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GUARDING THE CITADEL

O sentinel at the loose-swung door
Of my impetuous lips,
Guard close today!
Make sure no word unjust or cruel slips
In anger forth, by folly spurred or armed with
envy's whips;
Keep clear the way today.

And watchman on the cliff-scarred heights that
lead from heart to mind,
When wolf-thoughts clothed in guile's soft fleece
creep up, O be not blind!
But may they pass whose foreheads bear the glow-
ing seal-word "kind,"
Bid them God-speed I pray.

And warden of my soul's stained house where love
and hate are born,
O make it clean, if swept it must be with pain's
rough broom of thorn!
And quiet impost, so straining ears with world-din-
racked and torn
May catch what God doth say.

—Baltimore Christian Advocate.

AN IMPRESSION.

Some years ago we were greatly impressed by the leaders in the Woman's Home Mission Society in one of the great Conferences of our church by their strict adherence to Roman 10:12, which reads, "In honor preferring one another." These holy women seemed always on the alert for discovering the good qualities of character and talent in all the women in the church and enlisting them in their proper place in the work of the Home Mission Society. Then too they used every word of encouragement possible, and as earnest loving women will, they were free with words of endearment to one another, and especially to all new recruits to their active ranks.

It was said then, There is no chance of failure among these women. They did not fail. Love prevailed. They were hunting for the hidden treasures of talent and influence that their Lord might be glorified. Hunting for the good, they found it. Many noble women whose love for the church had hitherto been manifested in no better way than in the sewing circle of the Aid Society and the Bazaar became leaders with world-wide vision, giving ideas and ideals, immortal things, to the world instead of garments and money which were not worth a tithe of the life expended for them. They were developed in leadership and learned to take the initiative. They became path-finders and finders of those who now walk in the discovered ways. Any reader of this article can see the secret of their success.

The same impression has been made upon us by the Arkansas and Oklahoma brethren. Some years ago it was said by an editor of a great church paper, "The sanctum of the editor is the storm center of the church." It is not so here. The field notes and other letters, personal and otherwise, are gleaming with words of brotherly love and appreciation for the brethren. To read these letters from week to week will make ashamed those who ever had a cruel thought of uncharitable criticism. The words of praise that each successor writes of his predecessor, the high esteem in which the Presiding Elders regard the pastors and the confidence and brotherly love the pastors have for one another, bespeak the fact that they are "fellow

helpers to the truth," true "yoke fellows." Each minister seems to be saying of the other, "They are profitable unto me for the ministry."

The impression deepens in seeing the increasing Christian love which the pastors have for the people to whom they minister and the deepening reverence, esteem and patient endurance the people have for the pastors. Can such ministers and people fail? Why ask the question. "In unity there is strength." So with us as a church. "One can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight."

While this spirit prevails there can be nothing but progress to Methodism. We can sing with Gould:

Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the Master trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

The distinctive purpose of the movement is to secure student volunteers who will actually go forth from the United States and Canada and spend their lives in non-Christian lands in the work of establishing Christ's kingdom. The supreme and only sufficient test by which it should be tried and judged is its efficiency in this vital respect. Within the lifetime of the movement 5,882 of its members have sailed under the auspices of over seventy missionary agencies, practically all being connected with recognized Missionary Societies of the various evangelical denominations. During the four years just closed 1,466 volunteers have actually gone out, which exceeds the number for the first twelve years of the movement. Nearly twice as many students have gone forth from the United States and Canada during this quadrennium as from all the other Christian nations combined. A study of records reveals the fact that in nearly every case the Volunteer Movement was an important, if not principal, factor in influencing them to become missionaries.

Some are hindered from pressing to the front by family responsibilities, some by inability to meet the requirements of their Boards, some by personal debts or other financial problems, others by lack of consecration and force of character. However, the highest appreciation of the persistence and determination of most of them is due, because they go in many cases in the face of serious opposition and discouragement. This spirit constitutes the real glory of the movement. The obstacles have a high value in purifying motives, solidifying purpose, developing character, strengthening faith, calling out latent energies, and thus preparing for successful grappling with the serious difficulties and problems of the field.

One of the secrets of the continuous and enlarging stream of volunteers is that the leaders, its recruiting officers, continue themselves to press to the front. The increase is the more remarkable because the recruiting methods of the movement have become more and more conservative, and it has become more difficult to secure candidates because of the multiplying demands and attractions for workers at home. It is a source of encouragement and thanksgiving to know that the present

student generation is not lacking in willingness to respond to the heroic appeal and to the stern requirements of missionary service. The devoted and able traveling secretaries, who have visited the colleges, have exerted a wonderful influence with their deeply moving message, pressing the surpassing claims of Christ and His world-wide plans. Where conditions have been favorable for the manifestation of the Divine Presence and working these occasions have often marked the beginning of new epochs in the spiritual life and fruitfulness of colleges.

A fundamental activity of the movement is the promotion of mission study. This underlies the enlisting of recruits, the training of candidates, the preparation of intelligent leaders for the home base, the promotion of missionary giving, and the multiplying of missionary intercessors. In four years the number of college students in mission study classes has increased from 26,300 to 40,000. Of this number fully seven-eighths are not volunteers. This in itself indicates a great change in recent years, and gives promise of a leadership of Christian forces which will be intelligently sympathetic with the enlarging missionary program of the Holy Spirit. There has also been an improvement of the quality of this mission study work, and college professors have been led to qualify themselves for instructing and have offered regular courses in the curriculum. There has been a closer correlation of mission study with Bible study and the consideration of social problems. The churches themselves have been stimulated to mission study and thousands of laymen at home are in deeper sympathy with the workers on the fields.

Many times have I passed by a pile of brick and stone called a church and, with dragging footsteps and wearied mind, sometimes with aching heart, I have ascended the steps and tried to enter, then turned away, wondering if the church was a representative of my Lord who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The church edifice can never be made a community center for all who need spiritual aid and encouragement when its doors are closed except four or five hours on Sunday and one hour for the mid-week prayer meeting. We should not wonder at slackness in church members when the church is so organized as to call attention to the principles for which it stands only on Sundays. The church should be so planned as to make religion take first place in our minds. "Open doors" would help.

If some one should say:

"The filthy plays now current are not art; they are greed. To make matters worse, the moving picture theaters, which had a fine opportunity to gain credit as family resorts during the reign of dirt elsewhere, are following the bad example," some would smile knowingly and charge up such a statement to the "church press."

But, dear reader, this statement did not come from the church press. Instead, we take it from the World, established by Joseph Pulitzer, published every day by the Press Publishing Company, 53 to 63 Park Row, New York.

De Wolfe Hopper, a theatrical man, says it is no longer a question of "What play shall we go to see?" but, instead, "What play CAN we go to see?"

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

Rev. W. B. Wolf has made a fine start at Prairie Grove station. The Sunday school reached high water mark last Sunday. Mr. M. M. Collier is the efficient superintendent.

Rev. J. R. Campbell, pastor of Stuttgart circuit, M. E. Church, was a pleasant caller Tuesday morning while on his way to Siloam Springs to attend Conference. He left our till some richer.

The people of Althimer and Wabaseka are most happy over the new arrangement of that charge and are delighted with their new pastor, Rev. L. J. Ridding, and with his most excellent family.

Rev. J. P. Wheeler is very much encouraged with his work on the Viney Grove circuit. Besides building the new church at Rhea he has had the parsonage rebuilt at Viney Grove. He is very comfortable and is planning for a hard year's work.

Bro. Creasy, pastor at Bristow, Okla., writes that he has just closed a great meeting there with 28 additions and many conversions. Rev. J. C. Curry lead the singing and Rev. M. A. Cassidy, Conference Evangelist, did the preaching. Great good has been done.

Rev. B. B. Thomas at Stuttgart continues to receive new members into the church well nigh every Sunday and the charge is growing in many ways. The Board of Stewards have joined the advancing procession and made a substantial increase in the pastor's salary.

Rev. W. B. Harper, of Little Rock, has been appointed to take charge of the Rowell circuit, which was left vacant soon after Conference when Bishop Kilgo released Rev. J. B. Williams from the charge. Bro. Harper has entered upon his work with enthusiasm. He has a fine field.

Rev. L. W. Evans has been most cordially received by the people of Sheridan circuit. Preacher and people seem mutually pleased. He has entered upon the work with his accustomed earnestness and the outlook is most encouraging. The Board of Stewards have made an advance of \$200 on the salary of the pastor.

Rev. M. O. Barnett has made a most excellent beginning in the work at Carr Memorial and Macon. A new church will be built soon at the latter place. The present church is inconveniently located. The new one will be built at Faith station on the Cotton Belt railroad, one mile south of the present site. Barnett has the habit of success.

Rev. Don C. Holman is doing well at Hawley Memorial, Sulphur Springs, Good Faith and Whitehall. He has quite a circuit and is abundant in labors, preaching three times each Sunday in the month save one. He and his excellent family have received several poundings from their people and the pantry is well stocked with good things to eat.

During his brief vacation Senator R. L. Owen delivered an address in his home city, Muskogee, Okla., and was warmly greeted by a large audience of his fellow citizens. Without regard to party affiliations they are proud of the achievement of their Senator in connection with the recent passage of the currency bill. It is a piece of statesmanship that will give him a large place in the history of economics and perpetuate his name in a manner worthy of remembrance.

The people of DeWitt were sorely disappointed by the removal of their much loved pastor, Rev. L. E. N. Hundley and his splendid wife, to another charge, but they have given their new pastor, Rev. F. F. Harrell and his good wife, a most cordial reception and are learning to love and appreciate them as they did their popular predecessors. Like Star City this charge has suffered the loss of one of its strongest and most useful men in the death of Bro. M. H. Arnold, who passed to his reward above Dec. 23, 1913. He was the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Stewards and a man who was ever active in all the work of the church.

Soon after Conference Rev. Z. J. Launnius who was appointed to supply Swan Lake circuit asked to be released from the charge on account of business affairs which he found it difficult to close out so as to be free for the work of the pastorate. After much delay I have succeeded in finding a pastor for this work in the person of Rev. C. C. Green, and he will take charge at once. Bro. Green was left on the superannuated list at our recent Conference but his health is improving and he now thinks he is able to take work. He was pastor at Swan Lake several years ago and will receive a warm welcome from his former friends in that charge.

J. A. Sage, P. E.

The people of Star City are delighted with the new pastor, Rev. G. T. Traylor, and with his good wife. In common with nearly all the charges in the district the work made a distinct advance in the assessment for the pastor's salary. The church at Star City has recently sustained a great loss in the death of Bro. J. M. C. Young. He had served the charge as district steward for many years and was one of the truest and best of men. His last words were, "Well, goodbye; I am going to heaven." There was no purer, better man and no more devoted servant of God among us. He will be sadly missed from the councils of his church.

At the Student Volunteer Convention at Kansas City were: President J. H. Reynolds, J. W. Cline, G. C. Crowell, J. W. Conger, A. C. Millar, and J. C. Eaton; Revs. J. M. Hughey and Geo. G. Davidson of Fort Smith; Rev. F. C. Carpenter of Muskogee; President E. R. Long, formerly of Arkansas, but now of Texas; President S. D. Brooks of the Oklahoma State University, and Prof. Grant of the University of Arkansas; Mr. F. A. Garrison, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Arkansas and Oklahoma; Mr. C. H. Fenstermacher, W. M. C. A. Secretary for Muskogee, and fine delegations of students from the colleges of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

ARKANSAS NOTES.

By Rev. D. J. Weems.

THORNTON.

Rev. J. Frank Simmons is returned to Thornton, very much to the delight of every one. It was a great pleasure to preach to a large congregation and to hear such favorable reports from the church and Sunday school, which has almost doubled in attendance and contribution. The church is a credit to the town and will soon be free from debt. Thornton is a prosperous mill town on the Cotton Belt road. The daily output of lumber is immense. They have a good school, Prof. Wilson principal. The Baptist are building a nice church. Bro. Simmons and his cultured wife are much loved. His people predict he will make a great preacher. He has the elements of success. With his aid we did a nice business for the Western Methodist. Bro. and Sister J. W. Mitchell were extra nice to us. They are fine people. Bros. Dillard, Jackson, Hardman and Turner each took stock in the Western Methodist Company.

BEARDEN.

Rev. A. O. Graydon succeeds Rev. L. W. Evans at Bearden. They were loath to give up Bro. Evans, but received Bro. Graydon and his nice young wife with cordial greeting. They know how to make their pastor feel welcome. He is a promising young preacher and with consecration will succeed. Hon. William Gatling, the Sunday school superintendent, has been a great blessing to the town. His health is not so good as it has been. Dr. Mahan, the Johnsons, Jordon, Joe Gatling, J. R. Henderson, Sister Thrower, U. M. Will, T. B. and J. W. Gatling, Chisham, Jordan, Robiusion, Sorrels, Bradley, Carleton, Richards, Sanders, Hill, Thompson and Prof. Tibbets, are able readers of the Western Methodist. Prof. Tibbets for several years has been principal of the school. The town is growing. Has two mills, two banks, three churches, general merchandise stores. We have a neat church and parsonage.

EAGLE MILLS.

Rev. J. C. Johnson is returned to Eagle Mills. He made a fine report at Conference. Every claim paid in full. He helped to secure 30 subscribers to the Western Methodist. Practically nearly every family in his charge gets the paper. He is a fine man and knows how to do church work. He had two good meetings last year, and is planning for others. He seems to be well pleased with his work and his people well pleased with him. His home is blessed with a good wife and three lovely daughters. They made my visit quite pleasant. Eagle Mills is strictly a mill town that has been running for over twenty years. They have timber for as many more years. The company furnishes the church and a home for the preachers, both Baptist and Methodist.

CAMDEN.

