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EDITORIALS

THE ENGINEERING PROBLEM OF THE CENTURY.

The recent great flood in the Mississippi raises the question of the full control of that mighty stream which drains nearly half of our country. As most of the staple crops on which the support and prosperity of our people depend, grow in this vast valley, it is a national problem. It is commonly assumed that the protection of the land and people near the river is the only serious question. The construction of levees along the river is largely for this purpose. That is right and laudable, but, since the interests of the Nation are involved, it is not enough to guard the riparian citizens from immediate damage and to tax only the few for the cost. The problem is complex. The interests are numerous, varied, and often antagonistic. No single State, no local organization, can settle its own questions alone. The cost must be immense, the time long. Only the Nation through President and Congress can hope to measure up to the magnitude of our common needs. Many partial solutions have been suggested, but I have seen no complete analysis and no comprehensive plan. Let me briefly submit both.

Analysis: (1) Lands subject to overflow, most of them close to the Mississippi and its large tributaries, need full and permanent protection; (2) And regions in the West need irrigation; (3) There is needed a better distribution of rainfall so that protracted drouth and excessive rains may be prevented; (4) The immense quantity of rich alluvial soil now carried to the Gulf should be held back and deposited on land to maintain its fertility; (5) A great system of inland waterway for drainage and commerce should be developed; (6) Co-operation of railroads should be secured; (7) The flow of water should be utilized to generate power; (8) Forestry and under-drainage may modify climate and soil conditions.

Explanation: (1) The levees already built should be perfected. If they are too close to the rivers, and consequently in danger of undermining and crevasses, they should be removed to a safer distance. Small levees should be built near the rivers to protect riparian lands from ordinary floods. Mounds should be erected and towns specially protected by double circular levees. (2) By impounding the mountain tributaries and supplying water through canals floods can be diminished in wet seasons and arid lands can be irrigated and made highly profitable. Impounding at the heads of only a few streams might not materially diminish the floods, but, if applied to nearly all tributaries, especially in the mountains where water rushes off rapidly and where by using deep gorges and canons much could be cheaply retained, the holding of water in the aggregate would be enormous and would relieve the lower streams of excess. (3) The creation of many lakes near the arid regions and the larger volume in the lower streams throughout the year would affect evaporation and precipitation and equalize and distribute rainfall so that excessive drouth and rain would be less common.

(4) In the uplands soil is constantly washed into the creeks and carried on to the rivers. When the floods have covered the bottom lands these have been enriched by the deposits left as the waters recede. If all the water is confined between levees, there is an accumulation that gradually fills the channel and necessitates higher levees, but most of the soil is carried in solution to the Gulf and lost so far as present utility goes. If by the construction of water-gates and subsidiary levees a portion of the flood could at the proper time be distributed over the fields they would be enriched without damage and undue pressure on the levees would be relieved and the danger of breaks at high stage reduced. (5) Even railroad men, like J. J. Hill, concede that the railroads cannot increase their capacity fast enough to carry the commerce of the country and that much heavy freight should be carried by water. There are many places where railroad building would be too expensive, many communities to which railroads would never come. All streams in such a country should be straightened and

wasted power. The more it is retarded for power the less damage it will do by erosion. The water power of the Mississippi Valley would do all the work for the people and the railroads, it could be harnessed. The impounded streams, in addition to irrigating, could generate electricity for mills, railroads, and farms. Lower down the streams cut-offs, where sufficient fall could be obtained in a few miles, would furnish canals that would serve as mill races if a steady flow could be assured. Then in narrow places concrete walls might concentrate the water so that immense floating undershot wheels might utilize the running stream. (8) Scientific forestry should be promoted in the highlands so that moisture may be attracted, rain detained by leaves and undergrowth, and erosion retarded. Then throughout the whole agricultural region farmers should be encouraged to lay tile drains. These would draw the water into the ground, keep the ground porous, provide for gradual escape of water, the prevention of drouth, and a constant flow into the ditches and small streams, thus preventing flood on the one hand and providing a continuous flow on the other so that streams might be navigable throughout the year. This, too, would affect the climate and make crops more certain.

The Working Plan: Let Congress provide for a Mississippi Valley Commission, authorized to co-operate, when desired, with commissions created by the several States and communities affected. Let the Commission have the services of a corps of the best engineers in the world. Let a sufficient amount of 5 per cent United States bonds be issued and sold in small lots to the people (not to speculators) to cover the estimated cost for five or ten years, and other issues be made later if needed. Let assessments according to benefit be made at a very low rate (perhaps only a few cents per acre). Let those who are damaged in any way be compensated. Charge for power, irrigation, special transportation advantages, and for direct drainage. The immediate saving from flood loss would be many millions a year. The productive results would be enormous. The revenue would pay off bonds and maintain the system. There can be no doubt of that, because it would be a great co-operative industrial enterprise. It would require twenty-five years for completion, but would begin to show results in five. The superintendent of the system with his expert assistants would know when and where to expect excessive or deficient rainfall. By impounding and releasing, by shunting from swollen to empty streams, by judicious flooding of bottoms, by relieving extra pressure, he would control the mighty volume of the Mississippi and tributaries, enslave it, and make it a source of untold wealth instead of a menace. In pioneer days such a scheme would have been impossible and unreasonable. Now it becomes a practical necessity. Let us use the wisdom and the invention of the civilized world to achieve results in a generation that formerly would have required centuries. With the Gulf and the Panama Canal as outlets we may develop the Mississippi Valley till it becomes the garden of the world. Although this is not a religious subject, it is presented here because of its importance to our constituency. Let us get it before Congress and press for its settlement.

A. C. M.

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER.

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year,
Who lays down the money, and does it quite gladly,

And casts round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says: "Stop it; I cannot afford it,
I'm getting more magazines now than I read."
But always says: "Send it; our people all like it."

In fact, we think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our
sanctum;

How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes
our heart dance!

We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless
him—

The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

— F. G. F., in *Missouri Freeman*.

deepened so that they may be used as canals. In the South especially, much heavy freight for export, such as cotton, sugar, hay, rice, lumber, and coal, could be shipped by canal and river. This would also provide desired drainage for swamps and flat lands. In many places by digging lateral canals connecting small streams running parallel with the larger and providing water-gates, local floods could be averted when the large stream is low by turning the smaller streams more quickly into the larger. Then when the large streams were swollen and small streams were low the latter could be used to relieve the unusual volume of the former. (6) Railroads that cross the bottoms, as the four great systems which run into Memphis from the West, are as vitally interested as the local landowners. They should be led to co-operate by utilizing the levees wherever possible. Thus levees could be built higher and stronger and the railroads could repair and protect them. Then by requiring the railroads to consider their relation to possible flood conditions local situations could often be greatly improved. The government could well afford to give right of way to railroads on all principal levees. (7) Flowing water is

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Paragould District, Imboden.....May 23-25
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Texarkana District, Ashdown.....May 30
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Batesville District, Melbourne, 9 a. m.....July 16
Ada District, Maud.....June 27-30
Camden District, Eldorado, 8:30 a. m.....June 26

Will those who have additional dates please notify us so that they may be inserted?

Rev. W. F. Evans and son, Rev. J. B. Evans, made us a pleasant call Friday.

We are glad to note that Rev. F. C. Sterling is at his post, Leslie charge, after a rather protracted illness.

Rev. W. H. Brown, of Texas, and his accomplished daughter, Miss Beatris, have been assisting Rev. L. B. Ellis in a meeting at Centrehoma, with some good results.

The coal mines of Coalgate ran through April, and will run through May on the old contract, which almost assures there will be no strike and that an agreement for the future will be easy to make.

Rev. J. J. Galloway will represent the Arkansas Conference Board of Church Extension before the parent board at the annual meeting at Louisville, Ky., this week. He made us a brotherly call en route.

Our esteemed neighbor, the Arkansas Baptist, in order to serve a larger constituency, has changed its name to "The Baptist." Editor Newman is awake to every interest of his paper and will doubtless succeed.

Rev. M. J. Rhodes, our pastor at DeQueen, called at this office Monday on his way to Louisville, Ky., where he will represent the Little Rock Conference Board of Church Extension at the meeting of the parent board.

We are glad to make mention of a call by Mr. J. H. Gold, of Washington, Ark., on Friday. Mr. Gold is an old soldier and was on his way to Macon to the Reunion, accompanied by Mr. J. M. Tucker, of Arkadelphia, also a veteran of the Confederacy.

Prof. J. P. Womack, of Magnolia, made us a pleasant call Friday while in the city. From him we learned that the work of rebuilding and remodeling our church at Magnolia was proceeding rapidly and the congregation expects to re-enter about October 1. Professor Womack spoke a kind word about the efforts of the pastor, Rev. W. P. Whaley.

The preachers and people of Arkansas and Oklahoma are quite glad to know that Bishop Candler is coming to them this fall. He is no stranger to the preachers, though he has never

been officially among us before. He is a great preacher of the Word, a prophet of the Lord, as we recently had occasion to observe of him.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, president of the Southern University of Dallas, Texas, spent Sunday with Rev. C. L. Brooks, of Ada, Okla. Rev. S. F. Goddard was also with them. Doctor Hyer says they have about three-fourths of the \$800,000 pledged to secure the \$200,000 the General Board of Education has promised them, which will give them an endowment of \$1,000,000. The school is to begin September, 1913.

This editor spent last Sunday in Fort Smith, preaching in the forenoon at Central and in the evening at First Church, to good congregations at both hours. We find our brethren, Rev. L. M. Broyles and Rev. William Sherman, in even loving favor with their congregations, and the work is moving prosperously. It was a special pleasure to meet the official board of Central Church Monday night, at the residence of Dr. E. H. Stevenson, where 24 of us were present, besides the family, and where the work of the church was pretty thoroughly gone over. We had also a very pleasant talk with the presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Hughey, and with Rev. George E. Patchell, of Dodson Avenue.

FLOOD SUFFERERS.

The Board of Missions in their recent session at Nashville made a call for funds for the relief of the flood sufferers along the Mississippi. The fact that the waters have subsided does not relieve the distress. Up to within the last few days the government issued supplies to the refugees, but this has ceased and a large number, thousands, of people who have been driven from their homes and have lost everything are returning to their former places of abode helpless and penniless. It furnishes an opportunity and an urgent one for our people to help the needy. Response should be made at once, as these people need help now. Send all contributions to J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., to be administered by the Home Mission Secretary.

IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS.

Having pushed my college work to the limit for the last four months, I decided to spend ten days continuously in visiting District Conferences, churches, and high schools. Accordingly I left Conway April 25 and returned May 6, having attended the Fort Smith District Conference, at Greenwood, and the Fayetteville District Conference, at Rogers. When the conditions of the farmers this spring are considered the attendance was good. Brothers Hughey and Stevenson had all business in hand and their conferences ran through on schedule time. Reports were good, and in spite of shortage of money and the backwardness of spring all seemed in good spirits and hopeful of the future. I had the privilege of addressing both Conferences on education and found sympathetic interest. I visited the public high schools at Greenwood, Fort Smith, Alma, Van Buren, Rogers, Bentonville, and Prairie Grove, was shown every courtesy and given opportunity to address the students. At Rogers and Prairie Grove the schools were brought to the Methodist Church for special educational addresses. At Fort Smith I spent a busy Sunday addressing Midland Heights Sunday School at 10:00, preaching at First Church at 11:00, addressing the Epworth League at Dodson Avenue at 7:00, and preaching at Central Church at 8:00. On the next Sunday I preached at Springdale morning and night and was carried in an automobile to Elm Springs for an educational address at 4:00. This gave the opportunity to see that magnificent fruit country and pass through the famous Italian settlement at Tontitown. The high schools at all places visited seemed to be enjoying marked prosperity and showed signs of great progress.

The Fort Smith High School ranks as one of the best not only in Arkansas but in the whole country. Its library, science equipment, gymnasium, domestic science, and manual training are equal to the best in the land, and the nearly 500 students constitute a body of fine-looking, aggressive young people of whom any community might be justly proud. The building is a model of convenience and completeness in all of its appointments. New high school buildings have been erected in Alma, Van Buren, Rogers, and Springdale. All are highly creditable to the foresight and enterprise of the people of the respective towns. The progress of the high schools in Arkansas in the last five years is little less than marvelous. Many of them offer courses almost equal to the colleges of a generation ago, and many superior facilities in the way of libraries, laboratories, and conveniences. The courtesies shown me by the principals and other teachers were almost overwhelming. They are hereby gratefully acknowledged and fully appreciated. I am under a mountain of obligations to the preachers at all churches visited. They opened wide their churches and parsonages and made my work easy and my entertainment a delight. I had not visited this section for many years, hence I was agreeably surprised to find such substantial evidences of material, educational, and church prosperity and progress. Although, on account of the proximity of the State University and the excellence of local schools, in the Northwest, our church colleges receive little patronage from that region, there is notwithstanding genuine interest in their welfare. The spirit of indifference or antagonism formerly felt has practically disappeared. This is partly due to more liberal views and larger vision, partly, no doubt, to the efficient pastoral labors of many worthy representatives of Hendrix College in the churches of that section. I am not justified in spending much time in the Northwest, but I gladly welcome opportunities for travel among its noble and hospitable people. Its agricultural resources are immense. It has long been known as the orchard of the Ozarks and well deserves its reputation. Apple and peach orchards of hundreds of acres are found and the acreage is constantly increasing. Almost every foot is under fence. Comfortable farm houses abound. Thrift and prosperity are everywhere in evidence. In a few years there will be a home on every twenty acres. Even now there are no cheap lands near the railroads. Although a little out of the logical order, I must in closing mention our exceedingly beautiful, convenient, and commodious church building at Rogers. It is superior in all these respects to many churches in the cities. Our people there burdened themselves to build, but if they are faithful and loyal will ere long reap a large reward.

A. C. MILLAR.

THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT.

Chapter III.

PENTECOST, OR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

In studying the Pentecost, we beg our readers to lay aside in the outset, all theories as to what it was and what it did, and let us examine the subject in its historic setting, looking at the facts as they are set out in the record. We shall view it from the standpoint of the apostles themselves. They of all the men of the time were in best position to appreciate its meaning, and their own judgment as to its meaning to themselves and to the Church of God must determine what Pentecost means to us.

We have already indicated that you must not look for the highest type of character, save perhaps in a very few and exceptional instances, in the ages that antedate the coming of the Holy Ghost. We may well suppose that Jesus selected the soundest men that could be found when he chose twelve to be apostles. Certainly they represent nothing short of a high average of charac-

ter among the men of the day. But it would be a grave error to suppose that they were perfect men. On the contrary, they were very imperfect, very crude. They were very far from being prepared for the great work that was before them. Jesus selected the best material he could find, and set about the work of training them for their future mission. Let not our reverence for their glorious after-service blind our eyes to the grave defects in their characters when the Master took hold of them.

They were superstitious. Witness their terror that night on the sea when Jesus came to them walking on the water. The storm had been raging upon them for some hours; to the terrors which it had brought was added a horror when they thought they saw a ghost out in the darkness. They even had a superstitious dread of God himself. Instead of a song of, "Nearer, my God, to thee," which in after life became the aspiration of their hearts, they had a truly pagan fear of any nearness of God at all. Witness the speech of Simon Peter just after the first miraculous draught of fishes, when, finding himself evidently in the immediate presence of divine power, he cried out, Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man! Bold and intrepid as he naturally was, he could not endure the thought of such nearness to God.

They were far from being free of bigotry. "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us." Casting out devils in the name of Christ ought to be a good credential for any man in any age. The quintessence of a blind bigotry is never more fully revealed than when men refuse to recognize the fact, and would even forbid it, if it be not done according to their plan. On another occasion the disciples wanted to burn up a Samaritan village because its people had refused entertainment to their Master. The bigotry of the Spanish Inquisition could not have gone further. This is a hateful quality, but it may be usually looked for in all zealous and unspiritual followers of Christ. A zeal that is not of the Spirit must find some outlet.

They were cowardly. Witness their precipitous flight from their Lord on the night of his arrest, even after he had warned them that it was coming. And when Peter, the one among them most distinguished for natural boldness, had so far rallied as to go to the high priest's house, he was still a coward, utterly refusing to face the issue, though it was raised by a girl.

They were full of a sordid, worldly ambition. Witness their oft and eager, if not angry contention for the chief places in that kingdom which they thought Jesus was going to establish. So deep in them was this ambition that they schemed about it, and quarreled about it, in the face of the repeated rebukes and instructions of their Master.

All this arose out of a low spiritual condition within them, on account of which they had a total misconception of the nature of the kingdom of God. In their view this kingdom was to be a glorious and a perpetual earthly sovereignty, whose splendors were to eclipse the glories of the reign of Solomon. It was to be organized and conducted as a theocracy, and the Messiah was to be its perpetual head. It was to expand itself in the world precisely as any earthly kingdom must. It would attract by its magnificence, as some folks still think a church ought to attract. It would also have the merit of being the highest representative in the world of a pure social life. It would not be a place for thugs and rascals. It would represent all outward righteousness and all morality and all worship. Conformity to it would mean salvation, here and hereafter.

By such appeals, and by none other, it would make its way in the world until all the true Israel of God should be gathered into it. They had not the remotest dream that the kingdom of God could

be other than a perpetual theocracy under the personal reign of Christ. It never entered their thought that its appeal would be other than of the sort we have mentioned here. They had no dream that its most characteristic feature was to be a Life that was to enter into it, a life totally differentiating it from every other institution on the face of the earth.

