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WHAT SORT OF MEN SHALL BE ELECTED BISHOPS?

Our next General Conference will elect a number of them. Nobody seems to think that less than six will be elected; some want as many as ten. A question of far more importance than the question of number is the question of the sort of men to be elected.

It goes without saying that they must be religious men; but not all men who are really religious are suitable for bishops.

It is equally plain that they ought to be men of ability, or, to put it more accurately, they ought to be men of capacity. We say more accurately because it has been proven in the history of the church that a man will soon make a good bishop if he has capacity and the other requisite qualities, even though he lack great abilities at the time of his election. The episcopacy brings a great opportunity for rapid growth. In this view of the case, we should say that there is really no scarcity of material to make good bishops. A truly good and capable man will do no harm in the episcopal office for the first year or two, and after the first year or two will make a good bishop. It is far better to select such men than to be misled by the shining talents of other men who are doubtful as to some of their qualities.

If we were about to cast a vote for a man to be bishop we would look first of all things to what sort of heart is in the man. We would not put the question of what is called ability in front. It is a mistake to do it. If the man has not a truly good heart in him, he cannot make a bishop that men will respect and reverence, no matter what his ability. And it may easily be that the more ability a man without heart has the worse will be the case, for it may be ability to trample and to ride down men he does not like, men against whom he has conceived a prejudice, men concerning whom he has been misled.

We have heard not a little of late about autocracy in bishops. It were a folly to close our ears to such a cry; to do so invites the edification of our episcopacy. Everybody knows that the complaint is not without foundation, though some are afraid to say it. Everybody knows also that such a complaint made against some bishops would be laughed at. Autocracy does not inhere in the office; it is in the man. It is perfectly true that all power has an inherent tendency to increase itself; perfectly true that there is great power in the episcopal office; but it is also true that there is great grace in some men, permeating natures that are good and gentle to begin with. We are living in democratic times. The whole movement of human thought is toward democracy. The future will be even more democratic than the present. It is a tide in the affairs of men that we cannot stem, that we ought not to try to stem. The day of bourbonism is gone, gone from State and church, gone, we may devoutly believe, never to return. The church must recognize the fact. We Southern Methodists must recognize it if we desire to save our form of government.

Our system at present affords, unhappily, no remedy against the exercise of autocratic power by a bishop. Technically this is not true, we are well aware, but actually it is true. A bishop in our church may deal in a harsh and arbitrary way with a brother if he will, and all the conference may know it, but let that brother try, if he dares, to obtain redress for his wrong! He will feel a mailed hand, most likely. The remedy against autocracy in a bishop must be a remedy in advance, a prophylactic, to be found in the nature of the man to be made bishop. No man who will use the power of a great office and the weight of a great name to crush even the obscurest man in an annual conference can be a gentleman, and certainly no such man ought to be a bishop. A man who cannot recognize at all times that the preachers, in good standing, are Christian gentlemen, and deal with them as such, is the last sort of a man to put in such an office over them. Our bishops should be men who will be respected and revered; an arbitrary and harsh man in the bishop's office will often be the grief of our best men, and will be despised by those who have not grace enough to keep them from despising anybody.

Our young preachers especially need to be able to see the father spirit in their bishops. Nothing so depresses and discourages a young man as to be made to feel that there is no generous and loving appreciation of him; and few things so help a young Methodist preacher, so inspire him to higher and nobler effort, as a sympathetic and brotherly attitude upon the part of the bishop. Now, it is to be remembered in this connection, that our bishops are exceedingly busy men; they have not the time to give special attention to every man with whom they deal, and they are often in a position where they must seem to be indifferent when as a matter of fact they are not. So much greater is the necessity of putting into the episcopal office men who manifestly love the brethren.

Vote for no bourbon; vote rather for a mediocre.

Once more, it is to be remembered that some men who when obscure were great democrats have become when elevated to power great tyrants. History has striking examples of this. So much greater is the need for care at this point. The test is whether the man has in him a sweet and gentle spirit. If he has, you may risk him. Another test that may be applied is, Has the man innate and deep-seated manliness? If he has, you may risk him also. He will be too much of a man to be unfair.

Next in importance for the welfare of the church, the men to be bishops should possess a judicial temper. A bishop is constantly called upon to be the umpire between his brethren. If he is of a hasty temper, above all, if he is a partisan by nature, it will be impossible for him to make a good bishop. Trouble will follow him as sure as sparks fly upward.

If any man is tempted to say in reply to the foregoing that it might be well to get us up some mud and make a few men before we attempt to make bishops, we have only to say that the church has many men who will fill the description we have given. If we will elect men of good capacity, men of truly loving hearts,

men of judicial tempers, the church will rejoice in them.

The plea that is sometimes made for a strong episcopacy is a very just plea; we stand for it; but such men as we have described are never weak, are for the purposes of the church the strongest men to be found.

It is very doubtful whether any man who is known to be seeking the office ought to be a bishop. It is true that a man out of conscience toward God, out of a sincere desire to render larger service to the world, might desire to be a bishop; and if he desires the office on such grounds, he desireth a good work. But if a man desires the office for the emoluments or the honors that it brings, his ambition is as sordid as any other worldly ambition, and unfits him for such a place. The responsibilities of such an office are such as would certainly deter the best men from seeking it. Moreover, if men are really the best qualified men among us, their brethren will know it. The honors that men seek and obtain for themselves must ever be in their own consciousness the badge of at least some degree of innate vulgarity, and a man with that consciousness cannot bring to his task the calm and unwavering strength needed to perform it. To make a good bishop we must first get a man.

You crave success; what is success? Do you think it is wealth? Do you think it is social position? Do you think it is fame? These things are *not* success, gentle reader; they may attend upon success—often do—but they may not soon attend upon it. At any rate, neither they nor anything like them can be called success. Success is coming to do better than other people something the world needs done. Consider it! To put it in other words: God has given to every man his special gift, and success lies in finding exactly what that gift is and in making a truly honest use of that gift. This insures that we shall not miss the way.

When a man is tempted to ambition it would be highly useful if he would soberly and honestly think of his limitations, specially his moral limitations, his spiritual weaknesses, which must, if he will honestly consider, make him an uncertain quantity. Only when God puts a man in a place can that man be sure of his way.

We recently heard Dr. O. E. Brown say that one prayerless day may mean the missing of a life opportunity. We would add a more dreadful word: One prayerless day may mean wreck for you; it is a day in which the vessel sails having taken no reckoning—who know what rocks she may strike that day?

With the return of springtime, when all nature will be astir with new life and growth, let our people awake to the interests of the church and Sunday school. Let there be more children in Sunday school and larger congregations at our preaching services.

Every human life ought to send out through all its avenues vibrations of Jesus Christ—Christ in all our activities.

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

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CHURCH EXTENSION.

Arkansas Conference, Bentonville, 10:30 a. m.
March 14.

White River Conference, Nettleton, 1:00 p. m.,
March 8.

Oklahoma Conference, Oklahoma City, 2:00 p. m.,
March 14.

Little Rock Conference, Stuttgart, 10:00 a. m.,
March 9.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Oklahoma City, at Purcell.....April 5-8
Ada, at Sulphur.....April 11-13
Mangum, at Blair.....April 18-21
Clinton, at Cordell.....April 19-21
Fort Smith, Mansfield, 9 a. m.....April 19
Dardanelle, at Danville.....April 20
Tulsa, at Beggs.....April 26-28
W. H. Mission, White River Conf., Wynne.....April 26-28
Fayetteville.....April 26-28
Pine Bluff, at Humphrey, at night.....April 27
Lawton, at Anadarko.....April 27-30
Monticello, at Wilmar.....April 28-May 1
Paragould, Pochontas, 4 p. m.....May 25
Vinita, at Wagoner.....June 2-4
McAlester, at Poteau.....June 7-10
Ardmore, at Wynnewood.....June 23
The summer School of Theology to be held at
Epworth University, June 7-17.

Remember the Sunday School Conference at
Little Rock, April 13-15.

Rev. W. C. Toombs, of the Bryant circuit, was
in Little Rock last Friday and made us a pleasant
call.

We were glad to have a brotherly call on Fri-
day of last week from Mr. A. M. Bell, of Mon-
ticello, Ark.

The "Battle Hymn" of Bishop Hoss got crowd-
ed out last week, but will be found on the fourth
page this week.

Dr. T. E. Sharp went to Nashville this week to
attend the meeting of the Board of Education of
which he is a member.

Rev. H. W. Wallace of Bigelow, Ark., the only
man the Arkansas Conference has at one of our
big lumber plants, called last Saturday.

Rev. S. T. Powell called yesterday and re-
ported good conditions on Bauxite circuit. A
debt on the church at Bauxite will soon be paid.

Rev. G. M. Gentry spent a few hours in the
city yesterday and called at our office. His wife
who has been sick, is better, and he sees signs
of improvement on the charge.

Mrs. Frank Siler asks us to state that the
twelfth session of the Woman's Board of Home
Missions will be held in West End church, Nash-
ville, according to a notice that appeared re-
cently.

Dr. Jacob Ditzler is this week delivering a
series of doctrinal sermons at Asbury Church,
this city, which is awakening a good deal of inter-
est. The Doctor knows how to dogmatize with-
out bitterness.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, who is a member of
the Educational Commission of our church,

passed through the city last Monday on his way
to Nashville, where a great number of educa-
tional men are now gathered.

Last Monday night at the board meeting of
Winfield church the twenty-five members pres-
ent with the pastor unanimously passed a reso-
lution endorsing the Memorial of the Woman's
Board asking for laymen's rights for our women.

Judge W. C. Ratcliffe, one of the principal
laymen of First church, this city, and a member
of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust, has been in
attendance on that Board this week. We pre-
sume that Judge Moose, of Morrilton, was also
there.

The Story of an Arkansas Farm, by W. E.
Lighton, as published in the Saturday Evening
Post, has attracted so much attention that it has
been published as a booklet and will be sent free
on application to Passenger Traffic Manager, Mo.
Pacific-Iron Mt. R. R., St. Louis, Mo.

Our General Board of Education is in session
at Nashville at this writing—Wednesday. Dr.
T. E. Sharp, who is a member left this city last
Monday to be in attendance. We suppose that
Rev. S. G. Thompson, Presiding Elder of Tulsa
District, who is also a member, is there.

Our friends, Dr. A. J. Vance and wife, Harri-
son, Ark., have just forwarded to Captain W. W.
Martin a deed for a tract of land valued at \$1,-
500.00, for Hendrix College. That was a good
deed, in more senses than one, worthy of imita-
tion in more ways than one, by more people than
one.

Captain John C. Hill, one of the oldest mem-
bers of our church in Clarksville, Ark., passed
away on the 3rd of this month, having lived an
honorable and useful life. This is the second of
its old members this church has lost this winter,
Mr. B. D. Pennington being the other.

This editor had the pleasure of spending last
Sunday at Carlisle, Ark., with Rev. A. P. Few
and his good people. The work of God grows
among them. They are just now arranging to
build a new church, the old one, though quite
neat, being inadequate. They are proposing a
substantial and modern brick house.

We are very grateful for the responses we
are getting from our patrons to whom we have
sent statements of subscription accounts. The
Western Methodist is going to need the help of
its friends for the next few weeks. Our respon-
sibilities are heavy; our shoulders sometimes
stoop under them; it does cheer us when our
people show they do not forget us.

Rev. A. F. Skinner, Presiding Elder of Searcy
District, and his daughter, were in this office last
Monday. Brother Skinner has been holding the
quarterly meeting of Gardner Memorial, Ar-
genta, where the pastor, Rev. H. H. Hunt had
been for some days conducting a meeting with
gracious results. This editor had the pleasure
of preaching for them one night last week.

Rev. J. F. Armstrong, one of the honored su-
perannuates of the White River Conference,
Ravenden Springs, reports that he is improved
somewhat in health, that he is preaching once
a month, with expectation that he will extend
his labors a little later on. He has had recently
the sorrow to lose his only remaining brother,
Mr. Robert Armstrong, who died, after an honor-
able and good life, at Gadsden, Tenn., leaving
our dear brother as the last of the immediate
family.

President J. H. Hinemon and Rev. W. F.
Evans passed through the city Monday on their
way to the great religious educational meeting
in session at Nashville. On his return from the
superintendents' meeting at Indianapolis last
week President Hinemon became violently ill

for a few hours in St. Louis with ptomaine pois-
oning. He is greatly interested in the Confer-
ence for Education in the South which will
meet in Little Rock April 6-8. At his suggestion
the program will be largely in the interest of
agricultural education. It is hoped that there
may be a large attendance at this notable Confer-
ence.

The Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University
met last Monday, to consider Peabody matters.
The trustees of the Peabody educational funds,
as our readers may know, recently settled a
million dollars of these funds upon the Peabody
plant in Nashville. This plant is already worth
about a half million dollars; the State of Tennes-
see, the County of Davidson, and the city of
Nashville add another half million, which together
with this million just given makes an educational
plant of the value of two millions. The purpose
of the Peabody trustees is to work in conjunc-
tion with the Vanderbilt authorities, and it is the
aim of the Vanderbilt authorities to work in con-
junction with them. The new Peabody plant is
expected to be located near the Vanderbilt Uni-
versity. There is no intention to disturb the
integrity of administration in either institution.
The relation will be purely supplemental, and
the two institutions thus supplementing each
other will constitute for the South far and away
the best educational equipment we have ever
known. It was to consider these matters that
the Vanderbilt Board was called. We trust that
an entirely profitable arrangement will be de-
vised.

DECLARATION OF POLICY.

