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METHODIST CALENDAR.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Muskogee, StiglerApril 5-8
 Oklahoma City, at Purcell.....April 5-8
 Mangum District, Blair, 8:00 p. m.....April 11
 Ada District, Vinita Ave., Sulphur, 2 p. m.....April 11
 State S. S. Conference, Little Rock.....April 13-15
 Mangum, at Blair.....April 18-21
 Fort Smith, Mansfield, 9 a. m.....April 19
 Dardanelle, at Danville.....April 20
 FayettevilleApril 20-22
 Tulsa, at Beggs.....April 26-28
 W. H. Mission, White River Conf., Wynne.....April 26-28
 Pine Bluff, at Humphrey, at night.....April 27
 Lawton, at Anadarko.....April 27-30
 Monticello District, Wilmar, 7:30 p. m.....April 28
 Paragould, Pocahontas, 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.

Rev. J. C. Hooks, while on business in our city, twice in the last week cheered our office with his genial presence.

We had an appreciative call last week from Judge J. S. Thomas, of Clarendon, who dropped in to renew his subscription.

Rev. J. H. Bradford of Sherrill charge attended the Land Congress in the city this week and made us a pleasant brotherly call on Wednesday evening.

We regret to learn that our dear brother J. W. House, of Springdale, Ark., has been for some weeks in a sanatorium in Bentonville, and that his immediate condition is not reassuring.

Rev. Forney Hutchinson, of Central church, Hot Springs, spent a few minutes with us last Thursday. His smile and hand grasp do good like a medicine. He is enjoying his work and prospering.

The correspondents of Rev. A. S. Williams, presiding elder of the Choctaw and Chickasaw district, will please take notice that he has moved from Glover to Antlers, Okla., where he will reside in the future.

We are in receipt of a note from Rev. J. D. Edwards, giving an account of a great meeting which he is holding. He fails to tell where the meeting is being held, and we therefore print this note in explanation and let the people know that he wrote of the meeting.

We note with pleasure that Rev. Claude Orear, of Little Rock Conference, has at the recent convocation received the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Chicago. He is principal of our Stuttgart Academy and has spent the past year in graduate study. He is one of our best young men.

A thumb sheet, known as "Town and Farm," is being sent out to postmasters with request to distribute. Examination shows no excuse for its existence but the fact that in every article, where possible, insidious paragraphs appear with a view to discrediting prohibition. It should go to the waste basket.

Rev. Frank Barrett, of Asbury church, Little Rock, has been requested by the Anti-Saloon League to assist in districting the State and appointing workers. He will not give up his pastorate, but as far as possible without injury to his pastorate he will assist in the temperance campaign. Bro. M. S. Monk, recently licensed to exhort, will assist Bro. Barrett in his church work. Plans are maturing for the completion of the Asbury auditorium.

At the second quarterly conference of Mabelvale circuit, it was found that Rev. S. K. Burnett and his people are mutually pleased. The parsonage has been repaired, and a concrete cistern put in. The Olive Hill church has been ceiled, a new organ bought, and the Sunday school revived. The midweek prayer meeting at Mabelvale is very fine, probably, total membership considered, the best attended in the district. Missionary spirit is good, and prospect for revivals and full collections are excellent.

While at Gentry, Ark., recently this editor called to see Rev. T. A. Martin, and Mrs. J. M. Bull, the latter of whom we did not find at home, though it was a joy to find this good woman living in a good home of her own and comfortably provided for. Readers will remember that her husband, Rev. J. M. Bull, went to heaven just as the last session of the Arkansas Conference, of which he was a member, opened. Bro. Martin was happy among his own peach trees and apple trees, on a small place he owns in the edge of town, with prospects of a good fruit crop this year. Neither this preacher's widow nor this superannuate are in affluence, but it was a good satisfaction to see them comfortable.

Rev. W. B. Wolf, whom we recently visited, is doing well at Gentry and Gravett. These towns are in a splendid fruit country. The membership of our church at Gravett has lately suffered much by removals nevertheless—one of those periods of shifting having come, new people coming in, some old people moving out. A good Methodist doctor would do well to write Bro. Wolf, with reference to Gravett. We have there one of the best church buildings in the conference. At Gentry our cause seems solidly based, and the outlook is excellent. We have a good membership and they own some of the finest orchards in the world. Our late visit there—home with the McGaugh—was a great pleasure. Bro. Wolf is now in a meeting at that point.

Mr. Abner W. Wasson.—He has been dead a number of years, yet he is not dead. He lived on a farm near Elm Springs, Ark., a true, unpretentious, faithful man of solid honesty; he lives in heaven, and in a number of solid and honest children and grandchildren, mostly in Benton and Washington counties. We were recently among them. He lives, notably, in Rev. A. W. Wasson, one of our missionaries, a splendid man, in Korea. We know no more fitting illustration of the truth that it pays to lead a faithful and honest life—it will re-appear in children and in grandchildren, God keeping his covenant unto the third and fourth generation of them that love him and keep his commandments. One son, Mr. J. Frank Wasson, will soon make his home, for the second time, in far away Seattle, Washington.

We recently met on a train Rev. M. F. Johnson and his good wife, Berryville, Ark. They reported that they will soon be in their new church. Readers will remember that a little over a year ago our church at Berryville was blown away by a tornado, and our people there greatly damaged besides. They have received some help from the outside, but not as much as they are entitled to, and Bro. Johnson is now making an effort for aid to put in their windows. In this connection we desire to say that our dear brother Rev. W. H. Metheny lies buried at Berryville in

an unmarked grave, and Bro. Johnson proposes to put in this new church, the last Bro. Metheny ever served, a memorial window for this faithful man, true as any that the Arkansas conference ever had. Any friend desiring to contribute to this memorial should send money at once to Bro. Johnson.

A SAD NOTE.

Mrs. R. C. Morehead, Batesville, Ark., writes under date of March 21: "Albert Galloway, son of our Presiding Elder, died at five o'clock this morning after an illness of more than three weeks of pneumonia. He was a Christian and would have been fifteen years old in June."

We extend heartfelt sympathy to our dear Bro. and Sister Galloway in this sore affliction.

W. K. RAMSEY DEAD.

In the death of Capt. W. K. Ramsey, which occurred at Camden, Ark., March 18, our church loses one of its best members and most prominent laymen. He was active in his home church and in the several conferences of which he was a member. As treasurer of Little Rock Conference he was well known to all the preachers. He was a delegate-elect to General Conference. He leaves a place hard to fill. His brethren appreciate his generous service and large liberality, and with his family mourn their loss.

DEATH OF BISHOP SPELLMEYER.

Our sister Methodism is again bereft in the death of Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, and all Methodists mourn the apparently untimely death of this good man. Of German-Scotch parentage he was born in New York, Nov. 25, 1847. Educated in the University of New York and in Union Theological Seminary, he joined Newark Conference in 1869, and was for thirty-five years continuously a pastor (and only a pastor) within that one Conference. It is said that from the spire of the church where he joined Conference can be seen every church that he served. He served one church in Newark three full terms. He became known to the whole Church while chairman of the General Conference Entertainment Committee. He was a member of General Conference only in 1896, 1900, and 1904. In 1900 he received 372 votes for the episcopacy. In 1904 he was elected on second ballot, receiving 612 votes out of 691, the largest vote in the history of the Church. He was pre-eminently a good man. Not eloquent, he was clear, direct, and always well prepared. Cautious, slow to decide, firm but courteous, trusting his brethren and fully trusted by them, he was a safe man. Never a presiding elder, he took his elders into his confidence and depended on them. He adorned the episcopacy and strengthened it, because he was a true Christian gentleman. His career is unique and profitable as an example.

BEWARE OF THE LOCAL OPTION SNARE.

For several years we have from time to time notified our readers that the whisky people were ardent advocates of local option. Genuine prohibitionists are not local optionists and advocate it merely as a temporary expedient to relieve certain communities of the saloon while the campaign is waged for additional territory. When prohibition by local option first began to win from the saloons the liquor men were violently opposed to it, because they hoped to retain all the territory and they well knew the fatal influence of a few dry towns or counties in bringing others into the dry column. However, now as State after State has gone dry, the whisky men realize that their only chance to hold any ground is by advocating local option so that a few of the cities may be kept wet. It is their only chance and they are using it. That this is true is clearly developed in the correspondence of one of their

leaders, Mr. L. M. Gilmore, President of the National Model License League, who is also connected with Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular. Let prohibitionists beware of the snare of local option in States that are largely dry. It is the last desperate subterfuge of the whisky traffic.

"AM I CORRECT" ANSWERED.

My dear old friend, Rev. P. A. Moses, presents a novel explanation of Mark 14:51, and asks the question "Am I correct?" and begs "a more satisfactory explanation of this unexplained Scripture."

Brother Moses thinks the young man in the linen garment was the Divinity of Christ, escaped from the human nature—the latter being left to die. And he thinks this was typified by the scapegoat annually released on the great Day of Atonement. I think I understand him.

That the divine in Jesus was separated from the human before the passion was a heresy held by a party of the Gnostics and utterly condemned by the church. This condemnation was voiced in the Apostles' creed and that condemnation emphasized in the words: "Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried." It is, I think, the belief of Christendom that the divine Son, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered on the cross. In other words, there has never been a separation of the divine from the human in Jesus Christ. He who on the cross promised paradise to the penitent suffering by His side, and prayed the Father to forgive his executioners, was the divine Son.

The scapegoat was released on the Day of Atonement—six months after the Passover. Whether the scapegoat was a type of anything may well be doubted.

Now, for my explanation of the passage—worth nothing only as it shall commend itself to the judgment of the reader:

The Feast of the Passover was observed by Jesus and His apostles in an upper room in the house of Mark's mother—the same in which the disciples met on the evening after the resurrection, when Jesus appeared unto them, the same where they were gathered at Pentecost when the Holy Ghost fell upon them, the same where the disciples were gathered praying for Peter on the night the angel released him from prison. Acts 12:12. Mark was a very young man. He knew about the gathering. When Jesus and the eleven went out after the eating, before the morning, contrary to the custom, Mark, out of curiosity, threw a sheet, a linen cloth, about his naked body—that is only in his sleeping garb—and followed them. Or, perhaps the officers and soldiers seeking Jesus under the guidance of Judas had come to the house and visited the upper chamber and Mark awakened, followed them, so that he witnessed the seizure of Jesus, and as they were leading him away, he followed out of curiosity and sympathy, until the attention of the crowd was attracted and they laid hold of the linen cloth which he let go and fled. Mark naturally records it. The others just as naturally make no mention of it.

J. H. RIGGIN.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

The past year has marked much interest and progress in the Home Department of our Sunday Schools. A round-table for practical work will be held at the State Sunday School Conference April 12-14, at which will be shown how to organize a Home Department and how to conduct it.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE NOTICE.

Mr. A. L. Malone, Jonesboro, Ark.:

DEAR BROTHER—The Secretaries of our Board have sent an urgent call to the Presiding Elders and many pastors throughout the church, for prompt and liberal collections during this month on account of the assessment for Foreign Missions, and requested that the amounts collected

STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Annual League Conference will be held at Camden, June 7-9. A splendid program is being arranged. The cabinet in its regular meeting held at Benton, March 8, decided that each league should be entitled to one representative for every ten members, or fractional part thereof. All others are welcome, but the above will constitute the legal representation. Let every chapter plan for a full delegation, and let us all pray for a great conference.

FORNEY HUTCHINSON, *President*.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Have you read the appeal from Dr. W. R. Lambuth concerning the great need in the foreign field? Fifty thousand dollars must be had at once or our work will suffer in a way that can never be repaired. The call is urgent and the demands imperative. The issues at stake are far beyond our ability to comprehend. The spirit of God is moving among the nations of the earth as never before and this is our day and opportunity. With a little extra effort on our part every charge in the Oklahoma Conference can send in its assessment for Foreign Missions by the last of this month and it will assist mightily to remove the awful burden resting upon the heart of our consecrated leader, Dr. Lambuth. I will make the last remittance April 4, so please get the money to me before that time, for it is the end of the fiscal year with the General Board and they must have the help. What you do, do quickly. Let everything else be side-tracked for a few days and get this money. If you could sit in the Mission Rooms at Nashville and hear the calls from the very corners of the earth, you would start on a dead run and never stop until every cent of your assessment was in the hands of the Teller. The Lord bless you in your efforts. Fraternally,

T. L. RIPPEY,
Conference Teller.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA METHODISM CROWDED OUT THIS WEEK.

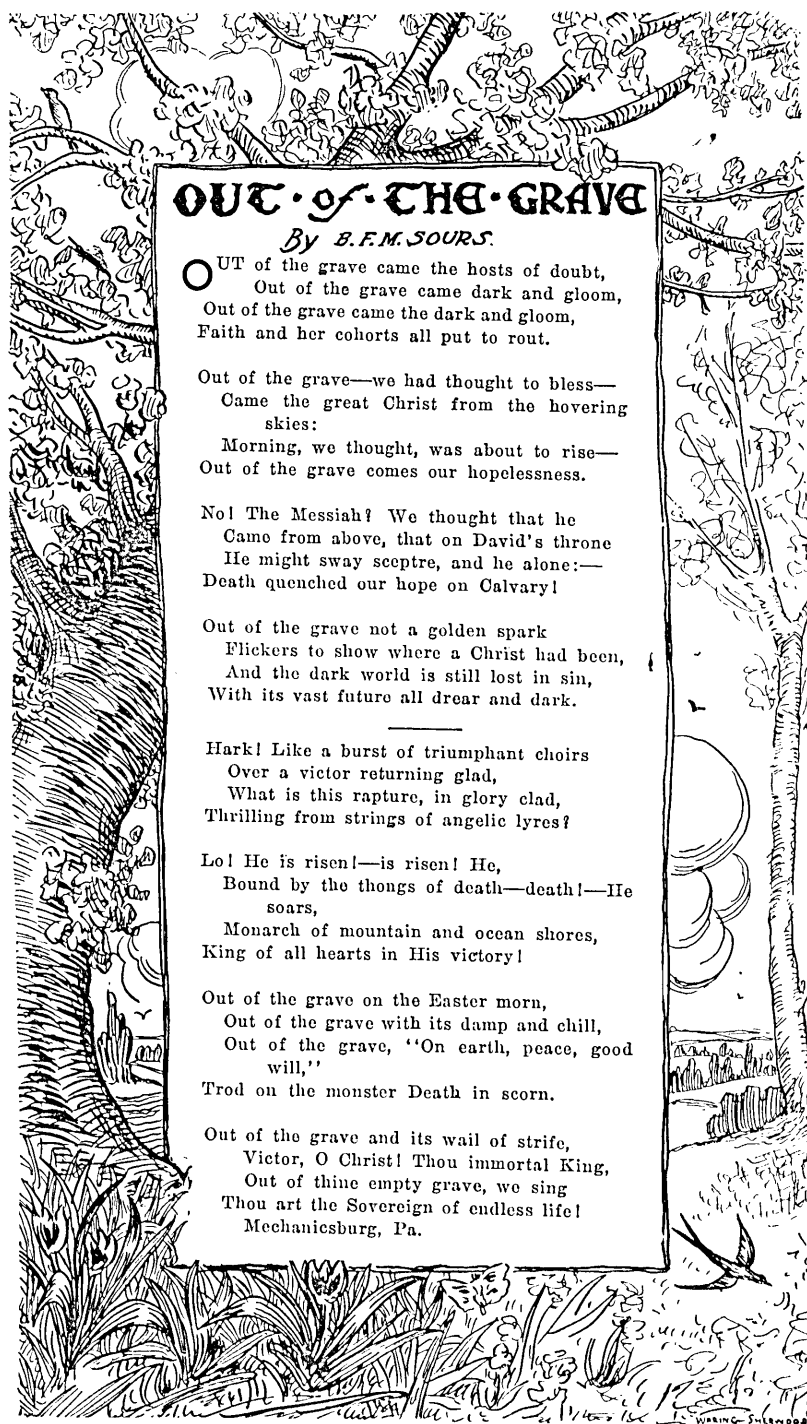
The reports from the churches in Little Rock and Argenta were written up and set in type, but when we came to closing the forms no room could be found, so they cannot appear this week. Let the brethren continue to send in the reports and we will try to find space in future.

