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"SPEAK THOU THE THINGS"

"BECOME SOUND DOCTRINE."

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I EXHORT THEREFORE, THAT, FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN; FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY.—I Timothy 2:1-2.

## "ABDUCTION OF ANDOVER."

In The Bible Champion the editor, while discussing "The New Congregationalism," gives the history of the holding up of Harvard and the abduction of Andover. Greatly abbreviated, it is here given in substance. Soon after the settlement of Massachusetts, Harvard College was founded by devout men for the promotion of piety and the education of ministers of the Congregational Churches. In the beginning it was orthodox, but in the Eighteenth Century the influences of liberalism began to invade. It had no distinct divinity school, but Greek, Hebrew, and Theology were taught as college subjects. To strengthen the orthodox faith, Thomas Hollis, a London merchant, left money to found the Hollis Professorship of Divinity. So determined was he that this professorship should stand for evangelical Christianity that he required the college to give a bond that only an orthodox man should occupy the chair. It was a trust fund, but the trust was wilfully and shamelessly violated by the election of a man who used his position to break down the faith he was pledged to maintain. At the beginning of the Nineteenth Century Harvard was so completely in the hands of Unitarians, men who deny the divinity of Christ, that the exponents of evangelical Christianity opened at Andover a seminary for the education of ministers and undertook by law to prevent its defection to Unitarianism. Ample funds were obtained, a strictly orthodox creed was prepared, and each professor was required to sign it, and every five years repeat his avowal of belief. The experience of Harvard was remembered. A board of visitors was created whose duties were defined by special act of the Legislature. They were directed "to see that certain trusts, or collectively, that great trust known as Andover Seminary, be executed agreeable to the true intent of the founders." As the century drew to a close Unitarianism was declining, and divinity students at Harvard were few. Gradually men who were favorable to Harvard found places on the Andover Board, and plans were formulated to remove the Seminary, and the Trustees, without the knowledge of the visitors, sold the Andover property, and over the protests of alumni and a majority of the Congregational ministers, removed the Seminary, with its \$2,000,000 endowment, to the vicinity of Harvard and arranged for definite affiliation with the very institution whose abominable heresy had necessitated the founding of the Seminary at Andover. Thus Unitarianism first held up Harvard, and then one hundred years after its founding came the abduction of Andover Seminary. The case of a professor who had notoriously violated his installation pledge was decided against the orthodox visitors by a Supreme Court largely Unitarian in its composition. Counsel for the Church said: "Abundant evidence is in hand to show that the capturing of an orthodox theological seminary and then using it for the maintenance and inculcation of an unorthodox and liberal faith, is a type of dishonesty which is peculiarly odious. There is a species, or class of religionists, that never yet, so far as we know, has built its own theological seminary, but they seek to capture schools built by others. There is no blinking the fact that the universal public conscience declares that that is not an honorable thing for any class of men to do; and that any religious faith that will prompt or even allow such action is an immoral faith. There is not an instance

of an orthodox capturing a seminary, or any other institution, or property belonging to the liberal faith, and using it for propagating orthodoxy." The New York Observer observes: "What orthodox body ever put to its own use endowments that were given to spread progressive theology? The history of religious endowments shows without exception, if we are not mistaken, that it is the looser creed that filches from the stricter and not the stricter from the looser." With the incidents of a recent educational tragedy fresh in memory, it is not impertinent to inquire whether history ever repeats itself—the hold-up of Harvard, the abduction of Andover, and the latest case of violation and vandalism have many resemblances.

## THE NEW WOMAN OF THE ORIENT.

Not alone in America and in Europe is there a woman's movement. In the Orient, socially stagnant for ages, woman is gaining in a generation rights and privileges which the Western World has reluctantly granted as the result of centuries of agitation. The Oriental world has seemed changeless, bound by the bonds of custom and tradition, but with the breaking of age-old shackles the imprisoned energies of the East burst forth in modern forms and the time element, usually necessary, is shortened, and reforms, deemed impossible in centuries, are achieved in decades. The women of the East have been isolated. They have been excluded from the society of men, save in their own homes, and even there restricted. They have eaten only with women, played with women, thought with women, and suffered with women. Implicit religious obedience to father, husband, son, has repressed and prevented individual development. Considered unclean, unfit to enter temples, without a soul, lacking in religious capacity, these women have lacked ideals and could not grow and expand intellectually or morally. Their life has been self-consuming, ingrowing. Now there is a stir in feminine life. Christian missionaries have been permitted to educate a few of the women. Education is demonstrating woman's capacities, her aptitudes, her powers. It is infusing a new spirit. In India, China and Japan, child marriage, planned solely by the parents, is gradually falling into desuetude, and the right of the woman to be consulted is being asserted. Long imprisoned in the house, women are emerging and thrusting themselves into industrial life. In the Chinese revolution women trained as soldiers and manufactured munitions of war. In Shanghai 32,000 women and children are in factories. In India 22,000 women of Bombay are in the mills. In Japan some half million women from the mountains labor in shops and factories. Suffrage is considered, demanded, and in some instances granted. All these indications of progress challenge the Christian Church. In Europe and America, where woman is gradually entering into a new freedom from legal and social restraint, the progress is not always without halting and pain. While the general tendency is upward, multitudes of women, freed from ordinary domestic duties and thrown into unexpected and untried situations, unchecked by the former conventionalities, plunge into our social and industrial maelstrom and are lost. What may be expected in the Orient, where the transition is rapid? If our own problem is complex, the Oriental problem is multiplex. If, with our long years of Christian training, we are slow to reach right solutions, and many of us are groping and perplexed, how great the need of friendly, sympathetic guidance in these Eastern lands. Now, when these awakened peoples are seeking help, is our opportunity. Our missions, and especially our schools among them, must be multiplied and strengthened. It would be a colossal blunder little short of crime for our civilization to destroy the restraining con-

ventionalities of heathen life and fail to supply the religious element necessary to proper development. What will it profit if the harem is opened but Christ is excluded? Without the uplift of pure religion may not the women of China, India and Japan become industrial slaves and social outcasts? Let us help our own women in their work for their sisters in these lands of transformation, ere new habits are formed and new activities begun which are more dangerous than those that have been put away.

## NECESSARY FOR PROHIBITION SUCCESS.

The people of Arkansas probably have before them during the next two years their greatest battle for decency and righteousness. The last Legislature, responding to real public sentiment, enacted the statewide prohibition law which will close the saloons after January 1, 1916. Then the same Legislature, skillfully manipulated by a little band of men who concentrated to carry their point, by a bare plurality in each House passed the infamous Race-Track Gambling Bill, which was vetoed by the Governor. The validity of this veto is undergoing the test of the courts. The lower court having decided against the law, the case will come to its final test in the Supreme Court. It is almost certain that the lower court will be sustained. Even if the Supreme Court validates the measure, it will not become effective; and the State will be saved temporarily from the debauchery of legalized gambling. However, it is understood that the liquor forces will seek to repeal the prohibition law and that the gamblers and sports will endeavor to elect legislators favorable to their infamies. The law-abiding temperance people of the State must, through the Anti-Saloon League and otherwise, organize to meet the menace of saloons and gambling. If the forces of infamy attempt to debauch our people they will, through their paid advertisements and pamphlets, sow the State with their deceptive arguments. Already much of their literature is in circulation. How is this flood of corruption to be stemmed? Even if the temperance people had the money to buy space in the secular papers, they cannot hope to equal the expenditures of their opponents. Past failures have demonstrated the futility of maintaining an organ expressly to fight whisky and gambling. The only medium for reaching practically all the lovers of righteousness with the reform argument is the denominational press. The church paper goes to every community. It is read by the men and women who are able to settle the moral issues of the State. It can always be depended on to take the right side. It cannot be bought. It exists for the sole purpose of promoting righteousness. Its influence is great, because its readers know that no selfish or unholy interests are being served. Then, in view of the terrible battle which the enemies of God and man will wage upon our sacred institutions, and in view of the practical value of the church paper in this warfare, all good men should see that their church paper is maintained and that its circulation is increased. Our readers should bear these facts in mind and act upon them. Without the church papers prohibition and law enforcement are in grave peril. With strong church papers social and civic reforms can be promoted and made successful.

The revival season for most of our churches is at hand. Let there be much prayer and wise planning for large spiritual results. The Spirit of God is moving upon men. The Church should be ready to co-operate with the Spirit that great opportunity be not lost.

The man who barter away his honor sells a commodity which he does not possess.

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Summer School at Hendrix—June 9-17.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Texarkana—Lockesburg, June 3-6.

Searcy—Kensett, June 17-19.

Monticello—Lake Village, June 24-27.

Prescott—Delight, June 24-27.

Jonesboro.—Osceola, June 29.

Pine Bluff—Rison, June 30.

Arkadelphia—Rockport, July 1.

Camden—Atlanta, July 6-9.

Batesville—Calico Rock, July 13-16.

## PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Last year the Massachusetts Institute of Technology received in gifts and bequests about \$400,000.

The Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, Texas, is to get an endowment of \$250,000, according to the will of the late S. R. Coggin.

An estate of more than 20,000 acres of forest land has been bequeathed by Joseph A. Battell to Middlebury College, Vermont.

We deeply sympathize with Rev. and Mrs. Fizer Noe, of Batesville, in the loss of their two-year-old daughter, who died last Sunday.

A childless couple in good circumstances is anxious to adopt a baby boy about a year old. For particulars address the Western Methodist.

Prof. Roger Rhodes has resigned his position at Henderson-Brown to accept a position in the department of biology at the University of California.

At their last business meeting the trustees of Columbia University approved a budget of nearly \$4,000,000, the largest budget of any American university.

The University of California is to receive \$750,000 from the estate of the late Ernest V. Cowell, of which \$250,000 will be used to build a hospital on the campus at Berkeley.

In honor of his father, Rev. Joseph Maxwell, of Central New York Conference, Mr. Geo. H. Maxwell has established a memorial fund of \$50,000 for conference claimants of that Conference.

Harvard's quinquennial catalog shows that its degrees have been conferred during its whole history on 31,144 persons, of whom 14,333 hold only one degree and 11,735 hold two degrees.

At the Mohonk Lake Conference on International Arbitration the prize for the best essay on International Arbitration was awarded to Robert Brown, a Junior of the University of Arkansas.

Evangelist Dave Bulkley and his singer have a few weeks open after June 15, and would be glad to make arrangements to help pastors who need help. Address in care of Y. M. C. A., Little Rock, Ark.

Four universities, Vanderbilt, Virginia, and North and South Carolina, have consummated an arrangement by which exchange lectureships will be maintained in order to cultivate closer relations and liberalize their thinking.

Vassar College, one of the greatest institutions in the world for the education of women, has started a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for additional endowment and equipment, the fund to be called "The Fiftieth Anniversary Fund."

Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday school editor, has been by the College of Bishops appointed fraternal mes-

senger to the Methodist Episcopal General Conference which meets next May. We congratulate the Church on having such an able representative.

Last Tuesday Rev. A. O. Evans, presiding elder of Arkadelphia District, called and reported conditions in his district favorable and the outlook encouraging. He expects to introduce some new features at the opening of his conference, June 30.

Syracuse University claims the unique distinction of having a Chinese instructor, Prof. Chih Ping Wang, who, after teaching history for seven years in Peking University, is now a member of the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts at Syracuse.

With pleasure we acknowledge invitation from Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Berry to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth Marie, to Mr. Gustavus Adolphus Brown, June 2, at the Methodist Church at Washington, Ark. We wish these young people great joy.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, of Atkins, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nina, to Mr. Ivan Roy Hill, of Green Forest, the ceremony to be performed at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 16, at the M. E. Church, South, Atkins, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Yeaman, of Nashville, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Emma, to Rev. James Turpin Willcoxon, of Jonesboro, Ark., the wedding to be solemnized the 16th of June, at Carroll Street Methodist Church.

On his way to the Confederate Veterans' Reunion at Richmond, Rev. J. C. Hooks and wife visited friends in Little Rock, Lonoke, and DeVall's Bluff last week, and Brother Hooks paid our office an appreciated visit. He is pastor at Grove, Okla., and reports that country in flourishing condition.

An investigation at the University of Chicago shows that the average woman student spends annually \$591. Out of this she spends \$121 for clothing, \$86 for recreation, and only \$5.90 for religion and philanthropy. Comparison of the last two items suggests lack of interest in vital things.

The Texas Christian Advocate erroneously states that Dr. Joy, the new editor of the New York Christian Advocate, is the first layman ever chosen to edit that paper. The first editor, Barber Badger, who served from 1826 to 1828, was a layman, and Dr. T. E. Bond, who served from 1840 to 1848, and from 1852 to 1856, was also a layman.

Through the efforts of Denver business men the University of Denver, a Methodist institution, is to have a "professorship of the world today" for the purpose of instructing students in the trend of modern thought in philosophy, religion, sociology, industrial problems and other problems related to the every-day life of the present.

Rev. W. D. Matthews, of Oklahoma City, gave us the pleasure of a visit Tuesday. As Commissioner of Charities and Correction for Oklahoma, he had represented his State at the Conference for Charities and Correction at their great session at Baltimore, and was returning home. He is in fine health and spirits, and is kept very busy with the duties of his important office.

Rev. Don C. Holman has secured the Rev. D. B. Bulkley and his singer, Ray G. Swartzbaugh, to assist him in a meeting at Bearden, Ark. He has secured the district tent. Although the tent seats 500 people, it was too small to seat the congregation last Sunday night, and also on Monday night. The preachers are looking for a great meeting in Bearden, as the field is very large and the people anxious for a meeting.

After long and bitter controversy, Denmark, under a revised constitution going into effect June 5, grants the right of suffrage to women. The result was hastened by conditions growing out of the world war, and the satisfaction of the women is diminished by an age requirement of thirty-five years to vote for members of the upper house. If this is not a "grandfather" clause, it might be regarded as a "grandmother" provision for automatic reduction of the feminine vote.

The editor spent last Friday at the Little Rock District Conference at England. The Conference had convened the day before and was in good running order, with Dr. Monk presiding. Reports from the charges indicate conditions of hopefulness and progress. Delegates and preachers vied in praise one of another. The editor could see won-

derful improvement since he traveled over the same territory five years ago. The town of England, although hard hit financially, looks prosperous. Brother Hundley and his people excelled in entertainment. The sermon by Rev. R. R. Moore, of DeWitt, was a spiritual feast. The interests of the paper had been well cared for on Thursday.

Representatives of the Congregationalists of eight States met in Chicago a few days ago and approved the plan to remove Chicago Theological Seminary from its old location on the West Side to a new location close to the University of Chicago, so that its students may have the advantages of the University. The old plant, in a crowded center, will be maintained for short courses for partially prepared students who wish to equip themselves for practical religious work.

Freshmen at Brown University will be required to take a half-hour course on "the aim, scope and value of a college course." In the report suggesting this course it is said that it is increasingly evident that there is a general lack of information and considerable positive misunderstanding on the part of students entering with respect to administrative, social, and academic matters, and this defect contributes to the failure of many students to appreciate and profit by the college course and life.

With pleasure we acknowledge receipt of invitation to the marriage of Rev. W. U. Witt and Miss Maude Edith Southerland, at Sulphur, Okla., June 2. Brother Witt, who was presiding elder of Ardmore District last year, is now pastor at Altus, in West Oklahoma Conference, and is well known in Arkansas, being a graduate of Hendrix College and a member for some years of the Arkansas Conference. Their many friends in Arkansas and Oklahoma will join us in best wishes for this worthy couple.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, who will be professor of Old Testament language and literature and chaplain of Southern Methodist University and chairman of the theological faculty, is an Arkansas man, a student of the Clary School, and teacher in Stuttgart Training School. He is a strong preacher, an accurate scholar and a charming personality. His many Arkansas friends, who have followed him with interest at Vanderbilt, at the University of Chicago, and in his brilliant pastoral career in Missouri, appreciate his selection to these responsibilities.

The Extension department of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago is to be pushed with great vigor this coming fall and winter under the leadership of a new secretary, Mr. E. B. Buckalew, formerly State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pennsylvania. This department is distinct from the regular educational work of the Institute, and is for the purpose of organizing and conducting evangelistic meetings, union Bible classes, Bible conferences, and conventions anywhere in the United States, Canada, or Great Britain. It has an available force of twenty or more teachers, preachers, singers, and trained Christian workers of different kinds.

While in Crossett the editor was carried in automobile by Mr. A. Trieschmann, in company with Brother Henderson and daughter and Prof. Davidson, on a twenty-mile trip through the pine woods to see the Y. M. C. A. building which has recently been erected by the Crossett Lumber Company for the benefit of the men in camps. While not elaborate, it is complete, with reception hall, reading room, baths and gymnasium. A secretary is in charge, who gives his whole time to the work. Most of the men belong and at nominal cost have the benefits of this helpful organization. While the long-headed business men behind the movement are primarily interested in the moral welfare of their men, they freely admit that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come;" that is, that by providing a Y. M. C. A. they secure better men and more efficient service.

After a year's release from the responsibilities of having in charge any Annual Conferences, Bishop E. E. Hoss has been assigned the Conferences in the Far East—China, Japan and Korea—and the Cuba Mission. He has not rested during the twelve months past, even though the General Conference granted him that privilege. He has responded to many calls from various sections of the Church and has been abundant in labors when he could have stood aside and let others do the

work undertaken by him. It is not his habit to let any opportunity for service go unused, and his Church and the Lord's work can always command the full measure of his strength. To all appearances, he enters upon the work of another year in more vigorous health than when the General Conference of last year gave him leave to rest. In this fact the Church rejoices, for the prayers of our people have been offered in his behalf. In addition to his duties as the presiding officer in the several mission Conferences he will represent our Church as the fraternal delegate to the Methodist Church of Australasia.—Christian Advocate.