In the closing hours of the Laymen's Confer-
ence at Dallas our laymen made the following
declaration of policy, as reported to us by Dr.
W. W. Pinson:

"We recommend that our energies be directed
specifically toward the raising of the regular as-
sessment for missions, and the early development
of the church to a point of liberality far beyond
the assessment mark. To this end we recom-
mend that the Every Member Campaign be sub-
stituted as speedily as possible for the occasional
and public collection in every charge.

"We recommend further that only such mis-
sionary specials be undertaken as present imme-
diate and extraordinary opportunity, and even
these only when approved by the Board of Mis-
sions."

Following is the closing language of the dec-
laration which was unanimously adopted:

"We enter on our second triennial campaign
with no abatement in zeal, but with enlarged
vision, clearer intelligence and a deeper deter-
mination to make the full force of this uprising
of laymen count as a means of quickening the
missionary life and of strengthening the evangel-
izing efficiency of the church. Cheered by the
vigor, enthusiasm, and unity of the laymen of all
churches, we record our determination to main-
tain our place in the front line of the lengthen-
ing columns, and call on our fellow laymen, the
great reserve force of the church, to rally to
this heroic and inspiring challenge of the cen-
turies.

"Inasmuch as the Presiding Elders and pastors
are the Providential leaders in our church, and
are fitted both by their training and experience to
lead the church in all its movements, we solicit
their fullest and closest counsels and guidance,
and give them assurance of our best efforts as
their coworkers to further our common task."

A handbook was ordered published for leaders
and workers, together with a set of charts suitable
for the use of speakers. These will be issued as
soon as possible.

The April number of Go Forward will be the
Conference number, which will contain a full

account of the Conference, with the outline of discussions and text of papers adopted. These can be had for 10 cents a copy, or five dollars a hundred. Orders should be sent in at once to insure their being filled.

WELL DONE FOR ARKANSAS!

On February 28th the noble friends of Hendrix College were able to certify to the General Board of Education the completion of the subscription of \$225,000 to meet the subscription of \$75,000 additional by that Board, making thus an endowment of \$300,000 secured within the limit set, namely, March 1st, 1910. I have long since examined the terms of the contract under which this noble gift from New York was offered and they are in every way honorable and in no way compromising to our holy religion or the college. It is to the credit of the worthy people of Arkansas that they have fairly and honorably met the condition and are now able to certify the completion of the subscription by the raising of their share. The only remaining condition is that the General Board of Education in New York City requires that every institution which it aids shall be free from debt. They have generously extended the time for ninety days in which the \$35,000 indebtedness of Hendrix College shall be met. Already a good beginning has been made toward providing for the debt, the people of Conway pledging themselves for \$5,000 in addition to their other most liberal gifts to the endowment.

This debt should all be provided for during the next two months, and I suggest that Easter Sunday March 27 be set apart as a time of thanksgiving and liberal giving to meet and cover the debt. If some have already arranged for other special services on that day then let use be made of Palm Sunday, (March 20th) or the First Sunday in April. "The joy of the Lord is our strength." This should be a time of general thanksgiving for the blessing that has attended this heroic effort to raise \$300,000 for the endowment of Hendrix College, and now with a strong and tireless effort for the next two months, and with like noble giving the last condition will be met in the removal of the debt. Rev. James Thomas will continue to act as Commissioner of Education until this remaining amount is met. Address him at Texarkana.

EUGENE R. HENDRIX.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Sunday school has moved up to the front among the great institutions of the world. The church that neglects it is destined to die. The preacher who does not prepare himself for helping and holding the Sunday school will soon be unsought. Many opportunities are offered now for the development of preachers and laymen in this work. Among them are the Sunday School Conventions and Conferences. Our State Sunday School Conference to be held in Little Rock April 13-15 will be on the Institute order. No long winded orations, but helpful teaching by men and women who know how to teach. The International Conventions are not to be neglected. Let's get all the methods and plans we can and then do our best to work them. But don't forget April 13, Little Rock, in your calendar.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, *President*.

A GREAT MORAL QUESTION.

There seems to be a general awakening of public sentiment, and a quickening of public conscience throughout the whole country. This is evidenced by an increased activity on the part of a large number of laymen along different lines, especially the interest manifested in great moral questions. Individual responsibility and opportunity are being recognized more and more as the attention of the people is called to these

questions. There is one question that affects the people of Arkansas, the importance of which seems to have been overlooked. It is the question of taxation, or the manner in which property is returned for taxation.

The moral side of this question is assuming such importance that men who have regard for morals, and study the causes, that produce certain conditions, cannot but feel alarmed. We have a law that requires each individual to return his property for taxation at its fair value in money. The same law requires the Assessor, to see that the law is complied with by the individual. The individual as a rule returns his property at much less than its value, but goes on record as having sworn that it has been returned as the law requires. The Assessor makes oath that he has returned all property at its fair value as provided by law, but in most cases will readily admit that his sworn statement is not true. These facts are shown by the public records, and are known by all. Why is this done? Is it merely to avoid the payment of a small sum of money? Is not the moral effect blighting our sense of honor? Is it not "grafting?" Can the people of Arkansas afford to continue to do these things?

Is not this practice causing us to have very lax notions about the solemnity of an oath? Is it any wonder that men and boys go into the courts and commit the crime of Perjury, when men who stand highest in the estimation of both the church and the public do these things?

The question of "Graft" as it affects public service is conceded to be a very serious one.

If an officer whose duty it is to care for the public revenue, or render public service, acts dishonestly, and takes that which does not belong to him, is he more guilty than I, if I refuse to return my property as the law requires? Can I bring accusation against him? Are we not both "Grafters?" "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's" is the language of the Great Teacher, and is binding upon us today.

Is it not time that our Christian business men were taking steps to correct this evil, and save our youth from the consequences of our unmanly acts? If our rate of taxation is too high, and I think that it is, let us by all means have it reduced. And let us return to honest methods in providing revenue for our government.

Let the church and the press speak out upon this question and save our people from this evil that is surely undermining the manhood of our State.

Hoping that some means may be found that will remedy this evil I am yours for good government and morals.

WILL T. TRICE.

OUR INDIAN WORK.

To the *Western Methodist*: Some time since I was in an Indian camp with some of my Indian friends. I had not seen them for a long time, and so I lingered with them till late in the night. We indulged in reminiscences, recounting the incidents of the past 25 years, since first the gospel was introduced among the Kiowas. One said: "Brother Methvin, it was like midnight with us before you came, but it was just as if you had brought a light into this tent, and the darkness went out, and the light has been shining ever since, and how different we Indians are. Now we all, or nearly all, have homes; then we had none. Most of us have farms and work; then we did nothing but sit around our tepees and gamble and eat the beef issued to us by the government. I have a farm, and last year I made and sold over \$600.00 worth of corn and cotton, receiving it all in cash. I tell you, I felt good to see what I had done with my own hands." And then he named several others who had done

as well as he. When he had gone on recounting what changes had taken place in the lives of the Indians for good, he added, with enthusiastic interest and emphasis: "I tell you, Brother Methvin, it was the gospel of Jesus Christ that has made this change in the Indians. You brought that light to us when we were very dark, and it will shine on now."

This Indian saw with keener vision the secret that the world does not know, and one that the church too often loses sight of in her efforts at the betterment of the race, and that is that Jesus Christ is the only panacea for all the ills that afflict the race of man, and He is the solution to all the problems that perplex the nations, and that He alone can right the wrong that is in the world and link the race back to God.

The church does not seem to know it, but I doubt if there be any parallel in history to the progress of these so-called wild tribes from the time of the introduction of the gospel among them up to a few years ago. In some future articles I wish to show the changes, and let the church understand that the meagre expenditure of means and workers in this field was not in vain, although during the last few years our work has been largely lost to us as a church. A number of mission stations have either been abandoned, or are occupied by other denominations. The Baptists have many of our members, and occupy much of the territory formerly held by us. The Catholics, with a prosperous Indian school, occupy the only buildings that the hand of greed left of "Methvin Institute."

It hurts me to the quick when I look across the way, and see the grounds, hallowed by so many blessed memories and made sacred by so many hard conflicts and glorious victories, now occupied by an ecclesiasticism bound by priestcraft and superstition. An old Carissa Indian captured when a child by these Kiowas, and becoming one of them, comes to see me occasionally, and always with a heart cry he bewails the loss of our school. He says: "Me baby in Catholic school, me no like it, no good. Methvin school gone. Indian children all lost." And the old Indian proposed to give me 160 acres of land upon which to rebuild our school. Even if the government should sanction this Indian's proposition it is too late now. Our day for any enlarged work among these Indians is past. We cannot get back what has slipped from our grasp. However innocent the blundering may have been, it has proven fatal to our interests as a church among these Indians. But the work of the past is not lost to the cause of Christ. It is here, and will abide; but if these people, after the acceptance of the gospel by means of our church, go up through other channels to a final home in Heaven I shall be thankful and rejoice. Faithful work has Brother Clark done during the past four years, and what he has done has been done under great difficulties. Brother Clay has taken hold with faith and purpose, and will do all that can be done. He is repairing the old church and parsonage in "Old Anadarko" that has been abandoned for several years. It is pathetic to see the few Indians gather there now, and hear the older ones indulge the memories of those other days, when not only the house was crowded but the yard was full of Indians listening through the doors and windows, and many converted. Perhaps those other days' experiences may yet be renewed. God grant it.

J. J. METHVIN.

SPECIAL OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee on the Board of Church of Extension, Oklahoma Conference, will meet in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, March 15, at 2:00 p. m., instead of March 14. Let all interested take notice.

N. L. LINEBAUGH.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

At the Laymen's Conference at Dallas President Jno. R. Pepper made the following report:

We record with profound gratitude to God that the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South has thus far made good in its undertaking to arouse the large army of men in its ranks to an adequate sense of obligation to evangelize the world in this generation.

Public enthusiasm has settled down to a steady march toward the great goal of involving every man in the church as a genuine bread winner, as it were, for God, and as an evangelist for his brother man.

Gains to date and cheering signs for the future may be summed up as follows:

1. A deepening sense of personal responsibility on the part of laymen.
2. Much better business methods have been introduced into very many churches.
3. Great activity in the circulation of literature touching all phases of the service, and especially that of missions at home and abroad.
4. A large visitation of churches and many services held by laymen and hundreds of offerings taken, for we hold as our twin motto: "A service in every church and a weekly offering by every member in Southern Methodism."
5. The every member campaign has found favorable response with fine results during the last year. It is the ideal plan.

SPECIALS FOR MISSIONS.

6. Many specials for missions have been undertaken in sundry directions. Missionaries are now being supported by many individuals, equipment for missions furnished and other interest of a substantial kind shown by our men as never before.

7. Scores of pastors have been relieved of financial burdens by their leaders and committees of laymen in individual churches.

8. A growing desire is shown by official members of churches to make the assessments the very minimum of amounts raised and to go beyond it.

9. In a number of cases abandoned circuit churches have been revived and made self-sustaining.

10. Some records show that \$2 per member for missions has been reached and in some cases much overtopped.

11. The actual amount of money raised for missions during the last two years as a direct result of the laymen's movement cannot yet be tabulated, but the aggregate is large and that which has gone into regular channels, as inspired by the movement, is much larger.

HELPFUL CONFERENCES.

12. Numbers of helpful lay conferences have been held in stations and on circuits, which have been attended by many thousands of laymen with inspiring results.

13. Christian liberality has very substantially increased in some localities. One prominent conference shows the largest gains in its history since the inauguration of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

14. A great body of Southern Methodist physicians has become deeply interested in the medical mission work of that church and are contributing of their means to promote this important part of its service.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Under the head of recommendations we would suggest:

1. The National laymen's campaign in about seventy-five cities of the country is having hearty sympathy and support by the men of our church and we earnestly urge a continuance of the same at every point possible.

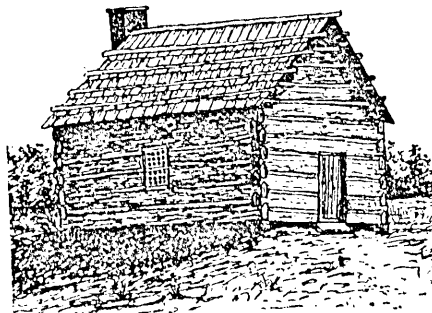
2. The key to the highest success of the missionary spirit is very manifest, wherever the church has taken hold of the movement with anything like real earnestness. May we not therefore ask, with all seriousness, that our presiding elders and pastors everywhere in our connection help us to establish the work in every church, and where a leader or committee is not now elected that such be done at once and put the work on trial for a demonstration of its usefulness and genuine helpfulness to the pastor and church.

3. In view of the fact that the Laymen's Missionary Movement has risen since our last general conference we recommend that some suitable memorial be sent that lawmaking body, suggesting that a proper recognition be made of this branch of work in the church and wisely correlated so that its efficiency may be best conserved and augmented.

J. R. PEPPER, President.

PIONEER PREACHER AND CHURCH.

The accompanying cut is of the little school house, and church as well, where the Rev. W. P. Gibson, an honored superannuate of the St. Louis Conference, was licensed, and where he preached his first sermon. This little chapel was built in 1810 and was the first one erected by the Methodists of Missouri. It is located in Jefferson county, on a small creek called Joachim, and was only a short distance from where John Clark preached the first Protestant sermon ever heard in Missouri. It was known as the Joachim meeting house. Many souls were born to Christ in this little 20x24 log house.



Bro. W. S. Woodard of the Southwest Missouri Conference, now living in Oklahoma, and Bro. Gibson are the only ministers living who served the little "log meetin' house" on Joachim Creek in Jefferson county, Missouri.

