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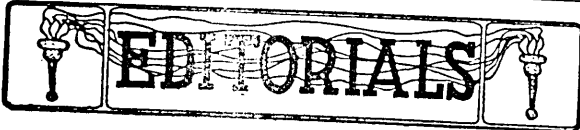
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WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, daughter of the militant leader of the Woman Suffragists of England, is touring this country to stir up our American women to demand the right to vote. Miss Pankhurst spoke to a large audience in Kansas City last week. It was our privilege to hear her and to converse with her on the subject.

We believe in the right of women to vote. Why? Because we do not believe one part of humanity has a right to rule another part equally numerous and equally intelligent and equally responsible to the laws, and taxed equally to support society.

We do not advocate woman's suffrage because we believe it is a panacea for human ills, for social evils, for political chicanery, etc. The experience of the States which have given this right is in some of these things a keep disappointment. Very well. Why should we expect so much more of women than we expect of ourselves?

The movement in behalf of woman's suffrage is growing in this country. Already full suffrage is enjoyed in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Washington. It is a live issue in Oklahoma and Oregon. It has been rejected by the constitutional conventions of New Mexico and Arizona. It is opposed by many leading women in the country, some of whom were formerly its advocates. Miss Phoebe Cousins, the lawyer and former advocate of the ballot for women, is among the latter. In a hearing in Washington a few months ago she took the position that woman suffrage is impracticable and of no permanent benefit. Mrs. Francis M. Scott does not believe in it because the ballot is not in itself an educational force; it is simply a piece of machinery. Granted. But these objections do not approach the root of the matter. Has one part of humanity the right to rule another part, equally intelligent and equally concerned, especially when our government is based upon equality and representative institutions?—*Central Christian Advocate.*

We do not recognize the validity of the Central's argument. The right to vote is not a natural and inalienable right. Absolute monarchy is, in certain stages of civilization, the best government. In more advanced conditions, limited suffrage has been found to contribute to the general welfare. Suffrage has been granted to men only, sometimes to such as own a certain amount of property; also men have been allowed plural votes according to property and size of family. All these differences are conventional, as government itself is conventional. Experience is the best guide, and is, in matter of government, the proper guide of statesmen. If woman suffrage is best for women and the State that ends it. If not there is still an end.

Suffrage can not be reckoned the natural right of anybody. The State may limit it to males 21 years of age, or the limit may be 25 years, or it may add literary conditions, or ownership of property, or size of family.

The purpose of government is the highest good of the State, and the people collectively. If that is secured nobody can complain of injustice. The claim of Miss Phoebe Cousins, that the ballot for women "is impracticable and of no permanent benefit" strikes at the only issue that legislators should regard, as we see it. Any government is a conventional order, seeking the highest general good. Rights and duties, as relates to government, are conventional. In establishing such rights and duties the statesman looks to the result to the body politic.—G.

THE RAILROADS.

Several months ago, when we began to investigate the relation of the railroads to the public, we wrote a very frank letter to several general officers of railroads, stating plainly what we con-

ceived to be the situation, and asking for suggestions.

Among other replies, we have a rather exhaustive one from Mr. B. L. Winchell, president of the Frisco lines. We regret that we have not space for Mr. Winchell's entire letter. However, the points he insists upon have largely been covered by what we have heretofore said in this paper. Like all other communications we have received from railroad sources, Mr. Winchell's letter is characterized by frankness and straightforwardness. Indeed, we have every reason to believe

ESTO PERPETUA.

(Inscribed to J. H., the Man With the Ax.)

Oh, legislator, spare

That old historic pile,

Nor let a vandal dare

Its classic walls defile.

Like faithful sentinel,

Through sun and wintry blast,

Long has it served, and well,

In years forever past.

Though old and mossy grown,

Is not its very age

Sufficient claim alone

Your mercies to engage?

In epochs of the past

What scenes its halls portrayed—

Formidable and vast

In all its pride arrayed!

What memories profound

Upon our hearts are writ,

And everywhere abound—

Such vital parts of it!

Though Time has set his seal

Upon its crumbling stones,

A loyal commonweal

This relic loves—and owns.

Shall then of us be said

We sanction to profane

This temple of the dead

For sake of sordid gain?

Nay, legislator, stay

Your ruthless hand in awe;

We cherish, and for aye,

This shrine of Arkansas.

—*Sidney W. Mase in Arkansas Gazette.*

that railroad officials generally have no least desire to mislead the public; they are ready to take the public into their confidence, recognizing that railroads are public utilities. They frankly admit that in the past there has been ground of complaint against railroad management; that there have been abuses needing correction, and which they are now determined to correct. Mr. Winchell's letter freely discusses these matters. He takes proper ground with reference to them all. He refers to rebates, discriminating against individual shippers and communities; notes the fact that it has been the rule of almost all business to make discriminations where interest or competi-

tion seemed to suggest them; he condemns the whole rebate method; but he very pertinently suggests that where rebates have occurred the recipient of the rebate has been equally guilty with the road, usually more so, for the recipient has usually demanded it of the road. He notes the further important fact that there is great difficulty in devising a scheme in which the railroads are forbidden by law to stand together, are expected to compete with one another, and yet are forbidden to use the methods of competition by making any sort of cuts to their patrons. He declares, finally, that it is the desire of the railroads to eliminate all discrimination but that they need the intelligent co-operation of the public in order to be able to do so.

Another matter which Mr. Winchell discusses is the questionable means used in the past by the roads in influencing legislation, state and national, issuing passes and by other means. For this he has no defense, and plainly says that the roads wish to be divorced from politics and are even extremely anxious to deal with legislation on a high moral plane. But he points out that wherever the law or good morals have been violated in this respect the people and their representatives must bear their share of the blame. It takes two to make any bargain, good or corrupt, and if the people have been so disregardful of their own interests as to send to legislatures and to Congress men who would boodle and take bribes, the railroads, often pressed by blackmailing legislation at the hands of such men, have not been the only sinners in the country. This witness is true. Unless the people will give the roads honest men to make laws, fair men, they have little ground of grievance when the roads have to take care of themselves in the hands of rascals.

Another matter discussed is that of railway financing. This discussion is very lucid and satisfactory. We think we shall give it to our readers at some future time. It frankly admits that there have been cases of stock-jobbing. But it shows that the cases have been quite exceptional. It shows further that building railroads into new and sparsely settled countries is not like building them in Europe, where immediate returns may be expected, and where, consequently securities may be sold at par and at a low rate of interest. But the conclusive fact at the end of this financial discussion is that whatever the stock of the roads in this country, their capitalization is the lowest in the world, and they have never paid four per cent. on their stock, and in most years have paid much less.

The concluding words of this discussion are so applicable to the general situation as we see it, and so sensible, withal, that we quote:

If the present movement for government regulation shall merely aim at and result in the correction of the real abuses in the railway business and there shall then be re-established relations of amity and co-operation between the railways and the public, government regulation will prove to be a good thing. I am sure that a great majority of the railway managers now recognize the fact that reasonable regulation will be beneficial to all concerned. The great danger is that with public sentiment so hostile toward and prejudiced against the railways as it is now regulation will be carried so far as to tie the hands of the managers and destroy their spirit of enterprise and their opportunity for initiating great economies and great improvements, and at the same time will scare capital away from the railway business. The service that the railway renders is public, but its ownership is private. The public has a right to demand that railway managers shall never forget that the railways' service is public and

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Notes and Personals

Dr. H. M. Du Bose is having great success in
his work at St. John's Church, Augusta.

Chancellor J. H. Kirkland has been elected
President of the National Religious Educational
Association for this year.

Bishop Candler, because of the sickness of his
son, has found it necessary to cancel his engage-
ment to lead the revival effort at Oxford.

Ex-Governor Lon V. Stephens, of St. Louis,
offers Bishop Denny a home, worth \$10,000.00,
if he will make his residence in that city.

Presiding Elder Hughey has appointed Rev.
J. D. Bradley to fill out the unexpired term of
Rev. Fry at the Methodist Church at Hartford,
Arkansas.

Rev. Gordon Wimpey, of the White River Con-
ference, attended the Anti-Saloon League meet-
ing in the city last week and made this office a
pleasant call.

Rev. E. J. Slaughter and his little flock—eleven
Methodists—at Montrose, Ark., will open their
new church the second Sunday in March. It is
a very neat frame building costing \$1,500.

Rev. J. L. Cannon and his people at Monti-
cello are having plans drawn for a \$25,000
church. They are far enough along with the en-
terprise to be sure they will land in good shape.

After going to press last week we had this word
from Rev. A. M. R. Branson: "Have been push-
ing away at the Hendrix debt day and night since
January 4th, and think we shall make the land-
ing." Good!

The cornerstone of our new church at Atkins
will be laid on the 12th of March, Bishop McCoy
officiating. This editor is thankful for an invita-
tion to be present, but fears he must be in Okla-
homa at that time.

Rev. J. A. Henderson, presiding elder Monti-
cello district, was in to see us the other day. He
is confident that Monticello district will pay its
full apportionment on the Hendrix debt. All his
men are doing good work.

Rev. H. H. Hunt, Gardner Memorial, Argenta,
reports the full amount of his apportionment on
the Hendrix debt. Brother Hunt is preaching to
crowded houses, his house overflowing last Sun-
day night, after using all the chairs available.

A move is on in earnest at Weatherford, Okla.,
to build a new church, and the Woman's Home
Mission Society has pledged to raise \$500.00 of

the amount necessary. What enterprise of the
church could thrive independently of the help of
our good women?

One of the most influential and honored men
in Canadian Methodism, Rev. Richard Smith, of
Halifax, died the 19th of January, 91 years of age.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie's gifts to benevolent en-
terprises would pay the salary of the President
of the United States 2,970 years.

Mr. F. M. Daniel, whose name appears first on
the Board of Trust of the Sloan-Hendrix Acad-
emy, has called a meeting for the purpose of or-
ganization. The meeting will be held at Imbo-
den, March 22, at 3:00 p. m. So says a card that
has reached this office.

Ex-Judge George G. Reynolds, President of
the Board of Trustees of Sands Street Memorial
Methodist Church, Brooklyn, celebrated his nine-
tieth birthday February 7. The occasion was for-
mally observed. Ex-Mayor D. D. Whitney, who
is ninety-two and also a member of the Board
assisted.

Rev. J. H. Bradford, of Humphrey, Ark., Little
Rock Conference, has been prostrated with
rheumatism for over four weeks, and is in bad
condition. It is the purpose to take him to Hot
Springs as soon as he is able to travel. Mean-
time let all his brethren remember the scriptural
injunction that they that are strong ought to bear
the infirmities of the weak.

R. H. Hughes, of Portland, Oregon, has been
appointed editor and business manager of the
Pacific Christian Advocate, to serve until the
General Conference shall fill the vacancy caused
by the death of Dr. Daniel L. Rader. Mr. Hughes
is a son-in-law of the late editor and is familiar
with the situation, having assisted in the conduct
of the paper since the failure of Dr. Rader's
health.

Rev. John R. Abernathy, pastor of the First
Church at Guthrie, Okla., has just returned from
a month's vacation which he spent in travel.
While absent from his field of labor he visited in
Missouri and spent two weeks in New York, be-
ing the guest of the United States Motor Com-
pany at the great Automobile Show at Madison
Square Garden. From New York he sailed on
the Southern Pacific Steamer "Antilles" for New
Orleans, and from thence by rail through Texas,
visiting his old home enroute to his work in
Guthrie, where he is serving his fourth year.

Longview, Texas, Feb. 9.—At the age of 136
years, Mrs. Lucie Owens is dying at the home of
her daughter, a centenarian, a few miles west of
Longview. Mrs. Owens was born in North Car-
olina when the Revolutionary War broke out.
When three years old she saw George Washing-
ton, and is the only person living who has seen
the first President. Many have disputed the age
of Mrs. Owens, but investigation of records has
proved that she gave her correct age. Until a
year ago she could hear and see exceptionally
well, and could walk about her room with the aid
of a crutch.—*Christian Nation*.

RELIGION IN COLD STORAGE.

We have been considering our church statistics.
There is a large contingent unaccounted for in
the records. It is the members in transit, with
their church letters. These are not counted in
our statistical reports. They number hundreds
of thousands. A certificate of membership is not
a separation from the church. But it often ends
in that. These people with their church letters
represent a mighty leakage in our old ship of
Zion, if the figure may be allowed, although the
leakage of a ship is always from without inward,
and this is from within outward. A great number
who take church letters expect to put them in
when they settle in new homes; but they find
many excuses for delay: Not really settled; likely
to move any time; not close to any church; not ac-

quainted; no preacher has called; not able to pay
anything; not so situated as to take up any church
work. The final result of these excuses and this
delay is to drift out of the church altogether.

Now, what we propose is a sort of bureau in all
our cities to handle these cases. Let us have a
cold-storage church, to take up these letters, en-
roll these members, imposing on them no assess-
ments, no work, just recording names and place
of residence, so that every city pastor may hunt
up these floaters, warm them up, enlist them in
their various charges and set them to work.—G.

A WORD TO PASTORS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

BY CHARLES D. BULLA.

The Wesley Adult Bible Class movement is
being taken up with interest wherever its purpose
is understood. The need of some agency by which
men can be won to the Sunday school is appar-
ent, and nothing that the church has ever em-
ployed has been so successful in compassing this
end as the organized adult Bible class; it is the
best brotherhood; workers are discovered and de-
veloped; emphasis is placed upon Christian ser-
vice.

It is manifestly impossible for the Superintend-
ent of the Wesley Adult Bible Class Department
to reach all Bible classes with literature, giving
the plan of our church for the organization of
adult classes, because the addresses of the teach-
ers and presidents are not known. Therefore in
view of the importance of this work, our preach-
ers and Sunday school superintendents are ear-
nestly requested to procure such literature as is
needed and organize and enroll their adult classes.
In doing so they will bring men and women into
a helpful Methodist comradeship. Literature will
be sent upon request, by the Superintendent, Rev.
Charles D. Bulla, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

MOVING PICTURES.

The earnest, progressive laymen of the church
should capture this method of instruction and
amusement, and establish in our towns and cities
moving picture companies, which will be clean,
instructive and entertaining. It is not worth
while to sit and wring one's hands in despair be-
cause young people will not flock to the prayer
meeting as at present conducted, but will flock
to a picture show. Make the prayer meeting
more attractive and provide better and equally en-
tertaining pictures. Our laymen should invest
some thought and money in such things. They
can be made a great blessing to the community,
and at the same time can be made to pay a good
dividend on the investment. The Christian owner
of a dozen picture shows, which entertained and
elevated hundreds of people, and at the same time
made him a good living, would be doing as much
for the elevation of society by his business as the
merchant and the banker do by their business.

The church of God must be more active in its
efforts to save and to elevate our young people.—
Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate.

Moving pictures might well substitute stereop-
ticon views in much Bible instruction in the lec-
ture room. It might gather a crowd at a preach-
ing service or a prayer meeting. But we think
real preaching and prayer meetings would not be
helped by it.

HENDRIX COLLEGE.

Brethren will you not report at once? Simply
to say that your church pays so much is not suffi-
cient. We cannot pay the debt except with cash.
Should you take notes they must be closed out
and commercialized. Cash is very much pre-
ferred. But whatever the nature of the gift let
it come in at once. Our Conference ordered us
to pay this money and we can do it—more we
will raise it, won't we?

A business organized with such a body of rep-
resentatives, solicitors if you please, a commod-
ity of such merit, as the cause we have been rep-

resenting would have long since been closed out,—about three hundred of us itinerants. Have I done my best? God forgive me for any dereliction and help me to catch up. Methodist preachers are the best people in the world, but we get in the habit of putting things off until tomorrow, next week or next month. The writer has been guilty and is trying to improve. Come up brethren, lift your part. Don't throw off on your brother and quit making excuses for your people. They lose respect for your business ability.

JAMES THOMAS,
Commissioner of Education.

THE "WAR" IN MEXICO.

By G. B. WINTON.

Because of the close censorship of press dispatches in Mexico, news of political and other disturbances there must usually be obtained from correspondents on this side the border. These men have no facilities for obtaining accurate reports or for verifying rumors. They have no correspondents in the interior of Mexico, most of them understand no Spanish. They are dependent on hearsay.

There are three main lines of railway between Mexico and the United States, four perhaps it should be said now. The new Harriman line, which enters the republic of Mexico at Nogales, Arizona, is at last completed well on toward Mexico City. But El Paso, Eagle Pass, and Laredo, all in Texas, have long been the railroad gateways between the two republics. Trains from the south arriving at these points during the last two or three months have brought all sorts and conditions of passengers, each with a tale of his own. These later have been mostly gathered up without leaving the cars, their source usually being trainmen, men who like to tell a big story and make the tenderfoot's hair stand up. These men are often ignorant both of the language and of the affairs of the country. They are not seldom indifferent also to the truth.

Such is the genesis of the stories of bloody riots and widespread insurrection which the correspondents, especially the one in El Paso, have recently telegraphed over the United States. Most of them were absolutely without foundation. There is a good deal of dissatisfaction, no doubt, in Mexico with the Diaz government. This is only natural. The art of self-government has not advanced far there. The people have been used to paternal institutions too long to change all at once. Diaz is doing as well as he can—probably as well as anybody could—with the material he has in hand. His methods are often autocratic and cause opposition. But an organized revolution is impossible unless it should begin with the army. Of this there is but a most slender probability.

