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The Northwest Texas Conference

The West Oklahoma Conference

SUPERB Texas sunshine greeted the Northwest Texas Conference in Clarendon Wednesday morning, November 3. Bishop James H. McCoy called the conference to order in its sixth annual session promptly at 9 o'clock. He announced Hymn 547, "Children of the Heavenly King," and the conference sang heartily and was led in prayer by the Bishop. The Scripture lesson was Acts 6:1-6.

"The troubles of the Church to this time were external: it was now to meet a new experience—the dissension and dissatisfaction within which attend the development of the Church," began the Bishop in his discussion of the establishment of the diaconate in the early Church. We discover in the "murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations," the same old human nature in the Church of that day as in this. People were narrow and quarrelsome in that day as in this. This reflection ought to be a cure for our pessimism. "The Church today is a better Church than the world has ever known." "We have not fallen, we are going forward."

"I am glad to find in the Apostolic Church that primeval bond between the rich and the poor." "It is an unfortunate Church which has no poor in it." "A Church needs the poor even more than the poor need the Church." In discussing the polity of the Church, the Bishop said: "The polity of the Church is to develop under the exigency of its needs and the direction of the Holy Spirit."

Bishop McCoy then noted the Apostolic ideal of the diaconate. The deacons were to be men of character, reputation and piety—"men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Back of the parchment must be a man. The function of the early diaconate was twofold: It was both a temporal and a spiritual ministry; the care of the poor and the preaching of the word belonged to the work of a deacon.

Bishop McCoy then exalted the work of the apostle who is not to be found serving tables. "The minister ought to save himself for the higher and weightier work of his ministry." Preachers who cease to be prophets and become business managers are "bleached and empty" when they come before the people. "A man can't preach who gets his inspiration out of a Ladies' Aid Society supper." "The pulpit is the preacher's throne of power." The preacher who forgets this is "cheating the laymen at both ends." He is taking work they should do and giving them nothing on Sunday. "If we are to hold the future we must learn the lesson of putting some things in other hands and giving ourselves to the ministry of the Word."

After his inspiring and instructive exposition of the Scripture Bishop McCoy announced Hymn No. 1, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and the conference with a heightened vision of the greatness of the ministry sang with enthusiasm.

A. L. Moore, Secretary of the conference, called the roll and the following answered their names:

PREACHERS IN FULL CONNECTION.

Addison, O. M.	Lyon, W. E.
Bachman, J. W. R.	Martin, A. M.
Beavers, M. M.	Mayne, J. W.
Bowman, A. L.	Meador, C. B.
Bryant, Geo. H.	Miller, J. G.
Burkhead, S. E.	Mills, I. L.
Burns, R. E.	Moody, M. L.
Cadwell, J. W.	Moore, A. L.
Cameron, C. S.	McCarley, J. B.
Carpenter, J. C.	McKeown, W. B.
Clark, O. P.	McReynolds, J. B.
Cox, S. B.	Neal, F. M.
Crockett, J. D.	Osborn, B. J.
Crutchfield, J. A.	Oxford, B. H.

Culbertson, A. T.	Dodson, B. W.
Dunn, R. F.	Edwards, W. P.
Eldridge, J. E.	Ferguson, C. N. N.
Garvin, W. P.	Glance, J. W.
Griswold, J. T.	Hall, A. W.
Hamblen, J. H.	Hanks, Thos.
Hardy, Ben	Harris, New
Hawkins, M. E.	Heizer, R. S.
Hendricks, A. V.	Henson, J. R.
Hicks, J. T.	Hilburn, T. B.
Hill, M. D.	Hinds, W. C.
Howell, Hays	Howell, J. T.
Hudson, M. H.	Hunt, C. O.
Hunt, J. W.	Hyder, J. A.
Jameson, A. D.	Jameson, C. E.
Johnson, F. T.	Kiker, O. P.
Lane, W. M.	Laney, J. A.
Ledger, C. H.	Leveridge, M. S.
Liles, H. H.	Lipscomb, L. M.
Long, H. M.	Lynn, C. E.

Palmer, G. T.	Patterson, J. P.
Phelan, M.	Pirtle, Z. B.
Pope, W. M.	Putman, J. G.
Quattlebaum, J. O.	Rea, J. T.
Roberts, A. B.	Robinson, E. E.
Rogers, M. W.	Ross, D. C.
Ross, J. T.	Sisk, E. L.
Shearer, G. W.	Slover, G. S.
Smith, Ira A.	Smith, J. W.
Stephens, J. E.	Stewart, R. A.
Storv, J. W.	Storv, M. I.
Strong, W. H.	Stutts, R. E. L.
Sweeney, J. A.	Sweitzer, W. Y.
Terry, W. H.	Tharp, E. A.
Tooley, L. B.	Trammell, V. H.
Waddill, A. W.	Wallace, E. R.
Watson, J. W.	West, C. D.
Willett, T. C.	Williams, T. E.
Wright, C. C.	Wyatt, G. S.
Yeats, E. L.	Young, S. H.

UNDERGRADUATES.

Class of First Year.

Annis, O. E.	Martin, J. W.
Arnfield, A. E.	Murrell, W. M.
Fee, Z. R.	Nance, B. L.
Hassler, W. E.	Pearce, W. M.
Haymes, J. O.	Watts, H. B.
Hughes, H. L.	White, E. E.
Jackson, T. A.	Woodruff, W. B.

Class of Second Year.

Aston, A. C.	Rucker, J. L.
Dickinson, B. Y.	Smallwood, L. B.
Duncan, C. A.	Smuch, G. W.
Plant, J. R.	Yeats, J. E.

The following lay delegates were present:

LAY DELEGATES.

Abeline District—C. W. Young.
Amarillo District—A. S. Rollins.
Big Spring District—H. B. Murry.
Clarendon District—A. Lynn, S. E. Boyett.
Hamlin District—N. G. Rollins.
Plainview District—S. J. Upton.
Vernon District—J. H. Doolin.

A. L. Moore was elected Secretary of the conference for the sixth time. The following were elected as his assistants: J. W. Hunt, J. E. Eldridge, R. E. Burns, B. J. Osborn and H. B. Watts.

The following standing committees were nominated and elected:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Admissions.

W. P. Garvin	M. E. Hawkins
M. M. Beavers	F. M. Neal
J. A. Laney	J. B. Reynolds
T. C. Stephens	C. B. Meador
T. C. Willett	

Conference Relations.

M. Phelan	J. T. Howell
O. M. Addison	Jno. R. Henson
C. H. Ledger	Ben Hardy
J. A. Sweeney	C. E. Jameson
J. W. Smith	J. O. Quattlebaum

Sabbath Observance.

R. C. Clements	R. E. L. Stutts
I. A. Smith	F. T. Johnson
L. B. Tooley	Geo. Smallwood
S. B. Cox	C. H. Webb
C. S. Cameron	C. W. Young
W. P. Edwards	G. A. Vestal
Ansell Lynn	

Books and Periodicals.

G. S. Wyatt	H. H. Liles
J. E. Willis	A. S. Rollins
W. C. Hinds	M. L. Story
L. A. Humphreys	A. D. Jameson
G. W. Shearer	R. W. Dodson
J. P. Patterson	H. Doolen
J. W. Mayne	H. B. Murry
J. H. Hamblen	W. P. Leslie

Temperance.

J. D. Crockett	T. J. Rea
D. C. Ross	Thos. Hanks
A. L. Bowman	M. L. Moody
E. E. Eldridge	J. C. Carpenter
E. L. Sisk	J. T. Thenoehanger
C. D. Pipkin	A. Morton
N. G. Rollins	S. E. Boyett
W. N. Thompson	W. H. Windom

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PROMPTLY at 9 o'clock Monday morning, November 3, 1915, Bishop W. B. Murrah, of Jackson, Mississippi, called to order the fifth session of the West Oklahoma Conference in Altus, Oklahoma.

The Bishop announced hymn number one, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," which the conference sang with the zest peculiar only to a Methodist Annual Conference, followed with a fervent prayer by the Bishop.

The Bishop then read the third chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians. He followed with a very instructive and inspiring comment upon the statements of Paul. In substance these are some of his pungent remarks:

One great trouble is, we are continually magnifying the unimportant things at the expense of the matters of supreme importance.

I sometimes wonder what Paul would have thought of some of the modern fads and cults.

Paul shattered the unceremonious and unessential things of his day. He had no patience with old fables, nor with meats and days.

I do not know but what we sometimes push the Pauline idea a little too far. I once met a Presbyterian preacher who told me that in order to please the fancy of some he had been doing without meat until he was about starved to death, but that he decided for his own good he would eat the meat and let them starve for a while.

Paul could have justly claimed all they did, but to him they were of such small relative value to the things that were gain to him.

We must receive this message because it emphasizes the supreme importance of the one work in which we are engaged. Everything else is to be counted as loss.

Three great apostles have impressed their personalities upon the history of the whole world.

Peter's ardor and impetuosity, his bold avowal and fall, his fall and speedy repentance, reveal to us the sweep and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

John's great life of consecrated devotion and loyalty, the loftiness and depth of his conception of the Christ and his truth bring to us the gospel of grace.

Paul stands out in his personality in marked contrast to both Peter and John. His conviction and conversion changed the whole tenor of his life. The Holy Spirit carried it on to its highest perfection.

Paul—the man who put his impress upon the civilization of the whole world was developed under the very same agencies as are we today. Scarcely anything would be so helpful to us as to discover the secret of his great life.

The real secret of his career as a Christian is in this chapter. He was no ordinary man because of his lofty aim. He had a high conception of the dignity of human nature. This lesson was given to the world thirty years after his conversion. It was twenty years after he was caught up into the third heaven, and we find him gazing upon heights unseen.

A man is under as much obligation to be a farmer, merchant, lawyer or doctor in a Christian way as we have to be a preacher in a Christian way. We must forget the things which are behind and press toward the mark of high calling.

The effect of always saying that all the good is in the past is paralyzing. You can't determine age by the calendar. I have known some men who were older at forty than was Gladstone at eighty.

When a man gets reminiscient he is getting old. There are a great many things we

ought to forget. Look into the future, leave the things which are behind, and press toward the prize of your high calling as it is Jesus Christ.

After these remarks, and many others equally inspiring, the conference joined heartily in singing the old song, "How Firm a Foundation."

The Bishop asked R. S. Satterfield, the Secretary of the last session of the Conference which was held in Chickasha, to come forward and call the roll. The following answered to their names:

Superannuated Members.

Florence, J. K.	McWhorter, P. T.
Grimstead, R. H.	Metvin, J. J.
Kizziah, J. W.	Rowan, J. A.

Supernumerary Members.

Matthews, W. D.

Effective Members.

Allgood, S. Y.	Morris, J. C.
Allen, M. T.	McGonic, J. T.
Anderson, W. L.	McCance, J. B.
Armstrong, Chas. H.	Neal, T. E.
Armstrong, I. W.	Nelson, B. M.
Barnhardt, C. C.	Old, J. A.
Blackwood, J. G.	Osborne, R. L.
Brooks, J. E.	Peterson, J. O.
Butler, M. L.	Phillips, N. A.
Callahan, R. O.	Robinson, W. W.
Carter, C. L.	Roper, W. H.
Carson, A. B.	Salter, J. D.
Crosby, R. A.	Satterfield, R. S.
Crumpton, Jesse	Scavally, J. C.
Davis, C. T.	Shelton, H. L.
Douglass, W. B.	Sheppard, C. F.
Driskill, W. C.	Sims, J. W.
Driskill, E. H.	Snodgrass, H. E.
Freeman, W. T.	Starr, W. J.
Gage, J. L.	Stout, N. I.
Govett, W. A.	Stroud, H. A.
Hendry, J. E.	Sullivan, M. F.
Henson, J. L.	Taylor, T. J.
Hooper, G. W.	Trinkle, J. N.
Humphreys, W. E.	Ward, E. H.
Kidd, J. D.	Weaver, Moss.
Lamar, J. S.	Webb, E. C.
Lannon, B. T.	Weleb, E. R.
Lewis, J. D.	Williamson, C. C.
Massey, G. W.	Wilson, W. M.
Miller, A. M.	Wiltson, H. B.
Mitchell, C. F.	Witt, W. E.
Monk, M. M.	Witt, R. P.
Moore, W. J.	Wright, G. R.
Morgan, R. E. L.	York, D. V.

The districts were called one by one for the announcement of substitutes for absent principal lay delegates. Tom Dorsey was substituted for J. E. Williams, principal from Lawton District.

The nomination of Secretary was called for. M. L. Butler and R. A. Satterfield were put in nomination. A speech, made by W. D. Matthews, of Oklahoma City, sprung a discussion in which several of the brethren took part. It had a good deal of bristle and excitement in it.

A standing vote was called for, resulting in thirty-six for Butler and forty-two for Satterfield. The chair announced R. S. Satterfield the Secretary of the conference.

R. S. Satterfield nominated as his assistants R. L. Ownbey and M. F. Sullivan and they were elected. J. T. McBride, J. B. McCance, M. J. Ivey, J. H. Bridges, F. M. Sweet, E. E. Grimes and C. L. Canter were nominated as statistical secretaries, and they were elected.

C. C. Barnhardt was named as postmaster, and R. L. Ownbey as press reporter for the Oklahoma City paper.

The entire auditorium was named as the bar of the conference.

The hours for business session were fixed, to open at nine and adjourn at twelve.

W. H. Roper announced the standing committees as nominated by the presiding elders, and they were elected.

The Standing Rules for the West Oklahoma were read, amended and adopted.

Papers addressed to the conference were referred to appropriate committees without reading.

The Bishop introduced to the conference

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THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

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Orphanage.

- W. C. Hinds, R. E. Burns, E. H. Oxford, T. W. Watson, E. H. Walls, C. F. Carmack, W. M. Pope, E. F. Wicker, I. T. Ross, J. A. Scroggins, T. W. Sharp, A. H. Connell

District Conference Records.

- M. W. Rodgers, W. Y. Switzer, E. B. McCaskey, W. H. Strong, G. H. Bryant, W. B. McKeown, S. H. Young, E. I. Yeats, E. Y. Dickerson, Ira Rippey

State of the Church.

- New Harris, P. G. Hoffman, M. H. Hudson, E. K. Pilford, R. D. Steward, D. C. McRhea, W. E. Lyon, C. O. Huff, G. S. Hays, E. I. Walker, G. S. Slover, M. B. Bucy, I. B. Smith, Geo. S. Link, T. B. Hilburn, J. S. Means, V. H. Trammell

Memoirs.

- A. L. Moore, T. T. Griswold, Ben Hardy, J. W. Story

Public Worship.

- J. T. Hicks, H. M. Long, H. M. Beville

Conference Postmaster.

M. D. Hill

The hours of meeting and adjournment were designated and the bar of the conference was fixed.

Communications were received from the following and were referred without reading: The Board of Church Extension, Board of Trustees, Correspondence School, Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Board of Education, the Sunday School Board, the Publishing Agents, Southwestern University, Southern Methodist University and Clarendon College. A communication from Dr. C. M. Bishop was referred to a special committee. A communication from the Asbury Centenary was referred to the committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. Communications from the Educational Commission were read to the conference. Rev. Caspar S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, addressed the conference on the contents of the paper from the Commission and the papers were referred to the Board of Education. The conference heard the address with evident approval.

At this juncture Mayor T. F. Connally, of Clarendon, was introduced by Bishop McCoy and welcomed the conference in the best Panhandle style. The welcome was hearty and elicited laughter and applause. The Mayor said his speech "was not an address of welcome, but a welcome without an address." He was especially pleased to see the wives of the preachers present. He paid a fine tribute to Rev. H. M. Long, who is finishing his quadrannium in Clarendon. He facetiously spoke of the presiding elders as "trouble shooters" and exacted of Bishop McCoy a promise never to make him a presiding elder in case he should join the conference. The Bishop: "I promise." The conference laughed. "Send us a man who isn't afraid, who is consecrated and who has gray matter. We have had just such a man as that." He spoke tenderly of Dr. Rankin, saying "his work in the South will be a monument that will kiss the sky." Bishop McCoy responded in an equally happy vein.