So completely dominated were they by their conception that they either misunderstood, or else failed to understand at all, everything that Christ told them about the nature of his kingdom. It is one of the most difficult of all tasks to get another view of a subject into the mind of a man when he is not looking at the subject at all from your standpoint. But it is a still more difficult matter to get another view into his mind when he does not even see that there is any other standpoint than his own. This was precisely the trouble here. It is to this day the trouble with men who know not the Spirit of the living God and are yet zealously attached to the church. It is of record that these men could not understand what Jesus said to them about his death and resurrection. Their program, other than which there could be none, did not provide for any death of their Messiah, and of course it provided for no resurrection. He had given them lesson after lesson about their foolish ambitions, had rebuked them time and again about it, had illustrated the subject by object lesson and by parable. But their ambitions were not specially incongruous with such a kingdom as they were expecting - a thing of this world, to be carried on by worldly motives and policies. Further, they could not understand his speech about the expediency of his going away, and about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Their program, which possessed them, made no provision for their Master's going away. As to the Holy Ghost, they knew as yet next to nothing about him, and did not see how they specially needed him at all. All this teaching, given with such patience and plainness, was as so many words to which they could attach no special meaning, such was their pre-occupation.

WANTED: ONE MILLION MEN.

J. CAMPBELL WHITE.

General Secretary Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Not less than one million men are needed for special volunteer service in the enlistment of the churches of North America in an adequate missionary program. Are you willing to be one of them? Could you not wisely adopt this as your major Christian activity for the next five years? As members of the Missionary Committees of the 200,000 churches of North America, a million men could be used to advantage. The following special opportunities for effective work in solving the present missionary problem are recommended for special consideration:

1. The Missionary Committee of your own church.
2. The denominational Missionary Committee of your district (whether called District, Presbytery, Classis, Association, or Diocese).
3. The Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee of your city, or county, or State.

Each of these three kinds of committees should be composed of laymen and ministers, the majority of the committee in each case being laymen. Whether, therefore, you are a layman or a minister, it is proper for you to take the initiative in getting these committees appointed if they are not now in existence. Why wait for some one else to do this? Unsolved problems all over the world await some one's initiative and attack. Every good accomplished anywhere is started by somebody. Here is a chance for you.

The million men who should constitute these mission committees can lead the church to evangelize America and the world in this generation. Any church can be led out sooner or later into a

worthy share in saving the world, if it has an effective missionary committee, the pastor being, in every case, one of the effective members.

The functions of all these committees are not only financial, but also educational, and spiritual. Those committees that work merely at the financial end of the problem are doomed to failure or at best, only partial success. The greatest need for most members of the missionary committees now in existence, is a thorough study of the educational and spiritual features of their work. Literature has been prepared to help you in this study, but, with this as a basis, there is urgent need that you put your own very best thought into the question.

One of the chief burdens of the Laymen's Missionary Movement is the enlistment and training of the million men needed in this fundamental and vital work of the church. By holding great conventions, large numbers of men can be challenged with their missionary responsibility, but the continuous work of the pastors and local missionary committees is essential to make these impression deep and permanent.

During the coming year, regular Laymen's Missionary Conventions will be held in at least fifty cities. The dates for most of these have been already arranged. But this is only a fraction of the systematic missionary work that should be carried on during the next year. In each of a thousand other communities there should be a simultaneous campaign of missionary instruction in all the churches, concluding wherever possible, with an organized personal canvass for subscriptions to missions at home and abroad. Such a campaign should include a special series of sermons by the pastor, special addresses in the Sunday school, selected literature widely distributed, Mission Study Classes if possible, and all pervaded by private and public prayer.

Now is the time to plan for such a period of missionary education. Pastors will be making their plans for next year before the end of the summer. Let the pastors of entire cities or communities decide together before the summer vacation on the most suitable season for a systematic and thorough presentation of the whole missionary problem and program of the church. At least one month will be required if this work is to be done well. An additional two weeks will be needed in which to get the organized personal canvass carried through all the churches of the city or community. Will you not take steps immediately to get such a policy adopted in your community?

Most of this work will naturally be done within the local church. But some united meetings will be of great value. Preliminary union meetings of missionary committee members for counsel and prayer will be found very helpful. One great men's missionary supper, with two of the strongest speakers obtainable, will also contribute much to the success of the undertaking. The Laymen's Movement will gladly co-operate in securing speakers for such meetings, and so far as possible in helping to train committee members for their work.

The Christian men of North America were never before so ripe for every worthy form of Christian activity. During the past five years there has been a total increase of at least twenty-five million of dollars to home and foreign missionary work. This increase has doubtless been due chiefly to the missionary awakening among men. The next five years should witness vastly larger results if the church is to meet worthily her present unprecedented opportunity. Let us proceed in an orderly and determined way to carry out the plans of Christ for mankind. Can you be counted upon to take the initiative in your own congregation, denomination and community? "Let us study how to do this thing, not merely how to get it done."

1 Madison Avenue, New York, April 27, 1912.

Tragedies of Travel

UNDER THE SURGEON'S KNIFE!

BY DR. W. B. PALMORE.
XLII.

"Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone:
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own."

When a man with a broken, dislocated right shoulder, in a strange city and foreign land, stands facing a surgeon's table, surrounded by a group of people, not one of whom he ever saw before, he needs not only courage, but faith in his fellowman, as well as in God!

As we began to inhale the ether, or chloroform, it was like sailing out of a port with not a single acquaintance to wave us a parting adieu. The sounds grew fainter and fainter, the mists thickened, the clouds darkened, and we were soon far away from the continent of consciousness! After an hour, more or less, the clouds began to break, the mists arose, the shore line reappeared, and we awoke amid flowers and bird songs! The smiling faces of the people standing around, whom we so recently left as strangers, now seemed like friends and old acquaintances! During our temporary voyage out into the mists and clouds of dreamland, some of the world's finest surgeons had opened our shoulder, removed the small fragments of broken bones, sewed the larger bones together with the strong tendons from the neck of the Russian reindeer, sewed up the opening in the shoulder and dressed it so skillfully that we were very much surprised to find what had really happened during our seeming absence.

THE NAZARENE

was about the only being in all Paris with whom we had any personal acquaintance. We did not ask him to heal, or repair our shoulder by a miracle, but in our helplessness we asked him to help us in securing the right kind of surgical service. And we believe he granted our request. There was a time in our life when we met such tragic emergencies with the stoical sentiment:

"Here's a sigh for those who love me,
And a smile for those who hate,
And whatever skies are above me,
Here's a heart for every fate."

We are now thankful to have gotten beyond such a sentiment. We now believe that all things work together for good to them that love God, even our heaviest and most horrible jolts and disappointments. Had this terrible accident happened in some of the countries through which we have traveled during the last ten months it would hardly have been possible to have secured competent surgical service. And as a result we might have carried a maimed and useless shoulder for the remainder of life. So it might have been worse. We are already able to use the wrist joint of our right hand in attempting to write this letter. But whether the home compositors will be able to decipher these lines is another question. In a few more weeks, possibly a month, we hope to write as well as we ever did.

We are also fortunate in having the best of trained nurses. There was but one in the entire establishment who spoke elegantly, both French and English, who was placed in charge of our case. She is an embodiment of strength, common sense and gentleness, and somewhat cosmopolitan, having been born in Ireland and trained in America. We are at No. 60

RUE VIOLET.

devoted exclusively to surgery, and we are glad it is called a Clinic and not a Hospital. The name

is not quite so suggestive of proximity to the cemetery!

The first ocean voyage we ever took was in search of health, in early life, while a merchant in Waverly, Missouri. After some months we were returning, entirely recuperated, in great exuberance of spirit. Before our train reached the old high bridge at St. Charles, Missouri, over the Missouri river, the bridge went down with the unfortunate train which preceded us! The weather was very cold and we spent a large part of a very memorable night in getting across the river and securing another westward bound train. The next noon we lunched at Brunswick, Missouri. In attempting to reboard the train, which was moving, we slipped on the ice and snow, and had very many bones in our right foot badly crushed! The train passed on and left us helpless among strangers!

With a tremendous effort we arose with the entire right half of our body so benumbed and paralyzed as to seem made of wood. We walked into a barber shop which belonged to a negro as black as ebony. He was the only man in all the town we had ever seen before. As we dropped into one of his chairs, his eyes looked as if they would pop out of his head! We told him to get all the doctors in town as soon as possible! He obeyed instantly and literally, moving as if he would like to be astride of a streak of lightning, with a pair of spurs on! When the doctors all arrived we were somewhat embarrassed, but was fortunate in choosing the oldest of the lot, who succeeded in saving the foot. Had we chosen the youngest he might have

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"Just for practice!" This was a singular and unexpected ending of such a successful and delightful trip, almost in sight of home!

We had hoped to finish this latest and longest trip of life, in "finishing up the world," without any more broken bones, but we were doomed to disappointment almost in sight of the goal! To travel the "unbeaten paths" of a whole world a man must inevitably expose himself to very many hazards of many kinds. In our first attempt to cross the Atlantic we escaped in a life boat, without chart, compass, bread or water, from a rapidly sinking ship in mid-ocean, and was finally picked up by another ship and brought back to America. Since then we have successfully crossed the Atlantic fifteen times besides having crossed about all the oceans and seas of the world, and yet never suffered a single shipwreck of any other kind since that first attempt to cross the Atlantic.

"One ship drives East, and the other drives West,
By the very same wind that blows,
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales,
That shows which way she goes.
Like the gates of the sea are the waves of Fate,
As we journey along through life,
'Tis the set of the soul that determines the Goal,
And not the storm nor the strife."

In 1884 we were on our way to the Centennial of Episcopal Methodism in America at

BALTIMORE.

We were on the old "Aid Line" between Saint Louis and Louisville, it is now called "The Southern." It was two o'clock at night and we were one of three passengers occupying an ordinary day coach. With two seats turned together, and boots off, with head resting on a small grip, we were very comfortably and soundly asleep. The position we occupied in the car was on the left hand side, about one-third of the length of the car from the front. From our very comfortable and sound sleep we suddenly awoke.

With seemingly no natural cause whatever for such a change, we picked up our boots and baggage and moved back to a point on the same side

of the car, about one-third of the length of the car from the rear end. With two seats arranged exactly as we had occupied further front, and exactly the same relative position of body and baggage, we were again sound asleep. Just thirty minutes later, at Ayrshire, our train collided with one running at about the same speed, on the same track in the opposite direction! The mail, baggage and smoking cars of our train, rolled down an embankment to the right. Our car went to the left.

When our eyes opened, the first object we beheld was a long side-girder of one of the demolished cars coming like a battering ram, end ways, through the left side of the front end of our car! Before we had time to change position, or even realize what was taking place, every seat in front of us was broken into small fragments! Even the seat on which our feet rested was smashed, and we so badly crippled that we had to go on crutches a long time. The end of the girder, however, stopped within a few inches of our breast! Had we not, a half an hour before, changed our location, our body would have been cut entirely in two!

The evening before leaving home the entire primary department of our Sunday school stood up and thus promised to all pray, that God would grant journeying mercies to the departing pastor. We thought it was a kind little compliment on the part of the children, but thought very little more about it. After the above mentioned tragedy, however, the prayers of those children stood before us like

A MOUNTAIN OF FIRE.

When the curtain has finally fallen upon the tragedy of life we will be very much interested in learning the details of how it all happened.

The boys of our readers would be interested in some of our battle tragedies and narrow escapes of our boyhood as a soldier, but you will have to wait until our shoulder gets well. Some day we may possibly write a book for the Boys and Girls of the World. We have so far resisted the importunities to publish books, but since we have "finished up the world," we may have to yield and publish a whole library of Travels and Tragedies. Paris, France.

SHALL WE NOW ENDOW GALLOWAY COLLEGE?

Years ago our church in Arkansas was stirred by an appeal to formulate and inaugurate an educational policy for the Methodism of the State. The movement took form in resolutions passed by the conferences to establish two colleges of the first class, one for young men, the other for young ladies, as head centers of any system of schools the church might subsequently develop. This scheme was wise, and its wisdom has so far appealed to the judgment of our people that they have pursued the plan with reasonable harmony and purpose. The two schools were quickly established, and both have grown and strengthened through more than two decades, so that they are now regarded as foundations well and permanently laid, and upon which the united Methodism of the State will steadily build in the future. Much is gained in the establishment of a permanent policy, and in the founding of Hendrix and Galloway Colleges. Our Arkansas Methodism has no reason to be ashamed of her educational work thus far. There has been no serious reverse in the movement as planned. Her two central institutions of learning are recognized already as eminently creditable. They are classed as colleges of the first grade by our General Board of Education.

It was in order, when the church undertook the work of endowing her colleges to begin with Hendrix, her oldest institution and school of highest grade. The success attained in this effort is

cause of congratulation to the whole church. It is, of course, but a beginning. There can be no finality in our investments for enlarging and strengthening our schools, an increased population, an increased church membership, enlarged financial resources, and increased demand of progress will always be calling for increasing outlay in our work of education. All this is contemplated in the progress which we ought to make. The Hendrix trustees have already undertaken to add \$100,000 to their investment in buildings and equipment. The noble support of Capt. W. W. Martin, that was a chief factor in the success of the college hitherto, may well inspire the Church to appreciate the importance of the institution, and to make this enlargement of its equipment a memorial of his wise generosity. The future of Hendrix College seems now assured. It is fit that Dr. A. C. Millar, whose faith and self-denial sustained the college for 15 years without endowment, should now share the honor of its success as its latest president.

But what of Galloway? Galloway has had a successful career from the first. Its patronage has equaled its capacity, and it has been guided wisely. Do we not now desire greater things for this institution? Judging only from the past, can we doubt that the patronage of this school will respond at once and fully to any enlargement the church may make of facilities for educating young ladies at this school? Is it not the wisest economy in our educational work to add to this plant so well located, so securely established, and with a history so honorable? The demand is to go forward. Shall we any longer deem it necessary or wise to wait upon other interests, for a more convenient season to begin the endowment of Galloway College? The trustees of the college have waited, believing that in due time the whole church in Arkansas would be ready to do for Galloway what she has done for Hendrix. They have depended upon this as promised in our original plan for Methodist schools in Arkansas. Will not all our conferences in the State be ready at their sessions this fall to signify that the time has come to increase the resources of this, our chief college for educating the Methodist girls of the State?

Hendrix College has had its financial agent in the field for years. Henderson-Brown College, as a conference institution, has an agent in the field. Shall Galloway still wait?

The appeals of President Williams are beginning to awaken responses. It seems to this writer that the time has come to respond to his call to enlarge and strengthen our work at Galloway, and by giving the school a reasonable endowment make it, as we can easily do, our best school for female education west of the Mississippi.

J. E. GODFREY.

St. Louis, April 29.

A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY FOR COMMON PEOPLE.

By J. H. RIGGIN.

Fourth Century Continued A. D. 320-429.

In addition to the evangelization of the Goths, already mentioned, the tribes in the Caucasian mountains were Christianized, and extensive and successful missionary work was conducted in India and Arabia. The Bible was translated into Gothic language by Ulphilas, and into Latin by Jerome. This was a monumental work. Certainly the greater part of scripture had been rendered in Latin before this time by different persons, but was fragmentary and unsatisfactory. Jerome translated the whole Bible, and his version was the Bible of Europe for a thousand years, until Latin ceased to be the spoken tongue of the people. It was adopted by the Roman Church, and is still the authorized version of the Divine Word. Jerome did most of the work in a hut which he had built at Bethlehem near the site of

the birth-place of the Savior, where he dwelt in company with other monks who built around him—a community of men who had withdrawn from the world giving themselves to devotion, study and religious work.

Monasticism had become exceedingly popular in this country. Thousands of men escaping from the turbulent world, inhabited the borders of the Libyan desert, some in solitary cells, others in little communities of their own in abstinence, fasting, vigils, prayers, meditations seeking God. Some saintly men were among them, and doubtless some very worthless characters; but they gained the reputation of being especially holy men. Jerome admired them extravagantly, and always urged every one desiring a holy life to flee to the desert. In fact all the great scholars and divines of the century were carried away with this infatuation. In fact an exception could scarcely be named.

A passion for celibacy possessed the Christian mind in a most wonderful way. This may have been a reaction from the grossness of paganism. The nature worship of the Gentile world had glorified sexual indulgence, and everything shameful and abominable was recommended and honored in the worship of the gods. The enlightened Christian conscience revolted with abhorrence until in this age nothing but absolute continence answered to their conception of Christian holiness. Family life was discredited and even Jerome eagerly dissuaded every one who would please God, from marriage. The madness passed away, but left tendencies of thought and sentiment from which the Christian world has never been entirely freed.

This was pre-eminently the age of great preachers and great theologians. No age produced so many or so masterly theological writers. Consider this list of names: Eusebius, Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory Nazianzen, Cyril of Jerusalem, Augustine, Jerome, Ambrose, Chrysostom, Athanasius, Rufinus and others. Their works are voluminous. The theologians of later years have drawn their arguments from these fathers. They were profound students of the Scriptures. They were masters of logic and philosophy. The doctrine of the Church was settled then. Creeds and formularies took their shape then, because after this age of research by such giant intellects, the cardinal principles of truth contained in the Christian faith were no longer open questions.

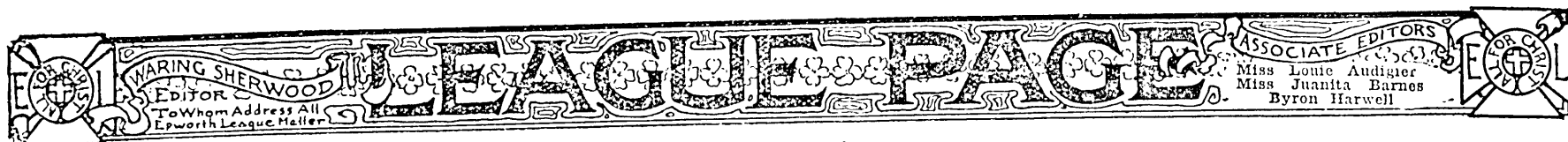
John Chrysostom, the golden mouthed, the bishop of Constantinople, who preached to immense crowds, including the emperor and empress with the dignitaries of the empire—the crowds standing while the preacher sat and taught, left many discourses which have survived the ages. The following are extracts from a sermon from "I Paul, the prisoner of the Lord."

