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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

FIRST DAY.

The White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its forty-second session in Blytheville, December 6, at 9:00 o'clock, Bishop J. H. McCoy, of Birmingham, Ala., presiding. The Bishop conducted the religious services. The theme of his lecture to the Conference was "The Place of Love in a Preacher's Life." After the lecture the Bishop called on Dr. James A. Anderson to lead in further prayer.

F. M. Daniel, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll, and nearly all the members were found present. F. M. Daniel was again elected Secretary and at the same time he was elected editor and publisher of the Conference Minutes. W. L. Oliver and L. C. Craig were elected assistant Secretaries, and — Henry Statistical Secretary.

The names of the several Presiding Elders were called during the morning; they reported their districts and their characters were passed. The roll of the superannuates was also called. A number of them responded with feeling speeches to the Conference. The names of the following were referred to the Committee on Conference relations: H. T. Gregory, W. M. Watson, N. E. Skinner, J. D. Rutledge, A. C. Griffin, J. F. Armstrong, W. T. Locke, and Z. T. Bennett, all for the superannuate relation.

When the name of George A. Dannelly was called it was announced that he had died the preceding day. Referred to the Committee on Members.

There was a large number of visitors and recent transfers present, and they were introduced. Among the visitors were Hon. T. B. King, of Memphis; Rev. C. C. Grimes, of Hannibal, Mo., representing the Board of Church Extension, who spoke at night at the Church Extension anniversary; Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Secretary of the General Board of Education, who addressed the Conference; Rev. H. M. Ellis, representing the Tri-State Methodist Hospital, Memphis, who addressed the Conference in the forenoon, and preached an excellent sermon in the afternoon.

On this the very first day of the Conference, there were heard many expressions of pleasure at the good entertainment Blytheville furnished, and at the pleasure of the ministers at being in the town.

Among the new transfers introduced were O. C. Lloyd and J. T. Wilcoxon, from the Tennessee Conference, and A. H. Dulancy, from the Memphis Conference.

The work of the Conference progressed rapidly, Bishop McCoy's presidency giving great satisfaction.

SECOND DAY.

Bishop McCoy opened the second day's session of the Conference with religious services and with an address on Simon Zelotes.

An unusually large number of visitors were present. Among them, Rev. James Thomas, Commissioner of Education, who addressed the Conference in the interest of Hendrix College; Revs. J. V. Freeman, F. H. Peeples, L. H. Howell, W. C. Barham, and A. D. Rankin, of the Memphis Conference; W. M. Wilson, of the East Oklahoma Conference; Dr. George H. Crowell, President of

Henderson-Brown College; F. G. Fallin, of St. Louis Conference; J. B. Blackwell, of East Oklahoma; J. R. Ennis, of East Columbia Conference.

The name of Cadesman Pope was referred to the Committee on Conference relations for the superannuate relation.

J. M. Hughes, C. F. Hiveley, and I. L. Houston were passed and held in the class of the first year. C. B. Brooks, Gordon Wimpey, F. H. Champion, and M. P. Timberlake were passed to the class of the second year.

C. C. Burton and Alonzo McKelvey were passed to the third year and were elected deacons. I. H. Russell and C. L. Castleberry were continued in the third year. J. E. Buchanan was advanced to the fourth year.

Rev. J. K. Farris announced the death of Rev. G. W. M. Freeman. The Conference sent a nice purse to his family.

The Bishop announced the following transfers to this Conference:

O. C. Lloyd and T. Wilcoxon, from the Tennessee Conference.

J. B. Blackwell, from East Oklahoma Conference.

J. H. Bishop and J. D. Hammons, from the Little Rock Conference.

A. A. Dulancy, L. H. Howell, F. H. Peeples, and Samuel Young, from the Memphis Conference.

W. F. Blevins, W. J. LeRoy, and C. F. Wilson were elected elders.

H. B. Smith, of the class of the fourth year, who is a missionary in Cuba, was continued in the class of the fourth year.

M. L. Mack, J. W. Moore, A. L. Platt, W. B. Hubbell, and S. C. Watson were admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

During the morning session Hon. T. B. King, of Memphis addressed the Conference on the Laymen's Movement, and the Men and Religion Movement, and Rev. J. T. Self, of the St. Louis Conference, addressed the body with reference to the Arcadia Assembly at Arcadia, Mo.

In the afternoon Mr. Benton M. Johnson spoke in behalf of the Gideons, and at night President J. M. Williams made the annual educational address.

THIRD DAY.

On the third day Bishop McCoy opened the Conference by a lesson from the third chapter of Philippians, with an address on the development of the Christian life. Rev. N. E. Skinner led the prayer.

Among the visitors introduced on this day were Rev. J. E. Hanes, Conference evangelist of the North Alabama Conference; Rev. Robert L. Russell and Rev. J. M. Bradley, of the St. Louis Conference; Dr. E. H. Rawlins, of our Board of Missions, was also present, and addressed the Conference. Dr. A. C. Millar, of Hendrix College, and Rev. J. J. Morgan, of the American Bible Society, were also present, and both addressed the Conference.

There were two additional men admitted on trial: F. W. Benbrook and W. M. Jones, both from the Batesville District.

The names of T. B. Williamson, M. B. Umsted,

and John H. Dye were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

Newport was chosen as the seat of the next Conference.

Perhaps the most important action taken during the whole session of the Conference was the adoption of a resolution offered by J. K. Farris and signed by all the presiding elders asking that the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences co-operate with the White River Conference in rearranging Conference boundaries so as to have but two Conferences in Arkansas. This resolution called for a commission, and J. K. Farris, M. M. Smith, and T. Y. Ramsey were appointed as commissioners from the White River Conference. We would remark that it will be a vast relief at many points to have this intention carried out.

F. M. Daniel was elected lay leader of the Conference for another year.

Rev. Frank Barrett made a telling prohibition speech in the afternoon, and Dr. Rawlins spoke for missions at night.

The Conference adopted the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, carrying sentiments with reference to the Western Methodist so flattering that modesty forbids their reproduction here; but we are very thankful.

FOURTH DAY.

Rev. J. O. Hanes, of Alabama, conducted the religious service for the fourth morning.

C. B. Brooks, of the class of the first year, was discontinued at his own request. It was reported from the committee that C. M. Reeves, who is a student in Vanderbilt, had passed his examination, and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

W. D. Ellis was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The class for admission into full connection, consisting of Alonzo McKelvey and C. C. Burton, were admitted, after an earnest and inspiring address by the bishop.

The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was read, granting all the applications which had been referred to them during the Conference session (names heretofore given).

Bishop McCoy announced the following additional transfers: L. M. Powell, from Little Rock Conference; J. V. Freeman, from the Memphis Conference.

The great part of the morning was taken up with the passage of reports from the various Conference boards.

When the report on temperance was made it provided for the submission of the question of Statewide prohibition under the Initiative. The Conference upheld the report with enthusiasm, adopting it unanimously and by a rising vote.

This was the last of the religious bodies in this State to act on this matter. They have all, one way or another, gone on record for initiation.

During the morning Dr. James A. Anderson, editor of the Western Methodist, by invitation of the Bishop, addressed the Conference.

The business of the Conference, except the memorial session, at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, was practically finished by Saturday noon.

The appointments were read Sunday night and are as follows:

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, B. L. Wilford.

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White River has this year an unusual number of transfers, just a dozen, if we have kept count. They are good men all, and they will find a welcome.

The annual meeting of the Chairman and Field Secretaries of Conference Sunday School Boards will be held in First Church, New Orleans, January 11-14, 1912.

We wish to again remark that articles sent to this office for publication and not accompanied by any signature have no standing whatever and can receive no consideration.

Th people of Blytheville greatly enjoyed the Conference. This editor had a home as good as anybody ever need want, with Mr. R. A. Nelson. The entertainment all round was most agreeable.

Rev. H. H. Watson reports the best year "ever" at Jonesboro, and Rev. F. A. Jeffett reports that a good church building will go up at Cotton Plant. Dr. R. P. Wilson reports a like enterprise for Marianna.

Rev. W. C. Hilliard is beginning his fourth year on the Prescott District with bright prospects. He speaks very hopefully of the outlook and is determined to make this his best year. He is in the habit of doing things.

Mr. Harry L. Kelley and Miss Alice Barrentine, both of Holly Grove, Ark., were married at Holly Grove today, December 14. Besides the interest that we have in wishing all fine young people well on the occasion of their marriage we have this special interest and pronounce a special blessing on these young people because the young lady comes from our parsonage and from the home of our Brother J. H. Barrentine, one of our pastors.

On the first day's session of the White River Conference news reached the Conference elat on the day before Rev. George A. Dannelly had died. He was one of the oldest Methodist preachers in Arkansas. He had seen many years of service, and for many years had been a superannuate. He lived and died without a stain on his name. He was widely known and much beloved. A more lengthy notice will, we trust, be furnished us.

President Williams, of Galloway College, the other day exhibited to us a check for \$425.00, the first money ever contributed through the channels of "regular collections" by Arkansas Methodism for the education of young women, being the year's collections in the White River Conference. The check is signed by W. F. Walker. President Williams pronounced it historic and will have the check framed and hung up in the halls of Galloway. We trust it is the precursor of many that shall follow in the coming years.

The Sunday preceding the meeting of the White River Conference was spent by this editor at Vanndale, Ark., preaching for Rev. J. D. Kelley and his people. Vanndale is one of the oldest communities in the State. It was very near here that the White River held its first session. It was

here that our old and sainted friend, Dr. Guilford Jones, of Memphis Conference, sojourned during the Civil War, preaching to the people. It was here that the Methodist clans used to gather long ago. Our stay in the home of that elect sister, Mrs. J. M. Vann, was a delight. Brother Kelley had a good name among the people, a name for godliness—a better thing than being thought a "big" preacher.

The editors of the Western Methodist are frequently asked by their young friends in schools and colleges for information regarding public questions of the day to be used in debates. We are glad to refer all such inquirers to the Bureau of Information on Public Questions, Vanderbilt University, where they have on file more or less comprehensive discussions in brief form of nearly all the prominent questions likely to be chosen as subjects for debate. These briefs have been prepared under the general direction of Prof. A. M. Harris, of the Department of Public Speaking, and copies will be furnished to all who desire for the mere cost of copying. There is no other charge. Address: Bureau of Information on Public Questions, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

We desire to commend the action of Salem Circuit, White River Conference, in standing with a noble and generous enthusiasm by their pastor this year, Rev. B. F. Mason. We reported several weeks ago that Brother Mason had suffered in a distressful accident. The facts are that he is partially paralyzed in one foot, so as to benumb the foot; he had put on a new pair of shoes which had an exposed tack, and did not know that the tack was cutting into the foot till he removed the shoe. He found the foot so badly lacerated that it caused the loss of this limb just below the knee. But if there can be compensation for such an accident, he has it in the generous love of his people, who paid about double what they have ever paid on salary, and who ask his return that they may take good care of him. This is most honoring both to our good brother and to his people. We secured these facts from the layman who came to the White River Conference to represent the charge, Mr. W. W. Gibson.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN W. W. MARTIN.

In the death of Captain W. W. Martin, of Conway, Methodism in Arkansas has lost one of its princeliest laymen—a man who has for years taken the deepest interest in the advancement of the cause of Christ in this State. After an illness of several days, the end came on last Sunday night, and his noble spirit ascended to the courts of God on high. He was in the seventy-eighth year of his age. The State of his nativity was Tennessee. He came to Arkansas in 1843, and had lived within its borders ever since. He fought on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War, and reached the rank of Captain. As the result of industry, business sagacity, and strict integrity, he was very successful in business. He literally carried out the recommendation of John Wesley on the subject of money—he made all he could, saved all he could, and gave all he could. His benefactions were many. For years he was one of the very staunchest friends of Hendrix College, to which he gave, in all, the sum of \$50,000.00. He was for years chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College. He took a lively interest in politics, and was a member of the last Legislature. He was President of the Faulkner County Bank, and the head of a large mercantile establishment of Conway. He never married, but was ever the friend of struggling boys and girls, who desired an education. No man's death will be more felt than that of Captain Martin. He has lived nobly and well. He has left the rich heritage of a good name. He has served his Lord with his head, heart, and purse.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church of Conway, and were conducted by Rev. E. R. Steel, his pastor; Rev. J. B. Stevenson, Dr. A. C. Millar, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Rev. James Thomas, and Rev. Forney Hutchinson. A more extended notice will doubtless be given by one of the brethren most familiar with Captain Martin's noble character and helpful life.

AMERICAN PRISONERS.

We rejoice at every token that our penal systems are undergoing reform. We have noted two instances recently, separated by the width of the nation, one in Vermont, the other in Oregon, we believe, indicating that officers of the law are trying to treat prisoners as human beings. In Vermont a Sheriff hires out prisoners at \$1.75 a day, giving them 75 cents a day and paying the State a dollar a day. The prisoners go out without guard, returning to the jail at night. The plan has worked well, transforming lazy loafers into industrious and grateful men. The plan in the West is to send the prisoner out to work on his honor, requiring him to report to the jail each night. Out of many so paroled only one or two have violated the parole, and it is said that when one who has violated his parole is returned to the prison not one of the other prisoners would speak to him.

Our penal methods in America are a disgrace. We make little or no effort to recover a man lost in crime; we simply punish him, usually huddling together criminals of all ages and all grades, often treating the prisoner more like he was a wild beast than a human being. There is almost nothing in our systems that will make any appeal to whatever of manhood may be left in the unfortunate criminal. We act toward prisoners as though there were no redemptive agencies in the Universe.

But there are signs of better things. We are awaking to the civilized belief in reformatories, in juvenile courts, in some humanizing influences to be thrown around prison life, in the indeterminate sentence. We are getting away from the notion that society must be revenged for wrongs done. We shall come one of these days to uphold two ideas about prison life: one of them, That every criminal ought to be a prisoner and remain a prisoner so long as he is a criminal; the other, That a man who becomes a prisoner must be given every opportunity to regain his manhood, and must be released as soon as we can be satisfied he has been morally restored.

OUR MISSIONS.

There seems to be some misunderstanding among brethren as to the policy of the Board of Missions for this year. The report was read in open Conference, but brethren seem not to have heard it.