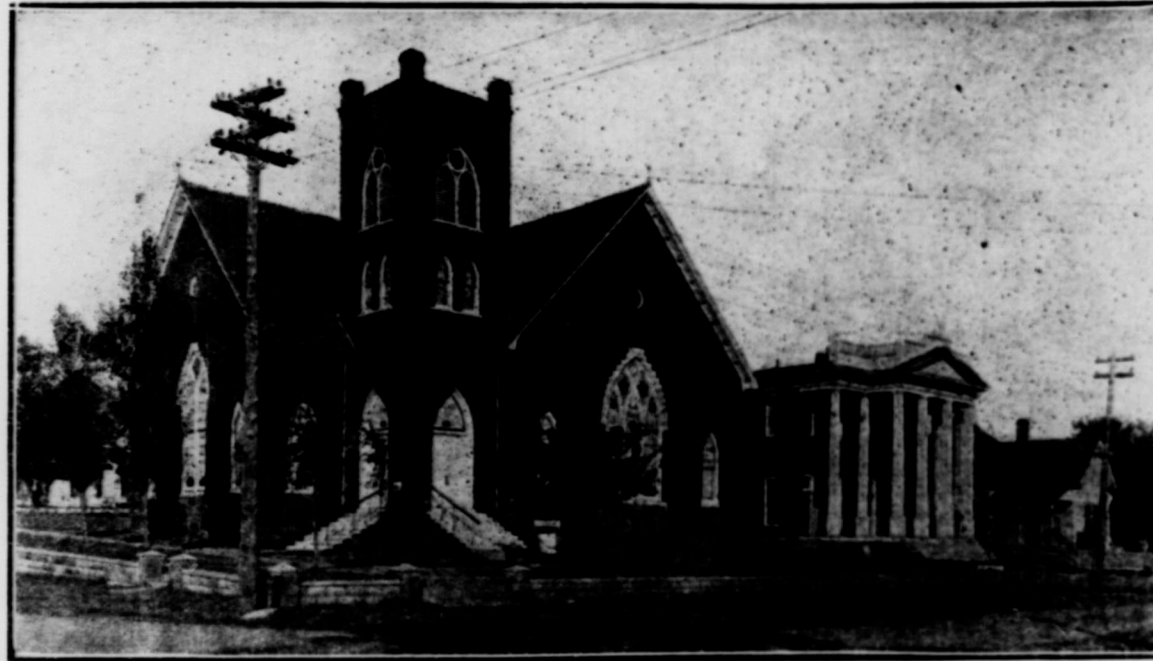
Bishop McCoy called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the presiding elders reported and their characters were passed.

C. N. N. Ferguson, of the Abilene District, reported 1100 conversions in his district, revivals in every charge, finances much ahead of last year. Church debts have been paid, the Sunday School interests advanced and the Advocate list increased. He reported his preachers as "aggressive, faithful and evangelical." He had held six meetings himself with the help of a singer. Abilene especially has made wonderful progress; net gain in accessions larger than in several years. "The best year of my life as a minister."

E. E. Robinson, of the Amarillo District, reported 1000 conversions in his district, \$10,000 expended on churches, old debts paid and ninety-eight per cent of the conference collections paid.

W. H. Terry, of the Big Spring District, reported 850 members received during the year, a net gain in membership of 651, built two churches, paid debts on seven others, purchased or built five parsonages, one new charge organized. Brother Terry is closing his fourth year on the district. He reported a gain of one hundred per cent in the financial strength of the district. All but two charges paid in full this year. The Bishop: "You have wound up your quadrannium in a blaze of glory."

J. T. Hicks, of the Clarendon District reported 1400 conversions during



KELLY MEMORIAL CHURCH, LONGVIEW, TEXAS.

REV. GLENN FLINN, Conference Host.

Yesterday, November 10, 1915, in Kelly Memorial Church, Longview, Texas, Bishop McCoy, for the second time, called to order the seventy-sixth session of the Texas Conference. In point of years this is the oldest conference in our Advocate territory. In their order they stand: West Oklahoma, fifth; Northwest Texas, sixth; Central Texas, sixth; New Mexico, twenty-sixth; German Mission, forty-second; North Texas, forty-ninth; West Texas, fifty-seventh; East Oklahoma, seventieth; Texas, seventy-sixth session. At the last session held in Bay City, the Texas Conference reported a membership of 75,594 and paid 30 cents per capita. Throughout the present year our columns have been crowded with the news of victory from all over the territory of the grand old Texas Conference. The men who are following the trails of Littleton Fowler, Jesse Hord, Strickland, Sneed and other heroes will answer to a roll call that means conquest for our Lord and the Kingdom.



REV. GLENN FLINN, Pastor Kelly Memorial, Conference Host.

the year, 1900 additions, ninety per cent of the collections in hand and ninety-five per cent of the salaries paid. Seven missionary specials paid by his district, 475 Texas Advocates taken, raised for all purposes \$51,000. B. W. Dodson, of the Hamlin District, reported 700 conversions during the year, 500 accessions to the Church and the best financial report in the history of the district. The following charges in his district were reported as having paid in full: Aspermont Station, Rotan, Spur, Rule, Tuxedo, Sunday School interests advanced, Church debts paid on one or two charges.

Bro. Dodson reported the great sorrow of Bro. C. D. Pipkin, of Vera, in the loss of his little girl, saying Bro. Pipkin is at home in quarantine from diphtheria. The conference heard the announcement with sorrow and directed that a message of condolence be sent the bereaved family.

O. P. Kiker, of the Plainview District, reported 1000 conversions, 500 accessions and a net gain in membership in his district of 500. Three or four charges report deficit on conference collections, while five or six report an excess on the same. A report far in advance of any previous year. Advance in Sunday School work and some very notable revivals.

J. G. Miller, of the Stamford District, reported 800 conversions and 800 accessions in his district during the year. A net increase in the membership of every charge. Eighty-five per cent of the conference collections paid. A number of the charges have paid the salaries in full, built two churches and one parsonage. Not a dollar of debt placed on anything; institutions on the verge of bankruptcy have been secured. "Every man has filled his place."

J. T. Griswold, of the Sweetwater District, reported 1000 conversions and 1000 additions to the Church. "Greatest revivals I have ever witnessed." The work in the Sunday School, Leagues and Women's societies revived and advanced. Bought one church, costing \$1100, built one

church and paid for it, the church at Colorado City remodeled. Salaries within \$250 of being paid. Conference collections eighty-five per cent or ninety per cent paid.

At this juncture Dr. John R. Stewart, Dr. W. F. McMurry, Rev. J. D. Scott, Rev. R. A. Burroughs, Rev. J. T. Tyler, Rev. W. B. Wilson, Rev. J. S. Huckabee and W. C. Everett were introduced to the conference.

Rev. J. D. Scott asked that matters pertaining to the San Antonio Rescue Home be considered tomorrow. Granted.

Dr. John R. Stewart made a capital address in behalf of the superannuated preachers. He said the cash assets of the Endowment Fund are now more than \$250,000 and from the interest of which will be disbursed \$10,000 to the superannuated preachers this year.

W. M. Pope introduced resolutions concerning the reapportionment of the assessments. The resolutions did not prevail.

The Bishop resumed the call of Question 22 and J. G. Putman, presiding elder of the Vernon District, reported 800 conversions during the year and 800 accessions to the Church. Built one church and one parsonage. One parsonage projected. Ninety per cent of pastors' salaries paid, eighty-five per cent of the conference collections paid.

At this juncture the committee appointed to consider the paper of Dr. C. M. Bishop was announced by the Bishop. C. W. Heaton, New Harris and J. W. Story were named as the committee.

Bishop McCoy resumed the call of Question 22. In order to expedite business no reports were heard, but the characters of the following were passed: C. W. Heaton, J. W. Hunt, A. M. Martin, A. W. Waddill, R. E. L. Stutts, E. L. Sisk, W. P. Garvin, M. H. Hudson, C. M. Woodward, New Harris, J. W. Mayne, W. M. Pope, B. J. Osborn, J. R. Henson, D. W. Hawkins, Z. B. Pirtle, J. E. Eldridge, W. P. Edwards, F. M. Neal, J. B. McReynolds, H. M. Long, W. Y. Switzer, C. S. Cameron and T. B. Hilburn.

Bro. T. B. Hilburn asked for the superannuate relation when his name was called. The condition of his health demands such relation. The entire conference was deeply moved by his simple recital of his life as an itinerant preacher.

The Bishop: "I thank God we have men in our ministry who can endure hardship. I thank God I have lived to hear you make this talk."

Tributes were paid to Bro. Hilburn by J. T. Hicks and J. G. Miller. The conference placed \$128.60 on the table to help defray the hospital expenses of an operation which Bro. Hilburn must soon undergo.

The Bishop announced that the hour of adjournment had arrived. Preaching was announced by Bro. F. M. Neal for 3 o'clock and an address by Dr. W. F. McMurry at 7:30. The doxology was sung and Dr. McMurry pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

The editor of the Advocate conducted the religious exercises of the conference Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Hymns 388 and 334 were sung. The Scripture was from Ro-



REV. J. B. TURRENTINE, Presiding Elder Marshall District

mans 12. After the prayer, Bishop McCoy called the conference to order for its session of the second day.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session and after correction they were approved.

The roll of absentees was called and the following answered the call of their names:

Clerical—R. B. Bonner, W. P. Davis, P. G. Huffman, Simeon Shaw and J. H. Watts.

Lay—C. I. Black, of the Amarillo District; J. S. Means, of the Big Spring District; Ira Rippey and W. C. Veazy, of the Clarendon District; J. T. Thierwanger and J. H. Webb, of the Stamford District; Neely Morton and N. B. Bucy, of the Vernon District. On motion, the roll call was dispensed with for the remainder of the conference.

Geo. S. Slover announced that no auditing committee had been elected and moved that the presiding elders nominate the same. The motion prevailed.

A communication from the Epworth League Board was referred without reading.

The Bishop called Question 1: "Who are admitted on trial?" The Examining Committee and the Committee on Admissions recommended the following and they were admitted on vote of the conference: J. S. Ryan, of the Abilene District; S. Walsh Franklin, Claude J. Beck and John Hardon Hicks, of the Amarillo District; Thos. W. Brabham and H. G. Scroggins, of the Big Spring District; Daniel Rees and Ansil Lynn, of the Clarendon District; Chas. C. Tyler, of the Hamlin District; A. J. Brown, Jr., of the Stamford District, and J. W. Leggett, of the Vernon District.

Bishop McCoy: "I am amazed at the development of your conference in one year. Men are coming in in sufficient numbers to man a whole district. Especially am I glad to see the quality of the young men who are coming in."

Question 22 was called by the Bishop: "Are all the preachers

blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of the following were called and their characters were passed without reports of their years work: J. B. Meley-nolds, A. L. Moore, S. B. Cox, Thos. Hanks (whose name was referred for the supernumerary relation), W. C. Hinds, C. H. Ledger, M. L. Story, J. H. Watts, J. T. Howell, M. E. Hawkins, Leon Henderson (name referred for supernumerary relation), P. G. Huffman, J. P. Patterson, R. B. Bonner, A. L. Bowman, J. C. Carpenter, Geo. S. Slover, S. E. Burkhead, M. M. Beavers, J. H. Hamblen, T. W. Sharp, F. T. Johnson, R. D. Steward (who asked for location).

The Bishop called Question 18: "Who are located this year?" R. D. Steward, at his own request.

Question 22 was resumed: "Are all the preachers blameless?" The names of the following were called and their characters passed: M. W. Rogers, C. D. Pipkin, D. C. Ross.

When the name of C. D. Ross was called he asked for the superannuate relation. His review of the thirty-nine years of his itinerant ministry greatly affected the conference. Five thousand have been converted and thirty-six preachers licensed under his ministry. O. P. Kiker, presiding elder, spoke of him as "the grand old man" of his district. The conference made an offering of \$105.60 in behalf of Bro. Ross.

The name of C. E. Lynn was referred for the superannuate relation, as was the name of B. T. Sharp.

Continuing the call of Question 22, the characters of the following were passed: G. W. Shearer, J. A. Sweeney, T. C. Willett, W. M. Lane, R. F. Dunn, J. W. Story, I. A. Smith, Haynes Howell, C. L. McDonald, M. S. Leveridge, O. P. Clark, Geo. Smallwood, H. H. Liles, E. R. Wallace, C. B. Meador, Ben Hardy.

When the name of G. S. Wyatt was called his presiding elder asked that the conference hear his remarkable report. Bro. Wyatt reported a \$10,000 debt paid. He reported Stamford College as reorganized and in better financial condition.

Under the continued call of Question 22 the characters of the following were passed: M. L. Moody, F. L. Meadow (transferred), W. C. Childress, W. B. McKeown, V. H. Trammell, J. W. Watson, W. K. Strother, R. A. Clements, C. F. Carmack, C. C. Wright, J. D. Crockett, I. A. Humphreys, J. E. Stephens, G. S. Hardy, W. E. Lyon, A. T. Culbertson, M. Peltan, R. A. Stewart, G. H. Bryant, C. D. West, Simeon Shaw, J. A. Laney, A. W. Hall, L. B. Tooley and J. B. McCaskey. The name of A. T. Culbertson was referred for the supernumerary relation.

The names of the following superannuates were called, their characters were passed and they were referred to the Committee for the Superannuate Relation: A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, W. L. Harris, R. S. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, C. S. McCarver, B. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, J. M. Baker, S. C. Vaughan, J. A. Hyder, J. M. Sollie, John R. Steele, M. D. Hill, A. H. Hussey, W. E. Carpenter, J. P. Calloway, A. B. Keene, J. B. Wood, L. E. Riddle. When the name of W. P. Davis was called his character was passed, but no motion was made in his case.

The reports of the superannuates melted the conference as we have never seen a conference melted. Fully an hour was given to their reports. Brethren wept and shouted on each other's shoulders. The Bishop's morning program was wholly changed. The scene will long be remembered. Of the superannuate heroes and their speeches we will speak more fully in another column.

E. E. Robinson moved that a historical committee of the Northwest Texas Conference be appointed. The motion prevailed and J. G. Putman, G. S. Wyatt and E. E. Robinson were appointed.

It was announced that Sister G. F. Fair and Sister G. S. Hardy had died during the year and, on motion, their names were referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

Chas. W. Heaton read report No. 1 of the Board of Education. The report recommended the adoption of the papers submitted by the Educational Commission. Rec. Caspar S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, spoke to the report and it was adopted.

The Bishop introduced the following brethren to the conference: Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University; Rev. Atticus Webb, of the Anti-Saloon League; Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, of the Central Texas Conference; Dr. R. H. Bennett, of the Correspondence School; Rev. Mr. Smith, presiding elder on the Abilene District for the C. M. E. Church;

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BISHOP EDWIN DuBOISE MOUZON.

Edwin DuBoise Mouzon, D. D., was born May 19, 1869, in South Carolina, the son of Samuel Cogswell Mouzon. His mother's father was the Rev. Archibald Peurifoy; his great uncle was the Rev. William P. Mouzon, of the South Carolina Conference. His paternal and maternal ancestors were Huguenots. He graduated from Wofford College in 1889. He went at once after graduation to Texas to serve the Bryan Church as a supply for six months. He returned in the fall of 1889 to South Carolina and joined that conference, but was transferred at once to the Texas Conference, where he served Churches in Caldwell, Flaton, Austin and Galveston. He was transferred to the North-west Texas Conference, where he served Abilene Church for two years and First Church, Fort Worth, four years. He was then transferred to Kansas City, where he served Central Church three years. He was then transferred to West Texas Conference and was pastor of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Texas, four years. Then for two years he was professor of theology in Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, from which chair he was elevated to the high office he now holds in the Church. This took place at the General Conference held in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1910. He was married to Miss Mary E. Mike of Bryan, Texas. Bishop Mouzon is held in high esteem by Texans, the more so by reason of the memories of our sainted Bishop Ward. His Episcopal address is Dallas, Texas. He is holding the East Oklahoma Conference this week in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

THE WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder Dallas District, North Texas Conference; E. Hightower, Sunday School Secretary for the Southwestern Division; L. Blaylock, Senior Publisher Texas Christian Advocate, and they were cordially recognized.

Hon. C. E. Hall, County Attorney of Jackson County, a resident of Altus, the county seat, delivered the welcome address. For beauty, pathos and power we have never heard its equal. It cannot be described, and it swept the conference from laughter to tears. He is a devoted Methodist, and the son of an itinerant who died in New Mexico and was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Under call of Question 22, the roll of presiding elders was called, their reports were made, and characters passed.

J. D. Salter, of the Ardmore District, said this had been the best year of the four. Had more work and enjoyed it more. Net gain of 600. Salaries and conference collections better than at any time before. Eighty-five per cent paid. Built two new churches and three more to be- gin. Very satisfactory year.

Moss Weaver, of the Chickasha District, said they had 1200 conversions and about same number of additions. Old debts paid. More charges out in full on preachers' salaries. Not quite out on benevolences on account of increase of \$1900 over last year. Made every possible effort.

W. J. Stewart, of Clinton District, said: "Very pleasant year. Big territory. Had good gains, new organizations, old debts wiped out, and fine revivals." He has the Jumbo District.

W. H. Roper, of Lawton District: Had 600 additions. Fine body of faithful preachers and laymen. About ninety per cent on finances. Built three churches and one parsonage. One-half of charges paid in full. Indian situation not changed.

C. F. Mitchell, of Mangum District, said that he had the best year of the four. Fine class of preachers. Troublesome debts wiped out. The greatest triumph was at Mangum where a debt of \$15,000 which had

been a nightmare, had been cleared. About 1000 accessions. Built one church and one parsonage. Organized a new charge. Sixteen out of twenty-one paid in full. Every pastor can return. No appointment missed in the four years. No debts to embarrass us.