Bro. Gibson was born December 5, 1825, in Tazwell county, Virginia (now West Virginia). In 1848 he joined the Illinois Conference, which met in St. Louis, Mo., and which was presided over by Bishop E. S. Janes. He was ordained deacon by Bishop B. Waugh in 1851 at Hannibal, Mo. In 1852 he joined the St. Louis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to which he has ever since belonged, and is now its oldest member. Bishop D. S. Dogget ordained him elder at Arcadia, Mo., May 12, 1867. For the past seven years his home has been with his daughter, Mrs. George Thornburgh, in Little Rock, where he greatly enjoys the association of the ministers of the city and many other kind friends who have added much sunshine in these, his declining years.

AUTHORS OF BOOKS CONTAINING TALKS TO CHILDREN'S.

Sylvanus Stall. "Five Minute Object Sermons to Children." "Talks to the King's Children." Dr. Stall's method is by illustration with various objects. He does not confine himself to the text if it is found in the talk that the child can be made to grasp a greater truth or another truth more easily than that he had purposed teaching.

T. T. Eaton, D.D., L.L. D., "Talks to Children." Dr. Eaton employs the story method to reach the child.

Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of Broadway Tabernacle, N. Y., "My Father's Business" is the title of a book containing a series of sermons to children.

A BATTLE HYMN.

By BISHOP E. E. HOSS.

Hark! The bugle blasts are ringing,
Till they fill both earth and sky;
And the sons of God are gathering
For the battle that is nigh.

With their banners to the breezes,
And their armor gleaming bright,
They are marching, they are coming,
They are eager for the fight.

Who shall stay their onward movement?
Or shall bid them sound retreat?
They have set their hearts on victory;
They shall never know defeat.

Rides the Lord Himself before them,
Girt with sword upon His thigh;
At the shining of his kingly face
All His enemies must fly.

Hail we, then, the royal Leader,
Cheer we on the valiant hosts;
With uplifted hearts and voices
Let us make triumphant boasts.

For the day of days is dawning,
And the kingdom is at hand;
While the glory that the prophets sung
Breaks in beauty o'er the land.

THE MEANING OF THINGS.

BY J. P. W.

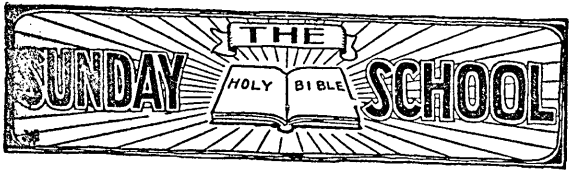
Have you ever wondered why things go wrong sometimes when you had tried and were still trying your level best to make them go right? I have. Why did my horse balk and vex me into an unholy outburst of temper? Or why were my cherished plans broken into by a petty thunder shower? Or why was my life work made impossible by an accident not at all due to fault or failing of mine? I don't know. But that doesn't matter. The vital question is, "Did I get the meaning of the experience?" Did the lesson leave me stronger in God because consciously weaker in self?

"Why did it have to happen?" complained a young man to an older one, in speaking of having had a provocation earlier in the day that had thrown him into a fit of passion. "I started out this morning to live right today." A moment later he added: "It makes me uneasy. It makes me less sure of myself." "Ah, that is just it," replied the older one, "we need to lose some of our self-confidence sometimes. Perhaps that is the lesson for you in that experience."

We fail to get the meaning, and the blessing, out of our experience oftentimes because we try to find out by reasoning or worrying why the experience came. That is a mistake. Let us seek rather to discover how we may get a needed good from the lesson, from every wind and tide.

"Then blow it east, or blow it west;
The wind that blows,—that wind is best."

To catch the meaning of the daily trials and crosses as they come, that is understanding life, that is philosophy, that is comprehending the Infinite. Browning says "I shall know, being old." A greater still said, "Then shall I know." And One supremely great said, "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." Amen. But till then, let me seek so to meet life as it comes to me that my Father's will be done in me. That done, I am content.



PREPARED BY P. R. EAGLEBARGER.

TWO MIGHTY WORKS. MARCH 13.

Golden Text.—What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him. Matt. 8:27.

Lesson Text.—Matt. 8:23-34.

Our present lesson follows almost immediately that of last Sunday. Only five verses intervene and they do not record any great event. The "Sermon on the Mount," it will be remembered, was preached near the city of Capernaum and the works that followed were performed in and around that ancient city. It was situated near the Sea of Galilee so that the boats, the fisherman and the sea were near at hand. The mighty events of the last few hours outweigh the minor consideration of time and locality so that the movements of our Lord and the course of people that were with him is lost sight of in many instances and the great works that crowded closely upon each other are given as if they followed immediately and in the same locality. Some mention, however, must be made of localities in order to introduce some of the miracles that he performed. Here he entered a ship as he had been on the land for some time and, doubtless, in order to rest he departed to the eastern side of the sea. This seems to have been a night voyage; perhaps it was early in the night.

It should be remembered that the waters of the Sea of Galilee were over six hundred feet below what is called sea-level. The air was dense and heavy. The heat in the daytime was oppressive. It was surrounded by mountains that reached to or near the snow level so that the over heated air was liable to be drawn upwards by the funnel-shaped area between the mountains while the cold air at the top of the mountains was forced downward producing the terrific agitation here recorded. The same terms are here used as would be used in describing an earth-quake. We are to understand that the elements were very much agitated and the waves ran very high. These storms were of common occurrence and it must be remembered that the boats that plied on the Sea of Galilee were built with reference to these winds and that on this occasion they were manned by men who had seen and contended with many such storms. But they were overcome with the force of this storm and realized that they were in great peril. Jesus, who had been overcome by the labors of the successive days of activity, and had fallen asleep, was appealed to. He had cured diseases but had not shown his power over the elements. He commanded the winds to cease and the waves to be still. The language here used indicates that he spoke as much to the waves as to the winds. If he had not controlled the motion of the waves it would have been some time before the sea would have resumed its calm state. But the calm followed immediately upon the cessation of the winds.

They reached the country lying along the eastern shores of the Sea of Galilee by the time the light had appeared. It is doubtful as to the exact locality as the inhabitants and their villages have long since passed away. It was a mountainous country and their were tombs hewn in the sides of the mountains and there were caves that had been appropriated as burying places by the citizens of that country. Matthew says that two from these tombs met him. Mark and Luke mention only one. It is quite likely that only one of these men excited the notice of the disciples but Matthew, who was a close ob-

server, did not fail to note the presence of the other one. They were possessed by devils. Evil spirits controlled them and afflicted them. Demon-possessed people are not common and they are not to be found among civilized peoples, generally. But travelers and missionaries, who are civilized, tell us that among the benighted peoples that they have labored among instances may be found similar to these here mentioned. We will not stop here to explain why this is the case. These demons recognized the deity of Christ and at once addressed him. They were better to determine the true character of Jesus than some people even in this advanced age. It was but natural that he should cast them out. Such a condition could not exist in his presence though the inhabitants of the country were willing. His command was "go." It is doubtful if he really gave a formal permission for them to go into the swine. They were forced out of the men so that they were relieved of their evil powers and when they were gone out they entered the swine on their own motion as they had done when they had entered the men. Christ did not prohibit. He did not exercise his power to protect the property of a people who were willing that these demon-possessed men should inhabit their precincts. Their real character was brought out when they besought him to depart. These men who had been relieved of the influence of these devils were in a terrible plight. The statement that they spent the nights in the tombs, exceeding fierce so that no man might pass by in safety and that they were naked will give some idea of their condition. When relieved of the devils they were also furnished clothing and when thus rendered comfortable they were anxious to remain with their rescuer.

These events are recorded by three of the gospel writers, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Mark gives the statement in his fourth chapter beginning with the thirty-fifth verse and closing with the seventeenth verse of the fifth chapter. Luke records it in his eighth chapter from the twenty-second to the thirty-seventh verse. It is important that all these accounts be read by the student. They agree substantially. The freedom of the three in giving these occurrences serve to show that they were not copyists but independent narrators of these important events. By getting all the evidence we be able to understand what did occur.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

BY REV. W. J. MOORE, CHAIRMAN.

THE LARGEST HOME DEPARTMENT.

There is a Home Department in our Sunday school at Hobart, with 125 members. So far as this chairman knows, it is the largest one in our conference. It is a successful one, too. They work at it. These are divided into groups of some 10 to 15 members, and convenient sections of the city. These groups meet weekly for Bible study. We need not say that these occasions are means of spiritual uplifting and social enjoyment for these "shut-ins" and "shut-outs." Mrs. L. J. Rise is the efficient superintendent of this department.

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We heard a public speaker say a few days since that "Matthew was Christ's tangent with the publicans." Say, dear teacher, may you not be Christ's tangent with that child under you, and with the child's home as well?

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That teacher had made a fine impression upon the little child that went home and looked up into her mother's face and said, "Mamma, I wish you were as much like Jesus as I think my Sunday school teacher is." But how about the mother?

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THE GREATEST WORK.

Dr. E. M. Stephenson of Denver said in a

lecture in Oklahoma City recently: "The greatest work we have is the conquest of the world for Jesus Christ. And if we are wise we shall begin at the cradle." To which we say, Amen.

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THE BANE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We heard a great Sunday school man, in a recent address, say, "Uniformity is the bane of the Sunday school." It has long been said that "variety is the spice of life." Both statements are eminently true, especially when you come to deal with young life. It is an oppressive performance when we do the same things in the same way Sunday after Sunday. Vary the program some way—don't let uniformity dull and deaden the interest.

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Bro. W. C. Savage, Hollis, Okla., writes that "Our Sunday School Day was a success. The school has about doubled in attendance, and we have made several improvements. We hope soon to have a thoroughly up-to-date school." And so we get hopeful notes of the progress and improvements of our Sunday School work from every section of the conference.

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HOW TO MAKE A DULL SUPERINTENDENT.

It is our business to help make live, up-to-date, progressive superintendents for our Sunday schools. But if you want to know how to make the other kind, here are the directions:

1. *Don't study about the Sunday school.* You have too much to do and too many other things to think about of so much more importance.
2. *Don't inaugurate any new plan and methods.* Do not attend any conventions or institutes where you can get new methods. The plans you have now have been used for 40 years, and the school is not dead yet. (Great wonder it isn't!)
3. *Don't study the lesson.* That's for the teachers and the pupils.
4. *Do not encourage a teachers' meeting nor a teachers' training class.* If some live folks start these things, don't you attend.
5. *Don't pray for your teachers and pupils,* nor encourage them in any way.
6. *Be late at Sunday school.* Do not begin on time. You are the boss of the situation, and all the rest have to wait until you get good ready.
7. *Be sure to come to the post office* and fill your pockets with letters and papers. Then get off in a corner and read them until 10 minutes after time to begin. You don't have to meet and greet the people as they come in. *You* are the superintendent.
8. *Don't have any program.* It's a nuisance anyway. Trust to the inspiration of the occasion. If you do have a program don't vary it from year to year. It would be almost sacrilegious. We reverence some things because of age.
9. *Make long, dry talks every Sunday morning.* Don't neglect this. It is important. You can show how much, and how long, you can talk without study or preparation.

If the above prescriptions do not have the expected results—that of making a dull superintendent and killing the school—let this chairman know and he will give another.

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THE PROGRAM AND A PROGRAM.

We are sure we cannot emphasize the program too much. The interest and the results of the Sunday school hour largely depend upon it. Dr. Bonnell of Muskogee, one of our best superintendents, has kindly furnished the chairman with several programs. We shall give one below, with some comments and suggestions. This is Missionary Sunday, and, of course, the pro-

gram is arranged in harmony with that thought:

PROGRAM.

1. Invocation.
2. Doxology.
- Responsive service—Scripture texts.
4. Prayer.
5. Song—No. 109 ("Revival Praises").
6. Roll call of officers and teachers.
7. Bible salute—chorus, No. 109.
8. Scripture reading.
9. Lesson study.
10. Song.
11. Class reports.
12. Report of secretary.
13. Song (missionary) by primaries.
14. Five-minute address by Prof. Smith.
15. What shall we do next year about our missionary?
16. Birthday song and offering.
17. Close.

This same superintendent varies his program every Sunday, and prepares it in harmony with the topic in hand.

The above program seems lengthy; but there is no loss of time in going from one part of the program to another part.

Notice items 14 and 15. After Prof. Smith had a brief address about the missionary (Miss Bonnell) who is supported by this Sunday school.

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the superintendent asked the question in 15. The vote was unanimous to continue her support. One hundred and sixteen dollars had already been collected from the classes.

Dear superintendents, do have a written program before you for every service. Let it have the three essential qualities of a good program—harmony, variety, snap. You can do so much more and attain higher results.

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Rev. J. A. Parks, P. E. of the McAlester district, says that the Sunday schools of his district will be supporting a missionary in the foreign field before the end of the year. So we hope and pray.

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PREPARING THE SERMON FOR THE CHILDREN.

Second Part.

BY REV. O. W. STEWART.

What shall we say then of the sermon prepared especially for the child? Truly it is difficult to prepare and preach an effective sermon to the child, but by far it is harder to tell another how this is done. As a student of the child, that I may know him I sit at the feet of his parents and at the feet of the child himself. The farther I go in search of light in this wonderful art, the more willing am I to receive help. Having tried but five years to especially minister from the pulpit to the child, I dare not do more than humbly converse with my young associates on the subject. I shall observe these few points that may be of interest to some of us.

First, What division of time should be given to the children; I do not think that we should unduly recognize our children were we to give them alternate Sundays. While this is true I have found that the importance and difficulty of ministering to children is such that I am unable to prepare for them that is worthy of their nature oftener than once a month. I give to the children the first Sunday in every month, which being missionary day in the school, is a very appropriate time.