One of the best towns in the state is Camden, both as a business point and for good citizenship. Population about 4,000. Three railroads, three banks, several blocks of whole sale and retail business houses, several mills, excellent brick churches and public schools. Prof. Whaley is superintendent. Bro. C. D. Gee is superintendent of the large Sunday school. They are in a close contest with El Dorado on attendance both at church and Sunday school. Rev. M. S. Monk and his good wife have made a fine impression. Some claim he preaches as well as his father. That is saying a great deal, for his father has filled some our best churches. He was born in Camden and after 31 years comes as their pastor. Brother Proctor was quite helpful to us. The sheriff, J. H. Parker, deserves much credit for the strict enforcement of the law, especially against blind tigers. Hon. W. H. Hall subscribed for the Western Methodist, and paid two years for his good mother. To the 71 old subscribers we added 12, only two stopping the paper, making 81 for Camden. T. J. Steele and wife keep a nice cottage boarding house near Iron Mountain depot, at reasonable rates. A pleasant place to stop while in Camden. Rev. W. P. Whaley the efficient presiding elder has his home in Camden. He gives an encouraging account of his district. He is a delegate to the General Conference. He is not only an excellent preacher but a fine writer.

STEPHENS.

It is ever a pleasure to the Field Editor to visit Stephens, a most excellent town morally and a business point. Two banks, substantial brick stores, well filled with goods, fine cotton market. A large two-story brick school house is being built. Prof. T. W. Abbott is principal with a good teacher force. Stephens has always prided in its good school. We have desirable property both in church and parsonage. Rev. R. H. Cannon, after teaching for several years, has come into the Conference and is pastor at Stephens, where he once taught. He is most cordially welcomed. He is a Hendrix College graduate and of preacher stock—four brothers that are preachers. He is full of energy and is fully consecrated to his work. His cultured wife will look after her side well. They have three fine baby boys, the youngest being twins. With his aid five new subscribers were secured. We had a service with a real nice congregation. Sister Blake keeps open house for the Lord's servants. We did

appreciate her kindness. Bro. Blake, Bro. Blount and Prof. Gardner are among the shut-ins. They have long stood for that which is good. Blessings upon each of them.

WHAT THE METHODISTS OF THE HELENA DISTRICT HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING.

By J. K. Farris.

Editor Western Methodist:

"I do remember my faults this day"—one of them being an unfulfilled promise made to you when you assumed editorial charge of the Methodist, to give you an occasional account of what is taking place within the confines of this district. Of course in all things that are good, we love to have the pre-eminence among the districts, a position we hope not to surrender when the Conference, under a new name and twice as large, shall enter into what we believe will prove a glorious future.

In spite of the disastrous overflows of the past two years, which affected a large portion of our territory, and series of lean crop harvests with which we had to contend, until the past one brought its abundant yield, along with good price for some—in spite of these things, the past two years have been remarkable ones for the Helena district. While its material progress has been great, it is very gratifying to state that the spiritual has kept pace with the material.

The session of the Conference, held at Clarendon, was indeed a blessing not only to our church, but to the entire town; and while it entailed an expenditure upon our church there of nearly three hundred dollars in hotel bills and back-hire, not a dollar of that sum remains unpaid. They are willing to assume its entertainment at any time in the future.

The minutes of that session have just been published, it was never the fault of our secretary that former delays have taken place, and taking these minutes for the last year, and the year before, as a basis to work from, some very gratifying information may be had for the noble band of preachers and laymen who furnished the material which enter into the reports. During the two years mentioned the Conference made an increase in its membership of 1,790, and of this number this district furnished 514 although, numerically, it is by far the smallest district of the five.

In the matter of money expended upon churches and parsonages, building new ones, beautifying and making more comfortable some already built, as well as meeting the assessments upon all claims, the Helena district has made a new record. The close of the present year bids fair, however, to witness no loss in that respect. Already, the old church at Helena is being torn down to make way for the erection of a new one, to cost \$30,000, exclusive of windows and furnishings. McCrory has in hand a subscription for a new brick church, which bids fair of success.

And the brethren of Forrest City, determined not to be the only station without a new church, are beginning to plan for a new one. Perhaps, it might provoke the brethren elsewhere into love and good works, and into a greater measure of zeal, if I state that during these two years the amount contributed by our people for all purposes, amounts to a total of \$142,769, or a per capita sum of \$34.73 for both years. Were it not for its near approach to slang, I would say that is "going some," is it not?

Counting the per capita for both years, I find the next highest district contributed \$13.98, and the lowest \$9.50. We have no intention to wait until the others catch up; but to keep forging ahead. The credit of all this belongs to the pastors and the laity of the district. This good year, 1914, finds the preachers and laymen planning for even greater things, both spiritually and temporally. Increasing the assessments for preachers' salaries is the order of the day. Helena station set the pace with a \$400 increase, and many others are following its good example. Sunday schools and Women's Missionary Societies are flourishing everywhere, and the Epworth League is yet alive in some places.

Take it all in all, Mr. Editor, we are having mighty good times in the Helena district. Come to see us.

DISTRICT MEETING.

Monticello District Preachers' and Laymen's meeting, Hamburg, February 2-3, 1914.

Where do we meet? Hamburg. When? Feb. 2, 7 p. m. Who is wanted? All the preachers, all lay leaders and other laymen interested in the work.

Feb. 2, 7 p. m.—Opening service. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. How may we have a revival in all our churches? Do we need evangelists? What part shall the pastors take? What can the membership do? Discussions led by W. C. Davidson and W. J. Grantham.

Feb. 3, 9 a. m.—Devotional service, led by J. J. Menefee.

How should we organize our stations for the best financial work? Discussion led by J. F. Titus.

Do our circuits need a different plan? If so, what are the best plans? Discussion led by James Jewell.

Should the pastor or lay men take the general collections? Discussion led by W. L. Holliday and R. A. McClintock.

Shall we this year report all assessments in full? How can we do it? Discussion led by E. D. Blanel and A. T. Clanton.

2 p. m.—Devotional service, P. S. Herron.

How shall we educate our people on the general work of the church? Discussion led by A. M. Shaw and A. W. Douglas.

In what things are we weak in the district and how shall we remedy the weakness so as to become strong? Discussion by W. C. Hilliard and J. K. Smith.

7 p. m.—Devotional.

How can we best reach the undeveloped territory in our district? Discussion led by W. C. Lewis.

Other lands and our duty to them—Adam Trischman.

R. W. McKay, P. E.

J. F. Titus, Lay Leader.

SHALL WE FAIL?

In what? In our first attempt to provide a Superannuates Home in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference. This does not mean a home where the old preachers may be grouped together and cared for in a body as the old soldiers are, but a home where some worthy superannuated preacher may live with his family until he is transferred to the home above and then when he and his dependent ones no longer need the shelter of the early home it is to be turned over to some other worthy occupant of like character. In other words, it is to be a parsonage for the use of some superannuated preacher and his family. We have provided parsonage homes for practically every pastor in the Little Rock Conference but alas when the preacher gets too old or too sick to work he is turned out without shelter and left to seek a home as best he can, and all this just when he most needs help from the church and from his friends. Such a spectacle is enough to make the angels weep, but it has not yet stirred the hearts of the people called Methodists who live in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference to provide even one such home, and we need at least twenty-five of them.

A few years ago some of us tried to make a beginning in this much-needed but sorely neglected work. One of our most honored and best beloved preachers, Dr. J. H. Riggin, after more than fifty years of active service in the ministry, had been compelled by advancing age to retire from the pastorate. He had a large family; his younger children needed the advantages of a good school; he had no home and no means to provide one. He had given himself wholly to the work of the ministry and had never taken time to make money. What the church had paid him in salaries he had expended in meeting the current expenses of his family and in carrying forward the work of the church to which he had given his life. The time and circumstances seemed auspicious to make a beginning in this long neglected work of providing homes for our superannuated preachers.

Dr. Riggin preferred to live at Arkadelphia on account of the advantages offered to his children by Henderson-Brown College. A few brethren who

had faith in the church took the matter in hand and selected a desirable piece of property on which there was a small house of four rooms. This property was secured at a real bargain and some of us set to work to raise the money to pay for it, with the understanding that the title to the property was to be vested in the church and that it was to be used by Dr. Riggin, or his dependent family, as long as needed; after which time it was to be assigned by the Board of Trustees to some other worthy superannuate and so on perpetually.

At that time the writer was the chairman of the Joint Board of Finance and also of the recently organized Board of Control for Homes for Superannuates. In this official capacity he assumed direction of the work of raising the money with which to pay for the home. Many of the friends of Dr. Riggin responded readily to the appeal which was sent out but most of these responses were in comparatively small sums. The result was that in a few months enough money was raised to pay the original purchase price of the property, but the house was woefully inadequate to the needs of the family and those who had been most intimately connected with the movement from the beginning advised that we should proceed to build more room. This was done and the house was enlarged and improved so as to make it comfortable. This cost about \$1,150, practically the same as the original cost of the property. Now for three years we have been drifting along barely paying the interest and insurance out of the scattered contributions which have been received.

In the last issue of the Methodist, Rev. T. D. Scott states the present situation tersely and clearly. What are we going to do about it? To fail in this enterprise not only means the loss of this home to the church, it means discouragement and hesitancy in trying to provide other homes of like character.

Will not our preachers and laymen encourage the presiding elders to respond to Bro. Scott's proposition by assuming the amount necessary to pay for this home. This would mean that Sister Riggin and her children will have a home as long as they need it and then the church will assign this home to some other worthy superannuate and his family.

Will not some large hearted layman in each district encourage their presiding elders by offering to contribute some definite and generous amount in order to enable the district to meet the required sum. What we do must be done quickly.

J. A. Sage.

TWO EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Education has arranged for two educational conferences during the year. The first is to be held February 26 and 27 at Nashville; the second, August 4-7 at the Southern Assembly, on Junaluska Lake. The program for the February conference will be completed and published in a few days. While this program contemplates especially the presence of the presidents and principals of our colleges and schools and their active participation in the discussions, conference secretaries of education, representatives of Conference Boards, editors of our church papers, pastors, and all others interested in the educational work of our church are cordially invited to attend and to take part in the conference.

On account of the Interdenominational Bible Conference being in session at Nashville at that time, special rates are granted by the railroads. Within the State of Tennessee, round trips are sold for one fare plus 25c; without the state round trips for one and one-half fare.

It is the plan of the Board to make the August Conference a great inspirational educational meeting. Further information concerning plans and the program will be made public later.

Stonewall Anderson.

A CORRECTION.

In my article on the Riggin home I said, what had been paid on the home had been paid largely by Dr. Riggin's personal friends, not his personal funds.

T. D. Scott.

Arkadelphia, Ark.

CHURCH EXTENSION AID.

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension will be held about May 1st. This is the meeting where applications for aid are considered. That those interested may know exactly how to proceed, the following is submitted:

1. All applications must be made upon the printed form provided by the Board for that purpose. These application blanks may be had without cost by applying to this office.

2. After the application has been properly prepared, it should be sent at once to the Secretary of the Annual Conference as the following rule provides:

"Every application for consideration at the hands of the General Board must first receive the approval of the Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and said approval must be given at the regular meeting of said Board or of its Executive Committee held in the month of March. Said Boards or Committees shall consider all the applications from their respective Conferences and forward such as they approve so as to reach the Board's office at Louisville, Ky., by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved must have the action of the Conference Board secretary therein, certified by the president and secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference must be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance, and the secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule."

3. The mid-year meetings of the Conference Boards or their Executive Committees are held in March. Do not fail to have your applications in the hands of your Conference Board Secretary by March 1st.

4. Personal representation in the interest of applications by other than members of the Board is not permitted, as the following rule declares:

"The Board has not time to hear oral arguments or statements in behalf of applicants, and while considering applications for aid, its doors are closed. Representations other than those contained in the application can be made in writing or through members of the Board. A different rule would be obviously unfair to applicants too far away or too poor to send representatives."

5. The demands upon the Board have been so numerous and so urgent that over-appropriation has resulted. The fiscal year will close with many unpaid grants on the book which must be taken care of out of next year's receipts. The Board at its closing session last May, having knowledge of this fact, adopted the following:

"In view of the fact that the conditions which have confronted the Board at this meeting have caused us to make appropriations largely in excess of the amount of money likely to be available during the coming year; and, in view of the fact that the next annual meeting of this Board will be the last for the quadrennium for which we were elected to serve; and, in view of the further fact that the Board is not a self-perpetuating organization,

"Resolved, That we hereby declare our purpose to limit the appropriations at the next meeting to the amount of money that is then reported by our Executive Committee as probably available for that purpose, to the end that the new Board, which will be elected by the next General Assembly, may not be embarrassed in the beginning of its ad-make grants in such cases, unless it can be clearly grants which have been made by this Board.

"In order that we may be able to carry out this purpose without injury to the building operations of our church, we earnestly request our Bishops, Presiding Elders, Pastors, and Conference Boards of Church Extension to discourage applications for aid except in cases where serious injury would result from delay.

"In view of the fact that 192 out of the 327 applications of this year were by churches which have heretofore received aid through assurances that the grant would make possible the completion of the enterprise free from debt, be it thereby declared to be the purpose of the Board to refuse to make grants in such cases, unless it can be clearly

shown that the failure to carry out the assurances has been due to uncontrollable circumstances.

"And in view of the fact that we are constantly asked for large sums to relieve emergencies, occasioned by large debts, be it hereby

"Resolved, That we urge all in authority to carefully guard against extravagant enterprises, and to enforce more strictly the law provided in paragraph 447 of our Book of Discipline."

For further information, application blanks, etc., address W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary, 1025 Brook St., Louisville, Ky.

A GLAD CHRISTMAS.

By Rev. T. Edgar Neal.