I, the prisoner of the Lord. Great and mighty dignity! Greater than that of king or consul or any other. For nothing is so glorious as a bond for Christ's sake, as the chains that were bound around those holy hands. More glorious is it to be a prisoner for Christ's sake, than to be an Apostle, than to be a Teacher, than to be an Evangelist. Is there any that loveth Christ? He will understand what I am saying. Is any transported and fired with devotion for the Lord? He knows the power of those bonds. Such an one would rather be a prisoner for Christ's sake, than to have the heavens for a dwelling. More glorious than any gold were the hands he was showing to them, yea than any royal diadem. Yes, no jeweled tiara bound around the head invests it with such glory, as an iron chain for Christ's sake. Then was the prison more glorious than palaces, yea, than Heaven itself. Why say I than palaces? Because it contained a prisoner of Christ. More glorious this, perhaps to be bound for His sake, than to sit at His right hand. More august this than to sit upon

the twelve thrones. * * * Were any to offer me my choice, the whole Heaven or that chain, that chain I would prefer. Were any to ask whether he should place me on high with the Angels, or with Paul in his bonds, the prison I would choose. Were any about to change me into one of those powers, that are in Heaven, that are round about the throne, or into such a prisoner as this, such a prisoner I would choose to be. Nothing is more blessed than that chain. Would that I could be at this moment in that very spot, (for the bonds are said to be still in existence,) to behold and admire those men for the love of Christ. Would that I could behold the chains, at which the devils fear and tremble, but which Angels reverence. Nothing is more noble than to suffer any evil for Christ's sake. I count not Paul so happy, because he was "caught up into Paradise," as I count him happy for his bond's sake.

I deem it more desirable to suffer evil for Christ's sake than to receive honor at Christ's hands. This is a transcendent honor, this is glory that surpasseth all things. If He Himself who became a servant for my sake, yet thought not Himself so truly in glory, as when He was crucified for my sake, what ought I to endure? For hear His own words, "Father, glorify thou Me." What is this Thou art saying? Thou art being led to the cross, Thou endurest the death of the accursed; Thou art about to be spit upon and buffeted, and callest Thou this glory? Yes, He saith for I endure these things for my beloved ones, and I account them altogether glory. If He who loved the miserable called this glory, not to be on His Father's throne but in dishonor if this was His glory, much more ought I to regard these things as glory. Oh, those blessed bonds! Oh! those blessed hands which that chain adorned! Had I been living at that time, how eagerly would I have embraced them, and put them to the very apple of mine eyes. Never would I have ceased kissing those hands which were counted worthy to be bound for my Lord. Were I free from the cares of the church; had I my body strong and vigorous, I would not shrink from undertaking so long a journey, only for the sake of beholding those chains, for the sake of seeing the prison where he was bound. The traces of his miracles are numerous in all parts of the world, yet they are not so dear as those of his scars. "Inasmuch that from his were carried away handkerchiefs and aprons." Marvelous, truly marvelous are these things, and yet not so marvelous as those; "When they had laid many stripes upon him they cast him into prison." And again in the prison, "They were singing hymns to God." And again; "They stoned him and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead." Would you know how mighty a thing is an iron chain for Christ's sake? Hear what Christ Himself says, "Blessed are ye." Why? When ye shall heal the blind? No. When ye shall raise the dead? No, but when? "When men shall persecute you, and reproach you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." * * * Hear what the blessed Paul says elsewhere, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." And yet more glorious than the crown is this. Let him but grant me to say, "I fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ, and I ask nothing further."

Organized Sunday school classes will do well to send an order to Anderson, Millar & Co. for a dozen or two of Thornburgh's Catechism on Church Government. They cost only 50 cents per dozen. How many of our people have a definite idea of our own church government? This little book can be gotten over in a few Sundays as a supplementary lesson, and the class will know. Send for it.



MAY 19.
THE TRAGEDY OF THE ROLL; THE RE-
SOURCEFULNESS OF THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH.
(Jeremiah 36; Acts 2:1-4.)

SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

Silence.
Leader's Invocation.
Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."
Announcements.
Reading of Scripture lessons and leader's remarks.
Special music.
Hymn, "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought."
Hymn, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken."
Talk, "The Need of the Heroic in Life."
Appropriate reading.
Talk, "Paying to Charitable Causes Will Not Ex-
cuse other Obligations."
Open Discussion, "Do We Appreciate Our Reli-
gious Advantages as We Should?"
Hymn No. 490, "Savior, More Than Life to Me."
Benediction.

THE TOPIC.

To one who has paid close attention to our topics for the second quarter it is noticed that they begin with a lesson from the Old Testament and end with one from the New Testament. From a surface view our topic for today seems to be separated; we might think that the first part does not have any direct relation with the second, but if we look a little closer we can readily see that they are connected and dependent each upon the other.

I. *The Tragedy of the Roll.*

Jehoiakim has been king since his father, Josiah, was slain in the battle of Megiddo, except the three months which Jehoahaz ruled before he was taken by Pharaoh Necho captive to Babylon. A little later Daniel and his companions are taken captives to the Chaldean courts, where they live the heroic life which we shall study later.

Under these conditions, for 20 years Jeremiah exhorts the people to change their course of living, warning them of the awful danger ahead of the present course. Finally the king orders that he shall be allowed to speak in public no longer. It is here that we find the Spirit of Truth shows its resourcefulness. If he is barred from speaking, he can at least write. So we find him immediately at the task of dictating to his scribe, Baruch, the things which the Lord had revealed unto him. After months of hard work the book is completed.

Now that the book is completed, the next step is to read it to the people. The king has said nothing against his reading in public. So down to the Temple courts Jeremiah and Baruch hasten. There are gathered the princes and nobles. The message made a deep impression upon them, and they determined to make the words known to the king. Everything else had failed to move him to the right course, but one more trial must be made, and it might be successful, and the nation saved."

They bid "Baruch, go and hide thee, thou and Jeremiah," lest the king do them evil. So when they tell the king, he, like Herod of Christ's day, ordered them to fetch the Book. In his chamber in the "winter house" the king awaits Jehudi's return with the Roll. After three or four columns are read, Jehoiakim snatches the Book from his scribe's hands and casts it into the fire before him.

II. *The Resourcefulness of Truth.*

As soon as Jeremiah and Baruch could safely do so they wrote again the prophecy which had been destroyed and we see that

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again."

When Luther's books were publicly burned by order of the Papal Nuncio, the remark made to the Emperor Charles' ministers was, "Do you

imagine that Luther's doctrines are found only in those documents that you are throwing into the fire? They are written where you cannot reach them: in the heart of the nation."

PRACTICAL POINTS.

1. Jeremiah is our hero for this month's study, and a true hero we find him to be. From the character of every true hero, we can learn lessons that will greatly help us. How many of us are like Jeremiah, in that we obey God's commands promptly? Who among us has the courage to persevere in God's work, even though the people and the very rulers of the land turn against us and heed not our earnest messages?

2. There are and always have been many more people and rulers than prophets. Thus the greater majority of us are among the former class. So let us apply the lesson to ourselves not as the prophet, but as the people. God's messages and commands are still being read and ordained by his chosen servants. Are we heeding their plea? If not, condemnation will rest upon us and our punishment will be as great if not even greater than theirs.

3. The secret of Jeremiah's unfailing courage was absolute faith and belief in his work. He was filled with the spirit of truth. What we need is to be perfectly sure we are right, and then, with God's help, go ahead.

4. Peter appeals to us because he was so much like we are—impulsive, wavering, stumbling. So, like Peter, we can become strong and steady if we be baptized with the Holy Spirit, but man is faltering and worthless without it. The Holy Spirit makes heroes of the very weakest and most cowardly of men.

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MISS BERTHA RICKS.

For nearly a year the readers of the League Page have read with appreciation the helpful contributions of Miss Bertha Hicks in her "Side Lights." We feel sure they will regret to learn that she feels that she must, on account of ill-health, give up her work as associate editor of the page.

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Watch for notices from time to time regarding the Malvern Conference, June 27-30. Elect your delegates now and send their names to the pastor, Rev. J. M. Workman, Malvern, Ark.

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A note from Rev. B. L. Williams, pastor at Stonewall, Okla., tells us that he has recently organized an Epworth League, with 34 charter members. They are moving off in splendid style.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Total receipts from beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$3,417,854.22
Total receipts for year ending.....	291,058.42
Total parsonage receipts, Woman's Home Mission Society, from beginning to March 31, 1912.....	389,306.74
Grand total.....	\$4,098,219.38
These receipts are from the following sources:	
1. Annual Collections:	
From the beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$2,111,274.45
For the year ending March 31, 1912.....	194,475.47
2. Special Donations:	
From the beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$112,221.29
For the year ending March 31, 1912.....	12,510.24

3. Contributions to Loan Funds:	
From the beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$273,339.46
For the year ending March 31, 1912.....	19,411.93
Parsonage Loan Fund Capital, March 31, 1912.....	26,156.24
4. Interest on Loan Funds:	
From beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$142,980.34
For year ending March 31, 1912.....	13,221.96
(Expense against interest, annuities, etc., \$39,945.43.)	
5. Principal Repaid on Loans:	
From beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$735,894.36
For year ending March 31, 1912.....	48,147.76
On Parsonage Loan Fund, from beginning to March 31, 1912.....	85,045.13
6. Donations Refunded:	
From beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$22,401.88
For year ending March 31, 1912.....	2,450.00
7. From Miscellaneous Sources:	
From beginning to March 31, 1911.....	\$19,742.44
For year ending March 31, 1912.....	841.06
8. Parsonage Aid:	
Woman's Home Mission Society from beginning to March 31, 1912, and invested in parsonages.....	\$278,105.37
Grand total.....	\$4,098,219.38

N. B.—From 1882 to 1912, Churches and Parsonages have been aided as follows:

Churches.	Parsonages.
By the General Board to the amount of.....	\$2,183,797.09 \$5,975.00
By the Conference Boards to the amount of.....	1,095,583.96 8,260.00
By the Woman's Home Mission Society, General Board, to the amount of.....	185,744.08
By the Women's Conference Societies to the amount of.....	\$200,567.96

A net total of 8,394 churches and 2,177 parsonages, to the amount of.....\$3,279,381.05 \$400,547.01

Grand total.....\$3,679,928.09

W. F. McMURRY,

Corresponding Secretary.

1025 Brook St., Louisville, Ky.

ONE MORE WORD ABOUT CHILDREN'S DAY.

We take it for granted that all who have ordered programs have received them ere this time. We are sorry of the delay; but no blame attaches to any one. The shipment was tied up at Memphis by high water.

But now: Next Sunday morning appoint your committees, assign the parts, arrange for the drilling during the week, and you can get it up in one week all right. If you see you cannot do so, arrange for the next Sunday. It is only a matter of taking hold of it in a determined way. Not a school in Oklahoma that cannot have an interesting Children's Day service. If you are about to fail write to this chairman, and he will tell you how to do it. Whatever you do, don't fail.

W. J. MOORE, Chairman.

Sulphur, Okla.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

SOME THINGS ACCOMPLISHED LAST YEAR.

The change of the fiscal year gave us but ten months in 1911 in which to write the following history:

1. An increase of 22 adult auxiliaries and 1,305 members; a net gain of 112 Young People's Auxiliaries and 1,598 members. A decrease of 5,629 Junior Division members.

2. A total cash collection of . . . \$141,587.41
City Mission collection by voucher 46,851.33

Expended on local work \$188,438.74
281,745.39

\$470,184.13

3. Sixty-four parsonages helped to the amount of \$8,600.00. Seven hundred and ninety-six boxes, valued at \$27,246.58, sent to preachers, mission schools, and orphanages.

4. Twelve schools maintained, employing 88 teachers to instruct 1,876 students, at a cost to the church of \$36,635.86.

5. *New Buildings.* Chapel and class rooms, Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, \$2,500.00; Ruth Hargrove Institute, completing Bruce Hall and repairs, \$9,900.80; Sue Bennett School, finishing girls' dormitory and heat connections, \$7,366.95; Virginia Johnson, building complete, \$49,374.52; old notes taken up on Paine Annex, \$2,000.00. Total, \$71,142.27.

6. Enlargement of work among foreign people, and extension of organized District or City Mission Boards.

7. Inauguration of Negro Extension Work, by which Bible classes, civic leagues and negro settlement betterment is being effected.

8. Conversions, character-building and awakened purposes are some of the fruits.

SOME THINGS DONE BY THE COUNCIL.

1. A definite policy adopted for the use of the Conference hall of dues.

2. Eleven deaconesses consecrated by Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

3. Appropriations amounting to \$114,878.45 were made.

4. Appointments given to 101 deaconesses and city missionaries.

5. A special committee appointed to draft and adopt a plan for work among the French people of Louisiana.

6. The Indian work of the Foreign Department turned over to the Home Department.

7. The management of Laredo Seminary tendered the Home Department by the Foreign Department; this accepted, to go into effect June, 1913.

8. The monthly Bulletins for Home and Foreign Departments to be issued jointly in future.

9. A committee appointed to make investigations concerning the development of a vocational school.

10. More than ten thousand dollars pledged to the Foreign Department by individuals present at the session.

OUR POLICY FOR 1912.

1. Diligence in carrying forward the Forward Movement slogan: "Double Our Membership; Double Our Offerings."

2. An earnest effort to team with each other in this effort to "Save America to save the world."

3. Girdle the earth with our prayer for the coming of Christ's kingdom.

4. Wipe out every standing financial obligation on our buildings, and by systematic collections prevent borrowing money for current expenses.

POLICY FOR USE OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES.

The following policy for the direction of the 50 per cent of Conference dues was adopted. It may be used:

1. For Conference expenses.
2. Deaconess and missionary scholarships.

3. Connectional enterprises and other work approved by Woman's Missionary Council.

4. Enterprising missions, approved by Executive Committees of Conference Society, with the approval of the Council.

5. Salaries of workers where communities cannot assume same; workers to be approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.

6. Permanent investment in approved city mission enterprises; two-thirds of the purchase price on building fund having been secured, a promise of a refund being made to the Conference Society for the return of these grants in the event of fire, tornado, or sale.

7. These grants to be made due in the annual meeting of the Conference Society; in an emergency by the Conference Executive Committee.

8. A report of these grants shall be made to the General Office. Orders for the payment of these grants shall be signed by the President, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurer of Conference Society.

BIRMINGHAM THE NEXT PLACE.

Birmingham, Ala., is the city chosen for the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council. Invitations from El Paso and Los Angeles were extended, so the Council will look forward to a meeting in the Far West some day.

HOME DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

Florida Coast work	\$ 22,276.95
Gulf Coast work	9,287.50
Industrial schools	18,050.00
Mountain work	21,834.00
Pacific Coast work	10,280.00
Department of Sociology	2,350.00
Deaconess work	3,000.00
City Missions	5,500.00
Annuities	1,000.00
Cost of administration	15,650.00
Negro Extension work	4,650.00
Contingent	1,000.00
	\$114,878.45

Specials.

1. Week of Prayer collection, to meet outstanding obligations incurred in buildings at Sue Bennett, Ruth Hargrove, Brevard, and Vashti Industrial School.

2. New buildings at Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

3. Cottage at Paine College Annex.

4. Endowment Fund, Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Young People.

Girls' Dormitory at Sue Bennett School.

Children.

Junior Division:

1. Chapel at Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal., for Japanese.

2. Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

Baby Division:

1. Wesley House, Tampa, Fla.

OUR MISSIONARIES ACCEPTED AND APPOINTED TO

WORK BY THE COUNCIL.

City Missionaries.

Miss Florrie Ellison, Milledgeville, Ga.

Miss Helen Burr, Fort Screven, Ga.

Miss Hazel Scott Cooper, Linden, Ala.

Miss Anna Kock, Henrietta, Texas.

Miss Ruth Diefendorf, Clinton, Miss.

Kindergartners.

Miss Willie Terrell, Flovilla, Ga.

Miss Effie Pate, Owensboro, Ky.

IN BETHANY HOUSE.

This beautiful book by our deaconess, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, is just issued from the press. The first copies, wet from the press, were sent to the Woman's Missionary Council at Washington in order that the Secretaries and other Council members could see and purchase it. The general make-up of the book is in keeping with the fine quality of its thought and diction. It is a book for every auxiliary to have, as it gives in beautiful pictures the social ministry of a lovely

Christian girl. Price, \$1.25. Order from Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

CONSECRATION OF DEACONESSSES.

On Monday evening, April 15, Bishop Hendrix officiated at the beautiful consecration services of the following deaconesses:

Miss Mary DeBardeleben, Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Lillie Black, Blossom, Texas.

Miss Ellen Cloud, Pembroke, Ky.

Miss Mattie Cunningham, Columbia, Mo.

Miss Etta Hellin, San Diego, Cal.

Miss Aletha Graham, Shellmound, Tenn.

Miss Eliza Iles, Dry Creek, La.

Miss Kate Kell, St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Sallie Regan, Sparks, Ga.

Miss Lois Tinsley, Leslie, Ga.

Miss Nellie Wynn, Egan, Texas.

A large congregation assembled in Mount Vernon Church to witness the beautiful and solemn ceremonial of our church in the consecration of our deaconesses.

Dr. W. W. Pinson conducted the devotional service. The Mount Vernon Place choir furnished special music, and Bishop Hendrix made the address and offered the prayer of consecration.

Miss Bennett presented the class of eleven noble young women to the Bishop, who, taking in succession the right hand of each candidate, pronounced the following words: "I admit thee to the office of deaconess in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell presented the certificates and Miss Gibson, followed by Miss Haskin, offered special prayer for the class, Bishop Hendrix closing the prayer with the benediction.