W. M. Wilson, of Oklahoma City District, said: "Year of hard, faithful work. Fair degree of success. Peace and harmony have prevailed. Not a year of great spiritual awakening, but in most charges a marked spiritual improvement. About 850 additions. Organizations prosperous except Missionary Societies. Building one church and two parsonages. Finances much in advance of last year. Sixteen charges paid pastors in full." This completed the call of presiding elders.

The Bishop introduced Dr. Frank Barrett, a transfer from the Little Rock Conference, who filled out the unexpired term at St. Luke's, Oklahoma City, of Robt. E. Goodrich, who had been transferred to St. Joseph, Missouri. Also J. C. Throgmorton, a transfer from the Southwest Missouri Conference, and J. W. Rogers, presiding elder of Vinita District, East Oklahoma Conference, who is a visitor. They were cordially recognized.

R. E. L. Morgan presented a paper referring to the charter of Southern Methodist University and it was read to the conference and referred to the Board of Education. The Secretary read the report of the Educational Commission, which was also referred to the same board.

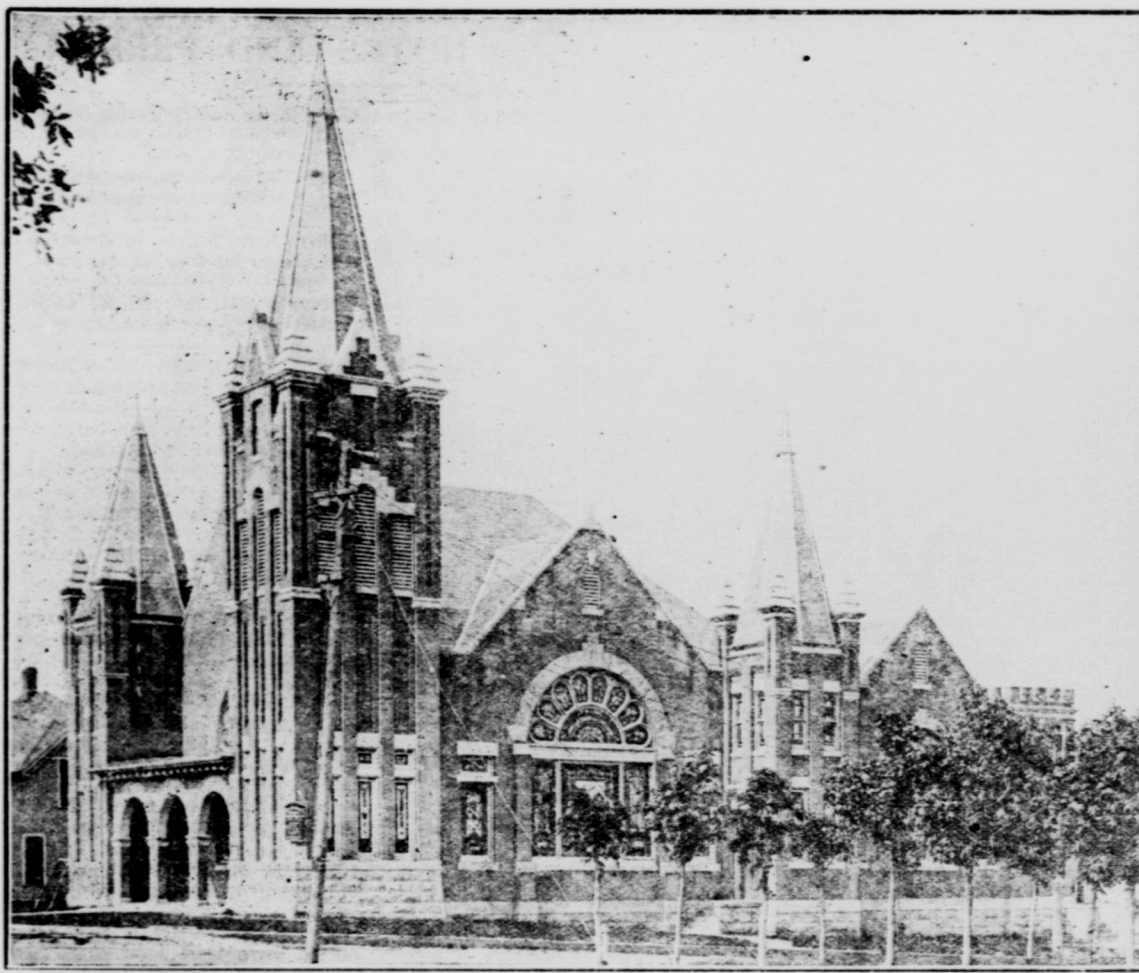
At this juncture M. L. Butler, in the name of the preachers of the Ardmore District, and in an exceedingly happy speech, presented J. D. Salter, the retiring presiding elder, a handsome traveling bag. Brother Salter replied in a very affectionate and touching way.

After various announcements, the conference sang the doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning, November 4, 1915, Bishop Murrah called the conference to order by announcing Hymn 555, "Try us, O God, and search the ground," after which Rev. Moss Weaver led the conference in prayer.

The Bishop, as a morning sermon, took the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew. He gave the conference many rich truths taken



ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

Muskogee is again the host of the conference. In November, 1909, the Methodism of the city, jointly entertained the conference. This time, and under a repeated presidency of Bishop Mouzon, St. Paul's is the host. Rev. J. E. Carpenter, the pastor, has just closed a successful first year. The East Oklahoma Conference reported last year a membership of 32,249 and a per capita payment of 29 cents. The above beautiful building houses a congregation which was organized after the burning of the old Methodist Church, it then being deemed wise to have churches on the East and West side of the city. At the session of conference in 1903, E. M. Sweet, Jr., was sent as the first pastor, J. C. Fowler then being presiding elder. St. Paul's was organized in Gavigan's Hall, at the corner of Third Street and Okmulgee Avenue after the new pastor's arrival. At the session of conference in 1904, Rev. E. M. Sweet, Jr., retired from the pastorate of the Church to take up the prohibition work in Oklahoma. He was succeeded in 1904 by W. H. Roper. A small frame church, formerly used by the Baptists, was purchased and located on North 4th Street where the Church worshiped for a year or more longer. The present St. Paul's, at the corner of 7th and Boston was then erected, under W. H. Roper's pastorate of four years. He was succeeded by T. L. Rippey, who held the pastorate for three years until leaving the conference in 1911. Succeeded in 1911 by Dr. O. E. Goddard, who held the pastorate for two years, transferring to Galveston, Texas. Under his administration the basement to the church was added and other improvements made. Succeeded by Rev. J. M. Pierson, who served for one year. The Methodism of East Oklahoma will make fine reports of their victories during the year in this, the seventieth session, of that body.

therefrom. Among the many he said in substance:

The explanation of the whole chapter is in the fourth verse: "But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

We should have reserve power upon which to draw in the times of stress and strain.

Great business men, in dealing with bank stocks, look well into their reserve fund.

Test times are coming to each of us and are the occasion of determining our real strength.

This parable used to trouble me a great deal. It seemed to me that the mere trifles were made the basis of the harshest judgment. It looked like our Lord commended the deepest selfishness in human nature.

After all, it is a sad picture. While within all was light and life and happiness, on the outside stood the foolish virgins in the cold and the darkness. Why were they not allowed to come in? It seemed to me that mere generosity, if nothing more, would suggest to let them in.

I never understood this parable until I asked myself the question, Isn't it all so? Isn't it the one inexorable law underlying all things?

We see the operation of this law everywhere and in everything. The statement of this law set forth in this parable is not so, simply because Jesus said it. It is so because the law is essentially true.

We see a man lying cold in death. It is so—he is dead because, when the crisis came, he had no reserve strength with which to battle against the powers of the fatal disease.

Here is a man in the business who failed to husband the margins of his salary or profit. The financial panic comes on unawares. He goes down in bankruptcy, desperation and, possibly, suicide.

Here is another man who takes care of the little accumulations, goes on to fortune, and succeeds in weathering the fiercest panic.

One young man uses the opportunities at hand and moves on to a wide sphere of influence and fame. Another, having the same opportunities, passes into obscurity.

After all these differences exist because of the operation of the law that is as inexorable as is the law of gravity. After all, test times determine everything. Oh, the cries at midnight!

It is said that when Bishop Marvin



REV. J. E. CARPENTER, Conference Host.

started in the ministry he was advised to quit and go home, for he could never amount to anything. But Bishop Marvin looked to the care of his resources. And when the end came there was no cry at midnight. He was ready. Let us take the oil with our lamps.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous session any they were approved.

On motion of Moss Weaver, the Secretary was instructed to call only those names not answering to first roll call. They are as follows: H. J. Brown, W. A. Randle, J. W. Travette

The following were introduced and recognized by the conference:

Rev. J. R. Stewart, D.D., of Nashville, Tennessee, Secretary of the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, D.D., presiding elder of the Holdenville District, East Oklahoma Conference.

A motion, which carried, was made by E. R. Welch, of Wynnewood, that the welcome address made by Hon. C. E. Hall be published in the Texas Christian Advocate.

The Bishop called Question 22: "Are all the preachers blameless in

their life and official administration?"

The names of W. A. Dickey, H. L. Mauldin, were called, reports made, characters passed, and they were referred to the committee for the supernumerary relation. The name of W. D. Matthews was not referred.

Under this call, W. D. Matthews made report of his work as Commissioner of Charities and Corrections for the State of Oklahoma.

Resuming the question, the names of W. A. Randle and D. E. Shaffer were called, reports made, characters passed, and they were referred for the supernumerary relation.

Dr. F. K. Camp, of Oklahoma City, Superintendent of Wesley Hospital, made a very fine report of that institution.

Question 22 was resumed. The names of A. C. Briggs, H. J. Brown, J. K. Florence, R. H. Grinstead, H. C. Gulledege, J. T. Hall, J. W. Kizziah, M. D. Long, F. C. Mabery, T. T. McWhorter, W. P. Meador, J. J. Methvin, W. M. P. Rippey, J. A. Rowan and W. M. Spain, were called, reports made, characters passed, and their names were referred to the committee for the supernumerary relation.

The preachers presented to C. F. Mitchell, presiding elder of Mangum District, a fine rain coat and a handsome pair of gloves.

The preachers presented to W. J. Stewart, presiding elder of the Clinton District, a handsome gold watch, and to his wife a handsome gold necklace.

In each case the speeches and responses were touching and tender.

At this point Rev. J. R. Stewart, D.D., Secretary of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, made a telling address with reference to that interest.

Rev. O. W. Stewart, President of the State Blind Asylum at Muskogee, himself blind and a member of the West Oklahoma Conference, made a telling report of his work.

Rev. E. Hightower, of Georgetown, Texas, and Divisional Secretary of the General Sunday School Board, made report of his work.

Prof. J. W. Gilbert, President of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, was presented and recognized by the conference. After a thrilling address, \$102.85 were laid on the table.

Various announcements were made, doxology sung, and Rev. J. A. Old, of

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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Texas Conference convened November 10 at Longview. When the President's gavel fell Wednesday morning it marked the seventy-sixth annual session of the conference. Oh, what history it has made in the three-quarters of a century of service in Texas for the Master! For the second time Bishop Jas. H. McCoy, of Alabama, is presiding and the brethren who have learned to love him will feel as though it were indeed a "home-coming" to meet him again in conference. The conference is being held in Kelly Memorial Church of which Glenn Flinn is pastor and conference host. The good people of Longview are assisting Bro. Flinn in caring for the guests of the conference and it is certain that Longview's hospitality, in keeping with its traditions, will be of that character that has made for East Texas a name among names. Rev. J. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Marshall District, is alert and the brethren have been made to feel as though Longview is "home sweet home." The Advocate prays that divine unction may abide with them, now and forever, and may this, the seventy-sixth anniversary be the best of all, though seventy-five have gone before.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Wednesday, November 10, for the seventieth time, the proverbial "three score year and ten," the East Oklahoma Conference met in annual session. Bishop E. D. Mouzon, of Texas, taking the place of Bishop Murrah convened the heroic body of Christian warriors together at 9:30 and the year's work of this great Oklahoma Conference for the next few days will be reviewed. Muskogee for the second time in six years is the host of the conference and the beautiful St. Paul's Church will be the scene of its activities. Rev. C. L. Brooks, presiding elder of the Muskogee District, and Rev. J. E. Carpenter, pastor of St. Paul's, are the conference hosts and the visiting brethren are being most hospitably entertained. The East Oklahoma Conference, as such, is young in years, but under its old orders known as the Indian Territory, chapters could be written of the labors of the pioneers of Methodism in this then wild Western section. The Advocate greets the East Oklahoma Conference and prays that God's greatest blessings may rest upon the Bishop, the presiding elders and the itinerant soldiers of the Lord's firing line.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS

Rev. H. M. Hudson, of Tye, reported forty-one additions. Rev. J. W. Griffin, of Tell, reported twenty accessions. Rev. Z. R. Fee, of Nugent, reported fifteen accessions. Rev. W. C. Hinds, of Post City, reported 116 additions. Rev. J. W. Cadwell, of Putnam, reported 275 additions. Rev. O. B. Annis, of Odell, reported thirty-five additions. Rev. A. D. Jameson, of Moran, reported 219 accessions. Rev. G. H. Bryant, of Estelline, reported 148 accessions. Rev. J. T. Howell, of McLean, reported 137 accessions. Rev. W. C. Hart, of Gail, reported twenty-eight additions. Rev. T. B. Hilburn, of Goodnight, reported 158 accessions. Rev. M. L. Story, of Hedley, reported thirty-one additions. Rev. J. T. Ross, of Hawley, reported fifty-five accessions. Rev. E. L. Yeats, of Tuscola, reported twenty additions. Rev. J. W. Mayne, of Canyon City, reported 134 accessions. Rev. J. R. Henson, of Hereford, reported sixteen additions. Rev. W. P. Edwards, of Texline, reported thirteen additions. Rev. N. W. Story, of Hansford, reported fifteen accessions. Rev. B. L. Nance, of Channing, reported forty accessions. Rev. Z. B. Pirtle, of Higgins, reported twenty-nine accessions. Rev. J. A. Laney, of Tolbert, reported thirty-one accessions. Rev. J. W. Smith, of Clyde and Eula, reported 209 accessions. Rev. C. O. Huff, of Newlin, reported fifty-nine accessions. Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, of Caps, reported eighty accessions. Rev. A. M. Martin, of Anson, reported seventy-five accessions. Rev. G. T. Palmer, of Wildorado, reported eleven accessions. Rev. E. R. Wallace, of Haskell, reported forty accessions. Rev. C. D. West, of Paducah, reported twenty-seven additions. Rev. Ed Tharp, of Westover, reported forty-two accessions. Rev. A. W. Hall, of Vernon, reported thirty-nine accessions. Rev. T. J. Rea, of Kirkland, reported thirty-nine accessions. Rev. J. B. McReynolds, of Andrews, reported fifty-two accessions. Rev. W. M. Pope, of Dalhart, reported thirty-four accessions. Rev. C. B. Meador, of Munday, reported sixty-two accessions. Rev. M. Phelan, of Chillicothe, reported fifty-one accessions. Rev. B. J. Osborn, of Dumas, reported twenty-eight accessions. Rev. L. B. Smallwood, of Quail, reported forty-one accessions. Rev. R. A. Stewart, of Crowell, reported twenty-five additions. Rev. J. O. Little, of Seymour Mission, reported forty accessions. Rev. W. P. Garvin, of Merkel, reported ninety-seven accessions. Rev. W. Y. Switzer, of Canadian, reported twenty-four accessions. Rev. W. H. Strong, of Panhandle, reported twenty-one additions. Rev. J. T. Trice, of Sweetwater Mission, reported twenty-five additions to the Church and eighty-five per cent of the salaries and conference collections paid. Rev. J. R. Hicks, of Ochiltree, reported seventeen accessions. Rev. J. A. Travis, of Amarillo Mission, reported four accessions. Rev. W. M. Murrell, of Ovalo, reported thirty-seven additions. Rev. A. W. Waddill, of Baird, reported thirty-five accessions. Rev. O. P. Clark, of Albany, reported twenty-seven additions. Rev. Geo. Smallwood, of Avoca, reported twenty-five additions. Rev. A. C. Aston, of Stanton, reported thirty-four accessions. Rev. J. W. Watson, of Woodson, reported thirty-nine additions. Rev. J. W. Martin, of Dumont, reported twenty-two additions. Rev. C. G. Shutt, of Gageby, reported twenty-eight additions. Rev. A. L. Bowman, of Wellington Station, reported 135 accessions. Rev. F. L. Meadow, of Throckmorton, reported six accessions. Rev. S. H. Adams, of Seminole, reported seventeen accessions. Rev. Thos. Hanks, of Coahoma, reported twenty-six accessions. Rev. J. P. Patterson, of Shamrock, reported fifty-three accessions. Rev. J. H. Watts, of Lakeview, reported eighty-nine accessions. Rev. J. E. Eldridge, of Stratford, reported twenty-eight accessions. Rev. C. S. Cameron, of Claude, reported twenty-four additions. Rev. J. W. Glance, of Leuders, reported twenty-one accessions. Rev. M. E. Hawkins, of Memphis, reported sixty-nine accessions. Rev. J. L. Rucker, of Margaret, reported forty-eight accessions. Rev. H. H. Liles, of Goree Station, reported eighty-four accessions. Rev. W. M. Pearce, of Bovina, reported twenty-seven accessions. Rev. C. H. Ledger, of Tahoka and Slaton, reported fifty accessions. Rev. J. C. Carpenter, of Wellington Mission, reported fifty accessions. Rev. A. L. Moore, of Big Spring Station, reported 124 accessions. Rev. E. L. Sisk, of Cross Plains and Mission, reported 104 accessions. Rev. R. E. Burns, of Quanah Mission, reported eleven accessions. Rev. Simeon Shaw, of Quanah Station, reported fifty-five accessions. Rev. W. B. Woodruff, of Goree Mission, reported forty-six additions. Rev. A. E. Arnfield, of Lamesa Station, reported fifty-six accessions. Rev. J. E. Yeats, of Lamesa Mission, reported seventy-four accessions. Rev. L. B. Tooley, of Vernon Circuit, reported eighty-eight additions. Rev. W. E. Lyon, of Childress Station, reported eighty-four accessions. Rev. L. N. Lipscomb, of Bomarton and Shady, reported twenty additions. Rev. Ben Hardy, of Seymour Station, reported twenty-nine additions. Rev. M. L. Moody, of Stamford Mission, reported thirty-three accessions. Rev. S. B. Cox, of Big Spring Mission, reported twenty-eight additions. Rev. C. E. Jameson, of Loraine, reported 119 conversions. Salary in full. Rev. J. A. Scoggins, of Clarendon Mission, reported twenty-seven additions. Lubbock, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. W. M. Lane, has had one of the best years of its history. One hundred and sixty were converted, and a net gain of 147 mem-

