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IT IS EVERYWHERE.

By Frank Barrett.

O'er every door I enter it is written;
Where my path of progress endeth, it is there.

In granite walls and fleecy clouds is dwelleth,
And ever lives in earth and sea and air.

It goes in every mighty rushing river,
And rides on every tide that ebbs and flows.
In every star that twinkles in the heavens,
Celestial fire, its mystic presence shows.

In pearly dew drops of the morn it shineth,
Likewise at evening when the day is grow-
ing old,

It hangs upon the evening sky its banners,
So strangely wrought in purple and in gold.

It weeps in tears of broken-hearted mourners,
And shouts in peals of laughter long and loud.

It speeds in every telegraphic message,
And sleeps in secrets hidden from the crowd.

It looks in every eye that ever seeth,
And hears in every ear that knows a sound.
It thinks in every mind that comprehendeth,
The thoughts that in the other minds abound.

It loves in every heart whose holy passion,
Goes out to conquer and to win,
And hates in every soul that breathes its cursings
Upon the heads of good and sinless men.

It lives in every life that ever liveth,
In all the range of human history,
It reigns in death, and none hath ever given
A better name to it, than MYSTERY.

THE STICKING POINT.

The great need of singleness of heart and purpose was emphasized by Jesus when he said, in Matt. 6:22, "If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." James also reveals the danger of not having a single purpose in life—a purpose which every other aim in life is made to serve. He says "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

The Christian Herald, in speaking of this great need, gives the following illustration:

"There are many good people who carry their Christianity with them up to the sticking-point and there, for the moment at least, they drop it. It somehow seems to slip from them like a garment at the crisis, leaving the natural man revealed. Old chroniclers relate that the 'good King Olaf,' who was the first Norse ruler to embrace Christianity, in peace prayed to Christ, but whenever the din of strife smote on his ear, he shouted invocations to Thor and Odin and reached for his battle ax. So with many today who, at church or prayer meeting, or in the home, are as devout and kind and reverent as could be wished; but when the struggle of business

call a, they put everything else aside and 'pr man's fight.'"

little boys were playing in the streets Dr. Haw, father of Rev. M. T. Haw, of ul's M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, d by them. He was their Sunday school intendent. When he had felt them one to the other, "There's a man who's just as good when he's by himself as he is when folks are looking at him."

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

He that prays much has but little difficulty in controlling self when strife smites upon his ear.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

"The every member canvass is a good thing. Of course a better thing would be a condition in our churches that makes such a canvass unnecessary—unnecessary because the members do not wait to be canvassed but voluntarily come forward with their pledges. But such a condition is not yet, and until it does come the majority of the members will have to be canvassed by the minority who do not wait to be canvassed, and are willing to give themselves and their time to such work."

"The every member canvass has many points in its favor. We mention three, and the least important first. It gets more money—quite a good deal more. In the second place it enlists more givers. We hold that one hundred dollars from one hundred people is better than one hundred dollars from fifty people with fifty giving nothing. But the best thing about the every member canvass is the soundness of the principle on which it proceeds. It assumes and accents the every member obligation. It is the duty of every member to give. So the every member canvass carries with it a personal appeal to each member to do his duty. It is an every member opportunity and encouragement. The duty to contribute to the work of world-evangelization is a duty of such kind and importance that a member of a church cannot neglect or shirk the duty without loss to himself in spiritual things. So a kindness is done to and a benefit conferred upon a member when enlisted as a regular giver."

"And then the plan has a decided and large educational value."

In an editorial The Word and Way tells the following story of a young man who joined the church in New York City. After about two years, during which time he was faithful to his church, he left the city and was not heard of for a year.

"After the year's absence he returned to the city and called on his pastor. He explained that he had located permanently in another city and wished his church letter that he might unite with a church in the city of his new home. The pastor commended him for his purpose to keep up his church relations and duties and assured him that the letter would be cheerfully granted. On tak-

ing his leave he put into the pastor's hand a little package consisting of 52 envelopes, each containing 50 cents. He explained that he did not feel that his absence from the church absolved him from his obligation to the church, and that each Sunday he had deposited the amount of his pledge in the envelope. Thus he left the church with a clean record and a clean conscience.

"Here is a fine example for the many who are careless about their pledges and indifferent to their obligations to the church."

THE MOST POTENTIAL BODY IN THE WORLD.

At Kansas City, Dec. 31-Jan. 4, met 6,000 representatives of 800 schools of the United States and Canada under the leadership of John R. Mott, who for twenty years has been the spiritual chieftain of the missionary forces of the Christian world, and, consequently, on account of the mighty reach of this movement both in time and in eternity, the greatest human factor in the right development of this generation. He and others whom he had assembled to describe the situation and inspire this body of holy youth, doubtless the cleanest, sanest, and most purposeful body of its size ever convoked, opened their eyes to a world fully ripe to the harvest, showed the peril and folly of delay, and the imperative divine necessity for deeper consecration, lavish giving of self and money, and courageous advance. The voice of this convention is a trumpet call to the whole church that the battle is on and victory in the name of the crucified Christ is possible. The offering of thousands of the best of our youth is a challenge to the wealth of the church to become spiritualized in strengthening the colleges for the preparation of these young soldiers and in supplying the munitions of war to those on the firing line. How can we waste wealth on enervating luxury and miss the opportunity of the ages? Let us all pray for vision and willingness to co-operate in the divine plan.

Dr. W. F. Tillett in a letter regarding Christian education says that Judson, the great missionary once said if he had a fortune to bestow he would give it to a Christian college. When questioned about this he said he would not give it even to foreign missions, "Because," he said, "Christian colleges raise seed corn for the world. The work of the church neither at home nor abroad could be done without the aid of Christian institutions of learning."

In India there are 27,000,000 orphans, 391,000 child-widows, 6,000,000 child-wives, 500,000 blind persons, 277,000,000 illiterates and 293,000,000 non-Christians. Surely there is in this great nation dire need of the gospel.

The United States Public Health Board has arranged a great number of free bulletins covering all subjects of health, and will give them to interested parties for the asking.

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hands of those whom he wishes to influence to become sub-
scribers.

Friendship is a gilt edge investment that
never misses a dividend. E. C. Petty.

Rev. S. R. Twitty received a New Year's
class of 27 new members last Sunday in Pu-
laski Heights Church, this city.

Rev. J. J. Bearden, of Arcadia, Okla., is
doing well on his work. In a personal letter
he states that "business is picking up." He
sends announcements of two marriages.

Mr. Jno. W. Books of Harrisburg, Ark.,
will pay ten dollars for the address of Wil-
liam E. Reynolds, supposed to live in Arkan-
sas somewhere. Moved from Parkin, Ark.,
in 1907.

Rev. T. S. Johnson, 1206 Fifth St., Wood-
ward Okla., writes that he will be prepared to
make some dates for meetings this year with
those desiring his services. He enjoys evan-
gelistic work.

The pastor at Tushka, Okla., Rev. H. R.
Morris, is in a meeting there this week. Six
additions were received last Sunday at Caney.
He has completed a four-room parsonage
since going to that work, and the charge is
prospering.

Rev. O. H. Keadle, of Hot Springs, was in
this city two days this week. He was a
pleasant caller each day at this office. He
was a kind assistant to the editor while in
Hot Springs last week in the interest of the
paper.

We received a letter from some one on the
first of this month which contained an urgent
appeal for its publication. It contained no
signature and of course we cannot put any-
thing in the columns of the paper which is
not properly signed.

Last Sunday was a good day in the meet-
ing at Pryor, Okla. The church was crowded
and a number of conversions. Rev. Taylor
who is rounding out his fourth year here as
pastor is assisted in the meeting by Jerry
Jeter, conference evangelist, and his wife.

Hon. B. H. Marbury and another Missouri
friend, J. T. Evans, both of Farmington, were
pleasant visitors Friday morning. Bro. Mar-
bury is one of the lay delegates to the Gen-
eral Conference from St. Louis Conference.
He is not only a strong lawyer but is equally
so on the rostrum of the church. Bro. Evans
is one of our best and most consecrated lay-
men.

Rev. W. M. Hays, P. E., Prescott district,
reports his district doing well. Every quar-
terly conference so far has increased from
\$100 to \$315 in assessments, and he thinks
the others yet to be held will follow suit.

Rev. J. D. Sibert, formerly a member of
White River Conference, is now presiding
elder of Miami district, Florida Conference.
He has just finished a fine church at Kissimee
at the cost of \$28,000.

Rev. W. F. Walker, pastor First Church,
Argenta, reports a great watch-night service
at his church last Wednesday night. After a
largely attended prayer meeting followed by
a business conference of church officials, and
an interesting social program by the young
people just at the dieing of the old and birth
of the new year Wm. T. Veazey and Mrs.
Anna L. Brewer were married by the pastor
in the parlors of the church.

Rev. G. L. Crow, in a personal letter, sends
us a new subscriber and says: "You are
giving us an excellent paper." We thank
Bro. Crow for his kind words. Our chief ob-
ject is to serve God and our church faithful-
ly and acceptably. Having gone through all
the "rubs" of the itinerant we know how to
love and appreciate all our brethren, from the
pioneer to the high steeple. We enjoy your
personal letters. They refresh our spirits.

Bro. Geo. Hooper was sent to Hastings,
West Oklahoma Conference. The weather
was unfavorable for a time after his arrival
and it was some little while before people
and pastor met. Bro. Hooper has a loyal peo-
ple, and much work needs to be done. The
people are praying that with his leadership
and the earnest prayers of their new Presid-
ing Elder, Rev. J. A. Old, God will use them
so effectively that the church at Hastings
may attract all unsaved people there to the
Christ and his service.

OKLAHOMA NEWS AND NOTES.

L. C. Craig.

The Field Editor enjoyed an excellent New
Year's turkey dinner with Rev. and Mrs. W.
M. Wilson and their bright boys.

Bennington.

Rev. A. A. Puckett was at Durant while I
was at Bennington. Through the kindness
of Bros. Lindsay Allen, and Siper, I did very
well for the paper. Bro. Puckett is in favor
with his people and all seem hopeful of a
good year. Business has been almost paralyz-
ed because of the bad roads. Everyone
brightened up with the sunshine.

Quinton.

From a misunderstanding between the Field
Editor and headquarters, the report sent in
by me, was not published. Quinton was the
first town to accept the every family proposi-
tion, and should have had the credit. They
did everything desired of them.

Rev. C. F. Brooks, P. E., preached two very
fine sermons at First church, Muskogee, Sun-
day, December 28th. One conversion at
night.

The Epworth League at First Church, Du-
rant, had banquet New Year's eve. A contest
between the Chrysanthemums and Roses re-
sulted in bringing the membership to 107. The
Chrysanthemum lost, and had to entertain.
Everything was decorated with roses. A dis-
trict league conference is being planned.

Dr. O. C. Fontaine preached a special ser-
mon Sunday morning, January 4th at the in-
stallation of officers of the Woman's Mission-
ary Society. This auxiliary claims to be the

banner auxiliary in the East Okla.
conference. They are making effort
the loving cup to be awarded at
Woman's Missionary Conference
in Durant in June.

Rev. J. H. Rogers is rapidly
touch with things at Checotah. H.
Field Editor "next" to a very fine
ner Tuesday with Bro. and Sis.
Bro. Rogers was the pastor of
people in the North Mississippi
twenty years ago. I met Dr. B.
wife at the dining. They are s
from Arkansas Methodism.

ARKANSAS NEWS AND

By Rev. D. J. Weems

Springfield.

A twelve mile drive out from
brought us to Springfield. Rev.
and received us with open arms
kind in helping to secure five ne
and shaping up the old. He
preacher wife, daughter of Rev.
son, are in much favor with
They were welcomed back for
He promises to make one of ou
preachers. The circuit has be
proved the past year. There w
accessions to the church. The
half time at Springfield. The
has given place to a new and bet
are several nice stores. The c
is being used for the public
Floyd is principal. We had pr
with good week-night congreg
cellent country dinner was
Judge J. T. Steele and family,
been leading members of Hill
A large two-story school house
at Hill Creek.

Conway.

Christmas week was spent a
way, where we have four coll
Central Baptist, State Nor
James Business College. Also
lic school building. Prof. J.
superintendent. While the
Methodist Church is being b
school house is being used f
school and morning service. I
is held in Presbyterian Chur
Steel has done a monumenta
way. The spiritual life of
been toned up. It is a great
hundreds of young people v
schools to have such a man to
Dr. F. F. H. Johnson, the ideal
is an important factor in the
Conway. No better place c
educate our young people. Co
4,000 population, and is cons
An elegant brick depot is al
A \$15,000 brick president's
built at Hendrix College. Dr
and his strong faculty have g
the attendance. We have
Methodists coming to this c
to have it in every home soon
church members, 90 Epwort
bers and 1,000 Sunday scho
reported on the roll. Prof.
pert H. Weems have charge.
force of teachers. Conway is
business town. Three banks
ment and wholesale stores,
compress. Over 30,000 bal
ceived this season. The Bap
terians each have excellent b

Redfield.

A pleasant night was sp

Oklahoma Conference efforts to secure at the annual conference to be held

and getting in. He placed the fine turkey dinner. Sister George. of these elect. Conference B. J. Vance and splendid gifts

D. NOTES.
ems.

Plumerville. Rev. J. W. Hows and was extra new subscribers and his good. v. J. F. Etcher- their people. another year. our most useful been much im- were fifty-nine they are wanting old parsonage better one. There old courthouse school. Prof. precious service gation. An ex- enjoyed with who have long Creek Church. has been built

home in Con- leges, Hendrix, mal, and Prof. a \$40,000 pub- P. Womack is \$60,000 new built, the public or the Sunday Evening service ch. Rev. Ed. work in Con- the church has blessing to the who are at the preach to them. presiding elder, church life of n be found to nway has about antly growing. most completed. home is being J. H. Reynolds eatly increased III Western ice. We hope There are 600 League mem- scholars were ussell and Ru- with a very fine also a very fine several depart- cotton oil mill, of cotton re- st and Presby- ck churches.

nt in Redfield

with Rev. L. M. Harp, and his good people. His home is blessed with a Christian wife and two fine baby boys. We had a pleasant service on the last night of the old year. Redfield is about half way between Little Rock and Pine Bluff. We have parsonage and church, and some good members. Bro. Harp came to us at the last conference from the Methodist Protestant Church. His motive was seeking a broader field for service. He is full of energy, is in great earnest and has started well. He has enjoyed a nice pounding. It is his purpose to put the Western Methodist in all the homes of his charge. We did fairly well for the paper.

Pine Bluff.

The city of Pine Bluff is in great excitement over the saloon question. Each side claiming the victory. It looks good to see all saloons closed until the question is fully decided. This is a great city with both river and railroad transportation. There are six banks, large wholesale and general business stores in the midst of excellent farming country, large mills, Cotton Belt shops, excellent schools and churches. We have four churches, all well attended. Dr. James Thomas at First Church, Rev. R. R. Moore, Lake Side, Rev. D. C. Holman, Hawley Memorial and Rev. M. O. Barnett, Carr Memorial. All are in much favor with their people and quite hopeful for a great year. Extensive improvements have been made on First Church parsonage. With the aid of the pastors the large list of old subscribers were renewed and ten new ones were secured. We enjoyed the Sabbath preaching at Carr and Hawley Memorial and at White Hall in the afternoon. The hospitality of Bro. D. B. Nivens, Bro. T. L. Culpepper and their elegant families was delightful.

PREACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A meeting of the preachers of the Little Rock District was held at Winfield church Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 30-31. Nearly all the preachers were present for at least a portion of the time, and the meeting was gratifying in every particular. The program was informal and with the exception of one item was carried out in full. The themes discussed were practical and the results, I feel sure, will be helpful. The district as a whole will observe the Week of Prayer and Self-denial (Jan. 4-11) along with the whole church and the offering will be used by our Board of Missions to further our work in the fields afar. It was agreed that a meeting should be held in every church during the year and a plan of mutual helpfulness for the revival season was adopted by the preachers. A total of one hundred and forty-eight days was pledged by the various pastors to be used in evangelistic effort under the direction of the presiding elder. One man has been engaged for the entire summer and an evangelistic tent has been provided. After a full and free discussion the standard of "every collection in full" was unanimously adopted. All felt that this goal could and should be attained. The "everymember canvass" and other methods of handling church finances were clearly presented.

The editors of the Western Methodist were before us and ably represented that indispensable arm of our church work. Already one of our pastors, Rev. R. L. Duckworth, has put the paper in every home in his charge.

The brethren unanimously endorsed the movement to purchase a district parsonage

and pledged their enthusiastic support in financing the enterprise.

Many good suggestions were made with reference to quarterly and district conferences.

The League and Sunday school interests were carefully presented and all other phases of the work in the district were thoughtfully reviewed.

Dr. J. W. Cline was with us and on Tuesday night delivered a great address on China. The entire meeting was an occasion of sweet Christian fellowship and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Forney Hutchinson, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT NOTES.

Everything seems to be moving nicely with the preachers and people in the district. Every preacher at his post and happy in the Lord's work. I have heard good things from Bro. Doak at Hermitage. His people gave him a fine reception and a substantial pounding. Epworth League has taken on new life by his labors and those of his cultured family. Bro. Lewis did a monumental work there last year. He built a nice parsonage on a desirable lot and in many other good and valuable ways made the charge far better than in former years. He brings things to pass that others can't reach. Bro. Lewis is one of our promising young preachers. It has been my pleasure to see some of the work of our Bro. Herring at Tillar. He is the loved pastor of a fine people. We who are on the circuits, do not fear him. You who have the high steeple churches may have to give place to our coming brother. The one who can raise sixteen thousand dollars for the cause of Christ in one year will go to the best appointments. Herring is a coming man.

Bro. Sims at McGehee is an admirable fit. He has a fine hold on the people of his town. We have among us no better worker than Sister Sims. It is delightful to spend a night under the parsonage roof. His is a field of labor and toil that demands full time and devotion. He commands my admiration and love.

It is often my pleasure to be in Bro. Hilliard's parish. There is no pastor among us more popular as a preacher. His people love him as few pastors are loved. All speak well of him. How can it be otherwise? Who ever heard him speak evil of any one? He is only reaping as he has sown.

Our P. E., Bro. McKay, is at his work all the time. He is a laborer true and tried. Last year he met every quarterly conference in person but one. My people look for his coming with delight. Jerry circuit embraces a large part of Bradley county. There are many clever people and nice homes. We pray and hope for a good year. The three saloons at Banks closed by order of the county judge on the last night of the year. I am reliable in stating their receipts last year were one hundred thousand dollars. They are gone. When Bro. McKay said in November, when in the pulpit preaching, "There will be no whickey sold in Banks next year," he stirred a feeling of determination among the people that resulted in the banishment of this evil from our town and county. We praise the Lord for the leadership and co-operation of the Christians and good people of the country. Some hard things were said about our people in this campaign for righteousness and the right. We hope for better and brighter futures.

R. Spann.

CAMDEN DISTRICT BULLETIN.

Nearly all the pastors of the district and a good percent of the District Stewards and lay leaders met in Camden December 30. The District Stewards fixed the salary of the P. E. at the same as last year and adjusted the general claims upon the various charges. The assessments remain on all charges nearly as they were last year.

The preachers and District Stewards and lay leaders unanimously agreed to observe the Week of Prayer and undertake to raise a thousand dollars "special" for foreign missions to be used in the effort to send out twenty new missionaries this year. Let all the pastors call upon their people to pray and deny themselves in the fork from Jan. 4 to Jan. 11. At the same time, let us all—preachers and members—set apart something for this cause. In the stations, the second Sunday will be the day for this collection. In the circuits, each Sunday in the month will be used until the collection has been taken in all our churches. This is a free will offering, over and above our regular missionary assessments. We hope to get at least a thousand dollars from our six thousand members. Pay the money to the pastors, and they will send it to Mr. J. H. Waters at Camden. He is our District Lay Leader and will send all contributions to the Board of Missions. All together in this.

District Editor.

NOTICE.

On last Saturday, January 3rd, at eight o'clock p. m., I put in the postoffice at Shawnee 2,000 copies of the East Oklahoma Conference Journal, addressed to various persons. I have made the most thorough distribution of the Journal that has ever been made, yet it is not at all satisfactory to me. On account of the failure of some bretheren to respond promptly to my letters no provision was made for some of the charges. Let no brother write me for minutes, for I have none. Let no brother go to the annual conference next fall without his Journal, for he will not find any with the secretary. I mailed them all at one time, with not even a copy in my pocket. They are gone.

The Journal is not quite what I wanted. Under the necessities of the case I had to read proof by phone and mail, and there are some mistakes, but nothing material.

Sincerely yours, Chas. L. Brooks,
Editor East Okla. Conf. Journal.

We are constantly receiving orders for Sunday School literature. We have been carrying an announcement in the paper for some time that we no longer handle books and Sunday School literature. Send all orders for such to Smith and Lamar, Nashville, Tenn. By doing so you will save time and money for yourselves and us too.

Editors.

All desiring D. V. York, the evangelist of the West Oklahoma Conference to assist in meetings this year would do well to write to him at once and secure a date before he gets his slate made out for the year. Address

D. V. York, El Dorado, Okla.

Preachers' meeting will be held at Gurdon, opening service by T. O. Owen Monday night Jan. 19th. I beg all the preachers to come as matters of great importance will be before us. We will be glad to have as many laymen as will come. Notify Rev. P. Q. Rorie, Gurdon, Ark.

W. M. Hays, P. E.

HON. THOMAS B. MORTON—AN APPRECIATION.

Thomas Bottomley Morton, journalist, author, lawyer and Christian statesman, passed to his final reward from the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks, in Crossett, Ark., Dec. 3, 1913.

He was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 22, 1843; moved with his parents to Pine Bluff, Ark., in 1850; moved to Sheridan in the early seventies where he continued to reside until 1891 when he moved to Fordyce, where his family still lives and where his body rests in the "silent city of the dead."

As indicated above his business and professional career was somewhat varied. Having learned the art of printing when a boy and possessing rather unusual talent as a writer he gave a number of the best years of his life to newspaper work. At different times he edited and published papers in Pine Bluff, Sheridan, Fordyce and Camden. He was incapable of doing shoddy, inferior work anywhere and the papers which he controlled always stood in the front rank of their class. As a public spirited citizen who took an active part in all that pertained to the welfare of his country and state it was quite natural that he should take some part in politics. He was twice elected clerk of the circuit and county courts of his county and, later, twice elected to represent his senatorial district in the Senate of the state. Later he served for some years as chief deputy in the office of the Commissioner of State Lands. While serving in this latter place a vacancy occurred in the office of prosecuting attorney of his judicial district and he was appointed by the governor to fill the place. This was the beginning of his active legal career. He had been admitted to the bar in early life but had given but little attention to the practice of law up to this time. At the close of his term of office he opened an office for the practice of law in his home town of Fordyce, where he was eminently successful and in which business he was actively engaged up to the very close of his life.

He had a passion for literature and by careful economy managed to save enough time from the exacting demands of business life to become intimately acquainted with much of the best literature of the world. He was especially devoted to the study of Shakespeare and was gifted with rare insight into the deeper meanings of his writings. He, himself, was an author of no mean ability. His "Daniel Hovey," published some years ago, is a beautiful story of the old South, and possesses not a little real literary merit. "The Glenn" is the title of a poem which he published in the form of a neat little booklet, and which reveals the latent fire and genius of the true poet. Many of the productions of his pen, both prose and poetry, which appeared from time to time in the papers which he edited were worthy of being preserved in permanent form.

But while men honored him for his intellectual fertility and his business and professional ability they honored him most of all for the real nobility of his character and the steadfastness and consistency of his Christian life. Religion was the outstanding fact of his life. Men thought of him first of all not as the lawyer or the scholar, but as the Christian and leader in the work and counsels of his church. His faith in God and his steadfast devotion to truth and righteousness were stamped on all his work. Men differed from him in opinion and judgment but did not

question the sincerity of his motives. One who had been intimately associated with him in business and political life for twenty-five years said to me, "I have never known a cleaner man than Col. Morton."

He was born of devout Methodist parents, named for one of the pioneer Methodist preachers and reared in service of the Methodist Church. In early life he gave his heart to God and assumed the vows of the church and throughout his long, and somewhat varied career, he was ever faithful to his obligations. He had been the chairman of the official board of the church at Fordyce for many years. He was the teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Sunday school and was always present and ready to pour out the treasures of a full mind and heart in guiding the class in the study of the lesson. He was frequently a delegate to the District and Annual Conferences and his face had become almost as familiar in these annual gatherings as that of any preacher among us. He will be sadly missed from the counsels of his church.

He was married to Miss Martha E. Posey in Grant county, Ark., Jan. 25, 1872. Ten children were born to this union, all of whom are members of the Methodist Church and all of whom except two, who live in New Mexico, were present at his funeral. The wife of his youth still survives him.

The final summons came suddenly, but those of us who had known him in life are assured that he was ready. He sleeps in the cemetery at Fordyce but the heritage of his noble life will abide with his family, his church and the world for the years which are to come. As one of his former pastors and as one who loved him much I crave the privilege of paying this unworthy yet sincere and loving tribute to his memory.

F. A. Sage.

UNITED STATES REVENUE LICENSE.

From September to December 31st, United States Revenue Licenses were issued in several localities where prohibition prevails. I suggest to the sheriff and constables of Yell county, that they ought to catch the one principal man who is debauching that county.

The places at which licenses were granted are as follows:

Atkins, Pope county; Aliv Franklin county; Alpina Boone county; Augusta, Woodruff county; Baker, Izard county; Booneville, Logan county; Berryville, Carroll county; Benton, Saline county; Birtia, Yell county; Bledsoe, Lee county; Cotton Plant, Woodruff county; Cave Springs, Benton county; Clarks-ville, Johnson county; Centerville, Yell Co.; Cotter Baxter county; Casa, Perry county; Des Arc, Prairie county; Dardanelle, Yell county; Fulton, Hempstead county; Gentry, Benton county; Glenwood, Pike county; Humphrey, Arkansas county; Huntington, Sebastian county; Hickory Ridge, Cross county; Healing Springs, Benton county; Hartman, Johnson county; Hartford, Sebastian county; Hope, Hempstead county; Kensett, White county; Landis, Searcy county; Lamar, Johnson county; Neely, Yell county; Mammoth Spring, Fulton county; Mt Levi, Johnson county; Neely, Yell county; Norfolk, Baxter county; Ola, Yell county; Pocahontas, Randolph county; Pitts, Poinsett county; Plyatt, Marion county; Parkin, Cross county; Proctor, Crittenden county; Stamps, Lafayette county; Stuttgart, Arkansas county; Springtown, Benton county; Siloam Springs, Benton county; Tupelo,

ackson county; Texarkana, Miller county; Wyville, Woodruff county; Woodson, Saline county; Warren, Bradley county, Williford, Sharp county; and Zinc, Boone county.

Geo. Thornburgh,

President Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.

BLACKWOOD-BRIDGES.

At 9:30 a. m., Dec. 24, at residence of Mrs. A. C. Fagan, of Altus, Okla., Rev. J. H. Bridges of Eldorado, Okla., and Miss Mildred Blackwood of Blair, Okla., were united in marriage, Rev. Welch, pastor at Altus, officiating. Bro. Bridges is a local preacher and is associated with Rev. D. V. York as singing evangelist. He is a graduate of Southwestern University and is a young man of gift, grace and usefulness and has a bright future before him. He looks to the itinerancy. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Rev. J. G. Blackwood, our pastor at Blair, Okla. She is a graduate of Epworth University and has several years experience in the Oklahoma schools. For the past term she has been employed in the Altus public schools. Amongst other attainments she possesses a fine voice which will enable her to assist greatly her husband in his work.

IZABELL-LOVE.

Jan. 4, 1914, at the Methodist parsonage in Carlisle, Ark., Mr. Elbert Izabell of Midlothian, Texas, and Miss Bessie Love, of near Carlisle, Ark., were united in marriage Rev. J. R. Sanders officiating.

Some memorials to come before the General Conference to met in Oklahoma City in May:

1. That the law be so amended that all members of the Annual Conference Boards shall be ex-officio members of the Conference.
2. That paragraph 198 of the Discipline be substituted with the following: "Every pastoral charge shall be entitled to elect such number of stewards as the Quarterly Conference may determine to be necessary for the proper administration of the affairs committed to them."
3. That in the statistical report to the Annual Conference a column be provided for Wesley classes.
4. To amend paragraph 47 of the Discipline by adding: "All members of Boards shall be allowed the full privilege of the floor of the Conference on all matters pertaining to the work of their respective boards."
5. That when it shall be for the best interest of the church the various boards of the Conference may co-operate.
6. That the duties of trustees of church property be more clearly defined.
7. That lay leaders of churches and charges be members of the Quarterly Conference and lay leaders of charges be ex-officio members of the District Conference, and that the General Conference provide a Laymen's Board consisting of the Annual Conference and District Lay Leaders with the full privileges of the floor of the Conference on matters pertaining to their work.
8. That candidates for admission on trial into the Annual Conference shall be required to have completed a course of study equal to that required for admission to the freshman class of an A grade college.
9. That the law be amended so that all applicants for admission into the Annual Conference shall be required to promise to abstain from the use of tobacco.

THE WRONG WAY AND THE RIGHT WAY.

There is much criticism in this day and time of almost every class of Christian workers. This criticism does not by any means all come from the opposing world. If it did there would perhaps be nothing hurtful in it. But much of it is what may be termed internal discord. It is internecine war in the Kingdom of God. The sermons that one hears sometimes are shocking. These sermons are delivered by preachers and laymen, from the pulpit and in the home, by men and by women, in conference rooms and in private. It is not always what is said nor the object sought to be attained that is objectionable and evokes a feeling of revulsion in those who are charitably minded, though this is sometimes the case. It is the spirit in which the sermons are delivered. The spirit referred to is captious and is the same spirit that Christ condemned in his disciples. While he was preaching to them one day, one of them interrupting him said, "Master we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us, and we forbid him because he followeth not us." In answer to this criticism the Master told them plainly to "forbid him not," for said he there is "no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye are Christ's, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." Of course it may be said, If the disciples who had such splendid opportunities were so onesided as to require all the followers of Christ to do just as they did, we should not now wonder at Christian people making the same unjust requirement. The answer to such unfounded reasoning is, We today have all the teachings of Christ before us, and the examples of the early church which was so severely condemned by St. Paul because of the same hypercritical spirit, and if we but strictly observe these teachings and examples the time will soon come when our characters will be so broadened by them that we will be incapable of such narrowness. There is no reason for such a spirit to exist in this age of Christian enlightenment. That such exists, however, is too painfully true. It is seen in the attitude of certain people towards denominations other than their own. This class of the narrow-minded spend more time in pointing out the faults (?) of other denominations than they do in opposing sin. A strange inconsistency exists in some of those denominations that recently are loudest in their whereases and resolutions looking to a world-wide united Christianity. They are just as strenuous in maintaining a hold upon their peculiar non-essential practices as they were before they were guilty of resolving all the denominations into one. They acknowledge that these denominations are Christian, are casting out devils, are making homes happier and lives sweeter, but their dominational Shiboleths are still the *sine qua non* in Christian union. Christ has laid down the qualifications for Christian fellowship: "No man shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part."