Secondly, in most instances sermons to children should be positive not negative. They should be shown good, not evil.

Thirdly, as to illustration. If it is true that eighty per cent of our knowledge comes through the eye, beauty and virtue should be shown, rather than told. It is hardly possible to preach to the child effectively, unless the sermon be

biographical, without appealing to the eye. It is scarcely necessary to note that illustrations should be things known to the child or capable of being understood by him. In discovering these materials for illustration it is necessary to be thinking always of the child, and to have our eyes open. In procuring the things we have concluded to use, we should send the children to find and to bring the objects to us.

Fourthly, The use of books or any helps cannot be denied, yet they cannot be relied upon. History or Races, Primary Journals, Pedagogy, Psychology, books on preaching to children by those who are doing it, all may be made servants, and ministrative to us. But were our libraries filled with these helps, we would still be left as is the theologian in the midst of volume on homiletics, to make the sermon, and to make it our own. If the biggest thing in the sermons to adults is the man, much more true is it that the biggest thing in a sermon to a child is the man preaching it.

It is generally conceded today that the greatest factor in education and in action is personality. If our hearts throb with love for the child, if our desire to bless the child increases with the increase of love, then our personality, so far as it relates to the child, will be effective.

I conclude my talk on the all-too-great subject with this remark: as the master musician at first fingers the key-board with no object save to become in sympathy with the strange instrument, then renders the great rhapsody, so is it necessary that the preacher to children touch the minds of his junior congregation that sympathy may be born before the sermon proper is preached.

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TO SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

The International Sunday School Association, the organization that furnishes our uniform lessons, asks that the State and provincial associations strive to enroll 15,000 organized adult classes and 100,000 teacher training pupils by March 25, the same to be reported by States and provinces in the statistics for the World's Sunday School Convention at Washington in May. Of this number each State and province is expected to furnish a part in proportion to its population. Arkansas should do its full share in this work. It already has a good number of organized adult and teacher training classes. Some of these are now on our records. Many others have not been reported. It is desired that our State may get full credit for what it is doing in these two great forward movements. That it may do so it is urged that Sunday school officers and teachers send us early the names, number of members, and names of officers of adult and teacher training classes. Send not only your own, but others you may know of. In each case give denomination.

If your school has not such a class organize and send data for record. Let your zeal for the cause and your pride in Arkansas impel you to give attention to this matter.

Send reports to S. C. Parish, Superintendent of the Teacher Training and Adult Departments of the Arkansas Association, Pea Ridge, Ark.

ST. LOUIS LETTER.

REV. IVAN LEE HOLT, Ph D.

Some little time has passed since my last letter to the *Western Methodist*. That time has been taken up with various happenings that have been of much importance to me. On December 13 I was examined in my principal subject (Assyrian language and literature) for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and on the 20th of same month I received the degree from the University of Chicago. In the meantime I had been appointed to University Church in St. Louis. This enterprise has been fostered by Dr. Wainwright,

the presiding elder, and I come as the first pastor of the church. It received its name from its proximity to Washington University, and its location in University City, the rapidly growing residence suburb of St. Louis. The best lot in that suburb, on the highest hill in the city, has been purchased at a great reduction in price, for \$12,500. The reduction was made by Mr. E. G. Lewis, the owner, in order to have a fine church in the residence municipality of University City, of which he is mayor. The congregation of old First Church has finally united with the congregation of Scruggs Memorial and "deeded" to the University Church the stone of which its building is constructed. This stone will be used in the construction of the chapel on the back of our lot, and is worth about \$12,000. We are hoping and planning to have this chapel finished in a year; this will require at least \$30,000 more, giving us a plant worth \$54,500; the main auditorium, costing from \$100,000 to \$150,000, will be built later. At some future day this church will be one of the finest of any denomination in the city. We are working hard to lay a good foundation for the future work; I am determined that no flashy, quick work shall be done, but that all shall proceed "slowly and surely."

The other churches in St. Louis are making fine progress. Mount Auburn is suffering because it has no regular pastor; the loss of Bro. Fletcher in the middle of the year was a blow to the church. At St. Paul's Dr. Copeland is engaged in a great meeting with the assistance of Rev. Joe Ramsey. Many Methodists in the city are lamenting the loss of Dr. Bradley; but very few could do as well in making things advance at St. John's as Dr. John M. Moore; he is a splendid organizer.

The Laymen's Meeting here has been an inspiration. Our laymen in the city have decided to double their gifts of last year to foreign missions. A new spirit has been instilled into all of our church work by reason of this modern revival.

The Evangelical Alliance is contemplating asking Dr. Wilbur Chapman to come to the city and hold a series of simultaneous meetings. No definite arrangements have been made yet, however.

Since coming to the city it has been my pleasure to find that at least three of our preachers here are either Arkansans or have worked in Arkansas. Rev. Z. T. McConn worked in Arkansas a number of years; Rev. W. B. Hays, of Ferguson, is a Hendrix College man, as is Rev. C. N. Clark, who is doing such a fine work at Scruggs Memorial. With these three men Arkansas is well represented in the St. Louis ministry.

THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. Prov. 23:31. Note—"Moveth itself aright"—When wine is fermenting it moves itself—"aright," in straight lines—right lines: The small bubbles ascend in straight lines, and so the wine moves itself.

"No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor 6:10 and Gal. 5:21.

"Why did God put it here if he did not intend for us to use it?" (This is the question of the ungodly.) Hear the answer to your question—Deut. 30:15—"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil." "I call Heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life that both thou and thy seed may live."

Listen! Ye who have sounded forth this chal-

lenging question, "Lest it come to pass when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself (Justifieth himself) in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart to add drunkenness to thirst." Deut. 29:18-20. How now do you like the answer of God to your question, and what will you do about it? Will you reject the counsel of God, and walk in the imagination of your own heart? Hear the next verse—"And the Lord shall separate him unto evil." If you choose evil you are separated unto evil, and the consciousness of having chosen evil will set its mark upon you, like Cain.

What did the Lord place the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden for, Eh? Go and read what is written: Adam and Eve were warned, and so are you—and disregarding God's word the curse came upon them by their own act.

But why put it there to tempt Adam and Eve? Listen! there was plenty of fruit without this tree, for Eve remarked "We may eat of *all* the trees of the garden but this." They did not need that one tree. Hear the answer. In refraining from that tree they honored God, by denying themselves that tree they regarded God's word and glorified him.

In this and this alone they glorify him. This was the distinguishing line between man and beast, the beast of the fields cannot glorify him: There is no law for them to keep, God has not given them his word to regard, he gave it to Adam and Eve. And he sets before us blessing and cursing. If we look upon these things and remember God, we honor him.

B. F. WATSON.

Houston, Ark.

OUR NEW WORK AT THE CAPITAL.

By BISHOP JAMES ATKINS.

One of the most enlightened and progressive steps taken by our last General Conference was the determination to build in the city of Washington a church adapted to our needs there and in harmony with our place in the life of the nation.

It is eminently proper that the building of a truly great church there should be a connectional movement. The field is in a high sense missionary. But it is a class of missionary work which stands apart from the ordinary in the quality of the population to be served and the ecclesiastical ends to be advanced. We have already quite a number of congregations there, but no one of these is able alone to build and equip such a church as will fitly serve our purpose in so large and splendid a city as Washington.

But what I wish especially to do is to commend the course of the Board of Church Extension and the special agent, Brother Sexton, in the selection of a committee of great laymen for the management of this fine enterprise. I have studied the names and locations of those chosen for this purpose, and am free to say it would be difficult to improve the company. If I mistake not, there is not a man on the committee who is not capable of taking in the magnitude of the enterprise, and of becoming an enthusiastic promoter of it. Such a body of laymen, capable financially of liberal contributions, and thus of influencing thousands of other laymen to join with them in the great work will within a short time be able to achieve the purpose to which the church has appointed them. They will find when they have fully launched their work that there are many among us of ample means who only await such leadership as they are to furnish.

While good leadership, such as is assured in this case, is of great importance, it is not enough. There must also be a great following. This is the point at which the church in general will be tested as to the extent of its sympathy with this great work. There ought to be a universal re-

sponse—that is, every pastoral charge in the connexion ought to take pleasure in making a suitable contribution. But when the best has been done in this way the results will not be very large because of a failure of the pastors to properly present the cause. I "judge the future by the past of men." It will be necessary, therefore, for people of means to give in large sums. The enterprise is one which from its very nature appeals most powerfully to men of broad intelligence and foresight—men who are able to comprehend both the local and general effect of such a church in such a place.

Thoughtful men, when considering this movement, cannot fail to see certain points, such as these: That Washington is one of the greatest of the world centers; that it is our national capital; that it lies within Southern territory; that our church is one of the leading religious forces in the nation; that it has original rights in that territory which cannot be disputed; that many thousands of our people go to Washington to live and that our territory furnishes a continuous stream of visitors thither at all seasons of the year; that we are there in constant contact with not only the representative citizens of all the State, but with those of all the nations; that as a church we are easily able to build not one great church only, but many if we should so desire; that a failure to build this one great edifice which we have undertaken may be ascribed to nothing other than an ignoble indifference on the part of our church to so great an opportunity and obligation.

As I am writing to people outside of Washington, I desire to say that I have had the pleasure oftentimes of worshipping with our people at Mount Vernon Place and at other points in the city, and I have never seen a nobler, truer or more lovable company than compose our membership there. They have striven nobly, oftentimes against great odds, but by generosity reaching often to self-sacrifice they have triumphed. They are worthy of our help to the uttermost in this great new movement. The Mount Vernon Place congregation alone proposes to put \$75,000.00 into the new plant.

A secondary effect of building such a church as is proposed would be to stimulate and encourage every other congregation of our people in the city. It will impart a tone to our work there which is a matter of great importance in a society like that which characterizes Washington City.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA METHODISM.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6.

First Church, T. E. Sharp, pastor, H. F. Buhler, junior pastor. Dr. Sharp preached at both hours and took the collection for conference assessments. He reports: "We will increase our Foreign Mission collection by \$1,000. With this we expect to erect a church building in Watergate, Korea. All the other conference assessments are subscribed." Dr. Sharp left Monday for Nashville, where he is in attendance on the annual meeting of the Board of Education.

Winfield Memorial, P. C. Fletcher, pastor. Dr. Millar, presiding elder, preached at the morning hour to a splendid congregation. The communion service was well attended. The pastor preached at night and received two into the church.

Asbury, Frank Barrett, pastor. Both hours were filled by Dr. Jacob Ditzler, who is preaching a series of doctrinal sermons during the week and will continue through the coming Sunday.

Hunter Memorial, T. J. Norsworthy, pastor. The pastor preached at both hours and in the afternoon at the Old Soldiers' Home near the city.

Henderson and Highland, S. W. Rainey, pastor. The pastor preached to large and enthusi-

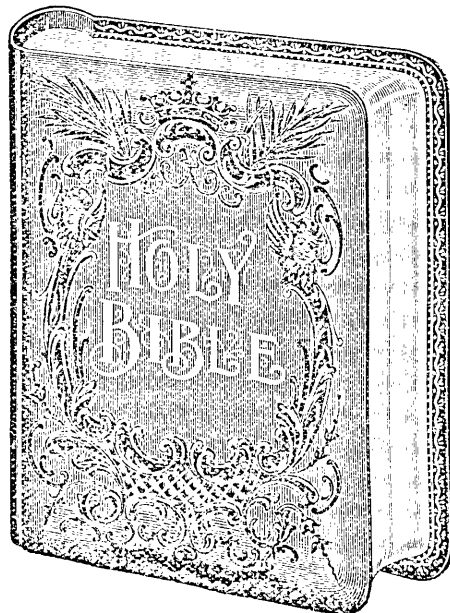
astic congregations at both appointments. One accession at Henderson.

Capitol church, L. C. Beasley, pastor. The pastor preached to large congregations at both hours and received two by certificate.

Gardner, H. H. Hunt, pastor. The pastor has been conducting a revival meeting during this and last week. Thirty-eight have professed conversion and 36 have joined the church. At the quarterly conference this week reports were made showing the finances of the church in full.

Twenty-eighth Street, W. D. Mitchell, pastor. Bro. Butts filled the morning hour, and the pastor, though suffering from a temporary throat trouble, preached at night.

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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.)

I received as many as 25 children's letters that were crowded out for want of space. Below is a list of their names.

MISS LILLIAN.
Alice Hail, Sequoyah county, Okla.
Audrey Cothorn, Sentinel, Okla.
Dora McGuire, Lone Wolf, Okla.
Rosheal Wilson, Valliant, Okla.
Alice Smith, Corona, Okla.
Ooscie Miller, Hill, Okla.
Elisabeth Willis, Tulsa, Okla.
Orfa Deen Pritchard, Grandfield, Okla.
Oscar Patty, Griffithville, Ark.
Bertha Halifield, Piggott, Ark.
Mollie Turnage, Hope, Ark.
Ruth Hurst, Hope, Ark.
Minnie Turnage, Hope, Ark.
Beulah Cato, Clauch, Ark.
Hanes Harris, Malvern, Ark.
Ruth McCord, Greenwood, Ark.
Gussie Jones, Goodwin, Ark.
Bertha Jones, Goodwin, Ark.
Lula Cato, Clauch, Ark.
Annie Lee Jones, Little Rock, Ark.
O'Neal Fisher, Bono, Ark.
Edmond Earl Spence, Middlebrook, Ark.
Sumpter Gregory, Exalender, Ark.
Oliver Lee Timberlake, Blevins, Ark.
Blue-Eyed Esther, Cherry Valley, Ark.
Gracie May Clayton, Riverside, Ark.
Mabel Halifield.