The appropriations are paid monthly this year at the end of each calendar month. The Treasurer, Mr. R. M. Mann, of Texarkana, will mail out the checks to the brethren on the first day of each month. Your first monthly payment will be made a few days before Christmas in order that the brethren may receive the first month for Christmas.

Again the Chairman is preparing blanks for quarterly reports which are to be furnished to the Board at the end of each quarter.

Having endeavored to put our mission work on an equitable business basis, we are praying that this may be the best year in the history of our Conference. Let the Epworth Leaguers especially pray for Brother McKelvey on the Cedar Glades Mission.

Your servant,

JAMES THOMAS,
Chairman Board of Missions.

Texarkana, Ark., December 9, 1911.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

(Report Adopted by East Oklahoma Conference.)

We, your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, beg to make the following report:

As compared with last year, the spiritual state of the Church is good. Revivals, with splendid results, have been held in most all of the charges. The pastors have been diligent, according to the report of the presiding elders, in visiting from house to house, attending the sick, baptizing and instructing the children, and peace and harmony prevails.

The number of accessions has been about 7,000, while the net increase is about 5,000. The number of conversions has surpassed the accessions. A good financial report indicates the same good spiritual state.

However, your committee beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That the pastors keep a close watch on their own spiritual lives. It is easy for a preacher, in the midst of the multitudinous duties that are his, to lapse into a state of coldness of heart. Long and earnest seasons of prayer only can keep us in touch with the divine life.

2. That the revival services be pushed, and especially that the results be followed up. We call attention to the schoolhouse districts, and urge that, as far as possible, the pastors evangelize these neighborhoods.

3. That an ever-increasing amount of attention be given the children—baptize the infants, keep up the cradle-roll, and press the little ones into the kingdom.

4. That the roll-books of the churches be purged. A good and wholesome spirit of old-time honesty with regard to statistics would prove a great spiritual benefit.

5. That the matter of family prayer be given more attention. The Quiet-Hour League is a splendid movement along this line. This good custom has not only disappeared from the average family, but the elect, the most spiritual, have left it off, and we fear to look into the homes of the pastors lest they, too, too often neglect it. This will not be restored without a heroic effort, nor will it be continued without prolonged effort from the pastor.

6. That the pastors press the laymen into service in holding meetings in the schoolhouses.

In spite of the good reports made by the pastors we are inclined to believe that the spiritual state of the Church is not what it might be. We have so much to do, so much money to raise, so many houses to build, and so many reports to make that the sweeter things, the higher things, the necessary things, are neglected. Are we, as the discipline asks us, longing for perfection—are we going on to perfection? Do we expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Or have we settled down to a compromised life? Every life has two growth—what one is able to do, or the outward; and what one is, or the inward life. See that your own soul does not stagnate, but is forever filled with the sweetness of the ever-new life of Christ Jesus.

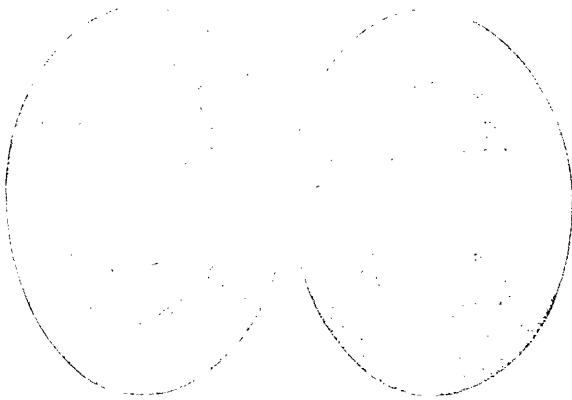
A. S. CAMERON, Secretary.

ORGANIC UNION VERSUS FEDERATION.

In your issue of December 7 you publish an article under the above caption from Rev. Frank E. Day, D.D. He is the pastor of the leading one of the seven churches of the M. E. Church in St. Joseph, Mo. He is probably not wide of the mark in saying that the churches in Missouri that have been federated were churches that were about ready for an undertaker. If any attempt has been made to federate any strong, healthy churches, it has escaped my notice. But I am inclined to challenge his authority for the statement: "But time was in the memory of heroes living when it was unsafe to life and property to be known as a Methodist Episcopalian." Of course he believes what he says, but I think some

one has been fooling him. Over thirty years ago I heard a Methodist Episcopal Presiding Elder in his written report made to his Annual Conference lament the hard conditions against which his church was contending in Central Missouri. He said the timid were terrified and the time-serving forsook the church of their fathers. In assuming a heroic attitude and declaring that some of them intended to hold this State for their church and flag he said: "Some of us have buried our wives and children here, some of whom have fallen at the hands of the barbarism that once held sway."

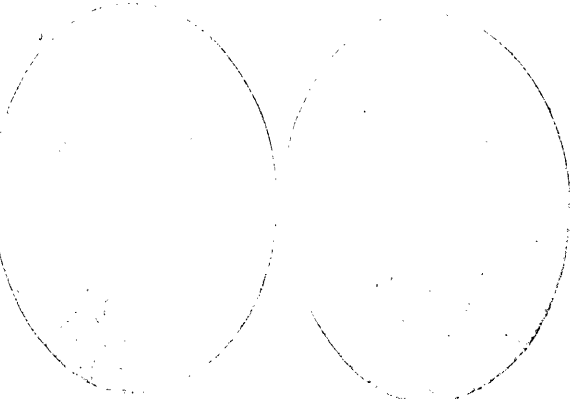
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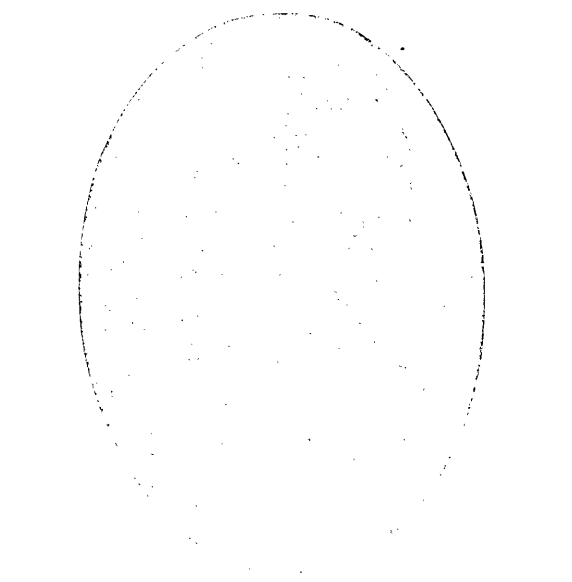
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S. A. Diehl, President

It was very pathetic and I doubt not appealed very strongly to the good Bishop from the East who was presiding over the Conference. But I knew too much about him to be melted by his pathos (bathos). True some years before he lost his wife by death and she may have felt keenly so-

cial ostracism in the city in which she died. She died in a Southern Methodist parsonage of which we were dispossessed by military authority and he was withholding from us church and parsonage which we afterward recovered. I was pastor of that church two years and have seen the military order which dispossessed the occupant of our parsonage to make way for a Northern Methodist preacher's family. At the time he indulged in these heroics I was pastor of another Methodist Church of which he had a gunsmith pick the lock that he might take possession of it. This was not during the war but in February, 1866, and a brother of your Dr. J. E. Godbey was pastor of our church at the time this high-handed outrage was committed. From this church, which we recovered only at the end of legal processes he went to the church which he was serving when his wife died in our parsonage. His misconduct at the other place was notorious and he was widely known as "Picklock." But he passed as a martyr assuming that the condemnation called down upon him by his misconduct was persecution for Christ's sake.

During and after the war some of our preachers were murdered in cold blood because they were Southern Methodists, but if in the memory of heroes now living it was ever unsafe to life and property to be known as a member or preacher of the M. E. Church such conditions have not come to my knowledge during my wanderings over the State as a Methodist preacher for more than forty years.

I have just begun my second round on the St. Joseph District. It is what Bishop McTyeire used to call "the outside row." The district is bounded on the north and west by Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. Every county in the district lost population during the last ten years. Hundreds if not thousands of our members have moved west or southwest in that time. Methodism in Texas and Oklahoma has prospered at our expense. Because of this heavy loss of population a few churches have been abandoned in recent years. We shall try to hold all that we now have. No richer agricultural region can be found in Missouri than the St. Joseph District. It is a country worth holding. Several revivals resulting in ten to twenty additions have been held and some meetings are now in progress. C. H. BRIGGS.

REACHING THE MASSES.

The slowness of the church herself to revise her own creed, shelving the superannuated expressions and idioms and reducing the fundamentals of the Christian doctrine in terms of Christian experience to present-day speech, have had no little to do in weakening the grip of the church upon the masses.

The stupendous folly of our present-day church life is trying to remedy the present-day ills of society, expose and correct its evils, ingrained as with deadly virus in our moral being with a gospel and creed of centuries ago. Mr. William E. Gladstone said, "The gospel of Jesus Christ is a solution of all problems," but this does not mean the words of Christ are to be pronounced upon and over the sins of men as a panacea for social ills and industrial troubles. That might have succeeded in an age like that of the early apostles, whose people led the simple and credulous life; but not so in an age like this, with complex life and relations dominated by paganism, materialism, and rationalism.

The demand of the age is for the church to take the Christly sayings, the gospel of the New Testament, and reduce them to the fundamentals of present-day experience, so that in a pagan atmosphere, chilled by the fog of gross materialism, on the broadest and most liberal basis of rationalism, she may present Christ and his gospel as the power of God unto salvation to every one who believeth Jew and Gentile, bound and free alike. *Pacific Methodist Advocate.*

EASTWARD

Around the World

THE CITY OF IRKUTSK, IN THE HEART OF SIBERIA.

BY DR. W. B. PALMORE.
XXI.

"The police are few, escaped convicts and ticket-of-leave men many. In Irkutsk and all towns east of it the stranger should not walk after dark. If a carriage cannot be got, as is often the case, the only way is to tramp noisily along the planked walk. Be careful in making crossings, and do not stop, or the immense mongrel mastiffs, turned loose in the streets as guards, will attack. To walk in the middle of the road is to court attack from the garroters, with which Siberia abounds."—*Bradshaw's Through Routes to the Chief Cities of the World*, latest edition, 1907, under "Irkutsk."

Corroborating this quotation from Bradshaw, but giving more minute particulars, writes William Oliver Greener as follows: "Siberian towns, even capitals like Tomsk, Irkutsk and Kharbarovsk, are squalid, mean and unkempt. The streets are badly illuminated, and after dark are roamed by great yard-dogs—mastiffs and other fierce brutes—which are trained to take little or no attention of the few pedestrians who tramp noisily along the sidewalks, but approach and commence to attack if one hesitates but so long as necessary to determine whether to turn to right or left. The dogs of Constantinople are lapdogs in comparison to these savage mongrels turned loose in all Siberian towns and villages after dark. Crime is prevalent in all Siberian towns; murders, assaults, outrages, and burglary are the common forms.

"GARROTING

is the usual device of the footpad. With a short stick or a noose of twine, he approaches his victim stealthily from the rear, slips the cord over his head, and strangles the man, woman or child, who is unable to utter a cry. Then he strips the body of everything likely to lead to its identification and decamps. If there is an accomplice he blocks the stranger's advance or engages his attention at the right moment."

The Angara, a rapidly running river which flows out of Lake Baikal, passes Irkutsk and separates the city from the Transiberian Railroad. Our Transiberian express train, late, on a dark night, left us about two miles from Irkutsk, with a broad, turbulent river flowing between. We stepped into a lonely carriage, or drosky, with a solemn-looking driver, who could not speak a word of our language. After reading the above quotations from Bradshaw and Greener, we were prepared to see sights as thrilling as those which Tam O'Shanter saw on the night of his stormy ride! Spanning the river was an immense and monstrous pontoon bridge, very much like the famous old bridge over the Golden Horn at Constantinople.

There was just enough starlight breaking through the rift in the clouds to reveal the billowy roll of the river and the dark, cavernous-looking ends of the cross boats on which the bridge was resting. Our imagination was on tiptoe of excitement! We were prepared to see monstrous, maddened, mongrel mastiffs and beastly, bloody bulldogs leaping out of the dark

OMINOUS PONTOON

shadows, and escaped and ex-convicts reaching for our bridle and baggage. The bridge seemed endless, and the nearer our approach to the city the more intensely alert was our imagination! What a golden opportunity for a garroter to stand on the carriage step, or reach in from the rear with a "noose of twine" and twist out the life and

breath! We in due time reached the Central Hotel alive and unhurt, where we found more comfortable quarters than we expected.

Here we spent two days and explored the city with less hazard than we expected. The danger may have been greater than we realized, but we saw about all of the city of a hundred thousand, in carriage and on foot, by day and by night. We were told that it was dangerous to leave the main street after night without a revolver, but we had seen about all the world with no weapon but a small pen or pocket knife, and that was all we felt the need of here. The timid householder opens his window and fires a shot before going to bed, just to inform prowlers there are firearms in the house.

At one end of the large dining room of our Central Hotel was a stage. After decent bed-time, this dining room, we were told, is turned into a hall of revelry, amusement and frolic. Fortunately our bedroom was too remote to be disturbed by the revelers, even in the wee, small hours of the morning. The people of the city move with a good deal more energy and vim than in Russia. The place reminded us somewhat of Johannesburg in South Africa. They are evidently copying some of the worst phases of

AMERICAN LIFE.

The manager of the hotel asked if we could suggest or send him a book from which he could learn the art of "American mixed drinks!" The hotel porters and many of the workmen on all sides are ex-convicts. The intellectual people of the city are political exiles. But for the fact that they cannot return to Russia, they lead the same life as any other resident. This kind of population has grown to such an extent out in this broad expanse, where they have room to think, without the fear of banishment, that it will not be surprising that by the close, if not the noon of this twentieth century, that Siberia will have some form of liberal government, if not a republic.

When a man is banished from Russia his wife can claim divorce by right. Should she prefer to follow her husband the government will pay the passage of herself and children to the town where the prison is situated. As far as possible the prison finds work for the women in sewing and washing. A married convict who behaves himself is allowed to work outside the prison and live with his family, provided he reports daily and pays a certain portion of his wages.