TO THE PASTOR.

Mr. Marion Lawrance, the General Secretary of the International Sunday School Association, says he learned nine-tenths of all he knows about the Sunday School in conventions and institutes. Surely the pastor may hope to be benefited by such meetings; he may often learn more by attending one practical conference of earnest people engaged in study and discussion than by weeks or even months of stretching his feet under the desk. Surely every pastor in Arkansas should attend, if possible, the Sunday School Conference which meets in Little Rock April 12-14.

We have several scholarships in first-class business colleges which we will sell at a reduction to worthy students.

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OUT OF THE GRAVE

By B. F. M. SOURS.

OUT of the grave came the hosts of doubt,
Out of the grave came dark and gloom,
Out of the grave came the dark and gloom,
Faith and her cohorts all put to rout.

Out of the grave—we had thought to bless—
Came the great Christ from the hovering
skies:
Morning, we thought, was about to rise—
Out of the grave comes our hopelessness.

No! The Messiah? We thought that he
Came from above, that on David's throne
He might sway sceptre, and he alone:—
Death quenched our hope on Calvary!

Out of the grave not a golden spark
Flickers to show where a Christ had been,
And the dark world is still lost in sin,
With its vast future all drear and dark.

Hark! Like a burst of triumphant choirs
Over a victor returning glad,
What is this rapture, in glory clad,
Thrilling from strings of angelic lyres?

Lo! He is risen!—is risen! He,
Bound by the thongs of death—death!—He
soars,
Monarch of mountain and ocean shores,
King of all hearts in His victory!

Out of the grave on the Easter morn,
Out of the grave with its damp and chill,
Out of the grave, "On earth, peace, good
will,"
Trod on the monster Death in scorn.

Out of the grave and its wail of strife,
Victor, O Christ! Thou immortal King,
Out of thine empty grave, we sing
Thou art the Sovereign of endless life!
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

be sent to the Conference Treasurers by the last of this month. Please do what you can to advance this movement.

We will hold our books open for a few days after the 31st of March in order to receive from you the latest returns from the charges in your Conference.

Hoping for a liberal response to our appeal and with kind regards, we are,

J. D. HAMILTON, *Treasurer*.

FATHER RUNYAN DEAD.

Father I. N. Runyan, of this place, died this morning. Brother Runyan was for a number of years Treasurer of the Little Rock Conference. Truly a good man has passed to his reward.

H. M. BRUCE.

Amity, Ark., March 22.

SOME WORDS PERSONAL.

By G. B. WINTON.

Last November the editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate* charged in that paper that "the local management" of Vanderbilt University was trying to "wrest" that institution from the Methodist Church. As a member of the executive committee of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust I denied the charge, and demanded proofs. Instead of undertaking to produce them himself, the editor secured an article from Bishop Hoss. In it the bishop made no attempt to substantiate the accusation which the editor had made, but brought up for criticism the action of the Vanderbilt Board taken in 1905, by which five bishops (not including himself) had been elected members of that board, instead of the whole college continuing to sit as such *ex officio*, its petition that year for an amended charter, and some other matters about which he had previously complained, and incidentally blamed me for my alleged failure to allow criticisms of the board to appear in the *Christian Advocate*. This article was printed editorially as though written by Dr. Rankin.

When I read it I saw at once that Bishop Hoss had written it, though there was no hint of this in the paper in which it appeared. I waited a week or so, but still no statement was made. In answering it, therefore, I had to *seem* to be answering Dr. Rankin, though I knew I was not. I complained to him of this in a private letter, and then he and the bishop both made profuse explanations. But there explanations were made AFTER I had written my reply. Up to that time no information had been given either to me or to the public. That article, too, the bishop answered—this time over his own name. He wrote nearly twice as much as I had written. A good part of it was personal to me. Among other things, he raised what seemed to be a question of veracity as to how many articles of his I had declined to publish. To this article I later replied, confining myself, however, to the Vanderbilt question, disregarding entirely all personal issues.

I had meantime had an interview with Bishop Hoss and had tried to come to an understanding. I offered to join him in a published statement, or to make one myself, concerning the seeming discrepancy between us. He would not agree to a joint statement. I wrote out the following, and a friend submitted it to him. This friend reported to me, however, that he was "not satisfied." Inferring, therefore, that he wished nothing more said, I did not send the matter to the *Texas Advocate* to be printed. It is as follows:

"In reply to my statement that I had refused only one 'communication' from Bishop Hoss on the subject of Vanderbilt University, the bishop has stated that he has been four times 'shut out' of the *Christian Advocate*. Upon consultation with him I find that he counts these four times as follows:

"1. The manuscript rejected as mentioned by me.

"2. An article which, in December, 1906, he offered to write, but, on account of a misunderstanding between us, did not write.

"3. An interview printed in the *Nashville Banner*, which Dr. Du Bose, at the bishop's request, asked me to reprint.

"4. An article printed in the *Nashville American*, in answer to an editorial attack, which the bishop sent word to me he wished reprinted.

"As I took account of original 'communications' actually submitted, the discrepancy will readily be understood."

It will be seen that in this there is no attempt on my part at a defense or vindication. A few weeks later, while I was in Mexico, the *Texas Christian Advocate* had from Bishop Hoss an article with my name at the head, covering nearly

two pages (mine had been less than a page), about half of which was devoted to personalities. The editor of the paper announced in the same issue that the discussion was therewith closed. Not simply for the sake of a personal vindication, therefore—for which I care little—but in the interest of truth and to shield Vanderbilt University from further misapprehension, having been shut out of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, I offer to my conference organ a brief statement.

Those who have read the last article of Bishop Hoss in the *Texas Advocate* will see that on the main facts he and I are agreed. Two of the occasions when he charges that he was "shut out" of the *Christian Advocate* were when I failed to reprint matter of his that had appeared elsewhere—an article in the *Nashville American*, about June, 1906, and an interview in the daily *Banner* of this city in December of the same year. Concerning these reprints I need scarcely point out that an article which on its face bears evidence of having been prepared for another paper, and which is known as having already appeared in print is in no proper sense a "communication" for the *Christian Advocate*. Any editor who uses such matter is rightly held accountable by his readers as doing so on his own motion, and if it is controversial matter is naturally understood to approve it. But I did not approve these articles of Bishop Hoss. As I wrote him, I agreed with his main contention, namely, that the church owns Vanderbilt University. But I was very far from approving his attacks on Chancellor Kirkland and the Board of Trust, or the truculent manner in which he had written. I did not believe that at that time controversy about Vanderbilt was good for the university or for the church, and I was unwilling to be responsible, even indirectly, for promoting it. It was for these reasons that I did not clip and reproduce what Bishop Hoss had written for the daily papers, not because the Board of Trust was fomenting an act of treachery to the church and I was anxious to conceal the rascality. Let it be noted that the *Banner* interview appeared several days before Bishop Hoss came to me with a proposal to write for the *Christian Advocate*. It was not, therefore, something to which he had recourse because he had already been "shut out" of the *Advocate*.

Next in the count of "four times" is the article which Bishop Hoss claims that I "rejected," although it was an article which I never saw, and which in fact he never wrote! He has given his version of the episode—this is mine:

"The afternoon we closed the forms of that number of the *Advocate* (December 14, 1906) which contained the report of the Vanderbilt Commission, the paper being already some hours late, Bishop Hoss came into my office after I had passed upon and sent down the final proofs, and proposed to write something on the report. I promptly replied that it was too late, that the forms were closed, and besides the paper was already behind time. He did not have a manuscript, but offered to get it ready in a few hours. But I could not agree to open the forms, and told him so. It would have meant a delay till next day in going to press. Having himself been an editor, I thought he would understand that I could not afford that. Besides, I thought, though I did not tell him so, that, knowing our press day, he ought to have brought me his matter sooner. This is all there is of his 'pleading with' me. I at once, and on my own motion, made some sort of a proposal in reference to the next number, I cannot recall in just what words, but the purport was that I would gladly use whatever he might offer. In doing this, however, I reminded myself that the next number was the Christmas number, and that Dr. Moore had already secured special articles and made up several pages. Fearing that this might result in the bishop's article appearing in what would seem to

him an obscure part of the paper, I remarked apologetically that it was just possible that I might not be able to give him a "good position." This, as I later learned, he took for a declination, and remarking impatiently that if he could not get into the same number of the paper with the report itself he did not care to write, he left my office. I was embarrassed at the dilemma in which he had placed me, but I did not know what more to do.

About a week afterward I came upon a statement in a secular paper credited to the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, that I had "refused" Bishop Hoss the columns of the *Christian Advocate*. I promptly sent a card to the *Commercial-Appeal* denying the accuracy of the statement and incidentally remarking that Bishop Hoss had offered nothing for publication. I had no thought that he would endorse a charge which seemed to me so wide of the facts. He immediately wrote me, upon seeing my card, that though he was not responsible for the assertion of the *Memphis* paper, it was substantially correct. From that time we have been unable to agree as to what took place that afternoon of our conversation. The correspondence which we then had developed this: After an exchange of several letters he at last sent me a card, saying: "To settle the whole matter, will you now publish an article on the Vanderbilt situation? I hereby offer it to you." Under the circumstances this seemed to me nothing short of a "hold-up," a demand that I should vacate the responsibility committed to me by the church, namely, that of passing upon matter submitted for publication in the *Christian Advocate*. With no intention of rejecting the article, therefore, but simply standing on my rights as editor, I replied: "I do not consider an article offered till the manuscript is in my hands." He did not send any manuscript, consequently I did not reject any article.

So much for three of the four times. The other is a short story. Last fall Bishop Hoss sent me an article which I did decline, not because it discussed Vanderbilt University, but because it dealt with the trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund in what I considered an unfair and unkind manner. For rejecting that article I have no apologies to make, to Bishop Hoss or anybody else. I acted on my conscientious judgment.

The above is a much more extended personal statement than I should voluntarily make. It has been called out by the repeated discussion of these matters in the *Texas Christian Advocate* and elsewhere. I regret having brought upon myself the displeasure of Bishop Hoss. In connection with my succeeding to his work as editor of the *Christian Advocate*, he treated me with great consideration. I have treated him the same way, in public and in private. My misfortune has been that I could not conscientiously become a partisan of certain views of his regarding the administration of Vanderbilt University. Ever since the board meeting of 1905 he has sought to make the impression on the church that Chancellor Kirkland is hostile to the interests of the Methodist Church. In 1906 I was made a trustee of the University. I made at once a personal investigation of Bishop Hoss's charges and satisfied myself that there was nothing in them. Since then I have set myself against the agitation of those charges, believing them detrimental to the University and unjust to Dr. Kirkland. That is the head and front of my offending. Dr. Kirkland and Bishop Hoss do not agree in their view of certain minutiae as to the charter and laws of the University. Very well. The opinion of neither of these gentlemen is decisive. The board of trust is the governing body of that institution. I have gone over Dr. Kirkland's views and acts with him, and am convinced that he does not think that he has antagonized the church.

Nor do I think so. Most of the matters connected with Vanderbilt University discussed so lengthily by Bishop Hoss are insignificant. In 1898, the General Conference and the Vanderbilt Board under the lead of men like Bishops Wilson, Galloway, and Hendrix, agreed upon a plan by which the General Conference should control Vanderbilt. That plan is in force now and is working well. It is that the General Conference, which has chosen to act through its General Board of Education, shall confirm or reject the election of members to the Vanderbilt Board. Nobody connected with the University has disturbed or means to disturb this arrangement. Unless, therefore, some definite step is proposed by which it can be improved, all this agitation seems to me useless, as well as harmful. If it is merely aimed at Dr. Kirkland, with a view to ousting him from his position, then I am the more opposed to it. He is a great educator and a credit to the church and the University. He has made the University a credit to the church. He is personally a loyal Methodist, as true to the church as some who make louder professions. To force him out now, without cause assigned and only by reason of blind ecclesiastical pressure, would discredit us in the eyes of the whole educational world. For the Board to fill his place then would be practically impossible; no man fit for it would have it.

I should be pleased to be able always to agree with Bishop Hoss. I regret, however, that he seems disposed to make a personal issue of it when I do not. But I have a duty to my own judgment and conscience. He is welcome to his opinions; I shall certainly adhere to mine. His charge that I have "repeatedly" discussed these controverted matters concerning Vanderbilt University in the editorial columns of the Christian Advocate cannot be substantiated. Prior to the report of the Commission appointed by the General Conference of 1906 such discussions seemed to me improper, and I studiously avoided them. When the Commission met the first time I prepared for my readers a carefully worded, non-partisan statement of the questions likely to come before it. Since then I have written editorially nothing at all.

THE PASSING SALOON.

Our manhood is wrought to a nerve-tense aim
To quench the fires of the curse
That nips men's souls with its blighting flame,
Breathed from Satan's own child we now nurse.

We'll fight the bold lion and all of his tribe,
That prey on our boys and our men;
Shrink not from the battle for fear or a bribe,
And we'll route the fell beast from his den.

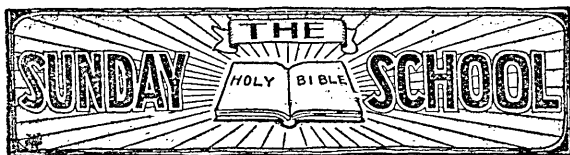
We'll find men for office whose virtues are known;
Not swallow just any old crow;
Shun the fulsome pie-seekers who by breezes are blown;
For our votes ever reap as they sow.

