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THE NATURE OF CHRIST'S INFLUENCE.

We presume that it will not strain the credulity of any man to believe that Jesus Christ is the most potent personality among men. For he is the source of all the great powers that make the civilization of the world. No philosophy of the history of civilization can ignore him. Without him modern civilization had not been. It is not a speculative question as to whether he can save the world; in a very real and proper sense he has saved it. For he arrested its downward movement at a time when there was promise of salvation nowhere under the whole heavens. When the ancient civilizations had spent themselves; when the ancient religious cults had become mockery; when the ancient systems of philosophy were powerless to regulate the lives of men, and were dumb with despair as to the future of the human race;—Christ was born into the world, and fixed a new starting point for human history. The gracious influences that have emanated from him have changed the destinies of the race. New inspirations, new aspirations, new hopes, new endeavors, new life, have marked everywhere the preaching of the gospel he gave to men. The nations that have decayed since he came have been the nations that have not known him; the nations that have entered upon a new and continuous path of progress have been the nations that have received him. To this statement there has been no exception on all the earth for two thousand years. It has long ago come to pass that the nations that have received him sway the destinies of the world. In his name is the scepter of power.

In this we have not yet taken account of the direct results the aggregate of which we call the church. We mean that there are millions of men and women, the strongest and best that are on the earth, who avow allegiance to him, who devote their money, their time, their talents to him. This devotion has taken on every form possible, till the church with its property interests, its varied forms of evangelism and of missionary service constitutes a body mightier than that which is ranged under any other potentate in the world. Bonaparte was greatly struck with this fact. He declared that he knew men, knew how far their devotion could be depended upon, how long it would last; and he was convinced that Jesus Christ, in view of the devotion of so many millions of people, after eighteen hundred years of time, could not be a mere man.

If Jesus Christ was a mere man, it is yet confessed by those who hold him so that he was the one perfect man that has appeared in the world. We know of no decent deist, of no agnostic who cares for his reputation, to say nothing of merely non-Christian men, who would not tell you that Jesus Christ was the best teacher of morals and the highest exemplar of morals that has ever appeared among men. We must be pardoned if we turn aside just here long enough to say that such concession carries always with it the demand that he who makes the concession shall make Jesus Christ master over his life, whatever may be the metaphysical nature of Christ. If he be the highest representative of morals and moral teaching, that is enough to command the allegiance of every honest man, whatever else he is.

But if Jesus be only a faultless man, though he be the highest of all men, while he must on that account exercise a very unique influence, it would still be such an influence as must be considered social or at the most ethical. The question would thus arise as to whether any merely social or ethical influence would be adequate to account for the results that have flown from Jesus of Nazareth. Not only is it true that no other character has been able to make itself the heart of the world's progress and the mainspring of the world's civilization, and no other name has been able to win the devotion of so many millions and hold it unabated through so many generations of time, but there is another great class of facts that can be connected with no other name: A strange power has come to those who have individually submitted themselves to Christ. They have literally undergone a change of nature, so truly so that they are not the same persons. It is true that men owe it to themselves to surrender to the highest they know, and it is true that they ought thus to surrender to Christ because he is the highest they know. But there is absolutely no warrant for believing that mankind have the moral earnestness or the general moral ability to thus give themselves up in response to any ethical appeal, and there is as little warrant for believing that if they should attempt thus to give themselves up they would experience any such change as comes to men who give themselves to Christ. What marvelous magic is this that comes to a man like "The Old Colonel" in Hadley's Down in Water Street or "The Puncher" in Begbie's Twice Born Men, and changes them from the lowest and vilest of human beings into men who from that moment are worthy of all respect and all sympathy, a power wholly unlike any connected with any other name that was ever known among men? What is this? Is it a social impulse? Is it an ethical impulse? Can any man believe that? If it be not spiritual, we have no longer any use for the word spiritual, and might as well cast it out of the language of men. If it be not a divine power, no such power was ever known among men.

The tendency to reduce the Christian religion to the plane of the human is false to all the higher facts of the case. The supernatural ought never to be invoked as an explanation where the natural will account for the facts. We are perfectly willing to abide by this canon. But let it be remembered that here are facts that no humanism and no naturalism can explain; they are supernatural.

A MOST REMARKABLE SPEECH.

On April 14th Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Hinsdale, Ill., celebrated his ninety-first birthday. He is known throughout the civilized world as the friend of the small Christian College. He began life as a physician, and he made a fortune in Chicago real estate. He has given to small colleges in this country, \$4,000,000. He has evidently been actuated simply by motives of Christian benevolence. He has now concluded his administration on his own estate so far as the public is concerned, and this is his farewell address, made to friends at his birthday celebration. Higher and more beautiful sentiments we have rarely, if ever, seen expressed. We commend them to all men:

I have long looked forward to my ninety-first birthday as my time for retirement from public life. I had planned to do this a year ago, but there were

the outstanding pledges, and I wanted to round out my giving with another gift to the colleges of the American Board, and another \$100,000 to Berea College, Kentucky. These and smaller gifts have now been made, and I am through. I have no more money for benevolences. I have enough left to take care of me and do some things which I want to do, but every dollar that I now have is fully provided for. I now retire to private life.

I express my sincere thanks to the friends who have joined in such hearty congratulations, and to the many with whom I have been associated in pleasant relationship during these years.

For twenty-two years I have made it my sole business to give away money. Few men have spent twenty-two happier years.

My interest in the colleges remains unabated, and I shall love them as long as I live. While I have not given so much to churches, I have counted them and their ministers among my best friends.

I hope to live other years. I still enjoy life, and my mind is young. Only in my body am I an old man; in my mind and heart I feel all the thrill of youth.

I say this farewell not as one about to die, but as one who has earned a little quiet space at the end of an active life. . . . My career as a giver is ended. I have done the work I promised to do, and my life has been spared to complete it. . . . May other men who have enjoyed prosperity enjoy as much as I have the investment of their wealth where it is sure to do good! And now, my friends, good-bye, and God bless you.

FAILURE OF THE RAILROAD RATE LAW.

Several years ago the Arkansas Legislature passed a law reducing passenger fares on roads in this State to two cents per mile. The iron Mountain and the Cotton Belt lines asked for and obtained a temporary injunction against the enforcement of this law. Last week Judge Trieber made permanent this injunction. Thus after a year or two's delay and after large expense the law fails.

It was the opinion of the Western Methodist, expressed at the time, that this enactment was unwise. If it was not wise in its substance, it was certainly unwise in the manner of it. We said then that no legislature is capable of determining such a question out of hand; that Governor Hughes, of New York, had done entirely the right thing when he vetoed a like measure, enacted under like circumstances. He took precisely the right attitude when he told the legislature of New York that he would sign no such measure so enacted; that if they would appoint a competent commission of investigation and that commission should find the two cent fares were fair and just, he would then sign a law fixing the fares at two cents.

Judge Trieber, after hearing a vast mass of testimony, concludes that two cents is not just compensation for roads in Arkansas. It now remains for our legislature to do what they ought to have done in the beginning—make proper inquiry as to whether the law ought to be changed at all, and act accordingly.

There is such a thing as the tyranny of corporations, to be sure. But there is also such a thing as the tyranny of the demagogue. Of these two forms of tyranny the people want neither. A square deal is what we want.

Some one has said that a creed may be like a rubber band, so expansive that it may be made to mean anything, or else so hard with old age that it will bind together nothing. It has been well added, by Dr. Newman Smyth, we believe, that a creed ought to be like the bark on a tree, enlarging with the growth of the tree, expanding with its life. "Take," says he, "any creed as a closed formula, and such creed would be but as the cerement of faith."

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Notes and Personals

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Durant, Idabel, 8:30 a. m. May 18
Little Rock, DeVall's Bluff, p. m. May 24-26
Paragould, Piggott May 25-28
Helena, Wynne, 2:00 p. m. May 30
Guymon, Texhoma June 1
Farkana, DeQueen, 8:30 p. m. June 12
Prescott, Amity June 29-July 2
Pine Bluff, Star City, 7:30 p. m. July 5
Camden, Junction City July 6-9
Searcy, Judsonia July 11-13
Creek-Cherokee, Thoplocco, 8:00 p. m. July 18
Choctaw-Chickasaw, Sealey Chapel. July 26-30

We are very anxious to have the District Conference Calendar complete, showing every conference. Let the presiding elders furnish what is lacking, and we will be thankful and give it careful attention.

"All things move well here."—Private note from Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker.

President A. C. Millar spent last Sunday at Crossett, Ark. He and his family are now domiciled at Conway.

Oklahoma City has been chosen as the place for holding the next General Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

We were pleased to have a visit this week from our good friend Dr. E. H. Stevenson, of Central Church, Ft. Smith.

Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, presiding elder of Morrilton district, is moving into a new and modern district parsonage at Conway.

Rev. J. B. McDonald passed through this city last Monday, returning from the session of the Board of Missions at Nashville.

Rev. M. D. Mitchell retires from the editorship of the Baltimore Southern Methodist and is succeeded by Rev. Coulton D. Harris.

Rev. John Anderson began a meeting at Leslie, Ark., on the 4th of this month. He has with him Evangelist Price, of Siloam Springs.

Rev. J. R. Sanders, chaplain, of the Arkansas State penitentiary, has moved his family to Little Rock and located at 1421 West Fifth Street.

The report of the election of delegates to the East Oklahoma Conference from the Tulsa District should have included the name of Mr. H. R. Cline.

Rev. Robert H. Cannon, who has been principal of the public schools of Stephens, Ark., has been elected to the same position at Conway,

the present incumbent there, Rev. W. B. Hubbell, becoming a field man for Hendrix College.

The Vinita district conference licensed H. J. Hart to preach, and recommended Rev. W. E. Potter for admission on trial into the travelling connection.

A note from Rev. J. M. Holt, pastor of Gip Mission, West Oklahoma conference, states that he is spending a few days visiting in Texas, leaving his work May 2.

We were pleased to have a pleasant call on Friday of last week from Mr. Ransom Gulley, one of our staunch laymen holding his membership at Winfield, this city.

Miss Maud Bonnell was the guest of honor, and also of great profit, at the Vinita district conference. Her talks on Japan and on missions were greatly edifying.

Rev. Samuel S. C. Coward, who was once a member of the Arkansas Conference, is now stationed at Dawson Springs, Ky., and makes a good report of his work there.

Rev. Forney Hutchinson, Central Avenue, Hot Springs, was in our offices yesterday. Useless to say how he is getting along with his charge; he always gets along.

Rev. A. M. Shaw, of Prescott, will deliver the annual address to the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., of Henderson College, at Arkadelphia, on Sunday evening, May the 21st.

Three of our brethren from the Searcy district, the active presiding elder, Brother A. F. Skinner, Brother Ed. Hall and Brother H. H. Hunt, were in to see us last Monday.

Rev. T. R. Houghton, Cowlington, Okla., has half his annual collections in the hands of the conference teller and he says the every member campaign is working well in his charge.

We are requested to state that all delegates who expect to attend the Woman's Home Mission Conference at Blytheville May 16 should send their names to Mrs. W. T. Oberst, Blytheville.

"You say, 'Get the people religious, and the money question will take care of itself.' If that is true they have never been religious for it is certain that we are far from solving the money problems of the kingdom."—Dr. O. E. Goddard.

The books which help us most are those which make us think the most. The hardest way of learning is by easy reading; but a great book that comes from a great thinker, is a ship of thought, deep freighted with truth and with beauty.—Parker.

At the Mayday festivities of Galloway College last week the college girls surprised Miss Mills, the Lady Principal, and embarrassed her as well, by voting her to be their May queen. It was a spontaneous testimonial of the affectionate regard in which she is held.

Rev. W. B. Ricks is having a most successful pastorate at Tulip Street, Nashville, having received nearly 200 new members during his first six months. If Nashville needs any more men who can do things, she could find them in Arkansas, where Brother Ricks was developed.

As will be seen from the plan of episcopal visitation, Bishop McCoy holds again the conferences in Arkansas, and Bishop Denny holds again the conferences in Oklahoma. This is highly satisfactory, as we think these good Bishops themselves have reason to know.

Presiding Elder J. W. Sims, Vinita district, has a delightfully easy way of holding a district conference. He wants all done that ought to be done, but yet he does not think it necessary to be anything at all of a martinet. His recent district conference was throughout a delightful and very profitable occasion.

"You are trustee for God, a trustee of all the property you hold. I am greatly afraid that some of you people who do so little for the kingdom of God, and who spend great sums on automobiles, on summer resorts, on all sorts of luxuries for yourselves, I am very much afraid God will find you to be embezzlers."—Dr. O. E. Goddard.

The nineteenth annual commencement of Scarrit Bible and Training School, Kansas City, will be held May 12th-16th. We note that there are thirty-four graduates, but regret to note that among them there is only one from the patronizing territory of this paper, Miss Carrie White, of Durant, Oklahoma,—whom we congratulate. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. John F. Caskey and the address will be by Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs.

Church union is in the air. It is well for people to remember that there is a difference between union and unity. The former is desirable where the latter exists, not without it. Union is the binding together things that are not one; unity is oneness. Union is mechanical; unity is vital. But it is also well to remember that where there is unity in all that is essential there is no just reason why there should not be union. Apply this doctrine to the Methodist situation in America.

Rev. T. O. Owen of Warren is having a great revival in his church. People are being saved in most every service and joining the church. There has been forty-six accessions to the church since conference and most of these on profession of faith. This revival is largely the result of raising their church debt. The official Board came together and decided to raise the debt, which was \$4,700. They made a thorough canvass of the church membership and raised \$5,700. Warren church is fully alive.

The Western Methodist desires to commend to all our people in Oklahoma an enterprise which this paper has not as yet taken note of; we refer to the Wesley Hospital, at Oklahoma City, in charge of Dr. F. K. Camp, and owned by a company. Dr. Camp is superintendent of our Sunday school at St. John's Church. They expect to begin in a week or two the erection of a new \$65,000 fireproof building, capable of accommodating sixty-five patients. There is some stock for sale, and the company proposes to guarantee ten per cent on the stock. It will be our first Protestant Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Rev. W. T. Ready, Miami, Okla., is doing a good work in that town. The district conference was quite a blessing to his church. Our people of Paragould, Ark., and some other points in the White River conference, will be glad to hear that Brother Ready is doing well in his work in Oklahoma. He has a splendid family and they are all in good health, with good prospects in life. Our church at Miami has more life in it than for years. Forty-three members have been received this year. We were much pleased to meet among the membership of that church some to whom we had ministered in other years. Two that were girls in this preacher's congregation at Fayetteville years ago, Misses McVeigh, are now married to business men of Miami, and we met there our old friend Rev. S. S. Leonard, local preacher on the Sulphur Springs Mission twenty-five years ago.