Siberia is a difficult country for a convict to escape from, especially in the winter, because everybody may be called on by the police to show his passport. About the only way to escape is to kill a peasant and get his passport. Unless they have a passport arrest is certain. In that case they remain dumb. They will neither give their names nor say where they came from. There is no direct or positive evidence that they are escaped prisoners, and, although all efforts are made to identify them, and often successfully, quite a large number gain their liberty after a few months, because it is impossible to keep a man in prison on suspicion of being a runaway, however well founded the suspicion may be.

MARCUS LORENZO TAFT

was told by the Lutheran minister of Irkutsk of a great fraud perpetrated here. During the Russo-Japanese war a corporal named Nassili Sytchewa, of the Two Hundred and Eighty-first Infantry, deserted his regiment on a Manchurian battlefield and fled to Irkutsk. Pretending to be so seriously wounded that he could not walk, he was ordered to the military hospital at Irkutsk. He had his head and legs wrapped around with bandages. Disguised in this style, he had his photograph taken with a sister of charity at his side administering medicine. On several nights he was detected walking stealthily about in the dimly lighted room. About this time, 1905, a great religious festival

occurred, commemorating the centennial of the burial of Saint Innocent. Availing himself of this event, this renegade managed to have himself conveyed to the monastery, where he kissed the bones of Saint Innocent. Instantly his strength returned, so he threw away his crutches!

The nurses and doctors who were cognizant of his knavery in the hospital, made loud and frequent protests against his misrepresentations, but apparently to no avail. Furnished with funds, this runaway succeeded in having himself sent to St. Petersburg, where he was granted a private audience with the Czar. He presented to his majesty the affidavit of the monks of the Monastery of Saint Innocent, affirming his miraculous cure through the efficacy of the bones of their favorite saint. After the imperial sanction, these monks had printed thousands of leaflets, narrating the incident, which were scattered broadcast. One of these was shown us. The nurses at the hospitals—many of whom belonged to the upper classes of Irkutsk, who had loyally volunteered their services during the war—were amazed at the credulity of so many of their cultured associates, who could swallow whole such an imposition with as much avidity as the ignorant, gullible rabble.

This almost boundless domain of Siberia was secured to Russia by

JERMAK, YERMAK, OR IRMAK,

as his name is variously spelled. For awhile he was as reckless a pirate or robber as was Tarrifa, on the Mediterranean, from whose name comes our word "Tariff."

Yermak developed into a robber on a large scale. About the same time that Pizarro was conquering Peru and Cortez, Mexico, for the Spanish crown, Yermak by a similar style of outlawry was conquering Siberia for Russia. Ivan the Terrible rewarded Yermak with a costly cuirass, which proved his doom. At an unguarded moment his enemies attacked his forces. He tried to escape by swimming across the Irish River, but the weight of his imperial chain-armor pulled him under the waters, never to rise again. He was made a hero by the Russian people, and a saint by the orthodox Russian church.

Mukden, Manchuria.

CHRISTMAS ON GARRISON HILL.

BY O. W. STEWART,

Superintendent of Oklahoma School for the Blind.

We now have in the Oklahoma School for the Blind 46 pupils—25 boys and 21 girls, the largest number in attendance at any time since the establishment of the school. We have beds for four more girls, after which the doors must be closed upon applicants until the Legislature provides other buildings. In less than a paragraph you have been made to see our school as an outsider and from a distance. For both your and our benefit I am about to take you into our confidence and to admit you to see the 46 boys and girls at work and at play.

At the opening of school last September were pupils who were in attendance even before the State assumed the support and control of the institution. These came to enter upon work somewhat new to them by reason of their promotion, but they soon had their rosters and were pushing out with great enjoyment into other measures of knowledge. To these the beginning of the new year's work meant but little more than the significance of promotion and further study to pupils of schools for the sighted; for the sensations of the touch system and its experiences had subsided largely with the first one or two year's effort at reading with the fingers. Then there was another class to be noted and studied with interest and intelligent sympathy. This class was that number of boys and girls who for the first time placed fingers upon the embossed letters, thereby beginning the feeling advance into the world of What-We-May-Know-If-We-Will. I

have said that these who are with us for the first time command an attention of great interest and sympathy. I have declared no more than is true. Three months have passed since these of whom I am speaking touched and touched again the meaningless dots, lifted their hands to relieve the pain of persistent contact, but to return the fingers in obedience to reassuring words from instructors and the unconquerable desire to know. You were not here when they began the task so strange and difficult to read that which can be seen in the faces of these children only, but you can see today the painful but tireless efforts of the young to master a system which offers itself to them as an avenue of knowledge. The courses in literature, music and industries inevitably offer hard resistance; but in turn the resistance when faced by a determination to master, gives lavishly strength for manhood and womanhood. It is peculiarly true that for the blind it is not to know they study, but they would know that they may be.

The athletics of this school are not controlled by infirmities but by grounds, general equipment and special apparatus. However, be it known to the credit of the initiative in the student body the absence of those physical conditions found in other schools of the State, and in other schools of this kind throughout the country has not prevented the expression of young life and vigor. Twenty-five boys, ranging in age from 8 to 21, roll and tumble over each other in such genuine enjoyment of spirited sport that superintendent and faculty, not in the least reluctantly, are caught by the tide of fun and carried far out from the seats of solid propriety. I am trying to keep from telling you that the superintendent of this school actually climbed to the top of a hickory nut tree with no other object than to show one of his pupils who was on the topmost limb that he was somewhat of a climber himself. Among the girls are those sports which are peculiarly theirs. Perhaps they are private and should not be exposed to the inadequacy of print; but of their fun it may be lawfully written that they live for the very joy of living.

Now, my friends, as I write I am reminded by many things about me that the Christmas holidays are not far distant. I expect to have a joyful Christmas—I always do. If I am a bit short of funds, and if the weather is bad, and if all else is wrong, and my Christmas is about to be spoiled, I simply take down Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and even before Scrooge awakes from his dreams, all is well and my Christmas is as good as the best. I wish you to have a joyful Christmas, and I have a suggestion which may be worth while. Of the 46 pupils in this school not more than five or six—if any—will go home to be with their parents during the holidays. At least 40 will spent Christmas at the school at Fort Gibson. We are to have a week's vacation, and during this time there will be other trees climbed, lots of rolling and tumbling, racing and shouting and, we hope, a Christmas tree, and on Garrison Hill for even miles they will know that the Yuletide has come around. But I am thinking that if you knew that among the 40 there are a few without parents, or with parents who cannot remember them with a box from home, you and a number of your little friends who will spend Christmas at home would really enjoy writing me to find out what to send, and later the sending much more. If you care to interest yourselves in one or more of the pupils who can be surprised and made ever so happy by a division of your Christmas with them, just drop me a line to say as much, and I shall give you his name, age and tastes, and you will know how to do the rest.

Come, let us be children together. In anticipation of the holidays coming toward us so fast we must begin at once to be young, for we must be ready. It is the child who is happiest when

Santa Claus comes. Let us be children. We shall not need to crowd them out; there is room for us all. Then, too, "It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."

HENDERSON-BROWN NOTES. WINNING ITS WAY.

Henderson-Brown College evidently grew in strength and favor at Conference. The President received many expressions of encouragement and sympathy in his work. Many new and ardent friends expressed an abiding faith in it as an institution of God's will and pleasure, and one in which and through which he expects to bring to pass good things unto his church and kingdom.

FAITH OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Education demonstrated its faith by recommending an increase of appropriation from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00, and by expressing its desire and purpose of doing more next year, also by setting apart the first night of the next Annual Conference as the educational anniversary, and designating it Henderson-Brown night, for which we are very grateful. We will do our best to prepare a program which will redound to the strength and glory of the educational work of our Church.

THE THANKSGIVING EXERCISES.

Thanksgiving Day is the day of all days in the good town of Arkadelphia, for on this day the football season is closed by the game between Arkadelphia's two schools, Henderson-Brown and Ouachita.

As the day approaches the enthusiasm and excitement rise to almost fever heat, around the colleges, on the streets, in the stores—the only thing discussed is the coming game.

It is a wise head and a steady hand that can guide a body of young people safely through a time like this. Wisdom does not seek, nor does it desire to suppress the enthusiasm of youth, but to guide it.

At 8:00 o'clock on Thanksgiving morning the faculty and students of Henderson-Brown met in the college chapel, and the day was begun by a recognition of him "from whom all blessings flow." Appropriate selections of Scripture were read by the President; songs, breathing a spirit of gladness, of thankfulness and of praise, were sung. Short talks were made by representatives of the faculty and students.

As I witnessed all this and thought of it from the viewpoint of a patron and parent, it came to me that it was an occasion for thanksgiving on the part of parents that their children were so healthfully surrounded, and that while their minds and bodies were being developed and they were encouraged to enjoy the good things of life, they were also taught to "look unto the hills from whence cometh our strength," and to sing with a hearty good-will, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—A Patron.

THE HENDERSON-OUACHITA GAME.

"This was the best and most interesting game of football I ever saw," is on the lips of every one. Yes, hard-fought, but clean, manly, gentlemanly, none hurt. Score 11 to 0, in favor of Henderson-Brown.

SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE.

To intensify the friendly relations between Henderson-Brown and Ouachita, the citizens of Arkadelphia, led by Capt. C. C. Henderson, gave a banquet to the victorious team and invited Dr. Bowers and the Ouachita team. It was a happy thought, splendidly executed, big with the best of consequences.

The tables were arranged in the form of the letter "H," with goals decorated at either connection. The decorations were beautiful; the souvenir menus a piece of art; the menu and its

execution par excellence; and the loving-cup ceremony a fitting climax to the love, friendship and beautiful spirit that exists between Henderson-Brown and Ouachita and the two grand old teams. May this spirit never grow less, but increase and grow as these institutions develop and expand.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Work discontinues for Christmas holidays Thursday, December 21, 4:00 o'clock, and is resumed Wednesday, January 3, 1912. All students will remain on class until that time and return on Tuesday, January 2, for recitation on Wednesday. GEORGE H. CROWELL, President.

WHERE SOAP WAS INVENTED.

When Cæsar, the great Roman emperor, returned with his conquering army from his famous invasion of ancient Gaul, he brought home—as one of the greatest treasures captured during the campaign—a formula for making soap. Rome had palatial baths, but knew nothing of soap. The Gauls were "barbarians," but they were extremely cleanly and possessed the secret of soap-making. Large quantities of the precious stuff were taken by the soldiers to Cæsar, who quickly saw its immense value to mankind, and straightway forced the soap-makers to reveal their secret, rewarding them generously.—Christian Advocate.

A great saint was once asked, "How can I live the highest life?" and he answered, "My child, go and live the lower life, and God will teach you the higher."

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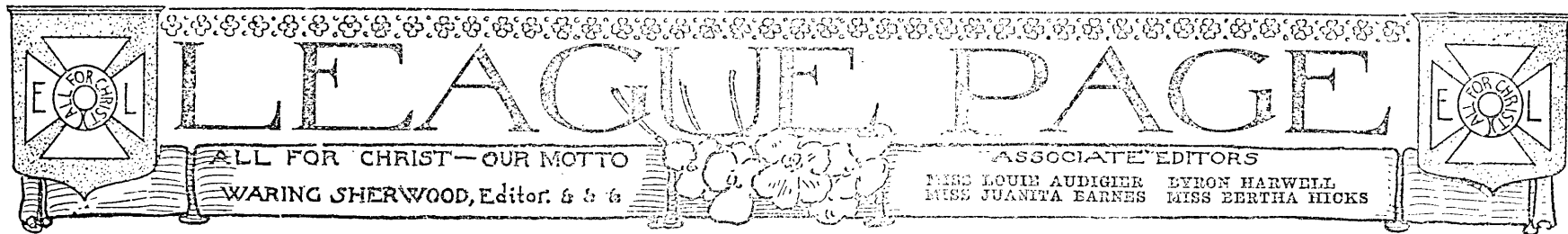
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DEC. 24: "CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART."
(Christmas Service.)

I John 5:20; Matt. 1:21; John 1:12, 13.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

1. Hymn 123. (Softly.)
2. Two minutes of silent prayer and meditation, closed with prayer by Leader.
3. Solo—"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."
4. Luke 1:46-55 read collectively.
5. Leader's address.
6. Hymn 107—"Joy to the World, the Lord is Come."
7. Devote—"Resolved, That the Santa Claus idea is detrimental to childhood."
8. Reading Hymn 115—"While the Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."
9. Open Discussion—"How I Think This Christmas Should Be Spent."
10. Hymn—"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus." (No. 116.)

THE TOPIC.

Christmas in the heart! How void and meaningless would it be were the celebration attempted outside the heart. Christmas to be anything above the ordinary revel must be the expression of the emotions. Hence, Christmas in the heart.

The Christmas spirit cannot be in any but an unselfish heart, for this was the basis of our Savior's advent. Sometimes we get to thinking and wonder what it meant for Jesus to come to earth. Why should he leave his home above and come to dwell among sinful men, enduring their taunts, wandering about without home and very few friends for three years, and then finally suffering the shame of the cross—just because he loved us!

Christmas does not mean the same thing to all of us. To some it means a time of revelry, when the cup is oft filled and as oft drained, when men go their full length in a vain attempt to satisfy the animal passions. Pity, pity! If we could only reach some such deluded life and change their attitude toward Christmas, we would be doing them a great favor.

And then we see those who modify this extreme but still they miss the mark. They think it is all right to have a "toddy" at home. Even the children may take a sip. Little do they seem to realize the terrible enemy they are toying with. God forbid that any church member should allow this diabolical practice to prevail in his home this Christmas.

And still others make of the Yuletide an occasion of almost distress by overworking not only themselves (little pity that would be), but all others with whom associated. Every Christmas we read the advertisements of the department stores and others to "be sure and do your shopping early to avoid the Christmas rush." Of course, we are not so "easy" as to not see that this is largely a scheme to get the public excited so that they will do more shopping, but behind it there is a great deal of truth, as we have all learned from experience. The true, thinking Christian will not put any extra burden on anyone at any time, much less at Christmas.

There is one very commendable custom of the holidays which is often abused—that of home parties. We should be careful lest in our eagerness to have a good time we cause others unhappiness.

If we would have Christmas in the heart we must have Christ in the heart; and if that condition is met all we have said will only act as a reminder.

Let us enliven this League service with several selections from our Methodist Hymnal, such as are mentioned in the "Suggested Program."