Last Sunday the editor had the pleasure and privilege of preaching the closing sermon for Crossett High School. After a tedious trip on a slow train he enjoyed rest and refreshment Saturday night in the home of the wise, resourceful, popular pastor, Rev. J. A. Henderson, and on Sunday visited the Sunday school so efficiently organized and managed by that consecrated business genius, Mr. A. Trieschmann. The 11 o'clock service, according to the custom of alternating, was at the Baptist Church, where the arrangement was in the hands of Prof. W. P. Davidson, who, after a year in the University of Chicago, had returned to Crossett to assist the progressive superintendent, Prof. D. C. Hastings. The program in charge of Brother Henderson, assisted by Brother King, the brotherly Baptist pastor, was faithfully executed, and the preacher was helped by the presence of a large audience, the fine class of three girls and five boys, and the "amens" of both Baptist and Methodist preachers on the platform. It was truly a beautiful and interesting occasion, which the preacher will not soon forget. At night the Baptist people joined the Methodists in our own church and gave the preacher another helpful congregation. No preacher who has ever visited Crossett is likely to decline an invitation to return.

#### AN EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY.

This editor has often gone to Crossett to preach or lecture, but never visits that progressive town without adding to his information and experience. On his visit this week he learned of their new school enterprise. As it is a mill town, most of the school boys have hitherto found profitable vacation employment in the mills. The new child-labor law excludes many from this employment. To meet this new condition the very excellent manual training department will operate through the summer. Students will organize into a co-operative association, and the products of the manual training school will be sold and proceeds will come back to the student-workmen. As they can make high grade furniture, the income may almost equal mill wages. There will be ample provision in gymnasium and forest and field for needed recreation, and the work will have unusual educational value. This experiment will be watched with much interest, and the problem of all-year schools and combination of the practical and educational may be solved. Superintendent D. C. Hastings is promoting this adventure with his characteristic zeal and enthusiasm, and, of course, is heartily backed by Mr. E. W. Gates, manager of the Crossett Lumber Company, and the other level-headed men who do things at that model manufacturing town, which combines the advantages of city and country and eliminates the disadvantages of both urban and rural life. This town is truly an experiment station for problems in sociology, economics, education and religion.

#### CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTION.

Children's Day receipts have come from Rev. B. B. Thomas, Stuttgart, \$12.00; Rev. T. D. Scott, Arkadelphia, \$17.00; Rev. W. A. Steel, Benton, \$11.00; J. E. Young, Malvern, \$14.37; W. B. Hicks, Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, \$4.78; J. T. Rodgers, Highland, Little Rock, \$6.00; Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, \$5.00; Twenty-eighth Street, Little Rock, \$5.00; Rev. Bede Pickering, Paraloma, \$2.00; Rev. H. F. Buhler, Capitol View, Little Rock, \$5.00; A. J. Ewing, Richmond, \$7.00; Rev. Hugh Revelly, Egger, \$4.50; H. B. Wheatley, Hazen, \$7.00; Rev. J. F. Simmons, Thornton, \$4.45; Rev. R. R. Moore, DeWitt, \$6.21; Mark P. Olney, Mena, \$5.55; Rev. A. O. Graydon, Sherrill, \$3.30; Rev. L. M. Powell, New Edinburgh, \$2.30; Rev. F. P. Doak, Ashdown, \$8.63; Rev. F. G. Roebuck, Humphrey, \$7.38; W. C. Ellis, Lo-

noke, \$6.00; Geo. T. Overton, Hunter Memorial, Little Rock, \$6.33; W. H. Davidson, Tillar, \$13.49; Rev. Marion S. Monk, Camden, \$20.00; Rev. R. H. Cannon, Stephens, \$7.18; Rev. J. H. Bradford, Center Point, \$11.00; M. W. Tidwell, Doddridge, \$5.71; Rev. B. F. Scott, Wesson, \$7.11; Rev. Roy Farr, Hot Springs, \$4.13; Rev. L. J. Riddling, Halstead, \$6.20; A. P. Steel, Murfreesboro, \$11.00; Rev. John Hoover, McGehee, \$8.44; Rev. Gay Morrison, Ebenezer, \$3.00; Rev. F. F. Harrell, Bierne, \$3.76; O. L. Lofton, Dierk, \$2.08; Rev. A. E. Jacobs, St. Charles, \$6.18; W. H. Thompson, Mt. Tabor, \$14.50; Rev. A. M. Robertson, Park Avenue, \$3.00; Rev. C. F. Messer, Ebenezer, \$3.70; C. H. Goodlet, Gurdon, \$4.58; Rev. W. F. Lassiter, Austin, \$11.75; Rev. J. J. Menifee, Lacey, \$6.30; Rev. J. J. Colson, Dalark, \$6.75; Rev. T. O. Owen, Hope, \$9.00; Winfield Memorial, \$39.00. Prompt remittances from others appreciated.—J. M. Workman, Chairman; R. E. Overman, Secretary.

#### MESSAGE OF OUR BISHOPS TO THE PRESIDENT.

During the session of the Board of Missions in Nashville last week the College of Bishops sent to President Wilson the following message, which was an expression of their sympathy, their confidence in the patriotism and ability of our chief executive, and their assurance of remembrance of him in prayers for his guidance:

"To the President, Washington, D. C.: The heart of America aches because of the horrible tragedy which recently and so suddenly sent to their death many hundreds of men, women, and children in the destruction of the Lusitania. The College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thanks God that our President, on whom rests at this time such great and unusual burdens, is a man of prayers, discretion, courage, patriotism, and ability. As chief pastors of millions of our American people, that College assures the President of its sympathy and prayers in his efforts to preserve the peace of our loved country and to protect the rights and honor of our citizens. At this hour and in all things may the hand of your God and the God of your fathers guide you and all who are associated with you in directing the destiny of Americans!

"E. R. Hendrix, President; Collins Denny, Secretary; A. W. Wilson, Joseph S. Key, W. A. Candler, H. C. Morrison, E. E. Hoss, James Atkins, John C. Kilgo, W. B. Murrah, W. R. Lambuth, R. G. Waterhouse, E. D. Mouzon, J. H. McCoy."—Christian Advocate.

#### HENDRIX COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement exercises of Hendrix College will take place at the college, June 6-9. Dr. J. E. Carpenter, of Muskogee, will preach the commencement sermon Sunday morning, June 6, and the annual sermon to the Y. M. C. that night. Bishop E. E. Hoss will deliver the literary address to the class Wednesday morning, June 9, at 10 o'clock. Declamation and oration contests and class exercises will take place Monday and Tuesday.—J. H. Reynolds, President.

#### OTHER GIFTS TO EMORY UNIVERSITY.

Bishop W. A. Candler, Chancellor of Emory University, announces a gift of \$50,000 to the university from Mr. Samuel Candler Dobbs, a nephew of Bishop Candler and a prominent business man of Atlanta. This generous gift is from one of the many loyal laymen who propose to stand back of this great enterprise with their money and to see to it that nothing is lacking of financial assistance to make Emory University such an institution as will be a credit to our Methodism and the South.

In a letter of recent date Bishop Candler mentions several other donations lately received. One was a substantial cash donation from a man who is not a member of any Church, but who is greatly interested in this enterprise of our Church. Mrs. T. M. Finney, of St. Louis, widow of Dr. T. M. Finney, long a member of the St. Louis Conference, has given Dr. Finney's library to the Candler School of Theology. Dr. W. S. Kendrick, a devout Presbyterian and a leading physician of Atlanta, gives his medical library to the School of Medicine. Bishop Candler says: "Every day brings us some gift of money or books of rare autograph letters and manuscripts."

In this great enterprise, which has succeeded thus far beyond the expectations of our people

generally, every Southern Methodist should have a share. Send your contributions or subscriptions, however small the amount, to Bishop Candler. Have a part in the building at Atlanta of an institution that will worthily represent our Methodism.—Christian Advocate.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS.

Everything is in readiness at the College to receive the ministers at the Summer School for Ministers, June 9. Letters coming to the president's office indicate a good attendance. Two thousand programs have been mailed out, and an extensive correspondence has been conducted. All speakers on the program will be on hand at the time scheduled. Some ministers and laymen are especially active in promoting the Summer School. Rev. H. E. Wheeler, of Jonesboro, for instance, has written many letters in the interest of the school.

The Board of Missions will have an exhibit of their literature, and through a representative will explain the best way for a pastor to use it.

One of our ablest preachers, in reply to a minister who said he could not attend the school because of lack of funds, said: "We cannot afford not to attend; financially, it will pay every preacher to attend, as the school will increase his efficiency and secure for him better appointments and better salaries. Especially is this true with those of us whose salaries are small."

Write W. B. Hubbell, Conway, at once and engage room.

#### DELEGATES TEXARKANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

A special train will be waiting at De Queen for No. 4, going north, and No. 3, going south, on K. C. S. Thursday afternoon, June 3. Come to De Queen that day. Train again Friday morning at 8:30 a. m.—J. A. Biggs, P. E.

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

*The Class Meeting as a Means of Grace*; by Rev. W. T. Hogue, Ph. D.; published by W. B. Rose, Chicago, Ill.; price 50 cents.

This little book, published by the Publishing Agent of the Free Methodist Church, which still maintains the class meeting as a regular institution, gives the origin and development of the class meeting, meets objections, enumerates the benefits, emphasizes the obligation to maintain it, discusses the decline and the revival of the institution, the duties of pastors and leaders, problems, methods, and mistakes, and closes with an earnest appeal for a more frequent use of the class meeting as a means of grace and a method of overcoming worldliness. While it is undoubtedly true that the class meeting was a great factor in the life of early Methodism, it is doubtful whether it can be restored without adaptation and modification, still it will be profitable for every one who wishes to understand something of the secret of the rise and progress of Methodism to read this book.

*Stories of Russian Life*; by Anton Tchekoff; translated from the Russian by Marian Fell; Charles Scribner's Sons; New York; price \$1.35.

These twenty-four short stories by the greatest of modern Russian story-writers give glimpses into the humble lives of the Russian people. Most of them are tragedies in common life so artlessly told that curiosity and sympathy are aroused, and disappointment comes because of the abrupt ending of the tale. You would like to look deeper and follow further. Today, when we are reading accounts of the bravery and the wanton slaughter of myriads of Russian soldiers, these stories may help us to understand some of the paradoxes in Russian life.

It is said that the Saturday Evening Post has refused \$25,000 a year to do the publicity work for the brewery interests.

**WANTED**—Information from every School Board in Arkansas and northern Louisiana wanting school room equipment of any kind. I also handle a fine line of church furniture. Have heaters, too, for schools, churches and lodges. Just tell me your wants and I will do the rest. I can use a few good, hustling agents. Correspondence solicited.—W. J. McIlwain, the School Supply Man, Little Rock, Ark.



## CONTRIBUTIONS.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF  
PROFESSOR GEORGE HUTCH-  
INSON BURR.

He loved the rocks and hills; all na-  
ture's art  
Was his full joy; her very laws a part  
Of him; and now so peaceful is his  
sleep  
In God's outdoors where stars their  
vigils keep.

He loved God's laws, and in his life he  
caught  
Their spirit steadfast and serene,  
and wrought  
His work so rich in noble thought and  
deed,  
And daily lived the fullness of love's  
creed.

He loved his work; beyond the love of  
fame,  
The doing of each duty as it came;  
And back of duty done, a faith sub-  
lime,  
And love and patient biding of his  
time.

Great teacher, his life the greatest  
lesson taught;  
True friend, of purest chivalry in-  
wrought;  
Say not he's dead, say not his work  
is done,  
The fullness of his life has just be-  
gun.—Mary McKinnon Mc-  
Swain.

## THE GREATEST MAN.

Many are the standards of great-  
ness. Very diverse are the ideas as  
to what constitute a truly great man.  
And because most of the ideas are  
mistaken much harm results, for peo-  
ple strive after that which, when  
achieved, is a mockery. As we con-  
ceive the matter, the greatest man is  
he who possesses the greatest recep-  
tivity for God, who manages to em-  
body the most of Deity. It is not  
largeness nor fineness of intellect,  
any more than body, that takes the  
first rank. It is not the sage nor the  
soldier, but the saint, that has pre-  
eminence. It is the measure of faith  
and love and holiness that grades  
men. He that humbleth himself, that  
puts self out, to take in something  
better, shall be exalted—nay, he is  
exalted in the very act. The farther  
he goes down, the farther he goes up.  
The smaller he grows, the greater  
he becomes. This is a standard not  
often recognized on earth, but sure to  
be sanctioned in heaven.—Eli Myers.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MISSION  
BOARD.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting of  
the Board of Missions, which was held  
in Nashville May 11-14, was marked  
by an unusual amount of constructive  
work. Some of the important steps  
taken were the amendment of the  
board's charter, so as to safeguard  
completely the rights and authority  
of the church, the adoption of a well-  
considered plan for retiring its long-  
standing debt, and a thorough inves-  
tigation of all the administrative de-  
tails by a committee appointed last  
year for that purpose.

## Secretarial Reports.

The report of the general secretary,  
Dr. Pinson, dealt largely with the  
financial status of the board, pointing  
out the danger of independent "spe-  
cials" as a cause of debt and insist-  
ing that, so far as possible, all "spe-  
cials" assigned should be from the  
board's regular budget. On the other  
hand, he emphasized the advantage  
to be gained from regular "specials,"

which are at present assigned to the  
amount of \$175,000 a year. "The as-  
sessment, however," he said, "is still  
our only means of reaching the rank  
and file of our great membership." He  
suggested the wisdom of raising an  
emergency fund of \$50,000 as soon as  
possible to prevent further embarrass-  
ment from the board's reduced income  
in 1914.

The Sunday school was emphasized  
as a missionary agency, and the sug-  
gestion was made that the work in  
China be given to the Sunday schools  
as their special responsibility. Both  
this and the foregoing recommenda-  
tion were adopted by the board.

## Funds Diverted and Held Back.

Certain irregularities in reporting  
missionary funds were pointed out  
which result in great hardship to the  
board, among them the diversion of  
missionary collections in the church  
and Sunday schools to the payment  
of other assessments and the holding  
back of collections by local or con-  
ference treasurers. This latter habit  
increases by several thousand dollars  
a year the board's necessary expendi-  
ture for interest.

## The Regions Beyond.

Dr. Ed F. Cook, secretary of the  
Foreign Department, who recently vis-  
ited and studied our work in China,  
Japan and Korea, presented an inter-  
esting report dealing with the situa-  
tion in the Orient, as well as with the  
work in Latin lands. A feature of spe-  
cial interest in his report deals with  
the relations of the Japanese govern-  
ment to Christianity in Korea.

Miss Mabel Head, Secretary of the  
Foreign Department of Woman's  
Work, gave a succinct review of that  
branch of the work, showing a total  
of 123 missionaries, 264 native work-  
ers, 21 boarding schools, 2,823 pupils  
in boarding schools, 67 day schools,  
(with 3,587 pupils), 228 Bible women,  
five Bible schools, 508 scholarships,  
one hospital (with 6,464 patients) 42  
buildings owned, and property values  
of \$1,113,955.00.

## Our Own Land.

Dr. John M. Moore, Secretary of the  
Home Department, spoke of the gen-  
eral work in this field, dealing forc-  
ibly with the subjects of evangelism,  
lay activities, minimum pastoral sal-  
aries, work with the negro, the Indian,  
the Mexican, and other foreign popu-  
lations in America, and American work  
in the West.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Secretary of  
the Home Department of Woman's  
Work, presented a comprehensive re-  
port with relation to the many phases  
of work conducted under the auspices  
of that department. These embrace  
schools for mountain people, delin-  
quents and foreigners, work among  
Orientals on the Pacific Coast, homes  
for working women, Mexican work,  
work for negroes, work in mining re-  
gions, city missions, Wesley Houses,  
deaconess work.

## Income.

According to the reports of the  
treasurers, Mr. J. D. Hamilton and  
Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, the income of the  
board last year was as follows: For-  
eign Mission, General Board, \$585,-  
102.63; foreign missions, Women's De-  
partment, \$275,807.52. Total, \$861,-  
910.15. Home Missions, General  
Board, \$103,075.21; Home Missions,  
Woman's Department, \$267,523.22. To-  
tal 370,598.43. Grand total, \$1,232,-  
508.58.

## Re-Adjustment in Mexico.

A resolution was introduced by  
Bishop Hoss rescinding the action  
taken by the board in September last  
on the proposed plan of co-operation

in Mexico. After ample discussion,  
Bishop Hoss agreed to amend his re-  
solution so that it would apply only to  
the question of territorial redistribu-  
tion, leaving same to the General Con-  
ference, which is recognized by all as  
the only body competent to change  
conference boundaries, and making  
the resolution read "suspend" instead  
of "rescind." The preamble, which  
was the subject of much discussion,  
was also withdrawn and the resolution  
as amended was adopted with practi-  
cal unanimity.

Methodist Training School Dis-  
continued.

It was decided, on recommendation  
of the Executive Committee, to dis-  
continue the Methodist Training  
School in Nashville at the close of the  
present session, on the ground that  
our great Methodist schools are here-  
after to give special training in Chris-  
tian service, and that Scarritt Bible  
and Training School can meet practi-  
cally the same need as that served by  
the Nashville school. The Training  
School has been quite successful in  
its field and its discontinuance, which  
seems undoubtedly wise in view of  
the considerations mentioned above,  
is nevertheless a matter of regret to  
all concerned.