With true men in office when lawmaking comes,
Whether light or dark of the moon,
The mists will clear from the cloud-sad homes,
And reveal the passing saloon.

SAMUEA CLABORN PARISH.

A MEMORY OF LONGFELLOW.

The March instalment of Madame Modjeska's memoirs now appearing in *The Century* will deal mainly with memories of the interesting men and women who were her close friends during the early days of her success in America.—Mary Anderson, Clara Morris, Jefferson, and the poets, Longfellow, Whitman, and Eugene Field. Of Longfellow Madame Modjeska writes: "The presence of this true, great poet, this man endowed with the finest qualities a man can possess, was a spiritual feast for me."



PREPARED BY P. R. EAGLEBARGER.

EASTER LESSON—THE EMPTY TOMB. MARCH 27.

Golden Text—"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore."—Rev. 1:18.

Lesson Text—Mark 15:1-8.

We are not following the International lesson series today. According to the International Easter a good time to look into the doctrine of the resurrection and that that doctrine is more important than a review.

The resurrection of Jesus was a fulfilment of the words of our Lord, and at the same time a fulfilment of the desire of the human heart. If Christ be not risen His mission to earth is a failure and we are yet without definite evidence of the resurrection of the human body. His resurrection proves both propositions. This subject is discussed very carefully by the authors of the four gospels. Their statements are not the same on every point, but establish a uniform and true history of this important event. Inspiration of the Scriptures does not destroy the freedom of the minds of the writers, as may be observed in the four gospels on many subjects. It might be pertinent to ask, When did the battle of Waterloo begin? Two armies were engaged in it. A number of officers who were in command on that occasion have written of it. Let us see: The Duke of Wellington says 10:00 o'clock, General Alava says 11:00, Napoleon and Drouet say 12:00, and Ney says 1:00. The battle was fought and Napoleon was defeated for the last time. Certainly a great event and engaged in by intelligent men who ought to be able to narrate the circumstances.

The custom of the Jews in computing the days was different from ours. The day upon which any event happened was counted one day. The day following was the second day, and so on. Jesus was crucified on our Friday and placed in the tomb, where he remained over Saturday (the Jewish Sabbath), and rose from the dead on Sunday morning, so that according to our account he arose the second day, and according to the Jewish calculation he arose on the third day. According to the story the women, not knowing the outcome of the crucifixion of Christ waited until too late to procure the spices on Friday, the Sabbath beginning at sundown, but as soon as the Sabbath was ended (Saturday evening at sundown) procured the necessary ingredients. But it was now dark and no time to visit a tomb. So early on Sunday morning they came to embalm the body of Christ and found him risen.

Whatever may be said of Mary Magdalene, it is certain that she was one of the first to approach the tomb of our risen Lord. It is also certain that Jesus had cast seven devils out of this same Mary. It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine why she was called Magdalene. The Scriptures nowhere accuse her of gross immorality. General opinion seems to turn in that direction, however, and some confusion has arisen. The seven devils may have rendered her a very undesirable citizen, but they were cast out, and she became a very true servant of our Lord. It matters not to the Bible student whether she was a bad woman while possessed of the devils or not. All students of the power of our Savior will readily admit that Jesus was able to make a good woman out of her, however bad her life may have been before He met her.

It seems certain that there were two companies of women who came to the tomb of Christ

and that there were Maries in each company. This statement is not difficult of belief when we remember that there were several Marys among the disciples of Christ.

It is perhaps worthy of remark that these women, though very early, were too late for the service which they wished to render. Due credit must be given our sisters for their faithfulness in remaining long at the cross and coming early to the tomb, but it should be remembered that Nicodemus embalmed the body of Christ, according to John, on Friday evening, using a hundred pounds of the same material that was carried by the women. The abundance of the substance used and the promptness with which it was applied makes it certain that among the devoted followers of Jesus were some influential and faithful men.

The sight of the young man in the tomb frightened the women, as his dress indicated that he was not of the earth earthy, but an angel. His announcement was the first indication that the Lord should rise. There seems to have been no one among the disciples of Christ who expected that He would immediately arise. The fact that Nicodemus embalmed his body when it was placed in the tomb indicated that he did not expect it. And the preparation of the women to embalm His body on the morning of the third day did not indicate that they expected that He would arise. It was a surprise to all of them. This marks one of the evidences of the truth of His resurrection. Both enemies and friends thought that His death ended the whole matter. His friends wept Him departed for all time, and His enemies rejoiced that they seemed to have Him in their power. Even the preparation in which the soldiers were placed to guard the body shows that His enemies did not expect His resurrection. The action of His friends, as stated before, indicated that they were forlorn and sorrowful because they regarded Him as having passed beyond this life.

But His resurrection on the morning of the third day brought a great commotion. His enemies were confused and His disciples were amazed and overjoyed. His disciples were assembled on the news of His resurrection and received the glad tidings with mingled doubt and awe. However, when the truth of His resurrection was revealed to them they embraced it and held to it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

(By Rev. W. J. Moore, Chairman.)

WE MADE MISTAKE.

In our Rally Day program we made a mistake in the first Scripture reference. It should have been Neh. 8:1-8, and not first chapter. Turn to the chapter (8th) and read it. You will see it is almost a minute description of a modern Bible school.

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ONE P. E. REPORTS.

Some time since we wrote each presiding elder asking him to look into four items in his quarterly conferences concerning the Sunday school. One is thus reporting regularly. It gives the chairman an opportunity to assist the superintendent and pastor in their work of more perfectly organizing the school. We should be glad indeed to hear from each presiding elder regularly. It would take but little time and a postal to make the report, and it might help those charges thus reported and thereby help the district. We hope to hear from other elders.

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THE PASTOR STANDS AT THE DOOR.

By the very genius and policy of our church the pastor is commander-in-chief of all the forces, including the Sunday school. Whatever plans he sees proper to inaugurate and push usually go. He is more responsible than anyone

else for the success or failure of these plans. One of the liveliest presiding elders in this conference writes the chairman about as follows: "I have been urging all the schools to take up these things (improvements in the Sunday school); but unless the pastor takes them up they usually stop there." So this presiding elder thinks, as do we all, that the pastor stands at the door of success or failure.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL A BOOMING.

We have a fine report from Rev. J. E. McConnell, pastor at Sayre, concerning the Sunday school at that place. He says: "You will be glad to hear of the splendid progress of our Sunday school since conference. Our superintendent is a fit! We have the work well organized. Every class has a name, a secretary, etc. We have a class of 20 boys from 11 to 14 years of age, which is organized with a full corps of officers—president, secretary, etc. We have a class of young ladies numbering 18, and have begun to interest the young men, and expect to have a large class soon. We have an attendance of about 125, and still growing."

A fine report! Of course, we rejoice to learn of the splendid progress that is being made there.

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NEW TEACHER'S TRAINING CLASS.

Recently there have been organized teacher training classes at Hartshorne, Wister and Spiro, all in the McAlester district. These all start out with enthusiasm and interest, and fine promise of success. There is no other one thing that promises so much permanent good to the Sunday school as such a class does. Dr. Hamill says "The greatest Sunday school need today is better trained workers." Blessings on that school that is making an effort in this line!

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"We are asking for six men, four women, two physicians, two trained nurses, as reinforcements this year."—Dr. Wightman T. Reid, Songdo, Korea.

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We are praying that the Sunday schools of some of our districts will answer the call for help. They are able to do it, and would do it if the presiding elders, pastors and superintendents will open the way and give them the privilege.

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A LETTER FROM DR. REID.

This is a letter from Dr. Wightman T. Reid, at Songdo, Korea, to his father, Rev. C. F. Reid, San Francisco, who placed it in the hands of this chairman with permission to use it. It will be remembered that the younger Dr. Reid is supported in the foreign field by the Sunday schools of the Mangum district:

"There are many things out here that would gladden your heart, I know. Everybody said that our annual meeting was the very best we have ever had. There was a deep spirit of prayer over all of us, and we felt that God Himself was guiding in a special manner, in all things.

"We were led to ask for and expect greater things from God than ever before. The conference adopted as the watchword for this coming year, 'Two hundred thousand souls for Christ this year.'

"Our present membership is 4,650. That looks like something big, but somehow no one seems to think it is impossible, and all are going to work next year with the above idea and expectation in view.

"We are asking for six men, four women, two physicians and two trained nurses as reinforcement this year.

"Our territory covers some 12,500 square miles and has an estimated population of 1,000,000. The accomplishment of the above will turn this old land upside down, won't it?

"Not only has the above taken hold of our

missionaries, but the native Christians are all taking hold with wonderful faith and zeal; and we are really looking to God to give us an outpouring of His Spirit such as Korea has never known. Everything seems ripe. The people under the Japanese oppression are beginning to realize their utter weakness as a people, and asking themselves why, and with desperate earnestness are looking outside of themselves for teaching and help. They are ready to take hold of the first thing that comes along if it promises relief. If Christianity gets to them first they will receive that; but if Japanese atheism and commercialism gets there first, they will take that.

"Never was a nation so on the fence between God and the world before. At least so it seems to me. The present opportunity simply cannot last. It is up to the church to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

"Somehow we are feeling that Korea is to have a large part in the evangelization of the Far East. She seems to be eminently fitted for evangelistic campaigning. God chose the weak things of this world to confound the mighty, so we feel that Korea is a fit instrument in His hands, and we are looking to him to manifest His power as never before since the days of Pentecost.

"Tell the folks at home about these things and get them to pray. 'More is wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.'

"We have at the present time a street chapel in the west ward of this city, and it is our intention to build up an established church there. This is to be my Sunday work. It is a great joy to me to be in this kind of work."

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"Tell the folks at home about these things and get them to pray."—Dr. Reid, Songdo, Korea.

Yes, tell every Sunday school in the Oklahoma Conference about the field so "white unto the harvest." Read letters from the missionaries, have missionary programs, maps, everything that will "tell the folks at home."

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TO SUPERINTENDENTS, MANGUM DISTRICT.

There is an interesting letter in this paper from Dr. Wightman T. Reid, your missionary in Korea. Be sure to have this read to your Sunday school on the first Sunday morning in April. He is their missionary.

Oklahoma City.

ARKANSAS STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the pastors and superintendents of this city was held at First Church, Thursday night, to perfect the plans for entertaining the great Sunday School Conference to be held here April 12-14.

A committee on general arrangements was appointed, consisting of L. B. Leigh, chairman; George E. Shelton, R. E. Overman, E. B. Gardner, Joe Goetz, John I. Dempsey, H. O. Black, and H. F. Buhler. A press committee was appointed composed of DeE. Bradshaw, G. W. Swain, G. H. Kimball, and P. R. Eaglebarger. The chairman, J. W. Holland, was elected as chairman of the music committee with authority to select two others to act with him as such committee. The First Church, Eighth and Centers Streets, was selected as the place at which to hold the Conference.

The arrangements committee expressed the purpose to do something in the way of a reception to the Conference. A trolley ride over the city, out to the new Orphans' Home and to Pulaske Heights was indicated as among the entertainment features that would be tendered the visitors to the Conference.

It was voted to raise a fund sufficient to defray expenses so that no collection of any character

would be taken during the Conference. This will be a new feature in such gatherings.

Rev. J. M. Workman, Secretary of the State Conference, was present to counsel with the committees. He and the State President, George Thornburgh, have about completed the program for the Conference, which will be along institute lines, mainly instructive, with little regard for speech making or oratory.

ELEMENTARY WORKERS.

The State Conference at Little Rock April 12-14, will be a great opportunity for teachers in Elementary Departments. The program is being arranged with a view of the practical demonstration of every phase of the work, from Cradle Roll, up. Experienced teachers from home and abroad will be on the program. A special meeting will be held during the Conference to demonstrate Elementary work. The Primary rooms and equipment of our First Church, where the meeting will be held, will be found especially helpful to this department. It will be a blessing to any Primary worker to attend this meeting.

WANTS LARGE SPACE.

It will be good news, we are sure, to the Sunday School workers in this State to know that one of the interesting features of the State Sunday School Conference to be held at Little Rock April 12-14, will be a display of Sunday School supplies. In answer to a letter from the President of the Arkansas State Sunday School Conference, Brother E. E. French, Superintendent of Sunday School Supplies of our publishing house at Nashville, Tenn., writes as follows:

"It gives me pleasure to state that I expect to be at your State Sunday School Conference April 12-14, with a large exhibit. Please see that I have a good large space, as I feel it will be very important to your people."

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FROM PRESIDENT GODDARD.

To the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College:

GENTLEMEN—In accepting the presidency of Hendrix College I am keenly aware of the grave responsibilities as well as alive to the splendid possibilities incident to the office. Hendrix College has a record of which Methodism in Arkansas may well be proud. All honor to Rev. I. L. Burrow, who in the early days had the foresight and statesmanship to found the school. Likewise all honor to Dr. A. C. Millar, who came to us in his young manhood, and, with self-sacrificing devotion rarely seen, literally put his very life into the making of the college. All honor also to Dr. S. Anderson, whose superb gifts and marked ability have commanded the respect and admiration of educators throughout the country. Time would fail to tell of the faithful teachers, the hard-working board of trustees, efficient financial agents, as Harlan, Ware, Hill, Johnston, and Thomas. The benefactors, great and small, are worthy of all honor. Our chief pastors, whose wise counsel guided us through the dangerous periods, are not to be forgotten. Space would not permit the bare mentioning of those who have helped to bring the college up to its present high standing. I come into this office with a deep sense of gratitude to all who have aided in any way in planting, fostering and bringing to its present degree of efficiency this child of Providence, Hendrix College. I beg for the continued co-operation of all who want to see Hendrix College fulfill its God-given mission in the world.

It is hardly fitting for a man to lay bare all that transpires between him and his Lord. Some experiences are too delicate and too sacred to be paraded. Suffice it, therefore, to say that had I not had a deep and abiding conviction that God was directing in this matter I could not have accepted this place. "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths."

Letters of congratulation and welcome to Arkansas are coming in at such a rate that I shall scarcely be able to answer each one and carry on the work still incumbent upon me here. Now, since all these letters are from readers of this paper, I take this method of saying to my friends that I sincerely appreciate these letters and shall hope that by the help of our Father and the co-operation of the brethren I may in some measure do that which ought to be done. I shall come with the kindest feeling to all who are honestly trying to educate the youth of the land. If there is one sphere in life where absolute honesty is more obligatory than in another, that one is in educational work. Dishonesty in commercial life may be atoned for and the injuries incident to it repaired, but to perpetrate a fraud in educational work injures unsuspecting victims irreparably, and for this there is no atonement.