Above all things, let us not forget the less fortunate ones about us. Let not the festive season pass without making some needy person glad. And we are not necessarily speaking of money; a kindly word, a cheering smile—who cannot bestow these broadcast over the community? Don't look for too big things to do. Be content with what thy hand findeth to do and your heart will find more Christmas in it than ever before.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

1. Great was the event when Christ was presented to man in the flesh, but greater is the event for man when Christ is born in the heart. He came unto his own and his own received him not. Happy is the thought that we are his. Let us not slam the door of our hearts in his face, but let him walk in unhindered, for as many as receive him to them gives he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God.

2. Our generation is greatly blessed. Our minds are harassed with no doubts or uncertainties. We have not to look forward to the coming of a Savior, for we know that he has come and has been revealing himself to men for ages past; we may know him and know that we are in him. We know him to be our true God and eternal life, for he saves his people from their sins.

3. Those of us who have not already accepted him can in no better way commemorate his birth and glorify him than by letting him be born in our hearts, and those who have given our lives to him than by giving them over again, and get a new blessing. His presence is blessed.

IF I WERE THE LEADER.

1. I would emphasize the thought that this is a day of peace and good will that each one should be happy and try to make others happy. There are many reasons why we should make this a day of good feeling, the main reason, that on this day there was born in the city of Bethlehem a Savior who should save the people from their sins and through him we should have eternal life. There are some very fine thoughts in the Christmas editorials of the Christmas number of The Ladies Home Journal.

2. I would have told the beautiful story of Christmas.

3. I would take out some passages from the editorial referred to above, as to the Christmas message.

4. I would have suggestions made as to how we can take this Christmas message to others who are in need of it.

5. Last but not least, I would put a great deal of time on this lesson, that I might give to others the beautiful lessons and messages that are found here. As a general thing, the spirit, enthusiasm, or atmosphere of the service is in proportion to that of the leader. If he is filled with his subject, it will not be hard to impart the same spirit to the Leaguers.

SIDE LIGHTS.

In these days the squalid regions of our great cities are being explored and improved by various methods of systematic beneficence. "Christian Settlements" are established; Bureaus of Charity are formed, and associations for the relief of the poor are organized. A noble work; but after all, the most effective "bureau" is one that, in a waterproof and a stout pair of shoes, sallies off on a wintry night to some abode of poverty,

with not only supplies for suffering bodies but with kind words of sympathy for lonesome hearts. A dollar from a warm hand, with a warm word, is worth two dollars sent by mail or by a messenger boy. The secret of power in doing good is personal contact.

Our incarnate Elder Brother went in person to the sick chamber. He anointed with his own hands the eyes of the blind man, and he touched the loathsome leper inot health. Heart must touch heart. Those good people will exhibit the most of the spirit of our blessed Master who practice Christmas giving and cheerful, unselfish and zealous Christmas living through all the circling year.—T. L. Cuyler.

Included in the Christmas work of a live Kentucky society was the writing of over two hundred letters and the sending of copies of the New Testament to the inmates of the penitentiaries. These were sent through the prison committee of the State Christian Endeavor Society. This committee provides a Christmas entertainment at each of the penitentiaries.

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

A most enthusiastic bunch of Epworth Leaguers than that of the Conway League cannot be found in our State. With a membership of something over 130 we are not lacking in active workers, in fact, we pride ourselves that there is not an "associate member" among us. Every member is made to feel that he is in some measure responsible for the welfare of the League and that he must be up and doing. Our devotional meetings are improving steadily as the inexperienced members become more familiar with the work, and the willingness with which they take hold of the work is very commendable. Among the more experienced members we are fortunate to have with us some of the best Leaguers in the State, who are here in school. On last Sunday evening Miss Darden Moose led the services, assisted by Mr. Paul Millar, who gave a brief but very interesting talk on the "Great Stone Face," pointing out the likeness between the man who looked upon the Great Stone Face and thought upon it until he grew like it, and the man who makes Christ his companion and so lives that he grows Christ-like. Also Mr. Robert Moss gave us a forceful and helpful talk on choosing a model for our lives, saying that although there are many great men who, because of their many good qualities are held up before the young people as good models, they were modeled after a higher and more perfect being, and we should look beyond them for a model for our own lives. Mr. Byron Harwell, President of our League, gave us a splendid talk on the "Christian Mosaic," comparing the organization of the many different nations and religions of the earth into one great Christian religion, with that of the mosaic, a work of art created by assembling together pieces of material of odd shape and variety of color. There were also other short talks by various members of the League. There were about 125 present.

And so we are all working for a better and bigger League and are already beginning to feel that our improvement is such that we can say each service is better than the last.

BESSIE CLARK, Secretary.

Better to work and fail than to sleep one's life away.—J. K. Jerome.

SHOULD THE CHURCH BE CRITICISED?

The letters which have reached the office of this paper referring to the severe and somewhat carping criticism of "A Layman," which was published recently, have shown a considerable degree of sensitiveness to the fault-finding in which he indulges. Without in any sense justifying the somewhat wild and irresponsible statements that this correspondent indulged in, or admitting the accurateness of the situation which he describes, one reader of the numerous criticisms of this first critic has thought that some at least of those who replied showed unnecessary resentment and sensitiveness.

The church ought to be criticised when it needs it. A certain amount of criticism is both necessary and wholesome. It would be one of the very worst things for the church that could possibly happen if the idea should prevail that it was to be looked upon as superior to all criticism or fault-finding, or that its members, whether lay or clerical, or its methods, whether good or bad, were never to be spoken against.

When we speak of the church as a divine institution we are thinking more or less of the ideal church. The real church to which you and I belong is a very human affair indeed, and, like all human beings, it is something short of perfection. To have its faults and failings and short-comings pointed out, even in exceedingly plain and forceful language, is by no means a calamity.

We cannot afford to resent criticism too keenly or to get huffy and sarcastic about it. If it is unjust or extreme criticism, the chances are that it will do our case a great deal more good than harm in the end. And if it is just criticism, then it opens up a way to better things, if we have the grace and the humility to walk in that way.

The church is in a work-a-day world where everything has to be tested to prove its right to live. It has to take its place with all other things and accept the challenge with them. If it is found fault with by narrow and unreasonable men, it may be all the easier to answer the challenge, but it is a very bad habit to get into of being too ready to answer challenges of that sort. If the critic, either constructive or destructive, tells us that the church and its ministry are cold and formal and inefficient, it is infinitely better for us to determine that, as far as we can make it, they will be less so in the future, than it is for us to get annoyed and resentful and start in to prove that it is not so.

As a matter of fact, the critics are not the worst enemies that the church has; the folk that resent criticism and refuse to profit by it often do it more harm. The church cannot afford to keep the blinds down and the doors locked. It must come out in the open; it must answer the challenge of those who criticise it with better life and a higher and nobler service. And in this way it will turn its critics into its truest and best friends.—*The Christian Guardian*.

"HOW I SAW THE CORONATION."

REV. J. H. JOWETT, D.D.

A few yards from my seat was the pulpit in which the archbishop of York preached the sermon. A number of soldiers stood around it, and their bright, vivid uniform almost hid it. The association offered itself to me as a symbol of the peril of the service, and, indeed, of the peril of our time. The glare of the militarism may throw into the shadow the momentous things that truly endure. The real strength of empire rests in the truth represented by the pulpit, and not in the force represented by the soldiers. The essential virtue of sovereignty is found in righteousness and not in the skill and prowess of arms. My mind ran away to another part of the Abbey, where the dust of Livingstone was resting, and I thought of his sovereignty, and of how he moved through a continent and won the hearts of the

people. And I visited still another corner of the Abbey, not far away, where in isolation and shadow a tablet bears the words, "I look upon the world as my parish," and I thought of John Wesley's mighty gospel, in the power of which all peoples will ultimately become one. And then I came back to the Coronation pulpit, and its ring of glittering soldiers, those symbols of force and truth, and I thought of the apostle's words, "The things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

The Crown Prince of Germany sat across the choir just opposite to me. During the greater part of the service, and through the time of waiting he sat or stood with his gloved hands resting upon his sword. But there was no more friendly face, none more frank and open, none more genial and intimately human, in the vast assembly. His smile makes one forget his sword; and I think there must have been many like myself whose eyes intrusively followed the altogether tender, gracious, and most evident love-relationship between the Crown Princess and himself. I wondered what part he is to play in the future of the European peoples, and I was led to think that his gracious manliness and his attractive openness of face and manner may be allowed to enlighten and color all our expectations.

I was deeply impressed with that part of the sacred ceremony when the Prince of Wales knelt to pay homage to the crowned and anointed king. The ceremony was specially impressive just because it was broken. The stately convention was riven, and through the stiff relation of king and prince there burst the more free relation of father and child. When the prince had given the ceremonial kiss, the father bent forward, and, laying his hand upon the lad, kissed him upon the lips. To me there was no more touching incident in the entire service. Here was another revelation of the humanness which has been the most precious treasure in the English monarchy during the last 80 years. It has been the human, the unconventional, in the lives of Queen Victoria and King Edward which has almost wiped Republicanism out of the British Isles and bound sovereign and people in deep and affectionate communion.

"And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England?" So spake the Archbishop of Canterbury, in administering the Coronation Oath. And I looked across at the long rows of bishops of the said Church of England, and I was confused. I saw Bishop Gore and Bishop Moule. Whose "doctrine" is the king to "maintain and preserve?" I saw the Bishop of Hereford and his Lordship of Winchester, and I thought of the recent controversy concerning those "other sheep which are not of this fold," and I wondered whose "discipline" the king was to maintain inviolable. And I saw Bishop Knox and Bishop Diggle, and I wondered to which of these episcopal leaders was to be given the interpretation of "the doctrine and government" which the king was pledging himself to preserve. And somewhere in the Abbey was Lord Halifax, and somewhere was Lord Kinnaird! And I was confused.

"The king standing up, the sword shall be girt about him by the lord great chamberlain; and then, the king sitting down, the archbishop shall say: 'With this sword do justice . . . restore the things that are gone to decay.' " And what things are these? What are these crumbling ruins in the nation's life? What are the precious things once fresh and vigorous as the spring leaf, that are sickly and withering away? What were we all thinking about as the archbishop charged the king with such solemn counsel? Were we thinking of the decay of reverence, the neglect of worship, the cold, crumbling family altar, the relaxing of the marriage covenant, the softening, destructive influence of excessive pleasure? Were

we thinking of any vanished form of lofty chivalry, of any noble fellowship bruised or broken? I cannot tell. But all the decaying things which I could recall were not such as could be recovered by any sword of sovereignty, however sacred its origin and however responsible its custody; their restoration could be mightily helped only by the ministry of holy living, of consecrated character and service.

It was a wonderful moment when the archbishop took the crown and "reverently put it upon the king's head." All the peers put on their coronets, the trumpets sounded, the bells outside began a jubilant peal, and one could hear the booming of the great guns at the Tower. And just then the choir broke into the anthem, "Be strong and play the man!" I looked at the king, seated there upon his throne, and I was seized with the impression of his unutterable loneliness. The air was filled with the sounds of rejoicing, inside the Abbey, and out of it, and he was surrounded by thousands of people who had just most willingly proclaimed their homage. And yet, sitting there alone, he appeared lonely in his splendid and unshared pre-eminence. "Be strong and play the man," sang the choir; and I verily believe that we shall see both the strength and the courage. But the stimulating counsel of the choir must become the prayer of the Church, and we must constantly intercede at the throne of grace that this our fellow-man, fellow in human frailty, may be sustained by the strengthening bread of the Lord Jesus, and that he may be distinguished by a purity and royalty of character which shall be more radiant than all the brilliant deeds and accomplishments of his reign.—*Recorder*.

A DREAM.

BY REV. W. LOWE.

I had a dream; 'tis true, 'twas but a dream,
But in our dreams the truth may oft unfold;
I dreamt I'd passed the cloud-wrapped, mystic stream,

In the fair city stood, whose streets are gold.

There songs I heard, glad, rapt, ecstatic strains;
From songsters in their robes of spotless white;
No earthly ears ere heard such grand refrains,
Or voice of earth took such transcendent flight.

Sweet was the melody—divinely sweet,
In praise of Christ, the great redeeming Lord;
But still their joy was not yet made complete,
And in their rapturous songs one minor chord.

For on the open gates long looks were cast;
The gaze of those whom some great hopes inspire;
When through the gates of pearl new throngs were passed,
Expectant looks of longing, fond desire.

And frequent from the white-robed ranks of song
Some singer would arise and swiftly fly,
To meet some loved one in the entering throng;
Their bliss now perfect—now complete their joy.

The joy of one whose dearest wish is gained;
The looked and longed for is at last possessed;
The crowning blessing now with joy attained;
A soul-reunion in the Land of Rest.

In this, my dream, it was revealed to me,
The griefs we bear, our losses fraught with pain,
Enhance, perfect the blest felicity,
Of those who've entered rest—our loss their gain.

And so our tears we dry, and weep no more;
But for the time of heavenly meeting wait;
For those who've gained the fair celestial shore,
Have now become the watchers of the gate.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE. (Continued From Page 1.)

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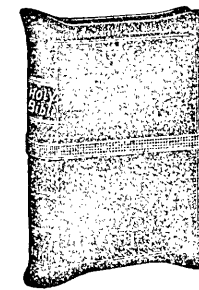
"Now, if I were only an ostrich," began the man at the breakfast table, as he picked up one of his wife's biscuits, "then"— "Yes," interrupted the patient better half, "then I might get a few feathers for that old hat I've worn for three winters."—Chicago News.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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

Hannaberry, Ark., Oct. 29, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: If Miss Katherine will give me a seat I will sit down and chat awhile. My papa takes the Methodist. I have just gotten back from my grannie's. I have two brothers, named Frank and John. We ride to school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Goodwin. I like her fine. My age is between nine and thirteen. I am in the fourth grade. For pets I have a baby brother, a dog, a cat, and some pigeons. I will have to close for this time. I hope to see my letter in print. Goodbye.

Your new cousin,
Louella Murdaugh.

Frederick, Okla., Nov. 11, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: Will you let me join your happy band of cousins? I am a little boy eight years old and this is my first time to write to the paper. We live on a farm, but have a good Sunday school and church. I like to read the children's page very much. For a pet, I have my little baby brother, twenty months old. I have never been to school yet but mama teaches me at home. If I see this letter in print I will write again.