bers to the Church. Salary overpaid, and conference collections in full. Rev. H. G. Scoggins, of Wilson Mission, reported seventy-three additions. On the Amarillo District the assessment for salaries was \$15,213. Paid \$15,205. Rev. A. V. Hendrix, of Wheeler and Mobeetie, reported forty-nine accessions. Rev. G. S. Wyatt, of St. John's, Stamford, reported eighty-one accessions. Rev. W. C. Childress, of Throckmorton Mission, reported twelve additions. Rev. V. H. Trammel, of Weinert and Thorp, reported twenty-four additions. Rev. J. O. Quattlebaum, of Childress Mission, reported twenty-five additions. Rev. W. B. McKeown, of Ward Memorial and Bethel, reported 166 additions. Rev. P. G. Huffman, of Miami and Pampa, reported seventy-five additions. Rev. H. L. Hughes, of Brownfield and Plains, reported forty-eight accessions. Rev. J. W. Hunt, of St. Paul's, Abilene, reported seventy-three accessions. Rev. W. E. Hassler, of St. Luke's, Abilene, reported forty-eight accessions. Rev. S. E. Dorsett, of Camp Springs, reported fifty conversions and salaries in full. Rev. C. W. Hearon, of First Church, Abilene, reported seventy-two accessions. Rev. M. W. Rogers, of Rotan, reported a net gain of thirty and everything in full. Rev. W. R. Kirkpatrick, of O'Donnell Mission, reported eighty-eight accessions. Rev. E. E. White, of Spur, reported fifty accessions; salaries and collections in full. Rev. C. C. Wright, of Dunn, reported sixty conversions, salaries and collections in full. Rev. J. E. Stephens, of Snyder, reported 125 additions, salaries and collections in full. Rev. T. W. Sharp, of Knox City, reported fifty conversions, net gain of twenty-seven. Rev. H. B. Watts, of Buchanan Street, Amarillo, reported forty-five accessions. Rev. J. D. Crockett, of Roby, reported forty conversions and seventy-eight accessions. Rev. C. C. Tyler, of Sylvester, reported forty conversions; salaries and collections well up. Rev. C. F. Carmack, of Colorado Circuit, reported 129 conversions and seventy-one accessions. Rev. M. M. Beavers, of Aspermont Station, reported eleven accessions and everything in full. Rev. J. H. Hamblen, of Hamlin, reported 259 conversions and reclamations and 153 accessions. Rev. New Harris, of Polk Street, Amarillo, reported 167 additions and returns for his second year. Rev. S. S. McKenney gave a strong address on the evening of November 4 on the Washington City Church. Rev. L. A. Humphreys, of Roscoe, reported 184 conversions and eighty-five additions. Salaries in full. Rev. Lee Culwell, of Aspermont Mission, reported ninety-six conversions and forty-five additions. Rev. S. H. Young, of Fluvanna, reported forty-five conversions, salaries and collections eighty per cent paid. Roaring Springs, a new charge, with Rev. I. A. Smith, pastor, made progress in all lines the past year. Salary was paid in full, with benevolences a little behind. Fine revivals, resulting in 142 conversions and 116 additions to the Church. They also report a fine weekly prayer meeting, with an average attendance of 125 people. Rev. C. A. Duncan, of Blackwell, reported fifty-two conversions, bought one new church and salaries in full. Rev. F. T. Johnson, of McCaulley, reported sixty-four accessions, net gain of thirty-two. Benevolences in full. Rev. I. N. Anderson, of Hermleigh, reported thirty conversions, salaries and collections seventy-five per cent paid. Rev. J. O. Haymes, of Rule, reported twenty-eight conversions and sixty-four accessions. Salaries and collections in full. Dimmitt Charge, Rev. B. T. Sharp, P. C., repaired their parsonage, and paid all collections in full. Forty-two accessions. Rev. R. A. Clements, of Colorado Station, reported twenty-one accessions, and his church remodeled at a cost of \$4000. Rev. T. A. Jackson, of Clairemont Mission, reported forty-five conversions and a net gain of twenty in membership. Floydada Mission, Rev. B. W. Wilkins, pastor, is a new charge, but has made a fine record for the first year; 161 accessions. Rev. G. S. Hardy reported 197 accessions to the Church at Sweetwater Station. Conference claims and salaries in full. Rev. G. W. Smith, of Tuxedo, reported fifty additions, two church debts paid and all Advocate subscriptions paid in full. Rev. J. R. Plant, of Ira, reported thirty-five conversions and seventeen accessions. Salaries and collections ninety per cent paid. Mrs. Gable Betts Burton gave an interesting survey of Woman's Work in the Church at the anniversary of the Mission Board Friday evening. Rev. Emmet Hightower spoke convincingly of the Sunday School and its great work at the Sunday School Anniversary, Saturday evening. Rev. J. R. Mood wrote an encouraging and greatly appreciated letter to the conference. He is one of the scholarly men of Texas Methodism. Rev. C. D. Pipkin, of Vera, reported thirty conversions. Bro. Pipkin lost his only daughter during the year. The conference deeply sympathized with him. Rev. D. C. Ross brings a good account of his year's work at Abernathy. He had thirty conversions and thirty-eight additions. All collections were paid in full. The Hamlin and Sweetwater Districts have each been strengthened by the addition of four good charges and now are among the strong districts of the conference. Silverton Charge, Rev. Wm. S. Boyd, pastor, reports good revival services at all points on the charge, taking fifteen members into the Church on profession of faith. Tulla, with Rev. Hayes Howell, pastor, made progress this year. Sixty conversions and forty-five additions to the Church. Total amount raised during the year is \$2300. Dr. R. H. Bennett showed himself a master in his discussion of the Christian Ministry on the evening of November 4. The address made a profound impression. Lockney had eighty-five conversions and 101 additions. They raised for all purposes \$2245.96. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Sweeney, made one of the best reports that has ever come from this charge. The address of Dr. E. H. Rawlings Friday evening on the Sunday Schools Missionary task in China was most impressive. Such addresses are bound to quicken the missionary conscience of the Church. The reception at Clarendon College Friday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the conference. Bro. Slover is doing a great work as President of the college. The college has 267 students this year. At the table of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beville Saturday evening were seven visiting friends: Judge R. H. Cocks, J. T. Griswold, W. Y. Switzer, W. D.

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WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS

C. T. Davis, Cordell: Great revival, finances full, 32 additions. First year.

G. R. Wright, Headrick: Collections in full, salaries 10 per cent short, 54 accessions. Second year.

H. A. Stroud, Martha: Finances in full, \$450 on improvements, expended in all \$1950, fine revival. First year.

J. O. Peterson, Waurika: Collections and salaries in full, \$500 debt paid and \$200 expended. First year.

J. T. Armstrong, of the Devo Charge, has only four male members. Notwithstanding that they paid out in full.

F. L. Giles, Leon Circuit: 92 professions, 42 accessions, salaries 85 per cent, collections 90 per cent. Third year.

L. D. Hawkins, Rocky: 25 additions, 23 professions, 70 per cent collections, practically all of salaries. Second year.

R. E. Meigs, in the class of the first year, is a student in Birmingham College, Alabama, and will return another year.

C. C. Wilson, Cheyenne: Eighteen additions, good Sunday Schools, about 50 per cent of salaries and collections. First year.

R. O. Gallahan, El Reno: Received 200 members in 3 years; has shifting population; over 100 conversions, 50 additions. Third year.

M. F. Sullivan, Tyrone and Goodwell: Forty-five conversions, 32 accessions, collections full, salaries little short. First year.

C. A. German, Sentinel and Port: 129 conversions, 99 additions; \$800 debts paid; salaries in full and collections out and over.

Chas. Mann, Woodford: 100 conversions, 55 accessions, collections 40 per cent, salaries 85 per cent, 6 infants baptized. First year.

W. U. Witt, Altus: Everything in full, fine revival, 100 accessions, \$1000 paid on pavement. First year.

Fourteen were received on trial at this session of the West Oklahoma Conference. This would indicate no dearth in this part of the vineyard.

J. B. McCance, Lone Wolf: Full collections, salaries little behind; increase of 45; held own revivals, paid \$100 on parsonage debt. First year.

W. J. Richards, Grandfield: Fairly good year, 27 additions, improvements on church equipment, salaries in full, collections two-thirds. First year.

R. E. L. Morgan, Mangum: Received 100 members; collections and salaries in full, paid each month; debt secured with good margin. First year.

Dr. Stewart, of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, quoted the laconic statement of old Dr. Cooper: "You took us for life—now see us through!"

When the Committee on Admissions made its report, in every case save one they said the applicant did not use tobacco, and he promised to quit.

S. E. Henderson, Bailey: 18 additions, drifting population, over 40 dismissed by letter, collections short, but in advance of last year. First year.

What struck us was the number of pastors who reported finances in full and fine revivals. They came so thick and fast, and we would love to name them one by one.

W. B. Gilliam, Berlin: Collections nearly up, salaries about two-thirds paid, 45 conversions, 30 additions. Baby died during year and wife sick two months. Third year.

S. S. McKenney was among the brethren and he "nose" a great deal about the Representative Church in Washington City. McKenney has his heart in the enterprise.

The risibles of the Advocate did their duty when a good brother stated in his report that his charge had spent the whole year in trying to "liquify" a big church debt.

When F. M. Sweet, of Manitou Circuit, made his report the presiding elder of Lawton District, W. H. Roper, stated that Brother Sweet and his wife have declared their purpose to

offer themselves to Bishop Lambuth. Their consecrated hearts have turned to the Congo Basin in far-off Africa.

C. L. Canter, Olustee: Made improvements and old debts paid; raised altogether about \$1600; salaries 75 per cent, collections 60 per cent. Was in the hail belt. First year.

Counting all the pastoral charges and all the districts in the conference, they lack just 11 of having one for each. It is worthy of mention and praise. We doubt its parallel.

G. W. Lewis, Hollis: Collections short, yet raised more than ever before; no indebtedness, raised \$2698.70 in all; good revival, did own preaching; all the societies. First year.

J. S. Sessums, Lone Grove and Wilson: Salaries 60 per cent, collections 30 per cent, 7 infants and 45 baptized, built 1 church, total paid more than ever before—\$1610. First year.

E. E. Grimes, Maysville: 2 revivals, 5 Sunday Schools, 5 prayer meetings, about one-half of funds for a new church, salaries almost paid, collections 55 or 60 per cent. First year.

The opening sermon of the conference by Dr. Frank Barrett was one of tremendous and illuminating power. He treated the question of Christian Education as we never heard before.

S. Y. Allgood, of Perry, seems to be the "Young People's Pastor" of the conference. Fine year, all the children in the Church. At recent service 17 children led in prayer. Second year.

The efficient Secretary, R. S. Satterfield, states there was at this session the largest attendance on first roll call than at any other time in the history of the West Oklahoma Conference.

The Bishop announced his position when he declared that he did not believe in moving a man unless it was absolutely necessary, or only when the exigencies of Cabinet work demanded it.

R. E. Reagan, Franklin: Found bad conditions, 2 revivals, 25 conversions, 19 additions, good rural league, good Sunday School carried from 8 to 75, salaries 60 per cent, collections 15 per cent. First year.

F. M. Sweet, Manitou Circuit: 3 churches, 5 revivals, 1 union revival, 32 additions, baptized 18, built church, organized Sunday School 2 prayer meetings, salaries short just few dollars, collections in full. First year.

C. L. Cole, Blanchard and Washington: 35 accessions, 10 of them on profession; increased congregations, hail prevented prospect of Church building, 1 revival, collections 12 or 15 per cent short. First year.

C. K. Proctor, Guthrie: Near 3 M. E. Churches with their D.D.'s and L.L. D.'s, salaries in full, collections short. Our work mainly consists in maintaining our own self respect. We are in Guthrie to stay. First year.

If snakes were to bite Texans up here, West Oklahoma would be a graveyard. Instead of trying to get acquainted, we've talked our head half off trying to tell the boys how the "folks" are over in Texas.

When traveling through the territory of West Oklahoma Conference, even to a Texan, it appears that about the only thing imaginable which the State of Oklahoma is failing to produce in these days is a pessimist.

B. C. Perry, Elmore Circuit: Work consists in organizations in 5 school-houses, salaries in full, collections short, 60 conversions—12 being heads of families and all joined Church, 1 church built, 5 infants baptized. First year.

D. V. York is the Conference Missionary Evangelist. Reported he had preached 600 times, 800 conversions, held 1000 cottage prayer-meetings, and raised \$600 church debt. Brother York is one of our best men, and much beloved.

Bishop Murrah is a treat to these Oklahomans. They love and admire him in his presidency, in his preaching, and in his social contact. The good Bishop is a choice and royal spirit. He loves the Advocate and we love him. We were happily thrown near each other at our hotel during the entire session. We have a growing admiration for him. And he never

lost an opportunity to speak of the Advocate's permanency, its wide influence, and its helpfulness in the homes of the people.

F. M. Miller, Tuttle: 48 conversions, 29 accessions, 7 infants baptized, 1 church built and owe only \$100 on it, built nice parsonage, salaries little short, collections in full, have provided for another new church. First year.

Dr. John Wesley Gilbert, President of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., our colored school, made a great address to a crowded house. He spoke on his trip through Africa with Bishop Lambuth and the founding of the Congo Mission.

W. S. Burns, pastor at Temple, was announced as very low with tuberculosis and in a very impoverished condition. The big-hearted Methodist preachers, as they do the world over, walked up and laid \$125 on the table. It was a fitting act.

W. J. Moore, Weatherford, is the Sunday School specialist and had a splendid year. He will retain his membership in the West Oklahoma Conference and become the Field Sunday School Secretary for the Memphis (Tennessee) Conference.

C. C. Barnhardt, Epworth, Oklahoma City: Sixty additions, net gain 30, total membership 164; all the organizations in good shape, average attendance of Sunday School more than Church membership. Collections and salaries in full. Second year.

C. H. Armstrong, Davidson: Forty-five additions, 18 adults and 3 infants baptized; 60 per cent collections, was affected by raise in assessments; 9 volunteers for ministry and mission field. Armstrong is a big Advocate man, having 33 in his charge. First year.

A beautiful incident took place just at the close of the love feast Sunday morning. The good Bishop baptized the two-months-old baby boy of Rev. and Mrs. I. F. Harmon, of the Dryden Charge. He was christened Ivy Denby Harmon. It was a scene of sweetness.

The many friends of Rev. J. B. Powers throughout North Texas will be glad to hear that he is well and prosperous. He lives near Altus and was a constant attendant. Of course, he was deeply interested—for, at the bar of the conference, his boy took the vows of the itinerancy.

In this country the auto has its innings. It is a plains country and the roads are a paradise for the driver. Many of these West Oklahoma preachers are first-class "shofers," as well as preachers. The familiar greeting is, "Howdy! Did you bring the folks down in your auto?"

E. R. Welch is in close touch with the Advocate, having sent us many valuable notes from the field throughout the year. It is said that Welch once caught his foot in a crack and in trying to pull him out he became a long drawn-out affair. And he was tall enough to pull the plum of conference entertainment for another year.

