beyond the sunset's radiant glow," is the prayer of his, and their friend,

JAS. F. JERNIGAN.

BURNETT.—Elizabeth S. Burnett was born in the State of Illinois December 9, 1832, and died at her home in Jackson county, Oklahoma, December 26, 1909. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. N. B. Taylor, the writer preached the funeral in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. It had fallen to my lot to preach the funeral of the husband, Bro. Burnett, who preceded her some four years. Bro. and Sister Burnett were old settlers in Oklahoma, living and serving their generation. They have fallen asleep in Jesus, awaiting the call at the last day. May the God of all grace help the children and grand children to exemplify the noble lives and look to Jesus in this hour of trial.

WM. E. LEE.

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WILSON.—Mrs. W. A. Wilson, the wife of Rev. W. A. Wilson of Horatio, Ark., was born December 8, 1840. She was converted and joined M. E. Church, South, at the age of 12 years. She was married four times, first to Mr. Wofford. To this union was born Alexander Wofford, who still lives. Mr. Wofford having died, she was married to Mr. Millar. He having died she was married to Dr. Jacob Custer of Center Point, Ark., June 30, 1881. He also having died, she was married to Rev. W. A. Wilson, August 25, 1897, with whom she lived until her death, which occurred October 28, 1909, in Horatio, Ark. Three times in my ministry have been her pastor and can testify to her faithful Christian life. She loved the church and was a regular attendant on divine service. She was a willing and ready servant of God where opportunity offered. She was the preacher's friend, and it was her pleasure to give him the comforts of her home. Death came suddenly, but her devout Christian life gives us the satisfaction that she has gone to the rest prepared for the faithful. She was buried at Horatio, Ark.

A. D. JENKINS.

MARSHALL, TEXAS.

What promises to accomplish great good is a union revival in its second week in the little city of Marshall. One week is used at each church, with an interchange of preachers of the various churches on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Sundays at 3 p. m. there is a general rally meeting at some point in the city, and hundreds of people are attending at that hour. The eight pastors are doing the preaching. Among them there is perfect harmony and agreement. Never were there eight preachers more brotherly or more expressive of appreciation of each other. The meeting will continue eight weeks. The aim is: "The gospel preached to all the people."

IRVING B. MANLY.

704 Summit St.

HASKELL CHARGE.

Dear Methodist: Our revival at Haskell, announced to begin Sunday, January 2, was on account of unavoidable circumstances postponed, but we are preparing to begin Sunday, January 30, the pastor doing the preaching and Rev. E. G. Phillips in charge of the song service as was before announced. Are moving very well on the Haskell



work, all things considered. The pastor and his wife, returning from a two days' stay out of town the first of the week, were very agreeably surprised to find the parsonage had been entered during their absence—but not by burglars, but by as faithful band of women as there is in any church, and everything had been bountifully supplied with the necessities of life from the pantry to the coal bin, including a number of useful articles of furniture.

We are praying for a year in which much shall be accomplished for His cause on this charge. Sincerely,

W. A. FRAZIER.

ANNUAL MEETING W. F. M. SOCIETY, OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference Society of the Oklahoma Conference will convene in Wilburton, Oklahoma, on the night of the 22d to the 24th of March, 1910. We earnestly trust each Auxiliary will send a delegate with full report of all dues, contingent fund, and pledge for the fiscal year. The opening sermon will be delivered on the night of the 22d. Let us unite in waiting upon our Father, in devout prayer, that His guidance and blessings may go with us in His work, and be graciously manifested during our annual session. May each heart go up to God in thanks for the measure of success which has crowned our humble efforts, for the diffusion of His truth among the nations of the earth; and for the great missionary movements which are carrying the Gospel into all lands. May the spirit of Christ continue to get more and more possession of the hearts and lives of all people.

Yours in loving service,

MRS. G. B. HESTER,

Conference President W. F. M. S. Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 24, 1910.

AN APPEAL FROM MAUD, OKLA.
To the Pastors of the M. E. Church, South:

Dear Brethren—On the morning of December 12, 1909, our church, which was just completed at the cost of about \$3,000.00, was destroyed by fire. As we had made great sacrifices to build this church, we are not able to rebuild the kind of a church we need, without help. I have a plan in mind that will very materially help us and not burden any of our congregations, if the pastors of our churches will come to our assistance. The plan is this: Let the pastors of our various congregations present our case, and calamity, and give us the incidental collection of each congregation, morning and evening, say about the first Sunday in February, or as soon thereafter as is practical.

This, if properly presented and emphasized, will enable us to rebuild, and not work a hardship on any of our people.

Believing that you are in great sympathy with us, and feeling that you are willing to help us in this great time of need, and awaiting your early action in the matter, I am,

Yours fraternally,

B. H. HENSLEY.

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FROM MRS. J. R. EDWARDS.

It is with a sad and aching heart I write of the death of my dear husband. For seven long months he suffered untold agonies. January 6 God transferred him from the church militant to the church triumphant.