I am sure that to some this head line brings memories that seem to flood the life with a joy that is akin to the Heavenly; I am equally as sure that to others it doesn't bring pictures so beautiful. For while there is a sacredness linked to the word, in every Christian's heart, yet there is sadness in some hearts because at the fireside there is a vacant chair that was in use a year ago; there is an empty crib that last Christmas time held the "new love"—the light of that home; there's an ache in the heart that a year ago knew no sorrow. Yes, and these things, though hard to bear, tie us closer onto God, who is a very present help in trouble and who always cares.

But sometimes more trivial things cast a shadow that intrudes itself upon the unlit fields for a time and makes even the approaching Christmas holidays look less cheerful, almost gloomy.

Perhaps in our own Conference there were preachers and preachers' wives who not many weeks ago looked forward to the Christmas holidays with a certain degree of sadness. I think if you will go with me I can show you a picture that might recall "once upon a time."

It was her second Christmas away from home, I mean away from father and mother. In fact, it seemed the first, for last Christmas she had been a bride less than sixty days ago, and it was all still so strangely new that neither he nor she had felt very keenly any lonelines for home, they were so excited over their first Christmas dinner, etc. But now a year had gone—a year bringing many good things, but also some hard things—among the latter, scarcity of money, together with maturity of notes for his school expenses. Again there was that feeling of loneliness in a new charge before you get well acquainted.

Weeks before Christmas there had begun to assert itself in the faces of preacher and wife alike an expression of restfulness, born of anxiety. Go the few dollars turned in by the stewards to go on debts; there was no chance for a trip even to the big city 30 miles away. The young couple were sure that nobody in the town would have time to think of them at the parsonage, and even if they did, how could they know what feelings surged in the breast of their preacher and his Little Helper! No, they would not know. Besides, they would be too busy with their own families and friends.

Maybe some would think to send a post card and wish them a "Happy Christmas and Glad New Year," yes, people are in the habit of that, and they might expect that contemptible thing called "Custom," if none other, to send a few postals.

The preacher tried to be brave, the little wife tried to be brave—but Christmas looked "blue." The night before Christmas Eve they sat in the parlor, she looking over her forgotten embroidery hoops at the floor, he holding a closed volume in his lap gazing at the fire. Soon their eyes met and tears came and fell like rain.

Now just turn the clock 24 hours. It was after supper, he went to answer the door for the fourth time, and said each time, "Thank you, it's mighty kind of you to think of us," then closing the door and running back to the dining room with the package. They opened it with exclamations of joy. Soon a package was opened—mind you, not a post card, but a nicer gift than they had hoped to receive even from home. It just seemed L-O-V-E was written all over every package. They fell into each other's arms and cried and cried and then prayed humbly for forgiveness for ever having been rebellious. They rededicated their lives to Him,

who, when He had called them into His service, had said, "I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

This may sound like fiction to you, but I know a town where it wouldn't pass for that. The initial of the town is "Purcell, Oklahoma."

DO THE WOMEN WANT IT?

By Mary Helm.

If the men of the church should send to the General Conference seven hundred and eighty-two memorials and petitions signed by thousands, all asking for the same thing, would not there be at least a strong suspicion that that thing was wanted, and urgently wanted, by the men of the church? If, in addition to these baskets full of petitions, there had come hundreds of personal letters and scores of telegrams urging the justice of this claim upon the delegates, would nearly two-thirds of them have denied that claim because they had not heard that all the men wanted it?

The fact is there never has been such an appeal sent up to General Conference as that made by the women of the church for the rights of the laity. Nor was hasty action urged by them, but a four years' consideration by presenting the measure to which should follow. If this had been done, there the annual conferences during the four years would have been an opportunity of correctly answering what now seems to be the important question, "Do the women want it?"

Do all the women want it? No. But if that is an argument against laity rights, then it must in all honesty be extended to other things. All women do not want to be Methodists, then why have a Methodist Church? Not one-fourth of all Methodist women want to join the Missionary Society; only a handful asked for its organization. Then why was it organized by the General Conference before it was proven that all the women wanted it? Why did they allow that subject discussed in every possible way except that they desired all the women should be informed and come to want it. There are thousands of women in the church today, after nearly forty years of effort to educate and inspire them, who will turn a deaf ear to missions with its plea for the oppressed woman of heathen lands. Perhaps there are a few men who will do the same thing. So it is, and will be, in regard to this later plea for women.

There is no question that those who asked for laity rights wanted it.

Why did not all the women want it? There were many fine, intelligent women who took a different view of the subject, and they had as good a right to hold their opinions as the other side, and if the petition had been granted they would have had a perfect right not to avail themselves of its privileges. But they might have been willing for others to have what they did not want. The chief thing that deterred the larger number from wanting laity rights in the church was the confusing of it with political suffrage. Two entirely different things and any confusing of their claims could arise only from ignorance or misrepresentation. This scare-crow was set up all over the church until many were honestly deceived into thinking political suffrage was the thing sought, and the real issue was lost sight of.

The women of other churches that have all the rights and privileges denied the women of our church, some of them far more, and have exercised them for years without damage to their families and homes and society, but to the great advantage of their churches.

Justice is stronger and truer than chivalry. It gives true strength to the weak, while chivalry protects (when it feels like it) those it keeps weak.—Excerpts from article in September number of The Laity Advocate (by Mrs. W. H. Pemberton).

NOTICE TO PASTORS.

Dear Brethren: Where I am called, if possible, begin your meetings first and third Sunday in each month and I can give ten or twelve days to each meeting, as I only book for two meetings a month in justice to the people and myself.

F. M. Winburne.

Glen Rose, Texas, Jan. 14, 1914.

"WHAT CAN WE DO TO ATTAIN A NOBLER FUTURE?"

The following address was delivered by Dr. G. A. Morrison of Poteau, Okla., at a watch night meeting held at the Methodist Church, Dec. 31, 1913:

The question assigned to me for discussion is a some what peculiar one, capable of being handled from various angles.

There are many things individuals, churches, states and governments can do for the betterment of conditions tending toward the development of a nobler future. A nobler future may be applied to individual life, commercial or social life, state governments or what not. To attempt a discussion along all these various lines would be beyond me. So the few remarks I may indulge in will be along general lines, trusting that out of the whole some one present may get a clue to an idea which he or she may work out to their own betterment.

Looking at life as we find it today, all must admit we are living at an unprecedented pace. In a conversation relative to age, one person said to another, "I am only 46 but I have lived 80 years." Meaning that the rate of speed he had attained to and maintained put him wise beyond his years. So it is with us today, our minds are fully occupied, our time taken up with the events of the day, engrossed in our business affairs, disposed to accept conditions of whatsoever character as we meet them, content with our environments without proper regard as to what they are, drifting along in the channels of least resistance, apparently having no time for considering of the future—possibly having no disposition to do so. We rush headlong through the day, heedless of anyone but self, seeking in our idle moments such amusements as is most easily attained with little regard to character of same. In our selfish enjoyment or pride in that which we possess, whether it be a home or a business, we apparently have little or no time for thought as to the other fellow's condition. His troubles are not ours, we refuse to give them place in our lives, we have troubles of our own and no time for him.

Naturally the result of such living is to narrow our views of the life here as well as the life to come. We become hardened in our minds, supremely selfish. These things should not be, and the results of my observation are not out of place in the well rounded out man or woman. Not to broaden out mentally, spiritually and socially is in violation of God's will and is in direct opposition to the better life which tends to the development of a nobler future for us as individuals. The same applies to communities, churches, and even governments. It is my firm conviction that this old world of ours is growing better day by day. An era of awakening, which should be tenderly nourished, is dawning on the human mind, a disposition on the part of man to reach out for his fellow-man, with a view of raising him to a higher plane of life, putting forth an influence for good every day of his life. We see more of it in our great men of today than we did a decade ago. A wave of influence for higher and nobler things emanates from men high up in business and political circles that was entirely lacking some years ago. There is so much we can do to attain to a nobler future, and in comparison so little we do that sometimes we are wont to wonder why the world grows better.

God in his wisdom has endowed man with a degree of intelligence that places him on the highest pedestal of fame, placed in his breast a heart that should throb with love for his fellowman, given him a brain which, if properly directed, enables him to wield an influence for good that will be felt throughout the world, an influence reaching down the ages of time to the lowest depths of despondency, bringing joy and gladness into the hearts of the down-trodden and discouraged—an influence that will raise his fellow man from the slough of despond, placing him squarely on his feet, his body erect, able to look the world in the face and thank God he still lives. What is the influence you and I exert today? Does it tend to a nobler future for mankind? It is well that we stop and think of these things. We should never lose sight of the fact that some one is watching us, and that we do wield an influence either for good or bad. Beginning now, with the New Year, it would be fitting

and proper if we would decide each for himself, that this year my influence shall be for good in order that the world may be the better for my having lived in it.

When we read of the work of our educational institutions we find them on a higher plane morally as well as along educational lines. We find them with a greater degree of respect for the religion of our fathers, making an honest, earnest effort to turn out from their doors men and women more nearly as God would have them.

The spread of the Gospel in foreign lands is evidence of a betterment of conditions tending to the development of a nobler future. China is having her day of awakening, as evidenced by the acceptance of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as their rule and guide of faith, shaping their lives in such a way as to bring about for them a nobler future mentally, spiritually and physically.

In our own state we have unmistakable evidences of this betterment of conditions. We have almost complete suppression of the accursed liquor traffic, we have a system of laws safeguarding the health of our people, we have ample facilities for education, we have well established churches, untiring in their efforts to bring about a brighter, nobler future for the people.

Again, we have positive evidence of the betterment of conditions which tend to the development of higher planes of life in the activity, religious and political, of our women.

As I read the press of the day, the magazines, both religious and secular, I am persuaded our women are doing more to bring about a nobler future for men and women, than are our men. Within a short time in many states a new law has been placed on the statute books. You may have heard of it. A few months ago it was passed in one of our Northern States, a month or so later, in one of the Southern States, later in Wisconsin, and you open your morning paper to read of similar legislation in the golden West. Does it begin to dawn on you? Not only these states but throughout the whole world the question of giving to women citizenship is being discussed.

In our own United States, our women are taking citizenship. They have wanted a share in the government and they are getting it. Today there is no important legislation affecting the home, in which women do not have a share. They have indeed for a long time been actually sitting in Congress and in state legislatures, high up in the gallery it is true, but they have been sent there as regularly delegated representatives from the General Federation of Women's Clubs. For years it has been the impression there were two houses of Congress, but this old U. S. of ours is waking up to the fact that there is a third house, wielding an influence for good, far reaching in its effects. The woman's club is the logical development of the village sewing circle which met every week when some of you and I were boys. Don't you recall their meetings? The discussions covered various topics. Among them the American girl to be married at the Methodist Church in the spring. The new cake receipt just brought in by the family who lately moved into the empty house down the street. Marriage, motherhood and home making were their favorite themes of conversation. Open your papers after breakfast and see what the woman's clubs are talking about today. You will find it very largely the happiness and comfort of the American home rather than individual matters of minor importance. At their last session many legislative bodies passed motherhood pension laws, health certificates for marriage laws, besides others looking toward the development and preservation of the American home, because it was foreordained they should do so. They had all been passed by the third house at the bi-ennial convention of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. Clever women, righteous women, women who love and fear God are leaders of the organizations, women who have or have had mothers who knew the consolations of the religion in which we believe. May their influence for good continue to develop and broaden out to the end that a nobler future may be the lot of our government.

In the religious field we find them equally active. Little do we know of the sacrifices made by those women who enter the foreign mission field. You who are members of the W. H. M. Society and read their official paper, the Voice, know something of what these noble hearted women are doing to bring about a condition of affairs tending to develop a nobler future in the religious world. We may well stop here and take up the question from an individual standpoint. What are we doing to make the world better? What are you doing? What am I doing? Somewhere I have heard these words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," are you, by precept and example, preaching the gospel of a Godly life? Am I? Are we preaching the gospel of health? Are we making any effort to better conditions by teaching cleanliness, observance of health laws, or in any other way doing our duty along these lines? If not, we should wake up and give more of our time and attention during the coming year to the things which make for higher planes of living. In order that we may do something during the coming year that will help to bring about a nobler future for us all, let us begin it with a determination to carry the sunny smile with us, extend the glad hand to the down-trodden and depressed "It is better to give than to receive." Especially is this true in our actions toward our fellowman.

Laugh and the world laughs with you. It is in the power of every one under the sound of my voice to smile. Sometimes things go wrong and we find ourselves down in the slough of despond, when a friend comes to us with a sunny smile, a glad hand and how quickly the clouds roll away. Smile this year more than you ever did before and you will have done at least a part of your duty toward bringing about a nobler future. We are about entering a New Year of our existence. Some day we will quit this. Some day, somewhere we will have ample time for meditation and happy will be he who knows he has done all in his power in this life to bring about a nobler future for all mankind.

TO THE PASTORS

And membership of the Arkansas Conference: I am making this further appeal that you make diligent effort to secure your Missionary collections by the first of March. Under instructions of your Board of Missions I sent to each pastor an open letter to the membership of our church, setting forth the needs of our mission work, and the fact that we had set January as our mission month. We asked the pastors to read this letter to each congregation and that a campaign be put on in each charge for the collection of our missionary assessments. Already results from this campaign are being reported, and I beg for our pastors a hearty co-operation from all of our membership in this very important matter. Let us remember that our pastors who are serving our Mission charges, together with their families, must suffer while we wait for a more convenient time to do this work. We trust that every pastor will give his members a chance to do their part by bringing this matter definitely before them and pushing the campaign. Our purpose is: "Full collection on Missions by March 1st."

Sincerely yours,

G. G. Davidson,

Conference Missionary Secretary.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Jan. 16, 1914.

MOUNT IDA, ARK.