After the sermon Sunday morning, C. M. Buttrell, F. M. Miller, E. E. Grimes, C. K. Proctor, H. J. Dixon, W. M. Donehoo and M. J. Ivey were called before the Bishop to be ordained deacons. R. S. Satterfield read the Epistle and C. K. Proctor the Gospel, after which the Bishop laid his hands upon them in the vows of ordination.

From all reports, in our talks with the individual pastors in the conference, West Oklahoma is blessed with a great body of consecrated local preachers. They love God and the Church. They seek out the waste places in Zion and make large sacrifices to enlarge her borders. And that is one reason that explains the success of supplies in this conference.

Together with Bishop Murrah, the Advocate representatives richly enjoyed the week's stay with Percy Turner and wife, and Miss Mary Capers of the Publishing House. An otherwise peaceful atmosphere was sometimes ruffled by the fussiness of some of the party. We did our best to be sweet under the circumstances. It looks like the agony will reappear at Muskogee.

We have met and taken over into our affections the conference evangelist, D. V. York. It looks like he knows everybody and that everybody loves him. He has breathed the atmosphere of these mighty plains until he is as big as all out-of-doors. And what is more, he is an old-time print-

er. He told us that no paper within his knowledge had a better "make-up" than the Advocate, and that editorially it is a "sockdologer." We didn't deny it. How could we?

W. D. Matthews is a member of this conference, and has been forty years in the pastorate. He was elected Commissioner of Charities and Corrections for the State of Oklahoma. He is at the head of all the State penal and charitable institutions. There are 5246 inmates, of whom 229 are insane and 1702 of them are in penal prisons. The cost of maintenance the past year was \$1,973,664.

Friday afternoon the Board of Trustees of Epworth University, Oklahoma City, met for the purpose of electing officers. Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder of Dallas District, North Texas Conference, was continued as Chancellor. Rev. C. F. Mitchell was elected President of the Board; Rev. Moss Weaver, Vice-President; Rev. J. S. Lamar, Secretary; Rev. John D. Salter, Treasurer.

Bishop Murrah struck a man in this conference who had somewhat to do with the making of him. W. D. Matthews, State Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, is a member of this body. He voted for the licensing of Bishop Murrah, and also voted for his admission on trial into the traveling connection. Brother Matthews may count himself among the rare cases in the history of Southern Methodism.

J. D. Massey, of Lexington, is one of the characters of the conference. Rarely does he speak, but when he does he tickles the brethren under both wings. He declares he never received over \$800 in his life and yet he had some money. "Why," said he, "men drawing salaries of from \$1000 to \$1500 come to me to borrow money. You can put me on a flat rock and, if people pass by, I'll get it and not steal it either."

The Advocate was pleased to meet at this conference Bro. J. M. Franklin, of Olustee, Okla. He was a visitor at the conference and enjoyed the proceedings. His many friends at Poetry, Kaufman County, and other points in Texas will be glad to learn that Bro. Franklin enjoys good health and has met with signal success during the years he has resided in Oklahoma. He has been a reader of the Advocate for more than forty-four years.

Dr. N. L. Linebaugh, presiding elder, of the Holdenville District, spent the week here. Once he was the presiding elder of the Mangum District of which Altus is situated. Once he was a popular member of the North Texas Conference. He is now an influential member of the East Oklahoma Conference. Were it not that the Advocate is a pastor in each district we would hobnob with him for a place in his. He's a royal spirit.

The West Oklahoma Conference is unique in all Methodism. She has three blind preachers, and everyone of them men of brilliant minds, wide popularity, fine equipment and tremendous influence. They are: O. W. Stewart, President State School for the Blind at Muskogee; Willmoore Kendall, now pastor at Weatherford; J. W. Trevette, last year at Tipton, and brother to the much-loved stenographer in the Advocate office. It is a wonderful trio.

The sweetest sight we have seen in many a day is in the childless home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shelton of this city. This good home longed for some little sprite around which might center their devotion. They found it in the Oklahoma Branch of the Home-Finding Society at Guthrie. And they are the prettiest, sweetest, most interesting twin girls we ever saw. Martha and Mary they call them. May the wings of a blessed providence hover over them.

The heroines of this conference, many of whom attended and enjoyed the sessions, are the preachers' wives. They are a winsome body of women possessed of the friendliness and hospitality of this big western country. High up on God's honor roll in the skies are the names of these uncompromising and self-sacrificing women who have wrought well and written their names in unfading letters in the Lamb's book of life. They shall have their meed of praise, here and hereafter.

When J. D. Salter was presented with a handsome traveling bag by the preachers of the Ardmore District, his four years having expired, he suggested to Bishop Murrah that he might be allowed to travel another year. The Bishop replied, "Well, that looks like traveling, don't it?" One (Continued on page 9)

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Rev. O. P. Clark, Albany, Stamford District.
Rev. W. C. Hart, Gail, Big Spring District.
Rev. W. E. Hassler, St. Luke's, Abilene, Abilene District.
Rev. L. N. Lipscomb, Bomarton, Stamford District.
Rev. J. P. Patterson, Shamrock, Clarendon District.
Rev. G. W. Smith, Tuxedo, Hamlin District.
Rev. J. H. Watts, Lakeview, Clarendon District.

The following pastors only lacked one to three of collecting from every subscriber:

- Rev. C. F. Carmack, Colorado Circuit.
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Rev. F. T. Johnson, McCaulley.
Rev. W. M. Lane, Lubbock.
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Rev. J. R. Plant, Ira.
Rev. W. M. Pope, Dalhart.
Rev. V. H. Trammell, Weinert.
Rev. C. D. West, Paducah.

Though the following brethren did not collect in full, they made diligent effort to do so and brought up good reports for the Advocate:

- Rev. W. S. Boyd, Silverton.
Rev. J. D. Crockett, Roby.
Rev. B. Y. Dickinson, Kress.
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Rev. C. E. Jameson, Lorraine.
Rev. W. B. McKeown, Ward Memorial and Bethel, Stamford.
Rev. M. L. Moody, Stamford Mission.
Rev. George Smallwood, Avoca.
Rev. E. L. Sisk, Cross Plains.
Rev. W. H. Strong, Panhandle.
Rev. E. R. Wallace, Haskell.
Rev. G. S. Wyatt, Stamford.

Rev. G. W. Smith, Tuxedo charge, Hamlin District, has collected every subscription due Texas Christian Advocate and all arrearages, and, of course, all his finances are in full and over. Has raised two church debts, one of which seemed impossible at the first of the year.

Rev. F. T. Johnson, of McCaulley, has done a fine year's work in putting the Advocate in the homes of his people and collecting subscriptions. He has the second largest Advocate report in the conference.

Rev. C. S. Cameron, of Claude, has the honor of having the largest Advocate report in the Northwest Texas Conference.

Rev. C. D. West, as is his custom, made a fine Advocate report from Paducah, lacking only three of collecting in full from a large list. In all the years of Brother West's ministry he has never failed to bring up a good report for the Advocate.

We are greatly pleased with the Advocate. You are giving us a most excellent paper. Every column sparkles like diamonds with good things. N. R. STONE. Lewisville, Texas.

A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR PRESIDING ELDERS.

With best wishes and earnest prayers for our conference organ, its editor, its publishers and its many readers, and hoping its subscribers may increase as never before, I beg to remain, Your friend and brother, J. W. COWAN. Lampasas, Texas.

THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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Prof. M. B. Johnson, President of Seth Ward College; Rev. W. H. Keener, of the Central Texas Conference, and Rev. Mr. Posey, a local elder at Galveston.

Simon Shaw read the special report of the Social Service Committee recommending the fourth Sunday in February as "Purity Sunday" in the Northwest Texas Conference and that collections be taken on that day for the San Antonio Rescue Home.

Dr. R. H. Bennett, of the Correspondence School, addressed the conference in the interest of a better trained ministry. He said 1478 preachers are taking the correspondence course. The address made a fine impression on the conference.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Church; Rev. J. J. Morgan, of the Bible Society; Rev. D. A. Coale, evangelist; Rev. Lovick P. Law, and Rev. W. W. Moss, presiding elder of the Cleburne District, were introduced to the conference.

Bishop McCoy called W. H. Terry, retiring presiding elder of the Big Spring District, and in behalf of the preachers and laymen of that district presented him with a traveling bag. The Bishop said the character of the bag perplexed him. "It is too fine for a circuit, too big for a station and not big enough for a district." Bro. Terry, in a beautiful speech, confessed himself likewise "somewhat perplexed."

W. H. Long extended in behalf of the Clarendon citizens an invitation to the Goodnight Ranch Friday afternoon. The conference accepted the invitation.

The name of Sister E. W. Simmans was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

After announcements, the doxology was sung and the conference was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. R. H. Bennett.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, November 5, gave the conference another day of superb weather. Bishop McCoy asked that the conference be in order promptly at 9 o'clock. He led the morning devotions, announcing Hymn 334, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." After singing by the conference he read Eph. 6:1-13, commenting occasionally throughout his reading. L. L. Mills led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

G. S. Wyatt moved that the order of the day at 10:30 be the selection of a place for the holding of the next conference. The motion prevailed.

The Bishop called Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" William L. Lightfoot, recommended by the Dallas District and approved by the Committee of Examination, was admitted by vote of the conference.

Question 2 was called, "Who remain on trial?" The following passed the Committee of Examination, their characters were passed and they were advanced to the class of the second year: O. B. Annis, A. E. Annfield, Z. R. Fee, A. O. Haynes, H. L. Hughes, T. A. Jackson, W. M. Murrell, B. L. Nance, W. M. Pearce, H. B. Watts, W. B. Woodruff. The following had their characters passed and were continued in the class of the first year: W. E. Hassler, J. O. Little, J. W. Martin and B. W. Wilkins. W. H. Wright was discontinued by vote of the conference.

Question 3 was called by the Bishop, "Who are discontinued?" W. H. Wright.

Question 10 was called by the Bishop, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Answer: B. Y. Dickinson, J. L. Rucker, L. B. Smallwood, G. W. Smith and Z. R. Fee.

The Bishop called Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Answer: L. A. Revis, S. L. Culwell, J. M. Friar, R. H. Boyd and G. J. Irvin from the North Texas Conference; W. S. Boyd, A. J. Weeks and L. Jackson from the West Texas Conference; R. B. Evans from the New Mexico Conference; W. R. Kirkpatrick and R. S. Watkins from the North Texas Conference, and L. G. Hazard from the Tennessee Conference.

O. P. Kiker read the presiding elders' nomination of the Auditing Committee as follows: A. M. Martin, G. W. Shearer, and Jesse Carpenter. The committee as nominated was elected.

The name of R. B. Evans was referred for the supernumerary relation. W. P. Davis asked for an honorable location. Granted.

A communication from the Texas Woman's College was referred with-

out reading to the Board of Education.

The Bishop called Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" The names of the following were called and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year: R. E. Burns, J. W. Glance, A. V. Hendricks, C. O. Huff, L. N. Lipscomb, T. J. Rea, E. L. Yeats and S. H. Young. J. O. Quattlebaum was continued in the class of the third year. Q. E. Williams surrendered his credentials, and the name of S. H. Adams was referred for the supernumerary relation. A collection was taken for Bro. Adams amounting to \$92.25.

The Bishop called Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" O. M. Addison, J. F. Caperton, A. D. Jameson, G. F. Palmer, J. T. Ross, J. W. Glass and W. H. Strong were passed by the Examining Committee and were elected elders. J. W. Caldwell, C. E. Jameson, B. H. Oxford, J. W. Smith, W. R. Kirkpatrick and E. A. Tharp were not before the committee and were continued in the class of the fourth year Lavine Jackson, transferred from the New Mexico Conference, presented his certificate of election.

The Bishop called Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" No one.

Question 7 was called, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" No one.

Question 8 was called, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" No one.

J. J. Morgan, of the American Bible Society, was presented to the conference and spoke in the interest of his work. He said twenty-one millions of copies of the Bible were distributed last year by all the societies. He said the American Bible Society had distributed one hundred and ten million copies of the Bible in 145 languages during the past 100 years. The Centennial of the American Bible Society will be held May 7, 1916.

The hour having arrived for the special order of the day, the Bishop called Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" Stamford, Haskell, Plainview and Clarendon were nominated in eloquent speeches. The eloquence of G. S. Wyatt and others of his persuasion prevailed and Stamford received the majority on the first ballot, and was made later the unanimous selection of the conference.

Nat G. Rollins read the report of the Committee on Lay Activities, nominating F. P. Works as lay leader, and paying a merited tribute to the lamented Dr. C. S. Reid. The report was adopted.

The Bishop then called Question 51, "Who is elected conference lay leader?" Answer: F. P. Works.

F. P. Works presented a paper recommending the selection of Palladora Canyon Park as the place for the holding of the Epworth League Encampment. The paper was adopted.

Bishop McCoy introduced a paper from President T. F. Sessions concerning the sale of the Epworth Encampment property. The paper was unanimously adopted.

Neely Morton read the report of the Committee on Temperance, endorsing the Anti-Saloon League, State-wide and Nation-wide prohibition. Athens Webb, of the League, spoke to the report saying that ten times as many names were signed to the petition to Congress for the submission of a National prohibition amendment as have been signed to petitions for all other amendments to our Constitution since our history began. The report was adopted.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Secretary of the Young People's Department of the Board of Missions, was introduced to the conference.

L. P. Law was recognized by the Bishop and he called H. M. Long, who is finishing his fourth year as pastor at Clarendon, before him and presented to Bro. Long a handsome trunk in behalf of Clarendon friends. He paid a high tribute to the retiring pastor. Bro. Long responded feebly.

Dr. C. M. Bishop addressed the conference in a masterly speech. He said that during the forty and two years of Southwestern University 11,000 men and women have been wholly, or in part, educated at that institution. Of this number 900 are Methodist preachers, fifty or sixty are missionaries and 500 are teachers. His discussion of the function of the Christian College held the conference in rapt attention. Bishop McCoy expressed the mind of the conference when, at the close of Dr. Bishop's address, he said, "I dare say that we never heard in our lives so much crowded into a twenty minutes' talk."

J. P. McCarley read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. The report was received.

Rev. Emmet Hightower, of the Central Texas, was introduced to the conference.

W. C. Everett spoke of our publishing interests. A. Dee Simpson was introduced to the conference.

Announcements were made of a re-

ception at the college of an auto trip to the Goodnight pasture, and of Dr. Rawlings' address at the 7:30 hour. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

The conference was called to order Saturday morning at 9 o'clock by the Bishop. The conference sang, "More Love to Thee." The Bishop read Col. 3:1-17, commenting as he read, and T. B. Hilburn led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session. After correction the minutes were approved.

J. G. Miller presented the greetings of Stamford College to the conference.

The Bishop called Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Claude I. Beck and Henry B. Watts, of the Amarillo District; William A. Clark, of the Big Spring District; Jacob A. Zinn, of the Clarendon District; Edwin E. White, of the Hamlin District; Jesse Townsend and Frank N. Rye, of the Stamford District.

Rev. A. N. Julian, pastor of the Christian Church, and Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Paine College, were introduced to the conference.

B. H. Oxford read the report of the Orphanage Committee. R. A. Burroughs spoke to the report and it was adopted.

G. S. Wyatt read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. G. S. Hardy, W. D. Bradford and Bishop McCoy spoke to the report and it was adopted. The report follows:

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, your committee, have had before us reports from our different periodicals and publishing interest, also the report from the Joint Board of Publication. It is with much pleasure that we have had before us the exhibit of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church. We rejoice that this report is so full of optimism and good cheer.

The volume of business, while it is not as great as it might be, and as it should, is immense, amounting in round numbers to something like a million dollars. It would be far in advance were our people to buy all their books and periodicals from and through the Publishing House. Why should they not? They can secure for you as cheaply as you can purchase it elsewhere any publication that is not sold exclusively through agents. Then, if you will, combined with loyalty, to patronize our own House? We are glad that not only the Central House at Nashville has done well, but the Branch Houses also have had a splendid business. Especially are we rejoiced that our Texas House has had such a large business, running well-nigh into a quarter million. Our own W. C. Everett and his body of faithful assistants have done nobly. It is a source of very great regret to your Board that the three publications, The Methodist Review, the Nashville Christian Advocate, the Epworth Era, have been published at a loss.

The report says that the unpaid subscriptions, if paid, would greatly decrease the deficits reported, if not entirely cancel them. It should be a matter of great humiliation to us that such splendid circulations as the Methodist Review and the Nashville Christian Advocate should have such a small circulation, the Review having only 4100 and the Christian Advocate but 14,700. If only the itinerant preachers were all subscribers to the Review it would nearly double the circulation. You cannot force people to read, but it would be a great benediction if we would cultivate the habit of reading such literature as is given us in the Review and the Christian Advocate. We should count ourselves happy indeed in the character and work of our Methodist Review, Christian Advocate, Missionary Voice, and the Epworth Era. We call upon our people to read all our papers and to give them support in every way possible.