The ceremony, deeply touching in its simplicity and earnest directness, was also absorbingly interesting.

Each young woman, with absolute absence of any consciousness of self, told in a brief talk of three minutes her reason for becoming a deaconess. The presence of the Holy Spirit moved upon the audience, and hearts were thrilled again and again with the miracle of his love experienced in a human life.—*Council Daily*.

MISS MILLAR'S BIBLE LESSONS.

Miss Eleanor Millar, whose Bible lessons were so helpful to every one who heard her at the Council meeting, is from Australia, and is engaged by the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, in its extension work. Her gifts are unusual, and her presence at any Conference meeting would be a blessing. Any who may need her services can arrange with Dr. Parley Zartman, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, as he directs her itinerations.

OUR LAST SINGLE BULLETIN.

At the Council meeting it was determined by popular vote to unite the Bulletins for the Home and Foreign Departments, so this May issue from each department goes as an "adios." Plans have not been matured for the combined Bulletins, as the action of the Council was taken too late to effect the combination for this month. The June issue will contain items from both fields, and an effort be made by both offices to make the new monthly visitor strong and helpful.

It was also agreed that room for laity rights paragraphs would not be given in the combined Bulletin. The Home Department concurred in this agreement because it was felt that we needed more space and greater freedom in pressing this vital question.

HENDRIX COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at 11:00 o'clock June 16, by Rev. M. N. Waldrup, of Fayetteville, and the Y. M. C. A. sermon at night by Rev. H. E. Wheeler, of Arkadelphia. The literary address will be delivered at 10:00 a. m., June 19, by Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, Ph.D., of Cape Girardeau, Mo. Alumni address by Hon. J. S. Utley, of Benton. Exercises and contests June 21.

A. C. MILLAR, President.

MISSIONS AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

WHAT ONE MISSIONARY SECRETARY DOES.

That is the meaning and purpose of our "New Missionary Policy" for the Sunday school. In the educational office of the general work, we have been putting the emphasis of our thought and energy the current year upon this policy, and I suppose that half the correspondence of my office is on the subject of Missions in the Sunday School.

ONLY TWO PASTORS ANGRY.

At the beginning of the year we sent out post-cards to pastors, superintendents, and presiding elders, making suggestions of specific co-operation. These cards were for the most part duplex, and the return cards have been coming back ever since, asking for our literature and expressing most cordial interest in our plan. It really is wonderful, and I could hardly have expected it, but under the great deluge of literature and suggestions that we have sent out, constituting a vigorous and almost continuous assault upon them, only two preachers, and no superintendents, lost their temper and talked back, threatening me with the waste-basket and demanding that I let up a while and the whole pesky aggregation of us here in Nashville, and give them a breathing spell in which to do their work. I think they have felt that we wanted to help and not to hinder, and that if our zeal was sometimes excessive, the error was of the head and not of the heart. To us, all this kindness and cordiality means that the hour has struck for Missions in the Sunday school. And we must be not only busy but keen to meet, with the "helps" we are set by the General Conference to find, the tide of interest in this great flooding of opportunity.

THE FIRST STEP FORWARD.

The things we are recommending for every Sunday school are, the committee, maps and charts, Missionary books in the library, a Missionary lesson once a quarter, Missionary Day, a Missionary program, Mission study, the Missionary offering and Missionary literature—not all of these things necessarily, but such as a good sanctified supply of common sense would suggest for any particular situation. But we are urging this year two things, viz: The Missionary Committee for the Sunday school and the Missionary offering.

The committee gives all the organization a Sunday school needs, and it is difficult for a school to take a single strong steady missionary step forward without the committee.

ANOTHER GOOD STORY OF KOREA.

And the offering! We think we have solved it. It is a pity—a pity and more, we think, to take the children's pennies and dimes to pay the church's assessments, and while we cannot keep any particular pastor or Board of stewards from doing it, we most affectionately but most earnestly urge that it be not done. Take one of the specials for which the Sunday schools are advised to work and get for your school the force of this special plea.

The subject of the Missionary lesson for the last Sunday in December was "A Nation Redeemed," and the question we asked was, "Can we evangelize Korea in this generation?" We suggested that specials for Korea be taken in the Sunday school, especially emphasizing the native worker. My first mail after the lesson brought twenty applications for native workers in Korea. We have had in all since that lesson about one hundred applications for shares in that line of work, until we have run out of native workers for that country.

THAT GREAT CHINA.

But there are other countries. There is China! There are still native workers or preachers un-

taken for that country. Think of the opportunity before us in that wonderful Empire-Republic at the present moment! There is hardly a men's class in the connection that might not take some special thing for China right now, and find the interest generated through that unselfish thing a most wholesome and vitalizing tonic for every part of its work. The Conference year is flying, but in no Annual Conference is it too far gone for a class or school to put this plan to the test. Who will help us for China?

WRITE US WHAT YOU THINK.

Our first quarterly program appeared with the lesson for March, and I trust that hundreds of schools had the committee in place and gave that program wholly or in part. If a school did not, we are urging that it should use this program on one of the two Missionary Days that intervene before our next quarterly program appears. If it is too long, shorten it; if too short, lengthen it. Take all sorts of liberties with it to make it work in your situation. Besides, write us, making suggestions of improvements in the program. It is a good program but not perfect, we know, and we want the help of sympathetic suggestions from every part of the church, and we promise to keep changing and working at it until we have an ideal plan for a Missionary program in the Sunday school.

A GOOD WORD WITH YOU, BROTHER SUPERINTENDENT.

And, in conclusion, Brother Superintendent, I know you are busy. Your good faithful hands are full, but we are almost entirely dependent on you. We do not ask that you do it all yourself. We had rather you would not try to do that. But right now—this year, select a committee of the most earnest and the most missionary people in your school—making sure to put some men on the committee, and if you have not the literature of our policy, write, and we will send our envelope free.

We cannot make the church missionary without making the Sunday school missionary. We cannot make the Sunday school missionary without a Missionary Committee, and we cannot get the committee except through the superintendent. Brother Superintendent, will you help right now? And Brother Pastor, nobody's word with the Superintendent counts as much as yours. I know how busy you are! But it is only the busy men that can help us. Will you say the winning word to the Superintendent? Last year we raised \$160,000.00 in the Sunday school for Missions. Shall we make it next year \$200,000.00?

Yours for a Missionary Church,

E. H. RAWLINGS.

810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Prescott, Ark., April 29, 1912.

Rev. J. M. D. Sturgis, an honored superannuate of the Little Rock Conference, and a noble Christian man, died at his home in Prescott, on Friday night near midnight, April 19, and was buried from the Methodist Church, Sunday, the 21st, at 2:00 p. m. For years he had lived and waited in great affliction, and when his hour of release came it found him ready. He was one of the most patient sufferers, and one of the truest Christian spirits I have ever known.

I have sent data to his long-time friend, Dr. R. P. Wilson, of the White River Conference, with request that he prepare an obituary.

ARTHUR M. SHAW.

WARM THOUGHTS.

JOINING THE CHURCH.

Joining the church is a serious business, not so regarded, I fear, by a great many in this day of accession; with them it is a mere formal induction, receiving baptism and assuming church

vows, then, as is too often the case, turned loose to do as they please. Alas that there should be ground for this very serious apprehension. Now to begin at the beginning of this solemnly important business, about the first words an applicant for church-membership hears are "Brethren, the church is of God;" "head over all things to the church, which is his body;" "the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood;" a very habitation of God through the Spirit. O this idea: God in the church ought to fuse in the mind and glow at white heat, in the heart of all who seek admittance there. Let it be a step taken discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God. You will never have a greater honor conferred upon you in this world than that of membership in Christ's body, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." But the real live church member "knows God," knows him in the forgiveness of sins, sins duly repented of, with a godly sorrow not to be repented of, justified by faith, a like precious faith, he has peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have ever been afraid of the current phrases, "accepting Christ," "turning over a new leaf," "living as near like a Christian as you can," and are counted in whether any account or not. This may suit some preachers and easy-going church people, but I do seriously doubt if it please God, or is at all in accord with either the letter or spirit of the Bible. No, no; do let us have lively stones in the temple of the Most High, men and women who know how to talk about being "born again." The "washing of regeneration and the renewing of 'the Holy Ghost,'" and sing with melody in their hearts. "O the sweet comfort and peace of a soul in its earliest love. If this is old fogysm, then all I have to say is, Good Lord, fill the Methodist Church with it, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. It is all the ism that will ever revolutionize the world, turning it from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God. But this, dear brother is not quite ready yet to close his contract with the church, for contract it is, and that, too, one of the closest and important that any man ever made. A very happy young convert said to me once: "I want to consider of that matter, joining the church, take advice, count the cost, then I will speak my mind." This she did, and subsequently proved a first-class member. There is such a thing as making haste slowly, but don't be too slow about it, and do, as some I have known, whittle down the church in their estimation, as Mr. Spurgeon said about some preachers whittling down the gospel to the little end of nothing, and conclude to do without the church. Never knew any good to come of that style of living.

Now, my dear brother, the church expects something of you, has a divine right to do so. She asks your faith in her doctrine, polity, and mission. "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces;" satisfy yourself that the foundation of the church is laid deep and broad upon "the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." We could add much more on this line, enough this, however, to justify you in saying with Abrahamic faith: "I believe in the church of God." Don't sing "How Firm a Foundation," until you can so say with glowing heart. "Thus doing, I think you about ready, with a copy of the general rules, well learned and inwardly digested to fall into line to the music 'Sure I must fight if I would reign.'"

Please, dear brother, don't throw this paper down and say, "O yes, those rules did very well in our grandfathers' time, but not for us Twentieth Century folk." What says the combined wisdom of the church to this, and has so said for more than a hundred years? "All of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written

word, and all these things we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts."

I am bold to express an honest and deeply felt opinion right here, that we have a large class of members, these days, who, if this matter was pressed home upon their consciences would say "Excuse me." Consider seriously and make an honest bargain, or none at all. Don't, I beseech you, put in some of your mental reservations. "Yes," said a pastor once, "he is a member of the church, but is making money now." I fear this "but," is in the way of a great many; don't say, "Lord, Lord," and do not the things he commands. The church has a great work on hand, needs all the available help she can command. O for an every-member canvass for workers in God's vineyard, men who will report themselves ready for any duty, chief women of every one of whom it can be said, "She hath done what she could," fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, took in strangers, visited the sick and the imprisoned, in a word met every obligation resting upon them as members of God's church. Blessed by his holy name he will see to it, that your reward is in proportion to all the good you have done.

"When that illustrious day shall rise,

And all his armies shine;

In robes of victory through the skies

The glory shall be thine."

I close, on this April 28, 1912, seated in old Tulip Methodist Church, where I took my baptismal and church vows, just 61 years ago.

JAMES E. CALDWELL.

THE LOST TITANIC.

On the teeming shore of England
Near the blue and briny channel
Workmen skilled with saw and hammer
Built a mighty floating palace.
All the shiplore of the ages,
All the skill that could be gathered,
Costly wood and finest metal,
Polished brass and glittering silver,
All that could conduce to comfort,
Everything to heighten grandeur,
There were gathered and made use of
In that splendid floating palace.

All the people of the city
Looked with pride upon the vessel
(Such before was never modeled),
Wives and children of the workmen
Gazed with wonder and amazement
At the beautiful apartments,
At the lovely decks and cabins.
All is finished, and the workmen
Summoned overseer and owner
To inspect the goodly vessel.
Staunch and strong they all pronounce it,
Perfect boat to ride the water.

Men and women from all countries
Flocked to see this greatest structure
Launched upon the mighty ocean.
As a bride adorned for wedding,
Gaily decked and streamers floating,
Forth she sailed upon the bosom
Of the vast and billowy ocean.
On her decks and in her cabins
People of all climes and countries,
Trusting to her all their treasures,
Free from care and ill-foreboding,
Ate and drank and lived in pleasure.

And the ocean, oftentimes stormy,
Seemed to smile upon this voyage;
Clear the sky and calm the water;
Every sign betokened safety.
Weary with the sound of pleasure
Some had sought their peaceful couches,
Others sat and gaily chatted,
No one thought the least of danger.

Suddenly a fearful tremor
Ran through all the mighty structure
As the bottom of the vessel
Struck upon the giant iceberg.

All was then in dire confusion,
Every heart was filled with terror,
Loud the orders of the captain,
Loud the screams of frantic children,
Swift and painful were the partings
As the mothers and the children
Down upon the waves were lowered.
Keen and terribly the anguish
As they saw the fathers standing
Helpless on the foundered vessel,
Rich and poor alike were helpless
Clinging to the scattered wreckage.

Out upon the icy waters
Plowed the overlaiden lifeboats
Occupants in scanty clothing
Trying to keep heart by singing,
Singing to prevent their hearing
Sounds that would be sore distressing.
(Was it kindness to compel them
To abandon ship and husband?
What will life be to those women?
What the future of those children?
Happier far is she who listed
To go down beside her husband.)

Men on board the sinking steamboat
Essayed to keep up their courage
With their instruments of music,
Played and sang and died as heroes.
And in answer to a message
From the wounded ocean palace,
Swift a sister ship dispatches
To the scene of great destruction;
Gathers up the freezing victims
Of that terrible disaster.
But the pride of old Southampton
(Swiftest, strongest ocean liner),
And a thousand of her people,
Rich and noble, great and useful
Have been lost to sight forever
Fathoms deep out in midocean.

MRS. J. H. BISHOP.

Conway, Ark.

VANDERBILT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

W. F. TILLET.

At the next session of the Vanderbilt Biblical Institute (June 19-26) five distinguished divines will deliver courses of lectures. Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will speak on the following subjects: "Culture and Power," "Every Day Evangelism," "The Perils of Knowledge and the Christian Corrective," "The Problem of the Man," and "The Example of Jesus as a Preacher."

Dr. Graham Taylor, the eminent Christian Sociologist of Chicago, will speak on "The Obligations and Opportunities of an Educated Life," "Personal Religion and Social Work," "The Claims of the Church and the Community Upon Each Other," "Evangelizing Social Conditions," and "Responsibility and Leadership of the Social Democratic Movement."

Bishop E. D. Mouzon will speak on "The Preacher's Book," "The Preacher's Gospel," "The Methodist Preacher's Message."

President Frank J. McConnell, of DePauw University, will deliver four addresses, his themes being "The Mastery of Intellectual Tools," "Intellectual Leadership," "Religious Leadership," and "Education and Social Movements."

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, the distinguished preacher and lecturer of Brooklyn, will speak on "The Evolution of Religion," "John Wycliffe and His Evangelical Movement," "John Wesley and the Methodist Movement," and "John Henry Newman and the Oxford Movement."

Dr. G. H. Detwiler, the pastor of the West End Methodist Church, Nashville, will speak on "The Best of All Teachers—Experience."

Dr. James I. Vance, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, will deliver an address on "The Man Behind the Message."

Dr. Thomas Carter, Professor of New Testament Greek in Vanderbilt University, will speak on "The Place of Paul in the Great Christian Movement."

Professor A. M. Harris, Professor of Public Speaking in Vanderbilt University, will give a reading of "The Servant in the House," a powerful sermon in dramatic form enforcing most impressively the spirit of Christ as illustrated in the character of an English Bishop who made himself a servant to his brothers and a brother to all who serve.

The members of the Institute will be entertained in Wesley Hall at a cost of \$1.00 per day, or \$5.00 for the full seven days of the Institute. The Methodist Training School will provide furnished rooms for married men who desire to bring their wives with them, and for others who may desire to stay there, at a cost of 50 cents a day for each room. Meals can be obtained at nearby restaurants at 25 cents each. There are no fees of any kind, all the exercises of the Institute being open to the public free of charge.

For programs or further information write to Rev. H. F. Bailey, Secretary, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION, 1912-1913.

1. Bishop A. W. Wilson.
Virginia, Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 13
South Georgia, Savannah, Ga., Nov. 27
Alabama, Union Springs, Ala., Dec. 4
2. Bishop E. R. Hendrix.
North Alabama, Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 6
Mexican Border Mission, Alamo, Mex., Feb. 5, 1913
Central Mexico Mission, San Luis Potosi, Mex., Feb. 12, 1913
Northwest Mexican Mission, Torreon, Mex., Feb. 26, 1913
3. Bishop W. A. Candler.
East Oklahoma, Holdenville, Okla., Nov. 6
Arkansas, Atkins, Ark., Nov. 13
Little Rock, Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 20
White River, Newport, Ark., Nov. 27
Cuban Mission, Havana, Cuba, Jan. 1, 1913
4. Bishop H. C. Morrison.
North Mississippi, Greenwood, Miss., Nov. 20
Mississippi, Hazlehurst, Miss., Nov. 27
Florida, Tampa, Fla., Dec. 11
5. Bishop E. E. Hoss.
Denver, Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 28
Missouri, Shelby, Mo., Sept. 14
Southwest Missouri, Springfield, Mo., Sept. 18
St. Louis, Dexter, Mo., Sept. 25
6. Bishop James Atkins.
New Mexico, Las Cruces, N. Mex., Oct. 9
West Texas, Beeville, Tex., Oct. 16
Northwest Texas, Abilene, Tex., Nov. 6
Central Texas, Temple, Tex., Nov. 13
7. Bishop Collins Denny.
Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 9
Western North Carolina, High Point, N. C., Nov. 20
North Carolina, Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 27
North Georgia, Carrollton, Ga., Dec. 11
8. Bishop John C. Kilgo.
Holston, Abingdon, Va., Oct. 2
Memphis, Brownsville, Tenn., Nov. 6
South Carolina, Anderson, S. C., Nov. 27
Baltimore, Md., March 26, 1913
9. Bishop W. B. Murrah.
Japan Mission, Arima, Japan, Sept. 5
Korean Mission, Songdo, Korean, Oct. 11
China Mission, Soochow, China, Dec. 5
10. Bishop W. R. Lambuth.
Brazil, Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 17
South Brazil, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Aug. 14
African Mission, Cape Town, S. Africa, Aug. 14
11. Bishop R. G. Waterhouse.
Montana, Deer Lodge, Mont., Aug. 22
East Columbia, Troy, Idaho, Aug. 29
Columbia, Portland, Oregon, Sept. 5
Pacific, Bakersfield, Cal., Sept. 12
Los Angeles, Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 16
12. Bishop E. D. Mouzon.
West Oklahoma, Frederick, Okla., Oct. 16
German Mission, Houston, Texas, Oct. 24
North Texas, Dallas, Tex., Nov. 13
Texas, Marshall, Tex., Nov. 20
Louisiana, Monroe, La., Dec. 4
13. Bishop J. H. McCoy.
Western Virginia, Sutton, W. Va., Aug. 28
Kentucky, Danville, Ky., Sept. 4
Illinois, Waverly, Ill., Sept. 18
Louisville, Morganfield, Ky., Sept. 25
Sill Meeting College of Bishops, Greenwood, S. C., Oct. 31

No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else. *Dickens.*

Every day should be passed as if it were to be our last. *Publius Syrus.*

W. M. S. LITTLE ROCK CONF.

Dear Friends and Co-workers: Last week, during her visit to Little Rock, it was our privilege to have several helpful conferences with our President, Mrs. James Thomas, who expects us to make this year one of notable endeavor in missions.