Mr. Madero, the supposed leader of the present disturbance, would like to lead an insurrection. But he is a rather obscure civilian, with no military training whatever. Any group of his adherents, civilians like himself, are absolutely helpless in the hands of the drilled veterans of Diaz. The "great battle" at the hacienda of Mr. Madero several weeks ago proved to have been nothing more than the visit there of a small detachment of regulars to see that no depot of arms and horses was established. They confiscated a few horses, but found neither arms nor men. Madero himself remained carefully and continuously north of the international boundary until a few days ago, when he crossed into Mexico to avoid arrest by the United States officers.

In the mountains of Chihuahua there are usually scattering groups of bandits. Enough of these got together the other day to cut off from the main body a small reconnoitering party of Mexican soldiers. There was a little rather tame fighting one afternoon. Then the troops came up and the bandits disappeared.

"General" Orozco was supposed to be ready to capture Juarez, just across from El Paso. His

men had dynamited bridges of the Mexican Central, the one railroad on the Mexico side, running for two hundred miles through a desert, and thus delayed the Federal troops. But the "insurgents" did not capture Juarez. Orozco entertained the newspaper correspondents who ventured across the river and had his picture taken in numerous poses. But when General Navarro arrived he disappeared.

The sympathy of Americans with this formless insurrection is misplaced. The insurgent leaders talk well, but what guarantee of good government could they give? Now two or three American boys are prisoners, having been taken in arms against the Mexican government. They may be shot. If so, nobody will be to blame but themselves. Meantime, as these lines are written, reports are being circulated by the revolutionary leaders who are safe in San Antonio, El Paso, and other parts of the United States, that the President of Mexico has offered to treat for peace! Rightly understood these rumors mean, "How much can we hope to get?" They are probably the beginning of the end.

EVANGELISTS.

By GIPSY SMITH.

If God has given to the Church evangelists, it is because you need them. What God has called clean, do not you call common. You say you believe in hand picked fruit; so do I. It fetches the highest price in the market; but what are you to do when the fruit is too high for you to reach it, and you have no ladder? Everybody knows, too, that some of the best fruit is on the top of the tree. Are you going to lose that fruit because you are not tall enough or strong enough to get it? I won't! I will ask the first godly brother who comes along to help me to shake that tree and we will get the fruit though we bruise it in the getting. I would rather not have said this. I do not believe in defending myself, or setting myself against my brethren in the ministry. I have tried always to be the pastor's help, and I never allow myself in public or in private to say one disparaging word of my brethren. It hurts and grieves me when I hear a pastor speaking disdainfully of the work of the evangelist, remembering as I do that God has given to the Church some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, as well as pastors and teachers.—*Life and Work*.

DR. JOWETT.

In speaking of Dr. Jowett's acceptance of the call of the Fifth Avenue Church of New York, the British Weekly deplors his going from England, but thinks that he could not refuse the thrice-repeated solicitation. It says, in reference to him:

"We are all conscious of the heavy bereavement we are sustaining. In Dr. Jowett we lose the greatest living master of the homiletic art. We lose one of the most powerful and deeply-instructed among evangelical preachers. We lose a man of the choicest Christian spirit. We lose one of the wisest, most inspiring and most trusted of our leaders. We know that we shall often desire him vehemently in the day of battle. The rich and fruitful Birmingham ministry, now at an end, has told through the whole land, but to every corner of it. It seems as if we could very ill afford to face this minishing of our forces at a time when all are sorely needed for the conflicts we must wage. But like the Birmingham people we recognize both the weight and pressure involved in a protracted service in one sphere, and also the magnificent eminence of opportunity in the position which Dr. Jowett is now to occupy." This is high praise from a discriminating source.

LEAKAGE.

Bishop Thomas B. Neely, of the M. E. Church, says:

"The explanation of the reduced net gain is not so much because small numbers are received as it is because of the large numbers stricken from

the rolls or permitted to slip away from the church.

"One remedy is to retain those we get by giving them proper oversight and care. An energetic working of the class divisions of the membership under watchful caretakers of the small bodies of members would work wonders. Another remedy is to hunt up the delinquents and to seek and find the lost sheep who have been overlooked and forgotten. Get and hold is the needed motto. One saved to the church is as good as one gained, perhaps better than the stranger gained. A third remedy is greater aggressiveness. Dependence upon spasmodic revivals or spurts of activity is not as good as steady work, but even a spurt is better than no movement at all."

THE RAILROADS.

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shall strive earnestly, honestly and intelligently to give the public good service at reasonable rates. But on the other hand the public must not forget that the railways' ownership is private and that to induce adequate investment in it for the development of our transportation system this private capital must be allowed to earn as attractive a profit as it can earn in other businesses, or it will go into the other businesses. The fact that the railway renders a public service and exercises the power of eminent domain does not give it any better credit when it enters the money market to get capital than is enjoyed by any strictly private corporation.

Yours very truly,

B. L. WINCHELL.

CREED MAKERS.

A Unitarian lady, writing to the Christian Register, tells how she and her friends worked out a confession of faith which they could honestly accept. Now in our seeking of a basis of church union if we could just find out what these intelligent and conscientious Christians agreed upon, it might help us much. We wonder she did not venture to give it to the public. Here is what she says:

"Two weeks ago I was asked to be godmother to a little child in New Haven whose parents had learned to think for themselves. The father had been brought up a Methodist, the mother a Catholic. Each had moved away from the exclusive doctrines of his church, yet both loved the spirit of the great historical church from which they had drawn much that was woven into the very texture of their spiritual experience. When the three godparents (all, as it happened, Unitarians) reached New Haven on Friday night, they found that their friends had planned to use the Apostles' Creed in the christening service, and that the responses demanded of the godparents the explicit statement, "All this I do steadfastly believe." None of us could accept the Apostles' Creed as it stood. Our friends desired us to say nothing which would not resound with the response of our entire conviction. There was but one thing to do. That Saturday night and Sunday morning the little group of five intimate friends worked together among Bibles and prayer books in a room which had become a sanctuary, revising the Apostles' Creed. We shall none of us forget it—the earnest questioning of every single word, the wonder-bringing insight into the past of each of us, the new union born of eager truth-seeking, the acknowledgment of every one of us that the ultimate value of life was in its religious meaning. There was a humorous side, too. Our Methodist friend clung tenaciously to the devil in the christening service. He wanted a real, live adversary to fight, not vague evil. He stood up valiantly for the devil, but the majority annihilated him, and we omitted the devil and all his works.

"When the service came, every word of it rang true and holy for all of us. And, as the tenor notes of Mendelssohn's "If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me," reached up to the God of all of us, we knew that in our night of vigil we had come a step nearer to finding God because we had then truly and with all our hearts sought him."



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THE ANCESTRY OF OUR ENGLISH BIBLE, by Ira Maurice Price, Ph.D., Professor of Semitic Languages and Literature in the University of Chicago. Philadelphia, The Sunday School Times Co. \$1.50.

On this, the three hundredth anniversary of the authorized version of the Bible, this publication is timely. Every preacher should have a general knowledge at least of the source from which we have the Bible. Such knowledge would save them from many incorrect statements and errors, such as well informed people know to be incorrect, and which, to hear from the pulpit, stands in the way of faith in the vital teachings of the Scriptures. The Bible history is very wonderful. It is well presented in this volume, which gives us, substantially, all that is known of the Hebrew and Greek originals, and of their translation into the English language. Sunday school teachers and Bible students should possess the knowledge which this book offers, and the preacher of today who lacks such knowledge is inexcusable. We are often asked by correspondents what books they should buy. Don't fail to buy this, and read it until familiar with its contents. Order of Anderson, Millar & Co.

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THE VANITIES OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE, by William James. New York. Longmans, Green & Co.

This work is a psychological discussion of the phases of Christian experience, by the most distinguished psychologist of this country. It is a book for the philosophical student, and one in which a philosophical mind cannot fail to be profoundly interested. The chapter headings are, Religion and Neurology; Circumscription of the Topic; The Reality of the Unseen; The Religion of Healthy-Mindedness; The Sick Soul; The Divided Self and the Process of Its Unification; Conversion; Saintliness; The Value of Saintliness; Mysticism; Philosophy; Other Characteristics; Conclusions.

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HAMPTON'S MAGAZINE for March.

After Navigation is Closed, is a thrilling story of ice and frost, of peril and death in the navigation of the Great Lakes after the navigation season is officially closed. That is when insurance expires and boats are supposed to be laid up for winter.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, telling again the story of how he found or did not find the North Pole. This number gives us the third article telling of his reception in New York on his return; his lectures; how he fell into doubt about his discovering the pole; and withdrew from the world to find himself. The April number will tell of his thirteen months wandering, incognito.

Cleveland Moffett tells how \$1,000,000 a day may be saved to American consumers by scientific management of railroads.

The lovers of clever stories will find such in The Dish and the Spoon, by Arthur Stringer; The Strength of the Strong, by Jack London; The New Earth, by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow. Liberal space is given to Plays and Players. \$1.50 a year. New York.

A young student lately presented himself for examination and ignominiously failed. To his family, anxious to hear of his success, he telegraphed thus: "Examinations splendid, professors enthusiastic. They wish for a second in October."—*Tid-Bits*.

HOME MISSIONS: A PLEA FOR AN ADEQUATE PLAN.

Having partially discussed the closely related questions of ministerial support and ministerial supply, I wish now to direct the reader's attention to the subject of "Home Missions," the field, and the problem. And as the care of the rural church is one of our gravest problems, let us keep that subject in mind as we proceed.

The phenomenal development of mining, manufactures, and other town-building industries, has drawn multitudes from the rural districts to the towns and cities. The church is turning her strength almost exclusively upon these centers, leaving the country districts exposed to the attack of the enemy. No need to build forts and station garrisons where there is no hostile army. Hence, while splendid houses of worship are springing up in the cities, many of our country churches are rotting to the ground.

But the greatest resources of our country, and especially of the Southland, are agricultural. And within twenty-five years we are destined to witness such a drift of the population to the farms, as was never seen before. Then the church that has failed to fortify itself, and hold its ground, in these rural sections, will be in no position to help save and shepherd these toiling millions.

This is a day of unprecedented opportunity for the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The heathen nations are fields ripe unto harvest, and millions of voices are sending us twentieth-century echoes of the Macedonian cry. If we do not hear and respond, with all possible haste, the voice of our brothers' blood will cry in the ears of heaven against us.

But if our obligation to the lost in heathen lands is so imperative and urgent, surely our obligation to the lost at home is primary and stringent. We need to study anew, that version of the "great commission" contained in Acts 1:8: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me"—first "in Jerusalem"—your home town—the community in which you live—the church of which you are a member (don't neglect the perishing souls at your very door!)—"and"—next in urgency and importance—"in all Judea"—the suburbs; the surrounding country; the mission in your own district, or Conference—"and"—then—"in Samaria"—the work among the Indians, Negroes, and foreigners in the homeland ports—"and"—while caring for all the interests of the work at home, press the battle—"into the uttermost part of the earth"—China, Japan, India, Africa. So, then, our work of first importance and most stringent obligation, is the evangelization of our own community and country.

We have already seen how our preachers are being supported while prosecuting this work. Let us now look at that branch of our work, known to the church as "Domestic Missions," taking the Little Rock Conference as an example, and ask, What are we doing?—and, How are we doing it? To the first of these questions, recent statistics answer:

(1) While, under present conditions, \$600.00 ought to be the very minimum salary for a preacher, there are in this Conference, 63 pastoral charges which pay less than that amount—many less than half that.

(2) In order to bring all our present charges up to this minimum, there is needed a Home Mission Fund of \$15,000.00. The present fund being only \$6,000.00, we are forcing our preachers to do on \$9,000.00 less than a very modest support. Rather a heavy burden, this \$9,000.00, for 63 men to bear, when there are 40,000 Methodists within the Conference.

We thus see what we are—or, rather, what we are not doing. Our second question is, How are we doing it?

(1) There are four cities within the Conference, where city mission work is being done. During the four years, 1906-1909, there was raised

and appropriated within the Conference, for Domestic Missions, the sum of \$19,180.00. Of this amount \$13,815.00 was expended in the districts in which these four cities are situated; and of this sum, \$8,845.00 was used in the four cities, and only \$4,970.00 in the rural districts and smaller towns.

(2) These four districts raised, during the four years, \$10,729.00, or \$3,086.00 less than was appropriated to them; and, of this amount, \$5,850.00 came from the country charges and small towns, and only \$4,879.00 from the cities. In other words, during these four years, the four leading cities of our Conference consumed, of the Home Mission fund, about \$1,000.00 a year more than they gave to it.

Now, is it not possible that, with true missionary spirit and soul-saving zeal, under statesman-like leadership, the strong churches of these cities and districts, might have taken this burden off the Board of Missions, in addition to all else they have done? And is it not probable that if they had done this, there would now be fewer useless churches (monuments of misdirected zeal), in the environs of our cities? And would not this have been an inestimable blessing to these stronger churches? By the way, here is a recipe for a revival, that I should like to see some great church, that has been preached and "pastored" almost to death, try: Induce the pastor to go out as a missionary to the unchurched poor, pay him half his present salary, and pay the other half to another man to do similar work; and look to its own resources, under God, for spiritual teachers and leaders, for a few years. Such a church would certainly find that our Savior's words, in Matt. 16:25, "Whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it," apply to congregations as well as to individuals.

Whatever may be said of the wisdom of our policy in the past, it is surely high time that our cities, which pay the leading pastors almost princely salaries, should pay at least as much into the Home Mission treasury as they draw from it; so that the poor drudges who make brick for the Kingdom, may at least have straw to mix with the clay.

I do not wish to be understood as contending that all salaries should be equal; far from it. But I do maintain that no preacher should receive less than \$600.00 a year for his support. If he isn't worth it—doesn't earn and deserve it, he has no business in the ministry. If he is worth it, the whole church—bishops, presiding elders, pastors, mission boards, and congregations should take enough interest in the whole ministry, to see that he gets it. If we will do this, the spirits of many discouraged soldiers of Christ will be revived, and there will be no lack of capable men to fill up the ranks.

The question remains, Can a workable plan be suggested? I think so. Such a plan will involve three questions: How to get the money; how to spend it, and, how to man the field.

1. How to get the money.

(a) Let an assessment be made upon the whole church, equal to ten per cent of the pastors' salaries. This would give us, in the Little Rock Conference, a fund of \$10,000.00; which is \$5,000.00 less than we need, but still, \$4,000.00 better than we have. The church, seeing the value of Home Missions as she does, would readily pay this assessment.

(b) Let "Home Mission Specials" be encouraged. It has been found that a church will take more interest in Foreign Missions, if it can be induced to undertake the support of a special missionary; thus forming a direct connection with some station in the mission field. Would not the same quickening of interest occur by the application of the same plan to Home Missions?

It would be easy to name a dozen charges in our Conference, that could well afford to bring up to the requisite minimum of \$600.00, the salary

of one or more of these 63 underpaid pastors, and find a great blessing in doing so.

(c) Let each Presiding Elder raise within his district, if needed, a special mission fund to be used in emergencies within the district.

2. How to spend the money.

(a) Let us forever cease doling out such a miserable pittance as \$50.00 or \$100.00 a year, to our mission fields.

(b) Then, the Board of Missions and the Bishops' Cabinet could meet together and carefully study the entire field, readjusting boundaries, and making such combinations of churches as would reduce the number of charges needing aid, to a minimum. Then give to the dependent charges, enough money to lift them out of the class of "undesirable" appointments. Evangelize them, educate them, build them up.

(c) Let every preacher, and every official board, every "lay missionary committee," and every League, Sunday school, and Woman's Home Mission Society, become an active, earnest, wide-awake missionary force—really engaged in soul-winning. Some of these institutions are sinking into "innocuous desuetude," or something worse, through inaction, or self-centered activity.

3. How to man the field.

(a) Guard the door of the Conference, and admit to the traveling connection, none but men of standard qualifications. Let the two years "on trial" mean something, and let him who has not "made good" be turned back at this point. If inefficient men are already in, honor the local ministry by adding them to its ranks. Don't starve them; better the headman's ax than prolonged agony. But do not pronounce a man inefficient who has never had a chance.

(b) If there are little stations, paying \$700.00 to \$1,000.00, with no prospect of larger things—which must have a man "full time," give them your man who is still anxious to work for the Lord, but is no longer able to meet the demands of a rapidly growing field. We could thus save from premature superannuation men whose strength and counsel the church still needs; thereby relieving the "Joint Board," and at the same time securing our sprightly, vigorous men for fields of larger usefulness.

(c) Finally, select for the mission fields, men of approved qualifications; spiritual men, strong preachers; industrious pastors; intelligent organizers. An illiterate, incompetent man is no more fit to be a missionary to poor, white farmers and mechanics, than to naked Hottentots or turbaned Kaffirs.

Let us use our choicest spirits in the mission fields, and solidly sustain them with the prayers, sympathies and coin, of the whole church. The Board of Missions should hold in reservation an emergency fund; so that if by any means a charge fell below the prescribed minimum, the Presiding Elder could draw on the board for enough to pay his preacher.