Marvell, Ark., Jan. 9, 1910.
Dear Methodist and Cousins: Will you admit another Arkansan into your happy band. My mamma takes the Methodist and I enjoy it. I also think that Evelyn's suggestion is good, as there are a great many who would like to get help. Miss Lillian, I suggest that Miss Ruth Carr be president, Miss Evelyn secretary, Miss Lillian treasurer. I will try and guess Stella Gregory's riddle. It is a well. Am I right? I will let you guess my age. It is between 8 and 13. I hope this escapes the basket. Your cousin,

LAURA HUTCHINSON.

Bono, Ark., Feb. 10, 1910.
Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: Will you admit me into your happy band of boys and girls? I have dark brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, am 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weigh 110 pounds. Hello, Rosebud and Blue Belle, I would like to know your names. Well, I had better shorten my letter, and if this goes to the wastebasket you shall never hear any more of SNOWBALL.

Pottsville, Ark., Feb. 26, 1910.
Dear Western Methodist: As we have seen only one letter from here we thought we would write one. Our papa takes the Methodist and we like very much to read the letters. We are going to school. Our school will be out in April. We like our teacher very much. Her name is Miss Dove Falls. We have a good school. We go to Sunday school every Sunday that we can. Our preacher's name is Bro. E. A. Goode. We think we have a real good preacher. As our letter is getting long will bring it to a close. Hoping to see this in print, we are, as ever, your cousins,
ANNIE AND GLADYS McNUTT.

DeVall's Bluff, Ark., Feb. 19, 1910.
Dear Cousins: Here comes another Arkansas girl to join your band. I am 4 feet and 11 inches tall, am in the eighth grade at school and am between 10 and 15 years old. Any of the cousins guessing my age will receive a postcard from me. I go to Sunday school and I am in class No. 5. There are nine girls in that class. Miss Alta Carrick is our teacher. Bro. Robertson is our pastor and I like him very much. We have organized an Epworth League

and a Junior League here since January 1. I have three brothers and three sisters. The baby is a boy. His name is Jeff. He certainly is cute. He calls himself "Sport." He has big blue eyes. Well, as this is my first letter I will close it now. From a new cousin,
BESSIE BECKHAM.

Yarboro, Ark., Feb. 6, 1910.
Dear Miss Lillian, Western Methodist and Cousins: Here I come again. This is my second time to write. I received a postcard from one of the cousins, Ethel Hughes, of Bennett, Ark. Valentine's day is my grandmamma's birthday. She will be half a hundred. I love to read the children's page. I am anxious to get the paper each week. I will ask a question: How many of you cousins were baptized when you were a baby? I was for one, so you see I am one of God's little girls and I want to live for Him and do His will and scatter sunshine wherever I can. I will give you my description: I have large brown eyes, dark hair and rather fair complexion, and am slender for my age. If any of you cousins want to exchange postcards with mamma's little brunette I am the girl you are looking for. I would love to see Miss Lillian. I know she is a good lady to have so much patience to see to all the cousins' letters each week. I will close by answering Ruth Harper's question. Sampson was the strongest man.

RUTH P. HALCOM.

Colt, Ark., Feb. 18, 1910.
Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins: Open your door this cold winter afternoon and let into your circle another little Arkansas cousin. I have just finished reading the children's letters. They were all just fine this week. I'm a little girl 7 years old. I have a little brother and a sweet little sister living and a little sister dead. I go to school all through the week and to Sunday school on Sunday. I love all the Sunday school teacher. I haven't any pets; my little brother and sisters are pets enough for me. I live in a little town on the railroad, named Colt. I love all the people here. We have a very good Sunday school and our preacher is just getting along fine. We have a nine months school every year, and health is just fine here all the time. And for these reasons and a great many others not mentioned I think Colt is a fine little place. Well, this is my second attempt to write. I suppose my letter was thrown in the wastebasket before, as I didn't see it in print; but if the wastebasket has gone visiting this time I shall expect to see my letter in print. From your new cousin,

WILMUTH DORRIS.

Magness, Ark., Feb. 6, 1910.
Dear Cousins: Would you like for another little girl to join your happy band? I live at Magness and go to school at Newark. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Mr. Morgan Magness. I live with my mamma, grandma and grandpapa. I have two little sisters. One is five and my baby sister is 4 months old. I take music lessons. My teacher's name is Miss Lenora Dudley. Can you guess my age, between 7 and 11?

VIVIAN MAGNESS.

Pryor, Okla., Jan. 18, 1910.
Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: As my first letter came in print I thought I would write again. When I last wrote I lived at Muldrow, Okla. Since then we have moved to Pryor, Okla. Pryor is 30 miles north of Waggoner, on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. It is a nice little town of about 2,000, and is growing very rapidly. They now have electric lights and will have water works soon. We like our new location fine. We go to Sunday school and church every Sunday.

Mrs. Graham is my Sunday school teacher. I think she is one of the sweetest ladies I ever knew. Rev. Mr. Pickens is our pastor. We have a good school here. I will be 10 years old March 20 and I am in the fifth grade. So you see I am a little girl. Miss Florence Ross is my teacher. She is such a sweet young lady. We have such good times at school. I like all of my playmates. I guess Santa Claus was good to all you cousins Christmas. He was to me. Among other things he brought me some good books. I enjoy reading them so much. Ruth and Orpha, I haven't forgotten you.

Well, cousins, I guess I had better close. Hoping to see this in print, I will ask a question: "Who was the strongest man in the world?"

VIVIAN BETHEL.

Box 15, R. R. 6, Hope, Ark.
Dear Methodist and Cousins: I have just been reading the children's page and I thought I would write a letter. It is my first one. My papa takes the Western Methodist. He has been taking it for about 25 years. I like the children's page. I have just been reading Ruth Carr's story. It was fine. I will send the cousins a piece of poetry. Your new cousin,

CLIFTON MILLER.

OUR GIRLIE WITH THE ANGELS.
Hattie S. Mathews.
Another "Little Girlie," we once had to love,
Has gone with angels to mansions above.
The beautiful gray eyes, soft and so clear,
Will never, no, never, be dimmed with a tear.

Never we'll see the sweet tender smile,
That gladdened our hearts in days erst-while;
Never again through life's broken dream,
'Till mists have cleared in heaven's gleam.

In 'broided dress and dainty blue shoes,
They robed our angel in her calm repose;
In satin-lined casket that shone pearly white,
Was closed up forever our baby so bright.

Roses were fading when she went away
To her happy home with angels to play,
And make sweet music with gentle baby touch,
While we miss the sweet voice we loved so much.

The sadness of parting can ne'er pass away,
Till life's dream is o'er, till dawn's endless day;
The way seems so dark, and oh, so dreary!
To hearts which are sad, to us who are weary.

Dwire, Tex.

Texarkana, Tex., Feb. 15, 1910.
Dear Methodist: I am a little girl nearly 7 years old. I have never been to school, but have learned to read and always enjoy reading the children's page when the Methodist comes. I will tell what books I have read: "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass," "Black Beauty," and some of "Elsie Dinsmore." My mother is writing this for me. I can write a little, but have never tried with pen and ink. I will answer Alice Ball's question, "Who was the strongest man in the world?" Samson. Your new cousin,

MAGGIE LOU BENGE.

Wister, Okla., Jan. 16, 1910.
Dear Western Methodist and Cousins: As I have been reading some of

your letters I thought I would join the happy band. This is my first letter and I hope it will escape the wastebasket. My sister takes your paper and I like to read the children's page. I am a little orphan girl. My mother and father died when I was 3 years old, but I can remember them. I am between 12 and 15 years old. I belong to the Methodist Church. I go to Sunday school nearly every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. Harris. She is a good teacher. Everybody likes her. She is so kind and good. Miss Emma White can write good letters. I enjoy reading her letters. My letter is getting rather long. I will close. With love and best wishes, your new cousin,
NETTIE FREE.

Bryant, Ark.

Dear Cousins: Here I am for the first time to chat a while with the cousins. I have just finished reading the children's page, and cannot resist any longer. I wish I could write such interesting letters as some of the cousins do. I belong to the Methodist Church at Bryant. How many of the cousins go to school? I for one, and I like to go. I go to high school. We have three teachers, two men teachers and one lady teacher, who is my Sunday School teacher also. I think she is the sweetest lady. Her name is Miss Estella Martin. Our new pastor's name is Brother Toombs. I think we will all like him fine. I hated to see Brother McKelvey go away. He had been at Bryant three years. I sent him a card about three weeks ago and he never has answered it. I guess that he is too busy. I wish some of the cousins could help me eat hickory nuts. I enjoy eating them. I will guess Emma White to be 16. Now is that right? If it is send me a card, please. Oh! I think I hear some one say I wish she would go, so I will. Just a few more words: I will now ask the cousins to guess my age. It is between 12 and 16. Well, good-by, I am,

Your new cousin,

RUTH MILLER.

I am sorry to have to leave Nellie Elliott's letter out, but it is entirely too long.

LILLIAN.

Quitman, Ark.
Dear Methodist and Cousins: It has been almost a year since I have written to the Methodist, but I have been reading all the letters. Say, Rosebud, I would like to know your name, for I have an idea that you used to live at Quitman, for you said you knew Virgie Hammock. I know him too, for I live close to him. I guess your name to be Sue Floyd. Am I right? Say Oklahoma Blanche, please do tell us your name. I will describe myself: I am 13 years old, weigh 130 pounds, am light-headed, and blue-eyed. Miss Ruth, write some more stories. I am going to school now, and am in the seventh grade. How many of you cousins belong to the Epworth League? I do for one. As my letter is getting rather lengthy, I will close by answering Alice Ball's question, "Who was the strongest man in the world?" Samson.

Mour cousin,

BLUE-EYED BONNIE.

Booneville, Ark., Jan. 14, 1910.
Dear Cousins: This is my second time I have written to you. It has been three or four years. I am eleven years old. I have one cat and one dog. I go to school. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Simmons. I missed school today. For I was sick. I have a brother and a sister. My brother's name is Elma Stanfield and my sister's name is Zola Stanfield. My father takes the Western Methodist. I like to read the letters.

Your new cousin,

WAYNE STANFIELD.

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.)

TAFF.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Mary J. Taff, was born in the State of Georgia May 28, 1848. She, with her husband, J. P. Taff, moved to Scott county, Ark., in the year 1868. She died Feb. 13, 1910. She was the mother of ten children. Two of them preceded her to their heavenly home. Her husband died several years ago, and left her the care of the family, which she managed heroically, as all who knew her will testify. She professed faith in Christ in her fifteenth year and joined the M. E. Church, South. For forty-seven years she worshipped at her altar. She was faithful to all church claims to the last. A faithful mother, a faithful Christian, friend and neighbor is gone. To her children, relatives and friends let me say, we know where to find her. We weep not as those who have no hope. The funeral was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large audience of sympathizing friends, after which she was laid to rest in the Square Rock cemetery. "Sweet be her rest till Jesus comes." W. I. HARRIS.

BEARD.—Fred Calvin was born April 30, 1898, in Scott county, Ark., and died in Polk county, Ark., July 25, 1909. He professed Christianity under the ministry of Rev. W. E. Justice, 1908. He was an exceptionally spiritually minded boy. He had saved for years his Sabbath school cards, and his little box was also a repository for printed articles of a very devotional or spiritual character that had come under his observation. He kept a little stand of confectioneries and notions at Mena, Ark., but when Sabbath came all business was closed with him and Sabbath school lesson and religious matters were on his mind. He would lead in prayer in family devotional service. His last sickness was ten days. He leaves both parents, three brothers, two sisters, for all whose salvation he prayed. He seemed called to the higher life in heaven to call his loved ones on earth to the Christian life. Heaven should have brighter attractions to the family since this devout little member of the family has gone there. JOHN F. TAYLOR.

ELLSBERRY.—On the 13th of February, at 6:30 p. m., little Mary Elsbury was called to receive her reward. Little Mary was a model Christian, and was loved by all who knew her. She was only sick about twenty-six hours; died with congestive chill. It was my pleasure to be there. She was so patient and appreciative. Mary was the youngest daughter of Bro. and Sister George Elsberry. Her death was a great shock to them all. She went so soon. With loving hands of her mother, father and Jewell and Earl, she got every attention possible. But the Lord said, Come up higher, Mary, and receive your reward. Only two of their children to come home. I was present Bro. Elsberry phoned the rest of the children to some home. I was present when they came. First to come was Lizzie, then Homer; Bro. and Sister Taylor; Bro. Eugene and wife. Their arrival was very pathetic indeed. I got a very faithful lesson out of their coming. Their father summoned them to come home, and they all came; but they did not all come at the same time, nor the same routes; just so our Heavenly Father will call his children home. They will hear his voice and obey his summons and will go up to receive their reward. The writer conducted

the funeral service. The whole neighborhood turned out and we laid little Mary's body in the family burying ground at Viney Grove to await the resurrection morn.

May the good Lord bless Bro. and Sister Elsberry and children and relatives. We trust that this trial will bind them closer to the Lord. Look up, weeping ones, it will not be long before you will meet your darling on the other shore. Little Mary was thirteen years old. Yours in Jesus,

A. V. HARRIS, P. C.

PATE.—Mrs. N. A. Pate. Nannie A. Petty was born at Martinsville, Ark. Jan. 9th, 1874, joined the M. E. Church, South, when a girl and remained a consistent and devout member of the same until the time of her death. She was married to Louis H. Pate at Wooster, Ark., Oct. 24, 1894, removed with her husband and family to Lake Arthur, New Mexico, October 28, 1907, contracted typhoid fever July 28th, 1909 from which she never recovered. Died February 4th, 1910 at the age of thirty-six years, twenty-five days and after an illness of six months and seven days. She has left four children, Alma, Theodore, Mildred and Dibrell Pate with a sorrowing husband and three sisters to mourn for her loss. Her parents died when she was eleven years of age.