I now solicit the co-operation of all our pastors, laymen and principals of high schools in helping us to fill Hendrix College with a body of choice young men who have a purpose and who are willing to do hard, honest work. Hendrix College is not of that spectacular type of schools that have an inordinate craving for numbers. It is rather the purpose of the school to select young men in whom there are latent possibilities, and, by intensive work in an extensive course of study, send out these men, cultured and equipped, for the highest and best service. I shall have more to say later on as to the kind of students Hendrix College wants.

Hendrix College stands for Christian education in its highest, broadest and best sense. Christian teaching is not a mere addendum to the curriculum. The Christianity in Hendrix College is not a mere disinfectant, or an antiseptic to prevent moral putrefaction—certainly not a mere cosmetic to disguise immoral odors, but it is the essence of the system whose purpose is to educate the whole man for all time.

Now at this hopeful hour, while we are making the welkin ring with jubilant shouts of victory, let us not forget that the larger possibilities now visible on our horizon will be realized only by many years yet of sublime and heroic endeavor.

O. E. GODDARD.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

Ever and anon some question comes up in the church for settlement. The mind and heart of the church are turned to this one thing for a time, and then we turn to something else. The League, the Sunday school, the Woman's Missionary societies, each have had the consideration of the whole church. They have been organized and now are definite parts of our church. No church can claim to be organized until all these have been made a part of her machinery. No pastor would think his church at work unless his church was in the Sunday school, his young people in the League, and his women in the Foreign and Home Mission societies. Now our men and finances are up for careful consideration. The laymen's movement is the last but we believe the largest undertaking of the church. How shall we reach all our men? How can we harness and have work for them all? A working man is a living, growing man. The man who is idle sickens, sours and dies. We have failed in many instances by asking our men to do the work of a child. No man wants such work; the work of a man interests him. He played when a child, but now he has put away childish things. He wants to be a man and do things that are manly. Our laymen see this. They call for all the men of the church. "The world for Christ." Yes, the whole world for Christ, and it should be given Him in our generation. The world is Christ's by inheritance. He has patiently waited for 18 centuries to possess it. We can take it for Him. Will we? It is no child's play. Our women have done well, but they are not sufficient. He calls for the men. Oh, man, hear Him: Go work in my vineyard today. He that works is for Him. He who sits still hinders. Christ has planned the battle. He has given the command to charge in strength. Our skirmish line has located and found the strength of the enemy. Our forces are sufficient, the quartermaster is well provisioned, the leaders say victory is in sight. Charge. Let the whole line move at once. Every man, every woman, yes, and all the children. We are one body. "The world for Christ?" Oh, that He might possess it while I am here!

Our laymen have spoken. They say: "A service in every church every Sunday, a contribution from every member every week. Can this be done? Certainly. What Christian who cannot read the Word of God, and pray, and exhort his neighbors? Who is he that cannot give a penny, a dime, a dollar a week? Brethren, there are four things we all can do: (1) Offer to God ourselves for service here or on the foreign field; (2) we can pray every day; (3) we can see that a service of some kind is held every week for all the church in every congregation; (4) we can lay by in store some kind of a contribution every week. Yes, in accord with the prosperity God has given us. If we shall all do this the world will be evangelized in our generation. Then Christ will come into His possession and we shall crown Him Lord of Lords and King of the whole earth.

R. W. MCKAY.

THE HOME FOR DR. RIGGIN.

We are making progress. Within the past ten days I have sent out about 500 letters, asking for help in this enterprise. A goodly number have responded to this call, and the responses are still coming. I am still sending out these letters, but I cannot hope to reach one-twentieth of our people in this way. Will not each one who reads this, and who is willing to help, write me at once,

saying how much you will do? According to the plan we are now working your subscription will not be due until the entire amount necessary has been promised.

I find some misunderstanding among the brethren concerning the attitude of Arkadelphia towards this home. Some think the people of Arkadelphia promised to build it; others seem to think they ought to build it, because it is being located in their midst. Now, the facts are simply these: The people of Arkadelphia have never promised to build the home, neither have they so much as asked for its location. They are glad to have Dr. Riggins in their midst, and they will contribute something toward the home. But having recently erected a \$40,000 church, and having contributed \$52,000 or \$30,000 to Henderson College, they are not disposed to take on any new enterprises.

Let it be known once for all that this home is not being located to accommodate Arkadelphia, but to accommodate Dr. Riggins and his family. Our good brother, Captain White, of Prescott, who has the honor of originating this movement, has insisted all the while that Dr. Riggins have the privilege of choosing the location for the home. He has chosen Arkadelphia simply because a home there seemed to offer the only possible solution to the problem of educating his children. For the sake of these children and for the sake of Dr. Riggins, whom we all love and honor, and his good wife, who is worthy of the best that can be given, let us rise up and build this home.

J. A. SAGE.

Crossett, Ark., March 19, 1910.

HENDRIX COLLEGE FACULTY ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM K. RAMSEY.

William K. Ramsey, Sr., died at his home in Camden, Ark., on the 18th inst., 67 years of age. The report of his death was telegraphed to Dr. Stonewall Anderson, president of Hendrix College, by the son of the deceased, Robert D. Ramsey, who is a student of the college, and who had been called home on account of his father's illness.

On hearing the news of Mr. Ramsey's death, the president called together the faculty of the college and the following paper was adopted to be spread upon the college record:

Whereas, Our beloved student, Mr. Robert D. Ramsey, has reported to us, by telegram, the sad news of the death of his noble father, which occurred at Camden, Ark., March 18; therefore,

Resolved, by the faculty of Hendrix College, That in the death of Hon. W. K. Ramsey of Camden, Ark., the State of Arkansas has lost one of her most worthy citizens, than whom none stood higher in the sphere of manly dignity and duty; a philanthropic man, who generously aided such enterprises and institutions as promote general intelligence and virtue; a devout Christian, who, by his means and his example, supported the cause of Christ; a pillar in the church to which he belonged; a lay delegate in the last General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, held in Birmingham, Ala., May, 1906.

Especially do we confess in the death of Mr. Ramsey the removal of a strong support of this college, a generous patron, who entrusted to this institution the education of two of his sons, and whose name is enrolled among the most liberal contributors to our college endowment; wherefore we lament in Mr. Ramsey's death the loss of a friend, who ever stood by us with a strong hand and a loving heart.

Resolved, That we assure the family of the deceased that we deeply sympathize with them in their great bereavement.

J. E. GODBEY,

For the Faculty of Hendrix College.

Conway, Ark., March 19, 1910.

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.)

Camargo, Okla., Feb. 14, 1910.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: As I haven't seen any letters from Camargo I thought I would write. I will answer Alice Ball's question. Sampson was the strongest man in the world and his strength lay in his hair. I will let you cousins guess my age. It is between 10 and 14. I guess Ethel Reid to be 12. Am I right? I am going to school all the time. I haven't missed a day yet. We will have two weeks more of school. My teacher's name is Mr. Orion Shaw. I like him fine. I have three sisters and one brother in Heaven. I will tell you some of the books I have read: "Bessie and Her Friends," "Kept for the Master's Use," "The Huskers" and lots of others.

Our preacher's name is Rev. W. P. Meador. We like him fine.

Do any of you cousins know Bro. R. H. Grinstead? He was our preacher and we loved him as a father.

I love to go to Sunday school. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Donley. She is a good teacher. I will close. So good-bye. Your new cousin,

DEWDROP.

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Rush Springs, Okla., Feb. 20, 1910.

Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins: How are you this fine day? My mamma takes the *Western Methodist* and I like the children's page fine. My sister and myself are here at home by ourselves this morning. Mamma and papa are gone to church today. I have one sister married and one little sister at home and a grown sister at Detroit, Tex., for treatment. I will guess Earle Spence's age to be 13 years, and Vida Crowson's age to be 11 years. I will let you cousins guess my age. It is between 12 and 15 years. I will send the one who guesses it a postcard. As my letter is getting long I will close, hoping the wastebasket has gone visiting. Your new cousin,

AADDIE COFFMAN.

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Tillar, Ark., Feb. 6, 1910.

Dear Cousins: How are you all this fine Sunday night? Fine, I guess. I have just got back from church. Bro. Frank Hopkins preached today. I am going to school now. My teacher's name is Mrs. Elva Farrell. She is a fine teacher. I have two brothers and one sister. I will tell some of the books I have read: "Thrilling Adventures of American Pioneers and Heroes of Our Great Country," "The Bravest of the Brave" and "Tom Brown's School Days." They are fine books. Ruth Harper, I will answer your question: Sampson was the strongest man in the world. I will ask you cousins a question: Who was the last apostle that saw Christ? Woodie Shipley, I guess your age is 15 years. I hope I am right, because I want to get that postcard. I will let some of you guess my age. It is between 10 and 15. The one that guesses it will receive a postcard from me. Ora James, you missed my birthday one day. Come on, boys, let's show the girls we are not afraid of them. Come, Arkansas Charlie, hurry with another one of your nice letters. Well, I will close, with much love to all of you. Your cousin,

LESTER.

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Muldrow, Okla., Feb. 19, 1910.

My Dear *Western Methodist* and Cousins: I guess you will let me join your society. I am in the fifth grade. Hello, Vivian Bethel, we sure do miss you all down here. Miss Ruth Carr told us to name the books we have read: "Emmy Lou, Her Book and Her Heart," "The Wizard of Oz," and several others. Miss Ruth Carr, I love to read your letters. They are good and interesting, too. It is Saturday and in the morning is Sunday. We live in the country, one mile from Muldrow. For pets I have a

pony and one dog and two little puppies and a little niece. Her name is Bessie Breedlove. It has snowed here and I went sleighing. My teacher's name is Miss Essie Rhodes. I will let you guess my age. It is between 12 and 15. I will send a present to the one guessing it. I want you cousins to send me a postal card and I will answer it. I have to say a piece on Washington's birthday. It goes like this: "From the time Washington reached his 56th birthday," etc. Well, I will close.

FLOSSIE BREEDLOVE.

P. S.—Miss Lillian, send me a postal and I will answer it. Good-bye, dear friend.

F. B.

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Quitman, Ark., Jan. 26, 1910.

Dear Methodist: I thought I would write for the first time. I have been going to school and studying the sixth grade. Blue-Eyed H. asked a question that I will answer: There are 810,697 words in the Bible. How many verses are there in the Bible? If this letter misses the wastebasket I will write again. Your new cousin,

RILEY TRAWICK.

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Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 17, 1910.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: This is my first time to write a letter to the paper. I am a little girl 9 years old. I am in the fourth grade. I go to Robert E. Lee School, but just now I am confined to my room with measles. My mother takes the *Methodist*. I enjoy the children's page very much. I go to Asbury to Sunday school. My teacher's name is Miss Massie. I take music lessons. I like music very much. My grandfather lives on a large farm and every summer we visit them and have a fine time. Hoping this won't find its way to the wastebasket, I am, your new friend,

MILDRED CLEMENTS.

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Pauls Valley, Okla., Jan. 15, 1909.

Dear Cousins: Will you please drop in for a chat with an "Indian?" I will describe myself, and I know some of you who have seen only full-bloods will open your eyes: I have dark blue eyes, light brown hair, fair complexion, rosy cheeks and a round face. I weigh 115 pounds and am 5 feet and 3 inches high.

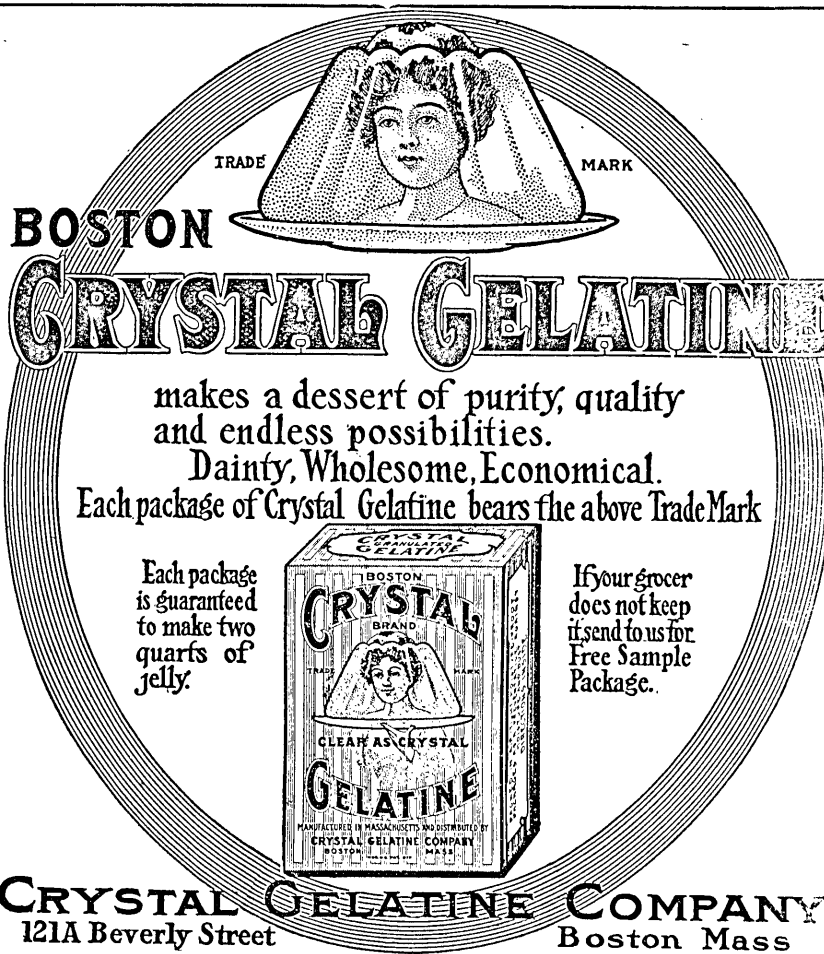
Girls, how many of you like to read? Those who do I am sure will be my chums, as I love dearly to read. Sometimes I will get a book in my hands and mamma will have to call me several times before I hear her. How many of the cousins like Latin? I do. I will name over some books I have read: "St. Elmo," "Beulah," "Wife in Name Only," "Inez," and many others.

Girls, can you guess my age? It is between 13 and 17. The one who guesses it can send me an answer through the *Methodist* and I will send them a pretty card. I have read the Bible through once. My father is dead. He has been dead for six years.

Evclyn, I agree with you in thinking we should organize a little band. Say, girls, Sumter Gregory said girls had more time to write than boys. That is a mistake, is it not? We have a large farm a few miles from town. I like to go out there with mammo. Girls, I am studying to be a teacher. I will graduate in three more years. Our school goes through the twelfth grade. After I graduate I am going to college. I have three lovely teachers this year. I would name them if I dared, but I am afraid they will know who this letter was written by now. I guess Ollie Doak's age to be 15. Am I right?