There are some in the same denominations who are ready to condemn, or at least speak lightly of, those who do not see and do the work of the Lord just as they would. Among some of those are a class of temperance workers. To them the question is won if the

manufacture and sale of intoxicants is stopped. They have one way of reaching their goal and are ready to condemn with the brewers and saloonists, Bishops and pastors and all professed followers of Christ who do not vote the prohibition party ticket. Others are extremest on foreign missions. The poor drunkard and the outcast woman may wander in the streets cold and hungry, but they evoke but little sympathy from this class. They have not learned the lesson of the good Samaritan: He that does not seek to remedy the evil about him becomes a party to the crime. The drunkard and the fallen woman are no deeper in sin in the sight of God than those who turn them away from the door of hope, or fail to open one for them.

Others care only for home missions, forgetting that Christ died for those across the sea, and gave commission to his church to bear witness of him in "the uttermost part of the earth."

Others are giving all their time to social service. Some of this class of Christian workers speak and write and work as though the church is a failure except in its institutional features. They work harder to give a bowl of soup or a cast-off suit of clothes to some down-and-out than they will to bestow upon him the pearl of great price. Judging from their actions you would think the smell of soup and of musty garments is more to be desired by the poor man than the balm of Gilead.

There are still others who believe education is the panacea of all human ills. Those of this class have the advantage of most of the other classes because they are educated and are not slow of speech. But not one of them can point to a single instance where intellectual training alone can be depended upon. An educated knave is more dangerous to society than the fool.

Others, because of the failure of all the plans of the above mentioned classes, when separated from the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, to meet the demands and transform society, and because the giving of "goods to feed the poor" is often more selfish than charitable, seek to discard every thing but what they are pleased to call getting religion at the "mourner's bench" and "the old-time gospel"—as if the gospel of Christ could ever grow old. One of the strange incongruities in the methods of some who hold to this view is in that they show as much lack of true religion while pleading for it as others do who seek to substitute something else for it.

Now all this is wrong. It does not appeal to the charitable nor to the intelligent outsider. It is not to be supposed that all Christians who are engaged in the different phases of religious work I have mentioned are guilty of one-sided uncharitable littleness. By no means. But there are some, and occasionally they are leaders. Such leaders make impossible the very thing they wish to accomplish. They repel instead of attract. They criticize instead of harmonizing the forces of good and defeating the devil.

What is the right way? Let all who name the name of Christ remember his teaching: "All ye be brethren." And we are the children of the Heavenly Father, and have the same interests one with another. Let them also remember that "All men have not the same gifts," therefore, all cannot take vital interest in every thing. To do so one would have to be more than human. But

there is a way all can be interested in every good word and work. St. Paul points us to this in the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians where he speaks of the various gifts, and says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts," and "Yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Then follows the thirteenth chapter in which he shows there is nothing worth while in the absence of love; but everything is of value when seasoned with love. When all professed followers of Christ therefore lay down their prejudices and with hearts throbbing with love to God and fallen humanity, and lock arms with all who are seeking the good of humanity through labors of love, a new era will dawn upon us and under the influence of these combined forces the world will understand as never before the meaning of the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

VOTE ON CHANGE OF NAME.

Conference	Yes	No
Baltimore	19	176
Brazil	26	5
Montana	17	...
East Columbia	21	3
Columbia	12	4
Illinois	34	3
Denver	8	9
Western Virginia	36	65
Missouri	83	45
Kentucky	27	80
Southwest Missouri	78	50
Louisville	13	112
St. Louis	97	24
Holston	52	153
Tennessee	46	157
New Mexico	28	14
Pacific	57	6
Los Angeles	37	6
West Texas	22	85
China Mission	33	9
German Mission	23
Memphis	25	145
West Oklahoma	35	49
North Alabama	31	220
East Oklahoma	21	87
Arkansas	22	54
Northwest Texas	4	122
Virginia	55	195
North Georgia	52	216
Little Rock	16	110
South Georgia	52	162
North Mississippi	8	128
Central Texas	37	156
Western North Carolina	25	167
South Carolina	45	201
Mississippi	13	121
Texas	7	133
Alabama	58	139
North Carolina	14	126
North Texas	13	164
White River	11	67
Louisiana	34	102
Total to date	1,319	3,904

MAMMOTH SPRING, ARK.

The Western Methodist: Our new church is nearing completion. The plasterers are out and the carpenters are at work finishing up. The electric fixtures are being installed. The furnace is in and next Sunday we expect to hold service there. It is insured for \$5,000 and when you visit us you will see one of the prettiest little churches in the country. The concrete steps and outside entrance will not be made until warm weather.

M. J. Timberlake.

Jan. 5, 1914.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Freedom of Thought in Religious Teaching, by Bishop R. J. Cooke, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; The Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati and New York; \$1.

This is a careful, critical and scholarly study of the legitimate place of freedom of thought and speech in religious teaching. The Bishop discriminatingly distinguishes between the vital facts of the Christian faith and the interpretation of such facts. Then he carefully defines the limits of both church authority and liberty of teaching within the church. The style is clear and luminous, and the spirit in dealing with controverted points is reasonable and just. The author in establishing his position uses reference and illustration drawn from the Bible, from the apostolic and patristic ages, and from the history of Methodism. He shows that the notable characteristic of Methodism is that, while it is faithful to the essential truths of the Gospel, it is in its ecclesiastical polity and range of teaching among the most comprehensive churches of Christendom. It is riveted to nothing but the vital facts of redemption. Its government is elastic, adapting the church to the needs of the changing times. Its worship is cast in no unchangeable molds, but is conforming to the spiritual needs of the people with proper regard for the unity of the church in its ministrations. Narrow prejudices, provincial notions, and unworthy fear for the truth is proclaimed by the Fathers may not curb the freedom of scientific research, the inalienable right to investigate in all fields of philosophy, history, archaeology, and the ever expanding domain of Biblical study. The whole world is the field of the church. Nothing human or divine is alien to the church. Art, literature and science should have their home and inspiration in the church and within its comprehensive fold there should be room for all who stand for the eternal truths of revelation of God to men. We cannot all see alike. It would be the death of religion if we did. We now see through a glass darkly, but some bright day in the clear vision of our God we shall see and know even as also we are known. The book is a strong and sane deliverance, an illumination of a dark subject, and an irenic needed in the church.

The Sunday School and the Teens; the Report of the Commission on Adolescence Authorized by the San Francisco Convention of the International Sunday School Association; a Study of the Adolescent in Relationship to the Home, Church, Sunday School, and the Community; edited by John L. Alexander, International Sunday School Association Secondary Division Superintendent; Associated Press, New York; \$1.

Of writing books on adolescence there is no end, and the printing press is weary with the task. Much is good, much is bad, and much is indifferent. Too often it is merely the immature opinion of some enthusiast. It is claimed that this book is the first attempt to unify in one effort the study of the adolescent and the Sunday school together. The life of the adolescent is complex. Relationships exist in home, school, work-shop, the community at large. The church school—the Sunday school—surely has a part to play and a large one in co-ordinating and spiritualizing these activities. How may the church school do this without adequate, intelligent, knowledge of the facts? The life of the adolescent

to itself is simple. It is merely the adopting of itself to the ordinary, everyday, unchangeable things it meets or the changing of the adaptable things to its liking. The viewpoint, then, must always be that of the adolescent. The church school must see and feel the things that the adolescent meets in the light of everyday existence, as well as the attitude of the adolescent towards these things. This book purports to deal with these things, facts, viewpoint, and attitude. Its discussions seriously consider both the complex and the simple problem. Its findings are the result of many judgments. Its language and forms are the work of the several individual writers. The commissions and the writers were unhampered in their investigations, findings, and statements of facts. No one passed on the subject material. The several writers are solely responsible for what they present, no one knowing just what the book would contain in advance, except the secretary and the editor. Pastors and Sunday school workers cannot afford to be without this latest volume on a subject of perennial interest to them.

History of the Supreme Court of the United States, by Gustavus Myers; Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago.

In this day when politicians are mining at the foundations of things of the state and ambitious statesmen are seeking the favor of the multitudes because of their votes the Constitution of our Federal Union is the object of vicious and vigorous attack; hence it is not strange that men of socialistic and anarchistic tendencies should take a shot at this venerable document and try to prove that it was conceived in the sin of aristocracy and born in the iniquity of wealth. The writer of this book seeks to disarm suspicion by declaring that he has merely gathered the facts of history and has allowed them to speak for themselves. It is evident even to the casual reader that he undertook his task with the fixed purpose of proving that the Constitution was framed by men who were in conspiracy against the common people and that the Supreme Court was established as the bulwark of the rich. He artfully selects damaging scraps from the multitude of historical events and by constant insinuation seeks to interpret all of these bits of history in favor of his thesis. The book should be read so that one may see what may be said by a special pleader and then history as a whole should be read so that all sides of the question may be seen. The writer of this review is perfectly willing to admit that the framers of the Constitution were merely men of like passions with ourselves and that judges are wholly human, but when the light is thrown on the acts of executives and legislators, even those who assumed to be tribunes of the people, there is as much that is dark and as much evidence of self-seeking as in the judiciary. We hold that the present effort to discredit the courts is the most dangerous tendency of the age in politics. Some good men are unconscious of the harm they are doing in their criticism of judges and courts. Wise men will stop and think twice before they will deliberately weaken that which is calculated to hold men to their highest and best selves. Pilate was a weak judge, but justice was slain in submitting the Christ's case to the judgment of an angry mob. Let us consider whither we are drifting before we take the fatal plunge. We believe in true democracy, but not in government by irresponsible mobs.

Bro. Wm. Lowe of the St. Louis Conference has given to the world a Book of Poems which is worthy of a place in every library.

While he deals in some sarcasm, yet his arrows always reach a true goal and his more spiritual poems are indeed gems of thought. In "What Is Man?" he says:

"And then I thought of God.

Here all conceptions lost in mystery!

One who is ever present, yet unseen,

Who all vast space doth fill yet dwells with men,

From whom no thought is hid, or whispered word,

With whom all wisdom dwells, Maker of all—Great as Infinitude and old as Time."

He touches a true note when he says:

"Let not the church bell toll

Its' sadly solemn knell

Upon the day

I'm laid away:

If you should think it well

With my departed soul,

Let not the church bell toll."

These books are on sale at the office of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, 50 cents per copy.

SOMETHING TRUE AND STARTLING.

It is reported by a prominent prohibitionist that more women signed the saloon petitions in Little Rock than men. We cannot vouch for this statement as the names are not yet published and we are loath to believe it. But it is a fact that the drink habit is increasing among the women of the United States, especially in those states where the foreign element dominate. At many of the so-called best homes of our cities the beer wagon is as regular in its rounds as the milk wagon.

The editor of the New York Christian Advocate relates the following unseemly incident:

At the restaurant in the terminal station of one of the greatest railways in America, across the table from the writer, two women, middle-aged and demure, wearing in each case conspicuously a gold pin-badge awarded by the Sunday school of which they are members as a recognition of their fidelity, order cocktails preceding dinner, and obviously relish the seductive qualities of the alcoholic concoction. These are apparently the most unlikely individuals in the world to do a thing of this sort. The unsophisticated would deny the possibility of it on glancing at the serene and almost sanctimonious faces of these women, if he had not proof positive to the contrary. It is not certain that these tipplers are not teachers in the Sunday school. One need not be surprised if a school with such material in its ranks finds a revival of religion difficult, though very much wanted.

PREACHER WANTED.

I have a small pastoral charge in my district of four appointments, one of which is the county seat of Sharp county, for which I need a preacher. An unmarried man preferred. Any applicant must furnish good references.

A. F. Skinner, P. E.

Batesville, Ark., Jan. 2, 1914.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride, December 30, 1913, at 6 p. m., Mr. William J. Kune, of Edmond, Okla., and Miss Hattie G. Glitsch were married in the presence of their parents and a large number of friends. J. J. Bearden officiating.

UNITED MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

D. Clay Lilly, Field Secretary.

This great campaign, inaugurated by more than fifty of the largest Foreign and Home Mission Boards of the United States and Canada, has been carried on vigorously since early fall. It is estimated that six hundred conferences, in as many cities, will be held during this fall and winter.

When it is remembered that each one of these conferences reaches a number of churches, some idea of the breadth of this campaign is apparent at once.

And when it is remembered that each one of these conferences means the adoption of new methods, and permanent increase in missionary giving on the part of some churches, their value is seen at once.

There is very little expense attached to one of these conferences, and this, when shared by all the churches of a city is considerable for any one of them.

Of how much value such a conference can be in evidenced by the words of these two pastors, whose testimony might be multiplied many times over.

One of them says: "Referring to the recent sessions of the United Missionary Campaign held in our town, I wish to say to you, as I am saying to my friends everywhere, that I have lived in Mt. Carroll fifteen years, during which time many good and great things have happened; but this conference is the biggest thing, and has set in motion a movement which means more to us at home and abroad in the Kingdom of Christ than any other thing our town has experienced during these years."

Another pastor writes: "You don't know how much good your coming to us has done. I believe this Laymen's Conference will touch with spiritual power the various congregations of our city. The meeting has been highly educational, spiritual, interesting, and in every way helpful."

During January, February and March conferences will be held in the South in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, and later in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards of all the churches of the South are cordially supporting this campaign and some of their most effective men are heard in these conferences from time to time. It is a great manifestation of the spiritual unity of the church and this immense movement, international and interdenominational, goes forward with increasing power.

FINE PLANS FOR JUNALUSKA.

Five splendid conferences have been planned for Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, next summer. According to the provisional program, which in all probability will be carried out, the Epworth League will open the series on July 15 and continue to July 23. Dr. F. S. Parker and Rev. J. M. Culbreth will be in charge. The Sunday School Conference, conducted by Drs. E. B. Chappell, H. M. Hamill, C. D. Bulla and L. F. Beatty, will begin July 24 and close August 2. The Conference of Educators, directed by Dr. W. W. Pinson and other Missionary secretaries will be held August 7-16. The Bible Conference, with Dr. W. F. Tillet as Dean, will be conducted August 16-23. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and her associates will hold a Conference of Deaconesses August 24-26.

Such is the plan that was agreed upon by

representatives of the Southern Assembly and the various connectional boards at a meeting held at Nashville, Dec. 30, of which Bishop James Atkins was chairman, and John M. Moore, secretary. Others present were George R. Stuart, James Cannon, John R. Pepper, E. B. Chappell, W. W. Pinson, Stonewall Anderson, E. S. Parker, Ed. F. Cook, G. B. Whiton, L. F. Beatty, C. D. Bulla, E. H. Rawlings, and J. M. Culbreth. During part of the session Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. B. Cobb and Dr. T. N. Ivey were present.