Are not, at least, some of these suggestions worth thinking about?

ARTHUR M. SHAW.

RAILROAD FINANCES.

By Mr. B. L. WINCHELL, PRESIDENT OF THE FRISCO.

Dear Doctor Anderson: One of the charges that have been made against the railways is that they have been grossly overcapitalized and charge excessive rates in order to pay dividends on their watered capitalization. This charge is so generally believed that in order to make clear the exact facts I will trespass on your patience while I outline at considerable length the historic development of the capitalization of American railways. Many of our railways were originally built where the traffic that a new line could get was sure for some time to be small. In that early day the method of financing such a project was to

issue bonds about equal in amount to the anticipated initial cost of the road. Stock was not sold, because no guarantee being given that there would be any return on it, nobody would buy it. The risk taken by investing even in the bonds was very great. Therefore, they could not be marketed for par at a low rate of interest. It was necessary to either sell them at a heavy discount, to guarantee a very high rate of interest, or to give a stock bonus with them. To sell them at a heavy discount or to guarantee a high rate of interest was to load the property with heavy fixed charges, and start it into the world practically a bankrupt. By giving a stock bonus with the bonds, investors could be induced to buy them at a lower rate of interest or at a smaller discount, because this gave them a chance to profit by any increase in the value of the stock that might take place.

It may be, as is now so generally charged, that this method of financing was wrong. But it was the only way in which the early American railways could be financed. That railways could be financed in Europe by the sale of stock at a good price was because a large traffic was awaiting them and that, therefore, the risk of investing in them was less. In this country it often developed that the investors were unduly optimistic. Then the roads went into receiverships, and those who had put money into them lost part or all of it.

In course of time most of the roads became able to earn the interest on their bonds and something besides. This extra money might have been applied as dividend on stock, but usually it was spent in improving the properties. As it really belonged to the stockholders, it was as truly an investment by them in the property as if it had been secured by selling them stock. When, subsequently, a road's earnings became large enough for it to pay small dividends it continued to be impossible for it to sell its stock except at a very small price, because everyone knew that a slump in business might at any time compel it to suspend its dividends. As recently as on July 30, 1894, there were in the hands of receivers 192 companies, with a capitalization comprising nearly one-fourth of the railroad capital of the entire country. And from that time until 1898 dividends were paid on only about 30 per cent of the stock outstanding.

Both before and since the panic and depression of the '90's the capitalization of some roads has been recklessly increased for stock-jobbing purposes, regardless of investment and earning capacity. The public has been led to believe that cases of this kind are typical. The fact is that they are very exceptional. In some cases capitalization has been increased beyond investment and earning capacity simply because certain roads have had to raise money in order to make improvements that were required to enable them to compete with more favorably situated rivals, and, being unable to earn it, and their credit, because of their limited earning capacity, being poor they have had to sell their securities below par. In many cases, however, our railways gradually have become able to earn something in excess of their interest and dividend requirements; their stock as well as their bonds has in consequence become marketable; and in a great majority of such cases as they have honestly invested in the properties both large amounts that they have derived from the sale of stock and bonds and large amounts of earnings. Contrary to the popular belief, such investments of earnings have not often been capitalized. Meanwhile, there has been a large increment in the value of the physical properties. The result is that today, while there is a small number of roads that, for one reason or another, are overcapitalized, American railways as a whole have a capitalization that is smaller compared with the investment in them and with the volume of traffic they handle than any other railways in the world.

It may be replied that the overcapitalization of some roads, at least, has caused them to charge high rates in order to pay a return on the "water" in their capitalizations. But the railway which is overcapitalized has to make the same rates as its competitors which are not overcapitalized. If an overcapitalized railway company properly maintains its property it has no earnings left with which to pay a return on the excessive part of its capitalization. If it is so easy, as some think, for a road to raise its rates enough to pay dividends on its watered stock why were no dividends paid at all on 70 per cent of the stock of American railways in the bad year 1897, and why were none paid on 33 1-3 per cent of all railroad stock in the very prosperous year of 1907.

Not only is it true that our railways as a whole are conservatively capitalized, and that they have never paid any dividends on a large part of their outstanding stock, but their dividends as applied to their entire stock has never equalled 4 per cent and in most years has been very much less. The average dividends paid by the national banks, which are credited by the government and are under its direct supervision, have varied during the last ten years from 7 to 12 per cent, and while paying these dividends they have built up surpluses equal to 62 per cent of their aggregate capitalization. The statistics of the federal government show that the average net earnings from investments in agriculture are about 10 per cent, and from investments in manufacturing are about 15 per cent. These data show conclusively that the common impression that the railroads have been making too much money is exactly the opposite of the truth.

A THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR SPECIAL.

At the session of the North Texas Conference held at Greenville, Texas, on November 18-23, 1908, in response to a statement made by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, of the need for a church building in Bowie, Arizona, a village on the Southern Pacific Railroad, where there was no church building of any sort, Mr. Charles H. Morris, of Winnsboro, Texas, interrupted the speaker long enough to announce that he would care for the proposition. Brother Morris gave his check for \$300.00.

On a tour of Arizona, in company with Rev. J. E. Crutchfield, a few months previous, I stopped at Bowie, and found there no church organization, but a company of good women, who, under the direction of the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. E. Crutchfield, began work by organizing a Woman's Home Mission Society. After a long, hard pull, the church building was completed without other outside assistance save that given by Brother Morris.

A few weeks ago, in a business letter to this office, Brother Crutchfield writes as follows: "You can hardly imagine the good that our church has done for Bowie. It is actually making the town. People have come in from mines and ranches to live there because they have a church in the town. There seems to be no other reason in the world; but they are actually going to make a town out of what has been for twenty years just a railroad junction and nothing more. They are talking seriously of paying for all of a preacher's time."

These facts are given to show what a little timely help will do for a needy place, and also to call attention to those of our people who are willing to invest a part of the Lord's substance committed to them in His work, to the fact that the office of the Board of Church Extension is in possession of information continually where investment of the Lord's money can be made which will bring just as large results as that invested by Brother Morris, in Bowie, Arizona.

W. F. McMURRY,
Corresponding Secretary.



RELIGIOUS.

By a vote of 35 to 31 the Toronto Presbytery decided the proposition of union with the Methodists. The general vote of the Presbyteries, however, up to the present, has favored the union. It is likely, nevertheless, that an influential minority will be considered sufficient cause for abandoning or delaying the movement.

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The Methodist Church of Canada, like the M. E. Church, and M. E. Church, South, of the United States, feels called upon to make special effort for an increase of spiritual vitality, and activity in saving men. Too much absorbed in finances is a confession of fault with them as with us.

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The Christian Guardian, the official organ of Canadian Methodism, has the following:

"The Continent (Presbyterian) comments upon the point which has been raised amongst United States Methodists (in view of the small net gain of recent years) as to whether money-raising has not become the standard of success by which churches and preachers are judged, and whether soul-saving is any longer a controlling force. It says: 'If this question is a heart-searching one for Methodists, it should no less cut into the conscience of other Christians, for there is no denomination in the country to which the same ratios will not relatively apply.' And in Canada also we have need of similar heart-searching."

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DECLINE OF NONCONFIRMED CHURCHES.

Statistics show that the nonconformist churches of England and Wales are declining. The Christian Advocate notes this, with the further fact that those who should know somewhat of the reason for this find the chief cause in a decline of zeal for the church itself on the part of its ministers. This we think is no sure evidence that "the Master is wounded in the house of his friends." The Master may not regard the church organizations any more highly than the preachers do. The forward movements in religion have ever been leaving behind ecclesiastical systems. The abatement of interest in the Catholic Church did not make Luther an apostate from the cause of the Master. Nor do we reckon Wesley's attitude toward the Church of England as retrogression in religion. All the past history of the church verifies that "the old order changeth giving place to new, and God fulfills himself in many ways." There is no readier path to a formal, unthinking, spiritless religion than the too close identifying of religion with church forms and observances. The divine order is first the gospel of salvation through Christ. The gospel was first preached and the church came into existence as the result, and so it must always be. Changes in form on the part of the church follow all really great revivals of religion. An increased zeal for the Master, or a more intelligent view of how the Master should be served, may be attended with a diminished zeal for the church in which one has been reared or to which he has given formal allegiance. These are old truths. We will keep them in view and still trust in God's guidance.

"Let knowledge grow to more and more,
But more of reverence in us dwell."

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SECULAR.

The House voted, by a heavy majority, on last Wednesday, in favor of fortifying the Panama Canal, appropriating \$3,000,000.00 to the work. There is no doubt that the Senate will concur.

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The question of a constitutional amendment for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people came to vote in the Senate last Tuesday.

Fifty-four Senators favored the resolution and 33 opposed. There were lacking four votes to constitute the two-thirds majority necessary to effect a constitutional change. As we suggested last week, the call for a change may be constitutionally inaugurated by the legislatures of two-thirds of the States. A number of the Southern Senators opposed the measure, as calculated to give the negroes larger influence. The popular sentiment is, however, strongly in favor of the change.

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February 9, the grand jury at Danville, Illinois, returned two hundred indictments for vote-selling in the election of Joe Cannon. Subpoenas were issued for the chief Cannon machine workers. One of these who tried to run away was dragged off an interurban car and in his panic appeared and testified, giving names of seventy-four voters whom he had bribed.

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The legislature of Indiana has passed a law to compel qualified voters to go to the polls and vote. A fine for refusing or neglecting to perform this duty is fixed.

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The Outlook says: "One who uses such language in the House of Representatives as Mr. Macon, of Arkansas, used in discussing the congressional recognition of Commander Peary's achievement in discovering the north pole ought to be sent home to be educated. He evidently needs instruction in the habits of a gentleman and in the use of the English language in responsible public assemblies."

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On the night of the 24th, the United States Senate ratifies the Japanese treaty and the daily papers of the morning of the 25th reported to us the ratification with dispatches from Tokio, as to how the action of the United States was received there. Distance no longer separates nations.

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On account of the increase of population, shown by the Census of 1910, a bill has passed the House of Representatives to increase that body from 391 to 433 members. Doubtless the Senate will concur. This action is to avoid any increase in constituency which would decrease present representation in any State.

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The first military order sent by aeroplane was dispatched by Major McMannes from Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California, February 7, to the officer in command of troops along the Mexican border. It was carried by Harry Harkness, and dropped down into the camp. The aviator flew around until he saw it delivered, then flew back to the fort.

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A proposed constitutional amendment fixing the qualifications of voters to ability to read and write, and excluding those whose fathers or grandfathers were not legalized voters January 1, 1866, has passed both houses of the Arkansas legislature. If adopted by the people it will cut off illiterates, certain foreigners, and the negroes from the privilege of the ballot.

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The Interstate Commerce Commission after long investigation declined to grant advance of freight rates in what are known as the Eastern and Western cases. The new classification of rates for which the roads petitioned would increase their income about \$27,000,000.00 a year. In what is known as the Southwestern rate case, involving the Atchison, Topeka and Kansas Road and other carriers in that section reduction is required in second-class rates from \$1.29 to \$1.25. The Southwestern lines made a strong appeal for increased dividends to improve their lines and meet the constantly increasing demand for better accommodations. While some roads were found to be barely able to operate on existing rates,

others in the same territory are securing good incomes. The Commission assuming to protect shippers will also check railroad extension, and diminish accommodation. The Commission has a hard problem to solve.

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The scheme for establishing reciprocity in trade between the United States and Canada is the most important measure which President Taft's administration has developed, thus far. In this he is not supported by his party. The treaty was ratified by the House by a strong majority of 143, but of the Republican members 78 voted for the measure and 87 against it. Of the Democrats, 143 voted yea, and only 5 nay. But it seems that the Senate will adjourn without a vote on the question. The Senate committee reported it without recommendation. Amendments will be proposed and debated till the 4th of March brings the Congress to an end. It is generally believed that the President will call the Sixty-second Congress in extra session to pass the bill. Meantime great effort is being made by the opposers of the measure to enlist the farming interests of the country against it under the idea that to allow Canada free trade in grain and cattle will reduce the farmers' prices. The chief opposition on the part of Canada is from the idea that closer relations with the United States will weaken the loyalty of the Dominion to Great Britain. Representative Bennett, of New York, who introduced a resolution in the House that the President be requested to open negotiations with England for the annexation of Canada, came from an opponent of the reciprocity bill, and had the purpose of exciting opposition from the other side, but the speech of Champ Clark, who favors the bill, and is now the most conspicuous leader of the future Congress, was taken more seriously. Doubtless Mr. Clark would have his remark, to the effect that he desired to see Canada annexed, taken as a joke. It is said it takes an Englishman a long time to see a joke, but sensible people are not expecting jokes in the speeches of great statesmen in the halls of our national legislature. Mr. Clark's speech, whether taken as a joke or seriously, puts him in an awkward attitude. The Christian Guardian, the official organ of Canada Methodism, published in Toronto, says, in reference to it:

"The fool utterances of Mr. Champ Clark, Congressman for Missouri, have perhaps done more to prejudice the case for reciprocity in Canada than anything else that could have been said or done. It seems difficult to believe that there are men with intelligence enough to warrant their elevation to the position which he holds who would talk such stuff and mean it, so that it seems more charitable to believe that he had a definite purpose of injuring the prospects of the treaty in Canada when he spoke as he did. As it seems to us, the thought that reciprocity would be a menace to the British connection is very largely fanciful."

AN EFFECTIVE REMEDY.

Remedies are unfortunately sometimes worse than the diseases which they are made to cure. Tommy's mother, says a writer in Lippincott's Magazine, had made him a present of a toy shovel, and sent him out in the sand lot to play with his baby brother. "Take care of baby, now," said his mother, "and don't let anything hurt him."

Presently screams of anguish from baby sent the distracted parent flying to the sand lot. "Tommy, what has happened to the baby?" said she, trying to soothe the wailing infant.

"There was a naughty fly biting him on the top of his head, and I killed it with the shovel," was the proud reply.

"I didn't notice you at the mothers' congress."
"No," replied the woman addressed. "I'm not a theoretical mother, you know. I have six."—
Philadelphia Ledger.



THOUGHTS FOR MARCH: LESSONS FROM CHRIST'S
SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

MARCH 5: CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES. (Matt. 6:14-16).

Is it not a sublime thought that we are the representatives of Christ on earth? Had you ever thought that all of the kingdom's work here is left for Christ's disciples or representatives to do? If this work suffers loss, it will be our fault.

As representatives of Christ we must take him as our great example. The life of any great man is a blessing to all the generations that follow.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

For our topic today let us take some of the most prominent characteristics of the Great Teacher and try to so impress them on our minds that we will never forget them. There are three that stand out pre-eminent, namely, Love, Meekness and Sincerity. Let us study them in the Biblical order, the first last.

Sincerity. One cannot study the life of Christ without being impressed with his deep sincerity, his tremendous earnestness. When a mere child we find him "about his Father's business." His calling seemed to be firmly fixed in his mind and he did not let anything turn him aside. The taunts of the Pharisees, the threats of his enemies nor the pleading of his friends could turn him aside. His deepest scorn he turned upon the hypocrites. It was the custom of the Pharisees to stand on the street corners and pray. And whenever they wanted to donate anything to charity they would send someone around to draw a crowd so as to let everybody know what they were doing for the poor. Christ was very emphatic in his denunciation of this practice. He emphasized the fact that our prayers, to be heard and answered by our Father in heaven, must come from the heart. He did not mean to teach that we should never pray in public but he wished to have his "representatives" be sincere in their prayers. "Your heavenly Father knoweth what things ye have need of before you ask him."

Meekness. Oh, if we would all just be meek as Jesus was! This old world would indeed be worth living in. It is the lack of meekness in the lives of men that makes the world so cruel today. Men do not stop to consider the feelings of their fellow-men. They do not stop at grinding down the men of our land, but the children, too, are treated without mercy, being compelled to toil long weary hours day after day in the sweat shops of our factories. Much of this is being stopped through the efforts of reformers. Meekness was a very strong characteristic of our Savior. He gave to moral law the "Golden rule." He taught men that they should treat their brothers as they would be treated. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth, is his promise to all men everywhere."

Love. So much has been said on this subject that it fails the writer to find anything that may be added. In order to do justice to the love of Jesus, one must first experience that love in his heart. The love of Jesus is beyond all description, and all we can do here is to give some of the examples in his life which in a measure reveal it to the mind. Take first his love for humanity in general: The hungry multitudes were fed; yet he refused to feed himself by any miraculous power; the woman at the well was given the "water of life," yet he would deny himself the necessities of life rather than enjoy them through temptation. And then Jesus loved those whom even his disciples thought worthy of love—the

lepers and the hated Publicans. The whole soul of Jesus was one of love. Not only did he love humanity in general, but he had special friendships,—Martha and Lazarus and all his disciples. But the depth of his love is measured by his love for his enemies. In death he prayed that his murderers might be forgiven by his Father in heaven.

Let this topic draw us into closer touch with this "Lover of the unlovely." May we all try to follow him more closely, as befits true and loyal "representatives."

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THE ARKANSAS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The Arkansas Anti-Saloon League Convention met at the assembly hall of the Y. M. C. A. building Friday morning at 10 o'clock, February 24, and after transacting much important business adjourned sine die Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Hon. George Thornburgh, president, presided. Rev. B. A. Few was elected secretary.