I belong to the M. E. Church, South, but if you should see me when I am angry you would have little hope for me. Mamma has taken the dear old *Methodist* for many years. It has changed its name twice since we began taking it.

Miss Lillian, dare I hope the wastebasket is fast asleep and my letter can steal softly by—so softly that Mr. W. B. will not awake even when my mis-



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takes mockingly pass? Lovingly,

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I wish more of the children would write letters like the Indian girl.—Miss L.

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Olio, Ark., Feb. 12, 1910.

Dear Cousins: I have been a silent reader of the children's page for some time and thought I would like to see my letter in print. I live in the country and I do not go to school now. Our teacher's name was Mr. M. F. Miller. I do not go to Sunday school either, for there isn't any at this time. We have built a new house almost, and have just finished it. My papa is a Methodist preacher and I belong to the Methodist church. For pets I have a little dog; he will play with me and we are great friends. Well as my letter is getting long I will close. I will let the cousins guess my age; it is between ten and fifteen. I will ask a question. Which is the shortest verse in the Bible? From a new cousin,

GRADY TAYLOR.

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Salado, Ark., Feb. 14, 1910.

Dear Western Methodist: Will you let another little girl join your happy band? I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Jane Dodd. I will let you all guess my age, it is between fourteen and seventeen. To the one who guesses my age I will send a post card. How many of you girls joined the church this summer? I did for one. Well as my letter is rather long, if it misses the the waste basket I will write again some time. Your friend,

MYRTLE ROBERTSON.

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Butterfield, Ark., Feb., 1910.

Dear Miss Lillian and Cousins: I will try to write a few lines as it is my first letter to the cousins. I have been reading the cousins' page. I like their letters fine. I'm going to school now and like my teacher. Earl Spence I guess your age to be thirteen; hope I have it right. I will let you cousins guess my age, it is between twelve and sixteen. The one that guesses it I will send a nice postal. Well as this is my first I will close on a short letter, but hope I will see these few lines in print. I will close with love and best wishes to all you cousins. I will give you a riddle: Twelve pairs hanging high, eleven men come riding by; each took a

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pear; how many were left? So good-bye. I remain, Yours truly, EDITH ROARK.

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Cordell, Okla., Feb. 20, 1910.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I have just been reading the children's page, and I thought I would write. My papa takes the *Western Methodist* and I like to read the children's page fine. Who has my birthday? It is November 16. I am thirteen years old. I have six brothers and four sisters. Vida Crowson, I guess you are about thirteen. Am I right? I am going to school and like to go fine. Our pastor is Rev. R. S. Chambers; we like him fine. Well, cousins, what do you do for pastime? When I am not at school I help my mother cook, and wash dishes. I like to do the house work. I haven't any brothers or sisters dead, but one of my sisters married last Sunday the 13th of February. Well, as this is my first time to write, I will close, so good-bye to all of the cousins. If I miss the waste basket I will write again.

ETHEL FERGUSON.

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Sarcoxic, Mo., Feb. 21, 1910.

Dear Cousins: This is my first letter to the *Methodist*. I have no trips to tell about and I will tell about our little city. We have several zinc mines which run most of the time. We have six churches and I belong to the M. E. Church, South, and my father is my pastor. The town laid out three new additions last summer, and there were several fine residences put up. The population of our town is about 2,500. We are going to build a new school-house as the old one is not very good. There are several large business houses here. Last year Sarcoxic shipped over 100 cars of strawberries.

I have two brothers; their ages are fourteen and twelve. My age is between seven and ten. As my letter is getting long I will close.

Your new cousin,

STELLA ORR.

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Dear Home Mission Workers: As I rejoiced in the glorious sunlight and listened to the song of birds this beautiful spring morning my heart overflowed with gratitude to our merciful Savior and with love to all mankind.

The words of the Psalmist involuntarily came to me: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Could we only command ourselves to stop for one brief moment, as we rush madly on in the age of great achievements and unparalleled progress and turn the searchlight into our hearts, and read the thoughts, intents and purposes written there, would we find every chamber glowing with charity toward our neighbor, the cobwebs of sin, malice and envy swept away, the door wide open to admit and welcome the Lord of hosts, the king of glory?

Sisters, if there be any among you who has aught one against another let me admonish you in the words of our crucified Savior, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."

We cannot fail to note the fact, that Christ tried to deeply impress upon his disciples not to air their differences publicly, but to talk with each other "alone." It is to be greatly deplored that sometimes Christian men and women will fail to accept an apology, and refuse to forgive an offender. Even then, we cannot afford to overlook our Lord's command in Matt. 18th chapter, 16, 17 and 22. This world is full of beauty and yet there is an indefinable something in the human heart, that sometimes nourishes a seed of discontent until before one is aware, a full grown tree has blossomed and in every petal there is the poison of doubt, fault-finding, envy and hate. To such an one Christ is calling. Cast your burdens upon Me, and I will help you to drive the dark clouds from your sky, and you may then be able to say,

"Out of the gloom future brightness is born,
As after the night, looms the sunrise of morn."

MRS. T. S. NETTLETON,
Cor. Sec. W. H. M. Society.
Brinkley, Ark.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE
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praise God for the success that has attended our efforts. The Secretaries of each district in our Conference where we are organized sent in reports for the fourth quarter for 176 Auxiliaries. We regret that still many Auxiliaries were only partially reported. Our Treasurer's report shows \$3,311.49 dues sent to General Treasurer, the specials making a total of over \$4,000.00. The local work almost reached the ten thousand dollar mark. I feel we are learning the blessedness of giving. Our new Treasurer has made a splendid officer and will attend the Board meeting at Nashville to represent our Conference. There are several very important matters to come before our Board, and our strongest women are needed. Wonder if the General Conference will divide the Oklahoma Conference. We will know before we hold our annual Woman's Home Mission Society meeting. We will meet at Ada probably about June 5. We are arranging to have Miss Mabel Head with us again, and will arrange our time to suit her. We trust every Auxiliary will have two delegates present. This can be done only by planning in time. If the Auxiliaries cannot send two members, elect a woman who is willing to pay her own expenses for the good she may get. Ada is hospitable and wants us and will take care of us.

Are we beginning the new year with determination and new zeal? Did you elect new officers in February? We trust they will show themselves worthy of the trust they have accepted and that our work may progress by leaps and bounds this year. Hoping that each Auxiliary may abound in good works.

Most sincerely,
MRS. J. M. GROSS.

REASONS WHY

These Home Mission Workers Want
Laity Rights in the Church.

Man and woman are not alike. They do not think alike. The church needs the woman's mind as well as the man's mind in making plans for the salvation of the world.—Belle H. Bennett, President Woman's Board of Home Missions.

I believe the Memorial should pass because the church has all to gain and nothing to lose, and because the present status of woman in the church is that of a minor child while she has already demonstrated that she is of age and of mature judgment.—Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President Woman's Board of Home Missions.

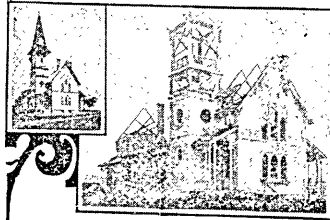
The women constitute the larger part of the membership of the church and do the greater part of the work. In order to secure the best results they ought to have a voice in framing the policy of their own work. As the law now stands they have no legal status in the church, and when they serve as trustees, stewards, Sabbath School Superintendents, Presidents of Leagues, they actually violate Methodist law. For these reasons I believe the policy should be changed and the women be given equal rights with the men in the church.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary W. H. M. S.

The forward movement of the women for larger privileges is only righteous impatience over the limitation of their efforts to bring in the kingdom of righteousness and their scorn of using indirect influence as a substitute for direct power, which is the God-given privilege of every human being.—Mabel Head, Associate Secretary Woman's Board of Home Missions.

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"The evangelization of the world in this generation," it is high time that every gift within the possession of the church should be stirred up and find its full expression.—Emily Allen Siler, Recording Secretary Woman's Board Home Missions.

The church that places on men and women equal obligations of service and financial support, should in common justice grant them the same rights.—Mary Helm, Editor "Our Homes."

After twenty-five years' experience it has been proved the women can manage financial affairs quite as well as the men—but on a much more economical basis. Therefore they should have a voice in money matters also.—Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Supt. Supplies, Woman's Board Home Missions.

The government of our church has always been in the hands of the men, who have given of their best for the extension of God's kingdom on earth.

The women of the church have had years of training in enterprising and governing that part of the work committed to them.

I believe the time has now come when these two should come together in the councils of the church and form a stronger combined force than either can possibly be alone.

I believe the Memorial should be favorably passed upon by our next General Conference in order that all the church may have a voice in a matter of such vital importance to the whole church.—Mrs. Luke Johnson, Supt. Department of Literature Woman's Board of Home Missions.

As homes cannot be made without woman, neither can God's church become a perfect organization without her voice in shaping, and her efforts in carrying forward its interests.—Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas, Texas.

If woman's work and influence is worth anything to the church, they should give her a voice in its deliberations.—Mrs. T. A. Brown, Corresponding Secretary West Texas Conference.

We ask our church to give us the right, not only because we feel our membership and payment of obligations entitle us to it, but because God is calling and we must go forward and heed His voice.—Mrs. S. R. Williams, Corresponding Secretary Alabama Conference.

As justice allows no difference upon the basis of sex in the punishment of the sinner, so it makes no difference in the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian. Therefore there should be no sex in the citizenship of Christ's kingdom.

Not as women, but as Christian cit-

izens do we ask this of the church.—Mrs. David N. Bourne, Corresponding Secretary South Carolina Conference.

By her spirituality, consecration, devotion, love, and financial ability both in the Foreign and Home Mission work, as well as in the local church work, woman has proven her ability to handle the great questions involving the evangelization of the world, therefore she justly deserves a voice in the church government.—Mrs. Ella Herron, Corresponding Secretary Columbia Conference.

The church often needs and does not hesitate to press women into service in responsible places; therefore, it is just and expedient that the legal rights of the laity be conferred upon the women of the church.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary Little Rock Conference.

Methodism has accomplished great things, since her organization, with a working force of only her vast minority. What the results would be, if her great silent majority had the legal as well as "Divine right" to go forward cannot be estimated.—Mrs. Nat G. Rolins, Corresponding Secretary Northwest Texas Conference.

Back of every man and boy at work in the church is the influence of some Christian woman. If women had laity privileges, their very activity would more and more enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the men, instead of lessening the numbers of men now actively engaged in church work.—Mrs. Crow Girard, Corresponding Secretary Louisiana Conference.

I am not a suffragist but I advocate in church work the same privileges for women as the laymen enjoy. The women work for the building up of Christ's kingdom in many ways, helping the poor, fallen, etc., besides making comfortable the homes of their pastors. Yet these women have scarcely a voice and no vote in the disposition of property sometimes purchased and paid for by themselves. I am for the Memorial.—Mrs. W. W. Carre, New Orleans, La.

I believe this Memorial was born of prayer and that it is the Martha saying, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." Our women of Southern Methodism who have so long been sitting still within the narrow walls of prejudice, fear and indifference, will arise quickly and go forth to larger service.—Emma L. Tucker.

I believe that women should be given the rights of the laity because the church needs the ardent faith, the spiritual life that woman will lend to her councils.—Mary Harris Armor.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Of Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society for the quarter ending March 1, 1910:

Dues	\$ 624.51
Life memberships	110.00
Baby Roll	8.25
Brigade fee	9.95
Week of prayer	94.70
Adult Mite Boxes.....	1.09
Baby Mite Boxes	40.91
Brigade Mite Boxes	92.24
Conference pledge	382.25
Dallas Home	151.25
Mae McKenzie fund	168.48
Conference expense	119.88

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LOCAL WORK.

Supplies sent off	\$ 403.05
Supplies given local	1,011.77
Assistance of needy	425.75
Parsonages	1,076.59
Churches	610.43
Conference expense, local....	30.23
City Missions	5.00

\$3,562.82

MRS. F. C. FLOYD, Treas.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, ETC.

The annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Women's Home Mission Society will be held in Stamps, Ark., May 13-17, beginning Friday morning. Every Auxiliary is urged to send a delegate with full report and names of delegates should be sent as soon as possible to Mrs. C. L. Cabe, Stamps, Ark. It is important for each delegate to find out the schedule of trains, and, on buying straight ticket to Stamps, to ask for a certificate from railroad agent, as we hope to secure reduced rate on return tickets. Rev. W. R. Harrison and the good people of Stamps will welcome us cordially, and the meeting promises to be one of great interest. The annual sermon on Sunday morning will be delivered by Rev. A. C. Millar, D. D., and we hope to have Miss Mabel Head present the work of the Women's Home Mission Society on Sunday evening.

Mrs. F. B. Rudolph and other elect women will have part in the fine program. Our report for the year closing March 1, is very good, and the new fiscal year has begun well. Many Auxiliaries are signing the petition to General Conference asking that the rights of the laity be granted the women of the church, and some are preparing memorials to be sent in.

Let it be remembered that all petitions and memorials must be sent to Mrs. Luke Johnson, Gainesville, Ga., not later than April 10. The Woman's Board expects good work of the Little Rock Women's Home Mission Society in this matter, and every Auxiliary should secure many names to the petition.

There is much sickness among our members, and some are watching beside loved ones who seem to hover on the borderland. Let earnest prayers ascend for the suffering, the sorrowing, and the burdened ones.

Sincerely,

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
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NASHVILLE STATION.

Mr. Editor: A few words concerning Nashville station if you please. Bishop Hendrix equally surprised a contented church and a contented preacher when he sent this scribe as the pastor to Nashville station. Bro. Lindsey had been here only one year and was in high favor socially and as a preacher. The church and town confidently expected his return. I had served the Stamps station two years, was contented and expected to return. It is a delightful charge. It is not invidious to say that a more loyal and loving people cannot be found. They are a very liberal charge as well. So we came together in that most important and delicate relation—pastor and parsonage. They received me very cordially and with great delicacy and tact made me feel at ease. I did my best to show them my appreciation of their kindness. The stewards advanced the salary \$200 and assumed as they did last year, the collection of all the claims. "This is the way I long have sought." I have for the first time in my ministry fallen heir to a parsonage where the church assumes and does its work and turns the pastor loose to do his. I visited rapidly and sought to get an insight into the needs of the church. I was greatly encouraged to find a church and community of so many possibilities. I conferred freely with my official board. They agreed with me in my convictions and plans. I wanted to hold a meeting for a week or ten days of the very best preaching on fundamentals in religion that could be secured. I wanted to have the church life quickened, organized and put to work, and to secure peace and brotherly love among the churches, so I wrote and secured the services of Dr. Alonzo Monk for a week, embracing two Sundays. We closed out the meeting last Sunday night. I have known Dr. Monk for many years; knew him to be a strong and very religious man. But had not realized at all his great value as help to a pastor. I venture to call attention to a few things in his ministry here that are worthy of imitation in all.