The roaming editor of this office owes an apology to a number of brethren in Oklahoma. He undertook to attend seven district conferences in that State, in rapid succession. There was no attempt to give a detailed account of the doings of these conferences, this being under the circumstances manifestly impossible. But there was an attempt to get the salient features of each. In moving so rapidly, attending to all necessary business, it was impossible to do more

than put these salient items into the chute, as it were, trusting to the mails and the ordinary processes to carry them through, with no opportunity to keep tab on them and so check them as to know that they did get through. Upon returning to the office we find that the items at Vinita district had gone awry, but they were recovered and are appearing in this issue, though late. The items from the Chickasha district went no man knows where, and it would be impossible to reproduce them from memory. Suffice it to say for that district that we found all their matters running smoothly and prosperously. Presiding Elder Rev. L. L. Johnson is always a modest man, and our readers in Oklahoma do not need to be told that he is always a lovable man. He and his crowd will have to pardon an editor who for the time was trying to do more than he could accomplish.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Council of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Arkansas assembled at Christ Church, this city, on the 10th. A matter of especial interest to the Christian people of the State is the contention between the bishop of the diocese, W. M. Brown, D. D., and the council. Some time since Bishop Brown put forth what he called "A Level Plan of Church Union." The position assumed by the bishop in this plan gave equal recognition, as to scripturalness, of all the orders of ministers in the various Protestant churches. The council of last year took exceptions to the bishop's views, voicing its objection in a resolution to the effect that any position which surrendered the claim of direct divine authority in the ordination of their ministry could not be accepted by the church in the diocese of Arkansas. Bishop Brown, in answer to this resolution of the former council, presented a mild protest to the effect that the resolution was in the style of an *ex cathedra* deliverance, and did not enter into the presentation of facts and reasons. He asked that his cause be referred to the council of 1913, and thence to the General Council. If the General Council should sustain the resolution of the diocese the bishop said he would resign. Meantime he asked the appointment of a bishop coadjutor. The fair-mindedness and Christian spirit of Bishop Brown have won for him high regard from the Protestant ministers of the city and State.

THE WESTERN METHODIST.

There are many tokens that the Western Methodist is in stronger position than ever before. It is commanding higher recognition abroad and is giving higher satisfaction within its own territory. Now is the time to push its circulation. Now. Our people who do not get it will be ignorant of all our church work, and of course they will be listless about it. Push it now.

COMING TO THE REUNION?

During the Confederate Reunion you can go to and from Little Rock each day on either the Iron Mountain or the Rock Island railroad for practically what it would cost to remain in the city over night. The roads have made the lowest rates ever made, one cent per mile, plus 25c. The Western Methodist will keep open house and invites all its friends to come to see us, 122 East Fourth.

DR. GEORGE B. WINTON.

The Board of Missions has elected Dr. George B. Winton to be its Editorial Secretary. He will have charge of the Missionary Voice, and we presume of all the literary output of the Board.

We are very much gratified over this action. Dr. Winton is perhaps the best qualified man in the church for this work. He has had long experience from both the standpoint of an editor and from the standpoint of a missionary. His literary gifts have everywhere won recognition. He is devout and able, as we all know.

YES, BY ALL MEANS.

There is before the Arkansas Legislature a bill to buy the two blocks of ground that front the State Capitol. By all means let it be done. The imposing front of that building would forever be discredited by the narrowness of the present grounds. We venture to say that no landscape expert in the world would not condemn the present situation. Should the two blocks in question be bought, the natural elevation would begin with the grounds, and rise to the walls of the building, the Capitol thus crowning the elevation, just as it ought to do, and the majesty of the building itself would thus appear. As to cost, there is no good business in going to a vast expense to build a great State Capitol and then compromise forever the whole thing by niggardliness in the matter of grounds.

The New Century Knights and Ladies, which organization was formed some years ago by Dr.

W. B. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, is to actively push the voter's pledge of the Three Million League. There are about 20,000 members of these two organizations, consisting of young men and women. Dr. Palmore is one of the grandest of the Prohibition Party stalwarts of the Southland and as is well known received a very large vote for the presidential nomination at the Columbus convention in 1908. —*American Advance*.

"If you don't succeed in your business," said Mrs. Pipkins to her husband, "you know I can keep the wolf from our door by my singing."

"You can surely do that," said Pipkins, "if the wolf has any ear for music."

"Do you think bears ever lived in those holes?" said a lady to her companion, as they looked at the cliffs in Cheyenne Canyon.

"It's a bare possibility," was the reply.



REV. GEORGE H. CROWELL, Ph. D.

Rev. George H. Crowell was a poor farmer boy who worked his way, by the prayers of his mother and the help of God, through college, graduated from the University of North Carolina, studied theology at Vanderbilt, took his Ph. D. degree from Central University, Indiana, taught two years in the common schools, four years in the high schools, eleven years as city superintendent in North Carolina; and two years as Dean of Epworth University, Oklahoma City, Okla. He has had much experience in travel, in the United States, Canada and Europe.

He is widely known in educational circles as a thoroughly conscientious, honest business school man, active, aggressive. He is systematic, positive but kind.

He is a minister and is at home in the pulpit and on the platform. He was made chairman of the Board of Education of the West Oklahoma Annual Conference, last conference, and Dean of the Summer School for Undergraduates.

Dr. Crowell has been recently elected President of Henderson College, Arkadelphia, Ark. The Western Methodist heartily welcomes him to a prominent place among our educational forces in Arkansas, and wishes for him the largest measure of success in his new field. Henderson College has had hitherto a useful career, has now a large enrollment, a fine Christian tone, and Dr. Crowell enters upon a large opportunity. We make no doubt he will carry the institution forward on all good lines. He is a thoroughgoing, conscientious and highminded Christian gentleman, as well as a scholar.

A poet being challenged to find a rhyme to match Timbuctoo threw off the following quatrain:

If I were a cassowary
On the plains of Timbuctoo,
I would eat a missionary,
Skin and bones, and hymn-book, too.



Books sent us by publishers will receive careful and discriminating notice. All books noticed in this department may be bought of Anderson, Millar & Co., Little Rock.

"FEED MY LAMBS" is the title of a brochure by Rev. J. C. Morris, D. D.

It contains these sections:

- I. Jesus at Your Door.
- II. The Life of Jesus—A Man Among Men.
- 3 The Church Jesus Founded—Jesus the Head of the Church.
4. Some Practical Duties—Jesus Your Example.

III. Appendix.

1. Suggestions for Bible Reading.
2. Things to be Known by Heart.

Single copies 10 cents; \$1.00 a dozen.

The work is intended as a hand-book for pastors to help them in the training of children and the proper instruction of young people who are coming into the church, and for this purpose it is well suited.

"THE ROUND DANCE," an address delivered by the Rev. Ben Cox, pastor First Baptist church, Little Rock. For sale by the author, 1024 Gaines St., Little Rock. 5 cents each, 35 cents per dozen, \$2.50 per hundred, \$20.00 per thousand.

Rev. Ben Cox is not accustomed to fire until he sees the game. And he fires a center shot. There are hundreds of preachers who could do a large missionary work with small investment of cash by circulating this pamphlet.

"COMPENDIUM OF SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS," by Marshall Smith. Broadway Publishing Company, 835 Broadway, New York. 50 cents.

This work, as its title indicates is a compilation in which the scriptures bearing upon certain questions are presented and the subjects discussed in the light of God's word. The subjects so considered are: "Grace;" "What think ye of Christ;" "Proposition for All Believers;" "The Bible;" "Gathering Fragments;" "The Seven Dispensations;" "The Two Advents;" "The Two Resurrections;" "The Five Judgments;" "Law and Grace;" "The Believer's Two Natures;" "Salvation and Rewards;" "Christian Simplicity."

The reader can judge from the subjects of what interest and use such a work would be to him.

"NOT IN HIS STEPS," by Francis T. Hoover, M. A., Cleona, Pa. Holzaple Publishing Co. (Sold by subscription only).

This book has for its theme the folly and injustice of the church in demanding young men for pastors and discounting men of experience and staid character.

It represents the ministerial dead line as drawn at fifty. Its story in illustration of its contention is the career of Rev. Jeremiah Gracy, pastor of the First Congregational church of Fleetwood. It is an overdrawn picture of the preacher's trials and the church's follies. So far from fifty years of age being a dead line of the ministry, the age of highest average salary in Congregational churches is about sixty. The dead line of age for preachers who are true to the duties of their high calling lies much beyond the age of fifty.

A WORD TO THE EDITOR.

My Dear Dr. Anderson: Your editorial of last week on the Vanderbilt situation is before me, and has been carefully read. Suffer me to say that, in spite of "the very full information" which you claim to possess, your views are somewhat awry. It may be true, as you intimate, that the trustees in their answer have simply followed the famous advice of Zach Chandler to "the visiting statesmen" of 1876, and have "claimed everything," in hope of getting something. But the

Bishops have not gone one hair's breadth beyond their honest convictions. They are ready to swear to their bill, and to maintain it from their consciences. The trustees will be asked to take a similar course. It had as well be understood from this on that all mere fencing and maneuvering for position is out of order. The question to be decided is whether the Methodist Church has legal rights in Vanderbilt University, or, as the trustees affirm, is there simply by "sufferance." The General Conference has taken the former position, and ordered the Bishops to sustain it by suit at law. The trustees—that is, a majority of them—have taken the latter, and are seeking to establish it. All disguises have been thrown off. The issue is sharp and simple. It may be an act of friendship to the trustees to say that they are not to be taken literally and honestly at their own word. I know, however, that I am speaking for the Bishops when I say that they do not wish any defense on that ground. What they have done, they have done in all seriousness and earnestness. I think, however, that the constituency of the Western Methodist, which, in my judgment, is on the side of the church in this contest, is entitled to know the fact.

Very respectfully,

E. E. HOSS.

(We cheerfully give Bishop Hoss space for the foregoing communication. We have never questioned his sincerity. But we see no sort of reason for changing any sort of sentiment we have heretofore expressed.—Ed.)

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Dear Methodist: One of the institutions of which all Arkansas Methodism may be justly proud is the one named at the head of this article. Our object is to seek homeless orphans and to find loving Christian homes for them. We opened our Orphans' Home on the corner of Fifteenth and Commerce streets, Little Rock, in a frame building on January 24, 1902.

Into this building we received in all 136 children, finding good Christian homes for most of them, as permanent members of good families.

In December, the Board of Trustees urgently requested Bro. George Thornburgh to raise \$25,000 to buy a new location and erect a building. The Board proposed to pay him liberally for his services. He agreed to undertake to raise the money, but on condition that he was not to receive any pay whatever. His reasons for it were, that if he failed his services would not be worth anything, and if he succeeded, the joy of success in such an undertaking would be ample reward. He was so greatly encouraged by liberal responses to his appeals, that one of the finest locations in the suburbs of Little Rock was secured, plans drafted, and on September 1, 1909, ground was broken for the new building. Bro. Thornburgh threw the first shovel of dirt and G. H. Kimball, the Secretary, threw the next. The work progressed so satisfactorily that on July 11, 1910, the children moved into the new building, although, it was not completed. The Home is located on a commanding hill in the west end of the city near the Highland car line, and in easy reach of the R. E. Lee public school. The new building is 120 feet long, by 116 feet wide, a basement, two full stories, and an attic in which several large rooms can be made. It was planned not only for the present, but will be ample for many years. The building was not let out by contract, and was erected under the supervision of Bro. W. R. Casey, a member of our Board of Trustees, who has had large experience as an extensive contractor of public buildings in Little Rock.

The Board of Trustees in their report to the Conferences in November, 1910, closed with this expression of gratitude: "Bro. George Thornburgh has been the agent in God's hands for raising the funds with which to erect the

splendid building above described, and he is entitled to the gratitude of all for his untiring efforts, and to our congratulation for his splendid success."

The Little Rock Conference at its session in November, 1910, by a unanimous vote, adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, Col. George Thornburgh has given an unselfish and beautiful service, without compensation of stipend, which effort has eventuated in the building and equipment of the present handsome and commodious Methodist Orphanage in the city of Little Rock; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this Conference express its appreciation to Bro. Thornburgh by a rising vote."

Let me draw attention to the following resolutions adopted by the last session of the Arkansas Conference:

"We urge that the pastors secure in full the collections for this most worthy benevolence of the church.

"We very much deplore the fact that some of our pastors secured nothing for the Orphanage this year.

"We also recommend that our Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools and Home Mission Societies engage in the furnishing of rooms of the Orphanage, as is being done by some; also that individuals furnish rooms in memory of loved ones.

"We suggest also that Christmas offerings of our Sunday schools be contributed to the regular collections for the Orphanage."

Sincerely,

J. B. STEVENSON.

HARGROVE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D., pastor of Broadway church, Ardmore, Okla., at 11 a. m., May 21, at the college chapel.

The annual Literary address will be delivered by Judge R. L. Williams of the Supreme Bench of Oklahoma Monday evening at 8 o'clock, May 22.

Graduating exercises Tuesday at 10 a. m., May 23. Concert at night.

J. M. GROSS, President.

THE REBELLIOUS CHORISTER.

Those dear old fifty-years-ago days, when I was a young pastor in active work! They are gone, but, in memory, still stay with me. Ah! what wouldn't I give to live that life over again!

"Only one year in a place, or two if we be-have ourselves," used to be the motto of us young fellows, as we told it over to each other. We knew that two years was the utmost limit—that being the rule of our church in those days.

So we could preach away as we thought was our duty, with no fear in case we offended anybody, little matter how influential he might be; for it was not worth while, even if it had been right, to trim our oratorical and social sails as if we were planning for a long pastorate.

This fact, perhaps, led me to be a little more independent with my chorister at L—, a small town in the interior of a Western State.

His throne was in the midway seat of the gallery, directly across the room from my pulpit. To his left he had a long line of young, middle-aged, and old men, reaching to the wall; to his right, about the same number of girls and women.

He was a large man, with a full brown beard, streaked with gray.

There was no instrument of music in the church; it was several years afterward that a modest little organ was introduced. After I had given out a hymn, he would wait a moment for the choir to come to attention, strike upon his bootheel a little tuning fork of steel, reckon the scale a moment in his head, and give the tone proper to the note "do," of the tune that was to

be sung. The choir followed, with the same note, varied by the sounding of others, upon which the different singers might have to begin in performing their parts. After this ceremonious preparation, the hymn started off, sung entirely by our choir; for the congregation were supposed to have nothing to do, excepting to turn squarely around with their backs to the minister, stare at the choir, listen and worship silently.

It occurred to me one day, that it might not be a bad plan to have the people all take hold, and join in with the choir. So I said, after reading the old familiar hymn:

"Now let everybody sing—choir, congregation and all. There is no justice in making the choir do the whole of the work."

The chorister did not immediately strike the little steel tuning-fork upon his bootheel, and pitch the key-note. Instead, he rose, much to my surprise, and made a remonstrance.

"It ain't necessary for the whole church to sing," he said, in a tone that was heard all over the room. "The choir can do all the singin'. They train for it, an' practice for it, an' it's their business to do it."

I was more amused that offended, and said nothing, while the chorister proceeded to exploit his tuning-fork, and the choir to sing. Some of the younger members of the congregation tittered: whether they thought the joke on me or on my friend the chorister, I could not divine.

But the funniest part of this lamentable affair was still to come. In the very first row of my audience sat an old lady and gentleman, one at the extreme right, the other at the extreme left. Both were quite deaf, and although they could hear me when I made the announcement that all were to sing, they did not catch the words of remonstrance.

They were delighted at the idea of singing that good old hymn, in concert with the brethren and sisters around them: and both, as soon as the choir struck up, with a volume of sound loud enough to reach them, went in to do their part. The old lady sang soprano, in a shrill, cracked voice that set everybody's teeth on edge; and the old gentleman undertook to exhibit in public the remains of a tenor, of which he had once been exceedingly proud.