At her suggestion we are sending you this joint letter about our Missionary Council meeting to be read in every auxiliary of the Little Rock Conference Missionary Society as soon as possible.

We can only give you small references to the great purposes and achievement of the Woman's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, with the hope that you will carefully study the annual report when it is published.

On the first evening of this second annual meeting, the large congregation joined heartily with the Council in our grand old hymn, "Lead on, O, King Eternal," and earnest prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Tudor, who is honored and beloved throughout Southern Methodism. The address of welcome was given by Dr. F. J. Prettyman, the presiding elder of the district, who was our gracious and capable host in the absence of Dr. Register, the pastor of Mt. Vernon church, whose illness was deeply regretted by all.

Dr. Prettyman welcomed us to our National Capitol—"the Heart of the Nation." He said in part: "The public buildings, parks and places of interest are open to the Council. The President of the Nation will receive you at the White House and personally welcome you. Other religious and secular organizations are here. Come, and lay a cooling hand on the fevered brow of the National Life and help shape the national character. It is time to come. Other organizations are here. The labor unions are at work, the secret orders and the commercial interests. The Southern Commercial Congress is erecting a great building—a wonderfully imposing structure. We are seeking to erect a great representative church here. A church that shall adequately represent us. We have no traditions, no state authority to establish ourselves upon. The Gospel must first be impressed on our National Life. We must give it to China and Korea, but political conditions here demand it as well."

Miss Belle Bennett expressed appreciation of Dr. Prettyman's cordiality and that extended us by the kind hostesses and many friends in the cosmopolitan city of the United States.

She briefly recalled incidents in the life of our Lord in Jerusalem, the Capital city of his nation. She said we must pray God to hasten the time when every representative of the Nation at our Capital shall be a man of God. She declared the great significance of the Forward Movement is the world-wide uplift of women. That fifty years ago the mother who looked down upon her own babe in the cradle was the ideal mother, but today her heart must throb in pity for suffering motherhood and neglected babyhood wherever they exist. In the last quarter of a century we've begun to realize the need for universal motherhood and universal sisterhood as we've long known the need for universal fatherhood and brotherhood to help save this old world.

Mesdames J. B. Cobb and R. W. MacDonnell, Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Departments, briefly reviewed the work in the foreign and home fields which has been blessed of God all these years. This interesting session closed with the Holy Sacrament, and one said, "even a native of a heathen land, one who knew not our Lord, could have read the import of the ceremony in the faces of those present."

Shall not we so live that others seeing us may learn to know Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith?

There were no great changes made in our methods, and the few recommendations may prove of inestimable value.

The Little Rock Conference was honored with representatives in the committees on Appropriations; Literature, Laws, and Educational Institutions, and your Corresponding Secretaries were almost as busy as the captains of the host who bore well their great responsibility. The small committee to digest and codify the laws of the Council might have been awestricken but for the fact that the chairman, Mrs. Swindle, of North Carolina, is well versed in legal methods and requirements. Their report was adopted, and we shall soon have a manual containing all rules and regulations governing every department of our work.

The Committee on Literature considered memorials from conferences, recommendations from the Press Superintendent, the editorial and educational secretaries; and the four Vice Presidents; and it did seem to us that every department desired special literature printed and scattered broadcast throughout the land at the earliest possible moment. This committee concurred in all the good things, and with small loss, their report was adopted by the Council. Their recommendation that each Conference organ have one woman to edit all its missionary columns was left to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries for adjudication and adjustment. It looks as though we took for granted the kindly acquiescence of the Editors of the church papers!

In the Home Department the Week of Prayer collections will be used to meet out-standing obligations incurred in building the Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., Ruth Hargrove School in Florida for Cubans; Brevard in North Carolina, and Vashiti Industrial School in Thomasville, Ga.

Every adult auxiliary is again urged to pay the \$2.00 assessment for the endowment fund of the Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City.

The Young People are to build the girls' dormitory at the Sue Bennett school, London, Ky.

The children, Junior Division, will work for the chapel at Mary Helm Hall for the Japanese in Alameda, California, and the Ruth Hargrove Institute at Key West, while the Baby Division will contribute to the Wesley House in Tampa, Florida.

The appropriations made by the Home Department amount to \$114,878.45. Eleven deaconesses were consecrated by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, and appointments were given to 104 deaconesses and city missionaries. Hereafter the Council will be a self-enterprising body, and the next meeting will be held in First church, Birmingham, Ala.

A resolution was passed expressing willingness to join the Board of Missions, whenever they deem it wise to open a Mission in Africa. Mrs. Glide, a delegate from California, made a contribution of \$5,000.00 to that work. Ten thousand dollars was pledged to the foreign department, by individuals who were present. Mrs. Cobb reported 99,886 women and children enrolled in the Foreign Department of our Societies. The collections for the past year were \$244,952.44, a proportionate increase over the previous year of about \$18,000. We owe only a few thousand dollars borrowed from ourselves, none to the banks. Our financial condition is better than it has been for years. It was concluded to leave the price of the Voice at fifty cents a year, and to accept a few pages of selected advertisements, to help defray the expenses of the publication. It was decided to have the Bulletins issued jointly, in the future giving equal space to Home and Foreign Departments. The departments to be edited by the two Corresponding Sec-

retaries of the Council, Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell, and Mrs. J. B. Cobb. The foreign field asked for thirty women, this year, we had only fifteen to send. Three went to Brazil, four to Korea, six to China, and two to Mexico. The crjffiofewk Sh vabxgcisGKrot fill.: week of prayer contributions in the foreign department will all go to Mexico City. Let us begin now to magnify our week of prayer. Oh the needs of Mexico City. It makes our hearts sad, as we hear of the conditions there. And the bravery and Christian fortitude of Miss Case, should inspire us to make an offering for them this year, equal to their needs. When even now we are reaching the best families, even that of Madero, himself, what might we do with proper equipments. The foreign department turned over the Indian work to the Home Department.

The Laredo Seminary was tendered the Home department by the Foreign department. This was accepted to go into effect June, 1913.

The following are a few of the recommendations of the Foreign Department Extension of work:

1. We concur in the plans of Federation for Women's Foreign Boards proposed at Philadelphia during the Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of United States and Canada.

2. That we observe Thursday of the World's Week of Prayer as a day of prayer for Woman's work.

3. That we co-operate with other Boards in providing literature for the women of the Orient.

It was recommended, that the schools in our Mission Fields be graded, standardized and correlated, and that they shall conform to the requirements of Government schools wherever it is desirable or advantageous.

That each conference hold an itineration of district meetings; these meetings to be largely Institutes in which will be discussed the methods of work, the duties of leaders and officers, and the departments of work.

That, if practical, all Conferences adopt as specials for Young People those named by the Council from year to year.

Your Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Department, pledged 100 new subscribers to "The Young Christian Worker."

We sincerely hope that the members of the various Auxiliaries will bring up this number of subscribers before December, 1912.

Yours in the work,
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Cor. Sec. Home Department.
MRS. GEORGE THORNBURGH,
Cor. Sec. Foreign Department.

HOT SPRINGS METHODISM.

Preachers' meeting convened at Central Monday morning, with the following present: C. O. Steel, presiding, J. R. Dickerson, Forney Hutchinson, C. W. Drake, S. K. Burnett and O. H. Keadle. After singing "A charge to keep I have," Brother Drake led in prayer and the following reports were made:

Third Street, by Dickerson. Fine prayer meeting with church conference combined which proved to be very interesting and profitable. Sunday school had dropped off a little, 207 present. Preaching services not as well attended as usual. Good interesting League service in the afternoon.

Malvern Avenue, by Drake. Prayer meeting poorly attended. Sunday school better attended than at any time during his incumbency. Congregation some better than usual. Services were spiritual, with the best music during the year to date.

Central, by Hutchinson. Fine prayer meeting Wednesday night. 365 in Sunday school. Good congregations morning and night, two accessions by

baptism and two children baptized.

Park Avenue, by Burnett. Good League Wednesday night. 123 in Sunday school with fairly good congregations morning and night.

Tigert Memorial, by Keadle. Owing to death in the community the congregation small in the morning, and not crowded at night. Two accessions by letter.

O. H. K.

THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Since my last report in the Western Methodist we have received one box of nice new clothing and linen from the Women's Missionary Society at Paragould. One box nice new clothing for little girls from the Home Mission Society at Wesson. Miss Minnie Eideon's class in the Sunday school at Jonesboro has assumed the clothing of one of the little girls in the Orphanage. This is a very appropriate and beautiful work for a Sunday school class.

The contribution by Hunter Home Mission Society here-to-fore reported should have included \$2.50 in cash, the mention of which was omitted in the report of the articles.

I notice in a Georgia paper that one of the Epworth Leagues in that State agreed to permanently support one of the orphan children in the Georgia Orphans' Home. It would be a very commendable work for any Epworth League in Arkansas, to support one of our children in the Methodist Orphanage.

George Thornburgh,
President.

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STORM AT BUTLER, OKLA.

An awful storm struck this place last Saturday at 7:30 p. m.; one killed in town and several injured. Five deaths in the surrounding country and many seriously hurt. Twenty-seven houses destroyed in town and twenty-eight badly damaged. Twenty-three houses destroyed in the country, near here. The cupola of the Methodist church was blown off and some of the roof was taken and a number of window lights broken out. The Baptist church was turned around and into the middle of the street. A flying porch roof caved in the sides of the parsonage roof. The parsonage was not otherwise damaged, except some window lights being broken out. The large brick school building was torn all to pieces. The parsonage barn was blown away, bodily. Relief work is being carried forward as rapidly as possible. So many people homeless and without money.

Any help sent to enable us to repair the church and parsonage will be appreciated very much.

H. L. Maulden.

P. S. No insurance on the church and parsonage.

SINGER WANTED.

I would like to have a good singer to help in meeting beginning on 24th of May. Will some one who knows of a good singer please put me in touch with him. Address

W. C. Fleetwood.

Ryan, Okla.

West Oklahoma Conference Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. C. S. Walker, Press Supt.,
Chickasha, Okla.

WEST OKLAHOMA WOMAN'S MIS- SIONARY CONFERENCE.

Program for Woman's Missionary
Society, West Oklahoma Conference,
Mangum, May 17-21, 1912.

Friday Evening.

Devotional service, Mrs. Cassie
Shoun.

8 p. m. Music by choir.

Address of Welcome, Mrs. G. A.

Brown.

Response, Mrs. J. M. Gross.

Solo, Mrs. N. W. Shearburn.

Reports of Council meeting, Mrs.

C. S. Bobo, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh.

Social Hour.

Saturday, May 18.

9 a. m. Consecration service, Mrs.

R. M. Campbell.

Organization.

President's Message.

Reports of Conference Officers.

Institute Hours.

Children's Work, Mrs. G. R.

Wright.

Young People's Work, Miss Daisy

Davies.

Bible Hour, Miss Daisy Davies.

2 p. m. Devotional service, Mrs.

W. F. Whittington.

Roll Call. Minutes.

Appointment of Committees.

Reports of District Secretaries.

Workers' Conference, Miss Daisy

Davies.

Evening.

Committee meetings.

Sunday, May 19.

11 a. m. Sermon, Rev. J. S. Lamar.

3 p. m. Service for Young People

and Children, Miss Daisy Davies.

8 p. m. Address, Miss Daisy Da-

vies.

Monday, May 20.

9 a. m. Devotional service, Mrs. S.

H. Landrum.

Business.

Reports of Superintendents.

Institute Hours.

Work of the Press Superintendent,

Mrs. C. S. Walker.

Christian Stewardship and Mission

Study, Mrs. C. R. Kimbro.

Bible Hour, Miss Daisy Davies.

2 p. m. Devotional services, Mrs.

A. C. Briggs.

Business.

Reports of Auxiliaries.

Forward Movement, Miss Daisy

Davies.

Institute Hour.

Local Work and Social Service, Mrs.

T. M. Robinson.

8 p. m. Devotional Service, Mrs.

C. F. Mitchell.

Music by choir.

Solo, Mrs. A. L. Scales.

Address, Miss Daisy Davies.

Tuesday, May 21.

9 a. m. Devotional service, Mrs.

Alice Perry.

Business.

Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers.

Selection of Place of Meeting.

Minutes.

Bible Hour, Miss Daisy Davies.

Please send names of delegates to

Mrs. L. A. McCollister, Mangum,

Okla. Excursion rates have been

asked for, and will probably be

granted. Make inquiries before pur-

chasing tickets.

Mrs. R. M. Campbell.

DURANT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Durant district conference will
be held at Ft. Towson, Okla., May 25th
to 28th.

Yours truly,

T. P. Turner.

EAST OKLAHOMA WOMAN'S MIS- SIONARY CONFERENCE NOTICE.

Will all delegates and visitors con-
templating attending the annual ses-
sion of the East Oklahoma Mission-
ary Conference, May 22-26, please
send their names at once to Mrs. R. H.
Wall, 910 South Boston, Tulsa,
Okla.

Mrs. W. R. Greer,
President.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The second meeting of the Woman's
Missionary Council was held in Mount
Vernon Place church, Washington,
D. C., April 10-17. It was the privi-
lege of a few of the secretaries to be
in Cincinnati for two days, April 6-7,
and attend "The World Missions." This
exhibit could have been studied
with profit for weeks. The details
showed careful, intelligent prepara-
tion. Every phase of missions, both
home and foreign, was shown, and no
one could but be impressed with the
fact that the best thought of the best
minds was being given to the study
of world-wide missions. That people
are interested was attested by the
large enthusiastic throngs in attend-
ance. The pageant, given both aft-
ernoon and evening, and participated
in by more than a thousand, was an
inspiration and a very effective ob-
ject lesson in the power of the gospel to
seek and to save and to lift up those
"who dwell in darkness."

This session of the Council differed
somewhat from the one that met last
year. Then we were launching out on
a path, to some extent untried. The
work was largely constructive. This
year we met together after one year
as a united society, and found we were
stronger to go forth, with not a part
of the kingdom to present, but the
whole story for those at home and
those abroad. We were privileged to
have with us Bishops Wilson, Hendrix
and Atkins, and also our Missionary
Secretary, Dr. Pinson. Despite the
fact that the past year has been
one of readjustments, it has been
one of progress and enlargement
of plans. The impulse of the
Forward Movement has been felt
throughout our bounds. The cam-
paign is to be continued through the
year, and to be watchwords, "Double
our membership, double our offer-
ing" is to be added, "Double our
prayer life."

The schools maintained by the So-
ciety are in better condition than at
any time and dare calling for enlarged
equipment. The extension work
among the negroes, begun last year,
was most successful, and more ex-
tended plans were made for civic
leagues and settlement work. The de-
partment of Social Service is destined
to prove one of the most potent factors
for reaching the unsaved in a practical
way. Eleven deaconesses were con-
secrated by Bishop Hendrix, and no
one who listened to him as he said "I
consecrate thee to the office of deacon-
ess," but felt that each one of these
young women, with a definite call to a
definite work, will do much toward
hastening the coming of the kingdom.
Many phases of our work were dis-
cussed at length and plans formulated
for larger and greater results, but to
write of all that was done in our sit-
ting together for eight days is impos-
sible in the scope of a single communi-
cation. There are some few things of
special importance that may be men-
tioned. A plan of work among the
French people of Louisiana is to be
adopted. The Home Department has
taken over from the Foreign Depart-
ment the Indian work, and the man-
agement of Laredo Seminary. There
will be only one bulletin for the two
departments. A definite policy for the
conference half of dues was agreed

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and stirred the hearts of those who
heard her.

We are fortunate to secure Miss
Daisy Davies for our annual meeting
at Tulsa, May 22-26. It is hoped
every auxiliary will have a representa-
tive present. We are trying to secure
a railroad rate of one and one-third
fare, and we are hopeful of success.
This will be for the round trip regard-
less of attendance.

Let us all work and pray and plan
for the best meeting possible, and the
victory will surely be ours if we do
our work as unto Him.

Mrs. J. C. Fowler,
Conf. Cor. Sec. East Okla. Conf.
Henryetta, Okla.

TAKING A STEP NEARER GOD.

The soul is a world of wonder. The
soul of man must have been created
for something more than salvation
from hell, or to thrust a harp in
heaven; for something more than the

grind and gouge of the business bat-
tle or the frivolities of fashion and
mere social twaddle. It looks as though
it might have been brought on the
stage of time to take a hand in big
affairs.