Rev. John F. Taylor, former chaplain of the Arkansas penitentiary, gave addresses to the Mount Ida school yesterday and today, and at the church last night. In these he portrayed vividly and forcefully characters he has known in the penitentiary and the evils that send them there. In his addresses he used objects and blackboard illustrations effectively. His addresses were received with enthusiasm. He has a message worthy to be heard in any school of our state; and if our youth and voters could hear him, we would have better government and fewer people in the penitentiary.

S. C. Parish,

Principal Mount Ida (Ark.) Normal Academy.
January 15, 1914.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Ethics of the Old Testament, by H. G. Mitchell, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in Tufts College; The University of Chicago Press, Chicago; \$2.

The ethics of the Old Testament is a difficult and formidable subject, but the difficulties that now exist seem not so serious as formerly. Instead of discussing any specific branch of his topic the author takes up his subject chronologically and thus shows the succession of stages in their ethics as illustrated in the conduct or teaching of representative Hebrews of the different periods. He leaves it to his readers to define for themselves the ethical significance of the Old Testament as a whole in the light of his findings on particular parts, but claims for it surpassing importance as a record of the moral development of the Hebrew people and a means of stimulation to and instruction in right conduct. The freedom with which the author tears up the narrative will be resented by the orthodox reader, and yet the subject is treated reverently and helpfully. Without accepting all of his interpretations one may profitably study the Old Testament with Dr. Mitchell.

The Constructive Quarterly, edited by Silas McBee, published by Geo. H. Doran Co., New York, subscription price, \$2.50.

The following announcement is made of a remarkable quarterly which has just closed its first year successfully: "This Journal has been founded on the conviction that a constructive treatment of Christianity will make for a better understanding between the isolated Communion of Christendom. The destructive method has had its full opportunity and will continue to have it and ought to have it. But it has developed no power to unite and it is most effective in promoting division. It is not neutral territory that is sought, where courtesy and diplomacy would naturally tend to avoid issues and to round off the sharp edges of truth and conviction, but rather common ground where loyalty to Christ and to convictions about Him and His church will be secure from the tendency to mere compromise or to superficial and artificial comprehension. The purpose is to create an atmosphere of mutual confidence and to induce a better understanding and a truer sense of fellowship. This Journal is and must be unofficial. The churches are not and in the nature of things cannot make themselves responsible for it. It will be responsible for the kind of writers admitted to its pages, but the writers alone will be responsible for what appears over their own names. Two conditions are imposed: First, that the Faith and Work and Thought of each Communion shall be presented in its absolute integrity including and not avoiding differences; and second, that no attack with polemical animus shall be made on others. The Constructive Quarterly recognizes the need that is finding expression in every organized Christian church—the need of the impact of the whole of Christianity on the race. It has no scheme for propagating a system for the unity of the Christian churches. It will therefore have no editorial pronouncements. It offers itself rather as a forum where the isolated churches of Christendom may reintroduce themselves to one another through the things that they themselves positively hold to be vital to Christianity. It invites the free, living, and deliberate statement of actual operative belief." Every preacher should get a copy.

The New Standard Dictionary; Funk and Wagnalls Co., New York.

The first Standard Dictionary published nearly twenty years ago was a great work, but this is vastly better. It contains 450,000 terms and claims to give the source, spelling and meaning of every living word in the English language. There is no supplement, but all words, including geographical and biographical names, are arranged in one alphabetical order. It has 7,500 separate lists of synonyms, and also gives antonyms. It seeks to correct the common errors of speech. Although it contains about 3,000 pages, over 7,000 text illustrations and many colored plates, it is not unwieldy, be-

cause it is printed on thin paper with flexible Morocco covers. You will be compelled to buy it to keep up with the progress of our language. For free description address Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York.

TO THE PASTORS AND CHURCHES OF THE LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

For forty-five years the Little Rock district has been running without a home for its presiding elder. While it is the strongest and in some respects the most important district in the state, it is the only one that does not own a parsonage. This neglect through the years has entailed great inconvenience and expense upon the various presiding elders who have served the district, and furthermore, has increased the cost to the district of maintaining its presiding elders.

At the District Steward's meeting, which was called early in the Conference year, a movement to secure a home for the presiding elder was unanimously endorsed. To that end a committee, consisting of L. B. Leigh, George Thornburgh, R. E. Overman, A. O. Evans, eGorge Morris and myself, was appointed with power to act. As a result of their efforts a very choice residence has been selected. It is a commodious two-story frame building containing eight rooms, and equipped with all modern conveniences. The house is situated on a beautiful lot 80x140 feet in size, located at 1301 Schiller avenue. It is within one block of Asbury church, four blocks from Centennial school and within easy reach of either the Highland or Fifteenth street cars. The committee unanimously agrees that the location cannot be surpassed. The property is held at fifty-five hundred (\$5,500) dollars, which considering other values in the same block is quite reasonable. An option has been taken which is binding until the first of March, and the presiding elder's family will move in at once. If we can raise twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars as an initial payment, we can carry the balance in a trust company and distribute its payment over a number of years. The committee has authorized the presiding elder to present the matter to the various charges of the district and ask for an amount necessary to meet the first payment. Already gratifying progress has been made and we are very hopeful that this long felt need is soon to be supplied.

Forney Hutchinson, P. E.

FIRST CHURCH, HUGO.

In studying over the minutes of our last Conference I see that only nine charges had more than a hundred additions during the year. Hugo was one of the nine. In the financial report Hugo paid more than either Durant, Vinita, Stigler, Pryor, Phillips Memorial, McAlester, etc., and if you were to count the balance of the subscription due on church debt, and due on demand, and it is on the best men in the city, Hugo paid more during the past Conference year than any other church in the Conference, except Boston Avenue, Tulas; Okmulgee, Sapulpa and St. Pauls, Muskogee. Bro. Brannon has some of the best people in the state and the greatest opportunity to do good, as I see it, of any man in the East Oklahoma Conference. May God bless him and his people this year.

A. C. Pickens.

A CORRECTION.

The Methodist: Rev. H. T. Gregory calls my attention to an error in the roll in placing his admission to the Conference as 1876. It should be 1866. Bro. Gregory is first on the roll, being the only minister joining the Traveling Connection as early as 1866.

F. M. Daniel, Secretary.

Mammoth Spring, Ark.

A CORRECTION.

Western Methodist: The minutes of the White River Conference show that Gilmore and Heafer charge was assessed ten dollars for orphanage and paid nothing. It should show assessment \$10, paid \$10. Please make this correction for us in your columns.

J. Q. Schisler, P. C.

Luxoria, Ark.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A gift of \$1,000,000 to the Church of the Disciples of Christ has been announced by Rev. E. A. Corey, Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of that denomination. It was made by Mr. R. A. Long, of Kansas City and the announcement was first made at the Student Volunteer Convention a few days ago. The gift is conditioned on the raising of five million additional for missions and education, about half of the sum to be divided among about a dozen of the colleges of the denomination on the theory that the colleges are a necessity to the cause of missions. The balance of the fund must be raised in three years. This is one of the largest sums ever given to missions by one man during his lifetime, and is significant of the tendencies of the age. It is the time to do large things and the best time is when a man is alive and can get the benefit of his gift in his own character.

There are in round numbers 85,600 foreigners who immigrate to the United States every month, or 2,853 per day. Of this number most of them are Catholic.

The Woman's Home Companion of February will contain the beginning of two very interesting articles. The first is, "Why Fifty Women Do Not Go to Church." Mr. Barton, the writer, wrote to several hundred representative women, asking them the question: "Why have so many church goers stopped attending church?" He is very felicitous in his manner of presenting the answers contained in the responses to his letter. The second article "Why Fifty Women Do Attend Church," will be equally strong. These articles will give a clear insight into the true character of Christian womanhood in our country and should be a great help in solving some church problems.

NOTICE.

When at Conference at Clarendon I let some brethren have Bibles and Testaments. I put up \$8.00 worth of books for one brother who just had time to make train. I gave him a list of them but did not get his location and name. This brother is asked to write me at once at Brinkley, Ark., Box 57. I will be glad to fill orders for the North Arkansas brethren for Bibles, Testaments, etc.

T. D. Hall.

CHRISTIAN HOMES WANTED.

Three boys, ages six, nine and eleven, want a good home. They are of a good family. None but a Christian home need apply. If interested write Rev. J. J. Galloway, Ozark, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK "WET AND DRY."

The following Police Court record shows in striking contrast the effect of saloons and no saloons on the violation of law:

Cases in Little Rock Police Court.

First 15 days in January 1913, when the saloons were open270
Charged with drunkenness 86
First 15 days in January, 1914, when the saloons were closed138
Charged with drunkenness 5

The above mentioned record is of itself sufficient argument to establish the claims that any city is better without the open saloon.

MARRIED at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Quinney in Warren, Ark., January 13, 1914, Rev. J. J. Kline and Mrs. Bessie Pirtle, Rev. W. C. Hilliard officiating.

Illinois Wesleyan University is in a campaign to raise \$550,000 for endowment and debt. Mrs. Buck, of Decatur, a neighboring town, has promised \$200,000 on condition that the balance be raised by 1916. The campaign began in Bloomington where the university is located and about \$175,000 was secured. The balance will be raised within six months if possible. It is a big movement and because of its magnitude appeals strongly to the people.

Chinese Converts Building Churches.

As chairman of our Mission Building Committee I went to one of the outstations in the Huchow district in October to arrange, with the other members of the committee, for the building of a church. This church is made possible by an appropriation of the Board of Missions, supplemented by contributions from the membership of the church. We let the contract, and work is to begin next week. More churches and larger churches is the one constant demand of this day for missionary work in China. We hardly finish a building before it is too small. For years we have only had converts from the poorer classes, who were unable to do much toward helping in the work of building their own churches. Now, I am glad to say, we are reaching more and more of the merchant classes, who are able to contribute toward this cause. The members of this particular church have contributed about \$1,000 U. S. currency toward this enterprise.—J. B. Fearn, Shanghai, China.

Japan Not Yet Evangelized.

"Approximately 80 per cent of the total population of Japan, or above 40 millions, reside in rural districts, of which number—so far as our data indicates—96 per cent constitutes an entirely unworked field. Of the remaining 20 per cent of the total population residing in cities and towns, about one-fifth is still unprovided for, thus giving us the result that above 80 per cent of the population of Japan are not being directly reached by the evangelistic forces. A gigantic and yet most inspiring task, therefore, still lies before us in the Christianization of Japan, which calls, first of all, for renewed humiliation, deeper consecration, and a larger spiritual life."—Committee on the Distribution of Forces, Japan (Mrs. W. A. Wilson).

Days of Preparation in Africa.

Every day for the past three days we have met in one of the cabins and spent half an hour in prayer, after which Dr. Morrison gives us a half hour on the Baluba language, and the alternate day on missionaries and their relation to government officials, to the natives and to other missions in the Congo. In this way we are availing ourselves of his large and helpful experience. It is a gracious providence which has permitted his being with us.—W. R. Lambuth, en route to Africa.

An Over-Flowing Hospital.

With the exception of a short while during China New Year and the revolution this summer, the hospital has been full all the time and has been forced to turn away many patients. More room has been made for patients and quite a number of new beds bought. In fact, all the available space in the building has a bed in it. We have had a record year on inpatients, an increase of 227 over last year, which was a very large increase over all former years. The opium patients increased by 211 and the surgical by 112. At the present time the third class opium ward has two patients in every bed, so heavy is the demand to break this habit.—John A. Snell, Soochow Hospital, China.

"Making Character."

The work at the college is going on with the same satisfactory result. The boys have recently set to work to increase our library, and have added more than 200 books. A good deal of excellent literature much of it

translated by Bro. Price, is published each month in the little magazine. A cultured patron of the school recently came from Alegrete to visit us, and before leaving said, "Now I understand your catalogue and what you are trying to do. You make character here."—Anderson Weaver, Uruguayana, Brazil.

Answering God's Call in China.

There is a most encouraging turning of our students towards the ministry and teaching. Presiding Elder Lea, who is also pastor of the local church, has recently conducted revival services for two weeks with the students. As a result a class of fifteen young men are meeting daily for special study and prayer looking to church membership. Two of our graduates who are now teaching in non-mission schools on good salaries have recently written the presiding elder their decision to enter the ministry.—W. B. Nance, Soochow University, China.

Textiles in Korea.

In the Industrial Department everything is moving on finely, and I think I am right in saying that we have a brighter prospect for the future of this work than of anything on the field. We are concentrating on the Textile Department, as it is the one that is attracting the students and that seems to be the most useful to the people. We have no trouble in selling our products. We are trying to put out goods for the Koreans, and not for an artificial trade to which the students will have no access after leaving school. Next to this we try to meet special demands on the field, like the demand of the missionaries for foreign style goods, and third, we are trying to develop things that might sell in foreign markets, such as silks, etc. We have all the students we can handle on our present equipment, but with the power loom from America, and the "Jaquard" loom from Japan, and the first quarter of equipment money for the new year, we can provide considerable equipment for the opening in April. A loom can be made for six or seven dollars, but with the best we can do we shall be short, for the prospects are that we shall have 50 or 75 new students next year, and that means we shall need that many looms. We must meet the demand on us, and make this department the best of the kind in Korea.—C. H. Deal, Songdo, Korea.

The Harvest in Brazil.

A building at the cuartel is becoming a greater necessity every day. Since conference we have put in electric lights, opened a parochial school (with 25 children at the first roll call), received three members and some twenty odd candidates; preach to 70 or 80 attentive listeners that fill the little hall, the back room, the three windows and the door, and last Sunday administered the Sacrament to the largest number in years. Our Sunday school has some 40 members; the infant class recites in the garden, our hall being 3x4 meters. As to our church in Bello Horizonte, we have received 17 members; have a good list of candidates under instruction; Sunday school has reached 120; number of communicants four times what it was fifteen months ago; all collections up to date; a fine spirit of fraternity and activity; 1,000 tracts and 500 invitation cards ready to distribute at the door and elsewhere.—J. M. Lander, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.