## Investigation of Administrative Affairs.

The Committee on Finance and Ad-  
ministration appointed by the board  
last year and headed by Bishop Mc-  
Coy, reported the results of a thor-  
ough investigation of the administra-  
tive affairs of the board. This showed  
a net indebtedness of \$184,260—a  
slight reduction from that of a year  
ago. To retire this debt the com-  
mittee recommended, and the board  
ordered, that for the remainder of the  
quadrannium, or until the debt is paid,  
the annual appropriations for the For-  
eign Department, General Work, must  
be limited to \$400,000, including also  
independent "specials." This is a  
very drastic measure and will make it  
necessary that the board shall do no  
more than mark time, but seems en-  
tirely justified by the end in view.

The expense of administration for  
1914 was shown to have been 8.43 per  
cent of the board's receipts. This  
does not include the interest account  
of 3.42 per cent, which the commit-  
tee felt should not be considered a  
part of administrative expense. The  
committee was able to find no point  
at which the administrative expense  
could be reduced without danger of  
reducing the efficiency of the service.

## Amending the Charter.

Realizing the necessity of amending  
the board's charter, steps were taken  
prior to the last General Conference to  
secure proper action of that body. A  
Charter Commission having been ap-  
pointed by the General Conference,  
the matter was taken up, counsel em-  
ployed, and a new act of the legisla-  
ture of Tennessee secured. The coun-  
sel, Messrs. P. D. Maddin and J. H.  
DeWitt, appeared before the board  
and guided it through the maze of le-  
gal technicalities. The amended char-  
ter adopted by the board under the  
new act will safeguard every interest  
and protect all rights of the church.

## Cutting to the Last Limit.

The board found itself with a re-  
duced sum for appropriation due to a  
decrease in income and a more rigid  
guarding of the basis of appropriation.  
This necessitated cutting down to the  
last limit and in some cases beyond  
the limit. It will work hardship on  
the missionaries. Forty-five thousand  
dollars is a heavy reduction on an  
already inadequate appropriation. The  
fact was strongly emphasized that we

had multiplied and enlarged our work  
faster than we had increased the in-  
come, and that, as the general secre-  
tary pointed out in his report, "we  
have more territory and more enter-  
prises than our income will adequa-  
tely care for, and our evident task now  
is to build up an income that will ade-  
quately care for the work we have in  
hand." Hence the strong appeal for  
full collections, the raising of regular  
"specials" that count on the budget,  
and the increase of special income  
from the Sunday schools.

## Summary of Appropriations.

The following appropriations were  
made for 1916: Foreign Department,  
General Work, \$389,554.12; Woman's  
Work, \$225,085.46. Home Department,  
General Work, \$120,050; Woman's  
Work, \$139,080.85.—R. B. Eleazer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION  
MEETING.

Entering the spacious Sunday  
school auditorium of St. John's  
Church, in St. Louis, at one of the  
sessions of the annual meeting of the  
Board of Church Extension which was  
recently held there, our attention was  
directed to a magnificent display of  
architectural drawings and specifica-  
tions which an enterprising architect  
had produced with the intention of  
conveying his idea of what the modern  
church needs in the way of buildings  
and equipment in the widely varying  
localities in which our church is at  
work. We noticed that the Grecian  
style seemed everywhere to preponde-  
rate. After a careful inspection of the  
beautiful specimens on exhibit, we  
turned to another display, this time  
not of the plans of buildings, but of a  
number of striking mathematical  
charts which were hung on the walls,  
setting forth in cold figures the almost  
phenomenal progress which the board  
has made during the third of a cen-  
tury of its existence. The two exhibits  
reminded us of two widely different  
facts—one that a Grecian building is  
complete and that any attempt to add  
to it always spoils the general effect  
of the whole; and the other that the  
work of church extension never ends;  
that, like Methodism itself, it grows  
and expands, ever and anon adding to  
its achievements new departures and  
methods for the more perfect dis-  
charge of the great task committed to  
it in the carrying of the gospel to all  
ranks and conditions of men. Inciden-  
tally we felt that the Gothic rather  
than the Greek more nearly, or at  
least symbolically, represents the prin-  
ciples for which Methodism is univer-  
sally known, in that you may add to  
a Gothic building without in the least  
spoiling the general effect; and we  
turned away from the two exhibits to  
give attention to the proceedings of  
the board with the beautiful lines of  
Longfellow's "Golden Legend" running  
through our mind, in which he immor-  
talizes the cathedral at Strassburg.

While thus musing it was a delight  
to hear that part of the corresponding  
secretary's report read which sets  
forth the fact that the contract has  
been let and work begun on the new  
permanent home of the board, in the  
city of Louisville, and that the com-  
mittee in charge of the work has given  
such painstaking attention to the de-  
tails of this enterprise. It is recog-  
nized that a building designed for the  
home of a connectional interest of a  
great church should be sincere, true,  
and pleasing, a building of character;  
and we believe that this building, in  
its simple, monumental style, marked  
by the absence of artistic intemper-  
ance and architectural wantonness

and having the refinement and restraint peculiar to the pure Ionic order, meets this ideal.

The building itself is forty-four by one hundred and three feet, with a portico on the front ten feet deep and thirty-two feet wide. The Ionic columns of this portico are monolithic and the proportions true in every respect. The portico, front, and sides of the building are to be of the best quality of Bedford stone, the rear wall being of hard-pressed clay brick. The roof is to be of English flat tile, dark red in color, and the building is of fireproof construction throughout. The contractor has furnished bond to turn it over complete not later than December 1 of the present year. Capt. Brinton B. Davis, the architect, is to be congratulated on his effort, and the building will add to his already enviable reputation as one of the leading architects of the South.

The board unanimously decided to hold its next meeting in the city of Louisville and invited all the connectional boards to do likewise, thus furnishing the opportunity of dedicating the new home of the Board of Church Extension with appropriate ceremony.

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., is this year a large document, covering more than 100 pages, which fairly bristle with facts and figures, showing to what an extent this great organization has grown.

Beginning thirty-three years ago, under the wise and conservative leadership of the late Rev. David Morton, D. D., the Board did not possess a single dollar of property, real or personal.

Today the report of progress shows that the total receipts from all sources, from the organization of the Board, in 1882, to the close of the thirty-third fiscal year, ending March 31, 1915, were \$5,288,549.28, made up as follows: From annual collections on assessment, \$2,892,588.98; special donations, \$217,285.15; contributions to loan funds, \$26,336.60; interest on loan funds, \$202,682.48; principal repaid on loans, \$1,098,482.27; donations refunded, \$35,277.28; from miscellaneous sources, \$35,013.12; parsonage aid, \$483,548.96.

From 1882 to 1915 9,235 churches have been aided to the amount of \$4,190,536.81, and 2,458 parsonages to the amount of \$483,548.96, making a grand total of \$4,674,085.77 invested in our church enterprises during the first third of a century of the existence of the Board.

Dr. Morton served for sixteen years as chief executive officer and built up a loan fund capital of \$173,921.54. The assessment on the church at the time of his death was \$100,000. Dr. Whisner served the Board for eight years and ran the loan fund capital up to \$230,002.59. The assessment at his death was \$125,000. The present corresponding secretary reported to the annual meeting just closed a loan fund capital of \$671,436.19, and the annual assessment on the churches is \$300,000.

As far as the future is concerned, these figures point to the enormous work necessary to be done in connection with the examination of applications for aid which are daily pouring into the office, some idea of the extent of which can be formed when it is stated that the Committee on Applications prepared three hundred and seventy cases for the action of the board at the present meeting. These called for \$171,702.42 in donations and \$250,287.74 in loans. No wonder that the

Corresponding Secretary asked the Board to carefully consider some plan during the coming year whereby, if possible, grants might be made at more frequent intervals.

Several items that came before the Board are of interest to our people. One concerned the stability and liberal provisions of its charter. This instrument has been pronounced by the highest legal authority as almost ideal and well-nigh perfect. Another proves the effectiveness of the mortgage and refunding bond which is used by the Board to protect all its donations. The case in point showed how a donation of three hundred dollars, given to a church more than a dozen years ago, was recovered after the church in question had ceased to be used for the purposes set forth in the terms of the donation.

The important matter of church insurance received the attention of a special committee, who brought in a report stating that the General Conference had made it mandatory upon the Board of Church Extension to devise some adequate plan whereby our church and parsonage property may be properly protected from the ravages of fire, cyclone, etc., and the coming year will witness the gathering of data on which to build up this important phase of work.

The item detailing the amount of literature distributed during the year, amounting to more than 132,000 copies and consisting of reports, charts, pamphlets, leaflets, blanks, etc., shows how much importance is in these days attached to advertising; and, by the way, much of the literature sent out by the Board of Church Extension indicates both real merit and inventive genius.

Perhaps the chief item of interest, however, is the marvelous progress made in the loan fund capital, the increase of which continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The fiscal year just closed shows an increase of \$110,553.56; and the board took specific action looking to a further increase of \$250,000 by way of celebrating the opening of its new building in Louisville next spring. This department now has to have the attention of a permanent official, whose duties are to follow up the various loans made by the board and thus conserve the interests of the department to the best possible advantage. Rev. D. B. Price, a member of the board from the Montana Conference, has been selected for this important work.

Recommendations were made looking to the creation of a Department of Architecture, consequent upon the fact that there is a continuous call upon the office for plans and specifications for church and parsonage buildings. Hitherto the Corresponding Secretary has labored to place our people in communication with suitable architects, but feels that he has not accomplished that which he had hoped to do. Congregations needing churches costing from \$10,000 up should be able to handle their architectural problems without difficulty, and especially so if there could be made available for their use suggestions in plans and styles of architecture of such character as to furnish building committees with information as to the latest and the best. Village and country churches, and especially where there is a demand for modern Sunday school equipment, present the problem. Communities where these churches are to be located are not favored with a resident architect, and the amount to be invested is too small to interest a

good architect living at a distance. The result is that a local builder, and frequently not of high grade, is looked to to furnish plans and do the work. The result is wasted money, inadequate and inconvenient buildings, and architectural monstrosities. The Board directed the Executive Committee to look carefully into this matter with a view to meeting the issues presented.

The Board enjoyed the presence of every member, including the whole of the College of Bishops, and we recalled as we greeted Bishop Wilson that he is the only surviving member of the Board whose name appears upon the charter and who is now connected officially with the institution. Two others are living, but their membership in the board has ceased. Mr. T. L. Jefferson, the president, presided with his usual grace and business dispatch, and his efforts were ably seconded by Dr. McMurry and his assistants.—Arthur Mather in Christian Advocate.

#### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held May 12 in the Publishing House, Nashville. The members present were: Dr. A. J. Lamar, President; Mr. D. C. Scales, Vice President; Dr. John R. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. B. F. Lipscomb, Dr. A. F. Watkins, Dr. J. A. Burrow, Mr. F. M. Jackson, Mr. Preston Vaughn, and Mr. Goodloe Cockrill. Only one member was absent, Judge Ed S. Vaught, of Oklahoma City.

From the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. John R. Stewart, we take the following items of interest:

"Concerning the chief item of responsibility—namely, the Superannuate Endowment Fund—I am gratified to be able to say that the total receipts for the year were \$68,082.13, from which, deducting the amount of loans returned, we have \$48,407.07, which represents the real growth during the last annual period. Approximately \$20,000 was received from the Conferences on the score of assessments made for the fund. The amount received on our annuity fund was \$6,729.32.

"A bequest of \$500, made by the late Mrs. Mary Dupree, of Nashville, Tenn., was paid. We have been advised that some other bequests have been written, but did not learn the amounts, save in one instance of \$1,000. A will was probated, and we were advised that almost the entire estate, estimated at \$15,000, was left to the Superannuate Endowment Fund; but the state laws allow five years during which time the will may be contested.

"With normal conditions, we feel assured that we would have had larger returns during the year. With the assessment hereafter applying to all the Annual Conferences and being one per cent of the sum paid for ministerial support as a minimum, we shall have a total assessment of over fifty thousand dollars and should collect not less than forty-five thousand dollars annually.

"Our disbursement to the Conferences for claimants the past year amounted to \$8,941.50. We suggest that under our instructions we set aside \$10,000 as the amount to be disbursed the coming year.

"The increase in our loans for the year is \$32,218.18, bringing our total of loans in force up to \$315,105.92. Our cash assets aggregate \$341,050.14. Other assets in the forms of notes,

subscriptions, bequests, etc., bring our total assets up to \$440,886.14. As a matter of course, we do not expect to realize on all of these prospects, and yet we regard them at the present time as valid prospects."

Of the total receipts for the year ending April 1, the amount collected on interest was \$19,054.58, and on subscriptions, notes, and assessments, \$29,352.49. After paying to Conference claimants \$8,941.50, meeting all expenses of administration, and paying amounts due annuitants, there was added to the resources of the Superannuate Endowment Fund near \$30,000. The work of this important department is carried on with a smaller salary expense than any other connectional department; and the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. John R. Stewart, has given to the church faithful and efficient service.

One important action of the Board of Trustees was its adoption of the necessary resolutions providing for a change of charter. This change is in line with the recommendations of the Commission on Charters, the laws of Tennessee now making it possible to have such charters as provide for the election of directors or trustees by the General Conference.

The last General Conference provided that the Annual Conferences shall make an assessment for the Superannuate Endowment Fund of a sum not less than one per cent of the amount paid for ministerial support. This will mean a substantial increase in the income of the fund and a source of revenue that will bring larger returns each year. But for the early completion of the endowment of \$5,000,000 the gifts of our people are needed. Let us go forward to the completion of this great enterprise!—Christian Advocate.

#### BOOK COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual meeting of our Book Committee was held recently in Richmond, Va., where is located one of our branch houses. The members present were: Mr. Jo B. Morgan, Mr. W. C. Dibrell and Rev. G. A. Morgan, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. W. B. Taylor, Pulaski, Tenn.; Rev. E. V. Regester, Alexandria, Va.; Rev. W. C. Lovett, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. G. S. Hardy, Hamlin, Tex.; Mr. A. V. Lane, Dallas, Tex.; Mr. C. W. Hardwick, Richmond, Va., and Mr. W. R. Odell, Concord, N. C. Dr. J. S. Frazer, of Mobile, Ala., was not able to attend the meeting, the serious illness of a member of his family preventing. Hon. D. H. Linebaugh, of Muskogee, Okla., also was provisionally prevented from attending the meeting. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Fall, who has removed to New York, Mr. Walter Keith of Nashville was elected a member of the committee.

The report of Smith & Lamar, Publishing Agents, gave the following gratifying showing of the business of the Publishing House:

"In presenting to you our statement of the condition and business of your Publishing House for the fiscal year closing February 28, 1915, we wish to express our gratitude to the thousands of customers of the house whose loyalty makes such a report possible. Notwithstanding unfavorable financial conditions growing out of the European war, which have injuriously affected almost every line of business in our country, we are able to report a volume of business only \$3,449.99 less than that of the year immediately preceding, which, you will recall,

was the best year in the history of the house. In a business of practically one million dollars per annum under the conditions existing, we think this cause for gratitude. Without further remark we present to you the following exhibit:

"Exhibit.—Sales at Richmond, \$101,474.83; sales at Dallas, \$232,685.96; sales at Nashville, \$658,975.32. Total sales, \$993,136.11. Sales for year ending February 28, 1915, \$996,586.10. Decrease in sales, \$3,449.99.

"Profits.—Gain at Richmond, \$14,257.61; at Dallas, \$19,840.35; at Nashville, \$90,832.12. Total gain, \$125,030.08. Deducting losses on various publications, the net gain for the year was \$111,532.51."

When we consider the unfavorable financial condition of our territory during the greater part of the fiscal year of the Publishing House, this is a splendid showing. Our Publishing Agents and the Church are to be congratulated on the record made. Sales were but slightly below the one-million mark, and the net profits, as noted, more than \$111,000. Our people will do well to consider those figures and compare results with other big business concerns of the country.

Of the losses on the Methodist Review, Christian Advocate, and Epworth Era, the Publishing Agents say: "In noting these losses on the three publications it is fair to consider that each holds assets in unpaid subscriptions, which, if paid, would greatly decrease the deficits reported, if not entirely cancel them."

The Book Committee was instructed by the General Conference to work out a plan whereby the Church would be districted for the purpose of reducing the number of Church papers. The action of the Book Committee on that question is given in the following resolutions:

"Whereas the General Conference of 1914, in adopting Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, charged the Book Committee with the duty of dividing the whole Church territory into several districts and of seeking to combine papers where there are now more than are needed in any given area; and whereas we appreciate the fact that we have no power to enforce any decision at which we may arrive, but can only indicate lines and advise the papers and Conferences in this matter:

"Resolved: 1. That, in the judgment of this committee, it is in every way desirable that the number of our Church organs should be decreased so as to give to each organ published a territory sufficient for its adequate support; and in pursuance of this idea we would earnestly commend to the consideration of the Conferences consolidation so as to provide for one organ in each district. We recommend the division of territory into eight districts, composed as follows: First District, the States of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico; Second District, Missouri and Arkansas; Third District, Louisiana and Mississippi; Fourth District, Tennessee and Kentucky; Fifth District, Alabama, Georgia and Florida; Sixth District, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia. (The Seventh District was omitted, but must have embraced North and South Carolina.—Ed.) Eighth District, all territory west of New Mexico, Missouri, and Arkansas to the Pacific Coast.

"2. We believe that if the Conferences and publishers concerned can reach an agreement upon approximately the lines indicated it will be

found very greatly to the advantage of the Church and of the papers themselves."—Christian Advocate.

#### THE MANIA FOR CARDS.

[Synopsis of a Sermon preached by Rev. H. E. Wheeler, in the First Methodist Church, Sunday, January 17, 1915.]