We mark the statement, with much pleasure, that "The circulation of our Sunday School periodicals continue to grow steadily." It is the best literature in the world for the Sunday School of the M. E. Church, South, and we are always pained when we find any of our people summing off after any other.

We are highly delighted that the Publishing House is able to set aside an appropriation of \$15,000 for the conference claimants. Your Board, with an expression of great sorrow, records the death of Rev. George Alexander, D. D., the editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review. In the death of Dr. Alexander the religion of the Christian has lost one of its strongest and best defenders in the Nation.

We have had before us the report of the Joint Board of Publication. Death here has also visited our Church family and taken from the midst, Dr. G. C. Rankin, one of the most courageous opposers of sin and wrong that ever flashed a blade before the breast of an enemy. He was as tender in feeling as a woman, but as inflexible against sin and impurity in the exercising of God's Word. For sixteen years he was editor of the Texas Christian Advocate. For these long sixteen years he stood as a mighty bulwark, "defending our Holy Christianity, our homes, the fair name of our own Church and State, and died with the unsheathed sword in hand." In the language of the old Prophet we rejoice, "How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle." While we rejoice over the great achievements and mighty work of Dr. Rankin, we sincerely congratulate the Church in the successor of Dr. Rankin. "The workers die, but the work goes on."

The columns of the Texas Christian Advocate already show that a master's hand is at the helm. The tenderness of that hand, its great love and sympathy, has already thrilled us with hope and courage. All the Church will say that Elijah's mantle did not more truly fall than did Rankin's, and will rise up in one universal expression of praise for a succession of men who never quail in the presence of man. Upon Dr. Bradford, the successor of Dr. Rankin, we have already and deeply religious, the Board request the Church's earnest prayers and urge her to give him unstinted support in his mighty work.

We note with great pleasure the increased circulation of the Texas Christian Advocate, and ask all of our pastors to put it in every Methodist home.

We endorse the action of the Joint Board of Publication in receiving East and West Oklahoma Conferences into the Advocate Family, and in the language of another say, "Brethren of the Oklahoma Conferences, we rejoice to recognize you as members of the Advocate Family, and bid you welcome to all of its

privileges, and in token of our brotherly love we give you the right-hand of fellowship, and pray that you may be numbered by your many subscriptions here and with His saints in glory everlasting."

We congratulate and thank the publishers of the Texas Christian Advocate for the splendid mechanical make-up of the paper and for the nice sum they have appropriated for the conference claimants.

Your Board rejoices in the great improvements to be found in all of our papers and in the large number of books sold by and through our Publishing House, and would suggest that the only adverse criticism coming to us is that occasionally they allow to go out from the House and with the House's endorsement a book that would hardly be regarded as orthodox, and which is not very wholesome matter for many of our young preachers and laymen. We would suggest that they be more careful.

In answer to Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection," the committee reported the following as having stood approved examinations: B. Y. Dickinson, J. L. Rucker, L. B. Smallwood, G. W. Smith, J. E. Yeats, L. G. Hazard, A. C. Aston and J. R. Plant. The Bishop propounded to these the Disciplinary questions, and upon satisfactory answers they were admitted by vote of the conference.

Bishop McCoy's address to the class was of high order and elicited the hearty commendation of the conference.

Ben Hardy read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, in answer to Question 19, "Who are supernumerary?" and Question 20, "Who are supernuated?"

Supernumeraries.

D. W. Hawkins, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bonner, Leon Henderson, Thomas Hanks, R. B. Evans.

Supernuateds.

J. M. Baker, D. C. Ross, A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, R. S. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, B. F. Gassaway, L. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, T. B. Hilburn, B. T. Sharp, J. A. Hyder, S. C. Vaughn, J. M. Sollie, John R. Steele, M. D. Hill, A. H. Hussey, W. E. Caperton, J. P. Calloway, A. B. Keen, J. B. Wood, L. E. Riddle, Sam H. Adams and C. E. Lynn. The report was adopted.

Prof. Gilbert addressed the conference in the interest of Paine College. The address greatly delighted the conference and at its close Prof. Gilbert was given an offering of \$237.60.

Rev. J. T. Tyler presented the interests of the proposed C. M. E. Church at Austin.

G. S. Slover moved that when the conference adjourn it adjourn to meet in an afternoon session at 2:30 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

Rev. Caspar S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, made a strong address to the conference in behalf of the University.

The Bishop announced that the hour of adjournment had arrived. The Sunday School and League Anniversary was announced for 7:30 p. m.

Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder of the Dallas District, was introduced to the conference. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Sensabaugh.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference was called to order by Bishop McCoy at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. The conference sang, "O Happy Day," and R. A. Stewart led in prayer.

The Secretary of the conference read the minutes of the morning session and they were approved.

Bishop McCoy called Dr. S. W. Anthony, of Dumas, and introduced him to the conference. A college mate of Bishop Haygood heard Bishop Andrew preach.

Chas. Hearon read the report of the Board of Education, pledging the support of the conference to the universities being promoted by the Educational Commission, recommending an assessment upon the conference for ministerial supply and training, recommending an assessment for the Bible Chair at the State University and recommending the following schedule of assessments.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. For S. M. U. \$900, For S. W. U. 900, For Clarendon College 900, For Stamford College 900, For Seth Ward College 900, For Bible Chair 400, For Texas Woman's College 900, For Theological Dept. S. M. U. \$1,835.

Total \$7,635

J. G. Miller spoke concerning Stamford College; G. S. Glover spoke concerning Clarendon College; M. B. Johnson, President of Seth Ward College, spoke concerning that college; H. M. Long represented the Texas Woman's College.

The report, on motion, was adopted. The Bishop introduced New Harris to the conference.

M. S. Leveridge read the report of

the Joint Board of Finance. The report showed that the amount of \$5709.53 is distributed this year for conference claimants. The assessment for conference claimants next year is \$7500, \$1250 of which is for the Superannate Endowment Fund. W. P. West spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

M. Phelan read the report of the Board of Missions, recommending the appointment of A. M. Martin for Conference Missionary Secretary. The report was adopted.

W. E. Lyon read the report of the Board of Church Extension, extending an invitation to Rev. S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Church, to visit the conference and take collections in behalf of the Washington City enterprise. The report was adopted.

W. M. Pope read the report of the Sunday School Board, showing a gain in the Sunday School membership of the conference of 2150. A. W. Hall and Emmet Hightower spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

Hays Howell read the report of the Epworth League Board. The report shows that the conference has within its bounds eighty-one League Chapters with 2963 members.

Bishop McCoy, President of the Epworth League Board, spoke to the report, charging the presiding elders to make their first round in the new year an Epworth League round. The report was adopted.

G. S. Wyatt introduced the conference resolution of thanks. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

George Smallwood read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, deploring the general deterioration of the Sabbath and urging a more rigid observance of the day. The report was adopted.

M. L. Moody read the report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, recommending an assessment of two cents per member for the cause. The report was adopted.

H. M. Long read the report of the Committee on Evangelism, recommending H. M. Long and Geo. W. Backus to represent the conference in an Evangelistic Campaign to be conducted simultaneously in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The report was adopted.

J. W. Story read the report of the special Committee on Lynching. The report was a ringing denunciation of lynch law. The report was adopted.

V. H. Trammell read the report on the Spiritual State of the Church. The report was adopted.

B. W. Dodson moved that an auditing committee be appointed to audit the Conference Treasurer's books and report to the next session of the conference. G. S. Wyatt, G. S. Hardy and C. W. Hearon were appointed.

The Bishop called the statistical questions. (See Statistics).

B. W. Dodson moved that when the conference adjourns it adjourn to meet in Memorial Session Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Carried. The Secretary read the minutes of the afternoon session, and, after correction, they were approved.

After announcements the benediction was pronounced by A. W. Hall.

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Chickasha, pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Bishop Murrah called the conference to order promptly at nine o'clock, Thursday morning, November 5, 1915.

After singing, "How Firm a Foundation," Rev. W. M. Rippey, a superannuate of the conference, led in a fervent prayer.

The Bishop read the twelfth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, without any comment.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Bishop called Question 1: "Who are admitted on trial?" The districts were called one by one, and the presiding elders announced the names, if any. They are: J. M. Kemp and T. J. Durham, from the Ardmore District; W. E. French, R. I. Graham, T. J. Melton and A. A. McClesky, from the Chickasha District; G. P. Rice and R. P. Davis, from the Lawton District; C. C. Bounds, E. R. Powers and C. F. Mitchell, from the Mangum District; F. C. Harrell, A. L. Williams, R. A. Brigham and Frank L. Einsel, from the Oklahoma City District.

The Committee on Admissions and the Examining Committee on Admission on Trial made their reports on each case, one by one, and they were admitted.

Question 2 was called: "Who remain on trial?" Answer: J. H. Bridges, C. L. Cole, P. L. Gassaway, S. E. Henderson, W. B. Gilliam, L. D. Hawkins, C. P. D. Mann, R. E. Meigs, R. E. Reagan, W. J. Richards, J. S. Sessums, F. M. Sweet, E. H. Shirley and C. C. Williams. The committee passed them, they made their reports, characters passed, and were advanced to the class of the second year. Except, P. L. Gassaway and E. H. Shirley, who were discontinued; R. E. Meigs, who was not before the committee and remains in the class of the first year.

Question 3, "Who are discontinued?" Answer: P. L. Gassaway and E. H. Shirley.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" Answer: E. B. Bowen, W. S. Burns, C. M. Buttrell, E. E. Grimes, F. M. Miller, J. B. McCombs, B. C. Perry, C. K. Proctor, Cleveland Regan and K. L. Rudolph. The committee passed them, they made their reports and one by one their characters passed, and advanced to the class of the third year. Except E. B. Bowen, who had transferred to the New Mexico Conference; Cleveland Regan, who remains in class of second year.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" The districts were called, one by one, and the following were readmitted: L. H. Fullingim, of Ardmore District; U. M. Myers, of Lawton District; W. D. Parrish, of Oklahoma City District.

At this point, Bishop Murrah called the class for admission on trial before him and after seriously and earnestly propounding to them the questions, they were admitted on trial in the West Oklahoma Conference.

The hour for adjournment was extended in order to hear Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, D. D., the representative of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, Agent for our Representative Church in Washington City, was introduced and recognized by the conference.

The conference stood adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Murrah.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, November 6, 1915, Bishop Murrah called the conference to order.

The brethren joined in singing one of the grand old hymns, after which J. D. Massey led in a fervent prayer.

As a morning lesson the Bishop read the fifteenth Psalm. He followed the reading with a few stimulating remarks.

Minutes of the previous session were, revised and approved.

The chair called Question 6, "Who are received by transfers from other conferences?" Answer:

L. R. Jones, an elder from the East Oklahoma Conference.

O. A. Morris, in the class of the second year, New Mexico Conference.

A. B. Waldrep, in the class of the fourth year, Los Angeles Conference.

J. T. Brown, an elder from the Tennessee Conference.

J. W. Cannon, a deacon from the North Texas Conference.

Frank Barrett, an elder from the Little Rock Conference.

Willmore Kendall, an elder from the East Oklahoma Conference.

J. C. Throgmorton, an elder from the Southwest Missouri Conference.

R. W. Templeton, in the class of the first year, East Oklahoma Conference.

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Under call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" H. A. Stroud asked for a committee of investigation in his case.

The chair announced R. E. L. Morgan, W. U. Witt and B. M. Nelson as that committee.

T. E. DeArmond read the report of the Board of Trustees of Superannuate Homes, after which he was excused to go to a sick daughter.

Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" was called. Answer:

W. L. Gilliam, an elder from the Methodist Protestant Church. His orders were recognized and he was received.

R. I. Graham, an elder from the Freewill Baptist Church. He was called before the Bishop and, after affirming his belief in the doctrines and polity of our Church, was received and his orders recognized.

The chair called Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Answer: A. F. Carson, E. H. Driskill, C. A. German, J. D. Kidd, M. M. Monk, T. E. Neal, N. U. Stout and E. C. Webb.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Answer: J. C. Morris, J. W. Trevette, C. C. Williamson, A. B. Waldrep.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Answer: H. J. Dixon and T. J. Durham from the Ardmore District. W. E. French and M. J. Ivey from the Chickasha District. W. M. Donehoo from the Mangum District.

Question 13, "Who are located this year?" Answer:

R. H. Horton and C. W. Craig were granted a location at their own request.

B. A. McKnight was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of our Church.

H. H. Everett, a local elder, surrendered his credentials.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Answer: W. E. Garrison, character passed, and advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" J. C. Morris, T. C. Steele, J. W. Trevette, C. C. Williamson, A. B. Waldrep.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. Answer: M. L. Butler, W. T. Freeman, J. G. Blackwood, F. L. Giles, R. A.

Crosby, W. A. Govett, T. S. Johnson, E. R. Welch, I. W. Armstrong, J. A. Old, A. M. Miller, J. E. Martin, B. M. Nelson, E. I. Ailor, J. S. Lamar, J. N. Tinkle, J. T. McBride, J. L. Henson, R. H. Denny, T. J. Taylor, M. T. Allen, J. O. Peterson, H. L. Shelton, C. S. Walker, W. C. Driskill, W. T. Stewart, W. E. Humphreys, N. A. Phillips, H. B. Wilson, W. L. Anderson, M. F. Sullivan, C. T. Davis, C. H. Armstrong, W. B. Douglas, G. W. Hooper, J. W. Sims, W. C. Fleetwood, A. L. Scales.

At this juncture, Superintendent H. T. Laubman, of the Anti-Saloon League in Oklahoma; Rev. J. J. Morgan, of the American Bible Society, were introduced and recognized.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. Answer: W. U. Witt, Jesse Crumpton, J. C. Scivally, J. L. Gage, J. R. Brooks, J. F. Hendry, G. R. Wright, G. W. Lewis, J. B. McCance, R. E. L. Morgan, C. L. Canter, D. V. York, J. W. Nelson, Willmore Kendall, R. O. Gallahan, J. D. Massey, R. P. Witt, T. H. Ward, R. L. Ownbey, C. F. Sheppard, C. C. Farnhardt, H. E. Snodgrass, R. S. Satterfield, S. Y. Allgood, A. W. Goforth, W. J. Moore, W. A. Shelton, W. D. Matthews.

Under Question 18, "Who are located this year?" W. W. Robinson was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership in our Church. Motion carried that the conference adjourn to meet at three o'clock in afternoon session. After announcements the morning session closed with the benediction.

Afternoon Session.

The conference convened at three o'clock. After singing "A Charge to Keep I Have," Rev. J. G. Blackwood led in prayer.

Minutes of the previous session were read, revised and approved. Under call of Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" it was announced that M. M. Monk remains in the class of the first year.

The committee in the case of H. A. Stroud reported, giving complete explanation and under call of Question 22, his character was passed.

Report of Joint Board of Finance was read by J. G. Blackwood. On motion it was recommitted.

Report of Committee on Books and Periodical was read by E. R. Welch.

This report, which was adopted, provides for the following as members of Joint Board of Publication for Texas Christian Advocate from West Oklahoma Conference:

- C. C. Barnhardt--Two years.
J. D. Salter--Four years.
Moss Weaver--Six years.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read by W. J. Moore, and it was adopted.

Under call of Question 18, "Who are located this year?" J. E. Martin was located at his own request.

Report of the Committee on the American Bible Cause was read and adopted. Rev. J. J. Morgan, Secretary for the Agency in the Southwest, spoke to the report.

L. Blaylock, senior publisher of the Texas Christian Advocate, was given close and appreciative attention to his clear statements touching the business affairs of the Organ of the West Oklahoma Conference.

Question 19, "Who are supernumerary?" Answer: H. L. Mauldin, W. A. Dickey, D. E. Shaffer, W. A. Randie.

Question 20, "Who are superannuated?" Answer: A. C. Briggs, H. J. Brown, J. K. Florence, R. H. Grinstead, H. C. Gullledge, J. T. Hall, J. W. Kizziah, M. D. Long, F. C. Mabery, P. T. McWhorter, J. J. Methvin, W. M. P. Rippey, J. A. Rowan, W. M. Spain, W. P. Meador, R. P. Witt.

C. T. Davis read the report of the Board of Education. After some discussion, it was adopted.

In the adoption of this report the following were named as trustees for Southern Methodist University from West Oklahoma Conference: W. M. Wilson--Clerical member. T. E. DeArmond--Lay member.

N. L. Linebaugh, Dean of the Summer School of Theology, located at Sulphur, Oklahoma, addressed the conference in the interest of that enterprise.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 8 p. m.

At this point, Rev. and Mrs. Moss Weaver, of the Chickasha District, were called to the front. In a beautiful speech, B. M. Nelson, and in the name of the preachers and laymen of the district, presented them an elegant silver chest. The response was tender.

Conference adjourned until eight o'clock, with the benediction by the Bishop.

Night Session.

After joining in a fervent song, H.

J. Brown led in an earnest prayer. Minutes of the afternoon session were read, revised and approved.

Question 52 was called, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" Answer: Wynnewood.