A large number of delegates and county central committeemen were present and enrolled from all parts of the State.

A most harmonious session was held and during the two days of the convention definite steps were taken looking to the permanent good and success of the temperance cause in the State.

Upon nomination of the Nominating Committee the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, George Thornburgh.

First Vice President, J. N. Jessup.

Second Vice President, A. A. Whisson.

Third Vice President, S. A. Scott.

Board of Directors:

Ben Cox, A. C. Millar, J. H. Estes, J. S. Edens,

burn, J. A. Anderson, C. R. Powell, C. M. Hollett,

L. S. Ballard, G. W. Shepherd, W. D. Ball.

Members from Congressional Districts:

First District—E. Ritter, Elmo Carl Lee.

Second District—W. P. Jones, J. L. Brown.

Third District—J. B. Stephenson, J. L. Little.

Fourth District—Jno A. Logan, W. C. Wheeler.

Fifth District—W. W. Martin, Jno. J. Hurt.

Sixth District—Geo. Murrell, C. C. Cline.

Seventh District—T. T. Thompson, Jno. McCaughey.

Board of Directors for work among colored auxiliary to our general board:

Jos. A. Booker, J. P. Robinson, W. R. Duncan, J. M. Cox, J. O. Iverson, Dr. Gaines, R. M. Carvers, Dr. Jackson.

With practical unanimity a well defined policy and program was adopted by which the Anti-Saloon League is to direct its future aggressive warfare against the baneful curse of Rum Rule and the legalized Liquor Traffic in our good State.

The Convention esteemed it great cause for rejoicing and encouragement that through the faithful service of our Superintendent Rev. Frank Barrett and his co-laborers our capital city of Little Rock is to be freed from the evil of the open legalized saloon by the Three Mile Petition.

The Convention gave its heartiest endorsement and pledged its best efforts to the support and circulation of the "Arkansas Issue," the weekly temperance paper now being published and to be continued by Rev. Frank Barrett. It expressed itself in favor of the Nunn bill now pending before the Arkansas legislature making it unlawful to grant license in a town of less than One Thousand inhabitants.

It committed itself unqualifiedly in favor of a State-wide prohibition measure to be submitted to the people between now and next July.

The law enforcement department of the League was given instruction to create a bureau of information and furnish detective service to

people in prohibition territory where the law is being violated.

The Convention pledged itself to raise a fund of \$10,000.00 to carry forward the temperance work of the State within the next year, and to accept the subscription of the friends of Rev. Frank Barrett in Little Rock for \$2,000.00 and pledge itself for the payment of his salary.

GEO. THORNBURGH, President.
B. A. FEW, Secretary.

NOTES FROM THE PRESS.

It has been announced that Mr. B. Fay Mills, who some years ago was one of the most active and widely known evangelists in America, will soon become the pastor of an independent congregation in Chicago. It will be remembered that Mr. Mills, after doing a great work, became somewhat loose in his theology, and since that time his success has not been so conspicuous.—*Exchange.*

We have seen many shallow revivals conducted by noted evangelists, but none that were shallower than those of B. Fay Mills. A very attractive person he was, always courteous and mild spoken; dealing out sweet sentiment to his hearers and illustrations and examples from high society. He was a favorite with the rich who prided themselves on their culture. In one of the last great meetings which he held before giving up the evangelistic work, which was in Kansas City, this editor being presiding elder of the district, was in daily attendance. Everything was delightful and attractive. The papers represented it a great success, and that the number of conversions was not less than six hundred. At our preacher's meeting, a few weeks later, it was found that the pastors could not account for any new converts. The same character of report came from the Union preachers' meeting, representing all the protestant denominations of the city. Nobody, I think, professed to be converted, unless signing a card in expression of desire to lead a better life was evidence of conversion. Cards were signed also representing a visit from some pastor. When the cards were distributed to the preachers most of them were found to be from their own members. Reporters from the papers learned the number of cards signed and reported so many conversions. We do not believe that Mr. Mills felt that there was any special manifestation of the Holy Ghost in his so-called revivals, and was embarrassed to stand in a situation where such claims were put forth. We further believe that with experience of Holy Ghost power in his evangelistic efforts he would not have retired to preach a gospel of esthetics and ethics instead. Mr. Mills was attractive. He drew great crowds of cultivated people. He provoked no criticism, but in attempting the role of an evangelist for Methodists and Presbyterians we think he could not have felt at home.

BISHOP QUAYLE ON READING.

Bishop Quayle, general president of the Epworth League, says that "reading should be magnified as an art." He offers to all young readers the following excellent suggestions:

"Skim the newspapers—to read them is an intellectual sin; to the daily paper we should not give more than fifteen or twenty minutes.

"Read one distinctively literary journal. This will give familiarity with scholarly views of books and literary measures.

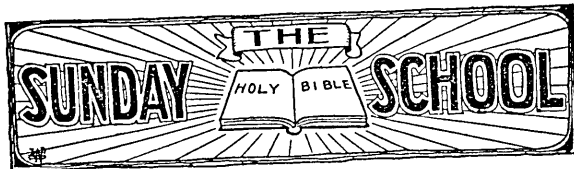
"Read a church paper—your own church paper—to give your heart a generous religious view.

"Read book catalogues. This familiarizes with literature as nothing else can do, and will help you to find yourself when turned loose in a great library."

It is said that over a million people in China are starving, and that \$2.00 sent now will save the life of some human being. Our readers will do well to contribute. You may always send such contributions to our mission offices in Nashville, Tenn.

Teacher—Charles, tell what you know of the Mongolian race.

Charles—I wasn't there; I went to the football game.—*Exchange.*



SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

BY REV. W. J. MOORE,

Conference Sunday School Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND A PROGRAM.

On all occasions we have urged the importance and the necessity of a well-prepared program for each session of the Sunday school. And we still urge it, with more emphasis than ever. The further we go the more we see that much good time and opportunity are lost by failure on the part of the superintendent in not having a thoroughly thought-out program before him.

We have had it in mind for some time to publish programs for the lessons each Sunday; but a pressure of work prevents. Of course, there are programs many already published; but they are general in their nature and application and cannot be in full harmony with the subjects in hand.

We urge our superintendents to study this matter over, and begin now to have a program before them for each service of the school. We give below a suggestive program:

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1911.

Prepared by Dr. I. D. Hitchcock.

1. Tap of bell for silence.
2. Song No. 191.
3. Song No. 150. (All standing.)
4. Read lesson responsively from Bibles. (Singing.)
5. Prayer. (Kneeling.)
6. Song No. 82. (Standing.)
7. Repeat Apostle's Creed (books closed).
8. Teaching the lesson (30 minutes).
9. Warning bell 5 minutes before close of recitation.
10. Song No. 38.
11. A five-minute review of lesson.
12. Missionary offering, classes marching to front to music and depositing same.
13. Birthday offering.
14. Secretary's report.
15. Treasurer's report.
16. Announcements.
17. Silent prayer. Dismissal.

Music selected from Revival Praises.

Some Special Suggestions.—Begin on time. Let no one disturb classes during recitation. Reports to Secretary and Treasurer should be taken to these officers during last five minutes of recitation period. The review should be made by some one who has something to say and can say it. All officers and teachers should be in their places ten minutes before the opening of the school. Close on the dot. Get at the heart of the lesson. Don't forget the object of the Sunday school is to get the people saved.

If you have a regular missionary program, let it take the place of the opening service.

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CHURCH EXTENSION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL LOAN FUND.

We beg once more to remind our Sunday school leaders that the Sunday School Board has provided that birthday offerings, in all cases where they have not been specifically directed to other objects, shall be sent to Dr. W. F. McMurry, Church Extension Secretary, for the establishment of a Loan Fund to be used in building churches in needy territory. This offers to our Sunday schools an opportunity for rendering an important and much-needed service. There is a close connection between the work of the Sunday School Board and that of the Board of Church Extension. It is difficult to conduct a really successful Sunday school without an adequate building, and our efficient Church Extension Secretary is seeking in every possible way to encourage the erection of churches that are adapted to Sunday school work. Let us join hands and help him,

assured that in doing so we are at the same time helping to forward our own cause. We understand that the two Conferences in Oklahoma propose to raise a thousand dollars each this year. If other Conferences would do as well, it would take but a short while to collect a fund of \$50,000.00.—*Sunday School Magazine for March.*

And from the reports from the field we feel sure that our Conferences will make good the challenge that we have sent to the Sunday schools of our great church. We propose to raise \$1,000 in each of the two Oklahoma Conferences. Will not the rest of the Sunday school hosts raise \$23,000? We can do it. The church needs it, and more, for better Sunday school equipment.

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EASTER—AND TWO SUGGESTIONS.

Easter Sunday comes on April 16 this year. It ought to be made an interesting, helpful and inspiring occasion for all our Sunday schools. The fact is, we do well to utilize every such occasion for the advancement of the Sunday school cause. So notable a day as this should be used to the very best advantage. We, therefore, venture two suggestions looking toward the proper observance of this occasion:

1. The first suggestion that every school prepare and render a suitable program on this day, April 16. Give it due prominence by holding the service at the 11:00 o'clock or evening hour. There will be no loss to the church or congregation if the pastor sees proper to "give way" for this service by the Sunday school.

Programs can be had from our House at Nashville or Dallas.

2. The other suggestion is that you have a great "Easter Egg Hunt" on the Saturday before. Get a good place in which to hide the eggs, let them be prepared and hidden before the time. Let the school meet at the church, have a very brief program, then all march in order to the grounds; and at a given signal "turn 'em loose." And the fun and good times they will have!

We can give the children as much pleasure at so small a cost and outlay of time and money that it seems we ought to take hold of such opportunities.

Give the children a chance to have a good time and they will pronounce blessing on your head in years to come.

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Our slogan, "100 Wesley Adult Bible Classes in 100 days!" Superintendent, has that class in your school been reported to Dr. Bulla?

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Did you observe "Sunday school Day?" and did you and your people get a blessing out of it?

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Have you a teachers' meeting each week? It will give inspiration, strength and unity of effort for the work.

Have you a teacher training class? It will give efficiency to your workers.

No up-to-date Sunday school can afford to do without the two helpful adjuncts.

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"March is membership month" for our schools. Our slogan is "As many in the Sunday school as there are members in the church—and then some." We could add 5,000 to the Sunday school in this month if we would only put forth the effort.

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FROM CHOTEAU.

Rev. Hal A. Burns writes that they "had a good Sunday School Day, with collection sufficient to meet our assessment. I think this service will be a great help to our school." Brother Burns is the efficient Secretary of the East Oklahoma Conference Sunday School Board, and in that capacity is looking after the general interests of the Sunday school in his Conference, as well as the special interests of his local school. We are sure he will succeed in both.

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IN ORDERING CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS.

The programs for the Children's Day service are now ready. In ordering same be sure to send to the Secretary of your Conference Sunday School Board. Those officials are Rev. Hal A.

Burns, Choteau, for East Oklahoma Conference, and Rev. R. S. Satterfield, Cordell, for the West Oklahoma Conference. To order through others will cause trouble and delay.

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THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The State Sunday School Convention will meet at Guthrie on March 7-9, with a fine program. Able speakers and specialists have been secured for the occasion, and it promises to be one of the best we have ever held in the State. Miss Kilpatrick, of Corinth, Miss., is to be one of the speakers. And that alone will justify anyone in going.

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THE MOST DISCOURAGING.

One of the most discouraging things that can come to this Sunday school man is for the pastor to be absent from the Institutes to be held in his charge. Not much can be done when such is the case. The pastor is the leader and the inspirer in every good work. We always have good, helpful meetings when he is on hand. He makes them so.

We request any pastor who cannot be with us in his own charge when the presiding elder has selected his place for an institute to notify us beforehand of that fact.

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THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING: A REMINDER.

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And we truly believe our two Oklahoma Conferences will raise the amount indicated. Let us see that it is done. That will leave \$500.00 for each of the other 46 Conferences of Southern Methodism to raise to make the \$25,000.00—the amount that ought to be raised this year.

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"IT DIDN'T SUCCEED."

In one of our Institutes we were urging the necessity of the Cradle Roll in every school. A lady said, "Bro. Moore sent and got a Cradle Roll but it was not a success." Of course not. It was not expected to succeed. You are expected to work it, and not *it* to work you. So with the teacher training class, and every other feature of our work. A big head, full of information; a big heart full of love and inspiration; two willing feet ready to wear out some sole leather in the interests of the kingdom; two strong hands to reach out and get hold of folks and plans; two eyes wide open watching for opportunities for service—all consecrated to God, are the elements that make success. Such folks do not expect *it* to be a success. They bring success.

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Report your Wesley Adult Bible class to Dr. Bulla, if you have not done so already.

"100 classes in 100 days" is the motto. Oklahoma City.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

(We shall be glad to have all the children contribute to this page. Let them address letters to Miss Katherine Anderson, Box 284, Conway, Ark.)

ALENA'S AWAKENING.

Alena was a girl of 15 summers; tall and slender, dark eyes, dark wavy hair, very fair skin, with a general appearance of a child of luxury.

She was the only child of wealthy parents, petted and humored, and what some one would call a spoiled child. She had always had her own way and never had a wish that was not gratified. Being her father's pet, she went to him with her troubles.

She was really a very odd child and had a way of changing her mood unexpectedly, and was always puzzling her governess by her pranks. At one time she would be meek as a lamb, and oh, so interested in her studies, and her governess would feel like congratulating herself on having gotten her pupil settled down to study, when the little lady would throw up her head and burst into fits of uncontrollable laughter.

This is the character about whom we are to write.

On the day of the beginning of our story, Alena was half sitting and half reclining in a large cushioned chair, with her feet idly tapping the soft carpet, and her hands drumming a tune on the desk in front of her, while her eyes had a far-away look, convincing the observer that nothing was farther from her mind than the problem in algebra which her teacher was trying to explain.

Finally the governess, provoked and angered, threw down her book, ran into her private room, threw herself upon the bed, and burst into tears. "Oh, dear!" she cried, "who ever saw, or heard of, such an ungrateful girl? I have been worrying my poor head until I am distressed, trying to teach that child, and she deliberately ignores me in my efforts to explain her lessons. If I were not so entirely dependent I certainly would quit trying to render what seems to be a useless service."

She continued, in this distressed state of mind, taxing her powers trying to devise a plan that would be effective. Finally she arose with an air of triumph, and, calling a messenger, she sent a note to a poor widow announcing that she would call that afternoon and bring some supplies.

She made an order from a reliable firm requesting goods to be delivered at the same hour she expected to arrive.

After making other preparations, she went to Alena's room, and in the sweet-

est tones possible asked that she would accompany her on a visit down town. Alena was delighted to go, but wanted to go in the auto, which Miss May Hannah declined, thinking it would not be appropriate for such work as she contemplated.

On the way she talked to Alena of the many poor people who have not clothes to keep them warm and decent, and many did not have food to satisfy their hunger. It is hardly right for some people to have more than they need, while others are so uncomfortable.

"I read a few days ago about a family of three who froze to death because they were so weak from lack of food and so poorly clad. And I have heard so many pathetic stories about poor girls and boys who were so anxious to get an education, but their parents could not clothe them for school nor buy them books." So Miss Hannah continued to talk as they walked through the main streets of the city, but after they reached the tenement district Alena was astonished at the sight of ragged children, dirty streets, and shacks of houses.

Miss Hannah remarked that it was "distressing to think that these children must go through life without an education and unable to cope with a heartless world that would keep them in ignorance, use them as servants, all because they were not educated and trained to deal with a shrewd world. How delighted they would be to attend school, and no doubt would give the best attention, and try very hard to learn. Alena, do you know that some of these children have mothers whose parents were very rich, but their daughters lost all the money they left them because they were too indolent to study when they were young, and the idle habits formed in early life could not be overcome, and others who were shrewd and industrious got all their wealth."

Alena became very serious and turned her face that Miss Hannah might not see the tear that stole to the surface.

They reached the tenement house and went up several flights of dirty, rickety stairs, then Miss Hannah stopped at a door and tapped lightly, and in a few minutes the door opened and a ragged child about 5 years of age stood before them. As they entered the room Alena was not only surprised but horrified at the stench and squalor.

At one side of the room, on a dirty pile of rags, lay a woman, wasted and worn, looking as though she were very ill. All around was dirt and filth, and the woman's face was an expression of pain and distress not fitting to Alena. In another corner of the room, all huddled together and looking frightened, were three children, ragged and dirty, looking more like starved animals than human beings.

Alena was so horrified that she ran out of the room, saying in a faint voice, "I will wait outside." Miss Hannah rendered what service she could, then joined Alena, who was unusually silent, till they reached home, when she asked Miss Hannah to come into her room.

She was unusually solemn when she said: "Miss Hannah, I want to thank you for the lesson I have had today. I have been ungrateful and selfish, and have not tried to be otherwise, for I did not think it was important. But from this time I intend to make the best use of my time, be kind and attentive to you, and try to prepare for a life of usefulness."

After pausing a moment, she said, "And I shall do all I can for the poor people of our city, and be kind and obedient to my parents, who have done so much for me." And she kept her pledge.

(Catherine is only 14 years of age. Can any of the cousins write a better story.—Ed.)

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas,
County of Pulaski,
In Circuit Court, Second Division, Pulaski County.