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."—Col. 3:17.

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."—James 4:17.

I. There is but one attitude which ces which undermine her existence and destroy her purity. That attitude is an uncompromising prohibition. We address ourselves only to professing Christians: to the sinner there is first of all the call to repentance. The sinner may quit playing cards and dancing and every form of sin and be a sinner still. His first need is a new heart.

Now the Bible lays down fundamental principles for the guidance of Christians: it is not a book of rules governing every specific case. Card-playing comes under the fundamental judgment that whatsoever we do is to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus (Col. 3:17). A drawing room where a card game is in progress offers no invitation to prayer. A pastoral call at such an hour would occasion embarrassment and confusion. Card-playing Christians are not noted for their faithfulness or piety.

Card-playing violates the fundamental principle that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (James 4:17). It depends for its pleasure upon an appeal to chance, and that being so is a protest against faith. Every custom that nourishes an element of doubt is not subject to faith, neither indeed can be; and to engage in anything doubtful is to bring it under the definition of sin.

II. The Church is not commissioned to survey a boundary between things which a Christian may do and those which he may not do, though many a so-called Christian would like to remove as far from Christ as possible if he could only carry with him a latch-key to heaven. The church has one word to the new-born soul—absolute separation from the world and from sin. Nor does the Bible recognize any practice which is intolerable in one Christian because he holds a position of leadership as permissible in another Christian because he is only a member of the church. A card-playing preacher is never summoned by a card-playing Christian (?) in the times of spiritual conflict and distress. The confidence that such a one will prescribe the right tonic somehow fails.

Card-playing cannot escape condemnation so long as the element of chance constitutes its vital function. Skill in all card games, even the most scientific, never amounts to more than three per cent. This motive, without which the game loses its fascination, and which cannot indeed be eliminated, inoculates all card games, even Authors, Flinch and Rook. In games of skill like chess and tennis, all the factors of the game are open to the players, but in all games with cards most of the factors are continually hidden, and all the faculties of the mind are thrown into confusion. Chance outrages the intellect, for it is given little or no knowledge upon which to erect a judgment, and conscience and will are loaded down with demands, which they cannot meet.

The card game is said to have been invented to amuse a mad king. Certainly its history has run a mad course. Cards have always been the chief tool of the gambler, and gamblers have openly encouraged card-playing in the home as the surest initiation to their profession. "Whatever you do," said a professional gambler in a gamblers' convention, "encourage card-playing in the home." It is an easy step from card-playing to crime, and innumerable instances support this statement.

III. Physicians greatly deplore the card-playing craze. "It burdens their hands with hysterical women." Dr. Stough quotes as follows from the New York Medical Journal:

"It is reported that a certain prominent church body is about to relax its discipline to the extent of permitting to its adherents card-playing and dancing. Card-playing is a pure and simple mental dissipation that grows upon the victim like all other dissipations, to the eventual exclusion of logical and close thinking. It exercises its narcotizing influence with irresistible force \* \* \* (Card Games) are comparable in every way to the habit-forming drug, and lead surely to the neglect of every sane and healthy amusement, to say nothing of business and professional duties. We hope that any religious body which has the power will continue to enforce a regulation evidently based years ago upon observation of the stupefying effects of card-playing, effects which are identical with those of playing the races."

Card players themselves confess that it encourages cheating. Women who would be incensed at the charge of dishonesty will defend in themselves the tricks which further their chance to win; "its only a game of cards," they say! This temptation is much stronger when prizes are offered the successful player.

But why do not these prize winners put their trophies on exhibition as an evidence of superior culture or a standing-proof of faithful service?

IV. The distinction between card playing either for pleasure or prizes and gambling cannot fairly be maintained.

Gambling has been defined as "any act whereby a person risks a loss in an appeal to chance, with the hope of making gain." If, then, in a parlor game the players do not put up the prize they may not, under a strict legal definition, be charged with gambling, but by what a slender strand this distinction holds in morals! In Arkansas statutes it is made a misdemeanor to play cards on Sunday for pleasure. If it is illegal to play cards on Sunday for pleasure, why is it not immoral to play cards on Monday for prizes. In the game of whist played for pleasure and the game of whist played for money there is the same element of chance, and the game proceeds precisely in the same way. Absolutely the only difference between them is that the odds in the gambling game have a commercial value. (Stough.)

Now when a hostess offers a prize to the guest making the highest score in a game of chance is she not commercializing the odds? To transform the social game into indictable gambling it only needs that the players offer to bear the expense of the prize, no matter what its value may be. And the hostess dares not sit down among her guests and play with them without involving both herself and them in crime. To my way of thinking the card players would be

less culpable if they assumed the full responsibility of their act rather than let it fall upon an otherwise innocent party.

In point of fact this mania to get something for nothing has almost typed the age in which we live. The slot machine, the pseudo-lottery of the cigar-stand, the church raffle, and the children's grab-bag are only a few of the gambling subterfuges which Christian morals are called upon to execrate. When women play cards for a silver cup and men play cards for a cup of silver what moral advantage has one over the other?

A woman who won a silver trophy at a card party was displaying her prize with much elation to the members of her family when her son, still in his early teens, exclaimed, "Huh, I can beat that, I won ten dollars at the pool table last night."—Quoted from Sunday School Times.)

The testimony of Mrs. A. B. Sims, at one time the champion whist player of the United States, ought forever to end the defense of card playing by Christian women. In a personal letter to Dr. Stough, she says:

"I was rocked in a Christian cradle, and my mother was one of the most consistent Christians that ever lived. I myself was a consistent Christian for many years. Coming to the city I became infatuated with society, and then became a strong whist player. I soon had absolutely no time for Christian work. (Query: What card-playing Christian does?)

"I knew what it meant when I began to go so far from Christ. I would try to live more closely, but how could I? I remember once having thirteen night and afternoon and dinner engagements ahead, all for cards. Wednesday night came with the prayer-meeting, and a whist party and a luncheon; then Saturday night a card club and dinner. I came home so tired at midnight as to be completely worn out, revelling in scientific and aristocratic gambling. I just could not go to the house of my Lord the next morning and commune with my Savior. I was so heartsore that I would not throw what little energy I had left in God's face and call it worship. Thus I went on until cards completely dwarfed all religion in my soul.

"I firmly believe that card playing and dancing are two of the greatest evils in all Christian civilization. If professed Christians would renounce cards, we would have no trouble in converting the world.

"Playing for prizes is not a whit less gambling because it is pursued in a Christian home and by reputable Christians. Invitations to card parties where prizes are given are gambling devices in the strict interpretation of the federal postal law. It is as unlawful to send such invitations through the mails as to advance a lottery scheme. \* \* \*

[Note this law will be found in Sections 482 and 483 of the Postal Laws and Regulations.]

From the same authority I wish to quote the report of a Grand Jury made to Judge Harrison of Kentucky:

"A pink tea where society plays progressive euchre and gives prizes to the winners has the same degrading influence as the gambling house, where roulette and poker are the attractions, the difference being only one of degree. It matters very little whether the prize is a silver thimble or a silver dollar. Progressive euchre parties are made alluring with prizes, re-



freshments, and the knowledge that the local papers will print the names of its winners. ALL ARE COMMON GAMBLERS, AND DESERVE TO BE FINED."

"The Court demanded that these euchre players be indicted under the anti-gambling laws and dealt with as criminals."

V. In the light of all that has been said, I make no apology for saying that card playing in the home, even when no prizes are offered, is more pernicious than a pool-room where gambling is carried on.

Because a boy is not welcome among gamblers unless he can play the game. But he cannot learn the art of gambling from them; he must get his first lessons in polite society. No wonder Quinn, the converted gambler said: "The parlor card table is the kindergarten to a gambler's hell."

Because the game which hangs on chance and enervates the moral purpose gets the credentials of respectability in the care of so-called Christian men and women, children and young people are permitted to think that no harm attends their indulgence. But the fascination for cards thus engendered is not long satisfied with domestic regulations. IT THIRSTS FOR GAIN!

Not long ago a book agent who has made thousands of dollars came to my study with an earnest solicitation for an order. In his conversation with me he confessed that he had gambled away his savings in Memphis, and was "up against it hard." Though he was brought up in a Christian home, and had never played cards until recently, he had yielded to the persuasion of some "select friends" in Little Rock society, and imbibed an infatuation which had unbalanced his judgment and brought him to grief. Nine-tenths of Chicago's professional gamblers were found to have been started on their gambling career by having learned to play cards in the home.

The following testimony, given by Mr. Harry Brolaski, the author of "The Fool and His Money," a professional gambler who operated extensively in the South, is reported by Dr. Stough:

"The manufacture of cards should be prohibited by law. Every parent who permits a deck of cards in the home, and teaches the young children how to play the supposedly innocent game, is really committing a crime against his own off-spring, yet he does not realize it. If the attention of the mother and the father were drawn to the fact that they were giving their children first lessons in gambling, I believe they would put cards out of their home. Parlor card playing, even old Solitaire, and all card games are dangerous, and they lead to one end—gambling \* \* I am strongly against card parties given by women's clubs, sometimes under the guise of charity. They, too, teach one point, and that is, to try to get something for nothing.

"Gambling is a disease, in my opinion, and from my twenty-two years experience, I must say that when it is inoculated into the system of the child, the gambling germ grows and grows until when that child reaches the age of twenty-five, he loses his sense of right and justice and expands his sense of greed.

"From my observation, children, who are not permitted to play cards nor taught the game at home, when they reach the age of 25 and are then invited to card parties, decline

the invitation because they look upon gambling, or card playing as they would upon a drunkard and liquor drinking."

What excuse have Christian women to offer for allowing a custom that imperils their health, that stands on the margin of lawlessness, that receives the congratulations only of the saloonkeeper and the professional gambler, that opens the door for a life of sin and debauchery, that perjures many a Christian profession, and brings nothing at the end but a consciousness of dissipated opportunity and moral degeneration?

From the card table many a soul has plunged straight into hell, many a life hurled into a career of irremediable crime. And shall the church knowing the furies which "innocent card playing" can unloose, preserve a criminal silence? Can she submit her mission to the paralysis which nerveless indulgence will encourage? Let every Christian bestir himself to save from the insidious snare of cards the lives of our precious children.

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. T. B. WILLIAMSON.

Rev. Williamson was born near Clarksville, Tenn., January 3, 1847. He moved with his parents to Missouri, near Windsor, where his father died. Brother Williamson professed saving faith in Christ in 1866, was licensed to exhort March 16, 1872; licensed to preach in the Western Conference in Kansas, August 18, 1873. He came to Arkansas in 1874, and was admitted into the White River Annual Conference at Helena, Arkansas, December, 1885, with a class of nine others, only one of them, (Rev. W. S. Southworth) now in the Conference. Elected traveling deacon at Paragould, December, 1888, and having been ordained local deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire at Beebe, 1881, he was ordained elder at Helena, December 13, 1885, by Bishop J. C. Granbery. Brother Williamson served the following charges during his active ministry:

Walnut Hill Circuit, 1886; Smithville Circuit, 1887-8; Lorado Circuit, 1889; Paragould Circuit, 1890-1; Marion Circuit, 1892-3; Brookland Circuit, 1894; Lorado Circuit, 1895; Boydsville Circuit, 1896-7-8; Cherry Valley Circuit, 1899. At the close of this year he took a supernumerary relation which was continued until last Conference—1914—when his Conference granted him a superannuate relation. Departed this life from his home near Paragould at 5:30 p. m., May 6, 1915. Brother Williamson was married to Miss Agnes Means in Henry County, Missouri, March 12, 1868. Married the second time to Miss Susan E. Vanmeter April 4, 1877, at Judsonia, Ark., who with ten children remains to mourn their loss.

Brother Williamson had been very feeble for over a year. He gave me the data in this sketch before our last Annual Conference, to be used when the time came. Feeling then that he would not be able to attend Conference, he said: "Tell the brethren I was ready when the time came." So he was. He was a man of strong faith in God and true and loyal devotion to his church. He loved the church. He was a man of very strong convictions and undaunted courage, and had no hesitancy in positively standing for the right as he understood it. His devotion to his family was beautiful. The testimony of a friend was, "The best man in his family I ever knew." Where he had lived

for several years he was prominent as a citizen in all the affairs of the community. His neighbors loved him. Their devotion was manifested by their presence, tears and floral tributes at the funeral.

The undersigned, assisted by his pastor, Rev. H. E. May, held the funeral service at Prewett's Chapel, May 8, after which the Masons took charge and laid the body of the Lord's servant away to await the Resurrection morning. The Lord comfort the bereaved family.—M. M. Smith.

#### A POLITICIAN ON PROHIBITION.

A copy of a speech delivered by Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, in Congress, on December 22, 1914, on National Prohibition, is being sent broad cast over the country under the congressional "frank" or free postage privilege accorded the members of Congress. The speech is such as meets the approval of each and every saloon keeper, brewer and distiller in America. Not only these but every blind tiger, every whiskey seller and every sympathizer with the whiskey interests will agree and be pleased with Mr. Underwood's position on National Prohibition. Evidently Mr. Underwood's purpose in having this speech sent broadcast over the country was to please and benefit the whiskey and beer dealers and their friends; for the churches, schools and those who stand for higher and cleaner principles of morals are on the other side of the question. As is a well known fact, Mr. Underwood has made a brilliant record in Congress as a Democratic leader. It is a shame and disgrace of the Democratic party that one of its leaders should lend himself to the aid and assistance of the whiskey and brewery interests. Mr. Underwood's position is in marked contrast to that of Secretary of United States Wm. J. Bryan.—Brinkley Argus.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

New Jersey pays her state superintendent \$10,000; New York, \$10,000; Illinois, \$7,500; Massachusetts, \$6,500; California, \$5,000; District of Columbia, \$5,000; Louisiana, \$5,000; Pennsylvania, \$5,000; Rhode Island, \$5,000; Wisconsin, \$5,000; New Mexico, \$4,500; Kentucky, \$4,000; Michigan, \$4,000; Ohio, \$4,000; Colorado, \$3,800; Indiana, \$3,500; Minnesota, \$3,500; North Carolina, \$3,500; Virginia, \$3,500; Alabama, \$3,000; Arizona, \$3,000; Georgia, \$3,000; Maryland, \$3,000; Missouri, \$3,000; Montana, \$3,000; New Hampshire, \$3,000; North Dakota, \$3,000; Oregon, \$3,000; Tennessee, \$3,000; Utah, \$3,000; Washington, \$3,000; West Virginia, \$3,000; Wyoming, \$3,000.—Journal of Education.

#### WHISKEY AND DANCING A NATIONAL ISSUE.

If whiskey and dancing are so harmless as their advocates argue why should they provoke such an issue in the midst of this fearful clash of arms? Russia and France have placed whiskey under the ban. Germany has limited its use. England is coping with the question of prohibition, and David Lloyd George says it is the greatest foe that England is facing at this moment. Now comes the news through the New York Herald that the municipal government of Paris has put dancing under the ban. It is already known that Germany has frowned upon it. Whiskey and dancing are thus shown up to be fearful things when a large

portion of the population of these countries will drink and dance away the time when their very life and liberty are at stake. Babylon fell while its population reveled in drink and the dance.—Southern Christian Advocate.

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### OUR PRAYER CYCLE.

May 24-31.

Pray for the Mo Ka Embroidery Mission, Soochow, China, and for the women and girls sheltered there. Pray that while these workers bend over their embroidery frames in an endeavor to earn daily bread they may also find the bread of life, that they may carry the light of Christianity into their homes. Pray for the teachers, that they may have sympathy and understanding and that the lives they touch may be blessed and broadened by the contact.

### MO KA GARDEN EMBROIDERY MISSION, SOOCHOW, CHINA.

The sales during the fiscal year amounted to more than seven thousand Mexican dollars, and some of the women have gone into direct evangelistic work. The Christians among them have been formed into a normal class to do Sunday school work among the non-Christians. Our people are all made to understand that as they receive the gospel into their hearts there must be a giving out. So these women in the Embroidery Mission, the young Christians among the girls, the boys, and the outside members are learning to express themselves in service.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Oakman, Ala., is the general agent in this country, and will be glad to send catalogues upon application. We have now 175 women in the Embroidery Mission, and we need the orders so that we may be able to meet the pay rolls."

Interesting pictures in recent numbers of the Missionary Voice gave us a glimpse of this mission and of two of the women bending over embroidery frames intent on earning the small compensation which means so much to them. And during the Missionary Council these Chinese women were brought still nearer to use when Miss Mary Culler White, our missionary in charge of the Evangelistic department of our medical work in Soochow, urged us to remember this twofold mission for the spread of the gospel.

### ONE MORE MONTH.

And then reports for the half of our fiscal year. We are very anxious to know what the women in Arkansas are doing; therefore we again request that full and accurate reports be sent in promptly. In by-laws for auxiliaries we read that the corresponding secretaries shall send "to the district secretaries full reports by the first day of each quarter," and that "the treasurers shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same and remit to the Conference treasurers by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts," etc. Conference officers are required to send reports to Council officers by the 15th day of the first month of each quarter, and they would like reports from district secretaries not later than the 10th of July. Let this reminder help us to make special effort during June that reports going out from auxiliaries July 1 may be worthy of our two Conferences. Inadvertently the district sec-

retaries of Little Rock were asked to report ahead of time, but July 10 will be early enough.

### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

From Weldon, Ark., we have the following appreciated letter from Miss Irma Shoffner, who writes: "In our Junior Missionary Auxiliary we have 34 members enrolled. We enjoy our work very much. Our president is the pastor's wife, Mrs. E. N. Bickley, and our vice president is Miss Jennie Bell Rittenhouse. We have had our first mite box opening a few weeks ago, and my sister, Fay Shoffner, won the prize for having the most pennies. We are planning to have a picnic some time soon. We are so glad to have some church work to do; we want to help those who are in heathen darkness.—Irma Shoffner, Supt. of Publicity.

### OUR COUNCIL WORKER.

We are fortunate in securing Mrs. S. S. Harris for a visitation in our Conference, and she will be with us from June 15 to July 15. It is earnestly desired that she attend all the district meetings and visit as many other places as possible. To this end the district secretaries and all friends are requested to be "up and doing" that large numbers of our people may have the pleasure of attending these meetings, which should bring us a great blessing with new enthusiasm in our work. We hope to be able next week to publish definite dates, with names of places to be visited by Mrs. Harris.

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Devotional service.  
Organization.  
Greetings.  
Institute Work, by Mrs. S. S. Harris. Bible half hour.  
2:00 P. M.:  
Devotional service.  
Report of District Secretary (with map).  
Discussion—How Can We Organize Our District Thoroughly?  
"A Little Leaven Leaveneth the Whole Lump"—Thirty-minute talks.  
Needs of Rural Churches—Fifteen minutes.  
Institute—Mrs. S. S. Harris.  
(Dues, pledge, station plan, budget plan and all funds—sixty minutes.)  
8:00 P. M.:  
Missionary Address—Mrs. S. S. Harris.

### Second Day.

Conference Officers' Day.  
Devotional service.  
Delegates Difficulties and Victories (sixty minutes).  
Presentation of work of vice presidents (fifteen minutes).  
Literature and publicity (fifteen minutes).  
Social Service and Supplies (fifteen minutes).  
Bible half hour.  
2:00 P. M.:  
Devotional service (ten minutes).  
Week of Prayer—Hotchkiss Memorial Woman's Missionary Day (thirty minutes).

Better and safer than calomel—Swamp Chill and Fever Cure. Instant relief. At druggists.

Echoes of Council Meeting (thirty minutes).

World Peace Service (fifteen minutes).

Adjournment.

### A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Dear Friends—Through the kindness of the Western Methodist in giving us this space we are not only able to disseminate missionary information throughout our Conference, but it also gives expression for our love messages to you, and in some measure appeases the heart hunger to see you, to speak to you and to encourage you in the work. Already letters from the Council officers are being received, urging us to do the things proposed at that great meeting; and those of you who have read your president's address at our Texarkana meeting know that we are right in line with the "powers that be," to-wit: "We need the united forces of our women even more today, and if you know of an auxiliary not in line of united effort we expect you to inform them that they are out of tune with the great chorus of the world. We need mightily to strengthen Zion and mark well her bulwarks that we may tell it to generations following. I wish we might have a Conference organizer or field worker who could visit every church and organize our work. In these 443 churches we should have a Woman's Missionary Society, interesting the women with the things that interest us, reading the books that tell us of the world's needs and its victories, sending their gifts to carry the gospel message to somebody and having a part in the victory of bringing the world to Christ. To me this is the greatest opportunity facing the Little Rock Conference Society. Besides the plan of the organizer, that of each District Secretary doing all in her power to organize at every church or preaching place in her district, another, for each auxiliary to be responsible for that church or congregation nearest them."

The one burning message of our president, Miss Bennett, was the organization and strengthening of the home field. Suggestions from the conference of workers are that all day meetings be held in neighborhoods once each quarter, that some efficient worker meet with every auxiliary, and that all unorganized territory be canvassed during the year. In keeping with the desire to spread information to the rural district, Cental Church, Hot Springs, is sending out two libraries of 25 books each and one of magazines. It is encouraging to note letters of inquiry from several places showing there is a "moving in the tops of the hollyhock trees," and, like the wind that bloweth where it listeth, the Holy Spirit is quickening our people into missionary interest, the liveliest issue of the day.

Let us be much in prayer for a profitable campaign during the month, June 15-July 15, while Mrs. S. S. Harris travels in our Conference for the enlargement of our work. District secretaries are now making ready for their meetings and an organizing itinerary, and we hope you will give them loyal support and hearty co-operation. Notwithstanding the great Council meeting which many of us so much enjoyed, our seven district meetings are of vastly more importance to us, and we hope this will be the banner record in their success and helpfulness.—With love, your co-laborer, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Hot Springs, Ark.

### A NEW FIELD FOR THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

The Woman's Missionary Council has entered Japan. For 25 years the General Board has had a great school for girls in Hiroshima under the leadership of Miss Nannie Gaines. It has also had a school for training Bible women, with a great woman of God, Miss Maud Bonnell, as its principal, and Miss Bennett as assistant.

A new era has dawned, and after years of materialism Japan is recognizing the power of Christianity. It is said that the 125,000 Christians of Japan hold as much power in the thought of the people as do the 52,000,000 Buddhists who have held an age-long sway.

Appeal after appeal has come from the missionaries on the field for the entrance of the Woman's Council. Bishop Atkins and Dr. Cooke, the Missionary Secretary, came back from their recent visit to these Oriental missions pleading for the same. The times are critical—critical for the General Board as well as for the Council; but God's leading seemed so clear that, after earnest prayer and long consideration, the women of the Council decided by an overwhelming vote to enter this white harvest field. They have taken for support the Bible School, with its trained evangelistic workers, the four missionaries who direct these Bible women, two new missionaries to be sent out, and six kindergartners.

The cost will be as follows: One Bible School, \$1,730; two missionary Bible teachers, \$750 each; two missionary evangelists, \$750 each; two new missionaries going out this year; outfit, travel and salary, \$1,000 each; 19 Bible women, \$75 each; six kindergartners, \$125 each.

Salaries for two missionaries and for four Bible women have already been pledged. Are there not other individuals who above and beyond that which they have given in the past, will help our Lord win the heart and home life of Japan? The money must be raised over and above our present obligations.—Miss Belle H. Bennett.

### BUDDHISTS IN AMERICA.

Prominently in front of the Buddhist Booth, at the Panama-Pacific Industrial Exposition, in San Francisco, is posted the following:

Number of Buddhists in the world—580,000,000.

Number of Buddhists in U. S. A.—80,000.

Number of Buddhists in California—30,000.

Number of Churches in California—74.

Number of Priests in California—17.

Church Schools in California—15.

Night Schools in California—3.

Hospitals in California—2.

Publications in California—6.

Sunday Schools in California—11.

Young Men's Buddhist Associations—12.

Members of Same—2,550.

Young Woman's Buddhist Associations—10.

Members of Same—871.

Number of School Teachers in California—50.

Pupils of Same—\$50.

Value of Property Devoted to Educational Work—\$10,000.

Kindergartens in California—6.

Value of Church Property in U. S. A.—\$250,000.

High Priests and Bishops in America—2.



On a large poster, prominently displayed, reads as follows:

"International Buddhist Congress, August 2-7, 1915. 50 noted speakers from India, Burmah, Siam, Ceylon, Japan, China, Europe, England and America."

#### ITEM FROM COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK ADOPTED.

We recommend: That the Council grant to the young people the privilege of raising a fund of \$25,000 as their pledged share of the Council work; such fund to be prorated between the Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., and the Korean work at Seoul and Songdo.—The Council Daily.

#### THE SECRET OF A LONG LIFE.

You sometimes see a woman whose age is as exquisite as was the perfect bloom of her youth. You wonder how this has come about. You wonder how it is her life has been a long and happy one. Here are some of the reasons:

She knew how to forget disagreeable things.

She mastered the art of saying pleasant things.

She did not expect too much from her friends.

She made whatever work came to her congenial.

She retained her illusions and did not believe all the world wicked, and unkind.

She did unto others as she would be done by, and now that old age has come to her and there is a halo of white hair about her head, she is beloved and considered. This is the secret of a long life and a happy one.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

#### THE FIRST DUTY.

The minister may be so occupied with many thoughts and interests that the care of the little flock committed to him by Christ takes a very secondary place. This is a fatal error. Most of us can make our lives effectual only by concentrated effort in our own small corner of the vineyard. What we think about this or that matters more to ourselves than anyone else. Our first call, our clear call, our last call, is faithfulness to our trust.—British Weekly.

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June 6—Nathan Rebukes David. 2 Samuel 11:1 to 12:18.

Golden Text: "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10.

#### Foreword.

Our lesson deals with facts, most of which are ugly. Let us look them squarely in the face and call them by their right names. This is no time to spread veils of charity or to use whitewash when "within are dead men's bones." The inspired historian sets us the example in telling the awful story in its hideous stark nakedness. Be sure to make no excuses for David. Spend little, if any, time on the king's repentance, for that belongs to our next lesson.

#### I. The Awful Fall.

1. The Inescapable Fact—Forgetting our theological theories let us examine the case in hand. There are at least four counts in the indictment, to-wit: adultery, treachery, murder and impenitence for the space of a year. All the charges are true and there are no mitigating circumstances. We are not dealing with a case like Simon Peter who denies his Lord one minute and the very next breaks into penitent tears. "No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him," 1 Jno. 3:15. "He that committeth sin is of the devil," 1 Jno. 3:8. These words apply in all their force and cogency to David.

2. The Unexpectedness.—Nothing was more improbable, yea almost impossible, than that the man after God's own heart should fall; yet there lay the lofty "cedar of Lebanon" prone in the dust. Men's hearts were amazed and appalled when the king's shame and infamy became known. With bated breath they said: "A prince and a great man is fallen this day in Israel." What a testimony to the trustworthiness of the chronicler that he does not suppress these black pages of David's history!

3. The Suddenness. — Apparently without even any warning the crash comes. One hour the giant of the forest towers aloft, the next it is a wreck. How often Satan by a swift sudden attack storms and captures the fortress almost before the defenders know anything is happening. It was all done in a moment, but nevertheless the proud, supposedly impregnable Gibraltar is in the hands of the enemy.

4. Its Greatness—How much that fall carried down with it. A man made in the image of his God, a king chosen and anointed of the Lord, a woman's virtue, a great general's honor, a faithful soldier's home and life, David's own family, the nation's faith in its king, Israel's united history and mission, and more, all went down. O what might have been if David had not sinned.

#### II. The Investigation.

1. Searching For Causes.—A great disaster demands a careful, intelligent and thorough investigation to discover the cause that the blame-worthily may be punished, and a repetition avoided. This is done because things don't just "happen" without cause, and we are increasingly indisposed to call them "acts of God." Let us investigate David's wreck as honestly, thoroughly and justly as we can. We shall make some discoveries.

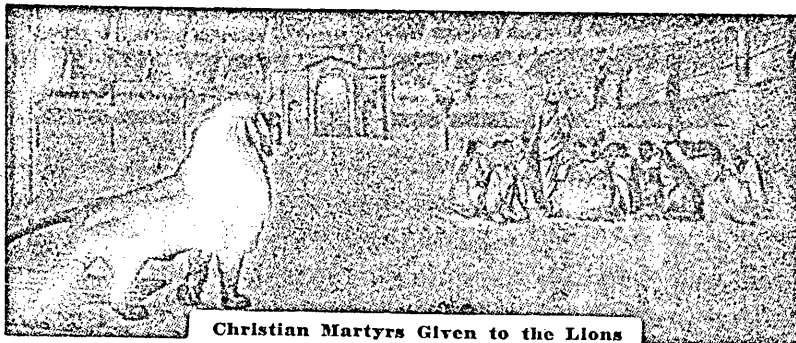
2. A Passionate Nature. Like many strong personalities David possessed strong passions. This did not

reveal itself in his earlier years, for the very strenuousness of his life as outlaw, king and warrior drew so heavily and continuously on his vital forces. Although even then it somewhat showed itself in his many marriages. "And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron." 2 Samuel 5:13. This was in direct violation of God's law. "Neither shall he (the king) multiply wives unto himself," Deut. 17:17. Certainly he was not curbing his passions, but rather giving them rein to the very limit of decency, and beyond the law. He should have discovered the danger that lurked in his nature and fortified himself against it.

3. The Slow Down.—David, like most successful men, had won his place at fifty and felt secure. He could take things easier, and he did. "It

came to pass, after the year expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab \* \* \* but David tarried still at Jerusalem," 2 Sam. 11:1. This gave the hidden part of his nature its opportunity and power for he was comparatively idle. Many men safely pass the critical years of early manhood and then wreck themselves in middle life. It is in the "slow down" that sin "speeds up."

4. Evading the Issue.—Having grievously sinned against the home of Uriah, David is not man enough to honestly face the facts as they are, but seeks to cover his tracks. This is not the first time that David resorts to trickery, ignorant or neglectful that in morals as well as mathematics a straight line is the shortest distance between two points—and the safest and cheapest as well. Thou fool, might as

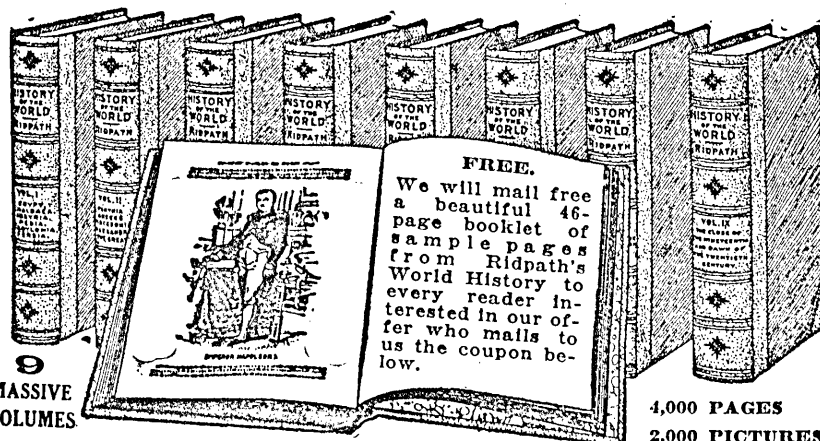


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## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

By Rev. H. C. Hoy.

June 6—The Promise of Guidance.  
Scripture References:

James 1:5, By The Gift of Wisdom; Psalm 25:9, In the Path of Justice; Psalm 23:8, With My Eye Upon Thee; Psalm 43:14, Even Unto Death; Isa. 43:11, Day By Day; John 14:1-3, Through the Holy Spirit; Acts 10:1-23, An Instance of Guidance.

God has been guiding the destinies of individuals and of the race for centuries. His hand is upon men at all times seeking to restrain them from their sins and to lead them into a better life. When the crisis comes to one, God tries to guide him safely through.

First, God promises guidance through wisdom, justice, and love of truth.

1. God imparts wisdom to all who feel their need and ask accordingly. People have all sorts of devices for finding wisdom, yet there is nothing that leads to the paths of greatness like the wisdom that comes from above.

According to James 1:5 one should feel his need of divine wisdom. We are in every way dependent upon God for our knowledge, just as the earth is dependent upon the sun for its light. The moon is a bright orb, yet it is the sun which gives to it its brightness. So it is with man, he is intelligent and can do many great things, but it is the reflection of the wisdom of the Creator, and without God man would cease to be intelligent and

well try to trick the law of gravitation as heaven's eternal principles. Bad as was the initial sin how much could have been saved had David but squarely faced it. When at last the issue was forced and the case came to trial the original debt had multiplied a thousand fold. He but treasured up wrath against the day of wrath.

## III. Saving the Day.

1. The Serious Situation—While the record is silent we cannot be far wrong in believing that though outwardly all was calm within the people's hearts an awful storm was brewing. The king in his mad infatuation is "fiddling" while the nation is about to take flame, as it did a few years later when Absalom applied the torch. The fate of king, dynasty, and Israel hangs in the balance.

2. Fearless Nathan—"I sought for a man among them, that should build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the Lord that I should not destroy it." (Ezek. 22:30), and God found him in Nathan, the prophet. Going into the king's presence as the humble representative of a wronged peasant, he commits David to justice and judgment, then suddenly, as it were, tears off the mask and throws aside his cloak and lo, Jehovah of hosts is fronting a cowering, convicted and repentant king. The day is saved and fearless Nathan did it.

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great. We are only the climax of God's wisdom.

We must seek wisdom in faith, doubting nothing. We must be true to God and not unstable in our ways lest we be driven and tossed by every wind. Faith is necessary so that we may believe in God's wisdom for us.

God has sought to guide the whole world by His wisdom, which He imparted to individuals at critical moments in the world's history. He has used men in every age and nation for that purpose. Alexander, Napoleon, Caesar, Washington, and numerous others were used for great purposes. There is always a great purpose in God's plan, perhaps not known at the time, but perceived at a later date. The wisdom of God always triumphs, and the men who follow His leadership are the ones who have brought the world its greatest blessings.

2. Divine guidance is promised through justice. (Psalm 19:9.) The weak will be guided in judgment, and the meek will be taught His ways. Correct judgment enables all men to see things in right proportions. God will guide mankind to harmony and peace through justice. Men will cease to slaughter one another, and to perpetuate crime when they acknowledge justice.

God has promised to guide the meek into the paths of justice. He cannot lead one who will not submit to His will. Moses is said to have been the meekest of men. He might well be called the most just of men, for it was to him that God entrusted the divine law which was to be the foundation of all law. It was the law of justice. God will lead into the knowledge of judgment if we are meek and willing to be led.

3. Divine guidance is promised to those who love the truth. God has always listened to the truth-seeker. Sincerity is necessary for one who seeks the truth. He who has been led to the truth knows where the greatest good for all is to be found, and that is in God, for God is the truth and the life.

God reveals Himself through the Bible, so that men may find an answer to his many questions. The Bible is God's answer to man's desire for truth, beyond man's power to discover. It is God's self-revelation to us. Read it and you shall be daily guided into greater truths and thus into a larger life.