The dear old lady and gentleman indeed started somewhere near together; but they soon wandered away from each other, and from the choir. There was no one to beat time in those days, and they finished each stanza from half a bar to a bar apart.

The choir did the best they could, but that was not much; since most of them could hardly sing, for laughing. The chorister looked pitchforks instead of tuning-forks, and as if he would like to cut up about everybody in the building. The faces of the congregation I could not see, as their backs were turned toward me: but now and then a head would "duck" forward a little as if there was laughing on the face pertaining to it. As for myself, I braved it out as demurely as I could; but my observing wife peeped around over her shoulder and saw on my face, she said, signs of amusement which she had never known to fail except in the very driest of times.

After the service was over, a great big let-loose laugh resounded throughout the church; there was no way of restraining it, and no sense in trying to ignore it. And I must confess that I joined in it.

In the midst of the ill-restrained merriment, the chorister came to me, in rage.

"Do you want me to lead the choir?" he asked, in rather too pronounced a tone to be agreeable.

As I said before, I was independent enough; I was in the last year which I could possibly stay as pastor of that church, and had no particular need to temporize with anyone, more than was absolutely necessary and right.

"I have no objection, brother," I replied, smil-

ingly. "Of course, there are others who would take the position; but you hold, I suppose, the first right, having been in it so long"—

He stood and looked at me in perfect and almost breathless surprise. He had no idea that anybody else could lead the choir, or anything less, musical, in town. But he soon regained his self-confidence, and went on as follows:

"The folks are all blamin' me for the way that old lady and gentleman spoiled the singin' today. They say that if I had kept still, everybody would have sung, an' the voices of those old folks wouldn't have been heard. I say that you caused all the trouble"—

"Brother," said I, "as the pastor of this church, I shall control the singing, and everybody that wishes to praise the Lord with his mouth, shall do so, from now on. There is no objection to the choir's practicing and singing by themselves a 'set piece' now and then; but in general, we will all sing—or at least as many as can and wish to do so.

"And one thing more; never interrupt the service again with a speech of your own, unless you wish to be prosecuted for disturbing a religious meeting."

A new light seemed to break on the old chorister, and I think it did him good; for he asked my pardon, and thenceforth did his best to help me in the way I marked out.

And always since that time, I have had "congregational" as well as choir singing, in whatever churches I might happen to be.

There are often some objections raised, at first, but the majority of the church always approved the custom; and many sweet-hearted though harsh-voiced Christians have thanked me for giving them a chance to "praise God in His sanctuary, with their mouths."—*Every Where.*

DOES OUR REVISED RITUAL SHIFT OUR GROUND?

Editor Western Methodist: I am not writing this article to provoke a discussion: indeed, I have never felt that I had any especial gift as a debater. Still, I have been intensely interested in every question that concerns the church in any way. I have been a Methodist for more than a generation, and for many years I have fancied that I understood its doctrines. But I am not quite sure now. The seventh article of religion in our book of Discipline teaches original, or borth, sin; that we inherit from Adam a carnal nature, and the only way to remove this carnality is by regeneration or adoption. I notice in our new Discipline that there has been a material change in the Ritual to be used in baptizing children. It teaches that children are born in Christ the Redeemer, and if no actual transgression is ever committed they will maintain their vital relation with Christ. If this is to be the future teachings of the Church it occurs to me that we will be forced to re-adjust all our standards. I am sure that they all teach the depravity of the human heart. The Methodist armor, which is supposed to be a concise statement of all our doctrines and has the indorsement of some of our leading Bishops and church papers, is very explicit at this point. Indeed the new formula for the baptism of infants is not consistent with itself. In the prayer the administrator of the sacrament of baptism says, "Grant that the old Adam in this child may be so buried that the new man may be raised up in him;" further he prays, "Grant that all carnal affections may die in him." If we grant that children are born in Christ I cannot see how such a state of heart could exist. A person cannot be in Christ and full of carnality at the same time. This innovation that has been introduced into our Discipline has already begun to bear fruit. Several times recently I have heard Methodist preachers emphasize the fact

that children were born in Christ and if properly trained and nurtured would never become subjects of regenerating grace. For some time I have been apprised of the fact that a Pelagian sentiment obtained in some quarters of our Church, but I was really surprised and pained when I found that it had made its appearance in our book of Discipline. What shall we teach? Have we a brother wise enough to rise and explain? Where are we drifting? Now we have "decision day," a specific time set for receiving children into the church. To my mind this differs very little from confirmation that is practiced in some of the ritualistic churches. I greatly fear that there is a disposition on the part of some to leave the mystical work of Christ out of the salvation of the world. It has only been a few years since we had a great furore about restating our articles of religion. If I have not misread the signs of the times we are drifting back to formalism, the place from which we started more than a hundred years ago. The day cannot be far distant when we shall need another Wesley to preach a vital godliness to the people. I do hope that the grand old Methodist Church, that has done so much for the evangelization of the world, will be saved from empty form and parade.

JOHN S. WATSON.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

BISHOP HENDRIX.

Denver, Walsenburg, Col., August 31; Mexican Border Mission, Saltillo, Mexico, February 1; Central Mexican Mission, Guadalajara, Mexico, February 8; Northwest Mexican Mission, Torreon, Mexico, February 22.

BISHOP ATKINS.

New Mexico, Tucumcari, N. M., October 4; West Texas, San Marcos, October 8; Northwest Texas, Plainview, Texas, November 1; Central Texas, Polytechnic Station, Fort Worth, November 8.

BISHOP MOUZON.

German Mission, San Antonio, Texas, November 2; North Texas, Gainesville, November 15; Texas, Marlin, November 22; Louisiana, Parker Memorial, New Orleans, December 6.

BISHOP M'COY.

Louisville, Greenville, Ky., September 27; Arkansas, Booneville, Ark., November 8; Little Rock, For-dyce, Ark., November 15; White River, Blytheville, Ark., December 6.

BISHOP DENNY.

Missouri, Columbia, Mo., August 30; Southwest Missouri, Marshall, Mo., September 13; St. Louis, Kirkwood, Mo., September 27; East Oklahoma, Okmulgee, November 15; West Oklahoma, Mangum, November 22.

BISHOP WILSON.

Virginia, Salisbury, Md., November 1; North Georgia, St. James, Augusta, November 15; Alabama, Pensacola, Fla., December 6.

BISHOP WATERHOUSE.

Montana, Missoula, Mont., August 24; East Columbia, Heppner, Ore., August 31; Columbia, Roseburg, Ore., September 14; Pacific, Sacramento, Cal., October 18; Los Angeles, San Diego, Cal., November 2.

BISHOP CANDLER.

Holston, Morristown, September 27; Tennessee, Columbia, October 18; Memphis, Madison Heights, Memphis, November 16; Cuban Mission, January 11 to 13.

BISHOP MORRISON.

West Virginia, Louisa, Ky., September 6; Illinois, Worden, Ill., September 21; South Georgia, Bainbridge, Ga., November 29.

BISHOP HOSS.

Western North Carolina, Broad Street, Statesville, N. C., November 8; North Carolina, Kinston, N. C., November 22; North Alabama, Florence, Ala., November 29; Florida, Gainesville, Fla., December 13.

BISHOP KILGO.

Kentucky, Richmond, Ky., September 13; South Carolina, Bennettsville, S. C., November 22; North Mississippi, Macon, November 29; Mississippi, Meridian, Miss., December 6.

BISHOP MURRAY.

Japan Mission, Arima, Japan, August 31; Korean Mission, Wonsan, Korea, September 21; China Mission, Shanghai, China, October 12; Baltimore, Roanoke, Va., March 27.

BISHOP LAMBUTH.

Brazil, Petropolis, Brazil, July 20; South Brazil, Uruguay and Brazil, August 17; African Mission, September 30.

Fall meeting College of Bishops, Dallas, Texas, October 26.



SECULAR.

Three million members of the Labor Unions in the United States will be assessed from three to six cents for the defense of J. J. McNamara who is to be tried for murder in connection with the wrecking the Times building in Los Angeles.

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Admiral Togo will represent Japan at the Coronation of King George V. He has accepted an invitation to visit the United States on his return and will be with us in July.

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Prescott, Ark. has let contract for a new court house to cost \$51,800.

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The sixteenth annual reunion encampment of the Confederate Veterans of the United States will be held in this city from May 15 to 18. The annual oration will be delivered by Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama. Other addresses will be delivered by Col. Robt. M. Mixon of Williston, S. C., Dr. Thomas W. Owen of Montgomery, Ala., Lee Meriwether of St. Louis and Leland Hume of Nashville, Tenn. A social feature of the occasion will be that all past sponsors-in-chief will be commissioned honorary sponsors-in-chief for the encampment. The official family will be constituted of Mrs. Clarence J. Owens, of Washington, D. C., matron; Mrs. Nathan Bedford Forest, Memphis, Tenn., chaperone; Miss Eunice Semmes, Montgomery, Ala., sponsor-in-chief. She is a grand-daughter of Admiral Semmes. Great preparations have been made by our city to entertain their guests. If the weather shall prove favorable we think everybody will be satisfied.

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President Smith, of the Mormon Church, is professing to strong purpose to extirpate polygamous marriages among the Mormons. He asserts that there is no one among the Mormons authorized to perform plural marriages. He asserts that Presidents Woodruff and Snow, his predecessors, set their interdict upon plural marriages. To people who understand the Mormon system all this is but a blind and an evasion. The facts stated have no bearing on the practice of polygamy among the Mormons. The sealing of spiritual wives never was held as legal marriage, that is to say, as an act to be tested by marriage laws. It was, and is, a spiritual privilege, according to Mormon teaching. President Woodruff testified in the famous temple lot suit at Independence, Mo., that he had issued his edict against polygamy solely in compliance with the laws of the United States, but as to polygamy he claimed that religiously it was proper to practice it, and the Mormon founders practiced and taught it. What sincerity there is in any Mormon leader's denunciation of polygamy, or what progress will be made in its suppression, under such conditions, our readers can judge for themselves.

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President Taft, Cardinal Gibbons and Andrew Carnegie were the chief figures at the Peace Congress at Baltimore last week. Resolutions were adopted by the Congress endorsing the plan of the peace arbitration with Great Britain, favoring an international prize court and an international court of arbitral justice. The United States Government was urged to extend to other nations overtures for the establishment of a peace pact similar to that extended to Great Britain.

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The Insurrectos attacked the Federals in Juarez on the 8th. There was a hot street fight all day. The fight was renewed on the 9th and continued

through the day. The papers report four killed and about a dozen wounded in El Paso, across the river on the 8th. There were not so many casualties on the 9th because the authorities took more care to keep the people out of danger. In Juarez the killed were supposed to be forty to fifty with twice as many wounded. The Federals surrendered the town. The truce was broken, it is said, not by order of Madero, but against his advice. He feared complications with the United States might result from war on the border. He would move on Mexico City. The reason assigned for renewed hostilities was that Diaz would give no assurance that he would resign. Later he has issued a manifesto that he will resign when peace is made.

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The preachers of Fort Smith, Ark., have organized a Law and Order League for the enforcement of the Sunday law. Neither the municipal nor the county authorities have shown a willingness to stop the Sunday baseball games.

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Representative Little refuses to give information relative to his charge of bribery in the Senate, to the committee which the Senate has appointed to investigate the same. He says he will give his proofs to the grand jury who will have authority to act.

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An edict has been issued from the throne of China abolishing the Grand Council and substituting a constitutional cabinet of ten members instead.

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The mourning season, one year, for King Edward of Great Britain ended May 6th, and the festivities of the approaching coronation season opened on last Monday. The coronation will take place June 22. It is expected to be the most brilliant affair in English history.

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It is reported that Diaz desires to resign, but cannot see the way to preserve his dignity and resign at the demand of the insurrectos. The situation is that of the Irishman when his horse was running away. "Sure Michael," said Pat, "and why don't you get off of the baste?" Mike answered: "How can a man get off when he can't stay on?"

RELIGIOUS.

Last years reports of collections for missions both in the Northern Presbyterian and Northern Baptist churches showed a decline instead of advance. This was a surprise, because so much had been said of the Laymen's Movement to increase the church's contributions for the conversion of the heathen. We still hope that we may find that the Laymen's Movement is not without good fruit in our own church.

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The earliest incorporated Roman Catholic Church in New York City dates from 1785; the earliest Methodist Church (John Street) from 1766.

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There was a mistake in our news notes last week in crediting the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York, to the Catholics. It is the Episcopal Church which is erecting that costly fane.

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A BIBLE SOLD FOR \$50,000.

It is often asserted, and with truth, that no book can be bought for so small a price as can the ordinary edition of the Bible. It would seem to be almost true that few, if any, books can be sold for so large a price as the Bible. At a recent sale of the library of the late Robert Hoe, of the well-known printing press family, a copy of the famous "Gutenberg Bible," which was the first important book ever printed from movable types, was sold to Mr. Henry E. Hunting-

ton for the very large sum of \$50,000. This copy is one of the dozen copies, printed on vellum, now known to exist, and is the second copy owned in this country, the other being in the library of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan. It was printed between 1450 and 1455. While of course it is its rarity as a book that brought this great price, and not the fact that it was a copy of the Bible, yet it is gratifying and significant to know that the Word of God was one of the first books to be issued by the printer's art, while the fact that the great value of this copy is but another illustration of the fulfillment of the promise that God's Word "shall have free course and be glorified" among men.

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A Catholic priest in Connecticut said the public school house was a microbe-infested shack and pest-hole. A member of the school board sued the priest, and was awarded \$4,000 damages. This ought to be a suggestion to preachers to be reasonably honest and decent in their speeches about persons and things.

ARKANSAS STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Tuesday evening, June 6th. Opening service, 8:30 p. m.

Address of welcome, J. H. Hall.

Response, Roy Johns.

Reception to delegates.

Wednesday morning, June 7th.

9:00-9:30. Song and devotional service, Rev. J. Abner Sage, Jr., and Rev. W. C. Davidson.

9:30-10:15. President's address, J. R. Stanley.

10:15-11:15. Work of the First Department, T. B. Warwick, First Vice President, assisted by Leaguers from various Chapters.

11:15-11:45. Address, "The Expanding Vision of the Young People," Rev. H. E. Wheeler.

Wednesday afternoon, June 7th.

2:30-3:00. Song and devotional service, Rev. J. Abner Sage, Jr., and Rev. W. C. Davidson.

3:00-4:15. Work of the Second Department, Lilla Lee Thomasson, Second Vice President, assisted by Leaguers from various Chapters.

4:15-4:45. Address, "The Boy Problem," H. S. Fox.

Wednesday evening, June 7th.

8:00. Address, Rev. F. N. Parker.

Thursday morning, June 8th.

9:00-9:30. Song and devotional service, Rev. J. Abner Sage, Jr., and Rev. W. C. Davidson.

9:30-10:45. Work of the Third Department, Pearl Smith, Third Vice President, assisted by Leaguers from various Chapters.

10:45-11:15. The Junior League, Dora Davis, Junior Superintendent.

11:15-11:45. Address, "The Worth of an Ideal," Farrar Newberry.

Thursday afternoon, June 8th.

2:30-3:00. Song and devotional service, Rev. J. Abner Sage, Jr., and Rev. W. C. Davidson.