The Southern Assembly, of which Bishop Atkins is the president, and Dr. Jas. Cannon the general superintendent, is an institution of Southern Methodism, having the endorsement of the representative bodies of the church. The purpose of its existence is to promote the work of Methodism and the cause of Christianity, by providing a place for great mid-summer church conferences, at which the various phases of church activities may be discussed and plans for larger service in these various departments may be formulated. It combines recreation with instruction where both may be sanctified and beautified by a prevailing Christian spirit and an intelligent devotion to Jesus Christ and the study of His Word. The boards of the church should, and do, recognize in the Southern Assembly, not only a co-worker, but a vital part of their respective departments of labor. Bishop Atkins, Dr. Cannon, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Pepper, and their associates should have the hearty thanks of the church for what they have accomplished and the sympathetic co-operation of all Southern Methodism in carrying to completion the magnificent plans which have been adopted for a great Southern Assembly.

A TEXAS LETTER.

Although I have been away from Arkansas for five years I read the Western Methodist with much interest and pleasure. I am always ready to defend my native state. I heard a preacher while illustrating some point say, "People who come from the great state of Tennessee are proud of it and like for people to know from whence they came; consequently they often talk about Tennessee. But those who come from Arkansas do not tell from what state they come unless they are questioned and then they would try to avert the answer." Weyy, that was too much for me. I had learned that he came from Arkansas at an earlier day so I told him that when I was a small boy I heard of different persons leaving Arkansas for Texas who were dodging debts or the officers of the law. But since Texas had been settled up and nearly all of her counties organized and had good laws and officers, people of that class pass on to Mexico.

I do not think Texans can any longer tease Arkansans about being water bound. Am sure you have read of the loss of life and property caused by the recent floods. I know that the rain fairly pours down quite often in Arkansas but of all the rains and high water that I ever saw the worst has visited Central and South Texas the past three months. Gonzales county made a bumper crop, however, the rains and floods destroyed at least one-third of the value of the cotton, corn and hay.

Since leaving the Little Rock Conference I served four years in the western part of the Northwest Texas Conference. It was extremely dry there the four years. The wind

nearly always blows in West Texas, but during dry times it seems to blow more. Being so dry the sand storms were fierce. The wind and dust caused catarrh to set up in my throat that came very near destroying my voice. Some of the best doctors in the state advised me to give up the ministry, but my people not being willing to give me up and wanting me to remain whether I preached or not I did not give up my work. A heavier sand storm than usual came along and wrecked our church and carried the parsonage a few feet, also damaging and destroying many other buildings. While rebuilding my throat got some rest and I was able to finish the year's work. I then transferred to the West Texas Conference, and served Leesville circuit well enough last year to be returned this year. I reported at the session of the Conference for the past year 44 accessions, \$30 Children's Day money, salary over paid and an excess of \$165 in the Conference collections. We are expecting better things this year, especially more accessions.

While I am nearly a hundred miles from the coast my throat has steadily improved. This is Christmas day and canna, lilies, carnations and other flowers are blooming beautifully in the yard.

This letter is already too lengthy, but I must say the new management of the paper is very pleasing to me. The first year I was at Hendrix Rev. W. B. Hays had to put up with me as a room mate. He is true as steel, strong and orthodox. The dollar campaign should place the paper in every Methodist home in Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Texas Christian Advocate comes to my charge 55 strong, which includes every official member, but I will not be satisfied till every Methodist family on the charge is reading it.

J. D. May.

LEOLA, ARK.

Dear Western Methodist: In answer to an inquiry in the paper a few weeks past, I would say that all the stewards on the Lone circuit except one are now taking the Western Methodist. All the stewards at Leola, Hunter's Chapel, L'Eufrasi, and Clear Creek take the Methodist and at Lono, the exception, two out of the three are subscribers. Last year all the stewards took the Methodist and we only lack the one new steward added for this year. We are doing our best to put the Methodist in every Methodist home on this circuit. It is a big job but we are at it to stay. Our people appreciate the Methodist more and more. Respectfully yours,

R. L. Cabe.

If that one don't take it soon he will get lonesome.—Editor.

PREACHER WANTED.

I want a preacher for a small charge, and small salary, in Hot Springs. A nice little brick and stone building, small but plucky membership. A single man only can live on the salary, but he can. This charge affords a fine opportunity for a consecrated young minister to do great things and at the same time enjoy one of the world's greatest health resorts.

Address me at Arkadelphia, Ark.

Alonzo Monk, P. E.

HOOPER-GREER.

Married Dec. 24, 1913, Mr. W. A. Greer of Ardmore, Okla., to Miss Annie Hooper, at the home of the bride's parents at Cathron, Ark., Rev. R. N. Davis officiating.

OFFICE OF PRESIDING ELDER.

Editor Methodist: Allow me just a little space for a few remarks on the above subject. As I am not a presiding elder, never have been, never expect to be and truth to tell, never in my life wanted to be, I can afford to give utterance to some thoughts on the subject. It is my honest conviction that the office of presiding elder has been a greater blessing to the church than the Episcopacy. The itinerant system could never have been as efficiently operated as it has without the presiding elder. The churches throughout the connection are more indebted to him than to any other one man. Nearly every church that has a good and faithful pastor has cause to thank the presiding elder. And every church that has an inefficient and a misfit of a pastor is likewise indebted to the presiding elder, for it is through him that they can be relieved without friction. True, the presiding elder makes mistakes, but not as many as congregations do that call their pastors. There are more misfits among congregational churches and more frequent changes and ten times more friction than among churches that are supplied by the itinerant system. Then, too, the presiding elder is the watch dog, the door, the guard against unworthy men getting into the ministry. True, we have such among us, but fewer than can be found under the congregational system. It is difficult to impose upon a wise, vigilant presiding elder. The Methodist Church today is more indebted to her presiding elders for an able and efficient ministry than to her theological schools. Then too, the presiding elder is an inspiration, an encouragement to our young preachers. I owe it more to my first presiding elder than to any other influence that ever came into my life outside of the Spirit of God. He was one of the wisest best, noblest and most godly men I have ever known. His name was A. H. Thomas, long since gone to heaven. I can speak in highest praise of nearly every presiding elder I ever had. Neither have I found them exacting, critical and domineering. Many a man has been saved to the church by a merciful, wise and discreet presiding elder. Not long since a brother who was acquainted with all the facts in the case, told me how Limon P. Richardson, that prince of presiding elders, saved Sam Jones to the church and ministry. Jones had made a greivous break and some were in favor of drastic treatment. But Richardson's goodness of heart and wise management saved him, and he never had cause to regret it. Talk about abolishing presiding elders and electing a Bishop for every Conference. I hope to go to heaven before that happens. As to the expense of it, the writer who advanced that argument ought to be ashamed of it. There are people who make that plea against a paid ministry. No doubt there are members of that brother's congregation who think he gets too much money for the service rendered. I don't know any people, anywhere, who are impoverishing themselves by giving to the church. As to a brother's complaint that a presiding elder gets too big a per cent in the first place, the presiding elder does not fix the per cent or the amount of his salary. The laymen are the last ones that ought to complain, for they are the very ones who fix the presiding elder's salary. And it is certainly very ungenerous in the preachers to complain, for I never saw a presiding elder who did not try to have the very best done for his preachers that could be done. Many a time have I had my salary put up (never

down) by the influence of the presiding elder with the board. As to the presiding elder shirking duty and doing as little as possible—the man that brings that charge must be ignorant or perverse. Any man who can figure knows that a presiding elder cannot take from twenty to twenty-five appointments and give to each four Sundays in a year. Then, if the presiding elder must neglect any, is it not the wise and godly thing to neglect the strong churches and give his time to the weaker? It is perfectly natural—self interest—for a presiding elder to do the very best for his district—the same as for a pastor to want to develop and build up his charge. Methodism cannot do without presiding elders as long as she has a sent ministry. At least that is the way it seems to me and I have no fears that the General Conference will make any serious modification of that great arm of power.

This article has not been written with the thought of its having any influence in that direction, but to call attention to our indebtedness as a church and as ministers to this part of our itinerant system.

J. C. Hooks.

Choteau, Okla.

BUILT HER SONG INTO LIVES.

There passed away in London a few years ago a woman, whose extraordinary musical talents have been famous on two continents. She was Mathilde de Castrone Marchesi, once a famous singer and afterward a teacher of songbirds for nearly half a century. She was 87 years old, had sung and taught for two generations, and among her friends she included some of the greatest names in music: Rossini, Meyerbeer, Gounod, Massenet, Rubenstein and others. Under her skillful tuition many famous divas have been developed and hundreds of American woman who reached eminence as vocalists lovingly called her "mother." It was Marchesi's own claim that she had never sung or taught a vulgar song; she had kept her great talent pure and bright throughout her long career and by her example had unconsciously influenced those whom she trained. It was Ruskin who said that "all great song has been sincere song." In a very positive sense the song and the singer are one, and unless the heart of the singer be in the work and the ideals kept pure and high, the greatest satisfaction that can come from such a gift will never be realized.—The Christian Herald.

WHITE RIVER MINUTES.

The Conference Minutes are out. If yours have not arrived please notify me. The job as a whole is a good one. You will find of course a few errors, which we can afford to overlook. May 1914, our last year as a Conference, be our best and 1915 in our new Conference (North Arkansas) be still better.

F. M. Daniel, Secretary.

Mammoth Spring, Ark., Jan. 3, 1914.

NOTICE.

Rev. A. B. Holland, who was appointed to the Oak Hill circuit has finally declined to go, and Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, a local preacher of the Asbury Church, this city, has been appointed to take his place. Rev. J. W. Moore, a student in Hendrix College, has been appointed junior preacher. He will serve four churches along the Rock Island railroad.

Forney Hutchinson,
Presiding Elder of Little Rock District.

THE SHUT DOOR.

A man was standing in a telephone booth, trying to receive an important message, but had great difficulty in hearing. He kept saying, "I can't hear." The man at the other end of the line said, after a while, "If you will shut the door you can hear." When the door had been shut all the noises from the street were shut out. Many a Christian is going through life with spiritual weakness and worry because he does not more frequently shut the door that silences for a time the din of the world. The "shut door" is one condition of the peculiar blessing of God.—Exchange.

A PASTORAL HELPER.

If dates can be arranged so as not to interfere with my work for the Methodist, I can assist the brethren in revival meetings. Please write me at Muskogee, as to rates, time to be given, etc. I desire to work under the leadership of the pastors, and I believe they will find me a helpful colaborer.

L. C. Craig.

316 N. G.

Muskogee, Okla.

A CORRECTION.

Dear Editors: Please say through the Western Methodist that the name of Rev. Keener L. Rudolph, by mistake, was left out of the appointments of West Oklahoma Conference, Clinton district, as a student in Vanderbilt. He is at Vanderbilt and not at Hendrix College, as stated under the recommendations of the Board of Education.

L. L. Johnson, P. E.

KILLMAN-RECHLIN.

Mr. Henry Rechlin and Miss Ester Killman of McRae, Ark., were united in marriage at the home of Bro. Will Booth, our Sunday school superintendent at McRae, on Dec. 31, at 7 o'clock p. m., after which we went to the Methodist church for a watch night service. Rev. J. E. Buchanan, pastor of the McRae circuit, officiated.

BAYLISS-MANLY.

Nov. 25, 1913, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Manly, Jacksonville, Texas, Mr. John H. Bayliss and Miss Ella Manly were united in marriage, Rev. I. B. Manly officiating. Miss Ella was formerly of Brinkley, Ark., and Mr. Bayliss of Lancashire, England.

BARRETT-SCOTT.

There was a beautiful home wedding at the residence of Dr. Frank Barrett, on the evening of January 1, 1914, in this city. Mr. W. O. Scott and Miss Katie Mae Barrett, both of Little Rock, were the contracting parties. We extend congratulations and New Year's greeting to these splendid young people. The father of the bride officiated. II

PICKETT-BENTON.

At the home of the bride's mother, Dec. 28, 1913, at 3:15 p. m., Mr. William Pickett and Miss Nettie Benton, both of Red Hill neighborhood, Chidester, Ark., were united in marriage. The groom is a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Missouri, and the bride is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at Red Hill. Rev. Alva C. Rogers officiated.

A man's ideals and moral character are not to be estimated by what the man knows. The world is a school room and many a saint as well as sinner has been brought up in it.

CADDO GAP CIRCUIT.

At the last session of the Little Rock Conference the Bishop read the writer out for Caddo Gap circuit. Caddo Gap is a small town nestling among the Ozark mountains and by the rushing, sparkling waters of the Caddo river that winds its way among the mountains through Montgomery county, Arkansas. Any one in search of health and good water would do well to come to Caddo Gap. In our stay here we have come to the conclusion that the people of this place know how to receive and treat a preacher and his family. I arrived on a local freight with my car load of household stuff, horses, cow, buggy and other things one day about 1 o'clock p. m. Bro. J. T. Vaught met me at the depot and in a short time he had four waggons at work unloading things and delivering them at the parsonage, and by sundown we had everything in its place or nearly so. The passenger train arrived about one hour later than the local, bringing wife and children. They were met at the depot by some of the sisters and we were kindly entertained until we were ready for housekeeping. About the third night after we had settled down to housekeeping, about 8 o'clock, the storm began to rise in an easterly direction and forcing its way westward struck the parsonage, the doors swung open and for a few moments it was hard to tell what would be the results until we could compose ourselves enough to follow the path of the storm into the kitchen, and there, oh my! packages of all kinds, sizes and shapes of good things from the good old substantial down to the knick-nacks. Just a few days later the clouds gathered in the north and struck the parsonage again. And not having fully recovered from the first shock we could stand it no longer. We just had to shout when a great big barrel full of things good for soul and body landed in the kitchen from Womble, one of our appointments. May the Blessed Lord help us to render such service as is due a people of this kind is my prayer. All along the way so many deeds and encouraging words are being spoken by the people of Caddo Gap we just feel like something will come to pass this year. We had a splendid time at the Christmas tree, and this afternoon Sister Cobb with her little band of mission workers entertained a nice crowd at the church with songs and some speaking, then Santa Claus passed around oranges, apples and other good things. We would not forget to mention that Bro. Barton, one of our efficient Sunday school teachers, made the hearts of his class glad by inviting them down to the store and presenting each one with a nice package of good things. Altogether we all had a most enjoyable Christmas. Everything passed off quietly and everybody seemed to be happy. I can tell you we have some earnest workers here at Caddo Gap. They know how to do good things and are doing them. The work that my predecessor, Bro. B. E. Mullens, has done with the help of others will shine forth when we shall gather around the great white throne. May God bless the good people of Caddo Gap circuit, and may He help this humble pastor to do a faithful year's work.

F. R. Canfield.

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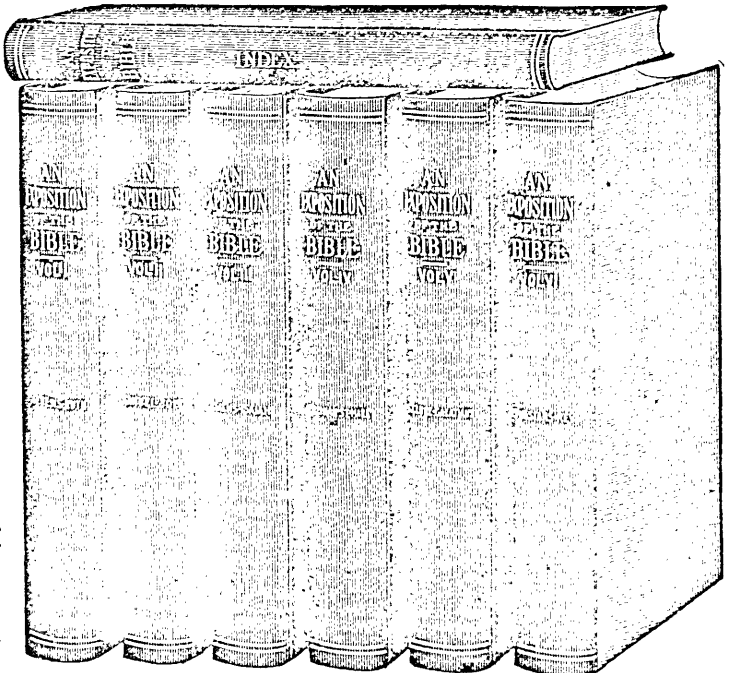
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where. Our first quarterly conference is just over. Bro. M. M. Smith, our P. E., was on hand with that pleasant cheerful look that he always has; preached a real good sermon to about a dozen men that held our quarterly conference. The weather

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was so bad we had no other service. We had a real pleasant conference and the official board raised the pastor's salary \$40.00. We are now beginning our 25th year in the itinerant work. We want to make this the best year of our entire itinerant life if the good Lord wills.