Second. Divine guidance is promised through the Spirit and the inward impressions.

1. We shall be led into the truth by the Holy Spirit. (John 16:13). The Apostles failed to grasp the utterances of Christ. The Lord perceiving such to be the case, promised that the time would come when they should understand all through the Spirit. He told them that it was expedient He should go away, so that they would listen to the Spirit, and not be blinded by His tangible presence and companionship on earth; That their eyes must be turned to the conception of the eternal spirit of the life here and in the world to come. So it is with us today; we shall be guided into the mysteries of the kingdom by the Spirit. A great many heart-breaks would be saved if people would allow the Spirit to have its way with them. Many dark places would be illumined if people would hearken to the Spirit. A person who has never been baptized by the Spirit will never know a great many things, for the ways of God are puzzles to the uninitiated. One never knows that

sugar is sweet unless he has tasted it; so it is with things divine; belief is not worth much without experience. We may talk all we wish to about the guidance of the intellect, but the need is for the Spirit's guidance of the heart.

People may think in an academic way that they know God, but when God has been revealed in his fullness by the Holy Spirit, then they realize their previous ignorance.

One of the great things that the Spirit does is to guide us into the consciousness of the fact that we are God's children, joint heirs with Christ, sure of eternal life. The Spirit leads us to love one another and to think clean thoughts. The folly of sin is made plain, and God's love is made bright.

2. God guides by impressions. A person may be impressed that there are some things he can and should do, and it proves for the universal welfare of man; for instance, Columbus was impressed to seek a Western route to India, because God wished to open up a new continent for a stagnant world, giving to the world a nation founded on new principles. We often think that our thoughts are original when in reality they are suggestions from the Spirit of God. He works with men in that way in order that man may develop a mind of his own and have confidence in life and self. God wishes man to work out his destiny by his own efforts, while He handles the wheel.

**HOW THE EPWORTH LEAGUE CONSERVES CHURCH LIFE BY GUIDING RECREATION AND READING INTO WHOLE-SOME CHANNELS.**

It is the duty of the Epworth League, as the nursery of the Church, to furnish wholesome recreation and reading for the young person. If some kind of amusement is not furnished for the pleasure-loving heart of the youth, we cannot expect the ranks of Christ's soldiers to be strengthened by reliable Christian young men and young women. The twentieth century is a fast age. We live fast, but in our hurry we take time for amusement. Recreation is a law of nature that must be obeyed, no matter how rushed we are. If we do not take time for pleasure the hour-glass of our life soon runs its course and we are no more. But recreation must be carried on properly or there are no benefits realized. The world has its forms of amusement, for it well knows the effect of grinding toil that knows no ceasing; and are we, the Church, the chosen of God, going to shirk our duty to ourselves and the young persons by letting their life be ruined by contact with evil?

Are we for lack of ambition and foresight going to let the world and worldly pursuits claim the material God has given us with which to strengthen the dyke of good against the flood of wrong? No, we must not, we cannot allow the forces of evil to claim our birthright. We must wake up to the needs of the young, counteract the waves of sin by furnishing amusement; not the kind Satan gives, that saps vitality of the innocent heart, but that which will give new life.

If we sit idly by and do nothing, we must not expect those who are young now to be true soldiers of the cross in their old age, for, "As the

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twig is bent, so the tree is inclined," and if we let the twig be bent towards sin the tree will not be inclined toward good. To take the place of the cardtable we must have the Epworth Social, not the kind that makes every one feel miserable, but one that seems to make life worth while. Instead of dances, have lawn parties, tennis games, and picnics. Let all feel that they are a part of the world.

Are we the masters of destiny that we should change the order of things and would live to suit or own narrow ideals? Can we forbid the young men from going to the public dance hall or club card table, and giving them nothing to take its place, expect them to be Christians? They will have amusement, and unless we provide it for them they will provide for themselves. They will turn from us to the world for their pastime.

Reading is only a subdivision of recreation. What we read in early life remains with us. That is why we go to school while young instead of waiting until we are old and gray.

Unless we have large, well-chosen libraries, books written by standard, popular authors, whose popularity endures for more than a week, we must not be surprised to see would-be Leaguers buying novels of the 10-cent quality at some news-stand. Youth is romantic as well as pleasure loving. Life is a romance, besides being a reality. Why let the young minds be filled with erroneous ideas of life painted in roseate colors of impossibility and then wonder why the young man of today fails in business and the young woman seeks a divorce court as a means of escape from the matrimonial inferno? It is because while a boy he reads of gold-mines in California, or how a rich uncle died and left a fortune. His whole system is steeped in dreams and no work.

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The girl reads of love divine and everlasting, social position and wealth, but having never been taught the necessity of well-cooked meals and a home to be the harbor of rest after a bad day in business, she wonders why the flame of love cools so quickly.

In order to have men and women of strong practical minds we must teach them that reality is a romance of their own making and not that reality is a romance made to order.

Burns saw the romantic side of life, he saw beauty in the yellow dandelion, and real tragedy in the plowed-up field-mouse's nest, and yet was there ever a man who saw the cold, unsympathetic face of Fate any more clearly than did Burns?

Musical clubs for the discussion of great composers' lives, their compositions, etc., should be organized. Societies for the study of poets and authors is educational as well as a pleasure. Books on social and home economy, how to promote healthful conditions of our homes and town, all can be had for a small amount compared to the good received. Studies of art and sculpture, of ancient and modern times, develop our aesthetic nature. Then, let us give our young people recreation and books selected with such fineness of preception and loving hearts that scoffers cannot say that we leave our youth for the world and then expect them to be religious. We will not only keep our young people in the church but will win others. Cultivate the desire for good before Satan has a chance to cultivate a desire for evil.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." This training is the problem that faces us, the Epworth Leaguers.—Muriel McAlexander.

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Casting aside all things that mar,  
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To the voices of hope that are calling you

Open the door of your heart.

Open the door of your heart, my lass,  
To the things that shall abide;  
To the holy thoughts that lift your soul,

Like the stars at eventide,  
All of the fadeless flowers that bloom

In the realms of song and art  
Are yours if you'll only give them room.

Open the door of your heart.

—Edward Everett Hale.

### THE BRAVEST DEED.

A group of old United States soldiers, both North and South, were telling stories of the Civil War.

At last they fell to comparing the greatest acts of bravery that each had known, and a Southerner told the following story:

"It was a hot day in July, in 1864, and General Grant was after us. Our men had hurriedly dug rifle pits to protect themselves from the Northern sharpshooters, and dead and dying Northerners were lying up to the very edge of those pits.

"In one of those pits was an ungainly, raw, red-headed boy. He was a retiring lad, green as grass, but a reliable fighter. We never paid much attention to him, one way or another.

The wounded had been lying for hours unattended before the pits, and the sun was getting hotter. They were suffering horribly from pain and thirst. Not fifteen feet away, outside the rifle pit, lay a mortally wounded officer, who was our enemy.

"As the heat grew more intolerable, the officer's cries for water increased. He was evidently dying hard, and his appeals were of the most piteous nature. The red-headed boy found it very hard to bear them. He had just joined the regiment and was not yet callous to suffering. At last, with tears flooding his grimy face, he cried out: 'I can't stand it no longer, boys! I'm going to take that poor fellow my canteen.' For answer to this fool-hardy speech, one of us put a cap on a ramrod and hoisted it above the pit. Instantly it was pierced by a dozen bullets. To venture outside a step was the maddest suicide. And all the while we could hear the officer's moans: 'Water, water! Just one drop, for God's sake, somebody! Only one drop!'

"The tender-hearted boy could stand the appeal no longer. Once, twice, three times, in spite of our utmost remonstrances, he tried unsuccessfully to clear the pit.

"At last he gave a desperate leap over the embankment, and once on the other side, threw himself flat on the ground and crawled toward his dying foe. He could not get close to him because of the terrible fire, but he broke a sumac bush, tied to the stick his precious canteen, and landed it in the sufferer's trembling hands.

"You never heard such gratitude in your life. The officer was for tying his gold watch on the stick and sending it back as a slight return for the

disinterested act. But this the boy would not allow. He only smiled happily, and returned as he had gone, crawling amid a hailstorm of bullets.

"When he reached the edge of the pit he called out to his comrades to clear the way for him, and with a mighty leap he was among us once more. He was not even scratched.

"He took our congratulations calmly. We said it was the bravest deed we had seen during the war. He did not answer. His eyes had a soft, musing look.

"How could you do it?' I asked in a whisper later, when the crack of the rifles ceased for a moment.

"It was something I thought of,' he said, simply. Something my mother used to say to me. 'I was thirsty and ye gave me drink,' she said. She read it out of the Bible, and she taught it to me till I never could forget it. When I heard that man crying for water I remembered it. The words stood still in my head. I couldn't get rid of 'em. So I thought they meant me—and I went. That's all.

"This was the reason why the boy was ready to sacrifice his life for an enemy. And it was reason enough," said the soldier in a quivering voice.—Ex.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

### GREAT REVIVAL AT BATESVILLE.

Dear Methodist: Five weeks ago Brother Hively began his tent meeting at Central Avenue Church, in Batesville, with the writer to do the preaching and Mr. Tol Tatum to lead the singing. This meeting continued for two weeks. Great crowds attended services to the close, and about 40 professed conversion.

The meeting was then moved to the First Church and continued three weeks. Brother Tatum having to leave on account of another engagement the singing was led in a most satisfactory way by Brother Edgar T. Miller, of Smithville Circuit. Rev. Harry King, one of our own Arkansas boys, came at the invitation of the pastor on May 5, and remained until May 21, preaching twice a day at the church and speaking before the schools and on the street and working night and day for the salvation of souls.

As a result of the three weeks' meeting at First Church, Batesville, there were more than 100 who professed conversions and a great revival in the church. Our membership has been increased, our whole church greatly built up, and many hearts and homes made better as a result of this meeting. The appeal of the preacher was strong and sane. The official board stood by the meeting most loyally.

One feature of the meeting was the spirit of earnest prayer. A great prayer list was furnished and from six to eight prayer services were conducted every afternoon at the same hour in different parts of the town. Mrs. R. A. Dowdy was the superintendent of this department of the work and right well did she do her work.

Our two churches worked faithfully in the meetings and both pastors were in almost every service. The presiding elder, Rev. B. L. Wilford, rendered most efficient service throughout the meetings. Both in personal work and in preaching he was a great force in the meeting.

Our hearts are glad because of this great victory. We are expecting even greater things as the result of this meeting.—J. B. Stevenson.

### MARIANNA MISSION.

At the last session of Annual Conference Bishop Morrison and his cabinet appointed me as a supply on the Marianna Mission, which embraces all the bottom country north of the L'Anguille river, west of the Mississippi, south of the Rock Island Railroad and east of the Helena branch of the Iron Mountain, comprising eight appointments, with more to follow. Part of the present work was at one time in the old Council Circuit, but for several years few of these points have had any preaching at all.

During the long winter it was impossible to reach every point, but since good weather came we have been having good times at each place.

We failed to have our first Quarterly Conference on account of the weather in the winter, but at our second session the stewards levied an assessment for the pastor's salary of \$600 for the year.

We have seven Sunday schools on the work and think by July we will be able to report nine schools.

At Hughes, a thrifty little town, of about 2,000 inhabitants on the Marianna-Memphis cutoff of the Iron Mountain, we are planning and will build a parsonage and the other points will furnish it by fall. We expect to be able to make two circuits out of our territory by conference, with a parsonage and a salary of \$600 for the pastor on the Hughes Circuit next year.

We also expect to be able to form a very promising work out of the south end of the circuit for next year. Our women are taking great interest and we shall be able to report several Missionary Societies ere long. The men are ready and are doing what they can to help in the establishment of the church of God in this fine farming country. We thank the Lord for responsive hearts and willing hands that have greeted us at every point. Excellent crowds attend every service—some walking four and five miles to attend, others driving even farther still. We have undertaken great things for the Master and have given the people a chance to help and they are doing nobly, and all are expecting great things from the Lord, and verily we believe they are coming.

Our meetings begin at Hulbert, at the junction of the Rock Island and Iron Mountain roads, on the third Sunday in June; thence to Toni—a country church south of Forrest City, on July 4; thence to Hughes, July 18; thence to Council, August 1; thence to Raggio, August 15; and on to White Hall, August 22, and Skidmore, August 29, winding up at Happy, September 4. We also want to hold two or three other meetings between them and conference, and leave every church in good shape for next year—when we expect two preachers instead of one.

We ask the entire church to pray God's blessings on us in this field, ripe already unto harvest, that we may be able to gather much fruit for the Lord.

We recommended Brother J. M. Robinson for license to preach and he was granted license at District Conference. He is a good man and is aiding the pastor materially in the work of this large field. We praise the Lord for ability to do our little for Him.—Melvin L. Mack, P. C.

### MONTICELLO DISTRICT NOTES.

The second round of Quarterly Conference has been made. The last conference was at Banks, on the Hermitage Circuit. It being at a distance



from most of the churches, the official attendance was small. Brother Williams made a good report. There were several additions to the church; one a merchant and another the daughter of a Baptist minister. Brother Lewis, who has the camp work, has things in hand. He is a manager of men and church interest. It is a rare treat to be with him in the camp. Brother Jno. Hoover, of McGehee Station, recently received over fifty members, the result of revival services. Brother Hoover meets the demand on circuits and station.

Brother McKay preached the baccalaureate sermon for the high school of Hamburg. He is a master of large crowds, and very popular as preacher and pastor. Brother Lindsey, of Monticello, occupied the pulpit at Warren recently. He made a fine impression. He is one of our best pastors. Sister McClintock, the faithful and devoted wife of Brother R. A. McClintock, passed to her reward the first of May. It was delightful to be in her home. She spoke of the work "as our work." She did her part in life. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved. Brother Shaw preached the baccalaureate sermon for the schools of Monticello. We have no better preacher than Brother Shaw. Brother J. M. Cannon, who located at the last con-

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ference, is doing good work on the Watson Circuit. We would like to see him again in the Conference. His withdrawal is a loss to the church. His splendid talents will find a larger field of usefulness. Our presiding elder, Brother Davidson seems to meet the demands of this fine district. An educated, classical and logical preacher, we expect results. Brother Henderson is preaching to crowds at Crossett. He has time to visit the camps, filling the place of two preachers. The Sunday school convention at Warren brought to us some of the best Sunday school workers in the nation. The attendance of our ministers in the district was disappointing. It seems there are some who do not appreciate the opportunities at our doors.—R. Spann.

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Little Rock District Conference convened at England Thursday morning, May 20, Dr. Alonzo Monk, presiding elder, in the chair.

All the preachers of the district were in attendance, one or two being a little late in arrival. A number of visiting brethren were present and introduced to the conference. I may not get the names of all, but I remember the following: Brother Sage, of Pine Pluff District, Brother Moore of De Witt, Brother W. C. Watson, J. P. Plummer, W. O. Barnett, and Dr. Jas. Thomas, who did good work in behalf of the Western Methodist, as well as to represent Hendrix College.

Every session of the conference was interesting and well attended by the citizens of England. Although the absence of a number of delegates was noticeable, yet the district was well represented by laymen from all parts of the district. At the eleven o'clock hour, Thursday, Dr. Monk preached a most interesting sermon.

The conference sermon was preached Thursday evening by Dr. Richardson, subject, "Why We Are Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." This was a most excellent deliverance. Brother Moore gave us a splendid sermon Friday. All were in a happy mood, and enjoyed the conference. In the more than twenty years of my ministry I have never known so close and regular attendance upon the business sessions of a conference. This was true of every session. Six men were licensed to preach, and one was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The reports from the various charges indicate the district to be in good condition, and splendid showing was made on the question of finances, despite the very close times in money matters everywhere. Nearly four hundred additions to the church were reported, and above sixty children baptized. England entertained the conference royally, and the pastor-host, Brother Hundley, showed himself a master of all matters in his hands.

Dr. Monk's presidency over the conference was equal to that of a bishop, and reminded the writer very much of Bishop Hoss, in the chair. He was for business, yet emphasized the devotional; firm, yet brotherly and courteous. On account of anxiety of preachers and delegates to reach home Saturday, a business session was held Friday night, and the conference adjourned. The writer remained over Sunday, and preached to a packed house at the morning hour.

There was but one thing to mar the conference, and that was the unwill-

ingness of the pastors and delegates to remain over Sunday, that Saturday might be made a great day, and the pulpits of the churches of the town occupied Sunday.—T. P. Clark.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON Q. C. JOURNALS AT LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

[Published by request. A few items omitted.]

We, your Committee on Journals beg to report as follows:

We have examined the records from all the charges except the following, for which no journals have been submitted: Bauxite, Bryant, Forest Park.

In a number of cases we were not furnished with records of third and fourth quarterly Conferences for year 1914. This oversight was caused, perhaps, by beginning a new book with the 1915 conferences, and overlooking the bringing of the previous Record Book.

As a whole the records show an improvement in the method of keeping them over preceding records; now, however, we think the present way of keeping the records could, and should be materially improved. Many of the records show erasures, sheets cut from the record, and typewritten copies of proceedings pasted in instead of using the printed forms for statistical data, together with the blank sheets for supplementary, pastoral and other reports. We take it for granted that the books with forms are made in compliance with the church laws. In many cases it would be exceedingly difficult to make a correct statistical report from the information given, and the manner in which the information is given. We would recommend in this case that the records be given strictly in compliance with the form, so that they will be uniform, and from which an intelligent and correct statistical report could readily be made. Many of the reports would not be admitted as testimony in our state courts, on account of erasures and clipping pages out. We think the church record should be as full and complete, and accurate as is required in our civil courts.