There was absolutely no clap-trap in his message or methods. He relies on the power of the gospel and the Holy Spirit for success. He preached on great and fundamental themes, in such simple language and illustrations, that all even to small children, understood and appreciated his sermons. He with great plainness and yet with wonderful tactfulness, attacked many of the popular errors and delusions of the day. He is thoroughly evangelical and spiritual. While no special effort was made to induce any to join the church, I will receive a class of twenty or more on profession of faith into the church next Sunday.

In conclusion, will say first, I do not recall in my whole ministry a meeting of only a week's duration which was as profitable or pleasant as this.

Second, I heartily commend Dr. Monk to any one wishing to hold a good meeting.

Third, The Nashville station is in a fair way to become one of our most pleasant and inviting charges. We need a new parsonage, which will be bought, or built this year.

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GEORGE THORNBURGH,
President.

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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE NOTES.

Will the presiding elders and pastors of the Oklahoma Conference please collect and send in the missionary assessments during March. We lack at this time, March 17th, nearly \$500 having money enough to pay off the missions of our home fields which will be due April 1st. Dr. Lambuth also is calling urgently for our Foreign Missionary assessment. Let us try to pay these claims if possible. Prompt and concerted action on the last Sunday and last week in March will greatly relieve the situation.

J. W. SIMS,
Pres. Conference Board of Missions.

AUGUSTA CIRCUIT.

Dear Western Methodist: Please say through your columns that my post-office address is Grays, Ark., R. F. D. No. 1, instead of Augusta. We moved into our nice new parsonage on the 9th inst. The good people of this circuit have a parsonage that they can well afford to be proud of. It is located at Revells, and about the center of the circuit. Special credit is due Mr. Lee Miller and his faithful Christian wife. They shouldered the responsibility of the parsonage from the start, and pushed the work to completion. Surely such faithfulness will be rewarded "an hundred fold."

Gratefully,

F. H. CHAMPION, P. C.

March 11, 1910.

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.

Terms of sale on a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money bid at such sale.

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

F. A. GARRETT,
Commissioner in Chancery
George L. Basham, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

MOUNTAIN PARK CIRCUIT.

We are gaining ground on Mountain Park Circuit. Brother J. T. Armstrong, our District Missionary, was with us two weeks in February. There was an almost constant blizzard while he was here, but we had a good meeting. Some were revived and some were converted, and we will build a church. Brother Armstrong is safe, earnest, and faithful, and a good help in meeting.

J. E. BRYAN, P. C.

BENTON STATION.

Had a very good day yesterday. Fair congregations. Six accessions to the church, making twenty-four this year. Expecting Rev. T. D. Scott, presiding elder, with us Easter. With a membership of 460 this ought to be a strong church. More of them ought to take and read their church paper.

S. C. DEAN.

March 12.

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

F. W. Parkhurst, the Boston publisher, says that if any one afflicted with rheumatism in any form, neuralgia, or kidney trouble, will send their address to him at 704-35 Carney Bldg., Boston, Mass., he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells you how he was cured after years of search for relief. Hundreds have tested it with success.

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Visitors: Jolly, Laud, Wylie, Johnson.

"Did Christ o'er sinners weep" was sung. Prayer by Bro. Hotchkiss. Then "O what a blessed hope" was sung.

Central Avenue church, Bro. Hutchinson reported: Large prayer meeting Wednesday night. 330 in Sunday school and about twenty-five of the children expressed a desire to become Christians. One man offered himself for prayers at the morning service, and one young lady at the evening service.

Third Street church, Bro. Parker reported: A reasonably good week, 120 in Sunday school, quite a number kept away on account of sickness. A good spiritual prayer meeting on Wednesday night; an average congregation at both services Sunday.

Park Avenue church, Bro. Rushing reported: Congregations improving. The Union League Service was held at his church in the afternoon on Sunday and a large crowd attended. Good program rendered. A good day all around.

Malvern Avenue church, Bro. Mason reported: Good prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Sunday school fairly well attended, seventy-eight present. A fair congregation at the services, but not as well attended as they should be. A fine class meeting in the afternoon, which was enjoyed by all who were present.

Bro. Keagle reported that he was somewhat under the weather yesterday, yet he attended services three times and had a good time with the brethren.

Tigert Memorial and Oaklawn: Bro. Harden had been called out of the city

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and Bro. Hotchkiss reported for him. There were forty-six in each of the Sunday schools. Dr. King preached for him at Tigert in the morning and the pastor preached at night. An unusually lively day.

B. F. MASON, Secretary.

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GARDNER MEMORIAL.

We reached Gardner Memorial the next Sunday after conference. The people received me kindly, and I began as I trust, with a sweet spirit and have tried to keep sweet ever since. (A sweet spirit has a great deal to do with a minister's success). I have received two poundings since I came on the work. My stewards have provided for me nicely in the way of salary. They have placed a phone in the parsonage at the expense of the church, which is a great help to me in my work.

The ladies have given me a nice book case and desk connected. They have given my wife a nice set of dishes and a nice set of furniture, all of which we appreciate so much. Bro. A. F. Skinner, our P. E., held my first quarterly conference, preaching with great power and in the Spirit. Bro. Skinner is a man of whom the church should be proud—clean in every particular and a Holy Ghost preacher. Wednesday evening before Bro. Skinner came to us on Saturday I began a meeting which resulted in great good. With the exception of opening sermon by Dr. James A. Anderson and two sermons preached by Bro. Skinner the pastor did the preaching. The meeting lasted two weeks and three days. There were 116 conversions and 110 additions to the church. For the appreciation the people had for my effort in the meeting they gave me a donation of—well to date it has reached near \$160. Had it not been for the co-operation of my people and the help of God I could not have held such a meeting. A people never worked more heroically than those at Gardner Memorial and there are no better people living.

Everything was in full at first quarterly conference. Pray for me that I may keep humble and pure. With best wishes to all the brethren, I am very truly,

H. H. HUNT.

METHODISM IN TEXARKANA.

Preachers' meeting at First Methodist church at 9 o'clock Monday morning with Swift, Hundley, Thomas and Harwell present. The meeting was opened by a prayer by Chairman Thomas.

The following reports were made:

College Hill: Congregations good. Children's sermon at 11 a. m. The attendance and interest at Sunday school was average. Leagues well attended and splendid interest. Prayer meeting was very good. Two additions at the morning service.

Fairview: The services were good and well attended. Prayer meeting unusually good. Leagues normal. Sunday school was good with an increase in membership.

First Church: Regular services largely attended. House well filled. Three accessions. The League was well attended and good interest. Sunday school reached its highest point this year, there being two hundred and

twenty-five present. Prayer meeting very ordinary. The assistant pastor, Bro. Harwell, preached at Homan to a large congregation at night. The Sunday school at Homan found in good condition and flourishing.

The prayer meeting held each day and night all over the city in every neighborhood are exciting great interest in the coming Torrey meetings.

L. E. N. HUNDLEY, Sec.

MANGUM DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Mangum District Conference will be held at Blair, on the Orient railway, commencing Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, April 11, and will continue in session Tuesday, Wednesday and a part of Thursday.

The preachers will please be ready to make their reports Monday night. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 a. m. Tuesday by Rev. W. R. Rosser.

At 2:00 p. m. Tuesday the laymen's meeting will be held, which all the lay leaders of the district are urged and invited to attend. The program will be in charge of Brother T. S. DeArman, the conference and district lay leader.

Rev. Dr. N. L. Linebaugh will represent the Board of Church Extension and also the Oklahoma City Woman's College, Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Rev. J. W. Sims, president of the Board of Missions of our conference, will present the Sunday school cause at such hours as may be agreed on.

I would earnestly urge each delegate to be present at the beginning and to remain till the close.

The pastors are expected to report the assessments for foreign and domestic missions paid in full, and the other

collections provided for. All the local preachers will please to not forget their reports.

Committee for examination of candidates for license to preach, admission, readmission, etc.: Rev. J. S. Lamar, Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, Rev. R. P. Witt. This committee will also report on the work of local preachers, make recommendations concerning renewals of licenses, etc. C. H. McGehee, P. E.

FROM MRS. J. R. EDWARDS.

The people who have sent in their contributions may think I am rather slow to report, but owing to the small amount which I have received since my last report, I thought I would wait a while hoping I would get more, but will now report the remainder on hand: Rev. J. S. Brook, Oviedo, Fla., \$1.00; Mr. George A. Henry, cashier Bank of Black Rock, \$1.00; a friend at Paragould, \$1.00; leaving a remainder of \$72.25. Hoping to receive the remainder, I desire to repeat my thanks to all who see and are doing a loving duty.

Your sister in Christian love,

MRS. J. R. EDWARDS.

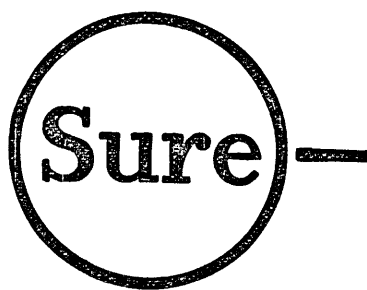
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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

GRANITE, OKLA.

The situation of Granite is beautiful on the south side of Granite hills. The streets are broad and graveled with granite pebbles. They have beautiful sidewalks. You would be impressed with the neatness and beauty of the town. There has been quite a growth the past two years. I predict this is a town that is solid and will continue to grow. They have four gins, two banks, large lumber yards, solid brick or stone business houses. The beautiful red granite takes a high polish, and is in demand for columns, ornaments, foundations and monuments. The supply is inexhaustible.

We have a nice church and parsonage. Rev. M. T. Allen is in the second year as pastor. He is a good preacher, an excellent man, and is doing a splendid work. His good wife heartily helps in the church work. Their children are about all of school age, and have the advantage of a good school in the fine two-story granite stone academy. Bro. Allen was especially good to me in my work for the Western Methodist. We collected well from the old and secured four new subscribers: W. S. Ruggles, J. E. Lantz, S. D. Williams and Mrs. W. E. Bogan.

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and wife were gone to Altus to the Woman's Missionary meeting. He was booked for the opening sermon. Bro. Rippey has been recognized as one of the best preachers of his conference and one of the most useful. This is the home of Dr. Stewart, father of the young preachers.

I shaped up the old and secured six new subscribers. Mrs. L. N. Sewell, Mrs. Burd Anderson, Mrs. A. E. Ryan, Mrs. J. P. Killough, Mrs. C. N. Anderson, and C. A. Hooten, whom I first met in Paris, Ark. He installed the cotton seed oil mills in Paris, Augusta and Mulberry. He and wife are real good people.

GOTENO.

A night was spent in Gotebo. It was cold and very windy, but a real good week night congregation greeted me. They have an excellent choir, and good Sunday school. They are pleased with Bro. Shaw as pastor. Bro. and Sister J. W. Dellinger furnished pleasant entertainment.

Gotebo is developing into a good size town. Business seems to be good. Two banks, large mill and elevator. Bro. A. C. Graves keeps a large lumber yard. Mrs. L. B. Shaw is quite helpful in church and everything good.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

The location of Mountain View is indeed favorable, overlooking the mountains in the south. It is on the Rock Island about half way between Hobart and Anadarko. They have twelve or fifteen hundred population and some excellent citizens. They have two banks and a good line of business. They have recently held a most excellent meeting, in which all the churches took an active part. Rev. C. H. Armstrong is having his usual success. He is zealous, intelligent and consecrated. The Lord is blessing his labors. His good wife was trained in a parsonage, and takes great interest in all church work. Their home is blessed with four precious children. They were especially kind to me. We had a good congregation and a very gracious service. Collecting well from the old, we secured twelve new subscribers, viz., Samuel Bruns, Miss Ida Lane, S. J. Cloud, J. H. Mason, W. S. McMurray, T. N. Allen, Mrs. W. H. V. Yates, Mrs. J. F. Hoover, H. Surratt, that keeps a nice restaurant, H. S. Vanderventer, Mrs. C. A. Reed, and Mrs. Alma Myrick.

Special effort is being made for law and order. We have a nice church and parsonage with new pews.

CARNEGIE, OKLA.

A half day was spent in Carnegie with Rev. H. B. Thomason, our pastor. Sister Thomason has been much afflicted for six weeks, and is still confined to her bed. Her married daughter cared for her while Bro. Thomason helped me in a successful canvass for the Western Methodist. We have eight new subscribers for Carnegie, viz., Mrs. T. C. Bailey, Mrs. G. W. Knight, Mrs. A. F. Bowling, Mrs. Dr. Putnam, Mrs. E. C. Dobson, Mrs. J. W. McCall, W. H. E. Martin and Rev. Big Bow.

Bro. Thomson is in much favor with his people. He impresses me as a true and consecrated preacher. There was an excellent meeting in progress at the Presbyterian church in which the town were taking an active interest. We have a nice church, have purchased lots and are preparing to build a parsonage. Carnegie is a town of about 1,000 population; a good business point. A new addition has been platted and is being sold at reasonable prices. So religiously and financially they are in a prosperous condition.

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ness houses. We have good lots on which we hope to build a church soon. Rev. J. W. French is supplying this charge. He is faithful and devoted. Two of his daughters have been quite sick with pneumonia. With his aid we secured six new subscribers: T. J. Prickett, Marvin T. Reed, Mrs. M. L. Burns, J. W. Freeman, D. L. Burckett, Mrs. J. E. Madole. This is a fine farming country, rich soil and will ever be in demand.

ANADARKO.

There is no better located town for business than Anadarko. For years it has been a government agency. It is here the Indians come to receive their money from the U. S. Government. But recently each Indian received \$200.00 from Uncle Sam. The growth of Anadarko is rapid. Many beautiful cottages have been built the last two years. Also substantial business houses. A beautiful parsonage is being built. We have a nice church, and a most excellent preacher and wife in Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Stanley. They are highly respected and much loved by their people. The work is prospering. The Lawton district conference is to convene here April 27th. You can reach Anadarko from the four points of the compass. There are about 4,000 population. It is a fine field for religious work.

A most delightful night was spent in the elegant home of Andes Martinez, who is none other than Andele, the Mexican-Kiwa captive, whose life among the Indians Rev. J. J. Methvin has so beautifully written and published. It was here I met Rev. C. W. Clay and his interpreter, Rev. Clyde Cocoa. Bro. Clay has a wagon, and goes among the Indians preaching and teaching them the gospel. He is one of our most intelligent preachers and hopes to do a good work among this people. His deep piety and rich experience make him an excellent man for the difficult field.