Over one million children in the United States are not in schools because they are employed in some factory or shop.

MANGUM DISTRICT NOTES.

By C. F. Mitchell, P. E.

It appears that J. Ward Nelson has found the desire of his heart at Olustee, and his pleasure deepens as he gets more and more into the work; being somewhat of an organizer, he is calculated to get an abiding hold upon his people. From Weatherford comes with him one who has already made herself loved for her own and admired for her work's sake. The stewards have done well their part and the morning is full of promise.

Martha has a long line of pastors known to many Methodists in Oklahoma. Beginning with W. B. Morris in 1903, then follows J. W. Kizziah, J. M. Hively, G. W. Lewis, R. P. Witt, H. B. Ellis, J. Shaw, W. L. Anderson. These are a few of the men who have passed through this gateway to greatness, and T. J. Taylor is in the Apostolic succession. He is in good favor with his people and this promises to be the best yet coming to pastor and place.

Rev. J. C. Scivilly, doing a man's work twenty-five years ago, is rounding out his fourth year on Vinson circuit. He seems to have an infinite capacity for hard work, and all the elements for a successful pastor. A man like him of genial spirit, studious habits, growing all the while as a preacher, will interest and build up any people. Should the itinerant wheel stand still and leave Scivilly at Vinson for all time to come, both pastor and people would be pleased.

I found Bro. Miller's heart full of plans for his work at Carnegie. It fills my heart full of joy to find a young man so brave and strong and enterprising, so concerned about the King's business, and so full of faith. Carnegie is taking on new and larger life. There are few churches in our midst that have made such progress—from circuit to station is the record Miller made last year. It pleased me to hear the fine things the people are saying about him. He preaches to a full house every Sunday. I don't know whether they come to hear him preach to or hear his wife sing—anyway he is preaching to the people of the town.

I found Bro. W. A. Randle in good health. I cannot look upon him without thinking of the powerful dynamo of energy God has wrapped up in his body. He has had large capacity for the hardest work, he is the pastor of deep earnestness and of aggressive evangelistic passion, with an eye always upon the lofty standards which Jesus gave. Bro. Randle is renewing his youth, has filled his appointments through all the bad weather. He spends most of his time around Cloud Chief and adjacent points and rests occasionally with Mrs. Randle in her home at Weatherford.

Pastor C. W. Craig seems conscious of the hour and the greatness of the work at Brinkman, and he is bending himself to the task. I am in no fear whatsoever that the work will not be done. He is capable and strong and always so cheerful and brave that nothing seems to appall him. He believes in "doing things." The people tell me that he preaches with great power and has some talent for the evangelistic field.

No charge did more according to its ability than Gatebo and Star last year. No wonder it paid all the claims in full with a little margin on pastor's salary, for Bro. N. U. Stout was their pastor. He goes about doing good both on the highways and in the hedges. He carries on his heart and bears up in his prayers both saint and sinner, then goes out and

offers a helping hand to all in need. His success is not strange; the people over there would not exchange him for any man they know.

Rev. J. C. Morris has taken high rank as a preacher in the fine old Mangum circuit and the people through his churches. A great opportunity has come to Morris, and he has his hand upon the wheel at every point. He is the man of affairs. He knows what to do and he does it, without noise and without worry. A balanced judgment keeps him from rashness and from blunders, and an energetic mind keeps him from slowness.

I was glad to find Bro. Harp in good spirits at Prairie Hill. He is advancing in years but is wonderfully preserved, has carried our banner when he was almost alone, and he has been a servant of the church through a long pilgrimage. He has large investments in the Kingdom. He built a parsonage last year under trying difficulties, contributing of his meager means, and doing large work with his own hands. He and his good wife were kind to me in sickness.

Mt. View in many respects is the most beautiful station east of Hobart. This charge has a long and interesting history. Some of the strong and honored men of the church have served this people. Rev. J. W. French, local itinerant, is now the happy pastor. It was beautiful to see how kindly he was received and to note the mutual love and confidence that mark their friendship. What a high and holy place the pastor holds in the hearts of his people. Watch the charges French serves.

Rev. E. P. Tant comes all the way from Georgia, leaving a paying business, home, friends and all that life holds dear in temporal things, to preach the gospel to the people in Delhi circuit—and he is the happiest man in the district for the privilege. He has shown signs of strength in the pulpit, and is a man of affairs out of it. He has a strong support by his side.

Rev. J. B. McCance is held in high esteem by the people of Dryden and Red Hill. This has been one of the most prominent circuits of the West Oklahoma Conference. The building of a new railroad has weakened it numerically but the same faith of their fathers abides there still. Mc. is a steady puller and fidelity marks all his footsteps.

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..... Texas, Nov. 6, 1913.

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"With prayers and best wishes for your health, and that of your family, and success in your great work for the extension of our Father's Kingdom, I am,

"Your sincere friend and sister,

(Signed) "....."

.....Mk., July 18, 1912.

"Rev. W. F. McMurry,

"Dear Sir: I am glad to have an opportunity to write a word to you on two 'counts:' one of which is thanks for 'filthy lucre' (it is anything but that to me now, Dr.), and the other for the always acceptable literature which I received some weeks ago. In the midst of all your duties you have time to remember me. A few days ago I also received a pretty, bright copy of the new Hand Book of Church Extension in its usual cheering, comprehensive style. We are little, but not unknown.

"With good wishes and kind regards,

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) "....."

.....Ala., Dec. 22, 1913.

"Rev. W. F. McMurry,

"Dear Brother: Thanks for your promptness in sending interest due January 1, 1914. I have been declining in health since October 3rd. May not be here to acknowledge receipts for drafts due July 1st. My sister,, will write if I cannot. I must say

I have had great satisfaction in my dealings with Church Extension as regards Annuities. Pray that I may be faithful to the end of life's journey, so I may have a happy greeting from my Heavenly Father that I have tried to serve many years.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed) "....."

If you wish further information as to such bonds, write to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., 1025 Brook st., Louisville, Ky.

One of the Press Bulletins of the American Medical Association gives an account of a student in a San Francisco school who was not only disobedient, but positively stupid and unable to make any progress in his studies. His teacher interested herself in his case, took him to an eye specialist and after the child was fitted with glasses, the world took on new meaning and he became a lovable child. He had been three-fourths blind and yet there was no visible indications of such a condition. Many incorrigibles might be transformed if some one would take the trouble to study them and try to find the "cause," which is many times physical.

A number of mission and philanthropic societies in the United States have posted the past year in railway stations and other public places the following suggestions to girls:

1. "Girls should never speak to strangers, either men or women, in the street, in shops, in stations, in trains, in lonely country roads, or in places of amusement.

2. Girls should never ask the way of any but officials on duty, such as policemen, railway officials, or postmen.

3. Girls should never loiter or stand about alone in the street, and if accosted by a stranger (whether man or woman) should walk as rapidly as possible to the nearest policeman.

4. Girls should never stay to help a woman who apparently faints at their feet in the street, but should immediately call a policeman to her aid."

This is all very well, but we are constrained to inquire, where are the mothers of today and why are such warnings necessary?

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

Two Missionary Institutes will be held in Chickasha District, West Oklahoma Conference during the month of January. These will be held at Waurika and Anadarko. The one at Waurika January 20-22. The one at Anadarko January 28-29.

Terral, Ryan, Waurika, Harrisburg, Comanche, Duncan, Marlow, Oak Grove and Rush Springs charges will go to Waurika for Institute work. The remainder of the charges in the district will go to Anadarko.

Programs for the work of these Institutes have been sent out to all of the pastors of the district. Every preacher and official of the church in the district is a delegate to the Institutes, respectfully. Let each pastor endeavor to bring a large number of his people in touch with the work of these Institutes. Trust we will be able to make this work great help to the work of the whole district.

Fraternally,

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Moss Weaver, P. E.

1914 is a hard year for distillers and they are considering the advisability of closing "for year."

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA PREACHERS' MEETING.

Jan. 20. Present: Workman, Graham, Walker, Twitty, Buhler, Hundley, Rogers, Hutchinson and Hays. Butts and R. L. Duckworth were visitors.

Workman read John 15th chapter. Bro. Butts led in prayer.

First Church, Argenta.—Bro. Walker reported large increase in attendance in all departments of church Sunday. Board of Stewards organized. One addition by faith and baptism.

Pulaski Heights.—Three additions; 44 at prayer meeting; fine Sunday school; League enthusiastic; large attendance at City League Union.

Hunter Memorial.—Four additions; League room full; Junior League doing well; Missionary Society aiding pastor in visiting.

Highland Park.—Nine applications for membership; big congregation at night; Sunday school enthusiastic.

Henderson Chapel.—Large congregation at night; one addition; Ladies' Aid organized; Sunday school well attended.

Winfield Memorial.—Large number of young men present at night; morning service well attended; men's Bible class doing fine work.

Capitol View.—Five additions, four on profession of faith; a number turned away from League for lack of room; Sunday school and night service overflowed the church.

The District.—Hutchinson was on Hickory Plains circuit Saturday and Sunday, preached at three churches. Bro. Nethercutt doing well in his work.

Bro. Butts from Alabama, a superannuated preacher, full of cheer, optimism and genuine zeal, was present and made an interesting talk on how to increase the attendance at prayer meeting.

Rev. R. L. Duckworth of Scotts and Keo, was present and reported a fine men's Bible class organized at Keo, taught by members of Caughey Hayes Bible Class of Winfield Memorial. The work of his charge was progressing along all lines.

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ADA, OKLA.

Dear Methodist: Closed meeting at Bristow Sunday night. I do not know just what the number of confessions were, but they are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Bristow was brought under the influence of the revival as few towns are. There were the usual attractions, such as K. of P.

banquets, W. O. W. rallies, etc., but we did not lack for crowds and turned people away from church. Bro. J. C. Curry of Tecumseh was with us part of the time and led the singing. Curry is an expert at that business. No word from me is necessary in commendation of Rev. E. H. Creassy, the pastor. He is loved at Bristow. He is loved by saint and sinner and is always held in highest esteem by all the people where he is laboring. He is blest with an excellent family. I go next to Antlers, Okla. Will be joined there by my co-laborer, S. E. Kirby. We will be together for the rest of the year. Bro. Kirby is without doubt

the best gospel singer in all the Southland, and as I have crossed the Mason and Dixon line a few times, will say that Kirby is the best soloist I have ever heard. After we close at Antlers we go to Poteau, thence to Seminole, thence to Elk City. I can arrange one more meeting before the General Conference. Date open April 12 to 26. Write me if you want this date. We are able to do valuable work through the strength of Christ. Success to the Methodist and best blessings on all the readers. Yours for 5,000 souls for 1914. M. A. Cassidy.

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GOLDEN SILENCE.

If you have burdens, bravely bear them
Don't let your woes be known.
Others do not want to hear them,
They have troubles of their own.

Don't think if your heart is bleeding
No one suffers same as you.
Smiles are oftimes misleading,
Folks can smile and suffer to.

Don't think of sorrow sharing
By reciting those you've known
To your friends who may be bearing
Greater troubles than you've known.

If you've burdens bravely bear them,
Bear them as a Christian true
If you've joys then seek to share them
Hide your woes from mortal view.
—Lynne.

HOW TO SETTLE THE MISSIONARY PROBLEM.

If God's people will lose sight for a time of missionary organizations and every human agency and would get one clear vision of Jesus, then the whole problem of missionary finances and missionary workers would be settled. I do not ask you to pity the heathen, for pity is often a weak thing that spends itself in tears and then forgets the object of it. But I do ask you, with all my heart, simply to treat Jesus Christ right. I submit to you the question: Is it right to receive eternal life from scarred hands and then give him only the spare change you happen to have left after you have supplied yourself with luxuries? Is it right to receive heaven at the price which he paid, then give him the odds and ends, the convenient reserve, and the things that are as little or nothing? The crumbs that fall from your well-laden table are not enough; they will not do to meet the needs of the world that propes in its ignorance, in its blindness, without God. You have no right to crucify the Lord Jesus Christ afresh upon the cross of your convenience.—Hotchkiss.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council will convene in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 1.

On Feb. 4 the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council will be held in Nashville, Tenn. Miss Belle H. Bennett, president of the Missionary Council, will return from Brazil in time for this important meeting. She and Miss Marie Gibson, principal of our Scarritt Bible School, sailed from Rio de Janeiro on Dec. 17, and they probably landed in Cuba last week as expected. After visiting our work at Cienfuegas and Matanzas, thence going to Key West and from there to Thomasville, Ga., inspecting and schools and missions at these places, they will return to their respective homes.

They have carefully considered, and now understand the situation in Rio

de Janeiro, Brazil, and will greatly assist the Executive Committee in purchasing property there for our Girls' School. With rejoicing we welcome our leaders home after their long absence in the interest of our Lord's work.

IN COSMOPOLITAN CALIFORNIA.

The report for one quarter at our Homer Toberman Clinic in Los Angeles showed 551 cases treated at clinic; garments and groceries given to needy families; and 507 visits made to 300 families. The visits were to 75 American, 208 Mexican, 17 Russian, German and Slavoian families.

NO COLLECTION ON FEB. 25.

This day has been set apart as a Day of Prayer for Home Missions, when women of all churches will meet together to pray for the spread of Christianity in America. Bible study and continuous prayer for our country are the features of the program. Don't forget to order programs in good time from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. SKINNER OF LAREDO SEMINARY.