3:00-4:15. Work of the Fourth Department, Maud W. Overton, Fourth Vice President, assisted by Leaguers from various Chapters, and Mr. D. S. Kim.

4:15-5:00. Address, "The Duty of Young People to Give Themselves to Mission Work," Dr. O. E. Godard.

Thursday evening, June 8th.

8:00. Address, "Some Home Mission Problems," Dr. O. E. Godard.

Friday morning, June 9th.

9:00-9:30. Song and devotional service, Rev. J. Abner Sage, Jr., and Rev. W. C. Davidson.

9:30-11:30. Business session.

Friday afternoon, June 9th.

A visit to the Mill and the Lumber Camps.

Friday evening, June 9th.

8:00. Closing service, in charge of Rev. Foreney Hutchinson.

All the joy which does not fade is that which grows from self-sacrifice.—A. H. Bradford.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, ST.
LOUIS, APRIL 19-29.

There was a warm, "homey" friendliness in the greeting extended the Council by St. Louis: the first hand clasp at the train, the hearty welcome into the homes. Dr. Lee's assurance of open-heartedness, and the impressive sacrament of the Lord's Supper, all made us feel that we were one great family.

Dr. Pinson voiced the growing sentiment of the world united forces.

He said: "The business of the 20th century is to make the world a brotherhood. Our very diseases are teaching us the lesson of brotherhood. We are learning that all must fight our diseases together. We can no longer stand on our doorsteps in the wealthy sections of our cities and ignore the diseases in the slums. A solid heathenism must be faced with a solid Christianity so that there may be no lapping, no friction, no loss of energy." Bishop Mouzon gave a forceful sermon from Rom. 1:14 at Centenary church Sunday morning. His tall, erect figure, deep voice and personal magnetism aided in impressing his strong message of love and service. Prayer as the key for unlocking slothful churches, uninterested women, pokey leaders and other difficulties, was urged by Mrs. Marshall.

The missionaries also emphasized prayer and spoke of what had been accomplished by the "Quiet Hour" in foreign fields.

And the literature committee "urge upon all members of the Council and upon members of conference and auxiliary societies the fundamental need of systematic daily study of the Bible and of daily prayer to God for our work, our workers, our leaders, and for one another."

The fourth vice president has charge of "The Local Work and Social Service" and will not only interest herself in the auxiliary local work but will give information concerning "the wider use of the school-plant the establishment of play-grounds and juvenile courts, the care of dependents, delinquents and defectives; the protection of girls in shops, mills and factories; the housing of the people; wages and conditions of labor; public health and prevention of disease; immigration and the needs of Foreign communities in the city and country districts; temperance reform, the neglected servant class, white slave mills and factories; the daily life of God's children; our brethren such social work is the legitimate work of the church and many of our women are doing through clubs and other organizations, that which should be done by us."

And Mr. Moore of the Institutional Church of Kansas City appeals to the ministers of Methodism to awake and be alive to the methods of social service through which they can do as much for humanity as through the pulpit.

Mrs. Leith, who has charge of the Baby Rolls and Brigades is made first vice president instead of fourth because of the importance of this work: and she appealed most eloquently to us to engage actively in Children's work.

And the Young People's work must be made prominent if we advance tomorrow from where we are today.

Every auxiliary is to organize Boys' Bands with boys between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two, appealing to the "gang spirit" in the boys to bind them together. These bands are to be regarded as schools of inspiration and instruction for furnishing future leaders and workers for the Laymen's Missionary Movement. A full day and a half was given to the discussion of uniting the Foreign and Home Societies, and some of the best speeches of the Council were delivered during this time. Miss Helm came near telling in this discussion of a controversy in Harrodsburg, Ky., about fourteen years ago between the Pedobaptists and the Anabaptists which was ended by a good old darkey preacher

saying, "Brederin', some ob you is for obfution an' some ob you is for subfution. Fo' de Lord's sake, dose ob you dat's Obfutionists go an' git obfused, an' dose of you hat's Subfutionists go and get subfused, an' quit quarrellin'!"

The final decision was that all societies that desire to unite do so, and a new constitution was given.

Washington, D. C., was selected as the next place of meeting. The half of dues belonging to each Home Mission conference will be used for many other purposes than helping parsonages but Arkansas conference will continue parsonage donations this year. The last session was held Friday night and the weary remnant who finished the business closed with a service of praise to God for His presence and for the work accomplished. The meeting has been epoched and the results will continue forever as a power in the church.

MRS. F. M. TOLLESON,
Cor. Sec. Arkansas Conference.

CHINA'S NEW LAW AGAINST OPIUM.

(For a specimen of thorough-going prohibition we commend the following example from "heathen" China.—Ed.)

Tientsin, April 3.—The new criminal law has been approved by imperial edict, to come into effect at the end of this year. From the new law the following are ten regulations, as to opium:

Article 260. Any person who manufactures opium, deals in it, stores it for later sale, imports it from abroad, shall incur penalties of the fourth or the fifth grade. (Note: Attention is drawn to the clause "stores it for later sale." Here later sale is considered as unlawful as actual sale is. The penalty of the third grade is imprisonment and hard labor for three to five years, that of the fourth grade is imprisonment and hard labor for one to three years, that of the fifth grade is imprisonment and hard labor for two months to one year. They are applied to offenders according to the nature of the cases.)

Article 261. Any person who manufactures opium-smoking instruments, deals in them, stores them for later sale, or imports them from abroad, shall incur penalties of the fourth grade or imprisonment and hard labor for a shorter period. (Instruments cover all kinds of articles used by opium-smokers, such as pipes, bowls, lamps, cups and so on. The second kind of punishment is for small offences and the period of imprisonment and hard labor is usually two months.)

Article 262. Customs staffs or men connected in the service who import opium or instruments from abroad or allow others to smuggle them, shall incur penalties of the third grade. (It is the duty of customs officers and men to find out contraband goods; but if they smuggled them or let others do so they would commit a double offence; hence the severe punishment.)

Article 263. Any person who opens opium dens to accommodate opium-smokers shall incur penalties of the fourth grade or below and a maximum fine of \$300.00. (Without opium dens poor opium-smokers can find no place to indulge themselves and will be compelled to get rid of their opium habit. The opening of opium dens will encourage opium smoking and obstruct the anti-opium movement. This accounts for the heavy punishment intended for this offence.)

Article 264. Any person who plants poppy for the manufacture of opium shall incur penalties of the fourth grade or lower or a maximum fine of \$300.00. (The plantation of poppy has been prohibited by imperial edicts and the poppy fields have been examined by representatives of the Board of Interior and the Board of Finance. It is clear that the Throne is determined on the discontinuance of the poppy growth, and any offenders of the imperial order must answer to severe consequences.)

Article 265. Any person who is found smoking opium shall incur penalties of the fifth grade

or lower, or a maximum fine of \$1,000.00. (The imprisonment and hard labor is usually for the poor, and the fine for the rich, and the second offence will receive the same punishment as the first offence, and so on.)

Article 266. Local authorities or members of the police who fail to accord due punishment to offenders of the above six regulations shall incur the same penalties as the offenders. (Here are meant district magistrates, constabulary Taotais and policemen, and officers in charge of the anti-opium work.)

Article 267. Any person who keeps opium-smoking instruments shall be fined \$100.00 or a less amount.

Article 268. Any person who attempts to violate the first six regulations shall incur the same penalties as if he had actually committed the violation. (This is a treatment of capital criminals and its application here shows well the dangerous effect of opium on society.)

Article 269. Any person who violates any of the first seven regulations may be, if the case requires, deprived of the citizen's rights, and, if an official, may be cashiered. (This is considered a very heavy punishment in a constitutional country.)

In these ten regulations all matters about opium-smoking, poppy plantation and opium dealing are fully and conclusively explained. Being an imperial order it admits of no exception. What remains to be desired is the prohibition of the import of opium by foreigners. Our foreign friends have, however, promised to stop the trade as soon as the success in our anti-opium work is assured. But, fellow-compatriots, be aware of the anti-opium regulations, do not smoke opium, do not plant poppy, do not deal in the drug. In this way opium demand will be reduced to nought and foreign opium will find no way into our midst.—*The National Anti-Opium Society of China.*

A VOICE FROM OKLAHOMA.

I noticed in your issue of Thursday, May 4th, on page three, an item regarding the speech of Mr. Little of Mississippi county, Ark., which was made in the House of Representatives of that State. He makes the assertion that the Senate is controlled by the whisky interest, and I presume that he makes other assertions which one might make if these conditions are true. If his assertion is correct, it is certainly a very lamentable fact, but to my mind Mr. Little is taking the wrong position. He has made, I presume, a wonderful speech, and you state that before making the speech he tendered his resignation. Not knowing Mr. Little, I do not wish to call this act a cowardly one, but would it not have been a better and grander and more noble position for Mr. Little to assume had he not resigned, and yet delivered his speech? We might cite a thousand instances where men, knowing of conditions, might have backed down and permitted the conditions to exist, but instead of doing that they took hold of the condition and made reformation their life's work; and because of such men, we have our present state of civilization.

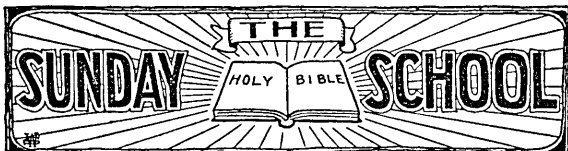
Let us hope and pray for men of the character who are able to find the great evils that may exist in our society, and let us hope still higher for a class of men who, after having found them are strong enough to correct them.

Yours truly,

GRANT B. GRUMBINE,
President Northwestern State Normal School,
Alva, Okla.

"Bridget," said Mrs. Grouchy. "I don't like the looks of that man who called to see you last night."

"Well, well," replied Bridget, "ain't it funny, ma'am? He said the same about you."



SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

BY REV. W. J. MOORE,

Conference Sunday School Secretary.

OUR ITINERARY.

Altus, Dist. S. S. and League Conf... May 10, 11
 Lone Wolf, Dist. S. S. Conf..... May 12-14
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 Piedmont, Dist. S. S. & League Conf.. May 27, 28
 Norman District S. S. Institute..... June 15-18
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The first service of each institute will be held at night, unless otherwise indicated, and will close on night of last date. The time for the consideration of the Sunday school matters at the district conferences will be indicated by the presiding elders.

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THE TEACHER IN CHARGE.

Before a teacher takes his class in charge he ought to take himself in charge first. That is of greatest importance. No man can manage a class successfully without first managing himself. He ought to see to it

1. That he is in the right spirit for teaching God's word. A teacher needs to pray much. The great opportunity and responsibility ought to take him to his knees.

2. That he has thoroughly studied the lesson to be taught. No teacher can direct a lesson to the best advantage who has not made special preparation. True that "much study is a weariness to the flesh" of the teacher; but no study on his part is a weariness to the flesh of those whom he tries to teach.

3. That he has a lesson plan—one that begins somewhere and ends somewhere. Too many depend on the inspiration of the movement; but they find that inspiration, and information even, do not make a successful teacher. A lesson plan ought to be thought out, prayed out, and wrought out, before any teacher goes before his class.

4. That he gets the very heart of the lesson, and that the heart of the lesson is impressed upon the hearts of the pupils. See that the lesson contributes to the spiritual uplifting and edification of the class.

The teacher who takes himself in charge first, as indicated above, will have charge of his class without any effort to do so.

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A CRADLE ROLL RECEPTION.

One hundred and twenty-five babies with their mothers, making a total of two hundred guests, attended the reception given the cradle roll and beginners of the First Methodist Church, South, Sunday school at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon. The reception was planned by Mesdames Charles B. Smith, Callahan and Cash and Miss Minnie Wolfenberger. The Sunday school room was transformed into a pretty reception room with the table and piano decorated with spring flowers. An informal program was given by the older children and Rev. Wier read the twenty-third Psalm. After the program the children were given their souvenirs. A prettily decorated toy cradle was brought into the room. Tied to the cradle with gay colored ribbons were pretty cups that were given the tiny babies as souvenirs. The older children received little glasses as souvenirs and each mother was presented with a cradleshaped card and a three months' subscription to a mother's magazine. After the souvenirs had been presented to the guests the tiniest babies were taken into one room where a

committee of ladies entertained them and served animal crackers and milk as refreshments. In another room the older children were given refreshments of fruit punch and cake, while the mothers also had a luncheon of fruit punch and cake. The afternoon was a very delightful one, enjoyed by the mothers and babies and by their hostesses as well.—*Muskogee Times-Democrat*.

We truly wish all our Sunday school people would do likewise. It is a beautiful thing to do; and it adds to the interest of the school. We rise to say that the Sunday school which looks after the Cradle Roll folks will prosper; and the church that fosters the school will never lose out.

See after the babies and—their mothers.

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We hope many of our Sunday schools will observe Mother's Day on May 14. The service can be held during the school hour if you cannot make more elaborate preparation.

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"YOUR SCHOOL LEFT OUT."

The wide-awake Sunday school folk of both the Oklahoma conferences are putting forth strenuous efforts to get every school to observe Children's Day. The Field Secretary has sent an urgent letter to every pastor and superintendent urging the importance and the necessity of the occasion. The members of the Boards in each District are pressing the matter. And so are the presiding elders. We furnish the programs free. Have sent self-addressed order cards.

With all this effort and care only a few more than one-half have ordered programs to date. Does that mean, my brother, that your school is going to be left out? That you are not going to give your young people a chance to enjoy the high and holy privileges this day brings to them? We hope not.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

BOOK SALE.

In this column we give a list of books, some of which we wish to close out at greatly reduced figures. All here listed will be sent postpaid to the address of purchaser. Read carefully the description and then order. None of them will be sent except where cash accompanies the order. It will be noted that in some cases we only have one volume of the book, and in such cases the first order gets the book and subsequent orders will be returned or held for further instructions.

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MAY 14: OBEDIENCE THE TEST OF LOVE.

(John 14:15).

Where the children are quiet and mannerly, where they respect and honor their parents; where the entire household seems so peaceful,—father reading his evening paper; mother sitting by the window singing gently to baby;—there we are sure to find a happy home. And the secret of this happiness?—obedience.

STORY.

Saul, the young king of Israel, had won a great victory over the Philistines, and was anxiously awaiting the arrival of Samuel so that the customary sacrifice might be offered upon the altar. Seven days passed and yet Saul waited. He grew impatient. Said he, "Why doesn't Samuel come on. Here I am with my army. The men are becoming weary and some of them have slipped away. The Philistine army is beginning to gather again. If Samuel would come on and make the burnt offering, then we could move on. I don't see why I should not make this offering myself. I am king, and the minister of the Lord is not here. I am going to risk it anyway." So Saul disobeyed the law of the Lord and made the offering. About this time, just as the sacrifice was over, Samuel appears and at once reproves Saul for his disobedience. "It is better to obey than sacrifice; and to hearken than the fat of rams." He told Saul that his kingdom should be taken from him for this act of disobedience.

And that is what any disobedient boy or girl may expect. Obedience has its reward,—disobedience its punishment.

We have noticed the beauty of obedience,—now let us see what it is that causes obedience.

(1) Sometimes it is fear of punishment that prompts obedience. In the early history of Israel the people were brought to obey the Lord through fear. They knew God only as an avenging God who would vent his wrath upon disobedient children. As they became more enlightened they began to learn the law of love.