VERDEN, OKLA.

Sunday was spent at Verdon, a beautiful railroad town in the rich valley of the Washita. They have two banks, three elevators, gins, mills, creamery, and a good business. We have nice church and good Sunday school and League, Rev. J. J. Bailey, pastor. He lives at Lawton and failed to come on account of affliction in his home. I had the privilege of preaching to a nice congregation. We had a shouting hallelujah time. There were present old Georgians I preached to thirty years ago when on the Villa Rica circuit. McWhorter, Shannon, Butler and Brown. Rev. P. T. McWhorter and his good wife furnished most excellent entertainment. They have a lovely home. On account of his health he is an honored superannuate of the Oklahoma conference. We secured four new subscribers: C. E. Worcester, Mrs. E. W. Peters, Mrs. R. E. Wilson and H. R. Ellin. It was indeed a great pleasure to spend a Sabbath with such good people, in hope of that Sabbath that never shall end.

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THE TWO POTATOES.

BY ELIZABETH SANDERSON.

Once upon a time the people in the beautiful city of Buffalo were going to keep Thanksgiving, and, besides decorating the different churches, the homes were lively with preparation. It wasn't quite so interesting a time as Christmas when the very air is full of sweet mystery about all the secret packages being carried to and fro. But I tell you those were busy days in the kitchens where Nora and Bridget prepared plump turkeys for the oven, while the sight of cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies, and all manner of good things, kept the mouths of little girls and boys fairly watering.

Now down near what is called the slum part of the city was a mission where men and women who loved God with all their hearts worked almost day and night, trying to help the poor of that district.

I wonder if any of the boys or girls who read this story know what it is to be really poor, or have ever felt what is called the pangs of hunger? Perhaps one of them came rushing in from school yesterday crying, "Oh mother is dinner ready? I'm just starving!"—then sat down to a table spread with all manner of good things. And at that very hour many a little boy and girl in that great city had nothing but a crust of bread for dinner—some of them, perhaps, not even that.

"Now," thought those good mission people, "We'll try to arrange for a real Thanksgiving dinner for every family in our district. So one person had one plan and another had something different, till at last one bright lady said, 'Suppose we ask all the school children to help us?' The plan was adopted at once, and just as quickly as they could be printed letters were sent to all the teachers. The request was that each pupil would bring next day to the mission one contribution of whatever they could secure.

As one of the teachers was reading the letter to her class the thought came to her of how bare many of those homes would be of even the most common things, so she said, "Now, children, it would not be a bad idea for some of you to bring with your other offerings a little parcel of salt." Then she added, "Perhaps there is some little boy or girl here who is thinking, 'Oh how I should like to help, but I couldn't bring anything worth while.' "Now," said the kind teacher, "if you can bring only two potatoes be sure that they will be gladly received."

Well, when the children went home they all told their mothers about the Thanksgiving letter, and begged to be allowed to help. So next day when the afternoon session was over there was a rush for home, and then to the mission, each child carrying a basket or parcel for the Thanksgiving dinner. What a time those good people had receiving all the provisions! When the main hall had to be cleared for evening service they felt like saying as the leaders of the Israelites did when the people kept pouring in their treasures for the building of the tabernacle, "please don't bring any more."

Well, next day the good mission peo-

ple came again to divide the provisions and fill the baskets. There were turkeys and sausage, with all kinds of vegetables. There were bread and buns, cookies and doughnuts, pickles and pumpkin pies. And yes, there were cranberries for the turkeys.

"Oh, I hope they have sent sugar for the cranberries," one lady exclaimed. "Surely some of these little parcels hold sugar."

But upon opening them, what do you suppose was the dismal discovery? Every one of those little parcels held, not sugar, alas! but—salt.

'Tis said that every story is supposed to have a moral, but I shall leave the kind mothers who sent the cranberries to make the moral for themselves right here. I am glad to tell you that by the prompt action of the ladies, and the generous kindness of two merchants within easy distance the calamity of cranberries without sugar did not befall that Thanksgiving Gospel message.

Now, while all this talk and excitement was going on there was an impatient stirring in a little paper bag on one of the tables.

"I wish I could get out of this dark, close little den, and see what's going on," said one voice.

"Yes," answered a second, "Even if we haven't ears like the corn we have eyes, and I should like to look about a bit."

The very next instant a sweet voice nearby said, "I wonder what is in this little bag."

Then there was a rustling, and all at once there came an opening at the top of their little nest, and down upon them shone such a beautiful face—brown eyes, golden hair, and rich, red, smiling lips. "Two potatoes," she cried merrily.

Then a pale little lady came quickly to her, "Oh pray allow me to have those potatoes; they fit exactly to a spot I know."

Then she briefly told the story.

She had, the evening before, visited a room called a home—an attic room in a tenement house where a mother lived with her little crippled lad of five years. During the day the mother did any kind of work that she could get, and little Bennie amused himself with such simple toys as she picked up from time to time on the street—odd bits of twine, an empty spool, the castaway rind of a grape fruit, or a few pea-nut shells. But his brightest hour was in the evening when his mother returned from work and, after their bit of supper, spent a while over some frolic in which Bennie was supposed to take a very active part.

"Now mother," he would say when their supper plates were washed, "let's play hide and seek."

Then he would shut his eyes, and after counting "One! Two!! Three!!!" he would call merrily, "You're in the closet!" or "Now I've caught you; you're at the foot of the bed!"

And so sitting helpless in his high chair by the table, the little hero would send his swift thought here and there and for a brief while forget that he could not run, and jump, and play like other children.

What a day that will be when all our limitations of time, and space, and physical helplessness shall be forgotten as a dream; when the free spirit of the here shall be the everywhere and the now shall be the always.

But I am dreaming and forgetting my story, and talking to the grown-ups.

Well, in that evening call, the little lady had come upon the pathetic game of hide and seek and, after a short chat with the mother, had laid her hand on Bennie's head asking, "And what would our little man like for Thanksgiving?"

After a moment's thought he had answered, "Oh, thank you, ma'am, I'd

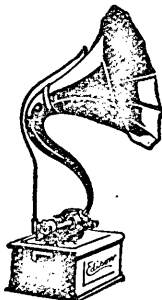
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like a baked potato," adding shyly, "I think I could eat two."

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I am glad to tell you that little Bennie and his tired mother had lots of good things that they had not expected—roast turkey, and cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cheese and celery, doughnuts and apples—such a feast as they had not dreamed of, and which lasted for many days after.

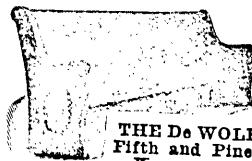
But when little Bennie heard the story how that the little brown bag and its contents were the offering of a tiny girl nearly as poor as himself he declared that nothing of all that Thanksgiving dinner tasted quite so sweet as the Two Potatoes.—*Christian Guardian*.

GUTHRIE, OKLA.

For nearly two years I have been in charge of this important field, and during that time I have refrained from any public statement as to the condition of our work here, so in simple justice to the good people whom I serve, and to the many over the State who are interested in the work here, I deem it not amiss to send this note concerning the situation here. Our Sunday school enrollment has grown from thirty-two to 312, and now occupies both auditorium and basement. We have all departments well organized and the officers and teachers are enthusiastic and capable. There have been sixty additions to the church. The pastor's salary was increased \$200.00 for this year and the conference assessments have already been paid in full. Two weeks ago before leaving for Stillwater to assist Bro. Ownby in a meeting, I stated to my people that it would greatly please me if they would pay the conference assessments while I was away, and upon my return I found that they had raised the entire amount and had already sent it to the Teller. We have purchased two of the most desirable

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lots in the city and as soon as our old property has been disposed of we will begin work on our new church. We have the most loyal band of workers here that I have known and no pastor ever served a more appreciative people. We have been greatly encouraged and assisted in the work by our P. E., Rev. A. L. Scales, and also Dr. Linebaugh and Dr. W. F. McMurry, all of whom have stood by us and made success possible. This growing city must be made one of the strongholds and by the grace of God and the assistance of the brethren we feel determined to labor to this end. I count myself happy to be placed as a sort of sentinel up here on the northern border of our conference, and in Ownby at Stillwater, and Miller at Perry I have the fellowship of two splendid scouts.

With all good wishes to the brethren of the conference, I am yours for the greatest year in the history of our work in this State,

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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

TULSA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Stroud Sta.	March 26-27
Bristow Sta.	March 27-28
Sparks and Davenport, at D.	March 2-3
Prague and Paden, at Mt. Hope.	April 3-4
Okfuskee Ct.	April 9-10
Okemah Sta.	April 10-11
Bearden Ct.	April 11-12
Haskell Ct.	April 16-17
Porter Sta.	April 23-24
Tulsa District Conference.	April 26-28

S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

GUYMON DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Lakemp Ct., at Golden	March 26-27
Tangier Ct., at Tangier	April 2-3
Woodward Sta.	April 3-4
Mutual Ct., at Mutual	April 9-10
Iolant Ct., at Redden	April 13-14
Ellis Ct., at Dearing Chapel	April 16-17
Guymon Sta.	April 23-24
Hooker Sta.	May 1-2
Texoma and Goodwell, at Texoma	May 7-8
Tyrone Sta.	May 14-15

J. F. LAWLIS, P. E.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Berlin Ct., at Bethel	March 26-27
Sweet Water Ct., at S. W.	March 27-28
Texola	April 2-3
Erick	April 3-4
Delhi, at Whitsel	April 4-5
Doxey, at Doxey	April 5-6
Foss, at Hager	April 9-10
Dill, at Hefner	April 10-11
Port	April 12-13
Rocky-Sentinel	April 13-14
Cowden, at Pleasant View	April 16-17
Cordell	April 22
Cloud-Chief	April 23-24
District Conference, at Cordell	April 19-21

Opening sermon 8 p. m., Monday, April 18. Pastors will please raise the Conference assessments and have at least fifty per cent in the hands of the Teller by the District Conference. Brother Stewards, look after the needs of your pastors and their families. You stand between them and the necessities of life. The people will support the pastors if the Stewards will only do their duty.

WILLIAM D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Oak Grove, at Corum	March 26-27
Comanche	March 27-28
Alex, at Amber	April 2-3
Verden and Tuttle, at Tuttle	April 3-4
Wood Reserve, at Oak Lawn	April 9-10
Duncan	April 10-11
Maysville and White Bead, at White Bead	April 16-17
Paul's Valley	April 17-18
Chickasha	April 18
Velma Ct. at Perry	April 23, 24

L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Willow, at Ozona	March 6-7
Duke, at Victory	March 26-27
Altus	March 27-28
Matcalf, at Union Chapel	April 2-3
Elmer, at Yoldell	April 9-10
Looney, at Twin Lakes	April 16-17
El Dorado	April 17-18
Quistee	April 18
Mt. View, at Green Valley	April 23-24
Carnegie and Boise	April 24-25
East Mangum	April 26

O. H. McGEHEE, P. E.

M'ALESTER DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Wilburton	Feb. 19, 20, April 27
Stonewall Ave.	Feb. 20, May 4
Kiowa	Feb. 25-27
Coalgate	Feb. 27-March 1
Atoka	March 2
Canadian	March 4-6
Hartshorne	March 6, April 28
Eufaula Ct.	March 11-13
Eufaula Sta.	March 13, 14
Stuart	March 18-20
Palestine Ct.	March 25-27
Quinton Ct.	March 27-29
McCurtain	March 30-April 3
Spiro	April 3-5
Heavener	April 15-17
Poteau	April 17-19
Cameron	April 20-24
Wister	April 24-26
Caney	April 29-May 1
Tushka	May 1-2
Phillips Memorial	May 2
Strigtown	May 6-8
District Conference at Poteau	June 7-9

P. A. PARKS, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Bald Hill Ct., Natura	March 26-27
Boynton and Morris, Boynton, 7 p. m.	March 29

The pastor's efficiency is revealed by the amount of preparation he makes for the quarterly conference. District Conference at Stigler, April 5-8.

O. E. GODDARD, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

St. Louis and Asher	March 26-27
Sulphur, Vinita Avenue	April 9-10
Sulphur, First Church	April 10-11

District Conference at Sulphur April 11 to 13.

S. F. GODDARD, P. E.

VINITA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Welch	March 26-27
Blue Jacket	March 26-27
Spavinaw	April 2-3
Adair and Big Cabin	April 3-4
Chelsea	April 9-10
Inola and Talala	April 10-11
Chapel	April 16-17
Foggs	April 17-18
Centralia	April 23-24

Vinita	April 24-25
District Conference at Wagoner	April 29

JOHN W. SIMS, P. E.

LAWTON DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Manitou Ct., at Deep Red	March 26-27
Lawton Sta.	March 29
Cement Ct., at Cement	April 2-3
Geary Sta.	April 9-10
Glenwood Ct., at Glenwood	April 10-11
Alpestone Ct., at Alpestone	April 16-17
Et. Cobb Ct., at Valley View	April 23-24
Anadarko Sta.	April 24-25
District Conference at Anadarko	April 27-30

Opening sermon, 8 p. m., Tuesday, April 26, by Rev. W. E. Humphreys. Delegates to District Conference will be elected this round. Let all the pastors have half of Conference assessments in hand by District Conference, and Stewards will please get half pastors' salaries by this time.

O. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

CREEK AND CHEROKEE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Cedar Bluff Ct., at Moody	March 26-27
Okmulgee Ct., at Grove Creek	April 2-3
Sapulpa Ct., at Concharty	April 9-10
Hitchita Ct., at Old Hitchita	April 16-17
Salina Ct., at Washington	April 23-24

Let all the preachers collect their foreign missionary assessment within the next thirty days.

ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

DURANT DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Woodville	March 26-27
Madill	March 27-28
Oadbo	April 2-3
Durant	April 8

District Conference will be held at Durant April 6-10. All pastors will be expected to report at least half of the Conference assessments in hand at the District Conference, and of course the Stewards will be able to report preachers' salaries paid up to date.

T. P. TURNER, P. E.

CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Atoka Ct., at Salem	March 26-27
Owl Ct., at Chickilick	April 2-3
Kiamitia Ct., at Lukfapa chito	April 9-10
Long Creek Ct., at Bokchito	April 16-17
Chickasaw Ct., at Lewis Chapel	April 23-24
Kiowa Ct., at Higgins	April 30-May 1
Rufe t., at Okachukma	May 7-8

A. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

(Second Round.)