Your new cousin,
Emerson E. Oaks.

Scotland, Ark., Nov. 6, 1911.

Hello Miss Katherine and Cousins: How are you all this cold evening? It has been some time since I have written to the children's page so I thought I would write again. I am not going to school. I have been picking cotton. How many of you cousins like to pick cotton? I do. My married sister was here today. Today was our meeting day, but our preacher is gone to Conference. Our pastor's name is Brother Geo. Hatchet. We all like him fine. I will describe myself: I am thirteen years, I weigh 130 pounds. I have light brown hair, brown eyes and fair complexion. Now I will describe our place. I live on a farm. Our house faces east. We have in our East yard a weeping seringa bush. It has pretty white blossoms. I wish Miss Ruth Carr would write us some more good stories. I will close. I hope the waste basket has gone visiting.

Your sincere cousin,
Bessie Mizell.

Vinson, Okla., Nov. 26, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: Will you allow space for two more Oklahoma girls? As it is so stormy this afternoon that we can't go to singing we will come in and chat awhile with the cousins. We go to Sunday school most every Sunday. Our superintendent is Brother Neil. We like him fine. We have an organized class which meets every Friday night and studies and discusses the Sunday school lesson. Our teacher is Brother Roach. Our pastor is Brother Scivally. This is his second year at this place. Every one likes him. How many of you cousins like to go to school? We do. Our

school begins the fourth of December. We have a good school. Mr. Roberts is our teacher. How many of you cousins like to read good books? We have read Stepping Heavenward, Black Beauty, Ten Nights in a Bar Room, The Talbury Girls, George Clifford, The Sky Pilot, India, Darkness and Daylight, and many others.

We will describe ourselves. One of us has light hair, fair complexion and is five feet four inches tall and weighs one hundred and twenty pounds. The other one has brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, is five feet two inches tall and weighs one hundred fifteen pounds. Now listen at the cousins laughing. But if you could see us you wouldn't laugh very much. Guess our ages. We are between fourteen and twenty. The one guessing them will receive a card. We will guess Florian Rogers' age to be twelve years. We hope we are right. Well as our letter is getting rather long, we will bid you adieu.

Daisy and Buttercup.

Piedmont, Okla., Dec. 5, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: How are you today? I am fine. What do you want for Xmas? How do you like school? I like it fine. I am in the fifth grade at school. My school teacher's name is Miss Vesta Etchison. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. Ratcliff. They are both good teachers. Who has my birthday? the 1st of October. I am between ten and fourteen. I will ask a question: Who was the oldest man and how old was he? Now I will ask some riddles: If tong, poker and shovel came to \$7.75, what would a ton of coal come to? A man rode across a bridge but yet he walked? Well I will ask Nena Wolff to hand me my old ragged shawl and I will go.

From your friend,
Ina L. Simpson.

West Point, Ark., Dec. 1, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: Will you let a little Arkansas girl join your happy band? How many of you cousins like to go to Sunday school? I do for one. How many of you cousins like pets? I do. I have a little puppy. I am nine years old and am in the third grade. I live right on the bank of little Red river. As this is my first letter I will close, so as not to make it too long. With much love to Miss Katherine and all the cousins, I am

Your new cousin,
Effie Swann.

Purcell, Okla., Dec. 6, 1911.

Dear old Western Methodist: After so long a time here I am again, asking the cousins for a little time and space, in which to recount the events which have happened since last we met. The last time you heard from me I wrote under an assumed name, so I do not suppose you will recognize in this demure maiden, the wild Oklahoma Brunette of former times.

Several of the cousins guessed at my age, but no one was fortunate enough to be correct. At that time I was fourteen years of age, two years, however, have left their furrows on my brow, and I am now sixteen. Well, cousins, I am still plodding away, am a Senior this year though, looking forward with eagerness for June to come and bring with it commencement. Then, of course, comes four years of happy college life before I shall enter upon the joys of teaching.

What did you cousins do last summer? I spent vacation in Texas, on the Llano river, one of the prettiest places I have ever seen. Surrounded by high mountains with their marble and granite quarries, the little river flowing over many stones and white gleaming sand, it is a veritable land of promise to the tired school girl, just free from studies.

On our way there we passed through Oklahoma's largest coal fields, and the

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three towns of Midway, Lehigh, and Coalgate, all visible at the same time. We also saw a mountain of rocks that looked like bricks placed in by some human hand.

Near Llano is a beautiful place called Wilburn's Glen, through which runs a stream as clear as crystal, the water of which is petrifying.

Six miles from Llano is a mountain known as Sharp mountain, and it is certainly sharp. The slope is all one way, the northeast side of it being so steep that it has never been climbed. On the slope of the mountain is an old mine, said to be started by the Spaniards long ago. I saw some rock that came out of it, 200 feet below the ground. The queer characteristic of the rock is that every time it is broken it breaks perfectly square so long as there is a piece of it left to break.

I certainly enjoyed the story, In Spite of Prison Walls, by Ruth Carr. There is no need to ask how many are reading it, for every cousin reads Ruth Carr's stories with enjoyment. Cousins, I have a scheme: Let's find out when Ruth Carr's birthday comes, and every boy and girl who reads the children's page send her a card. Don't tell her about it, though, let it come as a surprise. Would not that be fun? Come on Mrs. Ruth, tell us when it is.

How many of the girls and boys are taking German? Hold up your hands. I am and like it fine. We are learning to sing Die Lorelei now.

Well, I suppose I have filled enough space for this time. Love to all the cousins and three cheers for Miss Katherine, our loyal helper.

Elizabeth Gregg.

Marianna, Ark., Nov. 8, 1911.

Miss Katherine: I will write to the children's page for the second time. Well it is autumn once more and the robins are here to sing and chirp for those who have to gather crops. But there are not very many of them who think about who gave them these crops and these earthly things they have. Have any of you who read the Western Methodist ever thought about it? We would not raise crops if it was not God's will. But God loves his children and feeds them and cares for them just as a father and mother cares for their children. But just think. Go to town and look around. There are about five churches and about ten or fifteen saloons. Well I guess I had better close.

Yours truly,
Dolile Clifton.

Carpenter, Okla., Nov. 28, 1911.

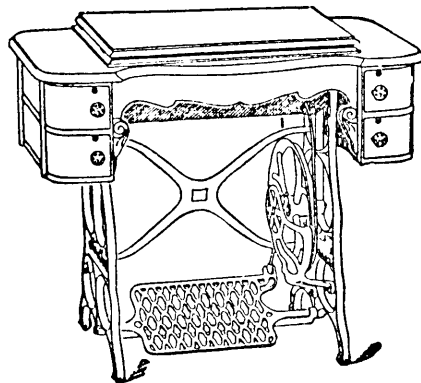
Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: How are you all this cold afternoon? I am rather chilly. Let me come in and chat with you. I will take my seat by Ethel Mae Atkison. Our school has begun but I haven't started yet. I intended to start Monday but it was so bad. How many of you cousins go to Sunday school? I do when it isn't too bad weather. My mother is superintendent and my father is a Methodist preacher. Well I believe I will describe myself. I am five feet tall, have brown hair and brown eyes, I weigh eighty-eight pounds and my age is between thirteen and sixteen. The one guessing it will receive a post card. I will guess Ethel Mae Atkison's age to be thirteen. Hope I am right. Edith Lendrum I will guess your age to be fourteen. Well I will close by asking a riddle. "Round as a rainbow, teeth like a cat. Guess all

night and you can't guess that." Hand me my scarf Miss Katherine and I will be going.
Your cousin,
Ola Burns.

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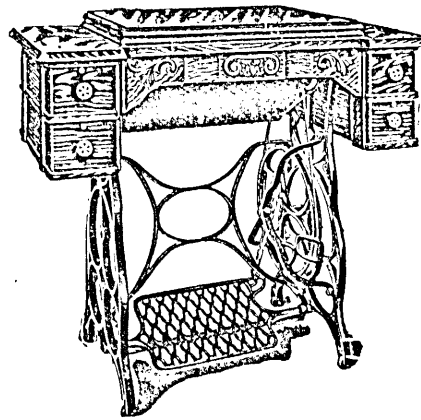
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The End of the Fiscal Year.

December 31 not only closes the calendar year, but now marks the end of the fiscal year of the Board of Missions. The Treasurers and other officers will close their books the last day of the old year when the records of the year will be written and all pass up before the Judge who knows our every effort. Next day, January 1, the reports from the auxiliaries must go to the corresponding Conference officers. Let all the Vice-Presidents report to the Conference Vice-Presidents, the Treasurers to the Conference Treasurers, the Secretaries to the Conference Secretaries. Let all dues, pledges and specials be collected and report in full. If any auxiliary fails to report, the record of our work will be incomplete and your work suffer. The Conference Vice-Presidents furnish blanks for the auxiliary reports to each auxiliary. If you chance not to have these blanks, write immediately to your Conference officer for them. The Secretaries and Treasurers find the blanks for their reports in the books which have been prepared for their Departments.

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DECEMBER 23.

December 23 is the birthday of Miss Lucinda Be Helm, the founder of the Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South. An invitation is extended to every woman in Southern Methodism to give an expression of her appreciation of the life and work of this pioneer in Home Mission work, by a birthday gift on the 23rd of December. Let every auxiliary call especial attention to this occasion and if possible observe the day by a special service. If the service is not possible because of the many home duties of the season, then furnish every member with a small envelope into which she may place her gift, and on the 23d let her send it to the Auxiliary Treasurer. Let the envelope bear this inscription:

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Why should we celebrate Miss Helm's birthday? First, because this completes our twenty-fifth year as an organization for Home Mission work. It is fitting that a special gift should be made at such a season. Second, these twenty-five years have enlarged the life of the women of the church. One who has entered into this connectional work can fail to recognize what an enlargement of life it has meant to her. Third, the great need of a chapel and dormitory at Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., makes it absolutely necessary for some building to be erected at once. At present we have no chapel where all of the school can be gathered at any one service. We have no room where the boys and girls can have gymnasium or opportunity for physical culture. We are crowded for school-room capacity. Nor have we money to put up such a building without special collection. Fourth, this great need calls for a special collection now, and nothing could be more fitting than that we should commemorate the close of the twenty-fifth year of the organization of the Home Mission Society by some special thank offering. Could there be a more beautiful manner of celebrating Miss Helm's birthday and the close of this quarter of a century of Home Mission work for whom her pen so vigorously wrote in former years, this most needed accessory to that work? Could a man more gracefully adorn the cap-stone than that of Lucinda B. Helm?

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TEXARKANA PREACHERS' MEETING.

On Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock the Texarkana pastor's met at First Church and after prayer by Brother Cummins, pastor of the Fair View church, organized. Brother James Thomas, pastor of the First Church was chosen as President and Ben C. Few, pastor of the College Hill church was made secretary.

Bro. Thomas reported a very happy opening at First Church with a very gratifying advancement along all lines of church activity. In an excellent service on Sunday morning Dr. Morris preached a great sermon. Sunday morning crowds are good but smaller in the evening services. The finances are well established upon a permanent basis. Prayer meetings are not well attended though intensely religious. The Sunday school is thoroughly organized and doing a great work that is felt. Seven new members received since Conference. The church is preparing to build a parsonage this year.

The Fairview Church had been without a pastor for three months, but Bro. J. L. Cummins, the present pastor, reported the prayer meeting and Sunday school at work, very thrifty and well attended on his arrival. The stewards have adopted the weekly payment plan for financing the church. Attendance on the church services is good. All departments are sadly in need of room for their operations. The congregations are full at eleven o'clock but larger at night. Few new members since conference.

The pastor of the College Hill church reported full attendance on both morning and evening services. An especially good service at night when a prospective preacher was received by transfer. The prayer meeting and Sunday school are well attended by the young people. On Monday night about 75 of the flock came to the parsonage to get acquainted. A very pleasant evening was spent together and a great store of provisions was left by the good visitors. The stewards have arranged for the preacher and Presiding Elder to be paid by a monthly check. Three members received thus far.

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WILLIAMS.—Jack Williams was born at Lono, Hot Spring county, Ark., May 10, 1870; died at St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock, Ark., October 1, 1911; age forty-one years, four months and twenty-one days. He was not a member of any church, but he was a Christian. He died in full triumphs of a living faith, leaving evidence to his mother and brothers and sisters that all was well. Dying perfectly in his right mind, sending a message back to his loved ones at home by a brother who watched over him and a special message to his youngest brother and then taking his own brother by the hand, said, Well, Asa, I will bid you farewell, and quietly and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. He was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed not only by his own loved ones but by many others. He was a good business man and always ready to help the needy. Being his pastor I was brought in very close relationship with him and I know he was a good man, and he told me he had no excuse for not being a member of the church. May God help all the family to so live in this world that they may meet Brother Jack in the sweet by and by.

His pastor,
D. P. Forsythe.

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McPEAK.—Elizabeth McPeak was born in Pulaski county, Georgia, April 29, 1827; was married to Dr. W. D. Ellis January 6, 1848. To their union four children were born. Only one of them, her daughter, Ella Bryan, survives her. She was converted in the year 1848 and a little later joined the M. E. Church, South. She never grew tired of the way but the way grew brighter until the end. Her happiest hours were while engaged in the work for souls. She was left a widow April 14, 1861, with two little children living to care for, which she faithfully did. During this time in life she professed perfect love and ever since by her life and testimony she has held up that standard.

She was married to Wm. McPeak, October 15, 1869, who she leaves to mourn her absence. She also accepted the Lord as her divine healer and was wonderfully healed several times. After great suffering for several days she passed away quietly. All was done that loving hands could do, but God was ready to take her home. The summons came August 10, 1911, at 12:30, which she was ready and willing to obey. She died on the farm of her grandson, Edgar Bryan, in Beaver county, Okla. Hers was the most beautiful life I ever knew: she was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. She always seemed to carry a great burden for the unsaved. She never was too tired even in her old age to pray for and work with lost souls. She was a teacher in Sunday school and a few days before her death she stood in the pulpit after Sunday school and pleaded with the unsaved to give themselves to God. And then sat, being too weak to stand, and rejoiced greatly of her hope of that reward which she so soon went to enjoy. Her life was an inspiration to all who knew her, especially to the writer, for I was closely associated with her. Her faith was strong. She often made this expression that she took the gospel at its fourfold meaning: justification, sanctification, divine healing and looking for the second coming of our Lord. She was a true type of Methodism to which she

was loyal. She always carried her financial part. Her home was a home for the preachers and she was always a mother to them. My affection for her was great, but I don't think that sways my judgment. I think it can truly be said of her that she hath done what she could. I pray that we may stand true to God and meet her in the bright beyond, when her cup seemed to run over she often used these words: Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide me, till I reach that blissful shore, where the angels wait to join us in thy praise forever more.