C. H. Lee and R. E. Overman, partners, doing business under the firm name of Southwestern Tile Company, Plaintiffs, vs. The A. H. Andrews Company, Defendant.

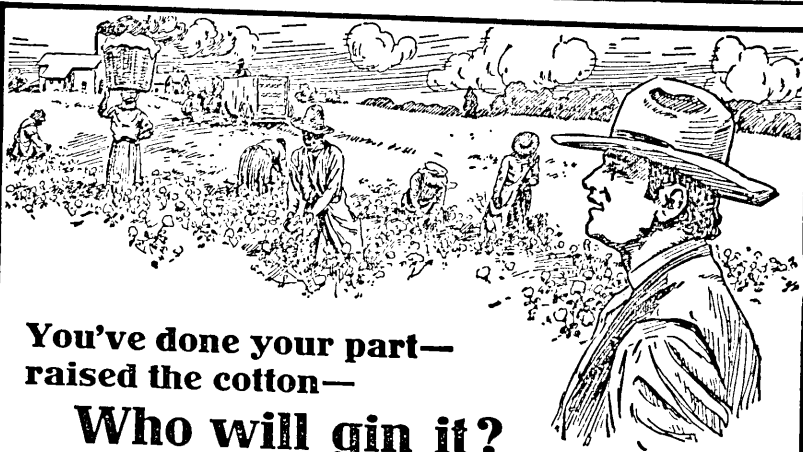
The Defendant, The A. H. Andrews Company, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Plaintiffs, C. H. Lee and R. E. Overman, partners, doing business under the firm name of Southwestern Tile Company.

F. J. GINOCCHIO, Clerk.

By L. J. Gibson, D. C.

February 17, 1911.

W. H. Pemberton, Solicitor for Plaintiffs.



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CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

Few of those in the field look for an early conversion of the Chinese. Those who have learned how tough and massive is the race mind expect that centuries will elapse before the yellow race will be as permeated by Christianity as the white race already is. They remember that "it took Buddhism three hundred years before it obtained official recognition, and many centuries more before the mass of the people were influenced by it."

Nevertheless, none despond at the outlook, for they perceive that the aggressive rivalry of Christianity, coupled with the coming diffusion of education among the masses, is bound to raise continually the religious plane of the Chinese by forcing the native faiths to assume higher and higher forms in order to survive. A silent, secret permeation of the religions of the Far East by the ideals and standards of Christianity is inevitable; and if eventually they prove capable of making a stand against the invader, it will be owing to their heavy borrowings from it.—From Prof. Edward Alsworth Ross's "Christianity in China," in the March Century.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bad wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, South Bend, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

A REPORT FROM BETHESDA.

Last year Bethesda formed a part of the Bethesda Circuit. We received some 35 young people into our church by profession of faith. The work grew and by the fourth Quarterly Conference the Presiding Elder was asked to make this a station, and to advise Bishop McCoy they would be willing to receive "Noe" preacher for another year. The request was met and at Forrest City I was assigned to this work.

Since Conference our people have

erected a very comfortable and convenient parsonage in which we have been living for the past month. Our good women took part in the work, doing the papering.

On the night of the 7th inst., we were very generously pounded.

We have an Epworth League with W. L. Calaway, President, doing very fine work in the devotional department. Our young men pray in public and three or four have announced themselves as candidates for the ministry.

Our Sunday school is growing and is well organized. Brother G. W. McSpadden is superintendent and is doing much for our young people. I am teaching a class of 20 "Hustlers"—fine boys and girls. The church meets all the expense and each Sunday an offering is made to our Conference claims.

The following compose one of the best official boards: R. L. Edwards, President; J. H. Marshall, Secretary; James Quiett, Recorder; M. C. McSpadden, L. A. McSpadden.

Our Presiding Elder, Brother Wilford, has held our second Quarterly Conference. He is bringing things to pass. We were glad to have his wife and the two little girls with us on this occasion. He delivered four telling sermons. I had presented the Hendrix cause, but Brother Wilford presented it again at the Sunday morning service, at which time the collection advanced our subscription for Hendrix to one hundred and seventeen dollars. Brother W. H. Calaway ("Hick"), offered five dollars per month to assist some young man to prepare for the ministry.

Come to the District Conference this summer and meet the good people we serve. Pray for us.

Bethesda, Ark.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

(We shall be glad to have all the children contribute to this page. Let them address letters to Miss Katherine Anderson, Box 284, Conway, Ark.)

Alexander, Ark., Jan. 21, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: Will you open the door for a little Arkansas girl to enter the merry band of cousins? Well, Dixie Girl, if you have no objections, I will take a seat by you. I am sure you won't care. Yes, I remember the good old times we used to have playing dolls. I think I can guess who Dixie Girl is. You attended the camp meeting at Salem on Bryant charge last year, did you not? I am going to school now. I sure like my teacher fine. He is so good to us. His name is Prof. G. H. Duggan. We all like him fine. We intend to have an exhibition the last night of school. Dixie Girl, I wish you and Miss Katherine and all the rest of the cousins could be with us. I will answer Fay Lane's riddle. It is a watch. I will guess Honeysuckle to be sweet sixteen. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Esther Smith. She is a very nice teacher. Our pastor's name is Brother McGuire. We all like him fine. I will tell what books I have read: Life of D. L. Moody, Life and Works of Carry A. Nation, Sunday Half Hour with the Children, and several others. I am going to attend a singing school this summer. Wish all the cousins could, too. Arkansas girls and boys, come on. Don't let the Oklahoma girls and boys beat us. But let's all get a new start and don't let the advertisements crowd us out. Dixie Girl, if you will hand me my sun-bonnet, I will be off. So good-by to all.

ARKANSAS SCHOOL-GIRL.

Dear Methodist: With pleasure and best wishes I will come to visit the cousins again. Well, Christmas has come and passed away and once again we lived to see another new year, but O how sad to say that there were many who did not live to see and spend their lives on this earth, but let us hope that they are better off and let us all try to meet in a brighter world that is free from care and sorrow. I often wonder if the world is as happy and good today as it was long ago about forty or sixty years ago. Of course I do not know, but for my idea I believe it used to be a better world in one way. Before there were so many sins of the world people got along much better, just think how most of the men do on Christmas. Why they think it is just awful if they can't get all to drink that they can force down them. And here is the way lots of men celebrate the Sabbath, get their guns and shells and away they go. Now, this is the truth, but they say: "O we don't care, for we won't be by ourselves when the day comes, but there is sure going to be a surprise when the day comes. One of my friends who was bunting not long ago let his gun go off and shot his arm

INDIGESTION.

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off, but he still goes hunting on Sunday. Well, Miss Ruth, you sure write fine stories. I am thinking of writing one before long. I have some sad news to tell you all. Our last pastor we had died Monday after Christmas. I will always remember the last sermon that he preached here. I am in the house now that he preached in last before he left us. I am at school and we also have church in our schoolhouse, and I will be glad when preaching day comes again, but I will also be sorry, for I will miss my old pastor. While I am thinking of his last sermon I will mention a few words he said. He said that if he lived he was going to his old home-stead Christmas to see his father and I do not know whether he went or not. But I hope they will meet some day. I will look for a card shower by the second of March, which will be my birthday. I will close with love to one and all.

Your friend,
"MAGNOLIA."

Marked Tree, Ark., Jan. 25, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: How are you and the cousins tonight? I am fine. I go to school everyday and am in the sixth grade. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. Say, George Workman, did that possum taste good? I bet it did. I like possum myself. I will answer Gay Kendall's question: It was Samson's riddle which is found in the fourteenth chapter of Judges, beginning with the twelfth verse and ending with the eighteenth. I have been to prayer meeting tonight and my papa led the service. We had a good service too. He read a piece called "Tommy's Prayer." It happened in the city of London and the little boy was a waif. They took him to the hospital and started to perform an operation. He said to one of the assistant doctors, "Please, sir, I should be very glad if one of your gentlemen would say just a little prayer for me." There was a profound silence, and the little slum-child knelt down and prayed this little prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I'm only a poor weak little lad, but please, I'd like to live. So, dear Jesus, please help this kind gentleman, so that he shall do his work right. Amen."

And he climbed upon the table and lay down and the doctor commenced his work and did it with the slightest touch and got through. The next day the doctor was standing by his little patient and he waked and looked up into the doctor's eyes and said: "I have nothing to pay you." The doctor said: "Jesus answered your prayer." Tommy said: "I knew he would." Then he said: "I can pray for you, can't I?" A great lump came to the doctor's throat. "That you can," he answered huskily, "and that will be better than any sort of money, for God knows I need the prayers of a little one like you."

I will close with love to Miss Katherine and the cousins,

Your old cousin,

PAUL DYE JERNIGAN.

A good letter.

MISS KATHERINE.

Jonesboro, Ark., Jan. 21, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: I thought I would write for the first time. I am only eight years old. I go to Sunday school at the First Methodist Church. My teacher's name is Miss Bertha Gregg. I love her. She gave me a little Bible and a post card. I also go to the West school. I like to go fine. My teacher's name is Miss Cora Duke. I like her, too. Fay Lane's riddle is a watch. I have a riddle for you all to guess: "A house full, and a yard full; you cannot get a thimble full." Now, is it easy? I have no pets but I have a bowl of goldfish and a little sister. Her name is Eula. She is two years old. Mother takes the Methodist and we read the letters. I will close for this time. If I see this in print, I will write again.

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VINITA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Vinita District Conference will be held at Miami April 3-5. Will the preachers and delegates who expect to bring their wives notify me at once? If you will do this we will insure you a pleasant home.

The editors of the Western Methodist are very cordially invited to attend this conference, and enjoy the hospitality of the prettiest little city in Oklahoma. Former pastors are invited to come and "view the landscape o'er," and note the improvement of church and city.

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For further information write the Western Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.

JOINT CONFERENCE.

The Home and Foreign Missionary Departments of the Ada District will hold a joint Conference at Holdenville, March 28 and 29. All Auxiliaries arrange to send delegates.

MRS. C. S. WALKER,
District Secretary.

MARRIED.—At the home of the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, in Westville, Okla., February 12, 1911, Mr. William George Jones, to Miss Nina Gertrude Sellers, both of Westville.

MARRIED.—At the Methodist parsonage, Benton, Ark., February 11, 1911, Mr. Lloyd S. Jones, of Wyatt, La., to Miss Odessie Stone, of Benton, Ark., Rev. S. C. Dean officiating.

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NOTICE EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The executive committee of the Board of Church Extension is called to meet at Muskogee March 1, at 2:00 o'clock, in First Church, and not at Tulsa, the 8th, as announced last week.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W. H. M. S. QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS.

An interesting volume might be written on the above mentioned topic, but at present we will not enlarge upon belated reports, always grievous to our district secretaries, and inaccurate reports which have been our stumbling blocks all along the way, though not very frequent ones, I rejoice to say. Nor can we fully express our delight in the prompt and full reports from the auxiliaries, happily in the majority with us, which have made and sustained the fair reputation of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society.

In fact, we might not mention reports at all today, but our fiscal year closes with February, and our annual meeting is drawing near. It is important that all local and connectional work for this quarter and for this entire year be reported (on separate sheets) to our district secretaries as soon as possible.

In our by-laws for auxiliaries we read that full reports "must be sent before the first day of March, June, September and December, and we can only allow a little more than three days grace before you report to the district secretaries.

Our general secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, asks that we be very careful in reporting the number of members on baby roll and in the brigades; also the number of subscribers to the Missionary Voice. As a number of our subscribers hold membership in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society this last enumeration may seem a little puzzling, but it is not likely that any of us will be counted twice by those capable women in Nashville.

And please do not fail to report the amount pledged by your auxiliaries for connectional work to supplement the regular dues, which are not sufficient to carry on our great work. The auxiliaries did not find it convenient to call for the pledges in February may do so in their March meetings, notifying the conference corresponding secretary by April 1 that the missionary council may know what to expect of us.

We are looking forward to a great

THE DEVIL SAID:

"All that a man hath he will give for his life." This is in the Bible, and is about the only truth he ever uttered. There are lots of folks who do not observe the truth, even when spoken by that "father of lies." There are times when, at a cost of one cent, you can prolong life. Small flesh wounds kill more people than large ones, because neglected. Large wounds get attention at once. In 1909 statistics report that in New York City 994 deaths occurred from small wounds, such as the pricking of a needle or pin. Breaking the skin on the hand, bite or sting of poisonous insects, etc. This multitude of people might have been saved from suffering and death at a cost of 1 cent each.

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annual meeting in DeQueen in May, and our hope is that every auxiliary may be represented there. And, by the way, now and then we hear of an auxiliary that is disappointed and even perturbed by its meagre representation in our annual report, perhaps overlooking the fact that we can only publish what is sent by an auxiliary or is read and handed in by the delegate to the annual meeting.

These reports are sometimes sent in by new officers, whom the older members forget to assist, or it may be, no records had been preserved by the auxiliary, and only faint recollections could be obtained.

More than once or twice we've heard a delegate apologize in our annual meeting for the report handed her at the last moment, and which she did not understand.

Why did not the "faithful few" of the auxiliary have a correct report made at the proper time, and then explain it to the good woman who was willing to be their representative on an important occasion?

It is possible for the committee on publication to make a mistake occasionally, being very human at times, but they are conscientious in trying to do justice to all, and they are more than anxious for every auxiliary to do justice to itself.

Since our beautiful meeting at Stamps, a number of our coworkers have had sorrow and sore bereavement has overshadowed more than one home of those whom we love. Yet these sorrowful hearts have not been left desolate, and the promises of God were never more precious to them and to us.

The executive committee of the Missionary Council of the M. E. Church, South, has been at work and it may not be long before the union of Home and Foreign Missionary Societies is recommended throughout our Methodism.

The Little Rock Conference W. H. M. Society is ready to try whatever plan seems wisest to the council selected by our General Conference, and doubtless the same is true of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Referring to the "decided feeling for union" abroad in the land, Mrs. MacDonell adds: "It may be that the Spirit of the Lord is moving the women, getting them ready to meet the emergencies faster than we counted on."

And may the God of all grace and all wisdom guide us day by day. Sincerely,

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,

Corresponding Secretary.

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Mention this paper.

AMPLE FACILITIES AT LITTLE ROCK FOR U. C. V. REUNION.

To feed for several days an army of at least 50,000 visitors, expected at the Confederate Veterans' Reunion, Little Rock, May 16-18, is a problem which the special committee having that branch of the work in charge, has solved in the most satisfactory manner. Arrangements have been completed not only to provide entertainment at prices definitely fixed, but also for meals and specified dishes, so that no one will be subjected to overcharging, but for the greater convenience of visitors temporary restaurants and eating houses will be established convenient to the various places where extra sleeping accommodations have been provided, so that visitors will not be required to travel any distance to obtain breakfast after arising. For instance, at Camp Kavanaugh, a great bachelor barracks, which will accommodate 5,000 visitors, there will

be a large temporary restaurant right on the grounds.

At the camp of Confederate veterans in City Park a restaurant to accommodate all who occupy the tents will be established. An improvement has been made in the interests of the veterans over all other reunions. They will not be put to the trouble of getting tickets. The badge given them on registering at headquarters will suffice to admit them to all free functions as well as free meals and tents.

At the public schools, in which thousands of new single beds, bought especially for the purpose, will be placed, the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the various schools will provide meals. All of the hotels of course have their own dining rooms or restaurants, and as far as possible, in the house-to-house canvass, made to ascertain how many visitors can be accommodated, arrangements will be made to furnish breakfast with lodging. In the down-town districts, in addition to the large number of permanent restaurants and eating houses, temporary ones will be established, and the Ladies' Aid Societies of various churches will also serve meals.

Complete arrangements have been made to prevent overcharging or extortion. No restaurant will be endorsed by the committee unless it first agrees to its requirements. This means that the proprietor must agree to a fixed schedule of prices for meals and special dishes. He must agree to post this price-list conspicuously in his restaurant. In return the committee gives all such restaurants a large, especially designed sign, protected by copyright, stating that such restaurants are endorsed by the committee.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Joseph Samuels, Plaintiff,

vs.
Mattie E. Samuels, Defendant.
The Defendant, Mattie E. Samuels, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Joseph Samuels.
February 7, 1911.

J. S. MALONEY, Clerk.
W. H. Pemberton, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

W. F. M. S.

(Edited by Mrs. F. S. Overton, 1311 Welch St., Little Rock, Ark.)

The Juvenile Missionary Society of Winfield Memorial M. E. Church, South, membership between 50 and 60, supports a scholarship in Seoul, Korea, \$40.00 annually, and \$20.00 for Pledge Fund. Amount paid for 1910-11 (first three quarters' report): Dues, \$12.60; Conference Extension Fund, \$4.40; scholarship, \$40.00; Pledge Fund, \$3.00—total, \$60.00. Board of lady managers: Eva F. Shoppach, Mrs. J. S. Bishop, Mrs. J. A. Godfrey.

PREACHER WANTED.

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Jonesboro, Ark.

HULBERT, OKLA.

A little over a week ago our District Evangelist, Rev. Wiley Smith, closed a series of meetings at Hulbert. His preaching was sound, orthodox, and carried with it the "old Methodist ring."