Whatever we may think of the Bible,
we must admit that it addresses man
as a child of God who should be
about his Father's business.

On this Sunday morning we may
turn aside from the burdens of the
week and give God a chance to culti-
vate vast solitudes of the soul which
have too long forbidden the divine in-
vasion.

Why wait until the ship goes down
for the band to play "Nearer My God
to Thee," or to repeat the Lord's
prayer? On the first day of the week
humanity takes a step nearer God and
the nearer the approach, the nearer
men come together.—The Oklahoman,
Sunday, May 5.

OLD LADY'S SAGE ADVICE.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Rev. D. J. Weems.

Seminole, Okla.

A day and night were spent most pleasantly and profitably in Seminole. This is a new and prosperous town on the Rock Island road in Seminole county. There are three or four blocks of business houses, two banks, excellent two story brick public school. Large Indian school near. Baptists and Methodists each have a church. Shaping up the old, we secured five new subscribers, H. D. Brame, W. A. Deaton, F. H. Wozencraft, Mrs. R. W. Smith and Dr. W. E. Guisso. It was a pleasure to meet Thos. D. Noe, his sister, Mrs. Owens, J. R. McCants, J. D. Brame, Mrs. R. H. Smith, J. L. Hull, Dr. Turlington and others, all readers of the Western Methodist. Dr. Turlington, Shelby Livingston, my cousin, and their families were especially kind to me. The music and elocution department of Oklahoma Wesleyan College put on a most excellent entertainment at Seminole. Conducted by Rev. C. C. Barnhardt, Miss Sweeney, Miss Brooks and four other beautiful young ladies. Rev. M. C. Hayes is pastor here and at

Wewoka.

He is a gifted speaker and every way a fine preacher. He has had great success as an evangelist, and is doing well as a pastor. His family are in Oklahoma City, so I did not meet them. Wewoka is the county seat of Seminole county. Population twelve or fifteen hundred. Has three banks and full line of general business. There are four churches. We have a real nice church, well located. Shaping up the old we secured five new subscribers, A. T. Meek, J. P. Stringfield, M. S. Youngblood, E. P. Northern, and W. M. Harrod. Judge J. W. Wilmot is the efficient Sunday school superintendent. An elegant supper was enjoyed in the pleasant home of Brother and Sister R. H. Chase, the county clerk. We had a good service on Tuesday night. Miss Charlotte, the beautiful 15 year old daughter of Brother and Sister E. L. Sebastian, presided at the organ. She is quite proficient in music for one so young.

Calvin.

On the East banks of the Canadian where the Rock Island and the M. O. & G. roads cross is Calvin. This is a prosperous town in a fine farming country. Here are four blocks of business houses. Two banks, large cotton seed oil mill, superintended by C. A. Hooton, a fine Christian gentleman. Though duty calls him to change his location looking after several mills, he keeps the good Western Methodist for himself and his intelligent Christian wife to read. There is a large two story school house in Calvin and a good school. We have desirable prop-

erty in church and parsonage. One of the best gardens I have seen was at Rev. J. J. Shaw's. I find most preachers have good gardens. This home is blessed with a large family. The oldest boys are making a crop. This is well for them. I enjoyed a good dinner with Sister Shaw and the children. Shaping up the old I secured three new subscribers, C. H. Wilbanks, cashier of one of the banks, Mrs. C. W. Hardwick and Mrs. J. W. Hundley. It was a pleasure to meet Rev. John Chitty, a worthy local preacher, Rev. R. Y. Blackwell, a superannuate of Tennessee, P. M. West, merchant and C. P. Timmons, depot agent. Rev. J. J. Shaw is pastor here and at

Stuart.

He is quite zealous and is making a good record. His people are much pleased with him both at Calvin and Stuart. He is worthy of all confidence and is doing well. Brother Gregg was helping him in an interesting meeting. I heard him preach two excellent sermons. With little effort we shaped up the old and secured eight new subscribers, viz., Mrs. G. P. Rose, Prof. R. H. Henderson, R. E. Joiner, J. A. Forrester, T. M. Rogers, H. F. Summerville, S. B. McDonald, and I. N. Vanzant. Stuart is a prosperous town. Every one seemed cheerful. I was much pleased with what I saw and heard.

McAlester.

An early morning run brought me to McAlester, where I met in the home of Dr. J. E. Carpenter, Rev. S. H. Babcock, the Presiding Elder, Dr. S. Anderson, secretary of the General Board of Education and Rev. S. F. Goddard, President of Oklahoma Woman's College, located at Muskogee, who had met to talk over the educational situation in Oklahoma. Dr. Carpenter is doing some excellent preaching his people say. They have secured a choice lot for this new church, and North McAlester has plans for their new church and parsonage that are to be built soon. Rev. Frank Naylor is our pastor here. With the aid of a good layman and Dr. Carpenter I shaped up the old and secured four new subscribers, W. J. Kindrick, F. S. Booker, R. L. Cochran and Mrs. Susie Hollinshead with whom I enjoyed a good supper. A pleasant night was spent with Brother and Sister Fletcher Arnold, and Homer, friends of other days whose good father and mother now in heaven, were members of my congregation in Van Buren, twenty-five years ago.

Kiowa.

A short run brought me to Kiowa, where Rev. W. A. Lewis is pastor for the second year. He is doing extra well. His people think well of him and his lovely family. As evidence, they have raised his salary, and have given them three good poundings. We had a nice audience on short notice and a pleasant service. Kiowa is a beautiful town in Pittsburg county. They have four blocks of business houses, two banks, good hotel that does not charge preachers in regular work, extra large two-story brick academy, with eight teachers. Prof. T. T. Lewis is principal.

Shaping up the old, we secured fifteen new subscribers: S. S. Jennings, A. J. Dukes, F. J. Howard, C. W. West, Mrs. C. D. Freese, Dr. J. W. Millsaps, Mrs. A. Beesley, Mrs. B. M. Bryant, Dr. C. T. Harris, J. C. Clark, C. F. Moulton, Mrs. J. W. Hollis, George G. Painter, Mrs. J. W. Culbertson, and Mrs. C. N. Auld. Rev. W. P. Donnell, and Rev. B. F. McDaniel, worthy local preachers, have their homes here. Brother Lewis has an interesting family: a good wife, four enthusiastic boys (one named Thomas Ware, for his old Arkansas presiding elder,) and two daughters, one just blooming into

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To the School Boards of the State, Galloway College has the following talent to offer this year among its graduates:

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I shall be glad to put any community in touch with candidates suited to the positions to be filled. Inquire by numbers of

Searcy, Ark.

J. M. WILLIAMS, Pres.

a charming young lady, and the babe the pet of the family.

Tupelo.

Sunday was spent in Tupelo, with Rev. B. L. Williams and his good people. There are three railroads, one north and south, with two running east and west. With plenty of coal near by and three roads, Tupelo ought to make a fine town. There is excellent farming country surrounding the town. There are some nice peach orchards here that promise a fine crop this year. There are several stone business houses here, though there have been several destructive fires. There are two banks. Brother C. M. Witter is president of one of them. He and his good wife furnished excellent entertainment in their elegant home. Brother Lloyd of Stonewall, an intelligent local preacher, was also here. He preached a good sermon in the morning and I did my best at night.

We have a real nice church and a good Sunday school. Brother E. H. Steed is superintendent. Rev. B. L. Williams is pastor at Stonewall and Tupelo. This is his second year. He is doing extra well. He also has two country appointments. His people speak of him in highest terms. He is full of energy and with his consecrated wife and sweet baby girl, will be highly appreciated wherever they may be sent. With his aid we secured ten new subscribers: W. M. McCurdy, C. M. Witter, C. H. Tyler, M. T. Patton, J. J. Downs, F. P. Tyler, J. T. Ray, L. Winfield, M. C. Mosley, and Mrs. R. E. Callaway.

There is a large two-story public school house. The Baptists also have a good church, in which I was privileged to preach before the Methodists built. Brother Williams has received over twenty members since Conference.

TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, EXAMINERS AND TEACHERS.

I earnestly urge County Superintendents, County Examiners and Teachers to co-operate heartily in stimulating interest in your local, county and district fairs, or any other organizations that propose to have agricultural or industrial exhibits.

It would be a splendid idea for every school in the county, and especially the rural schools, to have exhibits at all such gatherings.

The occasions offer splendid opportunities for magnifying the work of Boys' and Girls' Clubs of various kinds and to show the patrons what the school is doing. Large numbers of children from the different schools of the county are brought together on these occasions and there results a larger outlook for the school and community.

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the schools of the county to attend these gatherings in a body.

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This Department will heartily co-operate in every way possible in this work. Mr. J. L. Bond, Supervisor of Rural Schools, who is working under the direction of the Department of Public Instruction, will be glad to assist you directly in this work. He is visiting the different counties from time to time in the interest of the rural school work and, if needed, his services are yours in helping to get this work organized in your county.

Geo. B. Cook.

State Supt. Public Instruction.
Little Rock, April 29.

A SUDDEN MOVE.

The pastor of Elmore circuit was moved last night and not by the order of the bishop. At 2:30 a storm from the southwest struck Elmore City, wrecking several buildings, and doing considerable damage. The parsonage, with six other dwelling houses, was thrown from its foundation. It was damaged some but not destroyed. I would estimate the damage at \$40. The other houses were damaged about in the same proportion as was the parsonage. Several out buildings were completely destroyed. One large barn was burned by lightning. People of Elmore City are very thankful that no one was hurt.

C. E. Galloway, Pastor.

Elmore, Okla., April 28.

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COALGATE, OKLA.

Our work here still prospers, and the revival fires still burn. Our Sunday school is growing, and we are wondering what we will do with our pupils if the Lord continues to bless our school. Isn't it great when the Lord just blesses you until you feel like begging him to hold his hand? Enrollment 242, increase 129, since conference. Conversions to date 171, accessions to all churches from our meeting to date, 145. Our church has received since conference 71, all by profession except 4.

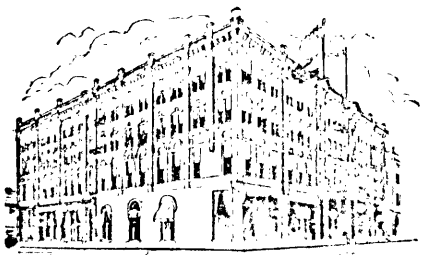
Our Junior League, organized since conference, is growing, likewise the Senior League. Our Wesley Bible, and Baraca Class recently organized is growing in interest and numbers. The church in every way has doubled. We have about paid up all our debts, and will dedicate our new church in August. Have recently bought a new piano for the church, the Sunday school and Leagues are paying for it.

The Board of Stewards say their collections are in far better condition than ever known in the history of the church. Our Senior League has a lecture committee, who propose to furnish good lectures and high class entertainments during the summer. The pastor has just organized a Coalgate Lyceum Club, with 100 members, and we will place a good Lyceum course here this fall. This was done for the tone and uplift it will give, as only low class entertainments ever come her, and our folks will go to something, and we want to give them the best.

The picture show is a serious problem here, the people go to them by the hundreds, and most all the dimes go this way. A child will go two or three times a week to the picture show, spending 20 to 30 cents, and Sunday morning put a penny in the Sunday school collection. We are trying to train them otherwise, but it is a slow job.

Our church is hopeful, enthusiastic and working, everything is lovely as a May morning and the goose hangs high—not too high.

Just closed a meeting at Centrahoma, a side appointment, with that prince of good fellows, W. H. Brown, helping me. We had a great meeting for the church, several conversions and received two young business men of the town into our church, with their wives, the best material left in the place. Brown goes anywhere, and works hard, for the love he has for souls and the work. He preached a doctrinal sermon for the folks, the first sermon on the doctrine ever delivered in the town, and all were mightily established in the doctrines of our church. It was a good meeting. Brown is busy all the time, has more calls than he can fill, and is doing a great work for God and the church. Our folks here want Brother J. B. Andrews back again this summer or early fall for a meeting.



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During the month of May, the federated churches of Coalgate, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian, will engage in a "Church Going Campaign," having union services at each church, both hours each Sunday. Family Day, Mother's Day, Sunday School Day, Denominational Day, Men's Night, Women's Night, Lodge Men's Night, are the services we are stressing. It promises big things for God and the church. Weems, the Western Methodist man was with me one day, secured seven new subscribers. A Methodist Bulletin is published each week.

L. B. Ellis, Pastor.

May 4, 1912.

MANITOU CIRCUIT.

I will give you a little of the news on this charge as some one might like to hear from here. We are getting along fine over here. Everything looks good. We are getting everything pretty well straightened out and the old sores cured up and by meeting time this summer, I think we will be in a very good shape for real good spiritual meetings. The DeYoung Chapel people got a move on themselves and pounded the preacher as also did Deep Red church, and I want to say right here that those good people shall ever live in our memory as we certainly appreciate what they have done for us. Rev. T. M. Wood, of DeYoung Chapel took a very active part in the above for which we thank him very much. Brother Wood is an elder in our church and will help me in some of my meetings this summer. He is a good preacher and any one wanting a man to help him in a meeting will find Brother Wood a safe man I am sure and a good revivalist. Brother Tommie Dorsey, of Deep Red, also took an active part in the pounding, for which accept our many thanks. Bro. Dorsey is my steward at the above place and a fine and good fellow. He is quite a welcome visitor to the parsonage every week, as he is continually looking after the preacher's interest and always brings along some butter milk, and sweet milk. Of course, he brings this for the wife of the preacher but the preacher always gets to share a part. Oh, for such families as the Dorsey family in the church! They are Methodists of the old type. They know the needs of a Methodist preacher. Crops are looking fine over here this year and I think the Lord is going to give us a bountiful harvest. Men tell me they never saw wheat better, oats and other things are looking fine. We had a very heavy wind Saturday night, the 27th, and a little rain. The wind blew down a few residence houses and overturned quite a number of out houses, stripped the roofs off of several barns and hurt one man by turning the house he was living in over, bruising him up a little, but I don't think he was hurt seriously. Things could have been much worse and we are very thankful that they were not. Wife and I were out in the country at a farm house and when we returned we found the parsonage and all its belongings alright, so we were glad. We have bought the high school building and are getting ready to have it moved to our lot and converted into a church house and the wind wrecked it a little but we have it insured and will get the damage, whatever it is. We will have one of the largest and best churches in town when we get it finished.

O for a faith that will not shrink,

Though pressed by every foe,

That will not tremble on the brink

Of any earthly woe.

Brethren, let us have faith like the above and then whatever may come, we will be able to stand every trial of life and at last reach our eternal home.

R. H. Denny.

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TILLAR AND DUMAS.

I have held a meeting at both the above named places. Began at Dumas on the fourth Sunday in March. Brother Holman from Carlisle came to me on Monday. It rained several times during the meeting. We were completely rained out on Sunday, and decided to quit until some future time. The meeting was not what we expected but it was good considering the weather. We received five into the church. Brother Holman did some good preaching. The church there is taking on new life. The Sunday school is growing very fast. Woman's Missionary Society is in fine shape. They have just put a fine piano in the church. Some as good people as you will find anywhere live at Dumas. We began at Tillar on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in April and continued until the following Thursday night week. Brother Watson from Warren did the preaching. He completely captured the people. We had twenty-five additions to the church. Some of the leading men of the town came into the church. The board of stewards, seven in number, have completely reorganized the financial system of the church. They have assumed all the collections, have made a handsome increase in the pastor's salary and will pay collections and salary monthly. Our Sunday school has outgrown our church. We have made arrangements for one or two of the classes to use the old school building which is near the church, till we get our new church. We hope to begin work on the new church within thirty days. We already have eight thousand dollars that we can use at any time. We expect to collect another thousand, and with memorial windows, etc., the building will cost near ten thousand dollars. We expect to dedicate it free of debt the first service in it. The church was made possible by a gift of four thousand dollars from Mrs. Frank Tillar, formerly of this place, now living in Galveston, Texas.

E. J. Slaughter, P. C.

NAN APELACHI IMMA.

Dear Methodist: Abanompeshi sipokni L. W. Cobb ilappat ohoyo im abeka tok hopaki yohmi hosh nana kat im apalammi fehna alikchi ai imma ilappa ahika yat chito anonti ilap akinli kat nana isht apelaacha hi at iksho yakohmi ho impalammi fehna hosh ahanta hatuk o Uilhti Pehlichhi at achi mat sakit ai anompuli taloha kat nana ittahoba ikbit isht apela hokma achukma hinla achi tuk oke.

Zadoc Anderson.

MARIETTA, OKLA.

We have just closed a fine meeting at this place. The great work accomplished in the church was exceedingly gratifying. Several who had grown cold were renewed in their zeal for the Master. The meeting developed talent that has been previously hidden under the bushel of indifference and neglect. There were fifteen conversions besides the reclamations. Seventeen united with our church, several went to the Campbellite and Baptist churches. Brother Hamilton, of Vinita Avenue Church, Sulphur, conducted the meeting. He is an exceptionally fine preacher. He selects interesting subjects, uses forceful English and has the most pleasing manners. My people were delighted with the meeting and many pronounced it the most harmonious co-operation of the different churches ever seen in Marietta.

W. A. Govett.

NOTICE.

We will conduct a Missionary Institute with the preachers of the Arkadelphia district at Malvern, Ark., May 14-15. The program will be published in the Methodist. We have planned for some consideration of the Laymen's work for Missions, and, we therefore invite and urge any of our laymen, who will do so, to attend. All the preachers of the district, both local and pastors, are expected to attend. See our Discipline, paragraph 380.

T. D. Scott.

DR. W. S. MAY.

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TIME ENGAGED.