H. H. May.

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THE BURDEN BEARER.

"Child of my love, lean hard!
And let me feel the pressure of thy care.
I know thy burden, for I fashioned it—
Poised it in my own hand, and made its weight
Precisely that which I saw best for thee.
And when I placed it on thy shrinking form,
I said, "I shall be near, and whilst thou leanest
On me, this burden shall be mine, not thine."
So shall I keep within my circling arms
The child of my own life; here lay it down,
Nor fear to weary Him who made, upholds,
And guides the universe. Yet closer come;
Thou art not near enough. Thy care, thyself,
Lay both on me, that I may feel my child
Reposing on my heart. Thou lovest me?
I doubt it not; then, loving me lean hard."

—Author unknown.

A NEW YEAR'S ASPIRATION.

To Renew the Blessed and Endless Quest of the Best.

The Best in Body—Health maintained by temperance in diet, work and play.

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The Best in Soul—Reverence fostered by communion with the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in all Good Men.—Selected.

TRY TITHING FOR ONE YEAR.

This would be a good step towards Christian stewardship which is enjoined upon the members of our missionary society.

Years ago we declined to try to write a paper on "Tithing" for a board meeting, because, as we told an aged and very practical co-worker, we knew nothing to say except: "If you have anything to tithe it, and if you have nothing try to get something." She tersely said: "That's all there is to say"—meaning that a bare frame might be clothed and sent out with a message of worth. The frame has not yet been clothed, but we have learned satisfaction and joy in bringing in the tithes, though they be a mere pittance as we count money. Tithing teaches us the value of little things. It inculcates lessons of justice and promotes a spirit of generosity. The desire to make free-will offerings is sure to come after the tithe is paid into the treasury.

Tithing means partnership with God who multiplied the loaves and fishes. He will bless the pennies and fill with gladness the heart of His child who obeys His command with faith in His promises.

How to get something to tithe gives

every woman an opportunity to solve a problem.

Many of us are blessed in being housekeepers and homemakers whose hands are full with labors of love. These are not the money makers, but who spends it more freely?

We once heard a lady say it took her some weeks to get to the point of asking her husband to allow a certain portion of the "house money" for her personal expenses. Her request was quickly granted, and she found new happiness in paying her tithe of that allowance into the Lord's treasury.

We women are prone to believe our personal expenses are "next to nothing" until we look into the matter carefully. One tenth of what we spend for clothing is worthy of consideration, aye it would go far towards the evangelization of the world.

Women in the city think those in the country have a better chance to earn some money, and also to keep it because they are not tempted daily by alluring things in the shop windows characteristic of cities. Personal attention to the poultry yard, making butter and preserving fruits may yield an income large or small to a thrifty housewife on a farm. We dare say, not a man in this country would deny his wife the privilege of using a portion of these things for her individual pleasure. Many a man will help his wife in these little industries. We know one who regularly carried his wife's basket of eggs and butter to the grocer in town. He did "draw the line on things that holler," but he sent the box of chickens on a cotton wagon and collected the money for his wife.

Again we say, try to get something to tithe, and be thankful to begin in small things.

The Mormon church is rich because every member of it is required to tithe.

HAVE YOU A YEAR-BOOK?

Our Council has prepared a book containing programs for the year, and every auxiliary should be well supplied with copies.

The cost 5 cents each or 35 cents a dozen, postpaid, and may be ordered from our Sec. of Home Base, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. Material to carry out the programs will be found in the Missionary Voice and leaflets. Then items of interest may be found in newspapers and magazines. It is desirable to give the information in your own language, recasting and giving a fresh touch to articles already familiar to the readers of our periodicals.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS.

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This Council of Women is composed of eleven constituent Home Mission Boards. Representatives of the M. E. Church, South, who serve on the different committees are Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Helen Gibson and Mrs. T. J. Copeland, all well known and beloved workers in our Woman's Missionary Council.

English for Immigrants.

This is one branch of work conducted by the above mentioned Council of Women for Home Missions.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. A. Evans, Pub. Supt.

The Executive Committee of our Conference met in Little Rock, Dec. 18, 1913. Those in attendance were: Mrs. James Thomas, president; and Mesdames A. G. Hearne, Moffit Rhodes, V. S. McLellan, George Thornburgh and W. H. Pemberton. Mrs. H. C. Rule and Mrs. F. C. Floyd were unavoidably absent. A review of the year's work was gratifying in many departments. Stress was laid upon the necessity to begin at once to raise the pledges for Home and Foreign Missions.

An appropriation of two hundred dollars was made for repairs and tables for the dining room at Laredo Seminary.

It was determined to complete, as soon as possible, our May McKinzie endowed scholarship in Scarritt Bible and Training School, which was begun in the Home Mission Society and will cost \$4,000 when completed.

The program for the annual meeting to be held in Magnolia was discussed and partly arranged.

The Auxiliary of First Church, Little Rock, closed the old year, with the re-election of Mrs. C. T. Walker president and the other officers, all of whom had done much towards making 1913 one of progress and full of good will.

The program for the day was in charge of Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, first vice president, and she surprised all with a beautiful Christmas party in honor of Mrs. Walker. Shining holly, with berries and lovely red carnations added to the charm of this delightful entertainment, which was given in

TEXT-BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR 1913-1914.

Foreign Missions. Adult—"The King's Business," by Mrs. Raymond (a study of Society for Women's Missionary Societies); or "Mexico Today," by Dr. G. B. Winton. A set of five posters, 14x22 inches, illustrating the book, can be secured by sending 25 cents, plus 5 cents for postage. Young People, same as Adults. Intermediates—"Livingstone, the Pathfinder," by Basil Matthews. Children, "The Story of Livingstone," by Vautier Golding—"Missionary Helps for Junior Leaders" (a study in methods), by Margaret Applegarth and Nellie Prescott

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the children's class room of the Sunday school department.

Besides accomplishing much in the usual branches of work during the past year, this auxiliary purchased two girls and furnished garments for a number of the children in the Methodist Orphanage.

The auxiliary starts the new year with high aims and bright expectations.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. R. S. Satterfield, Pub. Supt.

AN EARNEST REQUEST.

Will each newly elected vice president in this conference please send me her name and address at once? It is impossible to do any work without being in touch with the auxiliary.

The January meeting is given specially to our department. We must make it the very best possible, and thereby set a high standard for the whole year. Let us try to get all the women of the church to realize their personal responsibility at the very beginning of the new year.

The regular leaflet sent out by the district secretaries will be on Christian Stewardship, so there will be no extra leaflet in our department this quarter.

Mrs. C. R. Kimbro.

Chickasha, Okla.

From Rush Springs Auxiliary, Mrs. J. W. Childress, supt. Publicity, sends the following: "The past year has been one of revival in all lines of church work. We have collected money to pay off a debt on our church; also paid half of the expenses of having it dedicated. It is now ready for dedication. We held our Week of Prayer in spite of rain, with a new program for every night. This strengthened our faith, made the weak stronger, while to outsiders and to some of our own people, the magnitude of our connectional work was a revelation. We have recently added some new furniture out of parsonage; have it insured and out of debt with a little in the bank. Rush Springs will have the district meeting next spring. We ask the prayers of our members that it may be a success. Our new president is Mrs. R. S. Cox."

CHINA BEING TRANSFORMED.

Bishop Graves, of Shanghai, says: "The real emergency is in the United States rather than in China—the emergency which calls us to seize for God the marvelous opportunities he is placing before us. We need to rise to a realization of the fact that our missions are not small and feeble, but powerful in their influence upon the national life of China."

China is turning away from everything old. Even the cast-iron dragons that decorated the mail boxes have been laboriously chiseled off, so that only the rusty outline is now visible.

Miss King, fresh from a trip in the Shanghai District, writes: "There are so many open doors and so many hungry hearts among the women of China. There must be put into our outstation work not so much more in money, but in strong Christians into strong Christian faith and to carry the light to these hopeless lives."

TALOSOPHY.

Through the New York World Mr. William Vernon Backus, the founder of the Appreciative League of New York, says to his fellow-man:

"Tell your wife at breakfast how you enjoy her fluffy biscuit, and watch her smile; she will soon begin

to see merit in you that had passed unnoticed before.

"If the coffee is a trifle muddy, remember that no one made it that way on purpose; saying that it is muddy will give you unhappy thoughts; forget it.

"Don't let rudeness get on your nerves; if you do, you can't have an unruffled mind for business or the calmness requisite for good digestion; therefore, ignore it; don't see it and don't think of it.

"If in your walks you see a policeman, a motorman or anyone else do something you approve, get his name, send it to headquarters and the league will write a letter of commendation to his employers that may help him.

"Ignore rudeness and become appreciative and courteous; instead of finding fault study the art of making happiness epidemic."

We doubt not women are also eligible for membership in this league for the extension of courteous kindness.

IMMIGRATION AND THE WORK IN BRAZIL.

More than five times as many immigrants entered Brazil last year as went to that country ten years ago.

It was decided by the members of the Mission Board visiting Brazil to continue the work at Porto Alegre. The situation at Rideirao Preto was also carefully and prayerfully studied, and it was decided that it will require \$40,000 to erect a suitable building for our work in that city.

CORONATION PIN.

A pin with emblems signifying the purpose of our women's missionary organizations to make our Lord Jesus King of kings has been adopted by both the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Women's Foreign Mission Boards. It is known as the Coronation Pin, and can be bought from Miss Grace Walker, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York. Price, \$1.75. One hundred pins can be secured for \$30 if bought in a lot.

CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

Recently we have been favored with copies of the Third Annual Report of West Oklahoma Conference and that of the twenty-fifth session of China Mission Conference, M. E. Church, South.

These reports are attractively presented and they contain much valuable information. We notice both conferences voted to memorialize the General Conference to change the name of our church and that it be called "The Methodist Church."

Naturally, we were specially interested in items relating to the work of the women in our church, and that it received kindly recognition from the brethren at home and across the seas was gratifying.

West Oklahoma passed the following memorial to the General Conference on Laity Rights for Women:

"Believing that it would be to the glory of God and the best interests of our beloved church and in some parts of the territory in which we labor, almost a necessity if the church would efficiently do the work, we the members of the West Oklahoma Conference respectfully memorialize your honorable body to so amend the law of the church that women may be elected to official positions in the church."

To this end they recommended changing section 15, paragraph 194, answer 1, in the 1910 Discipline, so as to read: "Let the stewards be members of the church, of solid piety, who both know and love the Metho-

dist doctrine and discipline and of good, natural and acquired abilities to transact the temporal business of the church." Also, that paragraph 558, 580 and 592 be stricken out.

In the Mission meeting of China Conference, Oct. 17, 1913, the following motion was passed: "That the representatives of the Woman's Council be informed that it is the desire of the Men's Mission Meeting that the separate meetings be discontinued for the future and that all regular mission meetings be joint meetings—separate meetings only to be held when the same is requested by a majority of the men or a majority of the women. The action of such separate meetings to be final; and (2) that they are hereby requested to take such action in their meeting as will confirm our action."

Through these Conference Journals, it seems to us, an intimation comes from the Orient and in the Occident that hereafter man's wisdom shall be blended with "mother wit," and that the members shall work together for the best interests of their church.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

The third vice president of our Missionary Council, Mrs. J. W. Perry, reminds us that January is the appointed time for special study of Christian Stewardship. She says in part:

"The program and literature which is given to the subject of Christian Stewardship are sent out with the prayer that we may each one feel anew a keen sense of our responsibility to give to those who know not the Savior the opportunity to accept Him.

"We trust that out of hearts of gratitude for what the Gospel Message has meant to us we may make a pledge for a larger offering for our work than we made the past year. We are hoping that each member will state what the society may depend on her to do.

"To aid in this a carefully prepared card has been arranged, stating clearly the simple facts regarding our funds, on which each woman will be asked to make her pledge for the year and how she wishes to pay it. Let no auxiliary fail to order from Miss Mabel Head, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., enough of these cards to supply each member and some extra for those who have not yet joined, but who would like to contribute to our work.

"Let us not forget the other obligations contained in our membership vow—to give a larger offering in prayer and service as well as money. All are contained in Stewardship. Our Father is needed us for a larger service this year and we are needing to get closer to Him in our prayer life. One of the greatest opportunities for service is intercessory prayer."

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following is an account of the "get-together" meeting of the South Western Division of the Woman's Missionary Society, sent in by Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Cooper, Texas, the manager:

"The meeting was good and helpful, good enough to continue each year. We had maps of the different conferences comprising our divisions. We discussed many matters and then decided to memorialize the Council to so change our law as to give us one Cor. Secretary and one treasurer for each conference; to lump the membership funds and make them 25 cents a month to be sent to conference treasurer and then to general treasurer to be pro rated by her to foreign and

home departments, retirement and relief funds, and then allow the conferences to call back to the amount of one third for conference expense and mission work in their own conference.

"We made for our slogan for the next three years 'four young women in the next three years sent to the training schools from each district.' Each morning we are to pray for this and for the money to send them. Each district must take this up to make it a success. This would give us our share of missionaries to reach the part belonging to us of the twenty millions.

"We had Miss Roberts with us and became so interested we decided if agreeable to the Missionary Council we'd take Saltillo as our share and work for and talk for Mexico for two years.

"Then we felt a quarterly bulletin would be helpful and we began to plan for using the King's Messenger, each conference to share the expense. I am to investigate and see what it will be. It was suggested that each conference have one issue as a conference edition."

BIG DEAL ON STERLING HOSE.

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VANDERVORT, ARK.

Dear Western Methodist: The actions of the last Annual Conference created a move on our part from a very much appreciated people, found in the bounds of the Arkadelphia circuit, to the Vandervort work, where we have found, I think, as good a people. It didn't seem that we could ever become attached to a people like we were to those that we left on our former work, and the manner in which they are receiving us is expending very fast our affections and love. We arrived here on the morning of the 4th of December at 3 a. m., in search of our boy, who came through from Arkadelphia with Bro. H. H. Steward, of Gillham, in buggies. He was water-bound at Corinth as we learned later. I went back to Gillham on the early morning train, leaving my family here, not having time to get them located in the parsonage. The good people of Vandervort saw that they were comfortably located during our absence. On arriving again that afternoon we found that they had visited us in their love and sympathy to such an extent that they had left all the bed clothes and house fixtures that we needed until our things arrived, and a nice pounding, consisting of flour, meat, sugar, coffee and such things as a preacher's family, who has just arrived, all of which was very much appreciated by us. We preached on the first Sunday to a good congregation, both morning and night, having good services both hours and organizing a prayer meeting at night. On the second Sunday we had the pleasure of meeting our congregation in two good services at Hatfield, and organized an Epworth League at night. On the next Sunday we met our congregation

at Cove and Watson, having good services. On the 24th, our love and appreciation for our congregation at Hatfield was renewed for having received a nice big lot from them of flour, meat, sugar, fruits of all kinds, vegetables and every thing to make a preacher and his family happy. All of which preacher, wife and all the children felt rejoiced over. We are praying God's richest blessings on the people of Vandervort, Hatfield and all the work. One thing that makes us hopeful is that everybody is expecting a good year. Another is that God has promised to be with us in all of our undertakings for him. We are praying also for great success to the Western Methodist. We hope to be able to send in several new subscribers this year. We extend to its editors an invitation to visit us. God's blessings on all the brethren this year.