We would recommend further that the pastors acquaint themselves better with the system, that they may instruct new recording stewards in making up their records. We would suggest that instruction along this line in our preachers' summer school would not be amiss. A number of records were not signed, which is a necessary part of the record, and which is according to the church law. In some instances the Quarterly Conference Roll of Members for year 1915 was not entered, and also in a number of cases the record of those present at meetings was omitted.

Your committee would suggest that if possible answers under question 24 be made to show amounts raised, amounts expended, and balance on hand, if any, in the several funds, as well as collections and disbursements for special purposes.—J. H. Hollis, Chairman, L. J. Ridling, J. C. Griffin.

#### HELENA DISTRICT.

We have just completed our second round of Quarterly Conferences and are now ready to begin the third. Good work has been done by all our preachers, and the financial reports have been really better than we had expected. Our pastors reported 250 additions to the church this year, and only two protracted meetings held.

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I have made a tour of our mission fields and the outlook is fine for the organization of four or five new works this fall. The Marianna Mission and the Lagrange Mission will develop into double work another year.

We are striving to develop through Hon. M. B. Norfleet, our lay leader, our laymen so as to give our mission fields good backing another year. Clarendon has pledged \$200 to sustain a mission another year and others will do likewise.

We must change our methods of work if we are to give to the people and to God the best. Let us call for missionaries at home, and let men with their wives offer themselves for the work and then let the conference recognize them as our advance guard and get behind them with money enough to guarantee them a living wage, and then select men who can lead and who will count it an honor to be counted a missionary in Arkansas as much as a missionary in China. No man can be his best self, or give to the world his best service with a depleted larder and no bank account. When we make heroes out of our home missionaries we will find heroic work done. Men do their best when we expect of them their best, and do our best to make their best possible.

Mr. Editor, we are not unmindful of

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#### LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA PREACHERS' MEETING.

Present: Monk, Hutchinson, Workman, Richardson, Twitty, J. D. Baker, C. N. Baker, Wilkerson, Eaglebarger, McClure.

Devotional exercises led by Eaglebarger. Motion passed protesting the suggested change of the date of the Annual Conference. Letter read from the Board of Church Extension thanking the Little Rock preachers for their invitation to meet in Little Rock another year.

The special feature of the meeting was a discussion led by Dr. Richardson on the "Preacher in His Study," and participated in by Hutchinson, Monk, Twitty, Wilkerson and C. N. Baker. There being only ten minutes allotted for reports, no details were entered into by the preachers from the various churches. However, it was clearly indicated that last Sunday was a splendid day for Methodism in Little Rock.

At Pulaski Heights the services were conducted by the junior pastor, Brother Meux, the pastor, Rev. Twitty, being called to Gillett to preach a commencement sermon.

At Winfield the congregation enjoyed a great sermon from Brother F. W. Gee of Forrest City, the pastor preaching at night. First Church reported an addition to the church through profession of faith at the night service. No report from Henderson, Forest Park or Capitol View. Brother Buhler recovering from recent illness, but not yet able to fill pulpit, or to attend preacher's meeting.

The special feature of the meeting next Tuesday will be a discussion of "The Pastor as Administrator of Church Affairs," or "The Pastor in His Office," led by Dr. J. H. O. Smith of the First Christian Church of Little Rock.

#### PARAGOULD DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The sixteenth session of the Paragould District Conference was held at Corning May 18-20. Rev. M. P. Tim-

berlake preached the opening sermon Monday night. A Sunday school institute was held Tuesday morning, which was very interesting and helpful to those attending.

Tuesday afternoon the conference proper convened, with Brother F. M. Tolleson, the presiding elder, in the chair. The roll call showed every charge represented but one. Rev. I. C. Bradsher was elected secretary, and W. F. Blevins, assistant secretary. The presiding elder appointed committees to look after the different interests of the Conference. Rev. James Thomas, of the Western Methodist Commission, addressed the conference in the interest of the paper and a subscription was taken from 20 pastoral charges to the amount of \$245.

Rev. W. A. Lindsey, our annual conference Sunday school field secretary, was present and addressed the conference on Sunday school work. The laymen were given a special program Wednesday morning, and Isaac Elbert of Reyno was re-elected district lay leader. Wednesday afternoon was spent in hearing reports from pastors and laymen. These reports showed everything in good spirits over the district, and hopeful for a good year. M. M. Smith, A. C. Cloyes, C. M. Reves and J. E. Jones were elected licensing committee to serve until annual conference. Hoxie was chosen as the place for holding the next session of the District Conference. J. H. Breckenridge, Sam McDaniel, J. A. Bradsher and C. G. Johnston were chosen as delegates to the annual conference, C. R. Fain and Joe Wood, alternates. Britton Ethridge Greene and Oscar Simon Poe were granted license to preach and Britton E. Greene was recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial, and Henry G. Summers was recommended for readmission.

Rev. J. F. E. Bates, our conference missionary secretary, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, conference president of Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Charles Steadman, district secretary of Woman's Missionary Society, made excellent addresses concerning missions and their work in the conference. The conference session was very harmonious throughout. Our presiding elder, Brother Tolleson, presided with dignity, and handled the affairs in the conference in a very brotherly manner, manifesting considerable executive ability. All the brethren spoke in highest terms of him and of Brother Skinner and his good people of Corning for the delightful entertainment during our stay in Corning. Everybody that knows the host and the people of Corning, knows that they never half do things.—W. F. Blevins, Assistant Secretary.

#### CENTRAL AVENUE AND BETHESDA.

We began a meeting at Central Avenue April 18, resulting in 30 conversions and a number of reclamations; 18 joined the Methodist Church, and some went into other churches. Rev. Frank Barrett preached the opening sermon, a great sermon. Rev. J. B. Stevenson of First Church, did most of the preaching. He is a great preacher. Rev. B. L. Wilford, the presiding elder, did some helpful work in the pulpit and congregation. Brother Tol Tatum of Jonesboro came to us the eighth day of the meeting and did much good among us. The people of First Church gave us their support, and the Lord was with us in great power. Perfect harmony pre-

valled throughout the meeting. After 15 days the service was transferred to First Church, Batesville. Here we had a great meeting. Much love to all who helped in the meeting, but to God be all the glory.—Chas. F. Hively, P. C.

#### DANVILLE.

At our Children's Day services Sunday, thirteen children joined the Cradle Roll, nine were promoted to the Beginners' Department, and eight were christened. So we have now placed sixteen on our fountain roll within the last four weeks. Many of the parents say that they have not had an opportunity to dedicate their children to God. A layman from another charge told me this morning that he had neglected to have his little girl christened because his pastor had not taken the initiative in this matter. Is it true that the laymen are thus waiting for us to give the invitation? If so let us pray God that there may be no delay.—J. Wilson Crichlow.

#### OBITUARIES.

PYATT.—Mrs. Matilda Pyatt (nee Loving), was born in Burke county, N. C., June 5, 1821. She was married to William Pyatt, April 5, 1838. With her husband and family she moved to Missouri in 1856 and from Missouri to Benton county, Ark., in 1861. For a number of years her home was at Elm Springs. Bro. Pyatt passed over some 18 years ago. There were born to them nine children, five boys and four girls, six of whom are still alive, Joseph C of Johnson, Ark., Jno. W. of Kansas, James of Oklahoma, Martha Matilda Sherman and Miss Sue of Elm Springs.

Sister Pyatt was converted and joined the M. E. Church at Elm Springs in 1867, in which church she lived a true, humble, faithful member until her Master called her to the home above. This call came at 1:50 a. m., May 3, 1915, and she was ready to go at the ripe age of nearly 94 years.

The writer knew her for about 20 years. Was her door neighbor during the six years he was her pastor and can testify to her real Christian character.

Three of her grandsons are ministers of the M. E. Church, South, in the North Arkansas Conference; Rev. Wm. Sherman, presiding elder of the Fort Smith District; Rev. Jeff Sherman, pastor of the church at Bentonville, and Chas. H. Sherman, pastor of the church at Pottsville. Besides those mentioned above there are other grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, with a host of friends who will miss her. Her funeral services were held at the home in the beautiful green yard among the fragrant roses and other flowers of which she was so fond, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Ruble, assisted by Dr. D. C. Summers, Rev. B. H. Greathouse, and the writer.

The large congregation gave evidence of the high esteem in which Grandma Pyatt (as she was commonly called) was held by them. Sister Pyatt did not live in vain, for "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

May the blessings of our Father who doeth all things well rest upon the bereft.—Y. A. Gilmore.

STROUD.—Sister Sarah Laferty Stroud was born in Izard County, Ark., February 15, 1881; died May 11, 1915, was married to Bro. L. W. Stroud September 25, 1900. This union was blessed with two dear children. She professed faith and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1901, and has been a faithful Christian since. A faithful and loving wife and mother, besides the husband, two children and one sister, she leaves a host of friends to mourn her departure.

I would say to the bereaved ones, weep not, she is gone but not forgotten, and her pain and sorrow which she bore with such fortitude, without complaint, is only another testimony of her strong faith. Then live to meet her on the resurrection morn.—Her Pastor.

FISHER.—Sister Cora Alma Fisher, wife of Brother Walter Fisher, died at her home in Friendship, Ark., May 7, about 8:30 p. m., 1915. Sister Fisher was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Garrett, of this place, and was born August 31, 1887. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church, South, 1901, during the revival while Bro. Whiteside was her pastor. He has gone on before. She was married to Bro. Fisher in December, 1905. Sister Fisher leaves a devoted and loved companion, three small children, parents, a number of brothers and sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Sister Fisher was loved by everybody. She had suffered for several months very patiently.

The pains of death are past, labor and sorrow ended, and life's warfare closed at last. Her soul is found in peace.

May the vacant chair, the empty pew, the absent friend and neighbor be a reminder that one more is added to heaven, and that in the Father's house there is room for those who accept the great plan of salvation. May those that mourn her loss realize that heaven has gained and that pain and

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sorrow for her have passed. May God bless the three little motherless ones and the bereaved in their lingering sadness.—Her Pastor, W. H. Huguen.

**WOLF.**—W. H. Wolf was born in Mississippi forty-nine years ago, and died at his home in Vannale April 15, 1915. He leaves an aged mother, two sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The Methodist Church at Vannale has lost a true member, the community a good citizen, and the home their father. The hearts of the loved ones left behind are sad but they weep not as those who have no hope, as the father has gone on to the home of many mansions.

Yes, "Billy Wolf," as he was best known, has passed on to his reward, where parting will be no more. This life does not end all and the good work of Brother Wolf will live on and grow in the lives of others.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. F. Wilson, and at the grave by the W. O. W. Cross County Camp No. 112, and the entire public school, and many friends followed the remains to their last resting place.—C. F. Wilson, Pastor.

**GARNER.**—Mrs. Sallie Garner (nee Furlow) was born in Greensboro, Ga., November 19, 1854. She grew to mature womanhood in her native state, and at the age of 24 years professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, which relation she faithfully retained till the day of her summons to the church triumphant, May 10, 1915. On December 21, 1880, she was married to J. T. Garner, with whom she lived happily to the day of her death. She and her husband became the fond parents of three bright children, two boys and one girl, all of whom preceded the mother to the glory world. While the home was bereft of all her natural offspring there remained an adopted son—Wallace Long, of Malvern, Ark., upon whom

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she lavished a wealth of motherly devotion equal in warmth and tenderness to that given by a mother to her own son.

Nearly a quarter of a century of her life was spent in Amity with whose good people she joined in giving faithful service to her Lord and His church. For more than twenty-four years she was a teacher of a primary class in the Sunday school of the church she loved so well. She also held active and prominent positions in the missionary societies composed of the good women of the same church.

She belonged to that class of faithful women to whom the preachers and their families are so largely indebted for comforts and thoughtful kindnesses that would never be enjoyed but for the toil and loving ministries of such noble women. We shall miss her much as her cheerful voice is hushed and her busy and helpful hands are stilled. She will be greatly missed at her own home where she found such special pleasure in dispensing a warm and bountiful hospitality to the preachers, their families and other congenial friends. All her neighbors are keenly pained with a sense of their personal loss in her going. A good woman is gone. A faithful friend and kind neighbor has passed from our midst, but we are comforted in the thought that we know where to find her.

With feelings of deepest sympathy for the bereaved husband left in his loneliness we commend him to God and point to those bright mansions into which she has entered and awaits your coming. Her pastor, W. R. Harrison.

**THOMPSON.**—Again God came gathering his saints to fill his mansion. On May 2, 1915, Jno. B. Thompson, (Uncle Dock) was called from his earthly to a heavenly home.

He was born in Tennessee, May 29, 1853, came to Pike County, Ark., in 1857, where he was later married to Eliza Power. Here he spent most of his life in faithful citizenship. He was converted at Mt. Tabor in boyhood and joined the Protestant Methodist Church. In 1907 he joined the M. E. Church, South, and has been a very devout Christian since conversion. Though tried by pain and anguish for over two years he ever remained trustful and cheerful, and as the end drew near, more steady became his nerves and the more he talked of heaven and invited all to meet him there. He leaves his companion and nine children, four girls and five boys, two brothers, one sister, besides hosts of friends to mourn his departure. May God in his spirit be the companion and comforter of the wife, and may the great loving Father be a father to all of the grieved children. Rich is his legacy to humanity as his nine children are all Christians. May the Christian mantle of this good man fall upon the youth of the land who knew him.

"Dead, yet shall he live.

"Let not your hearts be troubled."

His pastor, Jesse Galloway.

**BRADY.**—Mr. J. M. Brady was born near Pleasant Valley, Ark., March 17, 1841, and has made this his home all the time. He was one of the oldest settlers of this place. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1877, under the pastorate of Rev. Ray. Brother Brady was one of the first men we met when we reached our new field after conference, and

it was a great pleasure to hear him talk of the early days of the church work of the Pleasant Valley class. He furnished the first light for service at night in the little log church that is now used for a barn, and the light was an old-time grease lamp. Brother Brady was not what might be called a real public worker in the church, but was a man that had the work of the church on his heart and was always ready to help in some way every time his pastor went to him for help or advice about the church.

Brother Brady had been feeble for a few weeks, but had been up and about all the time. Sunday morning, May 9, he walked down to a neighbor's home and upon entering the home and speaking about one or two words, he sank to the floor and spoke no more. We see from this that we have no assurance of our life and it is not for us to know either the day or the hour when the call will come. But it is coming, so let us be ready as we feel and know that this good brother was. He has left us and gone on to meet his companion, who passed on several years ago. He leaves three sons and three daughters, one brother and a host of kindred and friends to mourn after him, but we know where to find him. Sleep on my brother, we miss your presence, but what is our loss is heaven's gain.—His pastor, B. E. Robertson.

**M'CONNELL.**—M. S. McConnell was born in the state of Missouri, June 14, 1857, and passed to his reward from the home of his son, Rev. J. E. McConnell at Tulsa, Okla., May 16, 1915.

When he was a baby his parents moved to Arkansas and settled near Charleston, where he spent almost his entire life, leaving there only six years ago and going to Mansfield, Ark.

Both at Charleston and Mansfield he was engaged in the mercantile business, where he formed a large acquaintance, and the circle of his friendship was co-extensive with his acquaintance.

On coming to young manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Reeves and to them six children were born, the first dying in infancy, the others, Rev. J. E. McConnell, pastor of our Tigert Memorial Church, Tulsa, Okla., Miss Mary McConnell of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Bull of Midland, Ark., and Mesdames Floyd and Bullington of Charleston were all present at his funeral. His wife died about 26 years ago.

In early childhood he was converted and joined the Methodist Church and was an attendant at Sunday school and church all his life.

For several months he has been sick, but he was always patient, never murmured, but waited God's will to be done. He was conscious that the end was not far away, but he had no fear. He knew in whom he had believed and was not afraid to trust Him.

Sunday morning, just as the Sunday school children were assembling, he went to join the loved ones on the other side, "Where congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end."

They brought the body back to Charleston for burial and the service was held by the writer, assisted by Revs. F. G. Villines, J. H. Sturdy and Thos. Martin, in the church at Charleston, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. May all his children meet him in the "sweet by and by."—William Sherman.

**M'COY.**—Near Holly Grove, Ark., on May 3, the spirit of Naomi McCoy was released from its earthly tabernacle and was borne by angels to the mansion in our Father's house, prepared for all who love the Lord. Naomi was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finis McCoy, was born near Poplar Grove, where the greater part of her life was spent. Being afflicted since her third year she could not enjoy the sports of childhood, so was the constant companion of her mother, and was early taught to bear her affliction cheerfully. Her resignation was wonderful. While frail in body her mind was unusually bright. Thoughtful of others, together with cheerfulness and a ready wit, she was companionable for both young and old. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church at an early age, led a consistent Christian life, and when possible attended the services of the church. It was her intention, the last week of her life, to attend a protracted meeting at this place, but God saw fit to grant her a higher privilege and permitted her to join in singing praises to the Lamb, "in the congregation that ne'er breaks up." While afflicted she was not helpless, but helpful both in her home and among her friends, and it may truly be said of her "she hath done what she could." While her loved ones have the deepest sympathy of their friends, we realize that words of consolation avail nothing. Only time and the loving hand of our Heavenly Father can soothe such grief as theirs. There is another cord to draw them to that land where there is "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." May the grief-stricken parents, by God's grace, be enabled to say, "Thy

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will be done," and all the loved ones resolve to meet her again around the great white throne.—A Friend.

**CLEMENT.**—Miss Ila Clement, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Clement, was born at Gravelly Hill, Ark., October 26, 1879, and died at her brother's home in Danville, April 19, 1915.