The funeral services were conducted in the First Methodist church, at Lake Arthur, by the pastor. The respect and esteem in which Sister Pate was held was manifested in the large attendance at the service. The whole community desired to show its sympathy with the bereaved as well as its affection for the deceased.

Sister Pate was a good woman, earnest in her devotion to the interests of the church and desirous of promoting the kingdom of God. She lived a Christ-like life, was a loving mother and devoted wife. Her death was as a dream calm and peaceful as she passed from mortality to immortality. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

NELSON.—In memory of Lonie D. Nelson, son of J. D. and Lula Nelson, who are members of the M. E. Church, South. Lonie was born July 26, 1892; died Dec. 22, 1909; age seventeen years, four months and twenty-six days.

It can be said that he was kind, truthful, pure in habit and always obedient to his parents. He is missed by all of his town. Lonie was the pride and joy of this home, as he was the only child. As we know he was bright and promising, don't forget thy will be done and not ours. Lets give to Bro. and Sister Nelson our much sympathy and hope to join hands in God's kingdom. B. L. WILLIAMS.

HARKEY.—Daniel Cicero Harkey was born in Stanley county, N. C., March 24, 1832, moved with his parents to Pope county, Ark., in 1848, where he married and lived until Oct. 1898, at which time he with his family moved to Pottawatomie county, Okla., where he lived until the time of his death, Jan. 22, 1910. He was the father of nine children, four boys and five girls; three of them preceded him to the grave. He professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of thirty-six in which he lived a faithful member until the time of his death. Bro. Harkey was one of the truest and best men that I have ever met. It could be said of him as it was said of the patriarch Job: When the ear heard him then it blessed him and when the eye saw him it gave witness to him because he delivered the poor that cried and made the widow's heart to sing for joy. He loved the church and his house was the pastor's resting place like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Like Abraham, his greatest trials were reserved for him

in his old days, but he bore them like a hero. The Devil sifted him but found no chaff. When he saw that his work on earth was done he longed to depart and be with Christ. He leaves a widow and six children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope and even in the hour of sadness we can thank God for the long and useful life that he lived among us and for the influence it had on our own lives. We thank God that the separation will not be long and while we cannot call him back we can go to him. His pastor,

S. H. BERRY.

SHILLING.—Sister Leora Shilling, wife of Bro. L. V. Shilling, died at her home on the 31st of January. Sister Shilling was raised in Texas but has been living in Oklahoma for a number of years. Sister Shilling was converted at the age of fifteen and joined the Methodist church at same time and has been a member ever since. Sister Leora Shilling and Bro. L. V. Shilling were married Nov. 29, 1885, and their lives have been spent in happiness together for twenty-five years, and during this twenty-five years God has permitted fourteen children to come into their home to make their home happy, and twelve of these children stood by and saw their mother as she departed; and two of them looked from the window of Heaven and said, Mother, come this way, and Sister Shilling has gone to call husband and children to come and abide with her. And when Jesus shall come with the heavenly host at the last day we will be able to see in that host our sister, Leora Shilling.

Sister Leora Shilling will be greatly missed in the Lebanon community where she has been living for a number of years and we extend loving sympathy to her sorrowing companion and children.

CHAS. MANN, Pastor.

EATON.—Dr. J. F. Eaton was born in Henderson, Ky., October 6, 1833. He professed faith in Christ some forty years ago and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was educated at Louisville, Ky. He moved to Pine Bluff, Ark. in 1850. He passed to his heavenly reward from his home near Faith, Ark. February 1, 1910. He had been in feeble health for some time. He had a partial stroke of paralysis about three years ago and has not been at himself since. A second stroke came and he lived only a few hours. His funeral at the old Curl cemetery was attended by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. May we all cherish the fond hope of the reunion in heaven. M. O. BARNETT.

CROWELL.—R. L. Crowell was born March 15, 1874, at Murfreesboro, Ill., and departed this life Jan. 22, 1910; age thirty-five years, nine months and twenty-two days.

He professed faith in Christ at the age of seventeen years, and united with the church; lived a consistent Christian until the Lord saw fit to call him away. May the Holy Spirit comfort the bereaved family and friends is the prayer of the writer.

B. W. COOPER,

P. C. Gainesville Circuit.

BOOSEMAN.—Brother Booseman, or Uncle Dock, as he was usually called, was born March 3, 1831, in Mississippi, and moved with his parents to Chicot county, Arkansas, in 1841. In 1860 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Allen, and they settled in Ashley county. Three children were born to them. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South in 1870, and he lived a consistent Christian life until death, on Jan. 26, 1910. Everybody highly esteemed him. Old age did not sour him, as it does some men. The writer was his pastor last year, and the short

acquaintance we had drew me more to him than I have ever been toward any old man. We know where to find him—among the blood-washed, where they never say good-bye.

HUGH REVELEY.

TERRAL.—Onita Elizabeth, the little daughter and only remaining child of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Terral was born Dec. 2, 1908, and went to live with Jesus Feb. 6, 12 p. m., 1910, aged one year, two months and four days. Just thirteen months ago God called for little Stacy, their sweet little baby boy, and the departure of little Onita Elizabeth leaves their home childless and their hearts broken and bleeding, but thank God, we know the little ones are in the hands of our God who gave them, and he does all things well. This sweet baby was fondly loved by her parents and was just getting old enough to begin to return their love. Oh, how she will be missed in the future. But the parents' loss is heaven's gain. Another little plant has been plucked from the hot-bed of earth and transplanted in the garden of God. God moves in a mysterious way to perform his wonders, but we will understand it better in the sweet by and by. Bereaved parents, we know your hearts are sad, but it is yours by God's grace to meet your little one's again where sad parting comes no more. FRANK HOPKINS.

HARRIS.—Rev. Lafayette Michel Harris was born in Tennessee June 23, 1827, died August 16, 1909, at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Tarvin, in Black Springs, Montgomery county, Ark. He was married to Mason Totty of Independence county, Arkansas, January 29, 1850. He was licensed to preach in the M. E. Church, South, about 60 years ago. He practiced medicine 40 years in Missouri and Arkansas. He was kind to the poor, often doing their practice free of charge. In 1869 he was elected to the legislature from Van Buren county, Arkansas. He was twice elected county judge in Perry county, Arkansas. In 1890 he joined the Indian Mission Conference, preached there five years. There he was ordained local elder. In 1895 he was on the Jenson circuit. This was his last work, but he always preached on Sunday or went to church as long as his health admitted of it. He was very feeble the last five years of his life. He leaves an aged wife, a daughter, Mrs. Minerva Tarvin of Black Springs, Ark., two sons, W. E. Harris of Black Springs, Ark., and J. L. Harris of Huntington, Ark.

(Oklahoma papers please copy.)
MRS. MANURVA TARVIN.

ALICE WAY.

Little Alice, daughter of Thomas J. and Susie Way, was born January 24, 1908, and departed this life January 16, 1910. Her visit in the home of Brother and Sister Way was very short (one year and eleven months and twenty-three days), but long enough to completely capture the hearts of all who met her. Pogue (her pet name, given her by her little brother, Howard), was a rich treasure, the pride and joy of her mother's life, and the idol of the father's heart. Sunshine of the home. And now that the Lord has called for her and the light has gone out of the home, and hearts are saddened and darkness is hovering over the home and sweet little Alice is gone, no more to be seen toddling through the rooms, and the prattle of the tongue is silent, and Brother and Sister Way are heart-broken and the little brothers and sister will miss her so much; yet Heaven will be the richer and brighter. So, loved ones, let's not weep as those that have no hope, for if we will love and serve our Lord, we shall meet little Alice in the sweet by and by.

J. D. EDWARDS,
District Evangelist.

Prominent Men Favor Granting The the Rights of the Laity to the Women of the M. E. Church, South.

Our women constitute a large part of the membership of the church, do much of the work, have wisely managed their own affairs, would bring their spirituality, love of order, and high sense of honor into our conferences, and more nearly secure the co-operation of every member. They are entitled to recognition for their worth and for their works, and the church needs them in all her councils. Other churches have given women layman's rights and have prospered. The movements of the age forecast the change. It must come after a struggle, if resisted. Then let the men gracefully, cheerfully, and speedily grant the prayer of our faithful women, and settle this question without years of unnecessary and possibly bitter controversy.—*Rev. A. C. Millar, P. E. Little Rock District.*

I am heartily in favor of granting to our Methodist women the rights of the laity. This should be done not only as a recognition of their faithfulness, their efficient services, their piety, their intelligence, and their loyalty to the church, but as an act of common justice. To require at their hands so much of the work of the church and allow them no official voice in its councils is ingratitude and injustice. Where there are duties there must be rights. The sex question ought to be removed and woman should be placed upon her merits.—*P. C. Fletcher, Pastor Winfield*

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I have seen for years that the church needs the women in positions of trust and responsibility in very many places.—*Rev. Charles W. Byrd, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.*

Most cordially do I indorse the Memorial to the General Conference seeking "To secure for the women of the Church the full rights of the laity." Put my name on the petition.

I became an itinerant preacher in 1847, and, as pastor, presiding elder, college president, and superannuate, I have seen the need of the women in official positions in our church. Nay, more, I have had them act as officials, the welfare, of the church requiring it.—*J. H. Brunner, aged 84, Oldest Member Holston Conference.*

To be straight-forward and frank about it, I am for the Memorial. I do not think it will make our women unwomanly to give them position and responsibility. I see nothing in it to work to that effect.—*Rev. David Sullins, D. D., Holston Conference.*

Your claim is just and right and will appeal to the mind and conscience of the laity.—*J. C. Lewis, Principal Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.*

I am heartily in favor of the movement to give the women the rights and privileges of the laity.—*Rev. J. A. Timmerman, North Georgia Conference.*

I have felt for several years that the women were justly entitled to the rights and privileges of the laity. I am only surprised that the women have not pushed this to the front years ago, and that the men have been so slow to see that this is a vital question and of great importance to the life of the church.—*Rev. B. T. James, New Mexico Conference.*

The Memorial asking the General Conference for equal rights and privileges with the laity for the women of our church seems altogether reasonable.—*Rev. W. I. Hughes, North Carolina Conference.*

Women do a very large part of the work of the church. Of recent years they have shown rare wisdom in dealing with the evils and needs brought about in the invasion of the home by industrialism. This is one of the greatest problems of the age, and therefore a problem of the Christian Church. Women are peculiarly fitted both by experience and knowledge for dealing with and solving this problem. Consequently I believe it would be helpful to the church to give them full rights of lay members.—*John N. McEachern, Atlanta, Ga.*

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powers.—*Rev. J. O. Grogan, North Georgia Conference.*

I believe our failure to grant women the rights of the laity would do violence to the spirit of Christian freedom.—*Rev. Frank Siler, North Georgia Conference.*

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OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference of the Oklahoma City District is to be held at Norman April 5-8. Let all take notice that the place of meeting has been changed from Purcell to Norman. The business sessions of the conference will be opened at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, April 5. Good connections can be made at Oklahoma City, both from the east and the west, with the Santa Fe for Norman, due there about 12:30. All the pastors and delegates are urged to be present at this opening session. Wednesday is to be

LAYMEN'S DAY.

A good portion of the day will be devoted to the consideration of the plan of organization and work marked out by those in general charge of the Laymen's Movement, and the discussion of methods for accomplishing the tasks set before us. Speakers will be selected to lead in the discussion, but it is desired that a large number shall take part. Let all the pastors urge their delegates to be present in full force on this day, even if some of them cannot stay for the remainder of the conference. The time is ripe for a great forward movement, and this will be a fine opportunity to get the details of the work clearly before us.

A large place will be given to religious services, including the preaching of the gospel. Rev. R. L. Ownby, our pastor at Stillwater, will preach the opening sermon Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., and this will be followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Theo. F. Brewer, assisted by Rev. J. K. Florence and Rev. W. G. Shackelford. Let special prayer be made that this may prove a gracious occasion. Various discussions will be had as we may have time and opportunity. Much attention will be given to the cause of missions and to Sunday school work. The connectional brethren are hereby extended a cordial invitation to be present. It is my desire that all our great interests shall be properly presented and considered.

The following are the committees: License to Preach—J. H. Ball, J. R. Abernathy, R. K. Triplett. Admission and Readmission—P. R. Knickerbocker, R. A. Baird, W. N. Vernon.

Deacons' and Elders' Orders—H. C. Garrett, E. H. Creasey, R. L. Ownby. The chairman of each committee will please see that the subjects for exam-

ination are divided among the members of his committee.

A. L. SCALES, P. E.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Park Ave. March 6, 7
Central Ave. March 6, 7
Dalark, at Rock Springs March 12, 13
Arkadelphia March 20
Malvern March 20, 21
Benton March 27, 28
Holly Springs at Mt. Carmel April 3, 4
Malvern Ct., at Rhode's Chapel April 9, 10
Third Street, Hot Springs April 17, 18
Malvern Ave. April 17, 18
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Zion April 23, 24
Princeton, at Harmony April 30, May 1
Lono, at Leola May 7, 8
Hot Springs Ct., at Social Hill May 14, 15
Ussery Ct., at Friendship May 21, 22
Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs May 22, 23
Friendship Ct. May 28, 29

T. D. SCOTT, P. E.

HOT SPRINGS METHODIST PREACHERS' MEETING.