L. T. Rogers, P. C.

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The National Good Citizenship Movement has plans afoot for securing five million signatures, petitioning Congress to pass the constitutional amendment resolution.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS IN THE ARKANSAS, THE LITTLE ROCK, AND THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCES.

By an arrangement with the Western Methodist Pub. Co., which took effect January 1, 1913, all orders for Sunday School Literature, Sunday School Supplies, Books, and Periodicals are to be filled by the Publishing House direct and not as heretofore through Messrs. Anderson, Miller & Co. We suggest to our customers that they order either from the Nashville or the Dallas House, as may be most convenient to them. Both Houses will take pleasure in giving prompt attention and courteous service to all our customers in the State of Arkansas.

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Office of

THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25, 1913.

To all Stockholders of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company:

A special meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the office of the company in the City of Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday the 31st day of January, 1914, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance by the company of a lease of the line of railway of the Rock Island, Stuttgart and Southern Railway Company, extending from Mesa, Prairie county, Arkansas, in a southerly direction through the counties of Prairie and Arkansas to Stuttgart, Arkansas county, Arkansas, a distance of approximately 22 miles; said lease to extend for a term of 999 years from February 1, 1914, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

H. U. Mudge, President.
Geo. H. Crosby, Secretary.

Children's Page

(We shall be glad to have all the children contribute to this page. Let all letters for this page be addressed to Miss Hazel Barrett, care Western Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.)

MR. CAN'T AND MR. CAN.

O, Mr. Can't from Mr. Can
Is a very different sort of man.
For Mr. Can, he always tries;
And Mr. Can't he always cries.
Now, Mr. Can gets many a blow,
But he gets the best in the end, you know.

While Mr. Can't gets nothing at all,
For he's down too low to suffer a fall,
O, Mr. Can gets up with a grin,
And he says: "I'm bound in the end to win."

But Mr. Can't is a pitiful sight,
For he's whipped before he's begun to fight;

And he says it puzzles him quite a lot
Why some can win and some can not.

O, poor Mr. Can't! He never knew
The secret I'm going to whisper to you—

That you can win if you only try,
And you certainly can't if you only cry;

And that is the reason why Mr. Can
From Mr. Can't is a different man.
—Herald and Presbyter.

TINY'S ALARM CLOCK.

Tiny looked up from her slate as her big brother Kent came in one day with an odd-shaped paper bundle in his hands. Tiny ran to meet him.

"Oh, Kent, what is it?" she asked, curiously. "Anything for me?"

"No," said Kent. "Such a wide-awake puss as you are doesn't need aids to early rising," and he untied the strings and opened the package.

"Why, it's a clock!" said Tiny, disappointed. "We've got three clocks, now, Kent. What made you bring another?"

Kent began winding the little clock. "You just listen," he said.

Whir-r! Rattle, rattle, rattle! Whir-r! What a way for a clock to strike?

"It's an alarm clock," exclaimed Kent, smiling at Tiny's wonder. "We can set it so that the alarm will strike at any time of night and awake us. You know I have to leave home before daylight sometimes"—for Kent was an engine driver.

"How very funny!" said Tiny, with sparkling eyes. "Goes off all by itself, without any one touching it! Oh, how I wish I had one."

"There's nothing funny about it," went on Kent. "If people don't mind the alarm when it strikes, but think they will sleep a little longer, they grow less liable to be waked by it, and soon it does not make any impression at all."

Tiny considered. "I wish I could have one all my own," she said again. "It must be such fun to hear it go off."

"You have one," said Kent, gravely. "I? An alarm clock?"

Kent nodded. "Where?"

"Right in there," said Kent, with his hands over Tiny's heart.

"Well, I don't believe it ever went off," laughed Tiny.

"Yes, I'm sure it has. Wait till you feel like doing something wrong. That little clock will say, 'Why, Tiny, don't.' You see if it doesn't."

Tiny laughed and went back to her sums. Soon a call came back from the kitchen, "Tiny, dear I want you."

Tiny's mouth began to pout, but she suddenly called out cheerily, "Yes, mamma," and danced out of the room, looking back to say, "It went off then, Kent, loud."

Kent nodded and smiled. "I thought it would," he said.

And all folks with alarm clocks must be sure to answer the first call, or they will ring and ring in vain, and the first thing you know you turn out good-for-nothing men and women.—Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate.

THE PINK STRING.

"Peter," said his mother, "I want you to do a little errand for me."

"Yes, mother, tell me quick, for it's 'most school time."

"You will be sure and not forget?"

"O mother, Jack Ray's been telling me that whenever he has an errand to do, his mother ties a string around his finger. That keeps him in mind, every time he looks at it, that he has something to do. Did you ever hear of any one's doing that?"

"Yes, many a time. So you would like a string?"

"Yes, here's the string bag, and here's a nice piece of pink string."

"Now then"—As she tied it on his finger mother told him what she wanted him to do. "And, Peter," she added, "be sure to speak very politely when you ask it."

"Yes, I will remember."

"I knew you always mean to be polite, dear; but you sometimes forget, as all little boys do. Good-by." She kissed him and he hurried away, soon joining some other boys on the way to school. "What's that on your finger?" asked one of them.

"Oh, that's because I have an errand to do so as to make me think of it."

But as he gazed at it, what was the errand, anyhow? In his interest in watching the string tied on he had only half listened to what his mother had been saying, and now the most he could remember of it was that he was to be very, very polite.

"I can do that anyway—to everybody. And perhaps if I do it all the time I shall get to thinking of the errand—Oh, please excuse me, I didn't mean to."

In his hard thinking he had run against a big girl as he was turning into the school yard.

"Peter," said she, "you're such a polite little fellow that it's easy to excuse you."

"A good thing to say of a boy," said one of the teachers who was passing in. "Keep it up, Peter. Good manners are a great help to a boy in going through life."

"If they'll only help me to remember that errand," said Peter to himself.

He did remember the politeness. He stood up to give a girl his seat on a crowded recitation bench. He said his "please" and "thank you" when he went to the teacher's desk to ask about an example, all the while thinking: "If I'm very polite, perhaps I shall think of the errand."

At the close of the school the teacher said: "Who will carry a book with its marked lesson around to Johnny Park's house? He is sick and could not come to school today."

"I will," said Peter, rising in his seat as he spoke.

"Thank you, Peter. I might have known you are just that kind of a boy."

He had to go several blocks out of his way to do it. No remembrance of his errand came into his head as he left the book at the door with a polite inquiry about Johnny, and he walked on slowly, doing his best thinking. He passed a yard in which were many beautiful flowers. A lady was inside whom Peter had sometimes seen talking to his mother, so he raised his hat to her with a very polite little bow.

She smiled at him, and then said: "I wonder if I couldn't get you to do something for me."

"Of course, ma'am," said Peter, again taking off his hat. "I shall be very glad to do it."

"I am cutting some flowers to send to a sick woman," said the lady. "Mrs. Hale told me about her"—

"O, that was it!" Peter flung up his hat and capered for joy.

"That was what?" asked the lady with a smile.

"My errand. Mrs. Hale's my mother, and you're Mrs. Garde; and my mother told me to come here and ask you very politely if you wouldn't let her have some of your flowers to take to the sick woman. She tied this pink string around my finger so that I wouldn't forget. But I did forget—all but the politeness."

Mrs. Garde laughed as she put a beautiful bunch of flowers on Peter's arm, saying as she did so: "If you hadn't taken off your hat so politely, I shouldn't have thought of asking you to oblige me."

"Will you please excuse me for not taking it off to say goodbye? You see my hands are full."

"Oh, my dear boy, you did remember, didn't you?" said mother, as he laid the flowers before her. "We shall try the string again."

"Mother," said Peter, gravely, "it wasn't the string at all; it was the politeness."—Sydney Dayre, in Christian Register.

PIGGOTT, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

Will you let another Arkansas girl join your happy band of cousins? Some one guess my age. It is between 8 and 16. I will guess Lula Cote's age to be 14. Come on Miss Ruth Carr with some more of your fine stories. I love to read them. I will guess Lena Schisler's riddle to be a cow bell. Am I right. I will guess Katherine Culbertson's age to be 9 years. Miss Hazel, please print my letter. I will close by asking a riddle. Four standers, two lookers, two crookers and one switch about. Love to all.

Bertha E. Halifield.

Nov. 30, 1913.

IMBODEN, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

May I join your happy band? I am 19 years old and in the sixth grade at school. I have a father, mother and brother. I am a member of the Methodist Church at this place. Our pastor is Rev. J. Jernigan. Miss Rose Coffman is my Sunday school teacher. Miss Sue Chockran is my school teacher. My papa takes the Western Methodist and I enjoy reading the children's page. Success to all the contributors to the children's page.

Your cousin,

Christine Poindexter.

Dec. 6, 1913.

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To introduce the beautiful "LaFrance" silk hose for Ladies and Gents we offer 3 pairs 50c quality, for only \$1.00, post-paid in United States. Pure silk from calf to toe, with durable, elastic hile top, heel and toe for long wear. Sizes 8 to 10 1-2. In white, tan or black, as sorted if desired. Money back promptly if not delighted. La France Silk Store, Box C, Clinton, S. C.

BOSWELL, OKLA.

Western Methodist: Now after more than a month I have had time to take my bearings and am able to write intelligently. I will say a few things about both my old and new charges. No man ever enjoyed his work more than I did mine last year. The Indians are as true and loyal as are to be found anywhere. They were good to me and we got along capital together. We feel that the Chotaw-Chickasa district made—considering things—the best report in the conference. And I left them with love and the best of feeling. I shall very soon have something to say as to the policy that should be adopted in this work.

No man was ever more royally received in a charge than I have been here. The people have been so good to me that I hardly know how to treat them. They have pounded us and pounded us till we are full both of good things and the sense of our responsibility to them and to God. The foot prints of my predecessor are found everywhere. This is a great field and has promise of a great future. Under God we expect to do our best. All we crave is the loyal support and prayers of the people and the help of Almighty God. To get out of the district and get back in the pastorate is a relief indeed. The man who has to serve a district has no home or friends. No close friendships. He is not in touch with the sorrows and cares and loves of the flock. We love the pastorate and all these good people and shall expect to do our best which after all may not be much but it shall be our best.

J. W. White.

Jan. 3, 1914.

NEARLY SMOTHERED.

Chandler, N. C.—Mrs. August Lomax, of this place, writes: "I had smothering spells every day, so bad that I expected death at any time. I could not sit up in bed. I suffered from womanly troubles. My nerves were unstrung. I had almost given up all hope of ever being better. I tried Cardui, and it did me more good than anything I had ever taken. I am better now than I ever expected to be." Thousands of ladies have written similar letters, telling of the merits of Cardui. It relieved their headache, backache and misery, just as it will relieve yours, if you will let it. Try:

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LEAGUE PAGE

"ALL FOR CHRIST."

WARING SHERWOOD Editor

JANUARY 18.

HONESTY AND LIBERALITY.

Deut. xxv. 13-15; Luke vi. 38.

Honesty and Liberty. What a world of meaning is written within these two words and how many sermons might be secured from them. It is, however, the purpose of the writer to give just the briefest of lessons at this time, viewing the topic from one angle only.

From the time when the guilty Cain answered to the voice of God—"Am I my brother's keeper?"—man has realized that something was owed to others. Cain could not slay Abel and escape punishment for his deed and neither can we today deal unjustly with our fellow men and go unpunished. The law of Moses commanded that no man should use divers weights and measures, but all should be of one size, thus preventing unfair treatment of any. In our land we have today a legal system of weights and measures and all who buy and sell must make their own conform to such system.

Christ came into the world at a time when honesty seemed dead and the spirit of liberality as we see it, was entirely unknown. The poor were oppressed; right was ruled by might; the chosen people were bowed down beneath oppression from within as well as without. Their own leaders were lacking in the principles of justice and mercy. He brought to mankind the law of love in which law, honesty and liberality stand out with greatest emphasis. The true follower of Christ must ever be honest with himself, with his Lord and liberal with the great blessings so freely given through the love of God. Honesty to many only means to abstain from taking that which belongs to another, but to the Christian the meaning is infinitely greater. When we are honest with ourselves it means a recognition of individual unfitness and of Christ's worth. It means an appreciation of His death and suffering and the desire to make our lives count for most in the work for which He died. Many lives have gone down to wreck and ruin through a lack of honesty with themselves. They have tried to live the moral life only, forgetting to appreciate the love of God and the offering Christ made on Calvary. It is not sufficient that a man do not steal, pay his debts and deal

fairly with men. Love must rule in the heart for without this, says Saint Paul, we become as sounding brass or the tinkling cymbal.

Liberality is that which brings us to see the good in others and to appreciate their true worth. It causes us to ever be in the attitude of a giver, dividing with others the blessings which our own lives have received. "Freely have ye received, freely give." As the mind and heart of Christ were so much superior to the human, it has ever been difficult for mankind to appreciate Him in His fullness. Most liberal of all was He and yet in such an infinite degree, that often Christianity is spoken of as narrow and restrictive. The great reforms of the world have originated in the spirit of Christ and nations have sprung into existence through liberal views obtained in knowledge of Him. Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley and numerous others were able to lead men out of darkness and into light because they knew of Christ and the liberating influence of His spirit.

Bread without leaven is good for nothing and so humanity without the leaven of the spirit of Christ would never be able to rise above itself, its darkness and useless strife. Let this same humanity be stirred and lifted up through the liberating influence of Christ and new life is manifest. History's brightest pages tell of men who have walked with God and through their honesty and liberality have been able to bless all with whom they came in contact. Into our lives have come those whose very presence blessed and who through their sweetness of character and nobility of soul, drew us nearer to the heart of God. Receiving from on High the blessings of lives hidden with Christ, they bestowed freely such blessings upon others.

Fellow Leaguers, let's be honest with ourselves and with our God. Let our constant aim be that we shall know more of Him and His power to save and then let's be liberal in giving this knowledge to others. For we know that as we give it shall be given unto us; good measure pressed down and shaken together, and running over.

JUNIOR LEAGUE LESSON FOR

JANUARY 11.

WHAT TO DO WITH GOD'S DAY.

Matt. xii. 1-14.

One day through the streets of a Chinese village there walked an old man, having on his back a cord on which were seven coins, all he had. Now, you know, in the center of each piece of Chinese money is a square hole, so the money can be carried on strings. Some people along the way having no money at all asked the old man for his till he gave away all but one piece. "Surely," he thought, "no one will ask for this." Just then a greedy boy stole the last coin and the old man was left with none with which to buy food.

This is the way people do about God's day. He gave us six days in which to work; keeping the seventh for His own. Wicked people are using Sunday for pleasure and for making money. Then they have no day in which to worship Him.

Christian people have found that worshipping God on this day the best part of their lives. We have our Junior League meetings on Sunday for it is our special way of worshipping our Father.