In infancy Miss Ila's life had been dedicated to God; in childhood she had joined the Methodist Church, and in young womanhood she continued to serve her God, whom she had always trusted, loved and obeyed. Like the Christ-life, hers was spent in the service of others. When a mere girl she had tenderly cared for her invalid mother, thereby training herself to become the good Evangeline of the sick room. So among the sick of our town she was often found. No hour was too late, no night too dark for her to come, no hut too wretched, no soul too sinful for her to visit. Yes, a friend to the friendless, a comfort to the broken-hearted, was Miss Ila. She "went about doing good."

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The lack of efficiency in the modern school is due to other causes. The old field school was in charge of a man who was usually the master of the situation, and required his pupils to master a few subjects thoroughly. Its modern successor's frequently in charge of a young girl who does her best to get her pupils to do something in two or three times as many subjects, and the result is that none are mastered. The pupils in this way acquire the habit of doing poor and careless work, and they are fortunate if they ever get such habits cured.

Our boys should be trained to master themselves first, and then to master thoroughly whatever subjects they study, and the school should not undertake to do more than it can do well. We need intensive cultivation in the school room as well as in the fields.

Parents wishing to place their boys where they can get such training should write to Jas. A. Peoples, Principal of the Peoples-Tucker School, Springfield, Tenn., for information.

Though much of Miss Ila's time was given to older people, the sobs of the little children who gathered around her coffin told that they had not been neglected by her. In more than one home the little ones were heard to say, "Mamma, we haven't any Sunday school teacher now." For years she had faithfully taught the Beginners' Class, had kept in touch with the young life of our school, and had rejoiced to see many of the children give their hearts to Christ. How many of these boys and girls were led to this decision by the sacred words and consecrated life of this true teacher, we may never know. But we do know that she has scattered sunshine on earth and she will add to the glory of heaven, for "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—Her friend and pastor, J. Wilson Crichlow.

#### "THE FINEST FIELD OF SERVICE"

In modestly announcing his retirement from the editorship of The Christian Advocate, New York, Dr. George P. Eckman has made a distinct and needful contribution to a wholesome ministerial sentiment. He said in substance:

"We regard the pastorate as the finest field of service in the church."

Had Dr. Eckman uttered those words three years ago they would have been just as true as they are now, but as coming from him they could not have been half so significant.

Experience in a difficult situation previously untried gives a new perspective to old opportunities and delights.

Pastors know nothing practically of journalistic hard knocks, though many of them sigh to know. After adequate trial most of them probably, like the eloquent Eckman, might sigh to get back again into "the finest field of service in the church."

Dr. Eckman as editor has introduced original features, especially along the line of the artistic and academic. Masterpieces in art, representative discussions in science, popular expressions in church life and a frank and open attitude have distinguished his management.

But the type has no claxon ring. The tripod no sounding board, the press no throne. An orator feels the need of these, else he chafes.

A pastor does not meet one criticism where an editor meets ten.

A pastor can use his voice publicly and privately, while an editor, as such, cannot use it at all.

A pastor has ten times the freedom of an editor. Calls for sermons come twice or thrice in a week, while calls for "copy" are a ceaseless din.

An editor who responds to many outside calls is very apt to neglect his inside obligations.

A pastor can delay some tasks from one week day to another; an editor, like a cook, can delay nothing. The demands upon his attention are inexorable. He is a plodder and must plod or quit.

Dr. Eckman vacates the most distinguished and in some respects the most advantageous position in the church for what he wisely deems "the finest."

Success to him and to all pastors in their thrones of power. God help all of us poor editors who must keep pegging away in fields of service not the "finest," but fairly opportune.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

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# QUARTERLY CONFERENCES LITTLE ROCK.

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Dalark Ct., at Manchester... May 29-30  
Cedarglades Mission... June 5-6  
A. O. EVANS, P. E.

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Friendship Ct., at F... June 12-13  
Arkadelphia... June 12-13  
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Pisgah... June 19-20  
Traskwood Ct., at Lonsdale... June 26-27  
Benton... June 26-27  
Malvern Ct., at Rockport... July 3-4  
Malvern... July 3-4  
Lono Ct., at Poyen... July 10-11  
Leola, at Mt. Zion... July 10-11  
Ussery Ct., at Caney... July 17-18  
Hot Springs Ct., at New Salem... July 24-25  
Malvern Avenue... July 24-25  
Tigert and Oaklawn... Aug. 1  
Park Ave... Aug. 1  
Central... Aug. 8  
Third Street... Aug. 8  
Dalark... Aug. 8  
Holly S. Ct., Mt. Carmel... Aug. 21-22  
Princeton, at Ben Few Camp Meeting... Aug. 21-22  
Cedarglades Ct... Aug. 28-29  
The District Conference will meet at Rockport, July 1 at 9 a. m. The opening service, a prayer, praise, testimony and fellowship service, will be held the night before, led by W. A. Steel. The sessions of the conference will close at noon Saturday. Announcement of committees and other matters next week.  
A. O. EVANS, P. E.

## CAMDEN DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Stephens... May 29-30  
Magnolia... June 6-7  
Camden... June 14  
On this round special attention will be given to questions 1, 5, 6, 7, 8. The delegates to District Conference will be elected. District Conference will be held July 6-9, at Atlanta.  
W. P. WHALEY, P. E.

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Tomberlin Ct., at Hamilton... May 28-30  
Bryant Ct., at Douglasville... June 19-20  
Henderson Chapel, P. M... June 20  
Mabelvale, at Mablevale... June 26-27  
Highland, p. m... June 27  
Bauxite Ct., at New Hope... July 3-4  
Twenty-eighth St., p. m... July 4  
Austin Ct., at Smyrna... July 10-11  
Hickory Plains Circuit, at Rogers... July 17-18  
Oak Hill Circuit... July 24-25  
First Church, 11 a. m... August 1  
Forest Park, 3 p. m... August 1  
Winfield Memorial, p. m... August 1  
Lonsake... August 1  
Carlisle, p. m... August 8  
Hunter Memorial... August 15  
Pulaski Heights, p. m... August 15  
Capitol View, p. m... August 18  
De Vall's Bluff and Hazen, at... August 21-22  
De Vall's Bluff... August 21-22  
Res Arc, p. m... August 22  
England... August 22  
Keo, p. m... August 29  
Brethren will take notice that I have purposely arranged no appointments for the first two weeks in June, that we all might, so far as Quarterly meetings are concerned, feel free to attend the Summer School for Ministers at Hendrix College. I hope very much that all who can possibly do so will avail themselves of the rare benefits that may be had by attending. Studios attendance upon the addresses and lectures will furnish a fine toning-up preparatory for the revival season.  
ALONZO MONK, P. E.

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Watson Ct., at Kelso... May 29-30  
Dermott Sta... June 5-6  
Monticello Sta... June 6-7  
Tillar and Dumas, at Newton... June 12-13  
Parkdale and Wilmot, at P... June 19-20  
District Conference at Lake Village... June 24-27  
McGehee Sta... July 3-4  
Mt. Pleasant Ct., at Selma... July 10-11  
Portland and Blissville, at P... July 17-18  
Lacy Ct., at Prairie Grove... July 24-25  
Wilmar Sta... Aug. 7-8  
Warren Sta... Aug. 8-9  
Hermitage Ct., at Jersey... Aug. 21-22  
Warren Mill Camps, at Arkansas C... Aug. 22-23  
Collins Ct., at Prairie Hall... Aug. 28-29  
The District Conference will convene

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Committees: License to Preach, J. L. Cannon, A. Trischmann and J. L. Hoover; Recommendations, R. W. McKay, S. C. Dean and P. S. Herron.  
W. C. DAVIDSON, P. E.

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Rowell Ct., at Wesley's Ch... May 29-30  
Alzheimer and Wabbaseka, at Althelmer... June 6  
Lakeside, Pine Bluff... June 8  
Sherrill & Tucker, at Tucker... June 13  
Swan Lake... June 26  
Roe Ct... June 26-27  
J. A. SAGE, P. E.

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT CONFERENCE—CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING.

The Pine Bluff District Conference will meet at Rison, Ark., Wednesday evening, June 30, 1915, instead of July 13, as announced last week. The opening sermon will be preached Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. P. Plummer. The following committees of examination have been appointed: For License to Preach—L. M. Powell, E. F. Wilson and L. W. Evans. For Admission on Trial—W. C. Watson, B. B. Thomas, A. O. Graydon. For Deacons' or Elders' Orders—E. R. Steel, H. E. Van Camp and R. R. Moore.  
J. A. SAGE, P. E.

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Center Point... May 29-30  
Mineral Springs... May 30-31  
Mt. Ida... June 5-6  
Caddo Gap... June 6-7  
Gurdon... June 12-13  
Bingen... June 19-20  
Nashville... June 20-21  
Delight, Dist. Conf... June 24-27  
Orchard View... July 3-4  
Murfreesboro... July 4-5  
Shawmut... July 10-11  
Amity... July 11-12  
Columbus... July 17-18  
Washington... July 18-19  
Harmony... July 24-25  
Blevins Ct., Friendship... July 31-Aug. 1  
Okolona Ct... Aug. 7-8  
Prescott... Aug. 8-9  
Fulton... Aug. 14-15  
Notice that the District Conference will be held in Delight, June 24-27. Brother J. H. Bradford will preach the opening sermon Wednesday night. Conference convenes Thursday, 8:30 a. m. The Delight people are delighted to have the conference held in their town. They will delight you by a royal welcome and a lavish entertainment. Pastors, please send a complete list of your delegates to Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Delight, Ark. (See Disc., Par. 70.) We expect to have with us the Conference Sunday School Secretary and representatives of other interests.  
W. M. HAYES, P. E.

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

1. Applications and License to Preach—T. O. Owen, W. R. Harrison, and J. W. Berry; 2. For Deacons' and Elders' Orders—M. K. Irvin, J. Z. Burleson and B. A. Few. I urgently request each pastor to send a complete list of all who are members of the Conference. Please see that the local preachers be present and have written reports of their work. Let us all be diligent in prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Conference and on the district.—W. M. HAYES, P. E.

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Vandervort, at Rocky... May 29-30  
Mena, p. m... May 30  
Gillham, at Waford's... June 12-13  
De Queen, p. m... June 13  
Bradley, at Bethel... June 19-20  
Lewisville, p. m... June 20  
Richmond, at Winthrop... June 26-27  
Paraloma, at Paraloma... July 3-4  
Patmos, at Sardis... July 10-11  
Stamps, p. m... July 11  
Fairview... July 17-18  
College Hill... July 17-18  
Foreman... July 24-25  
Ashdown, p. m... July 25  
Horatio and Wilton... July 31-Aug. 1  
Cherry Hill, p. m... Aug. 1  
Quarterly Conference, Monday, 2 p. m. Foulke... Aug. 7-8  
Umpire... Aug. 14-15  
First Church, Texarkana... Aug. 28-29  
Bright Star... Aug. 28-29  
Lockesburg to be given later.  
J. A. BIGGS, P. E.

## NORTH ARKANSAS.

## BOONEVILLE DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Cauthron Circuit... May 29-30  
Danville... June 5-6  
Ola and Perry... June 12-13  
Walnut Tree Circuit... June 19-20  
Gravelly Circuit... June 26-27  
Plainview Circuit... July 3-4  
Dardanelle Circuit... July 10-11  
Dardanelle... July 17-18  
Paris... July 24-25  
Magazine... July 27-28  
Bigelow... July 31-Aug. 1  
Perryville... Aug. 7-8

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Booneville... Aug. 14-15  
Booneville Circuit... Aug. 17-18  
Branch Circuit... Aug. 21-22  
Prairie, V. & S... Aug. 28-29  
Petit Jean Circuit... Aug. 31  
JAS. A. ANDERSON, P. E.

## BATESVILLE DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Charlotte Ct., Walnut Grove... June 5-6  
Sulphur Rock Ct., Sulphur Rock... June 6-7  
Floral Ct., Oak Grove... June 12-13  
Desha Ct., Oak Valley... June 13-14  
Evening Shade Ct., Bear Creek... June 16-17  
Salado and Oil Trough, Oil Trough... June 19-20  
Tuckerman and Kenyon, Kenyon... June 26-27  
Central Ave. and Bethesda, C. Ave... July 3-4  
Cotter Ct... July 10-11  
Mountain Home Ct., Wesley's Chapel... July 11-12  
Lead Hill Ct., Lead Hill... July 18-19  
Yellville Ct... July 24-25  
Mountain View... July 31-Aug. 1  
Melbourne Ct., Newberg... Aug. 7-8  
Calico Rock, at Macedonia... Aug. 8-9  
Viola Ct., Vidette... Aug. 10-11  
Bexar Ct., Mt. Pleasant... Aug. 14-15  
Minturn Ct... Aug. 21-22  
Swift and Alicia, Swifton... Aug. 22-23  
Newark Sta... Aug. 28-29  
Newport Sta... Aug. 29-30  
Jacksonport Ct... Sept. 4-5  
Marcella and Guion... Sept. 11-12  
Batesville, First Church... Sept. 13  
Cave City Ct... Sept. 19-20  
B. L. WILFORD, P. E.

## CONWAY DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Grenbrier, at Mallett Town... June 5-6  
Morrilton (conference later)... June 20  
Conway Ct., at Round Mtn... June 26-27  
Conway (conference later) at 11 a. m. July 4  
Plumerville (conference later) at 8 p. m. July 4  
Quitman and Rose Bud, at Plant's Chapel... July 10-11  
Naylor Ct., at Floyd... July 11-12  
Quitman Ct., at Central... July 17-18  
Russellville (conference later) at 11 a. m. July 25  
Atkins (conference later) at 8 p. m. July 25  
Springfield Ct., at Lanty... July 31-Aug. 1  
Hartman and Spadra, at Mt. Zion... Aug. 7-8  
Altus and Denning, at Altus... Aug. 14-15  
Damascus Ct., at Hopewell... Aug. 21-22  
Pottsville Ct., at Bell's Chapel... Aug. 28-29  
Appleton Ct., at Mt. Zion... Sept. 4-5  
Dover Ct., at Shady Grove... Sept. 11-12  
Lamar Ct., at Bell Grove... Sept. 18-19  
Clarksville, at 8 p. m. Sept. 19  
London Ct., at Madden's Chapel... Sept. 25-26  
R. E. L. BEARDEN, P. E.

## FORT SMITH DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

First Church, 11 a. m... June 6  
Midland Heights, 8 p. m... June 6  
Central Church... June 13  
Dodson Avenue, 11 a. m... June 20  
South Fort Smith, 8 p. m... June 20  
Fort Smith Circuit, at Oak Grove... June 26-27  
Hackett Circuit, at Bonanza... June 27-28  
Van Buren Station, 11 a. m... July 4  
Charleston Circuit, at Weaver... July 4-5  
Greenwood Station... July 10-11  
Mulberry Ct., at Mulberry... July 17-18

Kibler Circuit... July 18-19  
Ozark Circuit, at Pleasant Grove... July 24-25  
Ozark Station... July 25-26  
Van Buren Circuit, at Bethel... July 31-Aug. 1  
Alma Station... Aug. 1-2  
Hartford and Mansfield, at Mansfield... Aug. 7-8  
Huntington and Midland, at Abbott... Aug. 8-9  
Beech Grove Circuit... Aug. 14-15  
WILLIAM SHERMAN, P. E.

## HELENA DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Forrest City... May 30  
Haynes and Madison... June 5-6  
Colt... June 12-13  
Helena... June 20  
Holly Grove... June 27  
Marianna Mission... July 3-4  
Wheatley & Moro... July 10-11  
Brinkley... July 17-18  
Clarendon... July 24-25  
Turner... July 25-26  
McCrocy... Aug. 1  
Howell & Devew... Aug. 7-8  
Hamlin... Aug. 14-15  
Wynne... Aug. 21-22  
Parkin... Aug. 22-23  
Cotton Plant... Aug. 29-30  
Lagrange... Sept. 4-5  
W. F. EVANS, P. E.

## JONESBORO DISTRICT. (Third Round.)

Gilmore Ct., at Lepanto... May 29-30  
Marked Tree and Tyrnza, at T... May 30-31  
Nettleton & Bay, at B... June 5-6  
Bardstown & Heafer, at Turrell... June 6-7  
Jonesboro, 1st Church... June 19-20  
Jonesboro Ct., at Weiner... June 22-23  
Marion... June 26-27  
Blytheville... July 3-4  
Wilson... July 4-5  
Osceola... July 10-11  
Luxora and Rozelle, at R... July 11-12  
Harrisburg... July 17-18  
Harrisburg Ct., at Claunch... July 18-19  
Barfield Ct., at Tomato... July 22-23  
Blytheville Ct., at Promised L... July 24-25  
Manila and Dell, at D... July 25-26  
Vandale Ct., at Marvin... July 29-30  
Earle... July 31-Aug. 1  
Crawfordsville... Aug. 1-2  
W. L. OLIVER, P. E.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Pocahontas Ct., at Siloam, 11 Sat... May 29-30  
New Liberty, at Brighton, 11 Sat... June 5-6  
F. M. TOLLESON, P. E.

## SEARCY DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Pangburn, Oak Grove... May 29-30  
Searcy, First Church... June 6-7  
Searcy Ct... June 5-6  
Griffithville Ct... June 12-13  
Beebe Ct., at Austin... June 13-14  
Heber Springs... June 19-20  
R. C. MOREHEAD, P. E.

## STOCKHOLDERS' NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Arkansas Hydro-Electric Company, at the office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, in Little Rock, Ark., on the 28th day of May, 1915, for the consideration of such business as may properly come before the meeting.  
H. L. REMMEL, President.

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