(2) This law of love was established by our Lord. He did not come to set aside or undo any of his Father's laws but to fulfill and make perfect the former things. His teaching was indeed something new to the Pharisees—and it is new to a lot of people in this enlightened age.

Let us build our lives upon this foundation: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy power and thy neighbor as thyself." Then will obedience become second nature.

STRICT SUPERVISION NEEDED.

In pronouncing sentence on a vaudeville performer in Chicago who had been convicted of violating the law against the white slave traffic in that city, Judge Landis said:

"Much has been said and written of the ways of these 5-cent theaters, and of their dangers and demoralizing influence. But the wildest stuff that has ever been written or said has not got beyond the merest fringe of the real facts so far as the danger to young girls is concerned."

Evidently where such performances are allowed it should be under the strictest espionage, both as to the character of the pictures exhibited and the conduct permitted in the places where the shows are given. We cannot be too careful in safeguarding the purity and moral welfare of our young people.—*New Orleans Christian Advocate*.

A Persian philosopher being asked by what method he had acquired so much knowledge, answered, "By not being prevented by shame from asking questions when I was ignorant."

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.)

Newark, Ark., Feb. 2, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: This is my second time to write. I am a little girl 10 years old, and am in the third grade. My school-teacher's name is Miss Barker. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Rob Mitchem. Our pastor's name is Rev. I. H. Russell, and we like him. I go to Sunday school almost every Sunday. Ruth Carr, come sooner than you usually do. I have not gone to school this week. I had had measles. Almost everybody has measles or has just gotten up from it. I will close by asking a riddle: Pack upon pack, hole in the middle. You guess this, I'll give you a gold fiddle.

Your cousins,

RUBY HOYT.

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Newark, Ark., Feb. 1, 1911.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: I am a little boy. I will let the cousins guess my age. It is between 9 and 14. I will try to answer Geranium's riddle: I will guess her name to be Dela Wolff. How many of you cousins like school? I do. My teacher's name is Miss Fannie Blalock. I like her fine. I go to Sunday school every Sunday that I can. Who Owed the Debt? was certainly fine. I will close. Good-by.

FRANK MARTIN.

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Cabot, Ark., Feb. 7, 1911.

Dear Methodist. As I have been reading the letters from the cousins, I thought I would write for the first time. I am 8 years old, and go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Elsie Walls. I like her very well. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I am in the third grade at school. Our preacher's name is Brother W. C. Jamps. I like him very well. I had a nice time Christmas. How did you cousins enjoy Christmas? I guess you all are tired of my chat. I will close for fear of the wastebasket. Good-by.

Your cousin,

GARLAND JOHNSON.

JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Jonesboro District Conference met at Bono Wednesday, April 26. The first day's program was devoted to the Sunday School interest of the district. The Conference Sunday School Board at the suggestion, or consent of the Presiding Elder, provided the program for this institute feature of the Conference. The chairman of the Board and the imported speakers not being present, Rev. A. M. R. Branson, the Presiding Elder, presided during the Sunday School Institute and the brethren filled the program. The addresses and open discussions on the various topics were helpful and inspiring. The schools of the district generally seem to be in a flourishing condition. W. F. Walker, of Harrisburg, preached a helpful sermon on Wednesday night.

The District Conference proper was called to order by the Presiding Elder at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. After the election of the writer as Secretary and Fay C. Sterling assistant, the printed program for the Conference prepared by Brother Branson was taken up and followed, in the main, throughout the session.

All the pastors were present except Rev. F. W. Gee, of Blytheville Station, who was detained on account of the illness of his wife. Almost one-fourth of the lay delegates were in attendance. President J. M. Williams, of Galloway College, delivered a very strong educational address. He presented in his address overwhelming arguments showing that Methodism of Arkansas is face to face with one of the rarest opportunities of its history. If she grasps the opportunity it will solve many of her Twen-

tieth Century problems. That opportunity is the greater equipment and endowment of Galloway College.

Friday morning the pastors' reports of their charges gave many evidences of progress. A number of churches and parsonages are being repaired, and some new churches are being built. Most of the pastors have scheduled their revival meetings.

Boone L. Wollford, Presiding Elder of the Batesville District, was a visitor much enjoyed. He preached an excellent and timely sermon on recruiting the ministry and other Christian service.

The presence and address of F. M. Daniel, White River Conference Lay Leader, were greatly appreciated.

George A. Lamb, Bono; R. R. Davis, Luxora; C. N. Cato, Lake City, and A. L. Malone, Jonesboro, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference. The alternates are S. F. Porter, Jonesboro, and M. P. Donnahoe, North Jonesboro.

Oscar Clifford Lloyd, who is supplying Bardstown and Highland, and Alva R. Ward, Bay charge, were recommended for admission into the Annual Conference. W. M. Duncan was recommended for local deacons' orders.

The interim committee appointed to examine applicants for admission, also those for license to preach, is composed of H. H. Watson, Jonesboro; Fay C. Sterling, Wilson, and A. C. Cloyes, Nettleton. George A. Lamb was elected by leader of the district. Harrisburg was chosen as the place for the next session of the Conference. John S. Watson preached Friday night an earnest gospel sermon.

Bono entertained so royally that one delegate proposed to meet there every year, but when John W. Rooks pledged twenty-three different breeds of chickens at Harrisburg, the vote was unanimous in its favor.

E. K. SEWELL, Secretary.

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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING A GRAND SUCCESS.

Our second Quarterly Conference for the Malvern charges was held at Ebenezer, near Malvern, April 29 and 30. The meeting opened on Friday night with a splendid sermon by our Presiding Elder, T. D. Scott. The crowd was not so large, but very appreciative. On Saturday we had discussions on "The Aims of the Sunday School." We had an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground. But since it might take up too much space, I shall not go into detail about this Saturday's meeting. But there were several hundred people out on Sunday. Brother Workman had no service Sunday at 11:00 o'clock, so a large part of his crowd were with us at Ebenezer. People were there from almost every place around here, but of course they had no place to even stand in our church. Those who were fortunate enough to get in the house thoroughly enjoyed the good sermon by Brother Scott. I know I am safe in saying this by the way they responded to a proposition which he made to those who love the Lord. And then in another way they were very responsive and that was in the collections which he took, both of which amounted to pretty nearly \$60.00, the latter being to finish ceiling and to paint our church at that place. Even though some failed to get any room in the house, I think no one who tried at all to get something to eat failed to find plenty, for our good women had worked very faithfully making special preparation for this day.

And by the way, may I say right here that I think the uniting of the Malvern station and the Malvern circuit has already been worth a great deal to the latter? Already two of our country churches, Rockport and Ebenezer, have paid a little more than their assessments up to the last inst. They have set the standard for the other churches which I trust will soon come right up to the mark.

Then, too, the association of the circuit preacher with the station pastor, and of my people with his people is worth so much. The prayer meetings, the Woman's Missionary Societies, etc., are always an inspiration to me. And to be sure it is always an inspiration to a station preacher to go to a meeting like we had Sunday, where he can get some good old country food and come in contact with a lot of our good old-time country people. Already my folks are getting that old prejudiced idea out of their heads that so many folks have once had that people who live in town have no religion and all their pastor is there for is to get money and to have an "easy" time. And it's all because of our being associated with each other.

Pray for us, brethren, that we may get on higher ground.

Fraternally,

W. H. HANSFORD,
Junior Pastor.

Malvern, Ark., May 4, 1911.

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MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Monticello District Conference has just closed. It was possibly the greatest District Conference ever held in this district. I am sure it was in some respects the greatest I ever attended. Brother J. A. Henderson, our Presiding Elder, had planned well. There was a well planned program for the Woman's Missionary work, and all day Thursday the ladies worked to carry it out. This department of work is rapidly developing in this district.

Friday was, according to the Presiding Elder's plans, set apart for the Sunday school work. In keeping with his promise, H. A. Dowling, the General Secretary of the Arkansas State Sunday School Association, was on hand; also Mrs. W. B. Ferguson. The latest plans and methods were discussed and reviewed. They did us fine work. I am sure we will now have a revival of Sunday school interest in our district. It was a day well spent, and as we listened to these specialists, we all resolved to go home and renew our efforts to teach God's word to the young, and lead our children to Christ.

Saturday morning was given to the routine work of the Conference. Everything was taken up and handled with due consideration. Several were licensed to preach. Some recommended for admission on trial into the traveling connection, two for deacons' orders, and one for elders' orders.

The afternoon and night we closed up the work of the Conference and gave some special attention to the Epworth League of the district.

Our greatest work was left for the Sabbath. Brother Henderson had engaged J. O. A. Bush, the Lay Leader of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Little Rock Conference, and also Dr. C. F. Reid, the Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of Southern Methodism, to spend the Sabbath with us. They were both on hand, and what a great day we had. My! it was fine. Both are great men and in the right place.

Brother Bush's address at 10:00 a. m., was truly a great deliverance, and Dr. Reid's address at 11:00 a. m. could not be excelled. Both these brethren

spoke in the afternoon, and Dr. Reid again at night.

In his planning the Presiding Elder had not failed to advertise his plans for the District Conference throughout the district, and had written many letters to officials and others who ought to be present and receive these good and great things, hence there was a very large number of delegates and visitors. The whole work of the District Conference was carefully planned and well executed. The preachers and laymen of the district are under renewed obligations to Brother Henderson.

The good people of Tillar had not left a stone unturned in their preparation to entertain the Conference. Such royal entertainment can only be shown by royal folks.

R. R. MOORE.

WANTED.

Two preachers in Clinton District, West Oklahoma Conference, one for station work and one for circuit work.

M. WEAVER, P. E.

P. O. Box 443, Clinton, Okla.

"LET US OVERCOME AN APPARENT DISASTER."

The reports coming to this department would indicate that owing to the heavy rains and lateness of the season, the Arkansas cotton acreage is going to be cut short at least 15 or 20 per cent. It is the hope of this department that the Arkansas farmer will adapt himself to this shortage of acreage and cultivate that which we do plant in cotton so as not to have a decrease in yield this year over last year. We can do this and by doing so make the present apparent disaster or handicap result to our good.

If the cotton acreage is reduced 15 or 20 per cent we will have this 15 or 20 per cent more land to plan to cereals and forage.

Then, if we can raise as much cotton this year on less acreage than we did last year and in addition to this have 15 or 20 per cent of last year's cotton acreage planted to cereals and forage (those crops which we are short on in Arkansas), I cannot see but that it will be an advantage to us.

Let us be sure and plant plenty of corn to run the place and have a good surplus to sell. Upon this land which it was our intention to plant in cotton before the rains made it impossible, let us raise sufficient hay and forage to run the farm.

Buy some more cattle to feed your hay to this fall, add to this forage cotton seed meal and carefully save the manure and by doing so, save fertilizer bills next spring. If you have not already a good thoroughbred boar of some standard breed to head your herd, secure one and let us raise more and better hogs.

Arkansas is destined to be one of the foremost stock-producing States in the Union when we begin to devote the proper attention to this branch of agriculture. We have an abundant supply of good pure water and can raise all the feed necessary. We should also improve the grade of our cattle by saving only the best cows and by careful selection we can grade our cattle up to the highest standard with but very little expense. By having more cattle on the farm we are able to feed more of our cotton seed meal and increase the fertilizer yield of the farm and decrease the fertilizer bill next spring. Let us always keep in mind the absolute necessity of producing more of those things which are daily consumed on the farm and let us make Arkansas what she should be, a "Bread and Meat" State.

FRED H. PHILLIPS,

Commissioner of Agriculture.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Rev. M. Weaver, Presiding Elder of the Clinton District, will dedicate our church at Shiloh Sunday, May 28. All former pastors are invited to be present.

W. W. ROBINSON,

Pastor Butler and Shiloh.

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OKLAHOMA WOMAN'S HOME MISSION CONFERENCE.

The first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council which met in St. Louis April 19-29, marked an era in the development of our woman's work. The ten days were full of discussion and plans for the advancement of the kingdom. While all the delegates did not agree all the time on all questions, there was a spirit of love and faith in all these discussions.

The attendance was large owing to the meeting of both the Home and Foreign Societies in joint session. Oklahoma had a delegation of eleven of our interested workers. They were attentive listeners to all the questions that came up for debate.

The largest number of deaconesses ever sent out, were consecrated by Bishop Hendrix on Sunday evening. There were many more calls for these workers than could be supplied. For the first time, one young woman, Miss Mary De Bardelaben, was set apart for work among the negroes. The South Georgia Conference asked the privilege of supporting her.

The reports from all the different departments of our work gave an increase along all lines. The one great hindrance is lack of funds for enlarging the already established work, and projecting new.

There were some changes in our by-laws, and one new department of work added—the Department of Social Service. These changes will be sent to the auxiliaries as quickly as they can be printed in order that we may adjust our work to the new law without confusion. Each conference has the privilege of using its one-half dues as it may see fit, with the concurrence of the Council. We of Oklahoma will still continue, as in the past, to use ours in parsonage building. We hope within a few years to have a conference enterprise on which to expend them, and the Board of Church Extension take the building of parsonages in charge.

The one question of the Council which was of concern to all the delegates, was the union of the two Societies. The decision reached was that union could not be forced upon any conference or auxiliary, but to unite wherever it was desired with the usual ten cents per month for each department.

We are very glad that Miss Bennett will be with us in our annual meeting at Chickasha April 19-23. We hope all delegates will plan to remain the whole time. The meeting is one of great moment. The two conferences will be organized and officers are to be elected for both. For this reason it is greatly desired that each auxiliary in both conferences will have a representative present. There is a great work before us and we will be able to meet every demand upon us if we come in the strength of our Leader.

Let every delegate secure a certificate when buying ticket that reduced rates may be secured if the attendance is large enough.

MRS. J. C. FOWLER,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.
Henryetta, Okla.

CLINTON STATION.

Rev. Oscar W. Stewart is the scholarly and genial pastor of Clinton station. The blind preacher, as many of us know Brother Stewart, was born to lead. He is a live wire. He is a man who knows what ought to be done and how to do it. He has something of the prophet's vision. He is organizing his charge on right lines, is an untiring

pastor, is a thoughtful and courteous gentleman and knows how to appreciate the work of a presiding elder. He is a "steam engine in breeches" for his fervor never cools and he does not seem to tire. He does not work on sensational lines, therefore, his work abides. His family is a credit to any parsonage. His wife is an exceptionally fine character and a well trained woman. She is well capable of adorning the home of a Methodist preacher.

Clinton church has a number of as capable women as are found. Some of the best and strongest men of the town are leaders in our church at Clinton. In Clinton station all finances are paid to date. This church has already let a contract for a new church building to cost when complete, more than twenty thousand dollars. When this task is complete Pentecost will come to this church and town.

Clinton church has all the elements of a great future. So may it be.

Fraternally,
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EVANGELIST WILEY SMITH.