The rest our bodies get from the usual work is as necessary as is worship to our hearts. The people who work on Sunday as on other days grow old-looking sooner. Why even a machine that is let rest one day in

seven lasts longer than one used all the days.

In the Scripture lesson Jesus tells us that we must do good on the Sabbath. If anyone in trouble needs our help He says for us to give it. We may do any work that is necessary just as Jesus let His disciples prepare the grain to eat. Then Jesus went to the church where he healed a man's paralyzed hand. The thing for us to do is to see that we do only necessary work; and that we help all we can; and truly worship God by attending religious services; and being careful of even our play.

QUESTION BOX.

Address all items for the Question Box to Mr. DeWitt Davenport, 210 State Bank Building, Little Rock, Ark. We desire especially to make this an interesting department of the Epworth League work in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and we urge you to send in questions and reports as often as you can.

What position should the League President occupy with regard to the Devotional Department? S. W.

No doubt this question has come up in many of our Leagues and has not always been satisfactorily answered or disposed of. The successful League is the one in which every department is active and since the president is equally interested in the League as a whole, he must work where need exists. The Devotional Department, being the real life of the League, must ever be the center of activity. If the spirit of the Master does not rule in all League work, then all effort is vain and the result no fruit borne. The devotional spirit manifested in the weekly meetings must determine the success of the League as a whole and so this department should receive most careful as well as prayerful attention.

The first vice president should have entire charge of this work and feel that he is responsible for the success of the meetings. Let the president hold himself in readiness to give advice and encouragement, at the same time keeping in close touch with the work. A good plan would be for the president, first vice and the leaders for the month to meet together before the first Sunday and plan their meetings for the month. Let topics be assigned to different ones, preferably to newer and younger members, and also topics arranged for open discussion. Attention should be given to the songs in order that the spirit of each meeting be carried out and other details carefully looked into. An arrangement such as this would secure a pleasing uniformity in the meetings and give each leader the benefit of an exchange of ideas. It would give the president opportunity for keeping in close touch with the work and make the vice president sure of an interesting and helpful meeting each Sunday.

Try this in your League and see how it works. D. D.

CITY LEAGUE MEETING AT ASBURY.

It was on the night of the 15th of December that the City Union of Epworth Leagues met at Asbury Church, Little Rock, in regular session for December. One important item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. President Fred A. Isgrig was re-elected and Mr. Clyde C. Arnold was elected secretary. A change or two was made in the constitution; one of importance was the

election of representatives from each Chapter. Bro. W. B. Hays, editor of Western Methodist, was in charge of the devotional part of the meeting. After the regular program refreshments were served and a social half hour was enjoyed. The January meeting will be held at Scott Street Church.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DATES.

Miss Kate Cargile, Junior League Superintendent of the Arkansas Conference will visit the following places at the times named below:

Fort Smith—Midland Heights, Jan. 14, 7 p. m.; First Church, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.; Central Church, Jan. 16, 7 p. m.; Dodson Avenue, Jan. 17, 7 p. m. Greenwood, Jan. 18, 7 p. m. Hartford, Jan. 19, 7 p. m. Huntington, Jan. 20, 7 p. m. Booneville, Jan. 21, 7 p. m. Paris, Jan. 22, 7 p. m. Ozark, Jan. 25. Clarkesville, Jan. 26, 7 p. m. Hartman, Jan. 27, 7 p. m. London, Jan. 28. Russellville, Jan. 29. Atkins, Jan. 30. Morrilton, Jan. 31. Conway, Feb. 1.

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J. J. Galloway,

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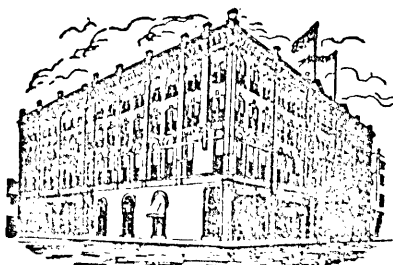
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HAWKINS.—Bertha Effie Hawkins, daughter of Rev. and Sister L. D. Hawkins, was born June 8, 1901, in Young county, Texas, and died near Erick, Okla., Nov. 20, 1913. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at eight years of age.

Effie was an unusual girl for one of her age. Deeply interested in religious things, and ever delighted in being a church member. She was much interested in her father's work as a minister, and was looking forward to their moving to his new appointment.

Though so young, she was the active teacher of an infant Sunday school class, and was very faithful and much loved by the class. She was an eager reader of the children's page in the Western Methodist and wrote some letters for it. She was bright, obedient, womanly and loved her home and people. But she has gone away to join the great multitude of happy children "Where congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end." May God be gracious to the sorrowing loved ones until they shall go to meet her.

L. L. Johnson,
Their Presiding Elder.

BUTLER.—Anna Butler was born in 1885, the 25th day of August. She became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the summer she was six years of age. She died at Vinita, Okla., Dec. 18, 1913, and was buried at Verden, Okla. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. R. H. Denny, the pastor of our church at Verden.

The deceased was a very beautiful Christian character. She was loved and appreciated by a large number of friends and relatives. She was a niece of Rev. P. T. McWhorter, a superannuate member of the West Oklahoma Conference. Annie is gone, but we know where to find her. We shall see her again. Weep not dear loved ones. Heaven is dearer to you today than ever before. Peace to her ashes.

Moss Weaver.

VINSON CIRCUIT, OKLA.

Dear Methodist: I will write to let my friends know that I am not dead. I am starting on my fourth year and the good people received me as kindly (and more so) as they did the first year. We have had three great years on this work and I am serving some of the best people it has ever been my pleasure to serve.

During my three years I have seen about six hundred conversions, and over half that number joined the church. I am expecting great things this year. Our Sunday school is fine, with Neil and Sullivan as superintendents. The drouth nearly ruined us last year, but with the rain and snow we are expecting great things next year. Of course, we will have but little money till next fall, but we believe the Lord will give us the temporal blessings.

We came to this Conference (then

Indian Mission) in 1883, served one year as supply and joined Sept. 1884, at White Bead Hill, Bishop Hargrove presiding. There were received at that time, E. W. Brodie, W. H. Moorhead, F. E. Shanks, Creed F. Roberts, T. J. Beckham and this writer. Brodie and Roberts are dead. Moorhead and Craig I know not where they are. T. J. Beckham is a member of the North Texas Conference. Shanks is here. When I came there was one small Conference with six districts, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Pauls Valley, Seminole and Muskogee. J. O. Shanks was my first P. E. He was a great preacher, a great man, one of the finest men I ever knew. My next P. E. was Rev. J. N. Moore; he is now a local preacher and lives at Ardmore. Moore was a great preacher and loved the church. My next was J. L. Keener, who now lives somewhere in Arkansas. He was not a great preacher, but was good in the chair and loved the church. The next was A. C. Pickins. Pickins was a preacher, looked after the interest of the church and if the immersionist got to fooling with his young preachers he went out and gave them a theological spanking. Others of my P. E.'s were Hunkapiller, Randal, Roberts, Johnson, McGee, and C. F. Mitchell, my present P. E. He may not look like a big preacher, but you hear him. He preaches. He is at home in the chair, loves his preachers, loves God, the church and everything that is high and noble and good. He is an all-round man, preacher and P. E.

My first quarterly conference was held the 3rd of December. The stewards made a very liberal assessment. I think I have the best circuit and the best people of any one.

This being my fourth year, I have had two poundings. I think my people love me, and some of them have religion. Mr. Editor, I think I will make a canvass of all my folks for our paper.

J. C. Scivally.

Jan. 1, 1914.

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HOOKEE, WEST OKLA.

Hooker, in the Guymon district, is a very pleasant charge. In fact, I should be very slow to exchange for any charge in this or any other district of the conference. The last year's dry weather fell upon us pretty hard, causing a complete crop failure, but I have never seen a more resolute and hopeful band of people than ours. They set themselves to the work of the new year in a way beautiful to behold.

You talk about "poundings!" We have received the greatest yet. I am sure Bro. Johnson of Woodward will have to stand aside. They marched in on us nearly one hundred strong. Eighty-six were counted after some had gone. The good things they brought, together with the good cheer and real sunshine, keeps us rejoicing.

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that we were sent here. Having been received so brotherly by the brethren at Conference and coming to such a good people as these, causes me, a boy from the Holston "Hills," to thank God for our great church.

My predecessor, Bro. Aillon, and those who preceded him, have wrought well. Every one of them is held in high esteem. The Sunday school is taking on new interest. We have added the home department and one new class from those who have not been attending.

Our Epworth League is composed of forty-four as fine young people as can be found in any church. We are going to reorganize the Junior department at once.

My Board of Stewards have adopted the "Financial Plan for Methodists" and are pressing the every member canvass vigorously. The ladies of the church are very well organized and doing fine work.

Bro. Steward is very hopeful for the entire district. He and his preachers are planning for a united effort along all lines. We hope to be foremost in the Conference by the close of the year. We can't put up as many in numbers and as much in dollars and cents, but we hope to have a great gain in percentage. This Pan Handle country is a great country, but a great deal of work is still needed to make everything in church work ideal.

H. B. Wilson, P. C.

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VANOSS, OKLA.

After four years in the north part of LeFlore county, in McAlester district, I was moved just west across the conference to Vanoss, Okla. Arrived in open days with my family. Went back and drove Prince through. The sun never shone but one hour during the four and one-half days. Have been pounded by the Vanoss class. I found two churches, six organized classes, a three-room parsonage. I had eight classes assigned, but two have been taken off since conference. I have made one round

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A. G. White, P. C.

Dec. 31, 1913.

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BATESVILLE, ARK.

I was returned to Central Avenue and Bethesda charge another year to the delight of myself and family, and I think the people were glad also. We have had the usual pounding that was appreciated much. May the Lord bless every donor. My Board of Stewards have organized and are making the every member campaign and we hope to have a great year. I am trying to put the Methodist in every home. We are praying for a great revival. The Lord bless the Methodist force and all its readers.

C. E. Hively.

Jan. 2, 1914.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

WHITE RIVER

SEARCY DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

McRae Ct. at Floyd Jan. 9
Vilonia, at Vilonia Jan. 10, 11
Beebe and Austin, at Beebe. Jan. 11, 12
Judsonia and Kensett, at Judsonia
..... Jan. 14, 15
Augusta Ct. at Union Jan. 17, 18
Augusta station Jan. 18, 19
Griffithville Mission, at Griffithville
..... Jan. 21, 22
Cato Ct. at Bethel Jan. 24, 25
Cabot and Jacksonville, at Cabot
..... Jan. 25, 26
District Stewards will please meet me
at Kensett, Tuesday, 10 o'clock, a. m.,
February 3, 1914.
R. C. MOREHEAD, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Pocahontas Circuit Jan. 10-11
Marmaduke Mission Jan. 14-15
Gainesville Circuit Jan. 17-18
Imboden Circuit Jan. 24-25
Mammoth Spring Jan. 25-26
Lorado Circuit Jan. 31, Feb. 1
New Liberty Circuit Feb. 4-5
Old Walnut Ridge Feb. 7-8
Reyno Circuit Feb. 8-9
Corning Station Feb. 14-15
Knobel Mission Feb. 15-16
Boydsville Circuit Feb. 21-22
Piggott and Rector Feb. 22-23
St. Francis, Miss. Feb. 28, March 1
District Stewards will please meet at
Walnut Ridge Friday, January 2nd, at
3 p. m. This meeting is an important
one. I hope every charge will be represented.
M. M. SMITH, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Holly Grove and Marvell at H. G.
Clarendon Station Jan. 10-11
Wheatley and Moro at Wheatley
..... Jan. 17-18
Brinkley and Hunter at Brinkley
..... Jan. 18-19
Colt Circuit at Colt Jan. 24-25
Turner Mission at Turner, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Hubert and Council Feb. 4
Devine and Howell at Wiville, Feb. 7-8
Cotton Plant Station Feb. 8-9
Hamlin Circuit at McCrory Feb. 14
McCrory Station Feb. 14-15
Wynne Station Feb. 22-23
Parkin Station Feb. 22
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Jonesboro, First Church Jan. 10-11
Jonesboro Mission at Mt. C. Jan. 11-12
Lake City Circuit at Lake City, Jan. 16
Manila and Dell at M. Jan. 17-18
Monette and Macey at Mo. Jan. 17-18
Brookland Ct. at Shiloah Jan. 21
Barfield Circuit at B. Jan. 21
Blytheville Sta. Jan. 24-25
Blytheville Ct. at East B. Jan. 25-26
Luxora and Rozelle at L. Jan. 26-27
Wilson Jan. 27-28
Harrisburg Ct. at Pleasant V.
..... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Harrisburg Sta. Feb. 1-2
Vandale Ct. at V. Feb. 6
Earle Feb. 7-8
Crawfordsville and Vincent, Feb. 8-9
Osceola Feb. 15-16
District Stewards will meet at 1:30
p. m., December 30, at First Church,
Jonesboro. All pastors are urged to at-
tend this meeting.
W. L. OLIVER, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Mtn. View Station Jan. 10-11
Marcella and Guion Mission, at Guion
..... Jan. 11-12
Smithville Circuit, at Flat Rock, Jan. 14
Charlotte Mission, at Walnut Grove
..... Jan. 15
Cave City Circuit, at Sidney, Jan. 17-18
Evening Shade Circuit, at Evening
Shade Jan. 18-19
Ash Flat Circuit, at Ash Flat, Jan. 20
Camp Mission, at Camp Jan. 22
Salem Station Jan. 24-25
Viola Mission Jan. 25-26
Revar Circuit, at Wheeling Jan. 27
Melbourne Circuit, at Chapel Hill
..... Jan. 28
Calico Rock, Circuit, at Flat Rock
..... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Central Avenue and Bethesda, at Central
Avenue Feb. 1-2
Floral Circuit, at Pleasant Plains
..... Feb. 7-8
Desha Circuit, at Desha Jan. 8-9
The District Stewards will please meet
me at the Methodist church in Bates-
ville on Tuesday, December the 30th,
at 2 p. m.
A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Goshen Ct. at Son's Chapel, Jan. 10, 11
Fayetteville Station Jan. 11, 12
Lincoln Ct. at Lincoln Jan. 13, 14
Viney Grove at Viney Grove, Jan. 17, 18
Prairie Grove Jan. 18, 19
Parkdale and White River, Jan. 20, 21
Huntsville at Huntsville Jan. 24, 25
Pea Ridge at Pea Ridge Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Rogers Station Feb. 1, 2
War Eagle Ct. at War Eagle, Feb. 7, 8
J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Branch at Branch Jan. 10-11
Paris Jan. 11-12
Scranton at Scranton Jan. 13-14
Prairie View at P. V. Jan. 14-15
Dardanelle Ct. at Centerville Jan. 17-18
Ola and Perry at Ola Jan. 18-19
Plainview at Plainview Jan. 21
Gravelly at Gravelly Jan. 24-25
JAS. A. ANDERSON.