Present: Hutchinson, Parker, Keadle, Harden, Black, Rushing, Mason, Hotchkiss, Scott. Visitors: Thompson, Laud, Wylie.

Central Church—Bro. Hutchinson reported the largest prayer meeting yet, with 336 in Sunday school, which is also a record-breaker for that church. Fine congregations at both morning and evening services. The collection at the morning service was for the W. F. M. Society, which amounted to about \$25. Bro. T. D. Scott preached a fine sermon at night. Two members received at the evening service.

Tigert Memorial—Bro. Harden reported small congregations, but the best service that he had held at that place. At night the congregation was larger than usual. Prayer meeting good. Thirty-two in Sunday school at Tigert and 40 at Oaklawn.

Third Street Church—Bro. Parker reported a reasonably good week. Many sick among his people. Good prayer meeting and one reclamation during the week. One hundred and twenty-five in Sunday school and a splendid communion service. Congregation not so large at night, but a good sermon by Bro. Keadle.

Malvern Avenue Church—Bro. Mason reported a good prayer meeting. Sunday school with about eight more than last Sunday. Good service Sunday morning. Fine class meeting in the afternoon. Big congregation at night and two accessions to the church.

Park Avenue Church—Bro. Rushing reported Bro. Scott preached a fine sermon at the morning hour, with 120 in Sunday school. Good league; also a good prayer meeting.

Hot Springs Circuit—Bro. Black reported a very good day at Morning Star and Rockdale. Arranging to organize a Sunday school at the latter place about April 1.

Bro. Keadle attended services at Park Avenue at the morning hour and preached for Bro. Parker at night. Had a good day.

Bro. T. D. Scott, our presiding elder, was present. He said that he worshipped with the Park Avenue people on Sunday morning and liked the outlook there very well. He preached at the Central Church at night to one of the largest congregations that he had seen. He seemed to be pleased with the outlook. He held the quarterly conference for the Park Avenue church Sunday afternoon, Malvern Avenue and Central churches Monday night, and left for home at Arkadelphia Tuesday morning.

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METHODISM IN TEXARKANA.

The preachers' meeting met in regular session in the pastor's study of the First Methodist church. Meeting called to order by Chairman Thomas. Prayer by Hundley. Present: Thomas, Swift, Harwell, Hundley.

At Fairview—Sunday school and church services better attended than usual. One addition and two infants baptized. Prayer meeting good, both in interest and attendance. Leagues best of entire year.

At College Hill—Congregation much improved over last three Sundays. Sunday school doing fine work. Prayer meetings well attended. Leagues much better than usual.

At First Church—Bro. Thomas reported reasonably good day. Services well attended. One addition at 11 o'clock service on profession of faith. Bro. Harwell reported Sunday school well attended. Several new pupils. Interest growing. The Epworth League gave a special song service at 6:30, which was visited by the young people of some of the other churches of the city. About 75 were present. Conducted by Bro. Hayes, prayer meeting was very interesting, but poorly attended. The pastor has been requested by the young men of the city to preach a special sermon to young men, which he has agreed to do. L. E. N. HUNDLEY, Secretary.

Sunday, March 6.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Dear Western Methodist: Halley's wonderful comet is still in the west, near Taurus and Gemini. During April and May it would rise before day in the mornings in the east, and would then

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be at its very best and would be brighter than our "full moon." On the 1st of May Venus would pass through this comet's tail, and on May 18 our earth would do the same. On the night of February 21 this comet, through telescope, was much brighter and nearer than usual, and came very near being visible to the naked eye. That great meteoric shower occurred on the thick cloudy night of the sleet, February 23. That is why we did not see it. That very strange thunder that night was the beginning of that great meteoric shower. There would be other meteoric showers during the visit of Halley's comet. Love to all.

JAMES M. CLINE.

Benton, March 7.

ECONOMY IN DESSERTS.

Every housewife knows that, whatever the cause may be, the cost of living has greatly increased in the last few years, and she is often perplexed as to where she can economize. Of course, the cost of food is naturally the largest item in every household, and although few people wish to economize in this direction, it is right here that economy can be practiced.

With two meals a day, we have some kind of dessert, and it is the purpose of this article to show that nice, wholesome and nutritious desserts can be made at little cost and labor, as against the expensive pies, cakes, and puddings, which the average family consumes and which injure the health, deplete the pocket-book, and make a slave of the woman who prepares the meals.

By way of comparison we have taken the following from recipes in a standard cook book:

Custard Pie.—3 eggs, cost 9c; 1 pt. milk, 4c; 3 tablespoonfuls sugar, 2c; 1 cup flour, 1c; lard, 2c; making a cost of 18c. Salt and nutmeg we have not figured here. The cost of a mince pie is about the same as that of a custard pie.

Sponge Cake.—A sponge cake is probably one of the cheapest cakes made, and this requires 5 eggs, cost, at least 15c; ½ lb. sugar, 3c; ¼ lb. flour, 1c; lemon, 2c; total cost 21c, while a fruit cake costs double this amount.

Orange Pudding.—One of the simplest puddings which can be made is an orange pudding and this requires 4 oranges, 10c; 2 eggs, 6c; 1 qt. milk, 8c; corn starch, 1c; flour, 1c; sugar, 3c; total cost 29c.

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Chocolate Pudding.—For something a little more fancy, try a chocolate pudding: gelatine, 6c; milk, 8c; sugar, 3c; chocolate, 1c; total cost, 18c.

In this comparison we have tried to be fair, and have taken only such cake and pastry as is used every day in the home, and as every housewife knows, all fancy cakes and puddings cost much more than the plain dishes mentioned here.

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A special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been announced on account of the Conference for Education in the South which will meet at Little Rock, April 6, 7 and 8.

This will be an open rate, tickets on sale April 5 and 6, with final return limit April 11.

This will be the most important educational gathering ever held in the State, and a large attendance of citizens from every walk of life is assured, not only from Arkansas but from all the Southern States, with many prominent educators and men of affairs throughout the nation.

The programs will be varied, and contain many names of national renown. For copies of the program and further information address Hon. Geo. B. Cook, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Little Rock.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the authority and direction contained in the decretal order of the Pulaski Chancery Court, made and entered on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1909, in a certain cause (No. 12524) then pending therein between Caroline Buddenberg, Complainant, and G. W. Bennett and Kate L. Bennett, Defendants, the undersigned as Commissioner of said court, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the east door or entrance of the Pulaski County Courthouse in which said court is held, in the city of Little Rock, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on

THURSDAY, THE 2D DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1910, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot Six (6), in Block Four (4), in Buddenberg's Addition to Argenta, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

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Given under my hand this 7th day of March, A. D. 1910.

F. A. GARRETT,
Commissioner in Chancery.

George L. Basham, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

W. H. MISSION, WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the White River Conference will be held at Wynne, April 26-28. Names of all delegates should be sent as early as possible to Mrs. Emily B. Armstrong, Jonesboro, Ark., and to Mrs. O. N. Killough, Wynne, Ark.

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THE LAYMEN'S AND PREACHERS' MEETING OF SEARCY DISTRICT.

Please announce that there will be held at Beebe, on April 5th and 6th a Laymen's and Preachers' meeting of Searcy district. The preachers' program to begin on Monday night the 4th, and the Laymen's program to begin on Tuesday night the 5th. We earnestly request every lay leader, and as many other laymen as possible, and every preacher in the district to be on hand. Programs will be published right away. A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Muskogee District Conference will convene in Stigler April 5-8. Opening sermon by S. H. Babcock. Committee on examinations, J. T. Thornton, C. W. Daman and A. M. Belcher. A program will be announced later.

Let all the preachers send names of delegates to Rev. J. D. Salter at once. O. E. GODDARD, P. E.

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DEAR BRETHREN—The Mission Board of our church did not increase assessment for the present year, and for this reason the board must have early and full collections, or be forced to restrict its work. The field is white unto harvest! Opportunities are ripe for the greatest achievements in the history of missions. Conditions favor us now which may not five years hence, unless we avail ourselves fully by pushing the work in every field where our missions have been projected. It is unfair for our home church to wait until the fall to raise full assessments for missions, and let the Mission Board be thus forced to limit its work, or to borrow money, and pay interest on it, in order to push the work, and gain the certain victories which "the swing of things" in the mission fields brings in sight, during these eventful days, when nations are making moral, or immoral, history almost every hour. We are requested, therefore, to raise full assessments for missions, and the 15th of March, or as soon after as we can, and send it to Brother A. L. Malone, our Conference Treasurer at Jonesboro, so he can send it to Brother Hamilton, Treasurer of the board at Nashville, before the 31st of this March.

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METHODISM IN TEXARKANA, ARK.

Present: Swift, Harwell, Hundley. Chairman Thomas absent. Swift presided; prayer by Hundley.

First church: Pastor absent, hence no regular preaching services. Sunday school good considering the weather. League was poorly attended, but enthusiastic.

Fairview: Pastor preached morning and night; congregation small on account of weather. Two additions.

College Hill: Services morning and evening with fair attendance. Three additions by certificate. No prayer meeting. Dr. Thos. H. Ware preached at evening service. His sermon was strong and appreciated by the congregation. L. E. N. HUNDLEY, Sec.

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The County Organization should be effected at once by the County Examiner, or some other interested citizen—a small committee of three or five can secure the active co-operation of the Farmers' Union of the county, the Commercial Clubs, the newspapers, the school directors and teachers. It has been found that the merchants readily contribute money and commodity prizes for the County Contest. Prominent citizens are quick to appreciate the value of this movement and offer prizes. The enrollment of boys, under eighteen years of age, can be secured with the assistance of the school-teachers and the local newspapers. These names should be sent as soon as received to Superintendent George B. Cook, Little Rock, or H. S. Mobley, Fayetteville, so the boys can receive the benefit of instructions, etc. The County Contests are arranged by the County Committees, score cards, report blanks, etc., being furnished them.

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County Committees should report their organization promptly to the State Committee, also, send in the list of their prizes as secured, giving the names of the donors, and without fail report the names of the boys as soon as received.

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I am at Krebs in a hard fight against sin in all shapes. Have been through all this hard, stormy weather, yet we are having quite a good meeting. Krebs was left out at the last Conference and Brother Parks got Brother Myatt to look after it, hence we are here trying to revive the church. A hard field, but some twenty have been saved to date. Will stay here till Monday.

Yours in Him,

J. D. EDWARDS.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

REV. D. J. WEEMS.

GEARY, OKLA.

Geary has a population of about two thousand, has two banks, nice brick stores, good school and eight churches. We have a modest church and parsonage, but have a nice Sunday School and among the best congregations in the town. They are blessed with an extra fine man as their pastor in the person of Rev. T. H. Ward. He is intelligent, faithful, and prudent; and will be sure of success. His good wife is well qualified to make him an excellent coworker. She was educated in the Southwest Missouri College, at Marrisville, Mo. They were extra nice to me. We had a large week night congregation and a very pleasant service. Collecting from the old, we added five new subscribers: Mrs. T. H. Bilbrey, Mrs. J. M. Frazier, Mrs. H. H. Douglass, Mrs. R. H. Cone, and Mrs. A. S. Parriott.

WEATHERFORD, OKLA.

Beautiful for situation is Weatherford. The population is about 3,000. They have an extra fine wheat mill, where the very best grades of flour are made. Some of the prosperous merchants of our church are E. G. Whittenberg, M. C. Bennett, J. W. Goodrich, and Mrs. J. C. Seiter, who keeps a beautiful seed store. There are two banks, good hotels and many boarding houses to accommodate the normal students. There is an excellent public school and two very large normal buildings. The finishing touches are being put on the last of these. The enrollment was about 800 last year. They are expecting a thousand or more this year. These buildings are on a beautiful ridge in a large campus thickly set in waving shade trees. There is an extra moral class of citizens in Weatherford. It is a good place to raise a family.

We have a neat parsonage and a small church. They are planning to enlarge. A new \$10,000.00 brick would be much better. The Sunday School and congregation have out grown the house, and something has to be done. Rev. J. E. Savage is in the second year. He has been quite successful. He and his excellent wife are in loving favor with their people. He is a faithful pastor, and an interesting preacher. Prof. S. W. Kirby, one of the Normal teachers, is the efficient Sunday School Superintendent. Prof. S. A. Landmer, another normal teacher, gives readings in the near by towns. Part of the proceeds he gives to his church. The church was full on Tuesday night at a Sunday School entertainment. I did wish so much they had a larger and better church. By the pastor's faithful aid we shaped up the old and secured thirteen new subscribers: E. G. Whittenberg, M. C. Bennett, J. W. Goodrich, Mrs. W. C. Emerson, Mrs. Mattie Reynolds, Prof. G. A. Landrum, Mrs. Lois M. Barnes, Mrs. P. Loveman, Mrs. Sallie Leitner, Mrs. R. J. Mann, Mrs. Ida Brittston, and B. F. Cloud.

Rev. W. D. Matthews, the faithful presiding elder of the Clinton District, lives at Weatherford. He is the only presiding elder in his conference in the fourth year. He had just returned from a hundred miles trip over land. There

is another trip twice as far he has to make in his buggy. The extreme cold weather and the wind make it disagreeable. Dr. Anderson's story of the popcorn popping on the stalk last summer is in great contrast with the weather the last half of February.

FOSS, OKLA.

The improvement in the business houses of Foss the past two years is great. They have beautiful brick stores, two banks, two gins, good school, nice hotel and a fairly good church and small parsonage. Rev. E. H. Driskill is the popular pastor. Foss is a half station. They have voted bonds for a light plant and water works. This is a great stock and alfalfa country. Although last year was so dry times seem good and we did extra well for the paper, collecting from the old and secured eight new subscribers: Mrs. J. G. Gregg, Mrs. Osie Brown, C. F. Hartrouft, H. W. Younger, C. B. Allen, C. M. Hoover, Rev. F. M. Holden, and M. Peterson. Brother Driskill is a man of pleasant address, sweet spirit and has the elements of success. We shall expect a year of much success.