On the second Sunday he preached truly a great sermon, which I wish every congregation in Methodism could hear. His subject was "What Is the Matter With the Methodist Church?" Of course nothing from a theoretical or theological standpoint was intimated, but he gave backslidden formalism and the tendency to leave out our rules instead of keeping them a hard blow. So hard was the blow that the jar was felt. I will say to all the pastors of the Muskogee District that his work is genuine. Nothing superficial about it. The church at Hulbert is in the best condition spir-

itually that I have known them heretofore.

The people of Hulbert last night gave this pastor and wife a great pounding, sufficient to last two months. Such kindness is highly appreciated and I pray the blessings of God upon the people of Hulbert. T. L. SMITH, P. C.

NOTICE PASTORS AND S. S. SUPER-INTENDENTS ESAT OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

I have been advised by our "Publishing House" that "Children's Day" programs will be out early in March.

Please send in your orders early to the Secretary. Do not send them to the "House."

Let every pastor prepare to carry out the program on or near the date set apart in your Discipline. Let us have the most universal observation of the day that we have had, and let our collections be the best ever.

Yours for the Sunday school,

HAL A. BURNS,

Secretary Sunday School Board, East Oklahoma Conference.
Chouteau, Okla.

MARRIED.—Mr. Lawrence Black and Miss Cormon Moore, both of Vilonia, Arkansas, were united in marriage February 19, 1911; Rev. J. R. Ennis, officiating.

SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEKEEPERS

If you need any extra beds, bedding, cots, or linen for the Reunion, order them right away from your regular dealer. If you wait longer you cannot get them. Most of these probably can be rented for the week.

Please increase your accommodations all you can so you can take in as many visitors as possible.

You will be doing the greatest service to the Reunion if you will consent to take paying guests. No Confederate Veterans will be assigned by the committee to private homes and all other visitors will expect and want to pay for their board and lodging.

All food stuffs that will keep should be safely stored in your pantry before the week begins. You should also arrange a place to store extra ice. Delivery wagons will be kept off the streets as much as possible that week. Whatever you do to lessen the demand on clerks, delivery wagons, or telephones at that time will help.

After the canvasser has seen you if you find you can take in more guests, please notify the committee. And do the same if you find you have to cut down the number. Please write, don't phone. Your message may not be remembered.

Unless we please our visitors the Reunion will hurt the town. You are therefore urged not to let the lodging listed with this committee to anyone not sent to you by this committee. Also please have some one on hand to receive the guests when they come.

If your lodgings are not filled by Tuesday morning, May 16, please telephone the committee then.

Very respectfully,

THE REUNION LODGING AND EATING COMMITTEE.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR, REV. D. J. WEEMS.

PRESCOTT, ARK.

A very profitable day was spent in Prescott, the county seat of Nevada county. They have about 3,000 population. Have large lumber mills, two railroads, two banks, two large school buildings, an independent agricultural school. The railroad about equally divides the town. The burnt district is rebuilding. This is a very fine business point, surrounded by excellent country. We have excellent brick church, in which the last annual conference was held. But the great Sunday school movement is demanding more room, so there is talk of an addition to the church. We have also good property in parsonage, both for the station and the district. Rev. W. C. Hilliard came in from a long country trip. He is always genial and keeps everybody in a good humor, and has touched nearly every charge in his district. Everywhere they speak well of their presiding elder. I was prepared to hear this. I love to hear people speak well of the elder as well as the pastor. Rev. A. M. Shaw has met a cordial welcome, and is greatly delighting his hearers. He ranks with the best preachers of his conference. He is a logical preacher. Every indication is for a fine year. His consecrated wife and bright children gladden their home. He will soon have a son ready for college. We collected extra well from the old and secured two new subscribers: T. R. Wright and C. C. Calhoun. This is indeed a splendid people and a pleasant charge.

TEXARKANA.

A night run brought me to Texarkana, the metropolis of Southwest Arkansas. The State line between Arkansas and Texas runs through the large Government Post Office. While Texas gets several thousand population, decidedly the most and best of the city is in Arkansas. This is a great railroad center, wholesale and retail business point, and quite a good deal of public works. We have three pastoral charges,

FIRST CHURCH

is a \$40,000.00 well equipped building, built by Rev. Jas. Thomas, who is serving his second pastoral term. He has been doing the work of two men, pastor of a large and important church, and helping to endow and equip Hendrix College, and succeeding at both. He was very kind to me, but did not have time for a thorough canvass. Everything about his church moves like clock work.

FAIRVIEW.

Rev. W. A. Swift, the pastor, was away, so I did not canvass his church. He is planning to build a new church. Have bought an excellent site and will press the work. He knows how to do things and is sure to succeed. He occupies a very important part of the city.

COLLEGE HILL.

South of the railroads and on a beautiful ridge is College Hill. We have very good property in both church and parsonage. Rev. G. L. R. Crook, a transfer from Missouri, is pastor. He

is reported as an excellent preacher, and is a stirring pastor. With his aid, while collecting from the old, we secured three new subscribers: Mrs. Anna Brown, Mrs. Dora Sullivan and C. W. McClure. Brother Crook has an intelligent wife and four very bright children all in school.

LEWISVILLE.

Lewisville is the county seat of Lafayette county. There are two railroads, the Cotton Belt and a train into Louisiana. The court house is beautiful, built of pressed brick, and well located. There is a large two-story public school, a bank, a good supply of brick stores. Two good hotels. The Baptists have a nice new brick church. We have good property both in church and parsonage, but should build a modern brick church. We have a good membership. Rev. R. G. Rowland is pastor here and at Walnut Hill. He is a true and faithful preacher, and will no doubt succeed here as he has done elsewhere. In less than a half day we shaped up the old subscribers and rushed on to

STAMPS.

One of the largest sawmill towns in the State is Stamps. They reach out fifty miles for logs. Have timber to run for a generation. There are a very fine class of men in charge and have splendid operators. There are three excellent churches: Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian. We also have a good parsonage. Some of our best preachers have been stationed here. Rev. W. R. Harrison is the popular pastor this year. He has an ambitious family for Christian education. One son has graduated and two others soon will graduate from Hendrix.

We had a short service with a few of his choice members. Shaping up the old we secured four new subscribers: Mrs. Dave Purser, Mrs. Nora Knighton, R. G. Anderson, the obliging depot agent, and Miss Willie Hall, who has been teaching here seven years. She was educated at Galloway and is a choice young lady. Prof. Hennon is principal of the school.

WALDO.

A night and part of a half day were spent in Waldo. Did a little for the paper. This is a nice railroad town, in the cotton belt. The boll weevil has done great damage in this part of the country. The farmers are trying to make the best of it by planting more feed stuff. Some think it a blessing in disguise. Rev. R. M. Holland is pastor at Waldo, Buckner and McNeil. Three nice railroad towns which make a desirable charge. He is young and full of zeal and will do his best. I did not meet his family. Mrs. Nunnally keeps the hotel nearest the depot, sets a splendid table and has neat rooms. A good place to spend a night. She is a worthy widow with three nice children. She was glad to subscribe for a religious paper.

MAGNOLIA.

On February 16 I saw roses in full bloom in the open gardens. This is truly the sunny South. Magnolia is a lovely place. It is not only a land of flowers, but has a fine class of citizens. It is the county seat of Columbia County. They have three banks, cotton seed oil mill, several gins, lumber mills, fine school building and extra good public school. Prof. J. P. Womack is superintendent both of the public schools and the Methodist Sunday school. There is also a canning factory, and one of the State agricultural schools. They have opened with 75 students. There are four brick buildings and 400 acres. The boys are taught in a practical way all industrial arts and the girls domestic science. We should have had such schools years ago. We have an excellent brick church and splendid parsonage, with choice locations. Rev. W. P. Whaley is the intelligent pastor. He is a fine preacher

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and most excellent writer. The home is presided over by a good Christian wife. They have one son and four daughters. They will soon be ready for Galloway College. With his aid we shaped up the old and secured two new subscribers, John Raiford and H. C. Wilson.

STEPHENS.

We have a good list of subscribers in Stephens and it is easy to get their renewals. H. H. Medlock was added to the list.

The town holds its own amidst the changes and reverses of life. They keep a good school, general business, bank, and hotel. We have a large church and a splendid membership. Rev. C. O. Steel is in his fourth year. He has served the church long and well. He and his good wife seem perfectly contented. They are happily located in the home of Brother and Sister Blake. A most excellent dinner was enjoyed with them. This will be a desirable place for a light family next conference. R. D. Wynne, cashier of the bank, is the Sunday school superintendent. His mother died the morning of February 17. She was an excellent Christian.

BUENA VISTA.

A night was spent at this place. We had a service with a nice congregation. Rev. T. H. Crowder is pastor. He is an excellent man, prays with power, and is accepted as an eloquent preacher. His is a happy home. Three fine sons and three sweet girls, with a good mother to look after them. They made it very pleasant for me. Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Holtman have stood by the church. Prof. T. J. Patterson is principal of the school. Brother Riley and Mrs. M. E. Addy are also members and readers of the Western Methodist. We secured three new subscribers, B. F. Lawler, Mrs. S. A. Graves, and Mrs. H. V. Hodnett. There are two mills, four stores, school, two churches, and a real nice parsonage with four acres.

CAMDEN.

At the crossing of the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt roads is Camden. A town of 4,000 people. There are some wholesale and extensive retail business houses, large lumber interests, three banks, excellent schools, two-story brick court house. We have good property in district and station parsonage and the best-equipped church in the State, I know. They have 14 rooms and a fine auditorium. The Ramsey hall is completed for the large men's class, juvenile class, night school, and place for the young men of the town.

Rev. W. C. Watson has done a great work the four years he has been here,

which will tell for time and eternity. He is a great success and would be a fine man for a district. His church is like a beehive—everybody is given something to do. They keep up every department of church work, and are supporting a missionary. He is assisted in all this noble work by his good wife.

To the 65 who are getting the paper we added five: W. R. Parker, E. E. Thornton, T. M. Thompson, J. W. Hussey, and N. S. Thornton. Although it was Saturday, and every one was busy, yet the greatest courtesy was shown us, and no one asked to have the paper stopped.

The good people are rejoicing over the ten-mile law removing the saloons from their town.

Passing through their districts, I was sorry not to meet Brothers Ware and McRae. They are making full proof of their ministry. Good reports come to me of them from their brethren.

BEARDEN.

Sunday was spent at Bearden, a good town on the Cotton Belt. There are about a dozen stores, banks, saw mill, two-story schoolhouse. Prof. J. J. Tibbits is principal of the school. The assistants are Miss Mamie Fultz and Miss Myrtle Collins. I had the pleasure of addressing the school.

Brother W. M. Gatling is superintendent of the Sunday school. He furnished a delightful entertainment. He has trained a daughter and eight sons, who make a group of whom the father is justly proud. We had service in the morning, but were rained out at night. This is the second year for Rev. P. S. Herron. He is well liked and doing faithful work. He is a good preacher. I was not with him much on account of his wife being quite sick. We have a nice church and parsonage, and some excellent members.

Thus ended a busy and successful week.

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Home Department of Cotton Plant Sunday School, Mrs. Paul Hill, superintendent, \$5.00; Mrs. S. G. Smith, Conway, for furnishing a room, \$75.00. We received a quilt top made by Joe Wainwright, an 8-year-old orphan, and her grandmother, 72 years old, at Pecan Point. We received a quilt and two sofa pillows from Mrs. M. J. Wignall, Vandervoort. These were worked by her own hands. She is 73 years old, has 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. This is not the first time she has remembered the orphanage in a helpful way.

We have had great affliction in the Home the past few weeks. We had 14 cases of measles, several of them very sick, and one little boy was called to his home above. Little Roy Sutton, 5 years old, whose picture appears at the top of this letter, was one of our sweetest children. He had measles, and with it pneumonia, and the best medical attention and trained nurses could not keep the death angel away. Brother Rainey, pastor of Highland Church, to which the children belong, held the services over his body at the Orphanage. A few friends were present. It was pathetic in the extreme to see the grief manifested by the other orphan children at the death of little Roy. I have often remarked upon the attachment of these children for each other when they are well, and it is even stronger when one is sick, and in the case of little Roy it seemed that they could not let him go. I have rarely ever attended a more touching service. The little fellow had entwined himself about my heart so that I felt as if one of my own children was being taken. He was also a favorite of Mrs. Thornburgh, whom he always greeted affectionately, and clung to her when she would leave. And with Mr. and Mrs. Bonner it was even more grievous because of their love for him as well as the other children. Little Roy had a good home at the Orphanage, but he has a better one now and is not an orphan any more.

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CLAREMORE STATION.

Brother G. W. Lewis bridged over the crisis in Claremore, and the church has decided they will go into God's business. Few men could have held the frazzled ends together here as Brother Lewis did.

We are taking on new life in every department. The Sunday school has more than doubled, the main auditorium of the church is full night and morning. We have had six conversions this year, all adults, and seventeen accessions. We have just spent four hundred dollars on church repairs, which enabled us to move the pulpit to the north side of the house, repaper and repaint the inside work of the church including the pews; put a fine velvet carpet on the floor, six dozen chairs in Sunday school room, repaper the parsonage, re-floor the front porch and porch around well, remodel the lighting arrangement and install a new gas stove in the church.

All conference claims are subscribed and one-fourth the amount will go forward soon. The support of the minister is in full and paid regularly monthly. The salary was raised one hundred and twenty dollars over last year. We have election of officers in the W. H. M. S. tomorrow. Our ladies have just finished paying for a fine piano for the church. The pastor's wife now has charge of the Brigade, and we have a good beginning in our Senior Epworth League. We are praying for one hundred additions this year, and are planning for a round up in May, hoping that showers of blessings will fall upon us.

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WISTER CHARGE.

Dear Methodist: Since our last letter we have had our first quarterly conference. Reports were good, showing a slight increase along all lines over same period last year. Rev. S. H. Babcock was on time, and we were in the midst of a revival, so he rolled up his sleeves and pitched into the battle, and my! what great sermons he did preach! His arraignment of sin and wickedness, and his description of hell, with its horrors, was simply wonderful.

God was with him and we had a great service. Praise God for a preacher that can enter at any time in a revival meeting and deliver the goods. Our meeting at LeFlore was a disappointment to us all. We found quite a few on the sick list, and then it rained us out of several services so we could not have the crowds. Rev. J. C. Floyd is a good preacher and a hard worker, and his ministry made a fine impression on my people. The meeting resulted in one accession to our church, and we trust much good will come of the good preaching.

I am busy now for a few days adding a well to the parsonage property. The drill struck water at a depth of 37 feet and there was rejoicing in this camp, for we are all tired of toting water.

Our hearts go up in praise to him who not only has provided for all our

spiritual needs, but our temporal as well, for all along the way we have the daily manna and the water springs, the cloud by day and the fire by night. So we look up, take courage, and "go forward."
W. D. SAULS, P. C.

February 26, 1911.

CAPITOL HILL, OKLAHOMA.

The revival services held in the Capitol Hill M. E. Church, South for the past four weeks, closed on last Sunday night.

There were fifty-two professions of religion at the altar. Seventy-three candidates for membership were received into the church. It is said to have been one of the best meetings ever held in the church. Sunday school scholars; attendance upon church services; preacher's salary; and the Epworth League members have all doubled since last conference. Sixty new chairs have been added to the church. "Watch us grow" are the words for every department of the church.

THOS. C. JONES, Pastor.

NOTICE.

I desire to correspond with some church that has church pews they want to dispose of. We want straight seats.

A. G. WHITE, P. C.

Cameron, Okla.

HOLLY GROVE AND MARVEL.

Everything moves well on my charge. We did nicely for Hendrix. Rev. W. C. Davidson of First church, Pine Bluff is a visitor to Holly Grove today. His object here is to attend the marriage and perform the ceremony that unites Rev. J. W. Thomas and Miss Beatrice Cox for life's journey.

Fraternally,

J. H. BARRENTINE.

OBITUARIES.

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

DOUTHET.—Some 15 years ago I met near Stephens, Ark., W. W. Douthet. A fine young man he was. He offered his services in any way he could help his young pastor. He was born in Cumbe County Georgia, October 19, 1865. Came to Arkansas a young man zealous for the church. He served the church in many ways, but special as steward, Sunday school superintendent, and leader of singing. He knew God, lived a devoted, quiet Christian life. Was respected by all, loved by those who knew him best. He went to his reward January 21, 1911. His church and family miss him but know where to find him. May God comfort the loved ones and give them grace to follow him to the city whence he has gone.

R. W. McKAY.

GOTCHER.—William R. Gotcher was born in Tennessee August 7, 1870, and departed this life at his home in Springfield, Arkansas, Saturday evening, January 21, 1911. Deceased came with his parents to Arkansas when about ten years of age. At the age of 22 he was happily married to his now bereaved wife, Eliza Williams, who with the five children which grew from this union, now live to mourn his departure. Brother Gotcher was converted and joined the Methodist Church about three years ago. He was a true father, a devoted husband, a good citizen and a faithful follower of Christ. He was ready for the change from the church militant to the church triumphant. Of this world's goods he possessed little, but to his children he bequeathed a priceless heritage. A good name "which is rather to be chosen than great riches." We shall meet him again "beyond the sunset's radiant glow."

GEORGE W. HIVELEY.