Her grandson,
Claud Bryan.

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BEENE.—Mary J. Beene, only daughter of M. S. and Rosa Props, was born October 22, 1852 and died at her home near Center Point, Arkansas, August 4, 1911. She was married in 1873 to R. H. Beene, who died in 1884. When she was fifteen years old she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South in which she lived consistently until her death.

No doubt during her twenty-seven years of widowhood many perplexing problems presented themselves to her but she solved them all patiently. No doubt the burdens incident to being both the provider and counselor for her family of five children weighed heavily upon her at times but she bore them unflinchingly. She was not a woman who made great pretensions but in her home life she read God's word to her children and exhorted them to let it be their guide. Such memory is very precious to them now. Her aged mother awaits patiently and almost eagerly the summons to a reunion with her only daughter. May that reunion be one of an unbroken family.

Sincerely,
C. G. Hughes.

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ARNN.—Mrs. Ethel Dunaway Arnn was born at Jamestown, Ark., July 10, 1877. She died at Little Rock, October 17, 1911. Sister Arnn was religious from a child. She joined the Methodist church in early childhood. On April 26, 1899 she was married to Mr. T. B. Arnn. They established and maintained a beautiful Christian home. For a number of years they have been faithful and active members of Asbury church. She was an earnest worker among the women and Brother Arnn is a faithful steward. Sister Arnn's death was a great triumph. After some months of suffering, during which her faith, patience and fortitude never failed her, she passed sweetly and peacefully to her reward. She leaves a husband, a mother and one brother to mourn her taking away. May God's grace sustain them.

A. O. Evans,
Pastor Asbury.

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COMBS.—On November 10, 1911 the death angel came to the home of J. W. Combs and took from them the precious father and husband. Mr. Combs was born in Cherokee county, Ala., October 4, 1839; professed faith in Christ early in life, joined the Presbyterian church and lived therein until about twenty years ago, then united with the M. E. Church, South, ever living a consistent, Christian life. He delighted in going to church and hearing the gospel preached. His heart went out to the needy and suffering. He was truly a friend indeed to all. He leaves a wife and ten children to mourn their loss. Physicians, friends and loved ones did what they could, but to no avail.

In the death of Brother Combs,

Bates Sunday school has lost one of its most worthy members, one who by precept and example tried to make every one better by having known him. Brother Combs was superintendent of Bates Sunday school and had been ever since it was organized about five years ago. He was ever faithful to his duty, always present when it was possible for him to be there. Little did we think that on the last Sunday he was with us as he stood up and sang, "When the Roll is Called I'll be there," when the Sunday school met again he would be gone to answer the roll call of Heaven.

L. J. Atkins,
S. J. Cheatham,
T. A. Hall,
Committee.

HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS' MEETING.

The preachers of Hot Springs met at Central church, Dec. 11, with Bro. C. O. Steel presiding. Present, C. O. Steel, C. W. Drake, J. R. Dickerson and S. K. Bennett. The following reports were made.

Malvern Avenue, C. W. Drake, had about 70 at morning hour and 100 or more at the evening hour and 50 in attendance at Sunday school.

Third Street, J. R. Dickerson, reported congregation increasing in number and interest. Received two by certificate. Had 127 at Sunday school. Had a good League service. Also good prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Park Avenue, S. K. Burnett reported good prayer meeting Wednesday evening. 102 in attendance at Sunday school. Right good congregations at both morning and evening hours.

Central Church pastor having been called to Nashville, Ark., on account of the illness of his father, was not present. Brother Steel reported very good congregations at both morning and evening hours. Two additions by certificate 283 in attendance at Sunday school.

Tigert Memorial. Bro. O. H. Keadle was called to Pine Bluff on business and was not present. We had no report from that charge.

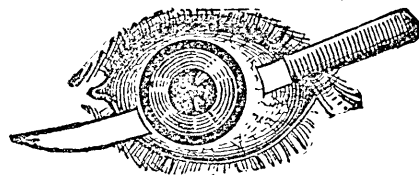
S. K. Bennett.

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Theo. F. Brewer.

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SUGGESTIONS ON THE STORAGE OF APPLES.

By Ernest Walker, Professor of Horticulture.

Formerly, before the day of the large commercial orchard, and the refrigerator car, when the growing of apples was largely a matter of home supplies and local marketing; it was common to keep a supply of apples for winter use or store the surplus fruit in the common cellar. Again, they were kept in piles in the open, placed on some inches of straw, covered with straw or leaves, boards, and several inches of soil. With good keeping varieties, reasonable pains, and a cold winter this plan was very successful. Many of us remember the relish with which we ate those mellow frosted apples with their faint earthly flavor. The practice was of course better suited to northern climates than to warmer. The common cellar was also used to keep apples, but the fruit some times decayed early and badly owing to seasonal conditions, the way handled and to various causes. One of the chief sources of trouble, however, arose from an imperfect understanding of the principles involved in keeping fruit and in the management of the cellar. The notion prevalent was that the cellar is for the purpose of keeping cold air out, and to protect the contents of the cellar against freezing. At the North and during severe weather this is true. In milder weather, however, and southward where the winters are mild, the reverse is true, the point, under these conditions, being to keep cold air in, and by careful attention to ventilation during cool weather and of nights to cool the interior of the cellar and its contents and maintain as far as possible a uniformity in the inside temperature. This uniformity, observing ones learned, had more to do with keeping apples successfully than the actual temperature itself. The latter might be a few degrees warmer or cooler as the case might be with less danger to the fruit than follows sudden variations. Once chilled any subsequent rise in temperature causes the fruit to sweat from the deposit of moisture from the air on the cool surface of the fruit, hence a rise in temperature is more to be guarded against than the contrary. Since in ordinary storage it is commonly impossible to maintain a wholly uniform temperature, the thing then to do is to avoid sudden changes. A cool air free from

excessive dampness, as much uniformity in temperature as possible, and darkness, are the conditions favorable to the keeping of fruit in ordinary storage. A well insulated door and a well insulated vestibule entrance to the cellar makes it much easier to prevent sudden changes and contributes greatly to prolong the period through which fruit may be kept in sound condition.

It is desirable also to enter the cellar as little as possible except when the outside temperature is lower than that within. It is obvious that the apple cellar gives better results when wholly separate from the room in which ordinary preserved or canned fruit is kept.

The apple is a living thing. It is taking in oxygen and breathing out carbonic dioxide as a result of the chemical processes going on in its tissues. These changes go on both before and after it is picked. They are more rapid in summer temperatures and slower in lower temperatures although they do not cease even at the temperature used in cold storage rooms which is near the freezing point. Different varieties show great differences in the rate at which these changes proceed under given conditions consequently vary greatly in keeping qualities. The degree of maturity also is a determining factor. Apples which are allowed to mellow on the tree or after they are gathered have their life period greatly shortened. Yet there are no advantages to be derived from packing fruit green. The ideal stage is when the fruit is full grown but some days before it would begin to show signs of mellowness. Other points to be observed are the selection of late maturing, good keeping varieties, and gathering the fruit in cool weather, or late going into the cellar. A common practice formerly was to pile the fruit in the shade in the open air or in a freely ventilated building before placing it in storage. This was for the purpose of allowing it to go through a so-called "sweat." This process was thought to improve color and favor a slight shrinkage, also a toughening of the skin. It also allowed specimens as were not in sound condition or too ripe to develop signs of decay. The pile was then sorted over one or more times leaving only the sound fruit for storing. The latter result was no doubt of more real value than the so-called "sweat," as we know that diseased or scabby, or fruit showing mechanical injuries will not keep well under any conditions. Cold arrests the activities of most of these organisms present but one of these fungi at least works even at temperatures near the freezing point. The location of the cellar on a slope or hillside to the north, with openings up and down the hill favors free and thorough ventilation during cool nights. By opening the cellar early in the night in cold weather and closing the doors before sunrise the cellar is cooled and the cold air is kept caged in. Under ordinary seasonal conditions the cellar so managed keeps fruit fairly well. The essential idea is in keeping the cool air in rather than keeping out warm air or protection against freezing and maintaining as equable a temperature as possible by careful attention to ventilation. By these methods the writer has seen apples kept in cellars in Northwest Arkansas with fair success till the latter part of January. Here, however, owing to the elevation the climatic conditions are in many respects similar to those of points considerably northward. In the less elevated or the cotton section of the State, the attempt to keep apples out of cold storage would likely result ordinarily only in complete failure. Even in the elevated sections the temperature at gathering time usually continues quite high for some weeks after

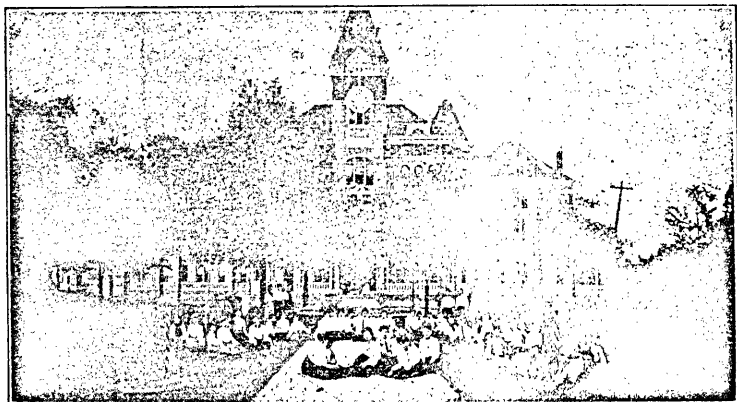
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gathering which augments the difficulties. If by means of a few tons of ice the temperature of the cellar and the apples could be promptly cooled, the uncertainty of keeping apples till mid-winter or possibly later would be greatly reduced as this prompt cooling is very important in retarding the ripening process and lengthening the keeping period.

It is not advisable, however, to attempt the storage in common cellars of large quantities of fruit intended for shipment in late winter. It is too big a risk for the grower; nor is it necessary since in most localities where apples are grown commercially, ice manufacturing and refrigeration storage plants of large capacity are within reach of the grower. These plants furnish a low and uniform temperature and are capable of holding sound fruit of the better keeping varieties in perfect condition till the following April or May. But right here is a point for the grower to carefully note. Fruit does not keep in cold storage satisfactorily unless it is carefully and properly handled by the grower before sending it to the storage room. Growers are constantly making serious mistakes in the matter of storing fruit, and to some of these I wish to call attention and emphasize.

In the first place it does not pay to store inferior grades of fresh fruit for marketing, no matter how short the fruit crop may be in your section. Such fruit does not keep well and in the next place it is a blunder to try to get the public to pay a good price for poor fruit. In 1907, misled by reports of a short crop and the prospect of high prices, growers stored vast quantities of stuff not entitled to rank above the grade of culls. It began to "go down" shortly, and was rotting, and shrinking to the extent of 30 or 40 per cent by January. In some cases the entire



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quantity rotted by March, and the grower was out the cost of cratage, freight, and storage above the loss of his apples. It does not pay.

Grade the fruit according to size, color, and quality, and pack so that the contents of packages are the same from top to bottom. Mark and sell according to grade. And (if the conditions seem favorable) store only the best grades. But don't store even these grades if the price at the orchard is fair, and you have an offer at a reasonable price. Let those who have the capital, and who make a specialty of storage take the risks, unless you are carefully studying the fruit supplies and markets over the whole country. It is in essence simply a form of speculation, a gamble, although possibly an intelligent one, that the price of fruit will advance after the main supplies are cleaned up.

It goes without saying that fruit to rank as first class must be free from blemishes due to fungi and insects. It must be of fair size and color for the variety, uniform, and so carefully picked and handled that it shall be free from even slight bruises. If only such fruit is stored, the risk of keeping and of realizing a satisfactory price under changing market conditions is very much less than otherwise. Tight packages for cold storage apples, head cushions at top and bottom of barrels are desirable. Paper wrappers are of value in packing the fancy grades.

Now comes the point which, possibly more than any other, is a common source of loss here in Arkansas. The intelligent grower may as a matter of good judgment observe the

points just mentioned, but blunder here because the lesson learned comes only after experience or very careful inquiry. The mistake referred to consists in barreling or boxing up apples and letting them lie in the orchard, or in buildings for several days before they are sent to storage. Sometimes the car remains on the track several days before the loading is completed. In either case several days elapse before the fruit is sent to storage. In one case coming to my knowledge the fruit was kept out of storage for several weeks. Fruit so handled is almost sure to shrink to the extent of 30 or 40 per cent by January, sometimes more.

One year, as an experiment, the writer kept thirty barrels of apples in a shed at the barn during warm weather in late September. They were allowed to remain there in the shade for a week before they were hauled away and placed in storage. In the last apples shipped that season (in March the shrinkage was not over 10 per cent for apples placed promptly in storage, while for the bulk of the stored stock consisting of several car loads shipped out before this the barrels were simply opened and "plugged" (the insertion of two or three apples at the top to prevent shaking about) in loading them out. Of the thirty barrels, however, held for a week during warm weather only ten barrels were left after re-running them, when shipping out the last fruit. The rest of this particular lot had rotted.

The rule to be invariably followed in handling apples for storage is to get them into storage the same day they are gathered and packed. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold till the next day or over night, but the rule should be to have them in the storage room within three or four hours after being packed. The sooner the better.

The opinion has been prevalent that apples from cold storage "go down" quickly when taken out of storage. This is not necessarily true as recorded experimental results of investigations have shown.

Much depends on the variety, ripeness, soundness or condition of the fruit stored, and the temperature to which the fruit is removed. The sudden exposure of apples from cold storage to a much warmer temperature results in copious "sweating" even to the point of dripping in a few minutes. The packing of better grades of fruit and earlier disposal of the fruit would obviate the necessity of much of the "re-running" of stored apples and prevent much loss. Where necessary to re-run the fruit some plan of avoiding this sudden extreme change of temperature would be of great value. This might be accomplished by re-running the fruit in cooler temperatures, or letting it stand unopened and compact in a slightly warmer room for a day or so before opening and re-running it.