I am in a meeting here, first service yesterday starting off well. The house would not seat the crowd last night. just closed meeting at Welling, on Brother Ben Hill's work. Had a great meeting. Both men and women converted the good old-fashioned way. Old Bethel Church revived. They say it was the best meeting they have had for years. I know the Lord was there in power. Brother Hill is loved by his people and in favor with them. From Welling I went to Stillwell, where Brother John Anderson was in a meeting at the old Newhope Church. Brother Leatherwood, of Wagoner Circuit, assisted him. I found them in the midst of a great meeting. The Lord was there. I fell in line as all preachers ought and the Lord blessed our labors and Newhope is just what its name means. It has taken on new hope. As to Brother Anderson, I can only say he is the only one of his set in Muskogee District, and the Lord loves him and we love him and his people love him. He will be with us at Bunch today. I found Brother Stratton, of Stillwell Station, in work abundant. He is a terror to evil-doers. The way he handled them the Sunday night before I got there was just like a man from which the Spirit had driven out all man-fearing spirit. His people love him. May he long live and may he have the desire of his heart in Stillwell—a clean town and a religious people.

I go from here to Gans May 20; Maple, June 3; Long, June 12; Shakespear, June 19; Lee's Creek, June 26; Marble City, July 15. I will be on the Whitefield Circuit with Brother Hiveley July 30 and with Brother John Henson August 27, and with Brother T. L. Smith September 10.

Brethren in the bounds of these places take notice and be ready for your meeting. Now, I ask the brethren everywhere to pray for these meetings and pray for me, that the Lord may endue me with power. I must have it if I succeed.

Yours in Christ,
WILEY SMITH,
Missionary Muskogee District.
Bunch, Okla.

SONS OF VETERANS MEETING.

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the night of May 15, in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Addresses will be made by Commander William G. Hutton, of Robert C. Newton Camp, Rev. Matthew Brewster, of Mobile, Ala., Chaplain General; Mayor Charles E. Taylor, former Governor Dan W. Jones, J. J. Doyne, of Conway, Commander of the Fifth Brigade; Hon. R. Minor Wallace; Hon. Roy D. Campbell, Hon. Troy Pace, of Harrison, Ark.; Dr. Henry S. Hartzog, Commander of Arkansas Division; Leland Hume, of Nashville, Tenn.; Cloyd H. Read, of Dallas, Texas, Department Commander of the Trans-Mississippi Division; Clarence J. Owens, of Washington, D. C., Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans; Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama; Hon. John Fox, Jr., of Washington, D. C.; Lee Meriwether, of

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W. F. M. S., Little Rock Conf.

Edited by MRS. F. S. OVERTON,
1311 Welch St., Little Rock, Ark.

The thirty-third annual meeting of this department of our church, has been recorded, and "all is well." A goodly number of delegates came in on Wednesday afternoon, and on that evening, a large assemblage met at Central church, and the program was joyfully opened. Rev. Moffett Rhodes led the devotionals, after which a few words of hearty welcome were spoken. Mrs. L. W. Smith gave a splendid reading on "Mission Study Class," into which was woven a strong golden thread of welcome. Mrs. Thornburgh, the newly elected Conference Corresponding Secretary, (in place of Mrs. Giles, whose health was much impaired) gave a fine paper, followed by an inspiring report from the treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Gates. All were eager to hear from Mrs. Thomas, our delegate to the Council meeting in St. Louis. She presented some fine echoes from that most godly body of women. The dominating question seemed whether to unify the work of the Home and Foreign Conference Societies and Auxiliaries, or recognizing the splendid success of both, to leave them in their separate fields. A committee from this society was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Home Mission, now in session at Camden, to find the sentiment in the society on this point. As it was left by the Council as a voluntary decision it will possibly soon be an understood matter. If we are to come together, our next meeting will be in Pine Bluff in joint session. If we remain as at present our next annual will be at Monticello. We were most happy in having Mrs. Campbell, our missionary from Korea with us. Her talks on that beautiful little land struggling mightily for the light of God, were delightfully helpful. Our Jennie Howell, missionary to Brazil, was often most tenderly spoken of. Friday evening Rev. Lea Holt, of University City, St. Louis, gave a magnificent address. Deep, scholarly and full of originality, he gives the sweetest meaning to our Lord's great commission. He has been going on to perfection, since some years ago, he was a juvenile in our Young People's Society at Fordyce, and gave an address on "Korea—land of the morning calm." Some splendid studies were brought out, on questions vital to the work, which will be touched on in Minutes. Sunday morning, many of the conference visited Brother Hutchinson's fine Sunday school, and were delighted. At eleven o'clock, Dr. Wm. A. Brown, Missionary Secretary International Sunday School Board, delivered our annual sermon, choosing for subject, "The Greatest Missionary Age." Surely he handled his theme with a master hand, and proved how God was bringing the nations, and the Islands of the Sea, to be made ready for the kingdom of his Son. Sunday afternoon he and Mrs. Campbell addressed the children, and at night Dr. Brown delighted the congregation with some of the footsteps of God in History, one where he had left a deep impress, being our own Island where the Philippines are learning to know the God of all the earth. Dr. Brown has left with us thoughts which we love to dwell upon. The hour of our meeting, which we feel was most spiritually personal, and drew our hearts nearer to God was the devotional at close of morning session by Brother Hutchinson. The Holy Spirit will keep those blessed words in our remembrance. Sister Thomas made an appeal for offering for this great work and received a liberal collection. The entire meeting was beautifully conducted and at the last hour when benediction was pronounced by Dr. Brown, and tender farewells were gathering on

each heart, Sister Thomas pronounced the meeting adjourned.
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Three beloved members of the "old guard" were sadly missed. Mrs. Mills of Pine Bluff; Mrs. Carr of Monticello; Mrs. Snodgrass of Little Rock.
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Sister Thomas will be at the head of W. F. M. column next week, after that appointing her staff from officers of the society. L. A. HOTCHKISS.

KIOWA SAKIT ANOMPA AMINTI.
Dear Methodist: Himak a anompa kanomosi kia holisso chi lishke. Am ohoyo il ittataklo kat pi abeka keyu hakinli hosh il ahashwa hoke. Ittibapishi li Homer yat ahe hlobowa banna ahoba hosh achi hatuko hokchi li akinli tuk oke, waya yoba hokma ant apa hinla hoke.
Kiowa sakit ilappano local preachers ahleha im ittanaha yat ik pim iksho hoke, Timothy Cephus at anompa ikbi tuk o pisa li kat sayukpa ai ahli tok oke. Abanompa ha isht anompulit ishit mihinti li tok a himak a afammi 34 ka ona hoke, ai ittapeha li tok a yaki ilapak inli kano iksho, amba yakni inla yammako ont hieli ahni li kat sayukpa hoke. Pin Chitokaka Chisas Klaist at nan i hullo yammak illa hoke.
Aba pit ish anompuli kat Chitokaka ma si okchalanchi sallishke, ilappak illa ho ish achi kia chi chukash a ish ahlich hokmat chi okchaya hinla hoke, achi kat takanli hoke, yamohmi kia pishno at Chihowa ya il ihullo kak osh pi okchaya chih keyu, amba yammak pishno yak o pi hullo tok ak oke, achi kat takkali hoke.
Hachittibapishi,
WILLIS F. TOBLY.

HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS' MEETING.
The following reports were made at the regular session of the pastors of the city:
Brother Greene had a very satisfactory day at Tigert Memorial. The congregations were good and very attentive. Brother Keadle preached at both hours. There were 60 in the Sunday school and the prayer meeting in the afternoon was well attended.
Brother Harvey reported good congregations at Malvern Avenue at both hours. Ninety-six were in attendance at Sunday school and also 29 visitors were present. The prayer meeting was especially encouraging. He reported that 89 were present. The music continues to improve.
Brother Burnett had a splendid Sunday school with 110 present. Fair congregations at the morning hour and a large crowd in the evening to hear Sister Thornburgh, of Little Rock. The address was splendid and results favorable.

Brother Hutchinson had 328 at Sunday school. This was the closing day of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference and Dr. W. A. Brown, of the International Sunday School Movement, preached to large congregations at both hours. There was collected \$146.00 for woman's work at the evening hour.
Third Street enjoyed a good day; 127 were present at Sunday school and a good congregation greeted the pastor at the morning hour. In the evening Mrs. Campbell, for 23 years a missionary, spoke to a crowded house on "The Religious Life in Korea."
Brother Black reported a good day at Morning Star and Rockdale. One person was received into the church and 60 attended Sunday school.
Brother Keadle and Brother Davis, both superannuates, were present with us and the latter spoke very beautifully of his life and ministry. He is just recovering from a severe siege of pneumonia and is spending a while in the city for his health.
After singing "How Firm a Foundation" the meeting adjourned with the benediction by Brother Davis.
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SESSIONS OF THE VETERANS AT REUNION.

The sessions of the United Confederate Veterans during the reunion in Little Rock May 16, 17, and 18, will be held in the Auditorium. The sessions of the morning of Tuesday, the first day, will be largely given up to welcoming addresses. Distinguished Arkansans who will welcome the visitors will be Judge W. M. Kavanaugh, Gen. James F. Smith, Mayor Charles E. Taylor, Judge George L. Basham, Dr. Henry S. Hartzog, and Gov. George W. Donaghey. At the afternoon session, the annual oration will be delivered by R. C. Cave. Poems will be recited by the Poet Laureate, Mrs. Virginia Frazer Boyle, and Mrs. Josie Frazee-Cappleman.

Wednesday morning's sessions will be given up to the transaction of business affairs, and at noon, memorial exercises will be held in honor of the memory of the late Gen. W. L. Cabell, Honorary Commander of the United Confederate Veterans. In the afternoon the business affairs will be wound up, the officers of the organization elected, and the 1912 meeting place selected.

Some of the most noted living ex-Confederates will make addresses during the sessions of the Veterans.

In order to make sure that nothing interferes with the sessions of the Veterans, space enough to accommodate the thousand delegates will be fenced off immediately in front of the speakers' platform. The entire lower floor of the Auditorium will be reserved exclusively for Veterans. Other visitors will be obliged to witness the deliberations from the balcony. This is in accordance with the plan of the Executive Committee to give the Veterans first consideration in all arrangements for the Reunion.

There will be a number of social functions, of which the public will be amply advised. The grand parade will be at 9:30 a. m. of Thursday, the 19th.

MARRIED.—At the home of the groom, on April 16, 1911, Mr. Harry Douthitt to Miss Vergie Doss, both near Shawnee, Okla., Rev. J. J. Groves officiating.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

REV. D. J. WEEMS.

CROWDER CITY, OKLA.

At the crossing of the Katy and the Fort Smith and Western is Crowder City, a very good business point, and pleasant place to live. There is a bank, several nice stores, school doing well, Baptists and Methodists each have a good church. Brother Hines is our pastor here and at Canadian. He is a most excellent man and an intelligent preacher. His home is at Quinton, so I did not meet him. Brother J. D. Rienhart, a splendid layman, was my faithful guide. Collecting well from the old, we secured five new subscribers: Mrs. M. Thurman, Mrs. A. L. Turley, Mrs. A. W. Sheffield, C. L. Wite, and L. L. Cobb, the Sunday school superintendent.

MC ALESTER, OKLA.

One of the largest and most central cities of the new State is McAlester. It is in the heart of the great coal belt. It is quite a wholesale and retail point. The State penitentiary has new quarters here. Rev. Frank Naylor is chaplain and also pastor of Stonewall Avenue Church. He is a dear friend of twenty years' standing, is a fine preacher and a splendid man. His good wife takes deep interest in the church. They are to have a new church quite soon, built by the money left them by a generous friend. Rev. W. F. Dunkle is pastor of Phillips Memorial. He was busy getting ready for his District Conference. He is one of the most intelligent preachers of his Conference, and is nobly seconded by his worthy companion. They are looking out for a first-class location for their new church. We collected real well from the old subscribers, but put off for another time to canvass for new ones. Rev. S. H. Babcock, the zealous Presiding Elder, is faithfully, like his sainted father, looking after every interest of the church. He is a worthy son of a noble father. It was a real pleasure to meet his consecrated wife and Sidney the third. Frank, his brother, is temporarily with them. A pleasant night was spent with the Arnolds, whom I have known and loved for a quarter of a century. Capt. A. S. McKennon looks as vigorous as he did twenty years ago. He is a great life-long advocate for prohibition. John Gannoway, another Arkansas man, is doing well. He was also pleased to meet Mr. Eubanks, who captured one of our sweetest Galloway girls, Miss Zoe May.

CALVIN, OKLA.

Situated on the bank of the Canadian at the crossing of the Rock Island and the M. O. G. Roads, is Calvin. Surrounded by rich farming land and two railroads, there is no reason why this should not make a prosperous town. There are several brick stores, two banks, large two-story public schoolhouse, on a beautiful ridge. The Presbyterians and Methodists each have a good church. We are repainting ours. There has been a nice room added to our church, which makes it much better for the Sunday school, which we were glad to learn is doing so well. The fresh

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paint on the inside of the church prevented us from having preaching, besides there was service at the other church. Brother J. B. Blackwell is pastor here and at Allen. He is true and faithful. Has served long and well. He and his good wife are held in high esteem by their people. Her father at a ripe age was taken recently from them. Her dear mother makes her home with them. C. P. Timmons, the depot agent, subscribed for the paper. Prof. W. H. Witt renewed. He has charge of the school, and also publishes the town paper.

WEWOKA, OKLA.

The county seat of Seminole County is Wewoka. It is a prosperous town on the Rock Island Road. Has quite a good many brick and stone one and two story business houses, two banks, nice churches, large school building, and beautiful cottages. We have good church on a central lot, and a splendid membership. Rev. C. B. Culbreath is the popular pastor. He is a very fine young man, fresh from Vanderbilt University. I predict for him a very bright future. He is intelligent, prudent, deeply pious, and full of energy. He did everything possible to make my visit pleasant and profitable. With his aid we secured 14 new subscribers at Wewoka: Dow Dunaway, M. C. Kennerly, E. L. Sebastian, Mrs. H. M. Tate, Mrs. W. F. Baker, Mrs. A. M. Fowler, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Mrs. Leila Varnum, G. W. Green, Mrs. R. H. Chase, Mrs. F. H. Reed, J. S. Barkham, Mrs. Alice F. Gresham, and Walter Ferguson. A splendid dinner was enjoyed with Brother and Sister Michel, whom the Arkansas friends will remember as Mrs. J. M. C. Hamilton. I was also glad to meet her son, Argus Hamilton, and to know he is taking much interest in church work. They were planning to begin a meeting with Brother Brannon. In company with Brother Culbreath the night was spent at Seminole. On short notice we had a real nice congregation. While here we secured ten new subscribers: Mrs. R. H. Smith, J. L. Hull, J. D. Brame, Mrs. H. A. Born, Mrs. M. M. Turlington, Thomas D. Noe, J. R. McCants, Mrs. Shelby Livingston, Mrs. M. L. Owens, and Mrs. E. E. Billington, which make 24 new subscribers for Brother Culbreath's charge with more to follow. Seminole is only four years old. It has about a thousand people, and is growing every day. It is on the Rock Island Road, has splendid farming lands around it, substantial business houses, two banks, extra large brick academy. We have beautiful church, and every prospect for success. A pleasant night was spent with my cousins, Shelby Livingston, and his nice family. I was glad to meet two sons and a daughter of Rev. F. R. Noe, of precious memory, and to know of their success.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.