Austin, at Mount Zion	March 26-27
Carlisle and Hazen, at Carlisle	April 3
Devall's Bluff and Des Arc, at D. A.	April 10
Carlisle Miss., at Hall's	April 11-12
Lonoke	April 13
Bryant, at White Rock	April 16-17
Hickory Plains, at Bethlehem	April 23-24
Bauxite, at New Hope	April 30-May 1
Maumelle, at Mt. Meriah	May 7-8
Sum Bayou, at Stonewall	May 14-15
England	May 21-22
Oak Hill, at Pleasant Hill	May 28-29
Tombertin, at Tombertin	June 4-5

A. O. MILLAR, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Benton	March 27, 28
Holly Springs at Mt. Carmel	April 2, 3
Malvern Ct., at Rhode's Chapel	April 9, 10
Third Street, Hot Springs	April 17, 18
Malvern Ave., Hot Springs	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.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Gillett Ct., at Haller's Chapel	March 26-27
New Edinburg Ct., at Wheeler's Springs	April 2-3
Rison Ct., at Mt. Carmel	April 9-10
Sheridan Ct., at New Hope	April 14
Rowell Ct., at Rowell	April 16-17
Star City, at Mountain Home	April 19
Roe and St. Charles Ct., at Shiloh	April 23-24
First Church	April 25
Lake Side	April 26
Sherrill Ct., at Humphrey	April 27

District Conference will be held at Humphrey beginning Wednesday night, April 27, and continuing through Sunday, May 1.

J. D. HAMMONS, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Lockesburg	March 26-27
Horatio	April 2, 3
DeQueen	April 3-4
Vanderfoot	April 9-10
Gillham	April 10-11
Umpire	April 16-17
Cherry Hill	April 23-24
Mena	April 24-25
First Church	May 1

THOMAS H. WARE, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Murfreesboro	March 26-27
Mineral Springs	March 27-28
Bingen	April 2-3
Blevins	April 9-10
Nashville	April 15
Washington	April 16-17
Amity	April 23-24
Caddo	April 30-May 1
Pike	May 7-8
Gurdon	May 13
Mount Ida	May 14-15
Harmony	May 21-22
Center Point	May 28-30

W. O. HILLIARD, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Camden Ct.	March 26-27
Camden Sta.	March 27-28

Junction Sta.	April 2-3
El Dorado Sta.	April 3-4
Waldo Ct.	April 9-10
Strong Ct.	April 16-17
Huttig Sta.	April 17-18
Magnolia Sta.	April 24-25
Magnolia Ct.	April 30-May 1
Hampton Ct.	May 7-8
Atlanta Ct.	May 14-15
El Dorado Ct.	May 21-22
Wesson Sta.	May 28-29

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Dermott and Portland, at Portland	March 26-27
Dumas and Watson, at Watson	March 26-27
Tillar Ct., at Winchester	April 2-3
McGehee and Arkansas City, at Arkansas City	April 3-4
Eudora Miss.	April 9-10
Lake Village and Eudora, at Eudora	April 10-11
Collins Ct., at Collins	April 16-17
Warren Sta.	April 17-18
Johnsville Ct.	April 20
Lacey Ct., at Lacey	April 23-24
Monticello Sta.	April 24-25
Wilmar Sta.	April 26

Monticello District Conference will meet at Wilmar, April 28-May 1.

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

HARRISON DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Bellfonte and Marshall, at Marshall	March 26-27
Yellville Ct., at Pleasant Ridge	April 2-3
Cotter Sta.	April 3-4
Gassville Ct., at Wesley's Chapel	April 9-10
Mountain Home Sta.	April 30-May 1

WILLIAM T. THOMPSON, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Mulberry	March 26-27
Van Buren Sta.	March 27-28
Van Buren Mission	April 2-3
Midland Heights	April 3-4
Hackett	April 9-10
Central Church, Fort Smith	April 16-17

F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Springtown, Highfill	March 26-27
Bentonville	March 30
Rogers	April 8
Lincoln, Summers	April 9-10
Viney Grove, Illinois Chapel	April 10-11
Prairie Grove	April 11

Let the preachers make announcements and complete preparations for the Quarterly Conferences. Let every member, if possible, be present.

J. M. HUGHEY, P. E.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Belleville Ct., at Cedar Creek	March 26-27
Danville Sta.	March 27-28
Prairie View Ct.	April 9-10
Spadra Miss.	April 16-17
Dardanelle Ct.	April 23-24
Dardanelle Sta.	April 24-25

The District Conference will convene at Danville April 27, at 7:30 p. m. Opening sermon by F. M. Tolleson. Committees: For License to Preach and for Admission on Trial: F. M. Tolleson, J. O. Weaver, J. M. McAnally. For Deacons and Elders' Orders: J. O. Floyd, J. E. Dunaway, J. N. Villines.

J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Holland Ct., at Mt. Vernon	March 26-27
Quitman Ct., at Bethesda	March 27-28
Damascus Ct., at New Pine Mount	April 2-3
Springfield Ct., at Shady Grove	April 3-4
Adona Ct., at Oppelo	April 9-10
Houston and Perry Ct., at H.	April 16-17
Bigelow Sta.	April 17-18
Plumerville Ct., at Lewisburg	April 23-24
Morrilton Sta.	April 24-25

JOHN H. GLASS, P. E.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round, in Part.)

Swifton Ct., at Minturn	April 2-3
Cave City Ct., at Sidney	April 9-10
Evening Shade Sta.	April 10-11
Ash Flat Ct., at Hill's Chapel	April 16-17
Melbourne Ct., at Forest Chapel	April 17-18
Salem Ct., at Viola	April 20-21
Bexar Ct., at Corinth	April 23-24
Calico Rock Ct., at Calico	April 30-May 1
Mountain View and Guion, at M. V.	May 1-2
Mountain View Ct., at Optimus	May 7-8
Smithville Ct., at Rock Cove	May 11-12

A. T. GALLOWAY, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Cotton Plant Station	March 26, 27
Brinkley Station	March 27, 28
McCrory Station	April 2, 3
DeView and Howell at Viville	April 3, 4
Colt Ct. at Forest Chapel	April 9, 10
Turner and Shiloh Ct. at Shiloh	April 16, 17
Holly Grove and Marvell at M.	April 17, 18
Council Ct. at Council	April 23, 24
Laconia Ct.	April 30, May 1
Haynes & Madison Ct. at Millbrook	May 8, 9
Marianna Station	May 15, 16
Helena Station	May 22, 23
Hamline Ct.	May 28, 29

Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Harrisburg Ct., Pleasant Valley	April 1-2
Vanndale Ct., at Vanndale	April 3-4
Earle Sta.	April 9-10
Crawfordsville and Bethany, at C.	April 10-11
Barfield Miss., at Barfield	April 16-17
Leachville Miss., at Beach Grove	April 17-18
Brookland Ct., at Brookland	April 23-24
Manila and Dell, at Dell	April 24-25
Luxora and Rozell, at Rozell	April 30-May 1
Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrow	May 2-3
Osceola Sta.	May 7-8
Wilson and Bardstown	May 8-9
First Church, Jonesboro	May 14-15
Trinity Circuit	

PROGRAM, MUSKOGEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE, STIGLER, APRIL 5-8.

April 5, 7:30 p. m.—Opening sermon by S. H. Babcock.

April 6, 8:30 a. m.—Opening exercises, "The Preacher's High Calling," by the P. E. Reports from pastors on sermons preached, conversions, accessions, collections, etc. Reports of local preachers. Renewing of local preachers licenses. Address, The Local Preacher in Methodism. His Past, Present and Future, E. V. Dowell. 11 a. m. Sermon by Dr. Jas. A. Anderson.

2 p. m. Opening exercises. The Preacher's Faults, by the P. E.

Our Sunday Schools—W. J. Moore. Report of the committee on the spiritual state of the church. Discussion. Report of the committee on temperance. Discussion.

Selecting place for the next district conference.

7:30. Preaching by Dr. Anderson.

April 7, 8 a. m.—The Laymen's Day. The Place of the Laymen in the Church by the P. E.

Echoes from the Dallas Convention, Dr. A. E. Bonnell.

Report from the District Evangelist, Rev. J. D. Edwards.

Report of the Committee on Finances.

Plans for the district evangelist.

11 a. m. Preaching by Dr. Anderson.

April 7, 2 p. m.—Place of Missions in the Program of the Church, by the P. E.

Report of the Committee on Missions. Discussion.

Our Missionary Opportunities and Responsibilities, T. L. Rippey.

The W. F. M. S., by Mrs. Eslick.

Our Sunday school work, W. J. Moore.

Miscellaneous business. Electing of delegates to Annual Conference.

7:30 p. m. Preaching by Dr. Anderson.

April 8—Opening exercises. The Church in the Work of Education, by the P. E.

Our Oklahoma Woman's College, by J. B. McDonald.

Epworth University, Dean Crowell.

Our Epworth Leagues.

Miscellaneous business.

Sermon by Dr. N. L. Linebaugh.

COMMITTEES FOR MUSKOGEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

On Examinations: J. T. Thornton, G. W. Daman, A. M. Belcher.

Finances: A. E. Bonnell, W. H. Davis, A. P. Johnson.

Missions: T. L. Rippey, J. L. Brown, J. B. Holleman.

Spiritual State of the Church: J. F. Thompson, O. S. Snell, R. A. Cowan.

Temperance: Luther Kyle, W. O. Bruton, A. F. Hulsey.

Quarterly Conference Journals: John J. Moore, S. X. Swimme, G. W. Bruce.

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I am receiving letters from almost everywhere asking me what has become of Halley's comet? I now answer through you: Halley's comet has entirely disappeared around our Sun, and it cannot now be seen even through the telescope. This we had predicted. But during the first week in April, Halley's most wonderful comet will most certainly reappear in the East in the mornings, before day. All through April and May on every clear morning before day in the East, it will plainly be visible to the naked eye. Its enormous tail is very brilliant—brighter than our full moon.

JAMES M. CLINE.

HAMPTON CIRCUIT.

We are moving along nicely. This is our fourth year on the Hampton circuit, all of which have been pleasant years, and so far this promises to be the best year of all. Our people are becoming more thoroughly organized along all lines of church work. They are waking up to the cause of missions more than ever before. We have built one good church and have means to rebuild one which we lost by fire. Some of the material is on the ground. We are beginning to plan for a real good church in the town of Harrell. Can't say yet that it will be built this year, but if not we will have things easy for the next preacher that he may build. Harrell is a promising little town on the R. I. R. R. four and one-half miles from Hampton. We have all of our mission territory organized. Kept three Sunday schools in operation through the winter and have at present five in operation. One W. H. M. Society. We have received one into the church by letter, lost two by death, and dismissed one by letter. We are talking of holding a three weeks' meeting in the center of our work this year but don't know yet about it. We will have to preach, plan and pray over it. We have been wonderfully blessed here in the town of Hampton by a highly appreciated visit by Mrs. Minnie V. Ruthertford, the well known lecturer of the W. C. T. U. She arrived here on the morning of the 12th of March, and delivered a lecture at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m. to a good crowd of which it is said by all our leading people here, to be the most eloquent and masterly discourse ever heard in the town of Hampton. She spoke on the real issue of the day. Sunday at 3 p. m. she organized our women into a W. C. T. U. consisting of forty-one members. Sunday, 7:30 p. m. she delivered another lecture on the subject of Liberty to a packed house and several could not find room in the house. Surely the Holy Ghost was present with great power. People were made to see liberty as they had never seen it before. May God bless this woman of high religious character, strong brain, force and almost an unlimited vision. Would to God that we had more such women among us. J. C. WILLIAMS.

HARTSHORNE STATION.

At our last Conference I was appointed to Hartshorne Station. I have been on the work a little over four months. The increase at our preaching services has been extraordinary. We only have sixty-four members and at the evening services we have from 150 to 300 every time. We have not failed to have some kind of a service twice every Sunday this year. We have one of the best Sunday Schools I have ever had the pleasure of being a member of. Have about 140 on roll and an average attendance larger than our church membership. This school supports a scholarship to Jacob Hans, our Korean boy. Our Home Mission Society is tiptop. There are thirty-one members. Every one is wide awake and at work for the church. They have furnished the parsonage with almost everything we need and as soon as the work can be done they will have painted the church. We have an extra fine Junior League of forty-one members. Our Epworth League is doing fine work. At their last business meeting they decided to paper the church.

On March 7 and 8 we had Dr. Moore with us in a Sunday School Institute. His work has given new life to the Sunday School work here.

Financially the work is far ahead of anything that has ever been done at this place. We mean to report everything in full this fall.

I have an all-round good work. My eyes have failed me since the first of the year. I can do but little reading

whatever. They get worse all the time. God's will be done and not mine. If they do not get better before long I will have to give up my work.

Yours very truly,
E. P. EUBANKS.

ADA DISTRICT CONFERENCE, SUL- PHUR, OKLA., APR. 11 TO 13.

The Conference will meet at Vinita Avenue church at 2 p. m. April 11. After organization a Sunday School Institute will be held by Rev. W. J. Moore.

7:45 Rev. W. M. Wilson will deliver a sermon or an address on the League work.

Tuesday morning the pastors will make brief reports and the reports will be placed on the blackboards for reference during the entire conference.

Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday night and part of Wednesday morning will be devoted to the Laymen's Movement. We desire to make this the most important feature of the conference. Let our layment prepare to make this a great meeting. Our Conference Lay Leader, Bro. De Armond and our ex-Conference Leader, Dr. Bonnell and other prominent laymen are invited to come and help us.

All other interests of the church will be looked after. Those who represent our Boards and other interests such as Schools, Church Organs, etc., are cordially invited to be present and fill their places.

The following are the committee on examinations:

License and Admission: W. U. Witt, W. M. Wilson, C. S. Walker.

Elders and Deacons Orders: R. W. Cummins, J. B. Blackwell, A. B. L. Hunkpiller.

S. F. GODDARD,
P. E. Ada District, Okla. Conf.

The man or capable business woman would do well to read H. L. Remmel's advertisement on page 10 of this issue.

LEXINGTON STATION.

Many good things can be said about our people of this little town. But I believe that the most worthy and acceptable things that go to make up the real working life of our people is the Missionary spirit. Last Sunday, the 13th inst., was our Rally Day for Conference collections. After a short sermon on "the Mission of Our Lord," in less than thirty minutes we raised by cash and subscriptions more than our entire assessment for the year. Our Sunday School is in better condition for work than ever before. Epworth League is the best I ever saw. Our devotional meetings are very fine, and our W. H. M. Society—well, it's out of sight. They made \$80.00 the other day at one effort, and they are now working on the parsonage. They may want a new preacher next fall. I shall try to appear as new as possible. I know I will be younger by that time.

E. H. CREASY.

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MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Monticello District Conference will meet at Wilmar April 28, 7:30 p. m. Friday, April 28, will be given to Sunday School work. Rev. H. A. Dowling and Miss Allen are to be with us on that day. We are very anxious that all of our Sunday School Superintendents and their teachers attend the Conference

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