MORRILTON DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Quitman Ct. at Sulphur Spgs Jan 10-11
Quitman Jan. 11-12
London Ct. at London Jan. 17-18
Plumerville Jan. 18
F. S. H. JOHNSON, J. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Judson Avenue Jan. 11, 12
Mulberry at Mulberry Jan. 18
Alma Jan. 18, 19
First Church Jan. 25, 26
Midland Heights Feb. 1, 2
Central Church Feb. 8, 9
JAMES M. HUGHEY, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Tomberlin Ct. at Tomberlin, Jan. 10, 11
England Station, p. m. Jan. 11
Hickory Plains Ct. at Bethlehem
..... Jan. 17, 18
Austin Ct. at Mt. Tabor Jan. 24, 25
Oak Hill Ct. at Oak Hill, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Bryant Ct. at Bryant Feb. 7, 8
Lonoke Station Feb. 14, 15
DeVall's Bluff and Hazen at DeVall's
Bluff Feb. 15, 16
FORNEY HUTCHINSON, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Atlanta Jan. 10, 11
Wesson Jan. 11, 12
Junction City Jan. 12, 13
Eldorado Station Jan. 13
Eldorado Circuit Jan. 17, 18
Huttig Jan. 19
Strong Jan. 20
Chidester Jan. 24, 25
Eagle Mills Jan. 31 and Feb. 1
Camden Feb. 2
W. P. WHALEY, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Richmond Jan. 10, 11
Ashdown Jan. 11, 12
Vandervoort Jan. 17, 18
Mena Jan. 17, 18
Cherry Hill Jan. 21
Gilliam Jan. 21, 22
DeQueen Jan. 25, 26
Lockesburg Jan. 31, and Feb. 1
Umpire Ct. at Pinkerton Feb. 3
Texarkana, First Church Feb. 8
Fairview Feb. 8, 9
J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Bingen Jan. 10, 11
Orchard View Jan. 11, 12
Hope Mission Jan. 15, 16
Harmony Jan. 17, 18
Columbus Jan. 24, 25
Washington Jan. 25, 26
Delight Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Murfreesboro Feb. 1, 2
W. M. HAYS, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

DeWitt Jan. 11
Star City Jan. 14
Swan Lake Jan. 18
Redfield Ct. at Bethel Jan. 24, 25
First Church, Pine Bluff, Feb. 1, 11 p. m.
Humphrey Feb. 1, 7 p. m.
Grady Feb. 8
Rowell Ct. at Center Feb. 14, 15
Sherrill and Tucker at Tucker, Feb. 22
Lakeside, Pine Bluff March 1
J. A. SAGE, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Bellfonte Ct. at Rogers Jan. 10, 11
Marshall Station Jan. 13, 14
Leslie Station Jan. 14, 15
Clinton Ct. at Scotland Jan. 17, 18
Higden Ct. at Higden Jan. 19, 20
Lead Hill Ct. at Lead Hill, Jan. 24, 25
Yellville Ct. at Yellville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Cotter Ct. at Cotter Feb. 7, 8
Mnt. Home Ct. at Mnt. Home, Feb. 8, 9
W. T. MARTIN, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Holly Springs at Laumins Chapel
..... Jan. 10, 11
Dalark at Dalark Jan. 17, 18
Friendship at Friendship Jan. 24, 25
Traskwood at Traskwood, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Princeton at Macedonia Feb. 7, 8
Arkadelphia Ct. at Hollywood
..... Feb. 14, 15
Ussery at Hughes Chapel Feb. 21, 22
Epworth League Miss. at Gum Springs
on Hot Springs Ct. March 13, 14
Arkadelphia District Stewards and pas-
tors are hereby requested to meet in
the Methodist Church at Malvern at 1 p.
m., January 15, 1914. The pastors will
all please see to it that their District
Stewards are apprized of the meeting
and urge them to attend.
All other places will be announced.
Hot Springs Ct., Cedar Glades, Bear and
Sims, are all expected to meet in one
Conference at Gum Springs, March 13-14.
ALONZO MONK, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Dermott Jan. 10
Portland Jan. 10, 11
McGehee Jan. 11
Parkdale Jan. 17, 18
Snyder Jan. 18
Hermitage Jan. 24, 25
Jersey Jan. 26
Hamburg Circuit Jan. 31, Feb. 1
R. W. McKEY, P. E.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

MANGUM DISTRICT.
(Second Round.)

Lone Wolf Ct. at Lone Wolf, Jan. 17-18
Granite and Willow, at Granite
..... Jan. 24-25
Blair Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Dryden and Red Hill, at Medcalf
..... Feb. 7-8
Duke and Victory, at Victory Feb. 8-9
Vinson Ct. at Union Feb. 14-15
Pleasant Hill and Bethel, at Bethel
..... Feb. 21-22
Mangum Ct. at White Flat Feb. 28, Mar 1
Carnegie Mch. 7-8
Mountain View and Mt. Vernon, at
Mt. View March 8-9
Cloud Chief and Bois, at Cloud Chief
..... March 14-15
Hobart March 15
Prairie Hill and McNight March 21-22
Hollis March 22-23
Gotebo and Star, at Star March 28-29
Delhi Ct. at Delhi April 4-5
Brinkman and Deer Creek, at Brink-
man April 11-12
Martha April 12-13
Eldorado April 18-19
Olustee April 19-20
Mangum April 21
District Conference at Mangum, April
23-25. Opening sermon by Rev. C. F.
Shepherd, 7:30 p. m., April 22. Let every
pastor be able to report assessments for
missions in hand by that time.
C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Geary Jan. 10-11
El Reno Jan. 11-12
Franklin at Union Jan. 17-18
St. John's Jan. 18-19
Arcadia at Arcadia Jan. 24-25
Ola City Ct. at St. James, Jan. 25-26
Paoli at Paoli Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Piedmont at Piedmont Feb. 7-8
Guthrie Feb. 14-15
Perry Feb. 15-16
R. E. L. MORGAN, P. E.

LAWTON DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Manitou at Manitou Jan. 10, 11
Tipton at Oaks Chapel Jan. 11, 12
Mt. Park at Mt. Park Jan. 17, 18
Headrick at Headrick Jan. 18, 19
Walter Sta. at Valley View, Jan. 24, 25
Indian Work at Anadarko Jan. 25, 26
Lawton Jan. 31, Feb. 1
The District Stewards' Meeting and
Preacher's and Laymen's Conference will
met at Altus, Monday night, Jan. 12th.
The District Stewards will hold their
meeting following the sermon Monday
night. The Preachers and Laymen's
Conference will adjourn Wednesday
noon. Every preacher, traveling and lo-
cal, is expected to be present, with a
good delegation of laymen from each
pastoral charge.
J. A. OLD, P. E.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

Harrisburg at Harrisburg Jan. 10, 11
Duncan Jan. 11, 12
Rush Springs Jan. 17, 18
Ryan Jan. 18, 19
Chickasha Jan. 25
I trust we will have quite a number
of revival meetings in the district early
in the conference year. I urge the Board
of Stewards of each charge to begin with
the first of the conference year, to pro-
vide adequate support for the ministry.
Let no pastor fail to begin with the
commencement of the conference year
to provide for all assessments laid on
his charge by the District Stewards. I
trust every pastor and member will
plan, pray and labor for a revival in
every charge and every assessment paid
in full.
MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

CLINTON DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Carter at Carter Jan. 10, 11
Butler at Shiloah Jan. 17, 18
Bethel at Bethel Jan. 24, 25
Hammon at Hammon, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Elk City Feb. 1, 2
Port at Retrop Feb. 7, 8
Sentinel Feb. 8, 9
Strong City at Strong C. Feb. 14, 15
Cheyenne Feb. 15, 16
Rocky at Rocky Feb. 21, 22
Cordell Feb. 22, 23
L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.
Clinton, Okla.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

Davis Jan. 10, 11
Wynnewood Jan. 11, 12
Hickory Jan. 17, 18
Sulphur Vinita Ave. Jan. 18, 19
Hewitt Jan. 24, 25
Lawrence Chapel Jan. 25, 26
Sulphur, First Church Jan. 30, Feb. 1
Marietta Feb. 1, 2
Ardmore, Broadway Feb. 6, 8
Ardmore, Carter Avenue Feb. 8, 9
W. U. WITT, P. E.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Whitfield Ct. at Duke's Chpl, Jan. 10, 11
Tamaha Circuit at Garland, Jan. 11, 12
Warner and Porum Jan. 14, 16
Vian and Webbers at Webbers, Jan. 17, 18
Wainwright Ct. at Hitchita, Jan. 24, 25
C. L. BROOKS, P. E.

CREEK DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Wewoka Ct. at Wewoka Jan. 10-11
Euchee Mission Jan. 17-18
Okmulgee Ct. at Tulsa church
..... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Broken Arrow Ct. at Hickey's Chapel
..... Feb. 7-8
Honey Creek Ct. at Little Cussito
..... Feb. 14-15
Seminole Ct. at Thlophlocco Feb. 28, Mar. 1
THOS. F. ROBERTS, P. E.

MOALESTER DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Atoka Jan. 14
TI Circuit at Arch Jan. 11
Hortshorne Jan. 11
Canadian & Crowder at Crowder, Jan. 18
Quinton Jan. 18
Braden Circuit Jan. 25
Spiro Jan. 25
Cameron Ct. at Tarby's Prairie, Feb. 1
Poteau Feb. 1
Krebs and Hileyville at Krebs, Feb. 4
Howe and Hester at Howe Feb. 8
Heavener Feb. 8
W. M. WILSON, P. E.

MADDILL DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Tupelo Jan. 10, 11
Stonewall Jan. 17, 18
Kenefic at Bee Jan. 24, 25
Colbert Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Durant, Grace Church Feb. 7, 8
Woodville Feb. 14, 15
Aylesworth Feb. 21, 22
The District Stewards will please meet
in the Methodist church at Maddill at 3
o'clock p. m., Wednesday, January 21.
All pastors are invited to be present.
JAMES W. ROGERS, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Wilutka Jan. 10, 11
Witumpka Station Jan. 11, 12
Stillwater Jan. 17, 18
Wewoka Station Jan. 24, 25
Vanocs at Vanocs Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Ada, First Church and Asberry, Feb-
ruary 7 and 8. The District Stewards
and pastors are called to meet at Holden-
ville on Tuesday, December 30th, at 2
p. m.
N. L. LINEBOUGH, P. E.

VINITA DISTRICT.

Chapel Ct. at Browning Springs
..... Jan. 10, 11
Chouteau, Inola and Tallala, at Chou-
teau Jan. 11, 12
Inola Jan. 12
Tallala Jan. 13
Claremore Jan. 14
Bernice and Pensacola, at Pensacola
..... Jan. 17, 18
Adair and Big Cabin, at Adair, Jan. 17, 18
Spavinaw Ct. at Requa Jan. 23
Locust Grove Jan. 24, 25
Delaware Ct. at Rose Jan. 25, 26
Peggs Jan. 26
Moody Ct. at Moody Jan. 27
Afton Feb. 1, 3
Miami and Fairland, at Fairland
..... Feb. 1, 2
Wyandotte Feb. 2
Wagoner Ct. Q. C. at Wagoner, Feb. 7
Wagoner Ct. at Thompson's, 11 a. m.
Wagoner Station Feb. 8
Chelsea Feb. 8, 9
District Stewards' meeting, Vinita,
January 8, 9:30 a. m.
E. M. SWEET, Jr., P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Okemah Jan. 10, 11
Prague Jan. 11, 12
Pald Hill Jan. 17, 18
Beggs Jan. 18, 19
Bearden Jan. 24, 25
Okfuskee Jan. 25, 26
Red Fork and Mounds, at Mounds
..... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
The District Stewards and pastors of
the Tulsa District are called to meet in
Sapulpa, Okla., on Thursday, January
8th at 2:30 p. m.
J. H. BALL, P. E.

HUGO DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Hugo, St. James Jan. 11, 12
Hugo, First Church Jan. 14, 1 p. m.
Tallihina Jan. 17, 18
Antlers Ct. at Kent Jan. 24, 25
Antlers Station Jan. 25, 26
Grant Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Soper Feb. 7, 8
Bennington Feb. 8, 9
Freeny Feb. 14, 15
Kemp Feb. 21, 22
Cloudy Feb. 28, March 1
R. T. BLACKBURN, P. E.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASHA DIST.
(First Round.)

Idabel Ct. at Thomas Chap. Jan. 10, 11
Chackasaw Ct. at Dealey Chapel
..... Jan. 17, 18
Bruno Ct. at Cane Hill Jan. 24, 25
Jesse Ct. at Salt Spring, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Rufe Ct. at Black Jack Feb. 7, 8
McCurtain Ct. at Kenta Feb. 14, 15
District Stewards will meet me at Hu-
go December 16th, 1913.
J. A. KENNEY, P. E.

HUMPHREY CIRCUIT.

I came here in time to hold services for the people of Humphrey the first Sunday in December, and as the month closes I find that I have been to all the appointments on the work and have gotten acquainted with a goodly number of people. We have two organized churches and I am preaching at several other places. A golden opportunity in the way of home missionary work presents itself in the country districts.

This is my first year and as boys usually are, I am very proud of it. At Humphrey, we have a neat church and parsonage, a Sunday school and League that is not surpassed in any town of this size, and some true, religious people who have shown me the kindest hospitality possible.

The holidays have been pleasant and Christmas was spent in a sane way. Every one enjoyed the Christmas tree, and the pastor received some nice presents. Class No. 2 of our Sunday school, rendered a creditable program Thursday night and a small admission fee was charged, which will go toward repapering the church. We are going to have a New Year's program at the prayer service tonight.

I am young and inexperienced but hope to accomplish great things for the Lord during the coming year, through His help and through the prayers of those who are interested in His cause.

Fred G. Roebuck.

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I will write a few lines so you may hear how we are progressing. We have five places to preach. Many good people in the work at each place. A pounding from two places have been given, including everything from cash, dry goods and groceries to live duck and turkey, which we appreciate so much and feel more determined if possible to give these good people the best service we can this year. We are grading one Sunday school, which is growing in the work. Our P. E. was present at our first quarterly conference. A good report and an interesting sermon. In all we have a splendid charge and appreciate it. Best wishes for a happy New Year.

J. D. Roberts.

Jan. 1, 1914.

PORTLAND AND LAKE VILLAGE.

These two excellent towns have been thrown together again, reforming the same pastoral charge which Dr. H. H. Watson served so pleasantly and acceptably for three years, and, at Bishop Kilgo's command, I have taken charge of the old-new combination. The appointment is, from my stand-

point, a most happy one. Portland was part of my charge last year. I was already in love with its people, they had been loyal to me, and many had earnestly sought my return to the work. I was pastor at Lake Village twelve years ago; and already my old parishioners, and many new people there, have given me a most cordial welcome. The church, though needing a great deal of work, is full of possibilities and promise. The good people of the community are waging a great fight against the saloons and victory seems assured. I am delighted that I am to be again associated with this splendid people. We moved to Portland last week. A good seven-room parsonage was purchased last year, and the splendid band of Christian women who compose the W. M. Society, are putting in some repairs and furnishing it with all needed conveniences. We are anticipating a very great year. The church is very well organized. The Sunday school, and other auxiliaries are in good working order. Portland is one of the most pleasant places to live in this part of the state. The lands are marvelously fertile, the people are cultured, refined, prosperous and happy. They have the best public high school in Southeast Arkansas. Only a great spiritual revival is needed to make this one of the most desirable appointments in our Conference. We expect such a revival this year. I must not neglect to mention the fact that the Portland people have given us, not merely a "pounding," but a perpetual inflow of good things, material comforts too numerous to mention. We cannot find words to express our gratitude and appreciation.

It is a source of infinite gratification to me, that these two towns—one the scene of a part of my early ministry, the other a field of my most recent labors—have alike received me with open arms, and are rallying nobly to my leadership. Christmas passed most pleasantly in our home, and we are all well and very hopeful of a great year.

A. M. Shaw, P. C.

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W. F. Campbell, P. C.

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 701 Carney Building, 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. If you

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