There are about three hundred and eighty thousand Mexicans in Texas. There are about eighty thousand children of school age. About one-fourth of these are enrolled in the public schools. Sixty thousand Mexican children growing up in ignorance—this is our problem. We have three hundred children enrolled at Laredo Seminary so far this year. Almost all of them are Catholics. They hear the Bible read and explained. They must listen to the prayers offered. They study the Bible. Most of them are from very poor homes, yet they are very bright children. We are helping about eighty girls, giving them employment that meets the greater part of their expenses. Church societies furnish clothes for some of them.

We have Sunday school and use the graded system. Our strong Epworth League meets every Sunday evening. All the departments are in operation. Bible study is required of all students. They do the work gladly.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Drake, Secretary Monticello district, recently organized an auxiliary at Eudora with nine members and nine subscribers to the Missionary Voice.

The auxiliary at Wilmar sent a box of clothing to flood sufferers and six quilts to the Methodist Orphanage during the last quarter.

The annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Society will convene in Magnolia on Friday evening, May 1, and preparations are being made for a great meeting. Every auxiliary is expected to send a delegate with a full report of last year's work. A fine program may be expected from Mrs.

James Thomas and her committee who are anxious to make this an occasion of spiritual and intellectual uplift.

For the fourth quarter Mrs. Moffett Rhodes reports 16 Young Peoples Societies with more than 200 members. They raised \$80.90 on membership dues, pledge, conference expense fund and during week of prayer, and for local work \$82.20. She feels much encouraged and with good reason.

The auxiliary of Nashville looks forward to a year of successful labor with Mrs. J. S. Hopkins as president, and Mrs. Tom Hutchinson, press reporter.

Mrs. Proctor, secretary Camden district, hears the auxiliary at Strong has pledged \$50 to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

The auxiliary at Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock, closed the old year with a delightful social entertainment. With the re-election of Mrs. George Thornburgh to the presidency, and Mrs. Perry Allen as superintendent of press, we may expect to hear of the progress in good works in this auxiliary.

The Monticello auxiliary has sent out a beautiful calendar in whose pages we recognize the names of many energetic and consecrated workers of that fine organization.

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Woman has been pushed out into the world as a bread-winner by this modern industrial age. Fifty-nine per cent of the women between sixteen and twenty-one years of age in the United States are engaged in some gainful pursuit. It is interesting to note what some of these pursuits are. There are 239,077 stenographers; 327,635 teachers and professors; 481,159 in various trades; 770,055 engaged in agricultural pursuits; 7,300 physicians and surgeons; 7,395 preachers; 2,193 journalists; 1,037 architects, designers, and draftsmen; 1,010 lawyers; 429,497 women in various professional and domestic work.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, We of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Woman's Bible Class of the M. E. Church, South, and all our churches in Wagoner, have been blessed by the Christian life and fellowship of Sister Amanda Lewis, and

Whereas, It has pleased our Father in Heaven to call her from us after a long life of good works, of Christian piety, and a zealous devotion to her every duty of home and church, and

Whereas, In the life of Sister Lewis, every one who knew her had a friend, and in her death we all are stricken in sorrow, and are bereft of a loved and loving worker; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thus express our sorrow:

That we extend our sympathy to her bereaved daughters and grand children; that we bless her memory and commend her life, as an example of splendid Christian womanhood.

- Mrs. A. L. Gibbs,
- Mrs. C. E. Castle,
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MAUD AND SEMINOLE.
It was a great surprise to me to be read out to the above mentioned charge at our last Annual Conference, but as I always do I came promptly to my work, preaching at Maud on the following Sunday and at Seminole a week later. Well, I do not like a two-point work at all, it is very inconvenient to preacher and people and it makes it impossible for a man to do what he desires either in the way of preaching or personal work. However, I shall do my best to honor God and prove a blessing to my people. There are some as good people at both places as are to be found in the State of Oklahoma, and they have certainly been very kind and appreciative in their reception of me and with God's presence and blessing we are steadily moving forward. Brother Linebaugh preached two good sermons for me at Maud and held my first quarterly conference. He is a good preacher and a good presiding elder.

A. C. Pickens, Pastor.

TEXT-BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR 1913-1914.

Foreign Missions. Adult—"The King's Business," by Mrs. Raymond (a study of efficiency 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

CAMERON, OKLA.

Dear Methodist: At the last session of Conference our good Bishop and Presiding Elder returned me to the Cameron charge, for which wife and I are thankful and we think the people are pleased. We took up the work anew, with faith in God and love for and confidence in the people, and hope to do a better work this year for God and Methodism. Not long after Conference, one bad, muddy evening, while I was in town, my wife heard a rumbling noise and presently the door flew open and the storm broke in and for a time there was high and pleasant excitement. Meanwhile I came in and we betook ourselves to thankfulness and prayer, after which the good friends dispersed to their homes, leaving us happy and much the better for their coming. When we went into the dining room we found many good things to eat and we felt that there would have been much more, had the evening been at all favorable. We feel encouraged and pray God's blessings upon them. J. M. Hively, P. C. Jan. 16, 1914.

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REVIVAL AT SAYRE, OKLA.

The church and people at Sayre, Oklahoma, are highly encouraged over the situation here. From the beginning of this conference year our forces have pulled together. Both pastor and people went to work to the end that this shall be the best year of our lives and the results to date justify the hope. On last Sunday we began our revival effort, as a starter for the year, with Rev. T. B. Price and Mr. B. F. McCleskey of Siloam Springs, Ark., leading the meeting. All the churches are co-operating beautifully and we are much encouraged. Careful foundation work has been the main results so far. All the business houses are closed each morning for the service at the auditorium. The business people attend. In the afternoon the church is well filled with ladies of all the Protestant forces of the town. At night our house is overflowed.

Brother Price's work and methods are of the sanest and clearest character and all hold him in highest confidence. The choir work could hardly be improved upon, led by that strong soloist and choir leader, and we are praying for and expecting large results. We ask interest in the prayers of all devout readers for a sweeping revival. We now approach the critical point in the meeting, and oh how we need the Spirit's power to lead and control in the further progress of our anxious work.

There was never more hearty co-operation among brethren than is seen here among the denominations. Those princely pastors of our sister churches and their people deserve Divine blessings on them and they will have them. Sayre is forging to the front where she ought to have long ago stood. W. L. Anderson, Pastor. Jan. 15, 1914.

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tor's salary has been increased, and a forward step generally is being taken. We need a new church building, and we are trying to see our way clear to undertake this enterprise. With a new church building this would be one of the most desirable appointments of its size in the West Oklahoma Conference. Remember us brethren in your prayers that this may be a great year for our church and our God and Geary.

J. W. Trevette, P. C.

McRAE, ARK.

At the last session of the White River Conference I was read out for McRae charge and after a move of some one hundred and sixty miles, we are settled in our new home in McRae. We were loyally entertained in the home of Bro. Ernest, one of our local preachers, until some repairs could be done on the parsonage, which was completed on Dec. 20. On the evening of Dec. 22 a large crowd of elect ladies and men, led by Bro. William Booth, our Sunday school superintendent, came to the parsonage and served notice upon us that they desired admittance. So they, some way, got our consent to march into the dining room, and there they left such an abundance of the good things to eat and some cash, that we did not know just how to find words to express our thanks. After a form of introduction and handshaking and some pleasant conversation, the pastor tried to tell these good people how

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much he appreciated the "storm" and their good works. Then he read the 23d Psalm, and offered prayer. They left us then to wonder and thank God that the lines had fallen in such pleasant places. I have preached at four of the churches and had had fairly good attendance at each service. We are expecting this to be the best year of our lives. I shall do all that I can for the Methodist and the church and God shall have all the glory. Pray for us. J. E. Buchanan, P. C.

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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.)

MAKE SOME SUNSHINE.

Dedicated to Cynthia Westover Alden.

When the clouds hang dark an' dreary,
Shuttin' out the blessed light;
When you're sort o' weary,
An' you don't know wrong from
right;
When the sun's forgot his business,
An' the world seems dull an' flat,—
Make some artificial sunshine
In the place "where you are at."

When the skies are most forebodin',
When they're black, instead o' blue;
When your heart with gloom's cor-
rodin',
Let me tell you what to do:
Loose your hold on all your troubles,
Stamp your foot and holler "Scat!"
Chase your woes away with brightness
In the place "where you are at."

Though 'twill be most satisfactory
On a dark and gloomy street,
You can have your sunshine factory
Any place where may meet
Gloomy folk who need some brightness
That will make their souls grow fat;
Go to work an' make some sunshine
In the place "where you are at."

If you'd like to try the business,
I will tell you how to start;
The ingredients and formulas
You'll find within your heart;
Bathe yourself in home-made sunshine,
(Very necessary, that!)
Then just radiate with brightness
In the place "where you are at."
—Benjamin Keech in Youth's In-
structor.

Dearest Children:

Many years ago before clocks had been invented they used what was called "hour glasses." They were composed of two little glass globes, unopened anywhere and connected by a very small tube just big enough for a few grains of sand to pass through at a time. The glass was hung on the wall and the length of time necessary for all the sand to pass from one globe to the other was supposed to be an hour.

The grains of sand in the hour glasses of your lives are rapidly passing out. But stop now and listen to this question, "What is your life's work to be?"

Think children, this is important. Decide now, have faith in yourselves and then succeed. Love to every one of you.

Miss Hazel.
Jan. 17, 1914.

AUGUSTA, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

Will you let another Arkansas girl join your happy band? My mother takes the Western Methodist. We like it fine. Wou cousins ought to have been here for the school improvement fair. They gave prizes for the best canned fruit, candy, cake and all kinds of fancy work. But the funny part was they had side shows and a boy stood at one of the doors and called

out, "Come and see the great 'Paradise,'" and when you went in there were a pair of dice in a box. And in another was a girl standing at the door calling out "Five cents; come see the great red bats; only pair in captivity," and when you went in it was two red brick bats tied in a box and there were several more I can't describe. As my letter is growing long and if it is in print I will write again.

Your new cousin,

Gladys Flippsn.

Dec. 4, 1913.

SHULER, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

Will you let another little Arkansas boy join your happy band? Papa takes the Methodist and I sure do enjoy reading the children's page. I have been going to school, we have twenty scholars. We are going to have a week Christmas. My school teacher's name is Mr. Beargeson. I like him fine. We are going to have six months school. I have blue eyes, black hair, light complexion and am eight years old and in the fifth grade. I weigh sixty pounds. As my letter is getting long, I will close. Your new cousin,

Dec. 12, 1913. Ralph Sewell.

BRADFORD, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

Please move over and give me a corner. I will not take up much room. I am three feet tall, have brown hair, blue eyes and dark complexion. Now don't get scared if I am ugly. Last year I lived at Little Rock. But this year I live at Bradford. I am not a native of Bradford, but of Little Rock. Brother Foster is our pastor. I certainly think he is a fine preacher. How many of you cousins go to Sunday school? I do for one. My teacher is Mrs. Forest and I sure do like her. How many of you all go to day school? I do for one. I am 10 years old and in the third grade. My day teacher is Miss Alma Forest. I sure think she is a good teacher. What do you cousins want for Christmas? For pets I have a little sister four years old. Her name is Ethel. Well I will close. If I see this in print I will write again.

Dec. 10, 1913. Leanora Story.

STEPHENS, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

I am a little girl twelve years old. My father takes the Methodist. I enjoy reading the letters. I go to Sunday school and church every Sunday that I can. Miss Pearle Smith is my Sunday school teacher. Bro. R H. Cannon is our pastor. I am president of our Junior Missionary Society. Mae Byrne is secretary. We had a Christmas tree. I am in the seventh grade at school. Mr. C. D. Umstead is my teacher. Was Santa good to you? He certainly was good to me. If I see this in print I will write again.

Your cousin,

Dec. 27, 1913. Fern Thompson.

WALNUT RIDGE, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

As my mamma takes the Western Methodist and I don't see any letters from Walnut Ridge I thought I would write. I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school and Sunday school. Our pastor's name is Bro. Mowen and we like him very much. I have three brothers older than myself. Their names are Cecil, Hollis and Claude. I

enjoy reading the cousin's letters very much. I hope to see this in print as it is my first letter. Wishing Miss Hazel a happy New Year.

Dec. 26, 1913. Margaret Skillman.

MCCRORY, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

Will you let another little Arkansas girl join your happy band? My papa takes the Western Methodist and I am a member of the Methodist church. This is my first time to write, so if this is in print I will write again. Mary Iva Harris, I guess your riddle to be a hole. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I am in the seventh grade. I hope Mr. Wastebasket can't reach my letter. Since this is my first time to write, I will close with love to all.

Your new cousin,

Dec. 25, 1913. Florence Klye.

GREENBRIER, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

Will you let another Arkansas girl join your happy band? I hope Mr. Wastebasket has gone to get some presents. I will describe myself. I have dark complexion, black hair and black eyes. My papa is a doctor and I go with him many times to answer calls. Our pastor's name is Bro. Gossett. I like him fine. I will answer Brodis Gora's riddle to be a churn. Is that right? It is very cold today. My little cousin came in just now, so I will close and play with him. Now, Miss Hazel, hand me my sleeping doll and I will go and play. Now Miss Hazel please print this, as it is my first time to write. I wish all of you cousins a happy New Year.

Your new cousin,

Dec. 27, 1913. Corine Henderson.

BATES, ARK.