ELK CITY.

On the east side of Beckham County on the Rock Island Road is the beautiful Elk City. They are paving the streets, have waterworks electric lights, several gins, elevators, three banks, fine business houses, three large academies for public schools, Prof. J. C. Tucker, superintendent. The school interest is fine here as it is in most of the western towns. Elk City is one of the most prosperous towns of the great West. We have a neat church and parsonage, and one of the best of men for a pastor, Rev. W. A. Randle. He is in his third year. Has received 175 members, greatly increased the Sunday School, and every interest of the church. He is pure gold and is doing a noble work. To give the older children the benefit of the normal school, Sister Randle and the children live at Weatherford. Collecting well from the old, we secured eleven new subscribers: G. H. Vanantwerp, J. D. Thomas, Mrs. D. C. Reed, A. R. Clark, William Hunter, Henry Hunter, George Gochring, W. C. Black, C. F. Blakemore, R. D. Dugan, and Prof. J. C. Tucker.

SAYRE, OKLA.

Sayre is the new county seat of Beckham County. It is only about seven years old, but has a population of about three thousand. It is a division of the Rock Island Road. Is a fine business point. Has three banks, elegant business houses, and excellent public school buildings. We have a good parsonage, and a beautiful church, with smooth walls ready for brick veneering. Rev. J. E. McConnell, a graduate of the Arkansas University, is pastor. He is highly gifted and well equipped for a useful ministry. We very much regretted to give him up from the Arkansas Conference. He is blessed with a devoted wife, who has had fine training in Epworth University, and is especially gifted in vocal music.

Brother T. J. Price and wife brought me under obligations for a good night's rest. With the pastor's aid we collected well from the old and secured eleven new subscribers: Mrs. E. E. White, J. B. Freeman, Mrs. M. O. Scott, Mrs. S. McNow, Mrs. N. C. Henson, T. M. Lowry, Mrs. J. R. Richardson, Mrs. A. D. Jones, L. M. Stewart, W. A. Talley, and Mrs. Oscar Candill.

The Sunday School, Epworth League, and every department of the church, was reported doing well.

I also met Rev. H. C. Gullledge, pastor of Doxey Circuit. He is enthusiastic in his work and is building up a congregation on the new road. He impressed me as a man who can and will do fine work for his Lord.

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lahoma on the Rock Island Road running to Amarillo, Texas. It has sprung up like magic. It is only seven years old, but has developed into a real nice town of about two thousand. There are two banks, nice brick stores, a \$20,000.00 brick schoolhouse. I had the pleasure of addressing the entire student body of about 450 students. They have waterworks and are installing electric lights. There are four churches. They are hopeful for another railroad. We have a beautiful church. Rev. H. L. Mauldin is preacher in charge. His people speak of him as a good pastor, and interesting preacher, and a most excellent Christian gentleman. This is the first year this church has had the full time of the pastor. I spent Sunday here preaching twice to large and attentive congregations. They have fine Sunday School, Brother Bobbeke, superintendent. Brother Douglass has a large class of the married folk. They also have Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues. The church is in a thriving condition. Brother Mauldin has an excellent Christian wife and real bright children. The Woman's Home Mission Society is quite active. Brother and Sister M. J. Burton and Brother and Sister Douglass, contributed to my comfort. With Brother Mauldin's aid we shaped up the old and secured twelve new subscribers: J. A. Price, W. H. Cotham, Rev. L. B. Anderson, T. A. Gillum, Nels Holinberg, A. Robbeke, Grady Staten, T. A. Burton, S. W. Cooper, G. E. Alexander, Mrs. M. A. Cooper, and Mrs. F. Douglas.

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We had quarterly conference the 19th-20th of this month, and when I came back to Soper, the W. H. M. S. had served dinner and had taken in about \$40. We are doing very well so far as I can see. Last night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vandergrefts, Mr. Wm. A. Cook, the Epworth League President, and Mrs. Canerick Ryburn were joined in holy wedlock by the

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The new fiscal year opened with an interesting and enthusiastic meeting in First Church parlors on Monday afternoon, the devotional service being conducted by the retiring President, Mrs. Voss. The topic for the day was "The American Negro," and Mrs. Kemp read a fine article from "Our Homes" entitled "A Protest Against Prejudice." Mrs. W. P. Feild made an impressive talk, and read a valuable leaflet on Tithing. Mrs. J. S. Barkman made a good report for the Committee on Charities, and Mrs. H. L. Remmel, chairman of Emergency Committee, reported two cases of destitution relieved during the week. Mrs. J. E. Skillern, chairman of Finance, reported less than one hundred yet to be raised on the fifteen hundred dollars pledged by the auxiliary

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some time ago for the Church debt. Mrs. J. T. Beal was authorized to spend twenty dollars on furnishings needed in the parsonage. The agent for "Our Homes" reported seven renewals and three new subscribers. Mrs. H. A. Dowling was appointed to lead the Bible study for the third Monday in March.

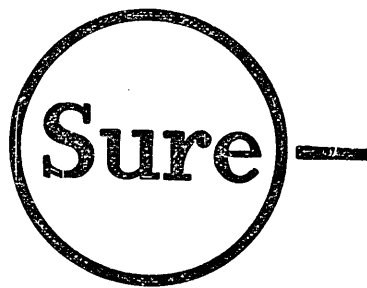
As requested by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the petition to the General Conference that the rights of the laity be given the women of the church was read, and forty-four signatures were added to it. A memorial to the General Conference on the same subject was offered, and was adopted by the auxiliary.

With a short and beautiful installation service the old, harmonious and prosperous year closed and a new one of high purpose and hopeful anticipation was begun.

The new elected officers are: Mrs. T. P. Murrey, President; Mrs. J. T. Beal, Vice President; Mrs. W. P. Feild, Second Vice President; Mrs. J. H. Hamiter, Third Vice President; Mrs. John A. Gosnell, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. P. Davis, Treasurer; Mrs. M. L. Sigman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Agent "Our Homes," and Mrs. Carl Voss, Press Correspondent.

RUSH SPRINGS, OKLA.

Dear Methodist: God's word says "The communication of our faith becomes effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 6. So for his glory we want to say that the Lord is very visibly blessing the work on Rush Springs circuit. Bro. W. C. Fleetwood, our pastor, was surely set apart by the Holy Spirit for this work. He got the confidence and hearts of the people at once and has led us grandly on to better things in God from the very first. He impresses every one that the commission of Christ is the burden of his heart and that he is interested in the salvation of all the world and every creature. He is a missionary pastor, both home and foreign. There has been quite a number of accessions to the church at Rush Springs. The Sunday school has nearly doubled, now numbering about one hundred and fifty. An Epworth League has been organized with forty-five members, and is really a little cyclone of power. The people are talking about and feeling its influence all over town. A Junior League has also been organized. The other branches of the work—W. H. M. and prayer meeting—are forging forward. The writer was elected lay leader and attended the great "Laymen's Missionary Convention" at Oklahoma City which in many respects was the greatest meeting he ever attended. We are expecting to apply the plans and principles here on our home work. Bro. Fleetwood expects to preach on Tithing next Sunday and at night the League has a program prepared on South America—the neglected continent. We have nearly half of our conference claims and assessments up, and expect to have them all out of the way soon. This work the pastor has turned over to the lay leader. We are praying and expecting greater things of the Lord yet. One is a revival all over the circuit and last but not least that Rush Springs be made a station next year, with—well you might guess the rest. Bro. Johnson, our presiding elder, held the second quarterly conference Feb. 12 and 13. He is a great and good man and looks after every detail of the work in the most fatherly way. He leads by love and shows no disposition to lord it over God's heritage. He too is a great missionary. He will do his best to get your subscription to "Go Forward," and as a last resort will say "Bro. I am going to send you the paper for a year," and then the brother gets ashamed of him-



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Rush Springs, Okla.

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In explanation of the delay in publishing my second round, I am sitting by the bed of my fifteen-year-old boy Albert. This is his twelfth day with a very severe case of pneumonia. Doctors give us but little hope. Pray for his recovery, if it be his will. If not for grace for us and heaven for him. Will be on my round as soon as I can.
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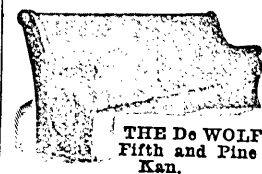
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The revival services at our church in McLoud, Okla., closed last Sunday night, very much to the regret of all concerned. It was truly a revival. Our pastor secured the services of Brother Clark, of Paris, Texas, and, it seems, he was the very man we needed. We were very sorry that he could not stay another week.

The membership of our church, and of other churches in town, was greatly strengthened and built up in a spiritual way. Some old differences were healed and some "trunk" church letters dug up. There were forty or fifty conversions—mostly young people. It was glorious to see, at an afternoon meeting, more than a dozen young men, new converts, stand up, one after another, and testify for the Lord.

During the last week noonday prayer services were held by young converts at the home of the principal of the public school.

On several occasions the church could not hold the crowds who came. On the last night, when standing room could not be had, the Baptist preacher took the overflow—forty or fifty people—to his church and held a service there. Personally I regret that no more children were brought into the fold.

One little fellow, seven years old, unsolicited, went forward for prayer and was converted. Going home that night he told his parents and asked permission to join the church. Then he said "Now, mama, I'll never play 'keeps' any more." On Sunday he joined the church. His mother joined with him, and we hope his father and elder brother will follow.

Most preachers claim that they do not know how to preach, effectively, to children. It seems to be true. It is questionable whether men, as a rule, either have, or can have, this great accomplishment. Usually they go over the children's heads both in language and in ideas. Sometimes thoughts are introduced which are positively deleterious. For example: Talking about the evils of smoking a preacher once spoke of a little "cigarette fiend" who died, "and," he said, "when an autopsy was performed—" Now what child knows what an autopsy is? Or ought to know? Such gruesome ideas should never be presented to a child's mind. Again: A preacher told a congregation of children an awful story of a heathen father beating his own little boy to death with a club! He ought to know that all nervous little ones will dream of such horrors at night. What do these preachers need? A kindergarten course, or a little psychology.

It does seem as if we were not following the line of least resistance in these things.

Preacher and congregation spend an entire week singing, preaching, praying, trying to bring old sinners to an acceptance of the gospel, while we give one service Sunday afternoon to the children. This one service is often more fruitful of results than the whole week's work. Then, too, we often seem to consider the salvation of a dozen or more children of less importance than the turning of one hoary-headed sinner from his ways. The deplorable thing is that these middle-aged or old sinners, are so set in ways and habits of thought that often they never attain to that innocency of purpose and action which a little child starts with. Which is better, "A life for God, or a life and a lifetime for God?"

We like our preacher, Brother Averyt, very much. This is his second work. If he continues to study, and to use as much care in the preparation of his sermons as he now does, he will make a star preacher. He gives promise of becoming a good pastor also. He shows remarkable discretion in his management of church affairs.

We were somewhat surprised when the Conference sent us a single man to

occupy a five-room parsonage. But when something was said about renting out the parsonage, he gave us to understand that he would occupy it himself in the near future. So we may expect very soon for another woman to take upon herself the cares, responsibilities, and glorious opportunities of a Methodist preacher's wife.

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Do you realize that consecrated young women whom God has called are saying, "Here am I, send me; let me go for you and tell them Jesus died for them," and are kept at home by Christian women who do not give the money to send them?

I do not know of a more pitiful object than a poor old heathen woman who sees death relentlessly approaching.

The long years of weary, monotonous drudgery have dragged slowly by. She has had no Christian sympathy, no songs of love, no "sweet hour of prayer," no Bible, no Christ, no hope of better times, an dnow at the end of the dreary journey she stands beside a big hole in the cold ground and imagines the devils are all around her, waiting to push her in, and there is "no eye to pity," "no arm to save."

It is sad enough to think of one such. Alas! there are millions.

Will you not for their sakes help send out the King's messengers with the glad tidings that Jesus Christ died for them also; that they too are fortunate, for heaven is provided for them; that death is but God's angel to open heaven's gate, and can by no means harm a "Jesus woman?"

I plead also in behalf of the women who have lost faith in their idols and long serve a better God, but do not know how. They beg for a term in a training school, that they may learn to read the Holy Book and know how to talk with the great God, and thus be prepared to train their own children and lead others to him. That five-dollar bill in your pocket would give one woman the privilege she covets. She is your sister. Which hath the greater need, you or she?

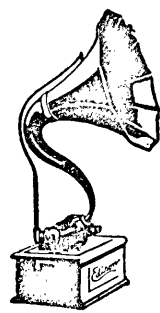
Now listen a moment, dear sister. Can you not almost hear them rapping at the mission gates? These are Christians rapping so loudly. They demand that their sons and daughters shall be admitted to our schools and be trained for Christian service.

We have taken in a few thousand; but schools are now full, and still they come faster and faster, for God is answering the prayers of the years, and many are "turning from dumb idols to the living God."

Listen again! Thousands of little hands knocking, knocking! They are "his little ones" begging for love and care and shelter and Christian training, and many of them are fatherless, motherless, and homeless.

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Z. D. LINDSEY.

MARRIED.—At the Methodist parsonage, Benton, Ark., March 1, 1910, at 2:00 p. m., Mr. H. L. Owen, of Warren, Ark., to Mrs. Pearl Goodwin, of Banks, Ark., by S. C. Dean.