MOSES.—Mrs. Leah Moses was born in West Virginia in 1832 and died at her home in Springfield, Arkansas, Saturday evening, February 25, 1911, at the mature age of 79. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life and ever lived a quiet Christian life. Deceased was married to Joshua Moses in 1852. Of this union grew up six children, three of whom live to mourn her departure, but they sorrow not as those without hope. Sister Moses was left a widow in 1885. She died as she lived—a Christian life, a triumphant death. She had no dread or fears of death. Great indeed was her faith in God, whom she loved and served. But the meek and gentle spirit has returned to the God who gave it. Some day there will be a reunion of loved ones in that home "beyond," where pain and sickness and death never come. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. We shall meet her again.

GEORGE W. HIVELEY.

KOONCE.—Mrs. R. M. Koonce, wife and widow of Richardson Koonce, of precious memory, died at her home in Warren, Arkansas, February 2, 1911. She was born in Lafayette, Indiana, February 6, 1836. She was married to Richardson M. Koonce at Greenwood, Mississippi, July 8, 1857. They came soon after to Arkansas, settling in Warren, where she lived more than fifty years. When the Methodist Church was first organized in Warren, she was a charter member. She was not merely a consistent member, she was loyal, faithful, zealous, exemplary. She was modest and unobtrusive, but cheerful, true and devoutly religious. She was the mother of eleven children, sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Happy

children were they to have had such a mother. Caring for her children was a busy task for many long years. Her domestic duty barred her from society, but her neighbors were all her friends, as she was the friend of every one. I am glad to have known and loved her and hope to meet her again.

J. H. RIGGIN.

FARRIS.—Mrs. Harriet L. Farris, wife of Elijah A. Farris, was born in York County, South Carolina, May 29, 1827. The date of their marriage was March 27, 1849. To this union were born nine children, five boys, and four girls, six of whom are still living. The family removed to this State in November, 1871, the father dying April 18, 1879. She was first a member of the Presbyterian Church, but united with the Methodist Church, of which her husband was a member, shortly after their marriage. She lived a devout Christian life always, and fell asleep in Jesus February 17, 1911, aged 83 years, 9 months and 18 days. She leaves six children, fourteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends to lament her death. Sister Farris was the mother of Rev. J. K. Farris, who is now Presiding Elder of the Helena District, White River Conference. All of her children are religious and members of the Methodist Church. While she has not been able to attend church for some time, because of her old age and feebleness, she enjoyed religion at home. We never saw her out of humor. She loved her neighbors and friends. The writer has been her pastor for two years. It was always a pleasure to visit her home and talk with her. Her home has been the preacher's home for many years. We hated to give her up, but the Lord has been good to her and spared her to a good old age. Her death was like the setting of the sun after it has shone here all day, has gone down to shine in the other world. She was loved with the highest esteem by all who knew her. We laid her body to rest in the Frenchman Mountain Cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

J. H. GIPSON,

Preacher in Charge of Cato Circuit.

TAYLOR.—Cordie Irene Taylor, daughter of Garland and Blanch Taylor, died February 20, 1911, of measles and pneumonia. She was four months and 23 days old. The funeral service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeke, the child's grandparents on its mother's side. Irene was also the grand-daughter of J. W. Taylor, our Sunday School Superintendent at Jessup. We laid the little body to rest in the Jessup Cemetery to await "the resurrection of the just." May the bereaved parents and relatives cast their burden of grief and sorrow on the Proposed Burden Bearer, with the sweet assurance that "He doeth all things well."

F. H. CHAMPION.

HUDSON.—Sarah J. Hudson died February 18, 1911, of cancer of the stomach. Sister Hudson was 59 years old. She was soundly converted to God in her youth, she immediately joined the church of her choice (the M. E. Church, South). She has ever afterward lived a devout Christian life. She was possessed of a "meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." She leaves four married sons and a host of friends who will keenly feel their loss. The church at Rancy's Chapel, where her membership was, will also miss her, but the church triumphant has gained what the church militant lost. The funeral service was held at Dry Creek Church, where she was also buried.

F. H. CHAMPION.

GLADDEN.—Mary Abbie Gladden was born June 11, 1880. Departed this life January 30, Sunday night, 12:30, 1911. Was married December 24, 1899 to Mr. E. J. Gladden. Unto this union was born six children, one of which de-

parted this life at the age of five years. Sister Gladden was received into the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1892, by Rev. B. A. Few, and lived a consistent Christian life until the last. I preached her funeral at the old white church, where a large crowd was assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead.

We would say to the broken-hearted husband, to father, mother, sisters and brothers, and to all who are bowed down in grief, to weep not, but give the exclamation which is true, earth is made poorer but heaven richer.

Live the life she lived, and die the death she died, and you shall live with her beyond this vale of tears.

J. C. SAMPLEY, P. C.

Chidester, Ark.

POWERS.—Dr. John Powers was born in Jasper, Indiana, April 18, 1846. He was converted in early life and joined the M. E. Church. He has been a faithful member since his conversion. For five years he served as pastor of said church. Dr. Powers was noted for his good deeds and wise counsel. His absence is greatly felt in the community in which he lived. He was married twice. His first wife was Annie Agnew. They were united in holy matrimony December 7, 1868. His first wife died August 29, 1889. He was married to Lillie E. Hale April 23, 1890, which he left with his children and many friends to mourn his loss. He departed November 30, 1910. "He is gone but not forgotten." I am sure he is in the hands of the tender Shepherd. My prayers are that the King of kings may aid the bereaved ones in carrying their heavy load and they may be an unbroken family in heaven.

J. L. DAVIS, Pastor.

HEATHCOAT.—Oscar A. Heathcoat was born July 11, 1884; at the age of 12 years professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a faithful Christian life until on the morning of February 1, 1911, the death angel called at the door and Oscar went to join the heavenly host. For six months he had been struggling for life with that dreadful disease, consumption. With all the human aid that could possibly be given him he had to go.

In all his sufferings he never was heard to murmur or complain. Often he was heard calling upon the Lord to help him to bear his afflictions. He had never given his father or mother a cross word in all his life. His father is a devoted Christian, yet he said he was not as devoted as Oscar.

Father, mothers, brothers and sisters, look upon through your sorrows into the face of him who has promised never to forsake us or leave us alone, and he will help you to bear this great affliction of soul.

In his death the church has lost a faithful member, the home a loving and affectionate son and brother. The father being sick, the funeral service held at the home was conducted by his pastor.

CARLOS H. BUMFERS.

THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Board of the Arkansas Conference will meet at Clarksville, Ark., March 24, at 3:40 p. m. Let all who desire to make application for donations or loans have their applications in the hands of the secretary at that time. The secretary has blank applications which will be sent out at your request.

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Sakit ilappa alali tuk a afammi tuklo ka mahaya ho hikiat anukfilli li kat pe iskitinnesi ka tikba ako pit kanallit mahava ka sayimmishke.

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ED WARREN.

February 21, 1911.
W. R. F. Paine, W. T. Tucker, Attorneys for Petitioner.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

Dardanelle Ct., at Liberty Hall.	March 11, 12
Ola and Plainview, at Ola.	March 12, 13
(Conference at 9:00 a. m., Monday.)	
Dardanelle Sta.	March 13
Danville Sta.	March 18, 19
Bellville Ct., at Bellville.	March 19, 20
Prairie View Ct., at Delaware.	March 25, 26
Paris Sta.	April 2, 3
Branch Ct., at Cules Chapel.	April 8, 9
Bates Ct., at Center Point.	April 15, 16
Waldron.	April 18
Parks Miss., at Parks.	April 22, 23
Roseville and Webb City, at Webb City.	April 29, 30
Gravelly Ct., at Gravelly.	May 6, 7
Walnut Tree Ct., at Rocky Point.	May 7, 8
Adona Ct.	May 13, 14

W. T. THOMPSON, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Salem Mission Sta.	March 10-12
Newark Sta.	March 17-19
Tuckerman Sta.	March 27
Bexar Miss., at Mt. Pleasant.	March 31-April 2
Melbourne Ct., at Newburg.	April 7-9
Calico Rock Ct., at Iuka.	April 14-16
Jacksonport Ct., at Kunyn.	April 21-23
Batesville, First Church.	April 30, 31
Smithville Miss., at Raney's Chapel.	March 5-7
Swift Ct., at Hopewell.	May 12-14
Batesville, Central Avenue Miss., at Cush-	
man.	May 19-21
Desha Ct., at Locust Grove.	May 26-28
Wolf Bayou Miss., at Macedonia.	June 2-4
Evening Shade Ct., at Evening Shade.	June 9-11
Sulphur Rock Ct., at Mountain Gap.	June 16-18

B. L. WILFORD, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

War Eagle, at Cold Gap.	March 8, 9
Centerton, at Oakley's Chapel.	March 11, 12
Rogers Sta.	March 12, 13
Parkdale and Farmington.	March 18, 19
Fayetteville Sta.	March 19, 20
Lee Ridge Ct., at New Home.	March 25, 26
Bentonville Sta.	March 26, 27
Silam Springs.	April 2, 3
Winslow, at Brentwood.	April 8, 9
Elm Springs Ct.	April 15, 16

J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.

Atkins.	March 5, 6
Spadra Ct., at Mount Zion.	March 11, 12
Hartman Ct., at Coal Hill.	March 11, 12
Springfield Ct., at Greenbrier.	March 18, 19
Dover Ct., at Davis Chapel.	March 26, 27
Russellville Sta.	March 27, 28
London Ct., at Maden Chapel.	April 1, 2
Lamar.	April 2, 3
Conway.	April 8, 9
Conway Miss., at Salem.	April 8, 9
Appleton Ct., at Mount Zion.	April 15, 16

District Conference will be held at Lamar, Ark., April 20-22.

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

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

Van Buren Miss., City Heights.	March 11, 12
Van Buren Sta.	March 15, 16
Ozark Ct., Springhill.	March 25, 26
Ozark Sta.	March 26, 27
Beech Grove Miss., Beech Grove.	March 28
Fort Smith Ct., Lavaca.	March 28
Midland Heights.	April 1, 2
Dodson Avenue.	April 9
Greenwood.	April 12
Central Church.	April 16
First Church.	April 17

J. M. HUGHEY, P. E.

LARRISON DISTRICT.

Cotter Ct., at Cedar Grove.	March 11, 12
Yellville Ct., at Pleasant Ridge.	March 18, 19
Lead Hill and Zinc.	March 20, 21
Harrison.	March 25, 26
Leslie.	April 1, 2
Marshall.	April 8, 9
Ozage Ct., at Rule.	April 15, 16
Eureka Springs.	April 22, 23

It is the duty of every official to be present at the sessions of the Quarterly Conference. Clip this and paste it where it will be a reminder to you of the time of your Conference.

W. T. MARTIN, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

Swan Lake, at Slyth's Chapel.	March 11, 12
New Edinburgh, at Wagner.	March 18, 19
Macon, at Macon.	March 25, 26
First Church.	March 26, 27
Roe, at Hunter's Chapel.	March 26
Douglas and Grady, at Grady.	April 1, 2
Carr Memorial.	April 4
Star City, at Hooker.	April 5
Hawley Memorial.	April 8, 9
Rowell, at Union.	April 9, 10
Humphrey, at Mount Zion.	April 12
Redfield, at Marvin's Chapel.	April 15, 16
Rison, at Bethlehem.	April 22, 23
Alzheimer, at Alzheimer.	April 29, 30
Sheridan, at Carmel.	May 6, 7
DeWitt, at St. Charles.	May 6, 7
DeWitt Sta.	May 13, 14
Gillett, at Hall's Chapel.	May 20

J. D. HAMMONS, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

Prescott.	March 4, 5
Hope.	March 11, 12
Okolona, at Trinity.	March 18, 19
Prescott Ct., at Pleasant Ridge.	March 25, 26
Sweet Home, at Biggs' Chapel.	April 1, 2
Bingen, at Bethel.	April 8, 9
Murfreesboro, at Brock Springs.	April 9, 10
Washington, at St. Paul.	March 15, 16
Nashville.	April 15, 16
Center Point, at Center Point.	April 22, 23
Mineral Springs, at Wakefield.	April 29, 30
Amity.	May 6, 7
Caddo Ct., at Thompson's.	May 6, 7
Caddo Gap, at Womble.	May 13, 14

Gurdon, at Pleasant Hill.	May 20, 21
Emmet, at DeAnn.	May 27, 28
Hope Ct., at Liberty.	May 28, 29
Mt. Ida, at Grenada.	June 3, 4
Pike City, at Antoine.	June 10, 11
Harmony, at Rocky Mount.	June 10, 11

W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

Austin Ct., at Mount Tabor.	March 11, 12
Hickory Plains Ct., at C. R.	March 18, 19
Oak Hill Ct., Wesley's Chapel.	March 25, 26
Maumelle Ct., Taylor's Chapel.	April 1, 2
Capitol, evening.	April 5
Bauxite Ct.	April 8, 9
Highland, evening.	April 12
Mabelvale Ct.	April 15, 16
Tomberlin Ct.	April 22, 23
Highland, evening.	April 26
Bryant Ct.	April 29, 30
Asbury, evening.	May 2
England.	May 6, 7
Sherrell and Keo.	May 7, 8
Hunter Memorial, evening.	May 9
Lonoke, evening.	May 10
Wintfield Memorial, evening.	May 11
Des Arc.	May 13, 14
First Church, evening.	May 17
Henderson's Chapel, morning.	May 21
Twenty-eighth Street, evening.	May 21
Devall's Bluff and Hazen, at H.	May 27, 28

District Conference will convene at Devall's Bluff May 24, at 8:00 p. m., and hold to 8:00 p. m. May 26.

ALONZO MONK, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

Foreman Ct.	March 11, 12
Horatio Ct.	March 18, 19
DeQueen Sta.	March 19, 20
Cherry Hill Ct.	March 25, 26
Gillham Ct.	April 1, 2
Mena Sta.	April 2, 3
Vandervoort Ct.	April 15, 16
Dierks Ct.	April 22, 23
Lockesburg Ct.	April 29, 30
Patmos Ct.	May 6, 7
Lewisville Ct.	May 13, 14
Stamps Sta.	May 14
Texarkana Ct.	May 20, 21
College Hill Sta.	May 20, 21
Bright Star Ct.	May 27, 28
Fairview Sta.	May 27, 28
First Church.	May 28

THOMAS H. WARE, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Magnolia Ct.	March 11, 12
Locust Bayou Ct.	March 18, 19
Kingsland Ct.	March 25, 26
El Dorado Ct.	April 1, 2
El Dorado Sta.	April 2, 3
Hampton Ct.	April 8, 9
Chidester Ct.	April 15, 16
Bearden Ct.	April 22, 23
Beuna Vista Ct.	April 29, 30
Camden Sta.	April 30
Strong Ct.	May 6, 7
Huttig Sta.	May 6, 7
Atlanta Ct.	May 13, 14
Junction City Sta.	May 13, 14
Wesson Sta.	May 20, 21
	May 21, 22

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

Dermott and Portland, at P.	March 11, 12
Lake Village and Eudora, at E.	March 18, 19
Snyder Ct., at Montrose.	March 25, 26
Parkdale and Wilmore, at W.	March 26, 27
Lacey Ct., at Prairie Chapel.	April 1, 2
Hamburg Sta.	April 8, 9
Hamburg Ct., at Hickory Grove.	April 15, 16
McGehee and Arkansas City, at Arkansas City.	April 22, 23
Warren Sta.	May 6, 7
Johnsonville Ct., at Carmel.	May 13, 14
Hermitage Ct., at Hermitage.	May 20, 21
Watson and Halley, at Kelso.	May 27, 28
District Conference, Tillar.	April 27-30

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Lakeview Mis., at Thompson's Cha.	March 8
Brookland Ct., at Pleasant Gr.	March 11, 12
Nettleton Station.	March 12, 13
Bay Mission, at Truman.	March 15
Monette Ct., at Macey.	March 15
N. Jonesboro and Lake City, at N. Jonesboro.	March 8, 9
Harrisburg Ct., at Cross Roads.	March 19, 20
Harrisburg Station.	March 25, 26
Marked Tree and Tyrone, at T.	March 26, 27
Gilmore and Turrell, at Gilmore.	April 2, 3
Garle Station.	April 8, 9
Crawfordsville and Marion, at M.	April 9, 10
Trinity Ct., at Trinity.	April 15, 16
Barfield Mission, at Barfield.	April 22, 23
Manila and Dell, at Dell.	April 23, 24
Vandale Ct., at Cherry Valley.	April 29, 30
Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrough.	May 6, 7
Blytheville Sta.	May 7, 8
Luxora and Rozelle, at Rozelle.	May 13, 14
Oseola Station.	May 14, 15
Wilson Station.	May 20, 21
Bardstown and Richland.	May 20, 21
First Church, Jonesboro.	May 27, 28
Cotton Belt Mission.	May 27, 28

A. M. R. BRANSON, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

Paragould, First Church.	March 11, 12
Corning Sta.	March 18, 19
Old Walnut Ridge Ct.	March 24, 25
Walnut Ridge Sta.	March 26, 27
Paragould Ct.	April 1, 2
Imboden Ct.	April 8, 9
Black Rock, Portia and Hoxie.	April 9, 10
Gainsville Ct.	April 15, 16
Mammoth Spring and Hardy.	April 22, 23
Boydsville Ct.	April 29, 30
Pocahontas Ct.	May 6, 7
Maynard Ct.	May 7, 8
Rector Ct.	May 13, 14
Piggott.	May 17
Reyno Ct.	May 27, 28
Pocahontas Sta.	June 3, 4
Lorado Ct.	June 10, 11
Paragould, East Side.	June 17, 18
Knoble Ct.	June 24, 25
New Liberty.	June 28, 29

District conference at Piggott, May 18-20.