Situated in Pottawatomie County at the crossing of three railroads, is Shawnee, a city of about 15,000 population. They have railroad shops, large flour and cotton seed oil mills, street cars, broad, paved streets, public library, Baptist College being located, several fine public schools, and a city of good proportions. The future of the city is quite hopeful. We are well represented with two churches, especially in First Church, several of the leading citizens are members. We have excellent property, both in church and parsonage, and strictly a first-class preacher and wife in Brother and Sister J. H. Ball. James and Alice, their two children, impressed me most favorably. The church is reported in better condition than it has ever been in. It could not be otherwise with such a superior pastor. The same is true of the Sunday school and other societies of the church, for which we give thanks. Collecting well from our nice list of old, we secured four new subscribers: W. H. Crowder, Mrs. L. J. Long, Mrs. M. A. Cobb, and J. C. Hunt. Rev. M. W. Dunaway, pastor at Trinity, is a student in Epworth, so I did not meet him.

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When school is out I hope to make a canvass with his people.

TECUMSEH, OKLA.

Five miles south of Shawnee is Tecumseh, the county seat. They have about 2,000 population, have two large public schools, and a business college, all well attended. The town is well supplied with substantial business houses, two banks, courthouse, and four churches. We have a nice concrete block church, well located and a good little parsonage, and some most excellent members. Rev. E. H. Creasey is the worthy pastor. He is a typical Methodist preacher, with the good qualities predominating, and the bad left off, a man after my own heart, and Sister Creasey is as good as her husband in her sphere. They have trained some good children, who have gone out to bless the world and have two sweet little daughters coming on, who will soon verge into beautiful young ladies. We had a service with a few. A tacky party, picture show, and service at another church and short notice made against us. We did some business for the Methodist, collecting from old and securing three new subscribers: Mrs. J. L. White, A. W. Gore, and Prof. J. C. Whitten, principal of one of the schools. I found Brother W. C. Perry afflicted, but was hopeful of getting out soon.

EARLSBORO, OKLA.

Eight miles east of Shawnee is Earlsboro. There are several stores, Wilson Brothers and Walter White among the best, a bank, a mill, and gin. They have arranged to build a \$10,000.00 academy this summer. Prof. J. L. Shelton is principal. Our church has been rebuilt, moving it to the north side of the railroad. The Home Mission Society is planning to paint and paper it. We also have a small parsonage. The pastor, Rev. F. F. Giles, and family, were on a visit to relatives in Texas. I had written him, but not receiving my card we had no service. His people speak of him in high terms. I secured three new subscribers: Walter White, George W. Crane, and W. A. Brown.

WETUMKA, OKLA.

Situated in Hughes County on the Fisco Road, fifteen miles north of Holdenville, is Wetumka. Population twelve or fifteen hundred. Surrounded by a very fine farming country, excellent light and water plant, three banks, three hardware, three department stores, quite a number of other brick or stone business houses, some of them would be a credit to a large city. This is a fine stock and grain country, as well as a great cotton section. They have a large two-story public school. It was a pleasure to address them. They speak of building another. There are four churches. We have good property both in church and parsonage. The church was enlarged last year. They have elegant pews. The Sunday school is one of the best I have seen. J. H. Kennedy is the efficient superintendent, William Blakely Secretary; Sister Blakely organist, Miss Lucile and Miss Gladys, their daughters, add much to the music by their skilled use of their violins. Prof. Harrison, mayor and editor of the Gazette, is teacher of men's Bible class. W. L. Hawks, President of Bank of Commerce, is teacher of Woman's Bible class. Some of the best men and women of the town are members of this church and Sunday school. The school averages about 150 present. Rev. J. E. Vick is pastor. He

had previously served four years. They were glad to have him and his deeply consecrated wife returned. Every man, woman, and child in town seems to know and love him. It could not be otherwise, since he loves them and is laboring so faithfully for their welfare. They are a very lovable couple. I shall ever remember the pleasant Sabbath spent in their Christian home. We had two precious services, one nice lady joined the church by vows. Collecting from the old we secured two new subscribers: B. B. Chitwood and W. M. Blakely. The District Conference had just been held in Wetumka, which was reported as a great success. Brother Vick has received 54 members since Conference. This is the home of Rev. A. E. Lounsbury and Rev. J. E. Tiger, faithful local preachers. My visit to Wetumka will be a pleasant memory.

REVIVAL AT MORRIS, OKLA.

I have been here one week. The fire is falling. There have been some wonderful conversions. Last night one of Oklahoma's prizefighters was saved. In the afternoon the school dismissed and the whole school, with teachers, came to church, and 65 were converted over the age of 12 years. Brother Carpenter is a live wire and is greatly loved by the people of Morris. I think there will be over 100 in the church before conference.

I go from here to Muldrow. I ask that all who may read these lines offer prayer that God may bless that people. I have an open date for July. Wishing the richest blessing on the Methodist, I am as always, M. A. Cassidy.

April 24.

REV. J. G. BLACKWOOD, GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Twenty-two years ago Rev. J. G. Blackwood, now of this city, took the vows and stood the test commensurate to the will of Odd Fellows, at Tracy City, Tenn., and being a gentleman of that scholarly fitness and natural adaptability to fulfill the mandates and purposes of that order, from year to year his active and commendable services have presented that favoritism that has justly crowned him as a man of prominence, and coming to Indian Territory five years ago his Christian fortitude suggested the propriety of his special fitness and he was twice appointed Grand Chaplain for Indian Territory Jurisdiction, and with the amalgamation of the Territory and Oklahoma into one Grand Jurisdiction last week this great honor again fell to this gentleman, and again we tip our hat to Odd Fellows all over our State for rewarding those who so richly deserve.—State Gazette.

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HARRISON DISTRICT.

We come to the close of the second quarter of this year with some progress in bounds of this district. This country is developing and demands attention at the hands of our church. New people are moving into the country and real estate values are increasing. This is a good country, not the poor mountain county we have heard so much about. I doubt if we have any territory within the bounds of the Conference that will yield more permanent returns than a part of this district, if the Mission Board should see fit to invest heavily enough to put some of the most vigorous men here to work for a few years. The development will not come in the way of a revolution, for there is nothing of the boom element in this country. Almost every kind of ism known has been preached here. The people are hungry for the gospel. Many of them have gone after that kind of religious teaching which recognizes no ecclesiasticism. The church that puts pastors in this country to preach the gospel and give their whole time to the work will in a few years have a good country bound to the work of Christ as organized by its machinery and indoctrinated with its creed. No man need come here to find an easy pastorate, for it is no: here for him. The man who does want to come here to give himself without any stint to the work on a meager salary will in a short time see large fruits from his ministry. A man cannot play at his job and succeed in a single charge in this district. The people here are accustomed to hard work and a rugged life, and they are ready to follow the religious teacher who can adapt himself to these conditions and become a part of them.

At Eureka Springs J. L. Bryant is the pastor. His work is growing. He has a progressive Sunday school and two good Leagues. Up to April 1 he had reported 32 conversions and 14 accessions to the church. This had been accomplished without a revival effort, the conversions being had at the regular services. A number of accessions have been had during the month of April. The church is in a working condition. This has been accomplished under adverse conditions.

At Berryville the work goes on under the direction of M. F. Johnson. He reports 14 accessions for the year. He is proving himself a good pastor. The

Sunday school work is growing. He reports one League in fair condition. The congregation is worshipping in an excellent stone church that has been finished but a few months. Berryville is a good town in a good country.

Green Forest is trying its first year as a station. The work has grown during the year. W. W. Allbright is the pastor and a hard worker. There have been seven accessions. His Sunday school is large and enthusiastic. The town has other schools and yet the attendance is averaging more than one hundred. Very few towns the size of Green Forest will make as good showing as this in the Sunday school work. The District Conference meets here May 9.

Osage is a pioneer work not yet developed. In its bounds is some of the finest farming land it has ever been my privilege to see. In some ways the work grows, almost as much salary having been paid this year as was paid for the whole of last year. The pastor here is J. N. Villines, and the people speak well of some things that he has accomplished. The great need in this charge is more houses of worship. Most of the appointments are at schoolhouses. Four accessions here.

Harrison is in a measure church ridden. Here we have the spectacle of the two Episcopal Methodisms maintaining a pastor where but one is needed. In addition to this we have a Free Methodist organization here. J. A. Womack is the pastor. He is a clear thinker. There have been six accessions. The Sunday school grows and the League work is beginning. Harrison stands at the head of the district in the amount of finances raised in cash during the year.

Beelefonte is a large circuit in a good country. The pastor, J. W. Griffin, reports five accessions. At some of the appointments there have been conversions at the regular services. The Sunday school work is in a good condition. There are two Leagues in the bounds of this circuit. Here we have the custom of dinner on the ground Saturday during quarterly meeting. Twice on this charge I have preached to full houses at 11:00 Saturday, one time being a cold, drizzly day. A part of this circuit and some unoccupied territory ought by all means be made into a new charge next year.

At the last Conference a part of Valley Springs Circuit was left without any pastor, the remainder of the circuit being attached to Bellefonte. I thought best to re-establish this circuit. It is supplied by two local preachers, L. R. Kerr and F. C. Harrell, they giving only part time to the work. They keep up the regular preaching services, but are not supposed to give their time to the pastorate. Three accessions have been reported and the Sunday school work does well. Marshall is served by Everett Faulkner who was admitted on trial at the last session of the Annual Conference. He is making good. The church here was very small. The two Methodisms are here and both had been worshipping in our house until Marshall was made a station. It took a man of heroic faith and undaunted courage to look for much here, but Faulkner had both. He hurried to his appointment after conference and went to work. To date he reports eighteen accessions and twenty conversions. He has just closed a meeting there with H. W. Wallace helping him. The Sunday school is growing, the Wesley Adult Class is at work, two live Leagues are in operation.

Dr. John Anderson is pastor at Leslie. Here we have the best church building and the strongest Sunday school in the district. Within three years we have developed here a strong church and obtained property worth about \$8,500.00, an indication of what may be done in other places, if we invest properly. This charge also stands at the head of the district in League work, there being three active Leagues

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gether again. There is territory here for a good circuit, but it will take hard work to get it and hold it. Another local preacher, R. T. Croy, is giving some time to this work, though not charged with being a pastor to the people. We cannot now say what the outcome will be.

The pastor at Yellville is D. U. Cline. There are difficulties in this charge that make the work go slowly. The Sunday school is in a most excellent condition, being the second largest, I think, in the district, the attendance being very close between this and Green Forest. There are two good country schools. Two accessions have been reported. Cline is proving to be a pastor and a student. Seven accessions have been reported from Cotter where M. R. Lark is the pastor. Three Sunday schools are at work in this charge. This is a charge in which the membership of the church needs developing along many lines. The country is fine and there is no reason why we should not have a good charge here. Lark is visiting and studying. Enough of this solid work will bring results some time.

Gassville circuit was partially abandoned last Conference, part of it being put with Cotter. A local preacher, B. E. Robertson, is giving his spare time to the abandoned part and to some new points. In a very short time he has put four Sunday schools to work. There is some fine territory yet to occupy. We cannot as yet forecast the results.

F. G. Villines was sent to Mountain Home by the last Conference. The people seemed pleased and his work has made progress. He reports six accessions with two good Sunday schools and a League. Contiguous to Mountain Home is some good territory that ought to be developed. Villines is reading and visiting.

Every pastor is receiving some pay, though some of them are on very small salaries. The most of the pastors have the greater part of the conference collections provided for, the every-member campaign being operated in the most of the district.

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THE ARDMORE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Ardmore District Conference met in its twenty-second session at Marietta, Okla., April 26, 1911.

The opening sermon was preached at 8 p. m. by Dr. Geo. B. Winton, pastor of the Broadway church, Ardmore, Okla.

The first business session convened on the 27th at 8:30 a. m. Rev. W. U. Witt, the presiding elder, opened the service by reading a portion of the 17th chapter of St. John. His comments upon this scripture were clear, forceful and edifying. Brother Witt is in great favor with the pastors and people throughout the district. He presided with the ease and grace of a bishop. The most of the pastors from the various charges of the district were fairly well represented, though quite a number were unable to attend on account of their farm work being retarded by recent rains.

Encouraging reports came from all parts of the district. Nearly all departments of church work show a healthy development during the year.

The following brethren of connectional relation were in attendance:

Dr. O. E. Goddard, Assistant Secretary of the General Board of Missions, who conducted several devotional exercises, spoke upon various occasions and preached a most forceful sermon upon the subject of "Man's Relation to Money;" Rev. W. J. Moore, our State Sunday School Secretary, who in his own unique, happy, and enthusiastic manner presented the claims of the great Sunday school interests of our church, and in divers ways ministered to the pleasure and profit of the occasion; Dr. J. M. Gross, President of Hargrove College, whose very presence is always a benediction and whose counsel is always timely, was with us and gave us a strong deliverance upon the "Present Day Needs of Christian Education;" Rev. W. A. Shelton, Secretary of the West Oklahoma Conference Board of Education, was present and delivered a most thoughtful address on Christian Education. Bro. Shelton felt much at home in our midst having spent a number of years in the pastorate in this district and one term here at Marietta. Dr. James A. Anderson, editor of the "Western Methodist," spent one day with us looking after the

interests of "Our Conference Organ," and making himself very useful by speaking to us with profit upon other subjects pertaining to our general work.

We were glad to have with us Rev. J. W. M. Hoyle, pastor from the Guy-mon district, and Rev. J. W. Rodgers, pastor from Durant district, visit us during the session.

This is the first year Dr. Winton has spent in the pastorate in our district. We feel honored to have the presence, co-operation and counsel of one who has served the whole church so long and so well, as has he.

Every department of church work was thoroughly canvassed.

We had with us Rev. John R. Abernathy, chairman of the Conference Epworth League Board, who in a very forceful and emphatic deliverance presented the needs of greater loyalty to the Epworth League, and more persistent effort for its establishment in our connection. He spoke very enthusiastically of the State Epworth League Encampment at Sulphur, Okla., August 15-25, 1911.

The W. H. M. and the W. F. M. Societies were given one afternoon of the session in which to represent their work in the district. The attendance of the delegates was fair; encouraging reports came from every auxiliary.

We have also in our district a District Parsonage Society whose purpose is to in a general way look after the District Parsonage, and since our P. E. has no "Mistress" we have committed him to their faithful and tender care as well as his parsonage. It seems unjust to put them on duty so early in their history as a society, but think they will be equal to the occasion.

We had five applications for recommendation to the Annual Conference for admission on trial; one for Deacon's Orders; and two for License to Preach.

The conference throughout the entire session was pervaded with a deeply religious atmosphere. The preaching was done by Drs. Winton and Goddard—we expected much and received a full measure.

Brother W. A. Govett, the pastor, is in his first year at Marietta. He enjoys the confidence and co-operation of his constituency, and progress is very apparent.

Marietta is a thriving little city. The people did everything possible to contribute to the pleasure of the conference. We shall be glad when we can visit them again.

The following delegates to the Annual Conference were elected: W. S. Wolverton, J. L. Crenshaw, T. H. Johnson, and C. W. Cock.

Our next district conference will meet with the Broadway church of Ardmore.

We resume the work with zeal, having as our slogan: All claims paid in full and a good revival at every appointment in every charge.

W. S. LEE, Sec'y.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

INDEPENDENCE CHARGE.

Rev. J. B. McCance is the happy, genial, hopeful pastor on Independence circuit. Last Saturday and Sunday was the occasion of the third quarterly conference for this charge. I found preacher and people quite cheerful, notwithstanding the recent rain which did much damage to the farming interest in the bounds of the charge. Brother McCance is one of our faithful men who takes his time about his work and does it well. On this charge there are some excellent members who love the church. I am expecting a successful and a happy year for both shepherd and sheep on this charge.