Various boards and committees presented their reports. They were read and adopted, one by one.

Resolution to put an educational commissioner in the field, and to pay salary out of a \$2000 cash fund now in the hands of the Conference Board of Education was introduced by E. R. Welch. On standing vote of 41 ayes and 24 nays it was adopted.

Under call of Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" I. F. Harmon and B. F. Taylor were elected elders.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet at three o'clock Sunday afternoon in Memorial Session.

The Bishop requested M. L. Butler to preside over the Memorial Session.

The conference stood adjourned with the benediction.

SEE ELSEWHERE FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The insatiable craving of life is for more life. The life we long for, whether we know it or not, is life that partakes of the life of God. Our natural life was given us without our will, but the new life of the second birth will not be forced on any one. We must want it and ask for it and seek it with persistence. It is God's gift in answer to prayer. We must pray for it day by day in order that thus our capacity for it may enlarge and our participation in it increase. This is the end of our being, that we may win our souls, that we may become charged with such a quality of life that death shall no more have dominion over us. The road to life is prayer. God waits to be gracious. God waits to be asked. All that we long for and strive for may be ours through the labor of prayer. Millions have been offered for a year, aye, for an hour of life. God's offer of life eternal exacts no money. It is ours for the asking, for the desire that breathes itself forth in unceasing prayer. How pertinent is the counsel of the hymn, "Pray, brethren, pray!"--The Christian Intelligencer.

THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

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FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

Sunday morning in Clarendon dawned bright and balmy. At 9:30 the great auditorium was filled for the conference lovefeast. I. N. Mills, the first pastor at Clarendon, in 1887, was leader. He read as the Scripture lesson I John 3:1-6 and John 1:6-13. The love of God and onship with Him were the preacher's theme for a few well-chosen remarks. The nature of the love-feast was explained, the elements of bread and water were passed and then followed the singing of great hymns and as rich and as inspiring testimonies as we have ever heard. "I belong to God" was Bro. Mills' own testimony, and this testimony seemed to furnish the pattern for all which were to follow. He told the story of his remarkable conversion. "The only passion I have is to see the world as Jesus saw it," exclaimed J. H. Hamblen in the midst of his rich testimony. "I keep young by staying close to God and keeping close to young people," said G. S. Wyatt. Twenty-three years ago at Waco we first met Bro. Wyatt and his heart seems younger today. "I love the Lord above everything and I reckon the Northwest Texas Conference next," said "Grandma" Rogers.

The great audience by prayer and song and testimony had been thoroughly prepared for Bishop McCoy and his great message at 11 o'clock. The Bishop's theme was, "The Temptation." Matt. 4:3-4 was the text. "The fate of the world turns upon moral pivots." "What shall I do with my life?" "What use shall I make of my power?" The heart of the temptation is in these questions. The peril that confronted Jesus in the wilderness was "the peril of the lesser good." Jesus was under a "higher law than hunger." "The law of oughtness gripped Jesus." "O, my friends, his is not one way and yours another." "The law of oughtness grips you and me today." Whosoever shall save his life on lower planes shall lose it.

The Bishop then launched into an illuminating discussion of how the issues which confronted Jesus in the wilderness are just the issues which confront the individual, society and the Nation. "Man has more natures than the bread-nature." "Never allow the good to become the enemy of the best." "No harm in making bread unless you do it at the expense of your soul and your brother's soul." "There are no times in which a man must not die for higher causes."

These are a few sentences in this really great discussion. The vast audience was swayed by the burning words of one of the most penetrating sermons we ever heard. At the conclusion of the sermon the following were ordained deacons: B. Y. Dickinson, J. L. Rucker, L. B. Smallwood, G. W. Smith and Z. R. Fee, answer to Question 11, "What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?" and C. I. Beck, H. B. Watts, W. A. Clark, J. A. Zinn, F. N. Rye and E. E. White, in answer to Question 13, "What local preachers are ordained deacons?"

At 3 p. m. the conference met in memorial session. After devotional services conducted by the Bishop, Question 21 was called, "What preachers have died during the past year?" The Committee on Memoirs presented the name of Bro. W. L. Harris, the only member of the conference to die during the year. The memoir was read by Ben Hardy.

The committee, however, included in its report the following names: Dr. G. C. Rankin, Mrs. Geo. F. Fair, Mrs. J. A. Hyder, Mrs. E. M. Simmans, Mrs. G. S. Hardy and Mrs. James H. McCoy. The tribute to Dr. Rankin was read by W. D. Bradfield; that to Mrs. Fair by J. W. Story; that to Mrs. Hyder by A. M. Martin; that to Mrs. Simmans by I. L. Mills; that to Mrs. Hardy by J. E. Stephens; and the tribute to Mrs. McCoy was read by J. T. Griswold. Many spoke to the memories of these departed friends. Rev. J. A. Crutchfield, the conference poet, sang his own poem, "Some Day." It was a gracious hour.

At 7 o'clock the great auditorium of the beautiful church was filled again for the closing service of the conference. The editor of the Advocate preached on "The Sin of Unchristianity," from John 16:8-9. The Bishop then ordained the following elders: O. M. Addison, A. D. Jameson, G. T. Palmer, J. T. Ross, W. H. Strong, J. W. Glance and Lavincie Jackson, in answer to Question 15, "What traveling preachers are ordained elders?"

The Secretary of the conference then read the minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions. The Bishop made some impressive remarks on the itinerancy. The appointments were read and the bene-

diction was pronounced by W. D. Bradfield. Thus passed into history one of the greatest sessions in the history of our Annual Conferences in Texas.

APPROPRIATIONS JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1915.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes S. H. Adams (\$300.00), Mrs. J. T. L. Annis (31.00), Rev. J. M. Baker (225.00), Rev. J. W. R. Bachman (175.00), Rev. J. P. Calloway (200.00), Rev. W. E. Caperton (\$200.00), Mrs. J. H. Chambliss (201.00), Mrs. W. L. Collins (101.00), Mrs. W. F. Compton (101.00), Rev. J. H. Crutchfield (100.00), Rev. W. P. Davis (152.00), Rev. Geo. F. Fair (50.00), Rev. B. F. Gassaway (125.00), Mrs. J. W. Gibbons (374.00), Mrs. W. L. Harris (100.00), Rev. R. S. Heizer (75.00), Rev. M. D. Hill (200.00), Rev. J. L. Hollers (200.00), Mrs. S. C. Houk (151.00), Rev. A. H. Hussey (350.00), Rev. J. A. Hyder (150.00), Rev. W. W. Kizer (74.00), Mrs. J. S. Lane (51.00), Mrs. J. P. Lowery (50.00), Rev. C. E. Lynn (300.00), Rev. C. S. McCarver (50.00), Rev. I. L. Mills (100.00), Mrs. R. M. Morris (51.00), Rev. J. R. Mood (309.00), Rev. L. E. Riddle (225.00), Rev. A. B. Roberts (50.00), Mrs. J. M. Sherman (50.00), Mrs. C. M. Shuffler (201.00), Mrs. C. B. Smith (323.00), Rev. J. R. Steele (100.00), Rev. J. B. Wood (100.00).

Respectfully submitted, JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

MINUTES

Of the Sixth Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Clarendon, Texas, Beginning November 3, 1915, Ending November 7, 1915. Bishop James H. McCoy, President; A. L. Moore, Secretary.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? J. S. Ryan, S. W. Franklin, C. I. Beck, J. H. Hicks, T. W. Brabham, G. E. Scoggins, Daniel Rees, Ansel Lynn, Chas. C. Tyler, A. J. Brown, J. W. Leggett, Wm. L. Lightfoot.

2. Who remain on trial? O. B. Annis, A. E. Arnfield, Z. R. Fee, H. L. Hughes, J. O. Haynes, T. A. Jackson, W. M. Murrell, B. L. Nance, W. M. Pearce, H. B. Watts, E. E. White, W. B. Woodruff, C. A. Duncan, G. H. Gattis, J. E. Yeats, R. H. Boyd.

3. Who are discontinued? M. W. Story and W. H. Wright. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? A. C. Aston, B. Y. Dickinson, J. R. Plant, J. L. Rucker, L. B. Smallwood, G. W. Smith, Z. R. Fee, L. G. Hagar.

5. Who are readmitted? No one. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? L. A. Reavis, S. L. Culwell, J. M. Fryar, R. H. Boyd, W. S. Boyd, A. J. Weeks, Lavincie Jackson, R. B. Evans, W. R. Kirkpatrick, R. S. Watkins, L. G. Hagar, G. J. Irvin.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? No one. 8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? No one. 9. Who are the deacons of one year? A. C. Aston, J. R. Plant, L. G. Hagar, J. O. Quattlebaum, S. H. Young, S. H. Adams.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Belton Yates Dickinson, John Lewis Rucker, Lou Blakely Smallwood, Gervas Walker Smith, Zephyrus Roy Fee. 11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Belton Yates Dickinson, John Lewis Rucker, Louis Blakely Smallwood, Gervas Walker Smith, Zephyrus Roy Fee.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Claude Isaiah Beck, Henry Bascom Watts, William Alexander Clark, Jacob Albert Zinn, Jesse Townsend, Frank N. Rye, E. E. White. 13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Claude Isaiah Beck, Henry Bascom Watts, William Alexander Clark, Jacob Albert Zinn, Frank N. Rye, Edwin Earl White.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Oscar Murray Addison, John F. Cameron, Almus Day Jameson, George Thomas Palmer, James Thomas Ross, William Hiram Strong, Jesse Walter Gance, Lavincie Jackson. 15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? O. M. Addison, A. D. Jameson, G. T. Palmer, J. T. Ross, W. H. Strong, J. W. Glance, Lavincie Jackson.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? No one. 17. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one. 18. Who are located this year? W. P. Davis and R. D. Stewart at their own request. 19. Who are supernumerary? Thos. Hanks, Leon Henderson; R. B. Bonner, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Evans, D. W. Hawkins.

20. Who are supernumerary? J. M. Baker, D. C. Ross, A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, R. S. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, B. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, T. B. Hilburn, B. T. Sharp, J. A. Hyder, S. D. Vaughan, I. M. Sollie, Jno R. Steele, M. C. Hill, A. H. Hussey, W. E. Caperton, J. P. Callaway, A. B. Keen, I. B. Wood, L. E. Riddle, S. H. Adams, C. E. Lynn. 21. What preachers have died during the past year? W. L. Harris.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? T. E. Williams withdrawn. 23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 160; total members, 36,711. 24. How many have been licensed to preach addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 11; yes.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 12. 26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 494. 27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1976. 28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 80. 29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2875. 30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 267. 31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2624. 32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 31,594. 33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$7273.00. 34. What has been collected on the fore-

going account, and how has it been applied? \$5879. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$8050; Special, \$459; total Foreign, \$8509. Home and Conference, \$10,980; Special, \$59; total Home and Conference, \$11,039. 36. What has been contributed for Church Expenses? \$472. 37. What has been contributed for Education? \$6710. 38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$381. 39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$22,380; preachers in charge, \$116,610. 40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1461. 41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 405; number of houses of worship, 213. 42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$926,615; indebtedness, \$95,700. 43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, —; number of parsonages, 134. 44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$214,590; indebtedness, \$11,394. 45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, 6. 46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$24,000; indebtedness, \$2000. 47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 5; amount of damage, \$1153. 48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$542,490; losses sustained, \$25; premiums paid, \$4074; collections on losses, \$628. 49. What are the educational statistics? 50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 155; Conference Organ, 2752. 51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? F. P. Works, Amarillo. 52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Stamford, Texas. 53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

ABILENE DISTRICT.

C. N. N. Ferguson, Presiding Elder. Abilene, First Church—C. W. Hearon. St. Luke's—J. T. Ross. St. Paul's—J. W. Hunt; Thos. Hanks, supernumerary.

Anson—A. W. Waddill. Baird—W. Y. Switzer. Cans—B. J. Osborn. Clyde—W. M. Murrell. Cross Plains—J. W. Smith. Dalhart—E. E. Fee. Hawley—R. S. Watkins. Moran—A. D. Jameson. Ovalo—R. E. L. Stutta. Putnam—J. W. Cadwell. Tuscola—L. E. Yeats. Tye—M. H. Hudson. Student Southern Methodist University—W. E. Hassler, St. Luke's, Abilene Q. C. Student Chicago University—Comer M. Woodward, St. Paul's, Abilene Q. C. District Commissioner of Education—C. W. Hearon. Conference Secretary of Education—C. W. Hearon.

AMARILLO DISTRICT.

E. E. Robinson, Presiding Elder. Amarillo, Polk Street—New Harris. Buchanan Street—J. H. Hicks. Amarillo Mission—H. G. Scoggins. Canadian—Hayes Howell. Channing—B. L. Nance. Canyon—W. M. Payne. Dalhart—W. M. Pope. Dumas—E. L. Sisk. Glazier—C. I. Beck. Hansford—S. W. Franklin. Hereford—J. R. Henson; D. W. Hawkins, supernumerary. Huguley—J. J. Irvin. Ochiltree—H. B. Watts. Panhandle—W. H. Strong. Stratford—J. E. Eldridge. Textline—Ansel Lynn. Vega—G. T. Palmer. Conference Evangelist—F. M. Neal, Polk Street Q. C. District Commissioner of Education—H. B. Watts.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT.

W. E. Lyon, Presiding Elder. Andrews—To be supplied. Big Spring Station—J. T. Hicks. Big Spring Mission—W. R. Kirkpatrick. Brownfield—J. M. Fryar. Coahoma—S. B. Cox. Gail—W. C. Hart, supply. Lamesa Station—A. E. Arnfield. Lamesa Mission—W. T. Gray, supply. O'Donnell—J. W. Fulton, supply. Seminole—J. W. Brabham. Stanton—C. Willett. Stanton—M. L. Moody. Tahoka—C. H. Ledger. Wilson—To be supplied. Student Southern Methodist University—H. L. Hughes, Big Spring Q. C. Student Southern Methodist University—J. E. Yeats, Big Spring Q. C. District Commissioner of Education—J. T. Hicks.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

A. W. Hall, Presiding Elder. Clarendon Station—A. J. Weeks. Clarendon Mission—J. O. Quattlebaum. Claude—S. Cameron. Goodnight—J. H. Watts. Hedley—L. A. Reavis. Lakeview—J. A. Laney. McLean—J. T. Howell. Memphis—A. L. Bowman; Leon Henderson, supernumerary. Miami and Pampa—P. G. Huffman. Quail—L. B. Smallwood. Shamrock Station—J. P. Patterson; R. B. Bonner, supernumerary. Shamrock Mission—T. A. Messer, supply. Wheeler and Moberly—C. C. Wright. Wellington Station—M. E. Hawkins. Wellington Mission—J. C. Carpenter. Zychach and Gageby—C. G. Shutt, supply. President Clarendon College—G. S. Slover. Professor Clarendon College—S. E. Burkhead. District Commissioner of Education—A. J. Weeks.

HAMLIN DISTRICT.

B. W. Dodson, Presiding Elder. Aspermont Station—M. M. Beavers. Aspermont Mission—Lee Culwell, supply; L. D. Westfall, junior preacher supply. Clairemont—T. A. Jackson. Hamlin Station—J. H. Hamblen; F. N. Rye, junior preacher supply. Crowell—M. W. Rogers. Knox City—H. H. Liles. Jayton—O. M. Addison. Matador—R. F. Dunn.

McCaulley—F. T. Johnson. Margaret—J. L. Rucker. Koenig Springs—A. A. Smith. Rochester—Daniel Rees. Roby—S. H. Young. Rotan—S. L. Culwell. Rule—J. O. Haynes. Spur—E. E. White. Tuxedo—G. W. Smith. Vera—C. D. Phipps. District Commissioner of Education—J. H. Hamblen.

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT.

A. L. Moore, Presiding Elder. Abernathy—B. Y. Dickinson. Bovina—W. M. Pearce. Crosbyton—W. S. Boyd. Dimmitt—W. L. Lightfoot. Floydada Station—W. M. Lane. Floydada Circuit—M. S. Leveridge. Hale Center—B. H. Oxford. Kress and Happy—L. G. Hagar. Lockney—J. A. Sweeney. Lorenz—E. L. Wilkins. Lubbock Station—O. P. Kiker. Lubbock Mission—B. C. Ross, supply. Plainview Station—J. W. Story. Plainview Mission—S. J. Upton, supply. Silvertown, J. B. McReynolds. Tulia—G. W. Shearer. Turkey—L. R. Black, supply. Professor Seth Ward College—L. G. Hagar. District Commissioner of Education—J. W. Story.

STAMFORD DISTRICT.