All my time is slated for meetings up to the first Sunday in September. I can help in two meetings somewhere just before the Annual Conference. Who wants these dates. Sorry to say no to so many of the brethren concerning meetings for the next three months, but my time is all spoken for.

D. A. Gregg.

Meeker, Okla.

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GUYMON DISTRICT NOTES.

I have been intending to write for some time but have been too busy. Having been appointed presiding elder of Guymon District by Bishop Denny, I hastily pulled up stakes at the delightful town of Duncan and came here April 1. I found the work much behind. Some charges had not had a conference this conference year, owing to the severe winter and the fact that Brother Baird had resigned. When this is printed I shall be through the round of the district. I find financial matters exceedingly strained and embarrassing, but the deep snows followed continually by rains have soaked the thirsty earth as it has not been for years. The prospect for a great harvest is bright indeed. Many had left their claims, but are coming back each day and we hope that the conditions will be much better. Though it will take more than a single year to restore the land to its wonted place. From all I have observed, will say that the residents of "no man's land," those who remained on the claims, are as intelligent and up to date folks as the State affords. One will find college graduates living in dug-outs, holding down the homestead until better crops enable a better building. This is distinctly Home Mission territory, but only so because of local conditions and not because of the ignorance or illiberality of the folks. There is no field in all Southern Methodism more hopeful. Only let us stand by it and nurse it with unstinted appropriations and soon "we shall come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us" into a glorious inheritance. This is a land of magnificent proportions, level prairies, deep soil, fine water, pure air, ideal altitude. Consumption and malaria are unknown. There is at present strong talk of two railroads entering the territory. Should they come and also a good harvest or two, this region will spring forward as few sections have done.

Brother Baird resigned for good and sufficient reasons, mainly financial, and was relieved in the regular way. He did a great work last year on the district and is universally popular, especially here in Guymon where he resides. He has purchased the Guymon Democrat and is making a strong moral sheet of it. His sister, Miss Mildred, is copartner with him in the ownership and general management.

Brother Davis, the pastor at Guymon, placed his resignation in my hands on my arrival and asked for appointment as district evangelist, but Duncan was vacant and Bishop Denny appointed him to the vacancy and from all reports he is making good in every sense of the word. The Bishop relieved me of the lower, Woodward end, of the district, and Brother Weaver consented to take it, since the building of the W. F. & N. W. railroad brought the territory in close touch with Clinton District. He then appointed me temporary preacher in charge of Guymon station and P. E. of the remainder of the district. I am able to fill the pulpit at least four-fifths of the time and Brother Baird very acceptably supplies it in my absence. This imposes heavy work and increased responsibility, but with the

help of the good Lord we shall do our best. We ask the prayers of all that this may prove to be a great year. We have a loyal set of preachers and they have received me with all the brotherliness possible.

How we did hate to leave Duncan! Our short pastorate of less than four months was one of the most enjoyable and most successful we have ever had. We had forty accessions without a special revival, organized a mission study class, Intermediate League, several Wesley Adult classes, bought a piano, fitted up the bathroom, launched a church paper, and enjoyed the love and confidence of as fine a Methodist constituency as the Lord ever made.

Fraternally for the Master,
E. R. Welch.
Guymon, Okla., April 29, 1912.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

Missionary Institute, Arkadelphia District, Malvern, May 14, 15.

May 14, 8 p. m. Preaching by Foreney Hutchinson.

May 15, 8:30 a. m. Devotional. The Supreme Business of the Church, T. D. Scott.

9 a. m. Institute Work. Our Discipline, Paragraph 381.

New Missionary Policy for the Sunday school, J. M. Workman.

How can the Pastor promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society? S. C. Dean.

Distribution of Literature, H. E. Wheeler.

11 a. m. Address. Leadership of the Pastor in making a Missionary Church, Rev. W. R. Richardson of Little Rock.

2:30 p. m. Devotional. Our Resources, H. E. Wheeler.

3 p. m. Mission Study Classes, S. K. Burnett.

Missionary Mass Meeting, T. O. Rorie.

The work of the Missionary Committee, T. F. Hughes.

The Every-Member Canvass, J. R. Dickerson.

8 p. m. Laymen's Work, led by R. W. Hine, Jr.

T. D. Scott, P. E.

ATTENTION, AUXILIARIES EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Societies will meet in Tulsa May 22-26. All auxiliaries are urged to send delegates to this meeting. Miss Da'isic Davies will attend and it will be a great privilege to hear this gifted woman. Let us work together for a large attendance at this, our first annual meeting.

The bulletins are a summary of the work of the Council and every Methodist woman should have the pleasure of reading them. I send the following from the bulletin. (See page 7).

Mrs. M. E. Mackey,
Supt. Press and Literature.
Durant, Okla.

PATMOS CIRCUIT.

We have just closed our second quarter, held our quarterly conference Saturday, May 4, at Bethlehem church three miles west of Patmos, and we can say that we did not have a dry meeting (for it rained all day) and the meeting was well attended, considering the weather. We have made good progress during the second quarter in attendance and spiritual interest, and the finances are in excess of what they were a year ago. We need on Patmos charge more than anything else, genuine religion. When a man's heart is right you can't keep him from doing right, and yet I believe we have as good people as there is in the Texarkana District. We are working, planning and praying for great revivals this year, and we expect them too. Our

Sunday school interest and attendance is the best since 107 according to the quarterly conference reports and we hope to make it still better and break the record of the history of this charge.

The people have bought paint enough to paint our parsonage built by Brother Canfield when he was on this work, and we are doing the work and expect to finish this week, which will greatly improve the looks of our home and add greatly to its lasting value.

S. T. Baugh, P. C.

CLINTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Clinton District Conference will convene at Elk City, Okla., Tuesday, June 11-14, 1912. The first session will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Opening sermon, Tuesday, 11 a. m., by Rev. Robt. Hodgson of Cordell, Okla.

Thursday will be Laymen's Day. Woman's Missionary Society and Epworth League Day Wednesday.

Representatives of all the connective interests of the church will have a place on the program of the conference.

The following committees are appointed:

Admission—W. W. Robinson, G. W. Day and W. P. Meador.

License to Preach—W. J. Stewart, T. S. Johnson and James Arvin.

Deacons Orders—G. L. Taylor, J. G. Blackwood and H. L. Mauldin.

Elders Orders—Robt. Hodgson, E. A. Townsend and Jessie Crumpton.

The preachers in the district, the Recording Stewards, the Sunday school superintendents, the district stewards, the church leaders and four delegates from each pastoral charge are those who compose the membership of the District Conference. I trust that each member will be present at the coming session of our district conference.

Fraternally,
Moss Weaver, P. E.

FINAL REPORT OF THE PLAINVIEW REVIVAL.

This was the greatest meeting in the history of the town. About 250 conversions and reclamations. Eighty have joined the M. E. Church, South and more will join. The Missionary Baptists have received fifteen and quite a number more will join. This has been a wonderful awakening. We organized an Epworth League yesterday at the close of the evening service with about thirty members. The outlook for Plainview is promising.

Brother Lovick Pierce Law will never be forgotten in Plainview. To be sure he is one of God's most faithful servants. He not only preaches from the pulpit, but on the streets in the places of business and everywhere he finds a man or woman in sin.

Those needing an evangelist will make no mistake to get Brother Law and wife. God is using them in the salvation of many souls. I feel that I am voicing the people of the town in saying, Thank God for making it possible for him to visit our town and pray God's blessings upon him and his wife wherever they go.

Carlos H. Bumpers, Pastor.

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C. E. Stewart,
Box 211, Marietta, Okla.

A REMINDER.

Dear Brethren of the West Oklahoma Conference: On the 15th inst. your Conference Missionary Secretary sent a letter to all asking for answers to the following questions:

1. Have you organized your Missionary Committee?
2. Have you held a men's banquet or Missionary rally?
3. Have you made the every member canvass in your charge?
4. If you have not made it, will you make it at as early date as is best for you?

We are gratified at the number of preachers who have answered these questions and answered them in the affirmative. However, there are some who have not replied as yet. We have registered the names of all who have. It is the intention of the Board of Missions to get the names of all pastors and charges who intend to put on the every member canvass during the year. The names of any who do not report to the Secretary will be given to the several presiding elders that they may urge delinquents to see to this matter. If you intend putting on the canvass and have not so informed me, by person or by letter, please let me hear from you at once.

C. S. Walker,
Conf. Miss. Sec.
Chickasha, Okla., Apr. 29.

A SLIGHT CORRECTION.

The correction is not of very great importance. We reported that there would be four young men that would go up to District Conference for license to preach. Brother Hamilton reported that "Brother Moore took six." The facts are that seven consecrated themselves to the ministry—one a Presbyterian. Five of these were licensed at the Ardmore District Conference last week. One more to follow a little later. Three young women gave themselves to the foreign missionary work.

We are doing our best to help these young people. I have just received this morning six Disciplines and six of Binney's "Theological Compend" for the young preachers. We are giving them good doctrine to start with, don't you think? It might not hurt some of us older ones to review these books, along with the Bible.

W. J. Moore.

EPWALII LEK AI IMMA.

Dear Methodist: Holisso yamma anompa kanomosi kia fokki sabanashke. Yohmi ka Local Lek Kalli Lakna ai ittanaha il abashwa kat ik pi kelimpo felna hosh e hiel hoke. Itti-bapishi li ahleha ma, anompa ilbasha isht ish pi anompohonli na "Nusi tuk chia kat chi okohashke, micha illi tuk chia kat falamat ish tanashke, mikma Klaist at tohwikeli chimia chi hoke," achi tok a ithana he pi hannashke.

Ulhti Lek im Ulhti Ittanaha yat pim asha kat tohwikeli chinto hosh ala chi ai ahnit na siyupka felna hoke.

Ilachittibapishi,
R. C. Imotichey.

ANOTHER SUDDEN MOVE.

Our parsonage at Elmore City was again blown from its foundation at 3:30 last night. It was blown in about the same condition last Saturday night at 2:30. We had just finished raising it and had it in much better shape than before, but it proved not to be strong enough to stand such wind. If the house was not well put together such shakes would break it all to pieces, but so far it is almost whole. We have great reasons at Elmore to thank God for his protection over us. There has been no one hurt in either of the storms.

C. E. Galloway, Pastor.
May 4.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.	
(Third Round—In Part.)	
Twenty-Eighth Street, P. M.	May 22
Carlisle Mission at Roger's	May 25, 26
Carlisle Station at Roger's	May 26, 27
Des Arc, P. M.	May 29
Hickory Plains at Cross Roads	June 1, 2
Austin Ct. at Mt. Tabor	June 1, 2
Bryant Ct. at White Rock	June 15, 16
DeValls Bluff & Hazen at D. B.	June 15, 16
Benton Ct. at Mt. Carmel	June 22, 23
Capitol View, P. M.	June 22, 23
Bauxite Ct. at Cross Roads	June 29, 30
England Station, P. M.	July 3
Mamelle Mission, at Martindale	July 6, 7
Tomberlin Ct. at Martindale	July 6, 7
Oak Hill Circuit	July 6, 7
Loneok Station, P. M.	July 10
Mablevale Ct. at Mablevale	July 13, 14

ALONZO MOORE, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Buena Vista Ct.	June 1, 2
Camden Station	June 3
Waldo Ct.	June 8, 9
Magnolia Ct.	June 9, 10
Magnolia Station	June 10
Stephens Station	June 11
Kingsland Ct.	June 15, 16
Hampton Ct.	June 18
Thornton Ct.	June 20
Boarden Ct.	June 22
Fordyce Mission	June 22, 23
Fordyce Station	June 23, 24
El Dorado Station	June 29, 30
El Dorado Ct.	July 6, 7
Junction City Station	June 12, 13
Strong Ct.	July 20, 21
Atlanta Ct.	July 27, 28
Wesson Station	August 3, 4
Huttig Ct.	August 10, 11
Chidester Ct.	August 17, 18

THOS. H. WARE, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
First Church, Texarkana	May 12
Gilham Mission, at Wick	May 18, 19
DeQueen	May 19, 20
Paraloma Ct. at Ben Lomond	May 25, 26
Achdown	June 1, 2
Stamps	June 8, 9
Richmond Ct. at Wade's Chapel	June 15, 16
Cherry Hill Ct. at Dallas	June 22, 23
Mena	June 29, 30
Lewisville Ct. at Bradley	July 6, 7
Texarkana Ct. at Pleasant Hill	July 10
Vandervoort Miss. at Old Potter	July 13, 14
Patmos Ct.	July 20, 21
Locksburg Ct.	July 27, 28
Bright Star Ct. at Concord	August 3, 4
Horatio Ct. at Chapel Hill	August 10, 11
Empire Mission	August 17, 18
Foreman Ct. at Wallas	August 24, 25
College Hill	Sept. 1
Fairview	Sept. 8

J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

MONTECELLO DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Arkansas City	June 9, 10
Mt. Pleasant Ct.	June 15, 16
Lake Village	June 23, 24
Portland	June 29, 30
Snyder Ct.	July 6, 7
Monticello	July 14, 15
Eudora	July 20, 21
Watson	July 27, 28
Hamburg Ct.	August 3, 4
Hermitage Ct.	August 10, 11
Parkdale	August 17, 18
Hamburg Station	August 24, 25
Johnsonville Ct.	August 31
Lacey Ct.	Sept. 7, 8

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Morrilton Station	May 12
Plumerville Station	May 12 (night)
Hartman Ct. at Mt. Zion	May 18, 19
Altus and Denning, at Altus	May 19, 20
Holland Ct. at Pleasant Valley	May 25, 26
Lanty Ct. at Lanty	June 1, 2
Russellville Station	June 8, 9
Clarksville Ct. at Antioch	June 15, 16
Clarksville Station	June 16 (night)
Quitman Ct. at Pleasant Hill	June 22, 23
Pottsville Ct. at Bell Chapel	June 29, 30
Atkins Station	June 30 (night)
Quitman Station	July 6, 7
Dover Ct. at Howard School House	July 13, 14
Damasus Ct. at Steel Chapel	July 22, 23
Conway Ct. at Mayflower	July 22, 23
Morrilton Ct. at Sardis	July 27, 28
Springfield Ct. at Shady Grove	Aug. 3, 4
Conway Station	Aug. 4 (night)
Lamar Ct. at Mt. Zion	Aug. 10, 11

P. S. H. JOHNSON, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Hackett, at Jenny Lind	May 18, 19
Hartford and Midland, at Hartford	May 25, 26
Van Buren Ct. at Bethel	June 1, 2
Dyer, at Newberry	June 8, 9
Alma and Kibler, at Kibler	June 15, 16
Ft. Smith Ct. at Oak Grove	May 22, 23
Greenwood	June 23, 24
Charleston, at Grand Prairie	June 24
Mulberry, at Shiloh	June 29, 30
Central	July 7, 8
Huntington and Mansfield, at Abbott	July 13, 14
Dodson Ave.	July 17
Midland Heights	July 21, 22
First Church	July 23
Beech Grove, at Mineral Springs	July 25, 26
Ozark Mission, at Grenada's	July 27, 28
Ozark Station	July 29, 30
Van Buren Station	Aug. 4, 5

J. M. HUGHEY, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Siloam Springs	May 18, 19
Gravette and Gentry, at Gentry	May 19, 20
Goshen Ct. at Zion	May 25, 26
Elm Springs Ct. at Thornberry	June 1, 2
Centerton Ct. at Lebanon	June 8, 9
Winstow Ct. at Sulphur City	June 22, 23
Springtown, at Springtown	June 29, 30
War Eagle, at Pace's Chapel	July 6, 7

Rogers Sta.	July 7, 8
Huntsville Ct. at McConnell's	July 20, 21
Pea Ridge, at New Home	July 27, 28
Bentonville Sta.	July 28, 29
Springdale Sta.	Aug. 3, 4
Viney Grove	Aug. 6, 7
Lincoln Ct. at White Rock	Aug. 10, 11
Prairie Grove	Aug. 11, 12
Parkdale and Farmington at P.	Aug. 13, 14
Fayetteville Sta.	Aug. 18, 19

J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Valley Spgs. Ct. at West Grove	May 11, 12
Bellefonte Ct. at Potts	May 18, 19
Alpena Ct. at Zion Hill	May 25, 26
Green Forest Sta.	June 1, 2
Berryville Ct. at Pleasant Cove	June 8, 9
Harrison Sta.	June 15, 16
Kingston Ct. at Shiloh	June 22, 23
Osage Ct. at Rule	June 29, 30
Marshall Station	July 6, 7
Denard Ct. at Higden	July 6, 7
Leaside Station	July 8, 9
Clinton Ct. at Clinton	July 13, 14
Yellville Ct. at Ware's Chapel	July 20, 21
Mountain Home Ct. at M. H.	July 22, 23
Cotter Ct. at Gassville	July 23, 24
Lead Hill Ct. at Eros	July 27, 28
Yellville Station	July 28, 29
Eureka Springs Station	July 31

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Grow, at Grow	May 18, 19
Leedy, at Moorewood	May 20
Choyenne, at Choyenne	May 20
Roll, at Washita	May 21
Carter, at Ural	May 25, 26
Elk City	May 26, 27
Dexey, at Berlin	June 1, 2
Sayre	June 2, 3
Carmargo, at Carmargo	June 8, 9
Idolad, at Idolad	June 8, 9
Delhi, at Center Point	June 15, 16
Clinton	June 16, 17
Texola, at Pioneer	June 22, 23
Trick	June 23, 24
Fort, at Pleasant Grove	June 29, 30
Sentinel	June 30-July 1
Carpenter Mission, at W. Hill	July 5
Hammon, at Sand Stone	July 6, 7
Butler, at Butler	July 7, 8
Burnham, at Center Point	July 8
Thomas Mission, at Liberty	July 9
Custer City, at Custer City	July 13, 14
Cordell	July 14, 15
Hill City, at Boggy	July 19
Loes, at Page	July 20, 21
Weatherford	July 21, 22
Woodward	July 27, 28
Tanger	July 28, 29
Mutual	July 30
I will preach at Litley	May 19
District Conference at Elk City, Okla.	June 11-13
Conference will open at 2 p. m. June 11.	
Opening sermon Tuesday, 11 a. m. June 11, by Robt. Hodgson. Representatives of the different Annual Conference Boards will be given a place on the program at the Conference.	

MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Mineo, at Glenwood	May 25, 26
Blanchard, at Harris	June 2, 3
Noble, at Willow	June 15, 16
Longmont	June 16, 17
Moore, at Bethel	June 19
Stratford and Byas	June 22, 23
Purcell	June 23, 24
Paul's Valley	June 29, 30
Capital Hill	June 30, July 1
Paoli, at Wayne	July 6, 7
St. John's	July 7, 8
Epworth	July 10
Norman	July 13, 14
St. Luke's	July 14, 15
El Reno	July 19
Piedmont	July 20, 21
Franklin, at Stella	July 27, 28
St. James	July 28, 29
Guthrie	August 3, 4
Perry	August 4, 5
Geary	August 10, 11
Arcadia	August 17, 18
Sunday School and League Conference, St. John's, June 7.	

O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Sulphur, Vinita Avenue	May 12
Wynnewood	May 12
Elmore at McCartie	May 18, 19
Overbrook at Legate	May 25, 26
Davis at Hoover	June 1, 2
Sulphur, First Church	June 2
Leon at Cannon's Chapel	June 8, 9
Hickory at Fletcher	June 15, 16
Woodford at Poolville	June 22, 23
Thackerville at Martin's Chapel	June 29, 30
Ardmore Miss. at Mt. Washington	July 6, 7
Cornish at Loco	July 13, 14
Berwyn at Dougherty	July 20, 21
Lone Grove at Hewitt	July 27, 28
Marietta	Aug. 4
Ardmore, Broadway	Aug. 4
Ardmore, Carter Avenue	Aug. 21

W. U. WITT, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Duke Ct. at Duke	June 15, 16
Oktober Station	June 16, 17
Martha Station	June 22, 23
Vinson Ct. at Union Grove	June 29, 30
Brinkman & Deer Creek at McKizick	July 6, 7
Pleasant Hill & Gould at P. H.	July 13, 14
Carnegie & Bois at Bois	July 20, 21
Cloud Chief Ct. at Sapington Ch	July 27, 28
Mt. View & Gotebo at Gotebo	July 28, 29
Dryden & Red Hill at Dryden	Aug. 3, 4
Hollis Station	Aug. 4, 5
Rocky Station	Aug. 10, 11
Habit Station	Aug. 11, 12
Mangum Ct. at Center Point	Aug. 17, 18
Eldorado Station	Aug. 24, 25
Mangum Station	Aug. 27
Prairie Hill Ct.	Aug. 31 Sept. 1

C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

DURANT DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Broken Bow	May 11, 12
Bismark	May 12, 13
Grant	May 18, 19
Idabel	May 19, 20
Ft. Towson	May 25, 26
Frogville	June 1, 2
First Church, Hugo	June 2, 3
Soper	June 8, 9
Lelore	June 15, 16
Talihin	June 16, 17
Finley	June 22, 23
Antlers	June 23, 24
Frenies Chapel	June 29, 30
Pirtle	June 30-July 1
Kemp	July 6, 7
Colbert	July 7, 8
Grantham	July 13, 14
Madill	July 14, 15
Willis	July 20, 21
Kingston	July 21, 22
Mansville	July 27, 28
First Church, Durant	July 28, 29
Charreta	August 3, 4
Tishomingo	August 4, 5

T. P. TURNER, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

Webbers Falls and Warner, at W.	May 12
Whitefield and Forum, at Forum	May 12
Tablequah Ct. at Fairview	May 19
Tablequah Station	May 20
Hanson Ct. at Akin	May 23, 26
Sallisaw	May 23, 26
Wainwright and Oktaha, at Wainwright	June 1, 2
Augusta Ave., Muskogee	June 8 p. m. June 2
Stillwell and Westville, at Westville	June 8 p. m. June 9
Stillwell and Wauhillia, at Christie Church	June 8, 9
Tamaha Ct. at Kanima	June 15, 16
Keota and Cowington, at Keota	June 16
Briggs Station	June 16
Ft. Gibson	June 23
Muskogee Ct. at White Church	June 30
St. Paul's, Muskogee	June 30
Onapa Ct. at Onapa	July 6, 7
Checotah	July 6, 7
Boynton and Eram, at Eram	July 13, 14
Morris	July 14
First Church, Muskogee	July 21
Halbert Ct.	July 21, 22
Roland Ct.	July 26, 28
Muldrow	July 28
Vian Ct. at Vian	August 4
Stigler	August 11
District Conference at Ft. Gibson	May 28-30

W. M. WILSON, P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)	
Let all concerned notice that this District Conference is postponed from original date and will meet in Bristow June 11-13. Rev. M. L. Butler will preach the opening sermon June 11, 8 p. m.	
Committee on License to Preach and Admission, and Readmission—P. R. Knickerbocker, J. E. McConnell, and W. T. Ready.	
On Deacons and Elders Orders—M. L. Butler, J. C. Fowler and A. M. Belcher.	
Let each pastor look after his Local Preachers and Recording Stewards. See that the former are either present or send a written report to the Conference. See that the latter are present with Quarterly Conference Records in hand. If for any reason he can't attend let the P. C. bring the Records.	
Baldhill-Hamilton, at Queen's Valley	May 11, 12
Redfork-Mounds, at Mounds	May 12, 13
Bearden Ct.	May 18, 19
Okemah Station	May 19, 20
Henryetta Station	May 25, 26
Okmulgee Station	May 26, 27
Boggs Station	June 1, 2
Tulsa, Boston Ave.	June 2, 3
Coweta Station	June 8, 9
Broken Arrow	June 9, 10
Haskell-Bixby, at Haskell	June 15, 16
Tulsa, Tiger Memorial	June 16, 17
Stroud and Davenport, at Stroud	June 22, 23
Sapulpa Station	June 23, 24
Stillwater	July 6, 7
Dewey Ct. at Newby	July 13, 14
Bristow Station	July 14, 15
Okfuskee Ct.	July 20, 21
Prague and Paden	July 21, 22

GEO. C. FRENCH, P. E.

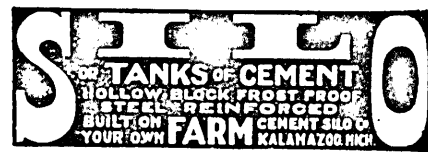
W. H. M. S., WHITE RIVER CONF.

The two Woman's Missionary Societies, Home and Foreign, will come together in joint annual session at Batesville, May 18-21. The first session will open at 9:30 Saturday morning.

The program for this occasion has been arranged with the needs of the various enterprises supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and the reasons why a forward movement was planned by our missionary leaders, much in mind, and every society is urged to send delegates who shall come to take an earnest, intelligent part in planning for the most significant forward movement that has ever been felt in the history of woman's work in the conference.

"Double our membership, double our offerings" is the slogan that must be sounded out at this First Joint Annual session, in such clear ringing tones that it shall reach the conscience of every member of every auxiliary in White River Conference.

May every woman come "in a spirit of prayer, bearing in mind that her service is for the King of glory, and as such should be done in reverence



and live for Him who died that all men might have everlasting life." Mrs. J. M. Hawley.

PASTOR RELIEVED AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On account of the health of Brother W. W. Nelson's wife, it becomes necessary for me to release him from the pastorate of Hawley Memorial church, and I have appointed C. N. Baker to succeed him.

Our district conference meets May 16 and will say, for the benefit of the brethren, we only have one train a day from Pine Bluff to Sheridan, leaving Pine Bluff 5:30 p. m.

The opening sermon will be preached, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Please see that your Quarterly Conference Journals are on hand. Z. D. Lindsay, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Will convene at Imboden May 23-25. The conference will open at 2 p. m. on the 23rd. Opening sermon at night by Rev S. F. Brown.

Committee to examine for license to preach and for recommendation for orders: I. A. Bowen, J. R. Nelson, W. J. LeRoy.

Local preachers will please prepare reports; but before doing so read carefully Discipline, paragraph 75, giving an account of literary and theological studies and success in Christian work. For the last few years we have had exceptionally good district conferences. Come praying that we may have, if possible, one better than any previous one. Hope ye editor can come and be with us.

M. M. Smith.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Fayetteville District Conference met this year at Rogers, Ark., May 1-2. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Stevenson, had everything well in hand and every one said "it has been our best conference." There are eighteen pastoral charges and 4,848 church members in this district.

There have been good revivals going on during the winter and many conversions and accessions. Albert William Martin and Claude Birdenthal were granted license to preach.

John Henry Henson was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission.

Delegates elected to

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.)

Camden, Ark., March 4, 1912.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you admit another little Arkansas boy into your happy band? I am going to school. I look forward to vacation, as I will spend a week on the lake. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I haven't any brothers or sisters. I have a large yard to play football in. I have a pet squirrel and five pet chickens. I will get me a pet goat this summer. I am nine years of age, and am in the fourth grade. My average grade was ninety-seven. My teacher is Miss Gussie Birch. I love her very much. Everybody celebrates my birthday. I will send my picture to the one guessing the date.

Your new cousin,
Eugene Thornton.

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Tomato, Ark., March 2, 1912.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: How are you all today? I am fine. I have been sawing wood today. It is sleeting here now. It won't be long until farming time and then I will have plenty of work to do. My father died when I was seven years old, and I am fourteen years old now. Mother and I are going to raise a cotton crop this year. I have a little sister five years old, and one married, seventeen years old. Come on Arkansas boys, and let's don't let the Oklahoma boys and girls beat us. They are one letter ahead of us this week. Well, I hope Mr. Wastebasket is gone. I will close by asking a riddle. Riddlem, riddlem rockat, what a poor man throws away a rich man puts in his pocket.

Your cousin,
Russell Fry.

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Eldorado, Okla., March 3, 1912.

Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you let another Oklahoma girl join your happy band? I came here from Ohio five years ago. I like this country better than I do Ohio. I live eight miles from Eldorado.

I took my first trip in a covered wagon one year ago last summer. I went up near Lawton and through the Wichita mountains, and it certainly is a rough country up in there. On my trip I saw sheep, a bear, buffalo, and deer. I had a nice time and would like to go again sometime.

As this is my first letter I will close. If I see this in print I will write again.

From your new cousin,
Marjorie Mustaine.

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Clarksville, Okla., March 2, 1912.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you admit another little Arkansas girl into your happy band? Cousins, I am twelve years of age. My papa takes the Western Methodist and I love to read the Children's page. How many of you cousins like to go to school? I do. Our teacher's name is Mr. Dan Baker. I like him fine. I am in the fifth grade at school. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. My teacher's name is Mrs. Fansworth. I like her fine. I go to the Methodist Sunday school and church. I have three sisters living and three brothers living and one sister dead. Who has my birthday? It is the 10th of January. We have had two big fires in Clarksville this winter. It burned up several business houses and destroyed a great deal of property. I like country life fine and I don't guess I would city life at all. I am fond of cows and chickens, but I don't like to cook very much. I will close by asking a riddle: "Round as a biscuit, busy as a bee, the prettiest little thing you ever did see."

Your new cousin,
Era Myrick.

R. F. D. No. 1, Box 28.

Caulksville, Ark., March 2, 1912.

Dear Methodist and Cousins: Will you admit another little Arkansas girl into your happy band? I am an orphan girl. My papa is buried in Texas and my mama is buried in Mexico. I have five brothers. I am the youngest child. My youngest brother lives with our Uncle Jim and Aunt Lou Wilson. I go to school all the time when there is any school. I love to go to school. I am seven years old. I am in the third grade. Our teacher's name is Mr. Sanders. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Bonnie Nunnelee. Well I haven't any pets except my dolls and one old cat. His name is Tom. Now my dear Miss Katherine if I see this in print I will write again some time.

Your new cousin,
Voisy Gay Suggs.

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Cabot, Ark., March 2, 1912.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: I will write again. Cousins, what are you all doing this rainy day? Today is our quarterly meeting at Mt. Zion. My papa went. Dr. Alonzo Monk is our presiding elder. Brother Toombs is our pastor. We have a good Sunday school. I have a new Sunday school teacher. Her name is Mrs. Betzner. I like her fine. She is a good teacher. I have one brother and one sister. My sister's name is Mary and my brother's name is John Paul. My papa takes the Methodist. I like to read the Children's page. Come on Arkansas boys, don't let the Oklahoma boys and girls get ahead of us. For pets I have two little lambs and a cat. As you cousins have not guessed my riddle I will tell you what it is that goes around a button. It is a billy goat. Now I will answer Ethel Skaggs question. It took fifty-two days to build the walls of Jerusalem. Now some riddles. I will answer Claude Richard's riddle. It is a well. Am I right? I will answer Pearl Skaggs' riddle. It is a pair of cotton cards. I will close by asking a riddle. In marble walls as white as milk, lined with skins as soft as silk; within this fountain crystal clear a golden apple doth appear. No windows no doors to this strong-hold, yet thieves break in and steal the gold. I will close hoping Mr. Wastebasket has gone. Good-bye. From your loving cousin,
Garland Johnson.

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Searcy, Ark., March 1, 1912.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you allow another little Arkansas girl to join your happy band? How many of you cousins like to go to Sunday school? I do for one. For pets I have a little dog and a horse. I am the only child in the family. I will let some of you guess my age. It is between eight and twelve. I am in the sixth grade at school. I wish more letters could be written and crowd those old advertisements out of our page. As my letter is increasing in length I had better stop. I hope Mr. Wastebasket is taking a nap and has not waked yet. With love,

Your new cousin,
Horton Williams.

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Alicia, Ark., March 4, 1912.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Here comes an Arkansas boy to join your happy band. I am fourteen years old. I go to school and Sunday school. I am in the seventh grade at school. The Swifton and Alicia Sunday schools are in a contest. The one that has the most points at the end of the contest will be winner. The one that gets the least points will give the other a picnic the second Sunday in June. Every new member counts 250 points; prompt attendance counts 10 points; being tardy counts 10 points off; being absent counts 100 points off, etc. My Sunday school teacher is

Mr. N. G. Lollar. I like him fine. Our superintendent is Mr. Jim Brewer; every one likes him. Esma Bowen I will answer your question: "Why was Moses not permitted to enter the promised land?" Moses struck the rock twice and God commanded him to strike it only once. Am I right? I hope all you cousins like to read good books. I do. I have read hundreds of good books. I will name some of them. The Curse of Drink, Stepping Heavenward, The Mayflower, Robert Hardy's, Seven Days, and many others. Brother McCaffery is our beloved pastor. We live on a farm one-half mile from town. Mama takes the Methodist and I enjoy reading it so much. As my letter is getting long I will close. I hope Mr. Wastebasket is fast asleep. If I see this in print I will write again.

Your new cousin,
H. H. B.

P. S. Can any of you cousins tell me where Moses was when the light went out?

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Pangburn, Ark.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you let me join your happy band? My home is in Pangburn, Arkansas. My age is between fourteen and eighteen. The one that guesses my age I will send a post card. I will ask a riddle. "It has a tongue and never talks, always runs and never walks." I have one sister, no brothers. I go to school. There are two teachers. My teacher's name is Mr. Boggs. My father takes the Western Methodist. I read the children's page. I enjoy reading the letters fine. I am a member of the Methodist church. Our pastor's name is Mr. Yarber. I will close. Blue Eyes.

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

F. W. Parkhurst, the Boston publisher, says that if anyone afflicted with rheumatism in any form, neuralgia or kidney trouble, will send their address to him at 7045 Carney Bldg., Boston, Mass., he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give; only tells you how he was cured after years of search for relief. Hundreds have tested it with success.

A CHILDREN'S DAY ON EVERY CHARGE.

The Discipline of the Methodist church says, a Children's Day shall be observed on the third Sunday in May, or as near thereto as practical; and so the pastor or superintendent who neglects to do so is failing to do his duty and setting an example of disloyalty for his flock. Now, brethren, let's be loyal and let's have a Children's Day, not only in every charge but let's observe it at every appointment on every charge. Plan to have it on the day your pastor has his appointment at your church, and put him on the program; let it take the place of the regular preaching service for that day. But please do not make a picnic of it as some have been doing. The Children's Day Service wherever it has been properly observed has proven to be a great power for good. The collections have been the means of putting new life into a needy school.

It does seem to me that the White River Conference ought to do as well as any other conference in proportion to her strength and opportunity, and I believe it can if each pastor and superintendent will do his duty. Let's either obey the law or repeal it. Some of our people have done nobly while others have absolutely failed to do anything. The Memphis conference has not had a blank for several years, I mean by that that Children's Day has been observed on every charge in the Memphis conference and a collection has been reported from every charge in that conference for several years. Why may not the White river Con-



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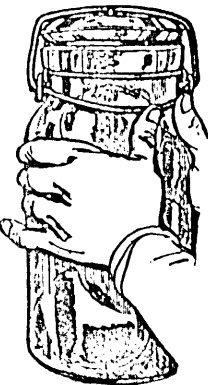
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ference do the same thing? We can if we will only try. How many will try?

Yours for success in the work of the church,

T. B. Williamson.

Secretary and Treasurer, Sunday School Board, White River Conference.

PERSONALS FROM OKMULGEE, OKLA.

Rev. W. J. Sims, who wrought so well the past three years in Okmulgee, was a welcome visitor among his many admirers here last week. He is much pleased with his present charge in Oakland, Calif.

We had twenty-three decisions for Christ among our young people the third Sunday in April.

M. L. Butler.