Dear Miss Hazel and Cousins:

As you were so kind to publish my other letter, I thought I would write again. I told you in my letter about my little pet canary birds. Soon after I stumbled and dropped the cage, the birds flew out and a strange cat was there to catch one of them. He killed it but didn't get to eat it, as I got it away from him. The other little bird stayed out all day. We caught it before night. Soon after I got another pair from the same Italian woman. They are very pretty young birds. My birthday is the 19th of February and I would like to have a postcard shower from all of you cousins; will try to answer all cards received. The one guessing my age, will send them the prettiest card I can find. Well, Christmas has passed and we all had a very quiet, pleasant time. We didn't try to have a Christmas tree, as the last one we had two years ago a young man got hurt and almost died. The miners had one here. I hear everything passed off very quietly. We got our same preacher back for another year and we are so glad. To try to show our appreciation in a small way we sent him a little Christmas box. He is a dear old man and the best is not good enough for him. Our membership is very small at this place and we try to increase our attendance by using the union literature. Now we see it has not done so. We are going back to our Methodist literature, which we think is best. To the one asking the riddle, "What it was that goes around the house all day and sits in the

corner at night," I will guess it to be a broom. Let me ask one. Umptie-dumtie sat on the wall, Umptie-dumtie had a great fall, all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Umptie-dumtie back together again. I am afraid I am taking up too much space, so will close with love to all of you. I wish you all a happy New Year.

Sallie Cheatham.

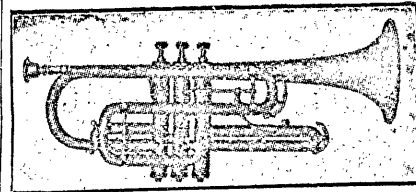
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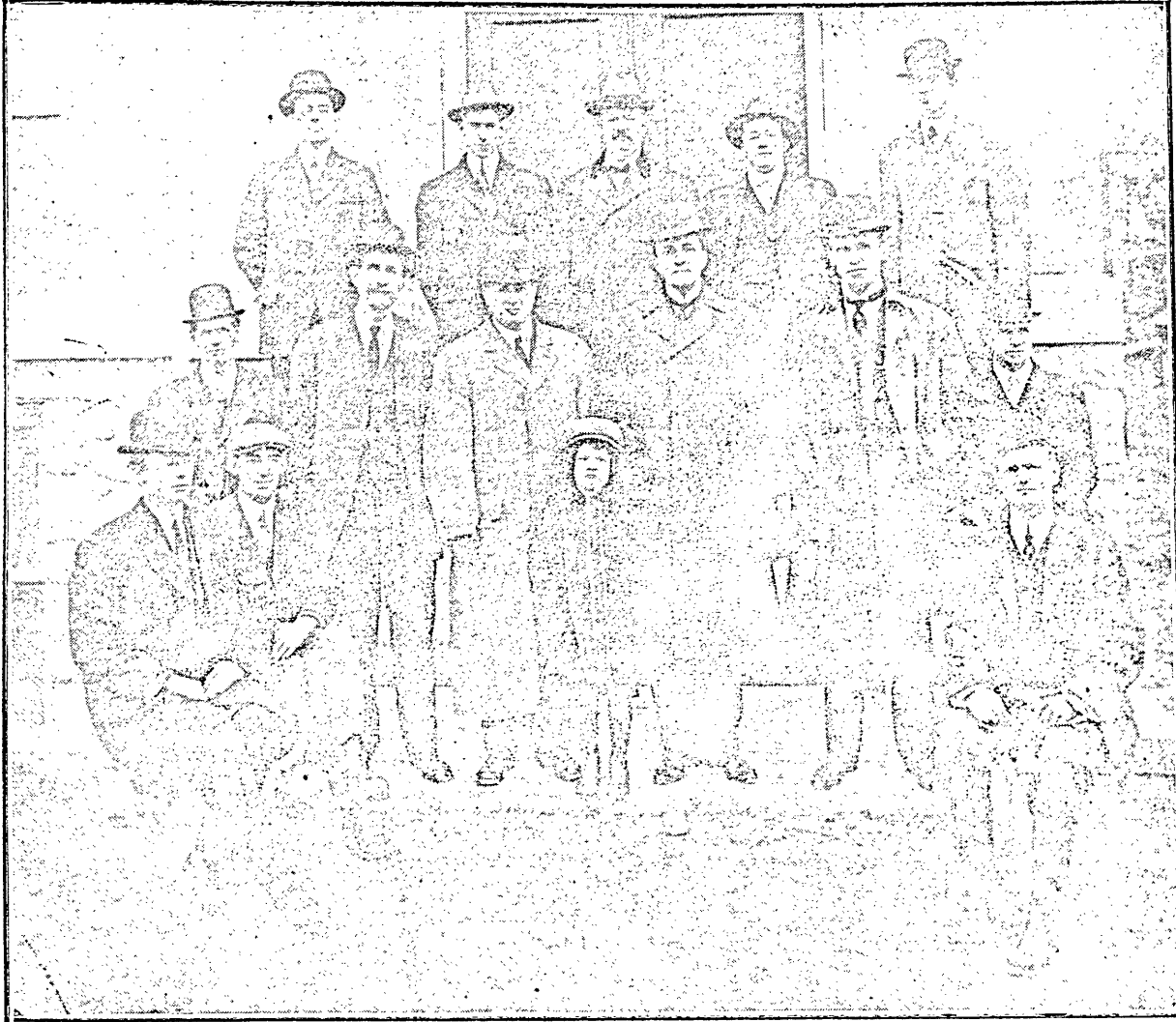
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LEAGUE PAGE

"ALL FOR CHRIST."

WARING SHERWOOD Editor

The copy for the League was delayed this week, but will appear next week in connection with the next Sunday's lesson.

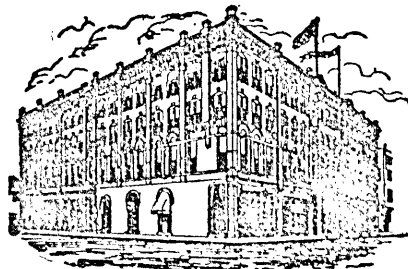
CHECOTAH, OKLA.

Dear Western Methodist: We came to Checotah station immediately after Conference held at Tahlequah. The Board of Stewards met us at the station and took charge of us and entertained us in their homes for a few days until the parsonage could be set in order. The missionary society has placed about forty or fifty dollars worth of new things in the parsonage for us. This society is one of the best in the Conference. My Board of Stewards has made the assessment, and is taking hold of the work with the determination to succeed. Our Epworth League has been reorganized and all the officers installed and are hopeful for a successful year. We are proud of our Sunday school. It is increasing in members and interest every Sunday. We could not expect otherwise with our enthusiastic superintendent, Paul Parrott. Our predecessor, R. T. Blackburn, was here four years, and did a very fine work, and I am sure he will succeed on the Hugo district. Our people are hopeful for a successful year. Our congregations are large and attentive. They gave us one of the largest poundings that we

have had since we have been in the state, and the good things to eat just keep coming. Our first quarterly conference has come and gone, and our P. E., Rev. C. L. Brooks, was with us and gave us two most excellent sermons. He is the right man in the right place. Success to the Western Methodist.

1-14-14. J. H. Rogers, P. C.

Dear Methodist and Brethren and Many Readers of our Good Paper: As this is the beginning of my second year here my people have received me gladly and I was truly glad to return. We have started off very nicely. We have on hand money to cover Hickory Plains church, expecting to go to work at it very soon, also we have money collected to bear the expenses of covering the parsonage. In all we are expecting a good year in every line of church work. We have received some



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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

members since Conference. Christmas was fine. The good people sent in many nice things for us. There are some of the best people on the Hickory Plains circuit I have ever met. I want to thank the good ladies of First Church, Little Rock, for the Christmas box we received of them. May the blessings of God abide with them in their good work. I ask the prayers of God's people for me and my work, that this may be the best year of our life, that God may do great things through his servant and people.

I. W. Nethercutt, P. C.

WANETTE, OKLA.

We had a great day last Sunday, as the Sunday school was the best in the history of the church. No church has a better superintendent and teachers. At the morning service we received four into the church, two by letter and two by baptism. I did not find a Junior League at this place, but glad to say that we met last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and organized one with an enrollment of thirty members. They are ready for good work and we feel that many more will join. Miss Bama Pallard and Miss Vera Cossey has charge of this work. Would like to say something about the Senior League. We have good crowds at each meeting and the members always have good programs to render. We find that much good is coming from the League work. Sunday was one of the best in our history, the interest was so good, three promised to establish family altars in their homes. We think we are going to have a great year at

Wanette. I hope to do more than at any time before.

1-13-14. B. L. Williams, P. C.

SAYRE, OKLA.

Dear Western Methodist: We are now in the midst of a revival effort at Sayre, Okla., with Rev. T. B. Price, of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Mr. B. F. McCleskey of the same place as singer to help us. Every thing starts off auspiciously and we are confidently expecting a great meeting. Our people are all hopeful here and we are looking up for a good spiritual blessing upon us during the year. The people have received us as only Southern Methodists people in Oklahoma can do. The stewards raised the assessment for pastor \$200 and so are doing what they can to make us feel like we must work and bring things to pass, and a right royal band it is to work with us. The church is being overflowed and we contemplate having to move to the opera house, or some more commodious quarters at an early date. We ask interest in the prayers of the brethren of the Conference that the outcome may justify our hopes and glorify our God.

Cordially,
W. L. Anderson, P. C.

Jan 12, 1914.

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OBITUARIES

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WHITE.—Mrs. Nellie Jane White, nee Andrews, was born near Wabbaseka, Arkansas, November 6, 1873. Here she spent her early life, and at the age of fourteen years was converted under the ministry of Rev. W. J. Rogers, and united with the M. E. Church, South.

On January 8, 1891, she was united in marriage with J. W. White, who in the same year was admitted on trial into the Little Rock Conference, which convened at Prescott, and was assigned to the Rowell charge. Three happy and successful years were spent on this charge, after which they were assigned to different charges of importance and prominence, serving in all in that Conference fourteen years. In 1908, they were transferred to the Oklahoma Conference and stationed at Talihina, at which place they lived four years. Last year they served the Choctaw district, which means much hardship and self denial, but faithful and efficient work was done. At the last Conference they were assigned to Boswell and Soper, a very delightful charge, and the good people gave them such a hearty welcome, and everything seemed so promising that happiness reigned supreme in the cozy parsonage home. Sister White was much pleased with the outlook and was contented and joyful in her responsible position as pastor's wife.

Twenty-three years ago, as a blushing bride, she stood by the side of her young husband, and with him enlisted in the service of her Lord as an ambassador of the cross. Through all of these years her beautiful life of patience, trust, self denial and confidence has been a great blessing, not only to her husband and children, but to a large circle of loving friends who have come under her influence.

Eleven children were born to Bro. and Sister White, nine boys and two girls. Two boys have preceded their mother to the better land, and, doubtless, have welcomed her with great joy to the Father's house.

Everybody loved Sister White, and honored her for her faithfulness in the work that she loved. From the day she went out, as a bride, into the wide harvest field of the Master, until the hour God called her home, there was never a faltering step nor a word of complaint. The summons came suddenly, but she was ready. Although she must be taken from the midst of her family of small children and leave behind the dear babe who never saw his mother's face, and into whose face no loving mother was permitted to look, yet with faith undaunted she said, "Is this death?" and triumphantly passed to her home in the skies.

My 'phone bell rang at midnight and when I responded I found that it was the call of my friend and fellow-work-

er in the Master's cause. Death had come to his home and left the print of his iron heel upon his heart. Oh, what a privilege to go to him then in the hour of his great sorrow.

The dear people of Boswell had been so kind that when I arrived in the early morning, I found everything had been done that loving hands could do. The good women from Soper also came to offer their kind sympathy and help. God's richest blessings will certainly rest upon these good, faithful people.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, on the twenty-third anniversary of Sister White's marriage, we went to the church, where among many, many friends and loved ones, we performed the last sad rites for this true servant of God.

I am sure that Bro. White and his dear children, and all of the dear ones, have the sympathy and prayers of the whole church where they are known. May God's protecting care be around each one of them in my prayer.

O. C. Fontaine.

SIMS.—Tom J. Sims, husband of Sister Lula Sims, passed away Jan. 8, 1914. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Mt. View. He was loyal to his church and its doctrines and always ready to help any good cause. He always met his friends and neighbors with a pleasant smile and loved his family dearly. He leaves a wife and four precious little children and a dear old mother to mourn after him. Weep not dear sister and precious little children. May God be gracious to you in your sorrowing till He shall call you home to Him. Funeral was conducted by Bro. Will Lucas at the Mt. View cemetery.

Mrs. D. E. Witt

HUFFMASTER.—Joseph I. Huffmaster died Thursday morning at 7 o'clock at his home in Springdale from a week's illness of Lagrippe. Deceased was born in Calloway county, Mo., May 13, 1840, and on Jan. 13, 1869, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Catherine Huffmaster, who died two weeks ago. Bro. Huffmaster was converted in the early 70's and united with the M. E. Church, South, where he remained a faithful Christian until death. He moved to Springdale in 1871 and has lived in this section since that time. In Bro. Huffmaster and his wife we have lost two of our very best members. All their former pastors will witness to this fact. May we profit by their example and meet them in a better world.

H. L. Cline.

ALEXANDER.—G. W. Alexander was born March 30, 1872; died Dec. 23, 1913; professed religion at the age of 14 and lived a devoted Christian life until death. He was a man that loved and practiced the doctrines of the Methodist church; was a faithful steward; always present when his name was called at quarterly conference. He leaves a loving wife and five children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and affectionate father, and a host of friends and relatives. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

S. M. Gatlin, P. C.

TAYLOR.—Jacob Thomas Taylor was born Nov. 7, 1846; died Aug. 3, 1913. He was the son of R. H. and Sarah Taylor. He came to Ozark,

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Franklin county, in 1867. He was married to Elissa A. St. Clair Oct. 31, 1869. To them were born seven children; four boys and three girls. Robert, Wallace and Benham preceded him to the better land. Aubrey, Mrs. Emma Young, Edna O'Neal and Stella Crossno, and his aged companion are left to mourn his departure. But our loss is his gain, for we know he was ready to go. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant View, near Sub Rosa. He settled a farm near Sub Rosa and reared his family. He was loved by every one for he was always so lively and cheerful. He loved his church and loved to sing. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He is only gone on before. May we so live that we will be like him, ready to go when the summons come.