I am not writing an obituary; that will be done by one more able. I just want the brethren to know of his death, and since Bro. T. A. Bowen made the

The Annoyance of Flatulence

Many People Are Annoyed With Gas In The Stomach and Intestines.

Flatulence is due to the presence of gas in the stomach and intestines, which often rolls about, producing borborygmi, or rumbling noises in the intestinal system, and causes the victim of this trouble considerable embarrassment, when such noises occur while in company.

An analysis of gas from the stomach shows that it consists to a great extent of nitrogen and carbonic acid. It is therefore probable that some of the gas in the stomach consists simply of air which has been swallowed, although for the most part, the source of flatulence is the gas given off from the food in the abnormal processes of decomposition.

In cases of chronic gastric catarrh, the secretion of gastric juice in the stomach is deficient, the food is digested slowly, and fermentation occurs with the evolution of gas.

Swallowed air, however, plays a more important part in causing flatulence, or gas in the stomach and intestines than is generally supposed, and while food may be swallowed without carrying air into the stomach with it, fluids, especially those of a tenacious character, such as peasoup, appear to carry down a great deal.

Flatulent distension of the intestines occurs when a large amount of gas or air, either swallowed or evolved from the decomposition of food, escapes from the stomach into the intestines through the pylorus. The enormous distension of the intestines and dilatation of the stomach with gases, and the rapidity with which such flatulence occurs, has long been a puzzle to medical men, and has led some to think that the only possible explanation thereof, is a rapid evolution of gas from the blood.

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I mourn not as those who have no hope. I know where he is, and if I only prove faithful a little while longer all will be well with my soul, and now I am praying God to enlighten my understanding and inflame my will, all to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Your sister in Christ, in sadness,
MRS. J. R. EDWARDS.
Ravenden Springs, Ark.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARK.

Soon after conference I made arrangements with Rev. W. M. McIntosh of Iuka, Miss., to help me in a meeting at this place. He came to Mountain View January 5. In the midst of a snowstorm. We postponed the services till Thursday night, at which hour we opened upon the sinners of our town, and the people came through snow, rain and mud and our town was shaken from center to circumference. Men and women surrendered, both young and old. It certainly was a great meeting, in every respect. It resulted in 52 professions and 22 additions to the church, and 10 more have given their names for membership, while some will go to the Baptist Church.

We paid Bro. McIntosh \$134.50 for his services. He did us a great work and may our Lord bless his labors. Bro. McIntosh helped me in a meeting at Guion just before conference, which resulted in 54 professions and 20 additions to our church and several to the Baptist Church.

As usual, we are moving along smoothly. Had our annual' pounding and else. The preacher is in love with his people. Our laymen are arranging for another great missionary campaign again next summer. Have not seen our new beloved yet, looking for him the 23d and 24th. We are planning for and expecting a great year's work. I am going to look after the interests of the *Methodist* this year.

I. D. McCLURE, P. C.

LEON AND BURNEYVILLE.

We have now been on our charge, Leon and Burneyville, two months, and find plenty of people, good-looking people, people well to do, and as intelligent people as I ever saw; but few Methodists. But plenty of material to make Methodists out of, and I have no fears as to the results. I have preached 16 times on the work, six times at Leon and 10 at Burneyville. Congregation from good to overflowing. We have a church house at each appointment, both in need of repairs. I have made about 50 pastoral visits, have gone into the homes of all denominations and have been treated kindly. We are now making some repairs on the parsonage at Leon and expect in a few days to be comfortably housed in same. I have

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also spent three weeks in Texas, including Christmas, visiting my family and transacting business.

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J. M. HOLT.

ARDMORE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Ardmore District Conference will be held at Wynnewood beginning at 8 p. m. June 23. The opening sermon will be preached at that hour by Dr. J. E. Harrison, president of San Antonio Female College.

The Ardmore District League Conference will begin June 22 at 8 p. m. Program will be announced in due time by the president, B. F. Rogers.

Committees:

License to Preach—C. W. Cook, J. L. Gage and O. A. Morris.

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Elders' Orders—W. H. Roper, W. C. Driskill and J. S. Blackwood.

I. K. WALLER, P. E.

CHAPEL, OKLA.

Our quarterly conference was held on the 8th, after a splendid sermon delivered by Bro. Sims, our presiding elder.

On Sunday Bro. Sims preached a rousing sermon and on Sunday night preached a most comprehensive and soul stirring sermon, which was very

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opportune as these services were the beginning of our revival meeting. Bro. McBride came on Monday and preached Monday night and every night during the meeting, which closed on the 19th. The believers were awakened and worked in the congregation and wept and shouted at some of the services.

Mourners came, some without solicitation so deeply were they effected; others on being urged by friends came. But no one was converted. Two were reclaimed. The community, however, was mightily stirred, and the meeting has done a great deal of good.

The sermons were direct and penetrating; and the exposition of the Scriptures was studious and deliberate and highly pleasing to the Bible readers.

Sinners could not refute the truth, and our souls were made to rejoice.

Bro. McBride will long be remembered in this community by saint and sinner. We wish him the pleasure of God and further success in the ministry.

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