M. M. SMITH, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

McRae Ct., at Section.	March 11, 12
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Beebe and Austin, at Ward.	March 18, 19
Vilonia Ct., at Cypress Valley.	March 25, 26
Awvergne and Weldon, at Weldon.	April 1, 2
Newport Sta.	April 2, 3
West Point Ct., at Griffithville.	April 8, 9
Belcher Ct., at Ridout.	April 9, 10
Cabot and Jacksonville, at J.	April 15, 16
Augusta Ct., at Revell.	April 22, 23
Augusta Sta.	April 23, 24
Cato Ct., at Concord.	April 29, 30
Gardner Memorial.	May 6, 7
Dye Memorial.	May 7, 8
Bradford and Bald Knob.	May 13, 14

A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

TULSA DISTRICT.

Beggs and Mounds.	March 11, 12
West Tulsa and Red Fork.	March 12, 13
Broken Arrow.	March 18, 19
Porter.	March 19, 20
Okmulgee.	March 25, 26
Henryetta.	March 26, 27
Boston Avenue.	April 1, 2
Bixby.	April 2, 3
Haskell.	April 8, 9
Dustin.	April 15, 16
Weleeka.	April 16, 17
Sapulpa.	April 22, 23
Bristow.	April 23, 24
Okemah.	April 29, 30
Bearden.	May 6, 7
Coweta.	May 6, 7

The district conference will be held at Sapulpa, Okla., April 20-24. Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker will preach the opening sermon. Further announcements later.

S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

GUYMON DISTRICT.

Boise City Ct., at Samsie.	March 11, 12
Gymon Sta.	March 15
Texoma and Goodwell, at T.	March 18, 19
Ellis Ct., at Tierce Chapel.	March 25, 26
Idland Ct., at Welcome.	April 1, 2
Mutual Sta.	April 1, 2
Tangler, at Liberty S. H.	April 5
Woodward Sta.	April 8, 9
LaKemp Ct.	April 9, 10
Grand Valley Ct., at Palestine.	April 15, 16
Nabisco Ct.	April 22, 23

R. A. BAIRD, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

Lexington.	March 10, 11
Noble Ct., at Shiloh.	March 11, 12
Sunday School and League Conference.	March 11, 12
Shawnee, First Church.	March 17
Earleboro, at Johnson.	March 25, 26
Union Chapel, at Aydelot.	March 26, 27
Franklin Ct., at Clearbrook.	April 1, 2
Furcell.	April 2, 3
Moore, at Sunnyslane.	April 8, 9
Norman.	April 8, 9
Pastors' and Leaders' Council, St. John's.	April 9, 10
8:00 p. m.	April 11
District Conference, 9:00 a. m.	April 11
Shawnee, Trinity.	April 12
Tecumseh.	April 15, 16
Shawnee, First Church.	April 16, 17

O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

CREEK-CHEROKEE DISTRICT.

Hitchita Ct., Black Jack.	March 11, 12
Honey Creek Ct., Springfield.	March 18, 19
Wewoka Ct., Salt Creek.	March 25, 26
Okmulgee, New Town Chapel.	March 26, 27
Saline Ct., Cedar Bluff.	April 1, 2
Cherokee Ct., Moody.	April 15, 16
Seminole Ct., Hitchita.	April 22, 23

ORLANDO SHAY, P. E.

MALESTER DISTRICT.

Krebs.	March 5, 6
Quinton Ct., at Kinta.	March 7, 8
McCurtain.	March 9, 10
Eufaula Ct.	March 11, 12
Eufaula Sta.	March 18, 19
Cameron Ct., at Pocola.	March 26
Spiro.	April 1, 2
Poteau.	April 2, 3
Howe.	April 4, 5
Heavener.	April 8, 9
Wister.	April 15, 16
McAlester, Philip's Memorial.	April 22, 23
McAlester, Stonewall Avenue.	April 30
The District Conference will meet April 25-27 at Hartshorne.	

S. H. BARCOCK, P. E.

LAWTON DISTRICT.

Fort Cobb Ct., at Valley View.	March 11, 12
Geary Sta.	March 18, 19
Anadarko Sta.	March 19, 20
Glenwood Ct., at Oak Grove.	March 25, 26
Lawton Sta.	March 26, 27
Hastings Ct., at Lone Star.	March 29
Hastings Sta.	April 1, 2
Temple Sta.	April 2, 3
Walter Sta.	April 8, 9
Alpheatone Ct., at Alpheatone.	April 9, 10
Indian Work at Big Dows.	April 15, 16
Manitou Ct., at Manitou.	April 22, 23
Brethren, please secure your Home and Foreign Mission collections this quarter.	April 29, 30

C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

Cowlington Ct., at Cowlington.	March 11, 12
Warner Ct.	March 12, 13
Fahlequah Ct., at Warner.	March 13
Tablequah Sta., at Union.	March 18, 19
Tomaha Ct.	March 19, 20
Sallisaw.	March 24
Fort Gibson, at Gore.	March 25, 26
Oaktaha.	March 26, 27
Checotah.	March 28
Boynton.	March 29
Bald Hill Ct., at Bald Hill.	April 1, 2
Morris.	April 2, 3
Wainwright.	April 3
St. Paul's, Muskogee.	April 4
City Mission, Muskogee.	April 5
First Church, Muskogee.	April 6
District Conference, at Tablequah.	April 9, 10

W. M. WILSON, P. E.

CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

Kullituklo Ct., at Okachuklo.	March 11, 12
Atoka Ct., at Pleasant Hill.	March 18, 19
Bennington Ct., at Kullituklo.	March 25, 26
Antlers Ct., at Nelson Chapel.	April 1, 2
Kiowa Ct., at Dansby Chapel.	April 8, 9

Hugo Ct., at Ellis Chapel.....	April 15, 16
Chickasaw Ct., at Maytubby.....	April 22, 23
Washita Ct., at Burris Chapel.....	April 29, 30
Rufe Ct.	May 6, 7

A. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.

ADA DISTRICT—EVERY MEMBER CAMPAIGN.

Let each pastor send the names of their Lay Leaders to E. F. Messenger, Holdenville, Okla., and Rev. R. W. Cummins, Sulphur, Okla. Bro. Messenger is District Lay Leader and Bro. Cummins is District Secretary and Treasurer.

Brethren: Send to Dr. Reid of Nashville for a full supply of literature on the Laymen's Movement. Arrange for Missionary Mass meetings in connection with the Every Member Campaign.

It was decided at the Laymen's and Pastors' Council that each pastor

Relieve Your Stomach

Send for a Free Package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and Let Them Digest Your Food.

THREE THINGS YOU MUST NOT DO

If you have indigestion, loss of appetite, sour stomach, belching, sour watery risings, headaches, sleeplessness, lack of ambition, nausea and other symptoms peculiar to all stomach troubles, there are three things you must not do:

First—Don't neglect your stomach by letting it take care of itself, because it will constantly grow worse.

Second—Don't use cheap "tonics," "drugs" and "pills," which simply irritate and inflame the stomach and intestines, and which will ruin your health completely; and

Third—Don't starve yourself, because by so doing you are robbing the body of its proper nourishment.

A large number of people do one of these three foolish things. That's why they never regain their former health.

Starvation is a common practice among people who have weak stomachs, but does it sound reasonable to you to deprive the body of its nourishment every time you wish to give the stomach a rest? We admit that your stomach needs rest, in fact that's the very point we wish to impress upon you, but there is a better, safer, quicker, and more pleasant way to give your stomach a rest, than by the starvation method.

What you need is something that will take the place of your stomach and do its work—some substitute that will digest and assimilate the food, thus giving the body its proper nourishment, without taxing the stomach.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the best substitute known, because they contain the very agencies necessary to digest all foods. These elements will thoroughly digest and assimilate any and all foods so you can eat all you want.

Experiments and tests have proven that one grain of the active principles contained in these tablets will digest 3,000 grains of meat, eggs and other wholesome foods. One or two of these wonderful tablets taken after each meal will relieve your stomach of practically all the work, thus giving it the much-needed rest. Keep this up for a short time and your stomach will soon regain its health and strength.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are put up in the form of little tablets or lozenges, are easy and pleasant to take and cannot lose their strength by evaporation, as most liquid medicines do.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold in large 50c boxes by all druggists in the United States.

We would like to have you try them before you buy, so if you will send us your name and address we will send you, absolutely free, a sample package of these wonderful tablets. Write today to F. A. Stuart, 209 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

should be a member of the canvassing committee and that he should be along with the committee and assist in making the campaign.

It was also decided that we would push this campaign from now till the meeting of the District Conference. That we would give it the right of way above everything else till this canvass is completed.

That we would complete this work by the meeting of the District Conference at which time every pastor will be expected to report that he has in cash all his missionary assessments, for Foreign, Home and Conference Missions in full, with an overplus.

I trust that every pastor will give this work the first place and that he will push it till he has reached every member. Brethren: This is the most important matter before us at this time.

The whole church is being called upon to join in this WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT. LET NO MAN IN THE ADA DISTRICT LAG BEHIND.

Not only our own church is making this campaign, but all Protestant denominations are moving along the same line.

Brethren of the Ada District: Laymen and pastors; let us fall into line. Let us pray daily for this MOVEMENT and work faithfully. God will abundantly reward us.

Your co-laborer and brother
S. F. GODDARD.

APPLE ORCHARD.

Forty-five acres in 8-year-old trees just coming into full bearing; good condition; half mile from depot at Centerton, Ark. Price, \$100.00 per acre. A single full crop will pay for the whole thing. Owner getting old and wants to unload. Cut out this advertisement and address it to J. W. Womack, Centerton, Ark., for terms. It is a bargain for any man who wants to get into that fine region.

VINITA DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

To the Epworth Leagues and Pastors of Vinita District: I wish to call attention to our District Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Conference to be held at Afton, March 24-26, the Sunday School Institute occupying the first day and the Epworth League the last two days. Each pastor is requested to be present throughout the three days, and each League, both Senior and Junior, is requested to have their full number of delegates in attendance, at least through the last two days, and as many more as can make arrangements to attend.

Junior superintendents are especially requested to be there. Don't let any League fail to have a representative outside of the pastor. A good program has been prepared, and this meeting is promising to be a great blessing to those that will attend. The attendance also promises to be large. Let everybody come.

If any of those that have been selected for the program cannot attend, they are requested to report to me at once so that other arrangements can be made. We don't want any vacancies on the program at the last minute.

Entertainment will be furnished by Afton Epworth League.

GEORGE E. DAVIS,
President of Vinita District Epworth League.

LONE WOLF, OKLA.

We began a revival meeting at this place on Sunday, January 22, with Rev. D. V. York as assistant. He was appointed missionary evangelist for Mangum district by Bishop Collins Denny at the last session of our conference, and all developments since then have shown that no mistake was made. He was transferred to us from the Holston Conference, where he made a remarkable record as a soul-winner and church-builder.

In the beginning of the meeting several days were spent in lining up the

Christians for active service. When they had gone to work with a hearty good-will, Brother York began to draw most vivid pictures of sin and its results. He is entirely fearless in denouncing sin, but never indulges in offensive personalities or low-grade jest. He preaches a full-orbed gospel, and relies entirely upon the Holy Spirit to produce conviction for sin, to regenerate the penitent believer and to uplift the trusting Christian.

With such preaching, and with a consecrated church at work, the results need scarcely be told. They were far-reaching, as old animosities were forgotten, and the two Methodisms of the town completely harmonized. There were counted in all 216 conversions, but it is to be deplored that no larger number joined any of the churches.

About 27, most of them heads of families, and people of sterling character, applied for membership in our church. An equal number will join the M. E. Church, and about 12 went to the Baptists. Of these latter, however, fully half stated that they were either backsliders or had never been converted, although living in the church.

Brother York is now at Hollis, Okla., holding a meeting for the pastor there. Cordially yours,

H. B. THOMASON.

February 20.

YOU CAN QUIT,

But you need help. Haggard's Tobacco Tablets afford the needed help. Follow directions. If not satisfied, certify that directions were followed, and money will be refunded. Send \$1.00 for box to P. H. Millar & Co., Sole Agents for Arkansas and Oklahoma. Box 675.

MANGUM STATION.

Dear Methodist. First quarter of the Conference year has come and gone, and most of the Presiding Elders are well into the second quarter. Following is a brief statement of report for Mangum Station at end of first quarter: Spiritual state of church fair; congregations good; Sunday school enrollment, 350; prayer meetings poor; League services helpful; missionary organization and operations of the church active; additions to the church, 9; removals, 21.

Financial: Paid this quarter—
Pastor's salary \$ 400.00
Presiding Elder's salary 57.25
Conference assessments 454.00
Build church 1,987.35
Special for Missions by Sunday schools 30.00
Charity by Sunday School 153.42
Charity by Church 109.50
State Sunday School Association 100.00
Incidental expenses 115.61

Total \$3,407.13

All the collections ordered by Annual Conference raised by the Stewards and paid the first quarter.

Fraternally,

J. S. LAMAR, P. C.

February 21.

WHY HAVE CORNS?

They are not useful nor beautiful nor comfortable. Then get rid of them by using Quapaw Corn Salve, a safe and painless remedy. By mail, 25 cents a box. P. H. Millar & Co., Agents, Box 675, Little Rock, Ark.

PIKE CITY CIRCUIT.

After a drive of 75 miles we reached our work December 2. We have been kindly received by the good people of this charge. We are learning to love our people. Many tokens of kindness and appreciation have been shown us in the way of poundings by the good people of Pike City and Delight churches, all of which this preacher and family highly appreciate. We haven't missed an appointment this year. Our congregations are constantly growing. There are three excellent Sunday schools on the work, one Woman's Home Mission Society, one Epworth League, and good prayer meet-

ings. I wish to say I find some noble big hearted broad-gauged people in the bounds of my work. The parsonage is located at Pike City, Pike County, I am told, over six hundred feet above sea level. Last Tuesday, February 21, our first Quarterly Conference was held. Our big Presiding Elder, Brother Hilliard, was on hand in his usual happy mood and preaching to the delight of all after all the interest of the church. Every church on the circuit was represented. I am glad to say that beat Frank Hopkins's first Quarterly Conference. So you see I have no skinning to do.

Cordially,

J. J. MENEFFEE, P. C.

OKLAHOMA CITY AND CLINTON DISTRICT PASTORS TAKE NOTICE.

I can help some brother in a meeting during the first part of April, just before the Oklahoma City and Clinton District Conference. At these conferences the unslated time for the rest of the year can be easily arranged. I do not desire to lose any time. I should not lose any with the field I have to cover. But I must depend on the two Presiding Elders and their pastors to make my dates and select the places. I close a meeting at Erick the last part of March. Where shall I go the first part of April? Don't be afraid of your people nor the collection, brethren. I am ready to go anywhere for my Lord and risk the results. Are you?

D. A. GREGG,

Evangelist for Clinton and Oklahoma City District.
Clinton, Okla.

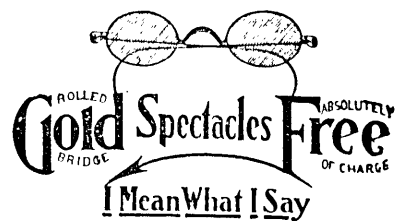
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Some second-hand church pews for a level floor. What have you?

Yours truly,

O. S. SNELL.

Vian, Okla.



And I positively don't want you to send me a single solitary penny when you answer this announcement. Why? Because I am now introducing a new kind of Spectacle—my wonderful "Perfect Vision" Spectacles—the latest and most remarkable eyesight protectors and preservers the world has ever seen.

—These latest "Perfect Vision" Spectacles of mine will actually make a blind man see—of course, I don't mean one blind from birth, but blind on account of age.

—These latest "Perfect Vision" Spectacles of mine will enable you to shoot the smallest bird off the tallest tree-tops, plough in the field and drive on the brightest, hottest, sunniest days without any danger of your getting cataracts, chronic sore eyes, or granulated lids.

—These latest "Perfect Vision" Spectacles of mine will enable you to read the very finest print in your bible, and do the finest kind of embroidery and crocheting just as well as you ever did in your younger days, and at one and the same time they will also be protecting and preserving your eyes and be keeping them from getting weaker while doing it.

And I therefore want you and every other spectacle-wearer in your county (all my old customers also) to get a handsome ~~gold~~ pair of these very remarkable and latest "Perfect Vision" Spectacles of mine without a single solitary cent of cost; and as a favor—not an obligation, mind you—I will kindly ask you to

Just Do Me A Good Turn

by showing them around to your neighbors and friends and speak a good word for them whenever you have the opportunity.

If you want to do me this favor write me your name and address at once and I will immediately mail you my Free Home Eye Tester and latest ~~gold~~ Spectacle offer. Address:

DR. HAUX, ~~Haux~~ Building, ST. LOUIS, MO.

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