The limits of this circular required great brevity. Further information will be gladly furnished on application to the Experiment Station.

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UPS AND DOWNS OF THE TWINS. By Ruth Carr.

A short distance from where Martha and Caroline lived there was a large mill pond with a pretty little white boat dancing about on the light waves made by the cool breezes that blew across the water.

The children had learned to row this little boat and their father said it was fine exercise for them. Every afternoon as soon as school was dismissed they hurried home, put their books on the hall table, went to the kitchen safe for a cold potato or a chunk of ginger bread, then hurried away to the pond.

Usually they took turns at rowing, but occasionally they sat on the middle seat and took an oar apiece, then sent the light canoe skimming over the water at a rapid rate.

Their mother never felt quite safe when the girls were out on the water, for there were many deep holes in the pond—but as they had never had an accident she began to breathe more freely and feel better satisfied.

It was a common practice with the children to hang their bare feet over the side of the boat and paddle along as they enjoyed the cool water.

One day as Caroline was sitting in the end of the boat with both little feet dangling in the water as Martha rowed, the temptation came to the latter who was always on the lookout for fun, to slap water on her sister with the paddle. With Martha to think was to act, so a moment later the long oar was lifted and the heavy splash sent a spray of water full on Caroline's back drenching her to the skin. She turned in an instance and with her black eyes aflame she snatched one of the oars and with a quick stroke sent a sheet of water full in Martha's face. Caroline never did start a fuss, but when Martha begun it Caroline was a splendid hand to look out for herself. Both children were skilled in the use of the oars so the battle raged hotter every minute. Spray after spray of water rose higher and thicker as it descended on the girls at either end of the boat, but not a word was spoken by either. No time for talk for their mouths would be filled with muddy water that was taking their breath every minute and making their teeth chatter.

"Let's quit," said Martha who was worn out.

"I didn't start it, and I'll not stop it," said Caroline as she slapped another spray full in Martha's face.

"Nuff, nuff, nuff," screamed Martha between gasps, "let's quit, I've got enough."

Caroline was never the child to take advantage, so began rowing to the bank where two little figures, with not a dry spot on them, jumped out and stood looking at each other.

"You're the ugliest thing I ever saw," said Martha.

"You wouldn't say that if you looked in the mirror."

"What will mama say?"

"Bet we get a whipping."

"Let's tell her the boat turned over with us."

"No," said Caroline, "that won't do, for she'd never let us come back to the pond again!"

"Well, what'll we do?"

"Let's slip round the back way and climb in the window; we can have on dry clothes before she finds it out."

After climbing the fence they slipped along close to the side of the house and climbing on to a box were soon in their room. The water was still streaming from their clothes that stuck tight to their little bodies, and two little pools of water were soon formed on the floor where they stood.

"You unbutton my back and I'll unbutton yours," said Martha turning round and backing up to her sister.

Their wet clothes were just ready to

slip off when they heard a step in the hall. Two dripping little figures made a dash for the large, old-fashioned wardrobe that stood in the corner. Inside they went, hiding behind the dresses and cloaks.

A moment later their mother entered the room and stood looking at the puddles of water on the floor, but nowhere did she see the little truants. Not a sound was heard! She was just on the point of going out when a subdued giggle issued from the wardrobe, so with her suspicions aroused she opened the door and two very wet little rats were pulled from behind the dresses.

"If it hadn't been for your giggling she wouldn't have found us," said Caroline in contempt.

The whole story was soon told and for punishment the children were sent to the back yard where they had to draw water at the well and wash all their wet clothes.

It didn't seem so funny now and Caroline said:

"Bet I don't let you get me into another scrape like this one."

"Why I'd do a little dab of washing like this every day to have another battle," said the fun-loving Martha.

PEGGS CIRCUIT.

I have made one round on my work since Conference, the Peggs circuit, being my second year on this work, although the work is enlarged. I have this year six appointments and a great deal of territory to travel over to get around my work. I travel a distance of about 115 miles and Mr. Editor, I would like here to ask a favor of the brethren of the Conference. My work is out in the rough mountainous part of the country between Grand and Illinois rivers, extending from Grand river to within twenty miles of Siloam Springs, Ark. The people in general are poor people. We have many isms to contend with that is strongly opposing Methodism still I am glad to say that we are slowly but surely gaining ground and if we can succeed in planting Methodism firmly here it will make a very profitable field because it is a good agricultural country and I am doing my very dead level best to plant Methodism deep and firm. I have had the misfortune to lose my horse with blind staggers, leaving me with no way to travel; however, I have bought on short time a span of small ponies and buggy and harness for \$150.00, which affords me a good way to travel over this country. If the brethren who serve good charges will help me some to pay for this rig they will do much in helping the Gospel and also to plant Methodism in this important field. I am also taking in all the weak appointments I can where I can get the people to attend. I am asking this help because it seems that if the people support the preacher it will be about all they can do this year with what missionary appropriation we get as this is a mission field with a small appropriation. Brother John W. Sims, who was our P. E. last year, can give any of the brethren any information about the needs of this field or the worthiness of this pastor they might desire. I am yours for the Lord and Methodism,

W. I. Stevens, P. C.

Box 77, Peggs, Okla.

POUNDED AT MABELVALE.

At the last Annual Conference Bishop McCoy returned us to Mabelvale, our former charge. Here we were received with open hearts, and to show their appreciation of us on Thanksgiving night we were showered with quite a lot of good things.

May God bless the people of Mabelvale.

Respectfully,

PASTOR AND WIFE.

December 9, 1911.



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VINITA AVENUE, SULPHUR.

I haven't been pounded yet, but I am already dodging. No pastor, I dare say, ever returned to a work and received a more royal welcome than this one. The crowded houses yesterday attested the universal interest in the Lord's work—the occasion being my first appearance in my pulpit since Conference. Our cup was full and running over. Sixteen adults, counting two who had been included in my reports, joining the church, among them some of the best and most influential people of the town. Most of them were people from the Baptist, Congregationalist, and Christian churches, who, recognizing a live people, desired to join them in their work.

The official board met, and had to be restrained by the pastor from making an increased assessment over last year. The conditions have been as hard with us on account of the drouth as they were with any section, and yet we met all our assessments last year, and closed the best year in the history of this charge. God be praised for his goodness to us! We have a noble people, and when such men as that shrewd Texan, T. F. Gafford, in reply to an apprehensive question, offers to give his check for the entire year's salary and backs it up with that smile of his—well, then it looks as if the Lord were using other men besides the pastor in the carrying on of this work. Right by his side stand Colbert, Smith, Kite, Rogers, Lemon, Potts, Lattimore, Weems, Richardson, Featherston, Fred. Gafford, Echols, Corry—and on the last, first theory—Hannah. We are glad to have with us that stalwart man of God, R. R. Mitchell, who comes to us from the church at Wewoka, bringing with him that woman, against whom I can offer only one criticism—she never wore out enough hickory switches on me when I was little—his wife, and my mother.

M. Columbus Hamilton, Pastor.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents, Miss Vivian Swilley and Mr. Paul Lawrence were united in holy wedlock, December 3, 2 p. m., 1911, J. C. Williams, officiating.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Wilmar	Dec. 16, 17
Warren	Dec. 17, 18
Mount Pleasant	Dec. 22, 23
Monticello	Dec. 23
Hamburg Ct.	Dec. 30
Hamburg Sta.	Dec. 31
Dermott and Portland	Jan. 6, 7
Parkdale and Wilmot	Jan. 7, 8
Collins Ct.	Jan. 10
Lake Village and Blissville	Jan. 13, 14
Snyder	Jan. 14, 15
Watson	Jan. 20, 21
Johnsville	Jan. 27, 28
Hermitege	Jan. 28, 29
Lacey	Jan. 31

The district stewards will meet at Monticello December 20. Let every one be present.
R. W. McKAY, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Hickory Plains Ct., at Bethlehem	Dec. 30, 31
Bryant Ct., at Bryant	Jan. 6, 7
England	p. m., Jan. 8
Benton Ct., at New Hope	11 a. m., Jan. 10
Lonoke	p. m., Jan. 11
Bauxite Ct., at Bauxite	Jan. 13, 14
Mabelvale, at Olive Hill	11 a. m., Jan. 14
Hunter Memorial	p. m., Jan. 15
Asbury	p. m., Jan. 16
Winfield Memorial	p. m., Jan. 17
Highland	p. m., Jan. 18
Capitol View	p. m., Jan. 19
Keo and Tomberlin, at Keo	Jan. 20, 21
First Church	p. m., Jan. 22
DeValls and Hazen, at D. B.	p. m., Jan. 24
Mannelle Ct., at Taylor's Chapel	Jan. 27, 28
Henderson Chapel	p. m., Jan. 31
Oak Hill Ct., at Paran	Feb. 3, 4

The District Stewards will please meet at the First Church in Little Rock, Friday, January 5, at 1:30 p. m. The pastors will please urge their District Stewards to be in attendance. This is important. Please do not overlook it.

ALONZO MONK, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Waldo Ct.	Dec. 16, 17
Magnolia Station	Dec. 18
Magnolia Ct.	Dec. 19
Stephens Station	Dec. 20
Kingsland Ct.	Dec. 23
Fordyce Station	Dec. 24
Hampton Ct.	Dec. 30, 31
Fordyce Mission	Jan. 6, 7
Thornton and Bearden	Jan. 8
Millville Mission	Jan. 9
Junction City Station	Jan. 12
El Dorado Ct.	Jan. 13, 14
El Dorado Station	Jan. 14, 15
Strong Ct.	Jan. 20, 21
Huttig Station	Jan. 21, 22
Chidester Ct.	Jan. 24
Atlanta Ct.	Jan. 27, 28
Atlanta Ct.	Jan. 27, 28
Wesson Station	Jan. 30

District stewards will please meet in the M. E. Church, South in Camden, on Wednesday, December 13, 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m.

THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

De Witt Ct.	Dec. 16, 17
De Witt Sta.	Dec. 17, 18
Gillette	Dec. 19, 20
Grady	Dec. 21
Humphrey	Dec. 28
Rison	Dec. 30, 31
New Edinburg Ct.	Jan. 1, 2
Pine Bluff, First Church	Jan. 7, 8
Lakeside	Jan. 9
Macon	Jan. 11, 12
Carr Memorial	Jan. 13, 14
Hayley Memorial	Jan. 14, 15
Roe Ct.	Jan. 20, 21
Sheridan Ct.	Jan. 27, 28
Redfield Mission	Feb. 3, 4
Star City Mission	Feb. 10, 11
Rowell Ct.	Feb. 12, 13
Swan Lake	Feb. 15

Z. D. LINDSAY, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Foreman Ct., at Foreman	Dec. 12
Horatio Ct., at Horatio	Dec. 15
Vandervoort Ct., at Vandervoort	Dec. 16, 17
Mena Sta.	Dec. 17, 18
Cherry Hill Ct., at Cherry Hill	Dec. 19
Gillham Ct., at Gillham	Dec. 21
Lockesburg Ct., at Lockesburg	Dec. 23, 24
Richmond Ct., at Wilton	Dec. 27
Lewisville Ct., at Lewisville	Dec. 30, 31
Stamps Sta.	Dec. 31-Jan. 1
Patmos Ct., at Spring Hill	Jan. 3
Bright Star Ct., at Olive Branch	Jan. 5
Texarkana Ct., at Holly Springs	Jan. 6, 7
Texarkana, Fairview	Jan. 7, 8
Texarkana, College Hill	Jan. 9
Paraloma Ct.	Jan. 10
Umpire Ct., at Umpire	Jan. 13, 14
Texarkana, First Church	Jan. 15

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Hot Springs Ct., at Gunn Springs	Dec. 16-17
Tigert Memorial	7 p. m., Dec. 17
Friendship, at Midway	Dec. 30, 31
Arkadelphia	7 p. m., Dec. 31
Malvern Ave.	11 a. m., Jan. 7
Park Ave.	7 p. m., Jan. 7
Dalark, at Rock Springs	Jan. 13, 14
Lono, at Hunter's chapel	Jan. 20, 21
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Zion	Jan. 27, 28
Central Ave.	11 a. m., Feb. 4
Third St.	7 p. m., Feb. 4
Holly Springs, at Sardis	Feb. 10, 11
Ussery, at Hughes's chapel	Feb. 17, 18
Princeton, at Macedonia	Feb. 24, 25
Cedar Glades, place to be named	Mar. 2, 3

T. D. SCOTT, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Hope	Dec. 9, 10
Prescott	Dec. 23, 24
Gurdon, at Gurdon	Dec. 30, 31
Amity and Glenwood, at Glenwood	2:00 p. m.
Caddo Gap, at Caddo Gap	2:00 p. m., Jan. 1
Mount Ida, at Mount Ida	10:00 a. m., Jan. 2
Delight, at Delight	2:00 p. m., Jan. 5
Okolona, at Okolona	Jan. 6, 7
Prescott Ct., at Ebenezer	Jan. 13, 14
Columbus, at Columbus	Jan. 20, 21
Washington, at Washington	Jan. 21, 22
Emmet, at Emmet	Jan. 27, 28
Mineral Springs, at Mineral Springs	Feb. 3, 4
Bingen, at Bingen	Feb. 4, 5
Sweet Home, at Sweet Home	Feb. 10, 11
Murfreesboro, at Murfreesboro	Feb. 11, 12
Center Point, at Trinity	Feb. 17, 18
Nashville	Feb. 18, 19
Harmony, at Harmony	Feb. 24, 25
Hope Ct., at Water Creek	Feb. 24, 25

The District Stewards are called to meet in Prescott December 20, at 2:00 p. m.