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We bespeak for the people of Custer charge a good year and an excellent report at the close of the year. Some of our best people are to be found on Custer charge.

M. WEAVER.

(To be continued from week to week as I make the third round).

TEXARKANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Texarkana District Conference will be held at DeQueen, beginning Tues-

day, June 13, at 8:30 p. m. Opening sermon Monday June 12, 8:00 p. m., by W. W. Christie. Committees:

License to Preach and Recommendation for Admission Into Traveling Connection—M. K. Irvin, J. F. Taylor, and L. E. N. Hundley.

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MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Tillar and Dumas, at Dumas	June 3, 4
Crossett Station and Mission	June 10, 11
Mt. Pleasant Ct., at Mt. Tabor	June 17, 18
Monticello Sta.	June 24, 25
Wimar Sta.	June 25, 26
Collins Ct., at Blissville	July 1, 2
Parkdale and Wilmet, at P.	July 2, 3
Lake Village and Eudora, at L. V.	July 8, 9
Lacey Ct., at Lacey	July 15, 16
Watson and Halley, at Watson	July 22, 23
Dermott and Portland, at D.	July 29, 30
Snyder Ct., at Prairie Grove	Aug. 5, 6
Hamburg Sta.	Aug. 12, 13
McGehee and Ark. City at McG.	Aug. 19, 20
Warren Sta. and Southern Camp	Aug. 26, 27
Hermitage Ct.	Sept. 2, 3
Hamburg Ct., at W. Chapel	Sept. 9, 10
Johnsville Ct., at Palestine	Sept. 16, 17

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Richmond	June 3, 4
Ashdown Sta.	June 4, 5
Foreman	June 10, 11
DeQueen Sta.	June 16, 17
Horatio	June 17, 18
Cherry Hill	July 1, 2
Mena Sta.	July 2, 3
Vandervoort	July 8, 9
Dierks	July 15, 16
Lewisville	July 22, 23
Gillham	July 29, 30
Lockesburg	Aug. 5, 6
Patmos	Aug. 12, 13
Stamps Sta.	Aug. 13, 14
Texarkana Ct.	Aug. 19, 20
College Hill Sta.	Aug. 20, 21
Bright Star	Aug. 26, 27
Fairview Sta.	Aug. 27, 28
First Church	Aug. 30

THOMAS H. WARE, P. E.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Searcy, First Church	May 20, 21
Judsonia Sta.	May 21, 22
Searcy Ct., at Higginson	June 3, 4
Pangburn Ct., at Letona	June 10, 11
Wilburn Ct., at Cross Roads	June 11, 12
Heber Sta.	June 17, 18
McRae Ct., at Antioch	June 24, 25
Auvergne and Weldon, at A.	July 1, 2
Newport Sta.	July 2, 3
Vilonia Ct., at Section	July 8, 9
Beebe and Austin, at A.	July 9, 10
West Point Ct., at New Hope	July 15, 16
Belcher Ct., at Ridout	July 16, 17
Cabot and Jacksonville, at C.	July 29, 30
Cato Ct., at Antioch	Aug. 5, 6
Augusta Ct., at Gregory	Aug. 12, 13
Augusta Sta.	Aug. 13, 14
Dye Memorial	Aug. 19, 20
Gardner Memorial	Aug. 20, 21
Bradford and Bald Knob	Aug. 26, 27

A. P. SKINNER, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

GUYMON DISTRICT.

(Third Round.—Partial List.)

Hooker Sta.	May 13, 14
Carthage, at Glenn	May 20, 21
Boise City, at Boise	May 27, 28
Texhoma and Goodwell, at G.	June 3, 4
Guymon Sta.	June 7, 8
Tangier	June 17, 18
Woodward	June 18, 19
Mutual	June 24, 25
Iolanda, at Eddy S. H.	July 1, 2
Ellis, at Locust Grove	July 8, 9
La Kemp, at Bethany	July 15, 16
Grand Valley, at Range	July 22, 23
Nabisco, at Victory H.	July 29, 30

ROBERT A. BAIRD, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Checotah	May 13, 14
Westville and Barrow	May 20, 21
Wauhillia Ct., at Cookson	May 27, 28
Stillwell Ct., at Marietta	June 3, 4
Stillwell Sta.	June 4, 5
Brushy Ct., at Brushy	June 10, 11
Muldrow and State Line, at M.	June 17, 18
Sallisaw	June 18, 19
Tamaha Ct., at Garland	July 1, 2
Cowlington Ct., at Keota	July 2, 3
Stigler	July 5, 6
Whitefield	July 8, 9
Warner	July 9, 10
First Church, Muskogee	July 12, 13
Webber's Falls and Porum, at W.	July 15, 16
Vian Ct., at Vian	July 16, 17
Bald Hill Ct., at Natura	July 22, 23
Morris	July 23, 24
Boynton	July 25, 26
Tahlequah Ct.	July 29, 30
Tahlequah Sta.	July 30, 31
Muskogee Ct., at Brushy Mountain	Aug. 5, 6
St. Paul's, Muskogee	Aug. 9, 10
Wainwright	Aug. 12, 13
City Mission, Muskogee	Aug. 13, 14
Camp meeting at Brushy Mountain	July 26-Aug. 6

W. M. WILSON, P. E.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Hamburg Ct., at Washita	May 13, 14
Cheyenne	May 14, 15
Roll Ct., at Dudley	May 20, 21
Texmo Ct., at M., K. & T. S. S.	May 21, 22
Butler	May 27, 28

Gip Miss.	May 29
Texola Ct., at Salton	June 3, 4
Erick Sta.	June 4, 5
Doxey Ct., at St. Creek	June 10, 11
Berlin Ct., at B. Vista	June 11, 12
Delhi Ct.	June 17, 18
Sayre	June 18, 19
Hammon Ct., at Sand Stone (8:00 p. m.)	June 20
Clinton	June 24, 25
Foss Ct., at Foss	June 25, 26
Elk City	June 25, 26
Carter Ct., at P. View	July 2, 3
Leedy Ct., at Leedy (3:00 p. m.)	July 1, 2
Port Ct., at P. Grove	July 5, 6
Sentinel	July 8, 9
Weatherford	July 9, 10
Dill City, at Hager S. S.	July 15, 16
Rocky, at New Hope	July 16, 17
Cordell	July 23, 24
Cloud Chief Ct.	July 24, 25
	July 29, 30

M. WEAVER, P. E.

CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Sans Bois Ct., at Dwight Miss.	May 13, 14
LeFlore Ct., at Yellow Spgs.	May 20, 21
Bethel Ct., at Konehito	May 27, 28
Kullituklo Ct., at Kullituklo	June 3, 4
Atoka Ct., at Pine Ridge	June 10, 11
Bennington Ct., at Okalichi	June 17, 18
Choctaw-Chickasaw District Epworth	June 17, 18
League Conference at Long Crk.	June 23-25
Antlers Ct., at Lukfata Chito	July 1, 2
Kiowa Ct., at Black Jack	July 8, 9
Hugo Ct., at Bokchito	July 15, 16
Washita Ct., at Lanewood	July 22, 23
Chickasaw Ct., at Seeley Chapel	July 25, 26
Choctaw-Chickasaw District Confer-	ence, at Seeley Chapel
Rufe Ct., at	July 26-30
	Aug. 5, 6

A. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)

Wapanucka and Milburn, at M.	May 21, 22
Ardmore Mis., at Mt. Washington	May 27, 28
Berwyn and Daugherty, at D.	May 28, 29
Davis and Oak Ridge, at D.	June 3, 4
Wynnewood	June 4, 5
Ravia	June 10, 11
Tishomingo & Mannsville, at M.	June 11, 12
Springer, at Decee	June 17, 18
Lone Grove, at Joiner	June 24, 25
Cornish and Loco, at Orr	June 25, 26
Lebanon at Willis	July 1, 2
Woodford at Poolville	July 8, 9
Ardmore, Broadway	July 12, 13
Ardmore, Carter Ave.	July 13, 14
Hennepin, at H.	July 15, 16
Elmore, at Antioch	July 22, 23
Leon, at L.	July 29, 30
Thackerville, at Bomar	Aug. 5, 6
Marietta	Aug. 6, 7

W. U. WITT, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Prescott District Conference meets at Amity June 29, at 3:00 p. m., and closes on July 2. W. D. Sharp will preach opening sermon at 8:00 p. m. Committee on License to Preach—J. W. Harrell, E. F. Wilson, B. H. Logan.

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J. H. BARRENTINE, P. C.

May 9, 1911.

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We have just closed the greatest meeting Wagoner ever had. Rev. J. J. Clark was with us and did the preaching and he did it well. The whole town is stirred as it never was before. The church is in good condition as a direct result of the meeting. I have taken in 40 members and more to follow. Nearly all of our leading men will pray in public or talk or do any other work they are called upon to do. Quite a large number of family altars were erected. We will get one if not two preachers;

one foreign missionary, and perhaps two for the work of the deaconess, out of the meeting.

Every part of the work is moving along nicely. We have paid several hundred dollars on our church since Conference. We hope to provide for the entire indebtedness before Conference.

I shall mention briefly some of the things we have done since coming here. We have received 59 members in all. Put the water in the parsonage and fitted up the bath. Organized the Junior League. Organized a boys' club and

a girls' club. The men of the church will meet tonight and organize a Wesley Brotherhood. We are organizing the Sunday school throughout.

Now, I wish to say that I could not have accomplished what we have had if not been for the loyal and faithful band of men and women that make up our membership.

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Yours very truly,

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JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I presume the Moses-like (I mean in meekness), efficient Secretary, or his Boanerges assistant, will give the public the minute business of the Conference and I will be permitted to range at will on my "work train" way of saying, or doing, things. If it is not taking too much to myself, I want to thank Brother Holtom for his notice of my unworthy way of doing things. And say, God bless you, my brother, in your great work, for with a Sunday school "over filling" the church indicates you are doing some "train work," too. I see you still go fishing. Do you remember going once at Lake City, and that wriggly dug-out? Well, I will leave the reader to guess what you caught. As our Conference echoes were dying out, and preachers and delegates were pressing the path homeward, a certain minister said to me: "Well, Jernigan, what are you going to say about this District Conference?" I replied: "Well, I don't know just now; will have to get off and think it all over." So the time is here for me to say, and I do it, not for any notoriety but to help the cause of our Lord. Some things I could say would not, perhaps, be as much appreciated as others, and would call down on me the distinguished title of "a sorehead," or rather continue the title, for I heard of it a few years ago, when I wrote a criticism of one Dr. Cadmon, of New York City, who came to preach the commencement for Vanderbilt, and he was called "a higher critic of the higher critics" by a Nashville correspondent to the St. Louis Advocate, and it was the loftiness of his position as a critic I criticised, as unfit to be set before a set of Methodist preachers who were to go out and preach Jesus and him crucified. A certain minister then in Tennessee, now in Arkansas, who indorsed my article in the St. Louis, but said, "Jernigan, you and I are known up at Nashville as 'soreheads.'" That was the first time for me to know I was known at Nashville in a definite, or general way whatever. I have never been conscious of "a sore head," but have a very abiding consciousness of "a sore toe." But it was not made sore by others treading on it, but a shoe too tight. Our Conference was in more ways than one a great success. Our painstaking Presiding Elder held the business reins with a strong hand, and was both pleasant and courteous to all. There was a fine attendance of the pastors of the district, out of the 24, only four were absent. But the lay attendance was small. Here is a good place to say it, and so it is said. The lay wheel is the mired one, and it needs to be prized up and out in some way, and by some one. I think the election of a man as a delegate should say to him, "Shape your business so you can go." Men do that when other things less important call for their presence, and attention. We were entitled to 96 laymen to be in attendance, and only about one-eighth were there. This many in attendance would have created an enthusiasm that would have spread the whole district over, but, but, they were not there, and the indications are they will not be at Harrisburg when the next District Conference comes round. There are so many laymen in our church who think when they pay the pastor's salary and the other collections and go to church once in a while, and sit bolt upright when the preacher prays, and look as cold as a marble statue when he preaches, they have done all. It would scare some of them near to death to be called on to lead a public prayer, and as to giving an experience, as a witness well—comment is not needful. We had some good preaching. Rev. W. F. Walker gave us a good strong sermon on "The Child For Christ." Rev. B. L. Wilford, the live wire Presiding Elder, of Batesville District, gave us a fine sermon on "a Call to the Ministry." Something new! See? Rev. F. N. Looney fed us on good things as "To

the better things ahead," but old John S. Watson crowned the whole sermonic structure on Friday night, in the greatest sermon of the occasion on "Consecration." One conversion that night. President Williams was there, and made a fine talk to a good crowd. That busy business man, Fred M. Daniel, our Conference lay leader, was there and left his impress for good. The people of Bono gave a royal entertainment and attended the meetings by day and by night. Brother G. A. Lamb was elected District Lay Leader. He is a fine spirit, and if helped by the pastors and other laymen he will do a great work.

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Fayetteville District Conference convened at Siloam Springs, Ark., April 27, 1911, at the close of the District League Conference. Most of the preachers were present at the first service and all were present at some time during the session excepting one. There were several laymen present but a number of the charges were not represented by a single layman. Rev. J. M. Hughey, of the Fort Smith District, was a welcome visitor in our midst. We were very fortunate in having Rev. Henry Smith, of Havana, Cuba, with us. He lectured one evening on Cuba and then preached at one of the morning services.

There were 68 conversions reported, but very few of the preachers have held their protracted meetings yet. The reports show about 15 prayer meetings, and 55 Sunday schools. We have in the district 36 preachers in the local ranks.

There were two discouraging features evident in the reports from the charges in regard to family altars and candidates for the ministry. The reports came thus: "Few family altars and no candidates for the ministry." When the former condition is solved the latter will take care of itself.

Prof. Droke, our Conference and District Lay Leader, was present throughout the Conference, and gave us a splendid address at one of the morning sessions. Mr. J. H. Zelner, of Prairie Grove, was elected lay leader for the district for the coming year.

The delegates to our next Annual Conference are J. H. Zelner, L. S. Eatman, E. D. Hellestern, and J. A. Fair. Alternates, Prof. J. G. Greever and W. T. Stahl.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. B. Stevenson, proved his ability to take the lead in the work of a District Conference. Everything worked harmoniously and quietly throughout the session. The attendance was good most of the time, although it rained almost all the time. Brother Reynolds and his people were at no loss in providing for the comforts and necessities of the Conference.

Rogers was chosen as the place for our next District Conference.

W. V. WOMACK, Secretary.

May 6, 1911.

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SARCY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Searcy District Conference will be held at Judsonia July 11-13. Tuesday, the 11th, will be given to a District Sunday School Institute from 10:00 o'clock in the morning till 5:00 in the afternoon, conducted by the chairman of the Annual Conference Sunday School Board. At 8:00 p. m. the opening sermon of the Conference will be preached by A. T. Galloway. Wednesday after-

noon and night will be given to the laymen of the district, under the leadership of O. H. Davis. I call attention of the local preachers of the district to Paragraphs 75 and 174 of the new Discipline.

The committees are as follows:

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