His wife,

Mrs. E. A. Taylor.

WALTER.—Benjamin Walter was born Dec. 5, 1850, in Noble county, Ohio, and died Dec. 17, 1913, at Walco, Hot Spring county, Arkansas. On March 6, 1881, he was married to Minerva Weller. To this union were born four girls and two boys. One boy, the oldest child, died when a child. His wife died May 9, 1902. The other children and his own father, now 94 years old, survive. Mr. Waller was a good man, a splendid citizen, a tender, kind and affectionate father and husband. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church on probation, but never became an active member. He lived a clean life, was not addicted to the use of either liquor or tobacco in any form. His remains rest in the Ebenezer cemetery. He is gone but not forgotten. His memory is cherished still. He rests in the care of the everlasting and loving Father.

Jesse L. Leonard,
Pastor of Walco Church.

MICKLE.—Bro. J. S. Mickle was born Aug. 31, 1848, was married to Miss Sallie Herron Jan. 6, 1870. He professed faith in Christ at 19 years of age and joined the M. E. Church, South; came from Arkansas to this vicinity about four years ago. He died in faith in Christ on Dec. 28, 1913. We laid his remains to rest in the Green Hill cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of sympathizing, sorrowing friends and relatives on Dec. 29, at 2 p. m. Bro. Mickle died in his right mind. He said he was ready to go, and asked his wife and children not to grieve. He believed and said he was going to rest. Christ said its enough, come up higher. We know where to find him. He left a dear, good wife, five daughters and four sons to mourn his departure. One girl died while quite young and is in heaven with

father. A good husband, father, church member and citizen is gone, but our loss is his gain. Look up through your sorrow and strive to meet him in heaven.

His pastor,

J. M. Hively.

Cameron, Okla., Jan. 15, 1914.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

WHITE RIVER

SEARCY DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Cornthville 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.)

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.)

Colt Circuit at Colt... Jan. 24-25
Turner Mission at Turner, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Hulbert and Council... Feb. 4
Deviw 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.)

Barfield Circuit at B... Jan. 23
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 attend this meeting. W. L. OLIVER, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Salem Station... Jan. 24-25
Viola Mission, at Viola... Jan. 25-26
Bexar 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 Batesville on Tuesday, December the 30th, at 2 p. m. A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT. (First Round.)

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 Earle, Feb. 7, 8
J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Gravelly at Gravelly... Jan. 24-25
JAS. A. ANDERSON.

MOBILTON DISTRICT. (First Round.)

London Ct., at London... Jan. 17-18
Plumerville... Jan. 18
F. S. H. JOHNSON, J. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT. (First Round.)

First Church... Jan. 25, 26
Central Church... Feb. 8, 9
JAMES M. HUGHEY, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT. (First Round.)

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.)

Childester... Jan. 24, 25
Eagle Mills... Jan. 31 and Feb. 1
Camden... Feb. 2
W. P. WHALEY, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Prescott Ct... Feb. 7-8
Prescott St... Feb. 8-9
Emmett... Feb. 14-15
Hope St... Feb. 15-16
Center Point... Feb. 21-22
Mt. Ida... Feb. 28-Mar. 1
Caddo Gap... March 1-2
Orchard View... March 7-8
Bingen... March 14-15
Murfreesboro... March 15-16
Okalona... March 21-22
Nashville... March 28-29
Washington... April 4-5
Delight... April 11-12
Amity... April 12-13
Columbus... April 18-19
Mineral Springs... April 25-26
Hope mission... May 2-3
Gurdon... May 6-7
Harmony mission... May 9-10
W. M. HAYES, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Gillnam... Jan. 24, 25
DeQueen... Jan. 25, 26
Locksburg... Jan. 31, and Feb. 1
Empire Ct., at Pinkerton... Feb. 3
Texarkana, First Church... Feb. 8
Fairview... Feb. 8, 9
J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT. (First Round.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

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 Hugh's Chapel... Feb. 21, 22
Epworth League Miss, at Gum Springs on Hot Springs Ct... March 13, 14
Arkadelphia District Stewards and pastors 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. (Second Round—in part.)

Warren station... Feb. 8-9
Tillar Ct... Feb. 14-15
Crossett Sta... Feb. 22-23
Lasey Ct... Feb. 28-Mar. 1
Dean Ct... March 7-8
Wilmar Sta... March 15-16
Arkansas City... March 22-23
Mt. Pleasant Ct... March 28-29
Monticello Sta... March 29-30
Hamburg Sta... April 5-6
Dermott Sta... April 12-13
Eudora Ct... April 18-19
McGehee... April 26-27
I will publish the rest later. R. W. MCKAY, P. E.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

MANGUM DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

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
Holls... March 22-23
Gotebo and Star, at Star... March 28-29
Delhi Ct., at Delhi... April 4-5
Brinkman and Deer Creek, at Brinkman... 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.)

Arcadia at Arcadia... Jan. 24-25
Okla. 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.)

Walter Ct. at Valley View, Jan. 24, 25
Walter Sta... Jan. 25, 26
Indian Work at Anadarko... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Lawton... Feb. 1, 2
The District Stewards Meeting and Preacher's and Laymen's Conference will meet 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 local, is expected to be present, with a good delegation of laymen from each pastoral charge. J. A. OLD, P. E.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Terral, at Fleetwood... Jan. 31-Feb. 1
Waurika... Feb. 1-2
Tuttle, at Amber... Feb. 7-8
Cement, at Cement... Feb. 14-15
Letitia Mission, at Cannon... Feb. 15-16
Bally, at Purdy... Feb. 21-22
Kilgore, at Round's Creek... Feb. 22-23
Maysville, at Maysville... Feb. 28-Mar. 1
Lindsay... March 7-8
Alex, at Alex... March 8-9
Anadarko... March 14-15
Ft. Cobb, at Ft. Cobb... March 15-16
Chickasha Mission, at Ninneloh... March 21-22
Harrisburg, at Alma... March 28
Duncan... March 29-30
Oak Grove, at Woodlawn... April 4-5
Marlow... April 5-6
Rush Springs... April 11-12
Ryan... April 12-13
Comanche... April 18-19
Chickasha... April 19-20
District Conference at Marlow... April 24-27
MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

CLINTON DISTRICT. (First Round.)

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, Oklo.

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

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.)

Vian and Webbers at Webbers, Jan. 17, 18
Wainwright Ct. at Hitchita, Jan. 24, 25
C. L. BROOKS, P. E.

CREEK DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Okmulgee Ct., at Tulsa church... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Broken Arrow Ct., at Haikey'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.

MCALISTER DISTRICT. (First Round.)

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 Haileyville at Krebs, Feb. 4
Howe and Hester at Howe... Feb. 8
Heavener... Feb. 8
W. M. WILSON, P. E.

MADDILL DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Kenefle at Ree... 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 7 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, January 21. All pastors are invited to be present. JAMES W. ROGERS, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Wewoka Station... Jan. 24, 25
Vanoes at Vanoes... Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Ada, First Church and Ashberry, February 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.

Bernice and Pensacola, at Pensacola... Jan. 23
Spavinaw Ct., at Requah... Jan. 24, 25
Locust Grove... Jan. 24, 25
Delaware Ct., at Rose... Jan. 25, 26
Peggs... Jan. 26
Moody Ct., at Moody... Jan. 27
Afton... Feb. 1, 2
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. Feb. 8
Wagoner Station... Feb. 8, 9
Chelsea... Feb. 15, 16
District Stewards' meeting, Vinita, January 8, 9:30 a. m. E. M. SWEET, Jr., P. E.

TULSA DISTRICT. (First Round.)

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.)

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.)

Chackasaw Ct., at Dealey Chapel... Jan. 24, 25
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, 16
District Stewards will meet me at Hugo December 11th, 1913. J. A. KENNEY, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Tecumseh Sta... Feb. 14-15
Shawnee Ct., at Mt. Vernon... Feb. 15-16
Maud and Seminole, at Seminole... Feb. 21-22
McCloud and Earlsboro, at Earlsboro... Feb. 22-23
Holderville Sta... March 1
Sasokeo, at Yeager... March 1-2
Wanette Sta... March 7, 8
Asher, at Asher... March 8-9
Wanette Ct., at Hills Chapel, 11 a. m. March 10
Trinity, at Sparks... March 14-15
Stillwater Sta... March 15-16
Ada Ct., at Steadman... March 20
Allen, at Atwood... March 21-22
Lamar... March 22-23
Union Chappel, at Johnson, March 28-29
Shawnee, First Church... March 29-30
Ada, First Church... April 4-5
Konawa Sta... April 5-6
Vanoes Ct., at Friendship... April 11-12
Ashbury Sta... April 12-13
Wewoka Sta... April 18-19
Wetumpka Sta... April 19-20
Weleetka Sta... April 25-26
Dustin Sta... April 26-27
The District Conference will be held at Weleetka April 23-26. Rev. W. L. Broome will preach the opening sermon April 23, at 8 p. m. I announce the following committees: License to Preach—S. H. Babcock, J. C. Curry and G. L. Crow. Admission and Re-admission—E. T. Campbell, R. E. Early, and A. C. Pickins. Deacons Orders—J. A. Parks, B. L. Williams, and M. L. Sims. Elders Orders—T. P. Turner, M. C. Hays, and S. F. Chambers. N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

HATFIELD, ARK.

Dear Methodist: We had the best good old fashioned prayer meeting here this week that I have been to for some time. I preached four nights Christmas week. The last night of the year I preached, and conducted a watch night prayer meeting. So we got the prayer meeting wonderfully revived. Praise the Lord! I stopped off at Gillham the other day. Preached from Sunday at 11 a. m. till Wednesday night. Had preaching and prayer meting both until we got them revived there. Thank the Lord. When we resort to old time methods we have old time results. I am going now to Rockey, west of Mena. Read and practice Ephes. 6:18, 19, 20. Yours for a revival, J. H. Callaway. Jan. 16, 1914.

Give close attention to the little things and the larger matters will take care of themselves.

WILSON, ARK.

To the Pastors and Laymen of the White River Conference.

Dear Brethren: I take this method of giving you an opportunity to help in a very important work at this place which we hope to begin as soon as we get enough money to pay the mechanic for his work.

We had planned to begin the work immediately after the Christmas holidays, but owing to the misfortune of having our large planing mill burned a few days before Christmas we have had to delay the work. Lee Wilson & Co. had proposed to furnish all the lumber at wholesale price, and the planing mill had agreed to dress the lumber free of charge. But since the planing mill has burned, we must make other arrangements for building our parsonage and I thought perhaps those who pay a tenth of their income to the Lord would be glad to such an opportunity to help in a needy field. Wilson is a mission point, our membership is exceedingly small and transient. Not a fourth of the pastor's salary is paid by the membership. But we have a noble people here and they are doing what they can to help take care of the pastor and his family. We have a nice church, not paid for however, and a real nice lot for the parsonage right beside the church. Every house in town is owned by one man and the rent is extremely high. The house being occupied at present for the parsonage, just an average house, costs more than \$250 a year. So you can see why we are anxious to build a parsonage. We have a very entergetic Missionary Society, which raised \$300 last year, and they are very anxious to put their earnings this year into a parsonage, and if we can get two or three hundred dollars from the brethren we can do the work, but without their assistance I fear we shall have to continue paying rent. Brethren, any assistance you can render us will be greatly appreciated. We were very grateful for the promise of \$10 at Conference by Rev. W. F. Blevins, now pastor of Pocalontas station. Please make your donations to Mrs. J. H. Sondeman, treasurer of W. M. S., or to myself. As a receipt for your donation every donor's name with amount donated will be published in the Western Methodist, if not requested otherwise.

Fraternally,
A. H. Dulaney, P. C.

CEDAR GLADES, ARK.

An open letter from Bro. McKelvy: Brethren: If this mountainous country is ever developed we must do it, and we must have comfortable church houses. When we put up a comfortable house of worship it inspires these people. The last Conference gave me the supervision, I suppose you would call it, over the material interests of nearly sixty miles of territory up Ouachita river, beginning near Hot Springs. I have gone from one end of it to the other since Conference and found a great many good people, who ought to be inspired

to greater efforts. If our church don't do this, I speak candidly, brethren, it will never be done. And we will never do it until we build comfortable church houses, such as we built during the past year. But we have gone as far as we can without help. If our great church will give us \$1,500 I will insure \$3,000 worth of property in building of five new churches completed and a new parsonage for the preacher on Sim's mission. This work will be scattered from near Hot Springs to Oden, 60 miles above. I will give \$100 of the \$1,500 out of my meager support. Who will give the next hundred and if you don't want to give the hundred now, who will give \$25 per year for four years? Brethren, this is an opportunity for our church. Let us hear from you through the Methodist. Who will give the next hundred and the next and so on until we are in shape to win this country for Christ?

Yours in Him,
John H. McKelvy.

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Dear Editor: Here comes Tangier. All of the official board are now reading the Western Methodist and we are working on the every home campaign with delightful results. We feel sure we will have the paper in every home in our charge that is represented in our church, as we are at present able to say we have placed it in two-thirds of them, and I am expecting to place Tangier first on the roll of honor in the West Oklahoma Conference. We are starting very slow on our conference assessments as our people here suffered from the drouth last year, but we feel confident that Tangier will report as she did last year. I will dedicate my first infant on this charge since my arrival, at the 11 o'clock service next Sunday. Last year we dedicated sixteen, and wanted to do better this year if possible, but I am in hopes that this experience will be the means of others being brought to realize their duty in regard to same. We had a public installation of the officers of the missionary society yesterday, which was to us a very sacred occasion, and we pray God that it may be a very helpful one. Pray for us that we may have a great year in the Master's service.

F. M. Miller, P. C.
Jan. 12, 1914.



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