W. C. HILLIARD, P. E.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Ozark Sta., 7 p. m.	Dec. 15
Ozark Ct., at Pleasant Grove	11 a. m., Dec. 16
Beech Grove, at New Enon	2 p. m., Dec. 17
Mulberry Ct., at Mulberry	11 a. m., Dec. 17
Van Buren Ct., at Long Bell	7 p. m., Dec. 17
Central Church	7 p. m., Dec. 19
Dodson Avenue	7 p. m., Dec. 19
Midland Heights	7 p. m., Dec. 21
First Church	7 p. m., Dec. 22
Greenwood	Dec. 24
Dyer Ct., at Dyer	Dec. 30, 31
Alma and Kibler, at Alma	3 p. m., Dec. 31
Van Buren Sta.	Jan. 7

J. M. HUGHES, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Berryville Ct., at Pleasant Valley	Dec. 16, 17
Berryville Sta.	Dec. 17, 18
Harrison Sta.	Dec. 23, 24
Cabana Ct., at Cabana	Dec. 30, 31
Kingston Ct., at Kingston	Jan. 3, 4
Osage Ct., at Piney	Jan. 6, 7
Marshall Sta.	Jan. 20, 21
Leslie Sta.	Jan. 21, 22
Dennard Ct., at Pleasant Grove	Jan. 22, 23
Clinton Ct., at Pleasant Grove	Jan. 27, 28
Yellville Ct., at Cedar Grove	Feb. 3, 4
Yellville Sta.	Feb. 4, 5
Cotter Ct., at Fairview	Feb. 10, 11
Mountain Home Ct., at M. H.	Feb. 11, 12
Lead Hill Ct., at Lead Hill	Feb. 17, 18
Eureka Springs	Feb. 20, 21
Eugenat Ct., at Higden	Jan. 23, 24

All trustees, Sunday school superintendents, class leaders, League presidents, church conference secretaries, local preachers and exhorters are members of the quarterly conference and as such obligated as the stewards to attend. Put this notice where it will remind you of the time and place of your quarterly meeting.

W. T. MARTIN, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Holland Ct., at Union Valley	Dec. 15
Quitman Ct., at Bethesda	Dec. 16, 17
Quitman Sta.	Dec. 17, 18
Damascus Ct., at Damascus	Dec. 19
Springfield Ct., at Friendship	Dec. 20
Lanty Ct., at Lanty	Dec. 21
Conway Station	Dec. 23, 24
Conway Ct., at Salem	Dec. 27
Clarksville Sta.	Dec. 30, 31

The district stewards will meet at Russellville, Ark., November 27, at 7:30 p. m.

Preachers' meeting at Russellville, November 28, 8:30 a. m.

The trains from either direction reach Russellville at 7:00 p. m. and leave at 7:00 a. m. This will enable us to do our work on the night of the 27th and get back home early the next morning.

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

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

War Eagle Ct., at War Eagle	Dec. 16, 17
Winslow Ct., at Winslow	Dec. 19, 20
Centerton Ct., at Centerton	Dec. 30, 31
Rogers Sta.	Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Pea Ridge Ct., at Pea Ridge	Jan. 6, 7
Bentonville Sta.	Jan. 7, 8
Parkdale and Farmington, at P. J.	Jan. 13, 14
Fayetteville Sta.	Jan. 14, 15
Viney Grove Ct., at V. G.	Jan. 20, 21
Prairie Grove Sta.	Jan. 21, 22
Springdale Sta.	Jan. 27, 28

J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round—In Part.)

Dardanelle Ct., at Pisgah	Dec. 16, 17
Dardanelle Sta.	Dec. 17, 18
Blue Mountain Ct., at B. M. (preaching at 7:00 p. m., Dec. 19; conference, 10:00 a. m., Dec. 20)	Dec. 19, 20
Booneville Ct., at Carolan	Dec. 23, 24

The district stewards will meet at Magazine Dec. 5 and 6. It will take a full day and a half to do the work of the District stewards. Please come to stay till the work is completed. Let each pastor please inform his district steward. All pastors are invited.

WM. T. THOMPSON, P. E.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

ADA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Vanoss Ct.	Dec. 16, 17
Wanette	Dec. 17, 18
Earlboro Ct.	Dec. 22
Wewoka and Seminole	Dec. 23, 24
Roff and Mill Creek	Dec. 30, 31
Pontotoc Ct.	Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Tupelo and Stonewall	Jan. 6, 7
Gertie Ct.	Jan. 7, 8
Union Hill Ct.	Jan. 13, 14
McCloud	Jan. 14, 15

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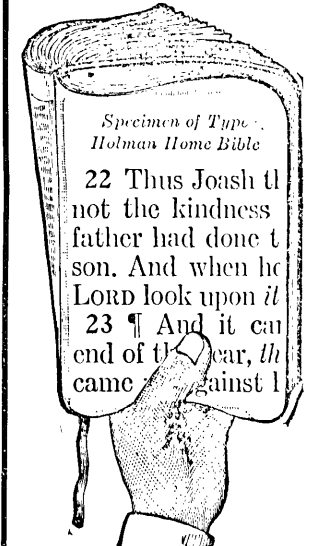
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DURANT DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Grant, 7:00 p. m.	Dec. 16
Adams Sta., 11:00 a. m.	Dec. 17
Tahmina Sta., 7:00 p. m.	Dec. 17
Tahmina Ct., at Albion	7:00 p. m., Dec. 18
Durant, 11:00 a. m.	Dec. 31

WE NEED HELP.

Brethren, you remember that the Epworth Leagues of Little Rock conference agreed to support a man to take charge of a mission and the Mission Board selected me as the man. I am on the ground. I have preached some. Will have not less than eight appointments. There are some fine people in this section of country. I am north of Ouachita river, near the line of Garland and Montgomery counties, and Cedar Glades is headquarters. We have no organized church in this country, either great or small. However, I preached last Sunday at Cedar Glades and Buckville to a good and appreciative congregation and I confidently expect a great year. Now brethren, I want you to tell your people that I have no house to live in and we must build, and while I don't want you to press the matter—just give your people a chance to contribute towards building a parsonage and send me the money, and I promise you that I will make it go as far toward building a parsonage as possible; and brethren if you can't send but one dollar, send it on and help a brother who has no home, to build one, and at the same time encourage the young people who have undertaken such a great work. Please don't lay this aside until you have written me a check for some amount. Yours very much in the work,

J. H. McKelvy.

Cedar Glades, Ark.

PLACE WANTED.

Dear Methodist: There is a young lady in our congregation who is a graduate in music, sings beautifully, is quite a help in all our church work; in choir and Sunday school, who is desirous of teaching a class in some town where she can be of service to the church. If you are in need of such help, address

Ruth Carr,
Box 3, De Vall's Bluff, Ark.

WATSON MISSION.

The Conference saw fit to return us to this field of labor, which was satisfactory. This work all lies on the M. H. and L. R. R., north from McGehee. This is a new railroad from McGehee to Helena. This is an undeveloped country in the heart of the swamp. But we made a gratifying record there last year; had thirty-one accessions by profession of faith. Among them was Brother Morris Malchouspy, a Jew who was naturalized in Desha county. He is our Sunday school superintendent and is making a good one. I married him on the 26th of November to Mrs. Massey, a Gentile.

At our first appointment at Watson this year the stewards declared they wanted to be a half station, that they would raise their assessment and wanted two Sundays in a month after

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W. C. Lewis, P. C.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Chancery Court of Pulaski County, made and entered on the 31st day of March, A. D., 1910, in a certain cause (No. 11230) then pending therein between E. E. Moss as Trustee, complainant, and J. S. Jones, et al, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the door or entrance of the County Courthouse, in which said Court is held, in the County of Pulaski within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Friday the 29th day of December A. D., 1911, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots Five (5) and Six (6), in Block One Hundred and ninety-six (196), in the City of Little Rock, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Terms of Sale: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute a bond as required by law and the order and decree of said Court in said cause, with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 5th day of December, A. D., 1911.

F. A. GARRETT,
Commissioner in Chancery.

LAWTON, OKLA.

After four years of hard but happy toil for our Master and Methodism in Mangum, Okla., I was appointed to Lawton Station at the recent session of West Oklahoma Conference. We are comfortably housed in the splendid parsonage here, and are busy trying to get acquainted with people and conditions. The people I find to be of the best quality, of conditions I cannot say so much; there is much to be done, much to be undone.

My official board has met, organized, and ready for work. The board was kind enough to adopt the plan which I suggested as a wise and successful method of raising the finances necessary to carry forward our work.

This charge was assessed last year beyond its ability, failed to pay up in full, hence more or less discouraged to begin with this year.

The Minutes will show a total membership of 563, whereas in fact, we have only 363 members. One of the first things we did was to purge our rolls of 200 names of members gone, dead, and backslidden.

Now, for a church with a membership of 363, to undertake to pay a salary of \$1,600.00 to pastor, \$266.66 to Presiding Elder, and \$636.00 on benevolences, is not a bad showing to begin with. By the blessing of the good Lord we will report every dollar paid in full at Conference next fall.

We expect to have every dollar of our Conference assessments in the Teller's hands by the end of the first quarter.

We are greatly handicapped in our work by not having a larger and better equipped house of worship for our congregation here. If it please the authorities that be, and the people, under the blessing of our Lord, I will build in this city during the quadrennium a \$50,000.00 church house for our congregation to worship and work in.

Yours for success,

J. S. LAMAR.

NOTICE.

I want a preacher for a station in Clinton district, West Oklahoma conference. Salary \$1,000.00. In answering, give age, experience, family, etc., and send recommendations of your P. E.

M. Weaver, P. E.

Clinton, Okla., Nov. 20, 1911.

A WRITER WHO UNDERSTANDS COLLEGE MEN.

A paper in the January Century, of great interest to college men of the country and their hopeful supporters and admirers, will be Clayton Sedg-

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I will mail, free of any charge, my home treatment with full instructions to any sufferer from woman's ailments. I want to tell all women about this cure—you, my reader, for yourself, your daughter, your mother, or your sister. I want to tell you how to cure yourselves at home without the help of a doctor. Men cannot understand women's sufferings. What we women know from experience, we know better than any doctor. I know that my home treatment is safe and sure cure for Leucorrhoea or Whittish discharges, Ulceration, Displacement or Falling of the Womb, Profuse, Scanty or Painful Periods, Uterine or Ovarian Tumors, or Growths; also pains in head, back and bowels, bearing down feelings, nervousness, creeping feeling up the spine, melancholy, desire to cry, bel flashes, weariness, kidney, and bladder troubles where caused by weaknesses peculiar to our sex.

I want to send you a complete ten day's treatment entirely free to prove to you that you can cure yourself at home, easily, quickly and surely. Remember, that, it will cost you nothing to give the treatment a complete trial; and if you

wish to continue, it will cost you only about 12 cents a week or less than two cents a day. It will not interfere with your work or occupation. Just send me your name and address, tell me how you suffer if you wish, and I will send you the treatment for your case, entirely free, in plain wrapper, by return mail. I will also send you free of cost, my book—"WOMAN'S OWN MEDICAL ADVISER" with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer, and how they can easily cure themselves at home. Every woman should have it, and learn to think for herself. Then when the doctor says—"You must have an operation," you can decide for yourself. Thousands of women have cured themselves with my home remedy. It cures all old or young. To Mothers of Daughters, I will explain a simple home treatment which speedily and effectually cures Leucorrhoea, Green Sickness and Painful or Irregular Menstruation in young Ladies, Plumpness and health always results from its use.

Wherever you live, I can refer you to ladies of your own locality who know and will gladly tell any sufferer that this Home Treatment really cures all women's diseases, and makes women well, strong, plump and robust. Just send me your address, and the free ten day's treatment is yours, also the book. Write to-day, as you may not see this offer again. Address

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wick Copper's first article in a series on "The American Undergraduate." Mr. Cooper will be remembered as the author of several articles in The Century a year ago on Bible study among college men of this country and Asia. He has studied the American student at most of the large universities East and West, and writes out of a sympathetic feeling for his various moods in work and recreation, and with much anecdote. Mr. Raleigh furnishes two drawings.

"Tripoli as an American Sees It," an illustrated article in the January Century, will be a timely contribution by Richard Norton, recently in that country by the Director of the American Archaeological Society's work at Cyrene.

FRUIT FARM.

Sixty-five acres of upland; 55 acres in 8-year-old apple trees just coming into full bearing; most of the balance in old orchard; good condition; large house and barn; good stone cellar with stone smokehouse above; excellent well of water; good fencing. One-half mile from depot. A single full crop will pay for orchard. Owner getting old. Will sell in tracts of 10 acres or over. House not included unless whole farm is sold. A bargain for any man who wants a fruit farm in this fine fruit and berry region. Liberal terms. Cut out this advertisement and address it to J. W. Womack, Centerton, Benton County, Ark.

ANADARKO, OKLA.

We received a warm welcome as pastor of Anadarko M. E. Church, South. The ladies have furnished the parsonage with the needed furniture and the church gave us a pounding, evidencing their purpose to take care of us while we labor with them. The stewards have argued and adapted the plan of weekly payment and every outlook for this little church is bright and we are happy in the work. Pray for us.

W. E. Humphreys.

DR. W. S. MAY.

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BIGELOW, ARK.

In spite of a bank failure and a long move, we are on the field at Bigelow. The field is great, white unto harvest and overflowing with opportunities.

We have only a small band of church people here, but they are loyal and generous. There are many friends

of our church here who are very helpful to our cause.

We have had the usual Methodist pounding, have been received very kindly and are planning to work hard for our Master and his kingdom.

Fraternally,

H. L. Wade.

APPLE LANDS, BENTON COUNTY.

1. One farm of 100 acres, three and one-half miles from Highfill Station, 12 miles southwest of Bentonville; 85 acres in cultivation, 45 acres in apple trees, just now coming into bearing; 12 acres in young timber; close to schools and churches; good neighborhood. This farm is in the great apple region of Benton county, one of the finest regions to be found anywhere. The owner has more than he can look after. Price, \$40.00 per acre, good terms. For fuller particulars cut out this advertisement and write R. L. Coffelt, Centerton, Ark.

2. R. L. Coffelt has another fruit farm of 80 acres near Centerton, Benton County, well improved; six-room house; 20 acres in orchard. Cheap at \$2,200, easy terms. Write him, send this advertisement, at Centerton, Ark.

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Remember, if you want your books kept creditably you must co-operate with me every way.

1. All conference collections and specials are ordered by the Conference to be sent to the Teller.

2. Always give your address and the charge and district amount is to be credited to.

3. Presiding Elders please send me Tables of Assessments at once and oblige.

Your servant,

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