J. G. Miller, Presiding Elder. Albany—Ben Hardy. Avoca—Geo. Smallwood. Bomarton and Shady—W. B. McKeown. Gove—A. C. Aston. Haskell—Ed R. Wallace. Leuders and Nugent—J. W. Glance. Munday Station—C. B. Meador. Munday Circuit—W. B. Woodruff. Seymour Station—O. P. Clark. Seymour Mission—A. J. Brown. Stamford, St. John's—G. S. Wyatt; R. B. Evans, supernumerary. Stamford Mission—R. H. Boyd. Throckmorton Station—Z. B. Pirtle. Throckmorton Mission—W. C. Childress. Ward Memorial and Bethel—L. N. Lipscomb. Weimert—J. O. Little. Woodson—J. D. Crockett. Westover—Ed Tharp. President—Stamford College—J. G. Miller. Financial Agent—Samford College—J. E. Stephens. Conference Secretary of Missions and Missionary Evangelist—A. M. Martin, St. John's, Stamford, Q. C. District Commissioner of Education—G. S. Wyatt.

SWEETWATER DISTRICT.

J. T. Griswold, Presiding Elder. Blackwell—J. W. Watson. Colorado—E. A. Clements. Camp Springs—C. A. Duncan. Dunn—W. P. Edwards. Fluvanna—To be supplied. Hermleigh—V. H. Trammell. Ira—C. C. Tyler. Lorraine—J. E. Jameson. Merkel—W. P. Garvan. Post Station—W. C. Hinds. Post Mission—J. R. Plant. Roscoe—L. A. Humphreys. Snyder—R. A. Stewart. Sweetwater Station—J. S. Hardy. Sweetwater Mission—J. T. Trice, supply. Trent—G. H. Gattis. Silvester—L. Jackson. Westbrook Circuit—C. F. Carmack. Missionary to Cuba—J. P. Caperton. District Commissioner of Education—R. A. Clements.

VERNON DISTRICT.

J. G. Putman, Presiding Elder. Childress Station—W. H. Terry; A. T. Culbertson, supernumerary. Childress Mission—O. B. Annis. Chillicothe—M. Phelan. Dumont—J. W. Martin. Eastling—G. H. Bryant. Kirkland—T. J. Rea. Lazare—To be supplied. Odell—R. E. Burns. Paducah—C. D. West. Quannah Station—Simeon Shaw. Quannah Mission—J. S. Ryan. Tolbert—A. V. Hendrix. Newlin—C. O. Huff. Tell—J. W. Leggett. Vernon Station—H. M. Long. Vernon Circuit—L. B. Tooley. District Missionary Evangelist—J. B. McCarty, Paducah, Q. C. District Commissioner of Education—H. M. Long.

TRANSFERRED—M. L. Story, T. W. Sharp and F. L. Meadow, to the Central Texas Conference; C. L. McDonald, to the West Texas Conference; W. K. Strother, to the Texas Conference.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS.

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Bradfield, C. S. Wright, B. O. McCresless and Simeon Shaw. They weighed 1573 pounds when they sat down at the table, and considerably more when they rose up from its sumptuous feast.

The reports of the presiding elders appear in the proceedings of the first day. Without exception they are fine reports. No Texas Conference has a stronger cabinet than the Northwest.

Floydada Station reports a great year. All collections paid in full, and the pastor's salary raised \$200 for next year. Rev. Geo. W. Shearer finishes four years of successful work as pastor of this Church.

Plainview Station made a good record with sixty-seven conversions, 131 additions and a net gain in Church membership of twenty. Finances fairly good. Raised for all purposes, \$9157. Rev. J. W. Story is pastor.

The presence of Mrs. M. A. Rogers, of Wheeler, was greatly enjoyed by the conference. She is a rare pioneer of West Texas. She convulsed the conference, when, at the close of her description of the great Bishops of the Church she has personally known, she said: "I saw the windup of them

at the General Conference in Oklahoma City." Bishop McCoy greatly enjoyed her innocent thrust at the new Bishops.

Plainview Mission, Rev. S. J. Upton, pastor, paid salary in full, and paid \$136 on benevolences as compared to \$1 last year. Plans laid for new church. Had good revivals and considerable net gain in membership.

Rev. A. J. Weeks was transferred from the West Texas Conference and stationed at Clarendon. He will find that he never had a better charge and the people will discover that they never had a stronger preacher.

Hale Center, Rev. B. H. Oxford, pastor, had sixty additions, salary in full, with benevolences behind. Paid off church debt and raised for all purposes, \$2245. A good Sunday School, equal to 120 per cent of their Church membership.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey filled out the year at Crosbyton, after the former pastor's failure in health. He made a fine report, having thirty-five conversions, sixty-six additions, with a net gain of fifty-seven. Conference collections in full.

Matador and White Flat Charge, with Rev. R. F. Dunn, pastor, had fine revivals, with an addition of eighty-two members. All claims were paid in full, with \$132 above the assessment for missions, besides supporting a Bible woman in Korea.

Kress and Happy, Rev. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor, made progress. Woman's Missionary Society reorganized and did fine work. Two Epworth Leagues organized with total membership of seventy. All collections paid and over. Built and paid for a new parsonage. Total raised, \$1857.

The trip to see the buffaloes in the pasture of Mr. Chas. Goodnight was greatly enjoyed by the conference. Mrs. Goodnight is a member of our Church and both she and her husband are readers of the Texas Christian Advocate. Mr. Goodnight paid Dr. Rankin a high tribute.

Lorenzo Charge, with Rev. T. C. Willet, pastor, reports the organization of two new Churches, the entire membership being increased eighty per cent. By organizing three new Sunday Schools the Sunday School enrollment was increased from seventy-five to 300; 110 additions, a net increase of seventy-nine.

Prof. J. W. Gilbert gave a thrilling account of his trip into the heart of Africa with Bishop Lambuth. Surely there is hope for the race which can produce such a man as Prof. Gilbert. The closing sentences of his address Saturday evening constituted an appeal as eloquent as we ever heard for Christian Missions.

Rev. H. M. Long closed a great quadrennium in Clarendon. Received 469 members during the quadrennium, bought and paid for an elegant parsonage, reduced the church debt from \$20,000 to \$11,000. The larger part of the remaining indebtedness is covered by subscriptions. Bro. Long goes to Vernon.

Dr. W. F. McMurry in his anniversary address on the evening of November 3 said that the Board of Church Extension had helped 155 of the 201 church buildings in the conference. He said there are yet 220 congregations in the conference without church houses. His address abounded in interesting facts and was listened to with marked interest.

The hospitality of Clarendon was as superb as any Methodist Conference ever enjoyed. Mr. A. M. Beville was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. If he left anything unattended to, no one discovered it. With Rev. Caspar S. Wright we were a guest in his home. The fragrance of our visit with these dear friends of other days will refresh us many days.

Brother and Sister Geo. S. Patterson kindly and handsomely entertained Miss Belle Ragsdale, of the Advocate. They are both Methodists, born and bred. Brother Patterson belongs to the Mulkey family and Sister Patterson's father was Capt. Carr Forrest, of Ellis County. They are a credit to their ancestry and have reared a fine family of Methodist children.

"There are three stages in wilful sin, first, transgressing the law; second, refusing to do right; third, neglecting to choose betwixt right and wrong. Any of these may bring over the heart a moral cloud; all of them are sure to do so."

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS.

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of his best boys told the Advocate that there are two relics left for the archives of Methodism. One, Wesley's saddlebags; the other, Salter's omnibus that he used four years in which he toted his sermons and a pair of socks.

The West Oklahoma Conference, according to the reports made by the "beloveds" on the conference floor, is a healthy youngster. The Advocate was struck by the utter absence of the remotest suggestion of friction or bickering in the several districts. We have heard of it in older conferences, but we failed to catch the real note in this one. It seemed to us that everybody could go back. But there are only four men in the whole conference to be moved by the time-limit.

In the first announcement of the meeting of the Cabinet, made at the close of the first day's session, Bishop Murrah said: "The presiding elders will meet me at three o'clock at the courthouse in the grand jury room. It is a crime for a member of the grand jury to divulge the secrets of that room, and it is a crime for which some have been hung." It is safe to say that there'll be no leakage, for the beloveds of West Oklahoma don't want the good Bishop to officiate at the hanging just now.

F. M. Miller is our efficient pastor at Tuttle. He is the son of Rev. T. L. Miller, an honored superannuate of North Texas Conference, who died in Montague County years ago—a man honored and loved by all who knew him. In the days when Dr. T. R. Pierce was editor, young F. M. carried the bag for the big quail hunt in which the senior publisher did the eating act. And Miller is still gunning up on these big plains where there is big game. Old F. M. is making good in the West Oklahoma Conference.

W. M. Wilson, presiding elder of Oklahoma City District, revealed a remarkable situation in the West Oklahoma Conference. All the State institutions are within the bounds of his territory. In the Oklahoma City District there are five institutions—two Normals, the State University, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Boys' School. In these five State schools there are at least 600 Methodist students. He appealed to the conference to provide for this situation, declaring that there was not a Methodist institution in the State for them.

One of the most remarkable characters in the West Oklahoma Conference, or any other conference for that matter, is Will Moore Kendall, who served the Arendia Charge the past year. He has been totally blind since three months of age. Despite this he is a great scholar and a preacher of wonderful power. He is a graduate of the best schools being a B. D. and an A. M. of Northwestern University. He is the only man who made in New Testament Greek, and in a class of 50, a grade of 100 in Northwestern. He is the most wonderful blind man the Advocate ever saw. But we don't want to anticipate a treat he promised us.

There is a great stretch of territory covered by the West Oklahoma Conference. When it comes to prolific soil and consecrated people "it is it." There are only six districts in all this great territory—greater than some of our older conferences and some States. All of the presiding elders have been on their respective districts only one year except Moss Weaver, who has been on Chickasha three years. But we forgot Salter of the Ardmore, and Mitchell of the Mangum, who will have to fold their tents and quietly steal away. If the globular visage of Candler appeared they might have to pitch their tents one day nearer home. But it is a real joy to know how much their "boys" do love them.

Sunday morning was a high day in Altus and West Oklahoma Methodism. "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung, after which W. H. Roper led in prayer. The first lesson was the thirty-seventh Psalm; the second, sixth chapter of Matthew. After a beautiful anthem, a solo was sung which had wonderful effect upon the great audience. The congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story," and Bishop Murrah announced his text—"For bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come." (1 Tim. 4:8.) The Bishop launched into his theme with unusual lucidness and freedom. He swept the great audience with the hand of a

master. The Advocate has heard Bishop Murrah many times, but this sermon is the greatest of them all.

In the Ardmore District there are 15 one-year men, 3 two-year men, and 1 three-year man. In the Chickasha there are 18 one-year men, 2 two-year men, 2 three-year men, and 1 four-year man. In the Clinton District there are 15 one-year men, 6 two-year men, and 1 three-year man. In the Lawton District there are 14 one-year men, 5 two-year men, and 1 five-year man. The latter is the consecrated and big-souled B. F. Gassaway who has oversight of the Indian work in that district. In the Mangum District there are 18 one-year men, and 2 two-year men. In the Oklahoma City District there are 12 one-year men, 4 two-year men, 4 three-year men, and 2 four-year men.

Bishop Murrah, in the plain hearing of the Advocate, said he did not believe that a man who did not do his best work the fourth year ought to go the first year. And he also said that he did not believe in the moving of men only under absolute necessity. If that is the policy of the good Bishop, even at the beginning of this session, there is not any great prospect of a shaking-up. The West Oklahoma has only five men who have to be moved by time-limit. They are: C. F. Mitchell, of the Mangum District; B. M. Nelson, of Cement, in Chickasha District; R. L. Ownby, of Norman, and R. E. Goodrich, of St. Luke's, Oklahoma City. The latter has already been transferred and stationed at St. Joseph, Missouri.

These West Oklahoma preachers are a great bunch. Well dressed, rosy faced, smiles as broad as these vast stretches, no pumphantle handshaking, big hearts in big bodies. Everybody's fat except Welch and when he receives you with open arms he's gone a long way toward taking you in. They all got to conference on time. None of them sang "I don't know where I'm going but I'm on my way." The last one of them had an appointment in Altus. They knew enough to get on the right train and land in the right town. These Oklahomans have got some sense if some Texans haven't. Altus is said to be the biggest chicken market in the State. The winds of the plains have made her streets look like a feather bed had "busted."

We are indebted to the Hon. C. E. Hall for the following statistics relating to the thriving city of Altus, the seat of the West Oklahoma Conference. Nobody was ever more royally entertained.

Table with 2 columns: Church membership, and member counts for various denominations including Methodist (South), Baptist, Christian (Progressive), etc.

Industries. One cotton compress, flour mill and elevator, two cottonseed oil mills, alfalfa mill, four cotton gins, three wholesale grocery houses, two wholesale produce houses, machine and boiler works, two ice plants, municipal light and water plants and sewerage system; reservoir covering about 200 acres furnishes water for city. City now installing a complete system of filtration and settling basins. Four public school buildings, 1200 students, 28 teachers. Banner cotton county of the United States last year, producing over sixty thousand bales of cotton. Second largest chicken and egg market in the State. Four railways, roundhouse for Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway. Besides cotton, the county produces great quantities of wheat and oats, corn, alfalfa, kafir corn, maize, etc. Population of the county 24,000; population of the city about 5500. Census of 1910 gave Altus a population of over 4800.

REV. IRA M. BRYCE RECOVERING Rev. Ira M. Bryce, a superannuate of the Texas Conference, who was shot through the lungs a few days ago by a tough who was trespassing on the premises he was guarding, is slowly recovering. He was acting as special guard for private parties here at the time of the unfortunate occurrence. In the darkness of the night his would-be assassin made his escape. He takes this method of sending his love to all the brethren and to say that he now hopes soon to be out again. Brother Bryce has been serving as supply on the Clint charge, near El Paso, a portion of the preceding year. In every capacity he has unfailingly won the respect and esteem of all here who know him. HUBERT M. SMITH, P. E.

PERSONALS

Rev. A. S. Whitehurst, of Teague, called on his way to Longview. He will have a good report.

Rev. J. F. Tyson, of Brandon, spent some time with us last week. Brother Tyson thinks a great deal of the Texas Christian Advocate and proves it.

On November 2 Rev. A. D. Cosgrove was bitten by a rattlesnake, inflicting a very painful wound. He has suffered very much from the bite and will not be able to get out for some time.

Hon. W. Erskine Williams, of Fort Worth, has gone to Nashville, Tenn., as a member of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to help in the selection of a successor to the late Dr. C. F. Reid.

Rev. J. M. Sweeton, pastor at Ladonia, accompanied by Sister Sweeton, called at the Advocate office Tuesday. Brother Sweeton's visits are "few and far between," but they are always enjoyable to the Advocate force.

Mrs. C. A. Montgomery writes us the following: "Brother and Sister L. S. Ashburn are quarantined at their home in Archer City, Texas, on account of the illness of their baby, Gober Graham, who has scarlet fever, but is doing nicely at this writing."

Rev. J. E. Crawford, of Cisco, called on the Advocate this week. He will make a good report at conference on the Advocate as well as other interests. He was on his way to Plano, Texas, to officiate at the marriage of his brother, J. A. Crawford, of Dallas, and Miss Margery Schimelpfenig, of Plano.

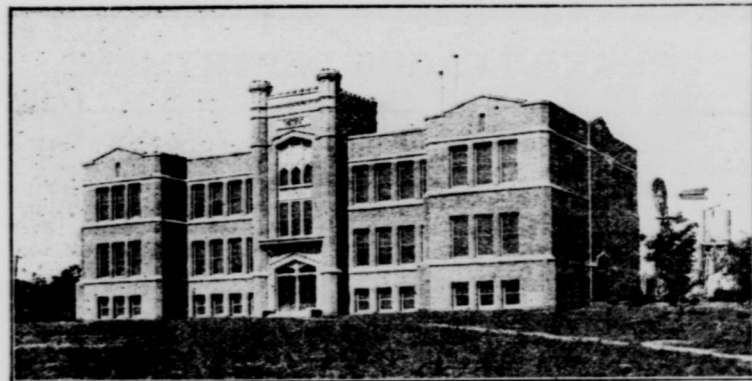
Rev. J. W. Hill is back from a year's pastorate at Laurel Heights, San Antonio, having transferred to his first love—the North Texas Conference. He is, as he expressed it, sojourning temporarily in Dallas and has taken apartments with his family at 843 First Avenue. Brother Hill brightened the Advocate office with the "smile that won't come off."

Rev. Z. V. Liles and family have gone to San Saba, where they have been stationed by the Methodist Annual Conference this year. They leave many friends in Lampasas, and will make friends at their new home. The law of the Methodist Church is such that changes in pastors must be made at least once in each four years, and sometimes they are made oftener. Brother Liles did a good work here and will do a good work at San Saba or wherever the conference may send him. He is full of zeal, industry and consecration to his calling.—Lampasas Leader, Nov. 5.

The Victoria Advocate of November 3 gives a very interesting account of a stag party in the basement of the Methodist Church in that city. Rev. W. M. Crutchfield was host. Says the Advocate: "After two hours of eating and social intercourse the men about the tables entered into a feast of jests and laughter. Dr. Crutchfield, at the head of the table, sandwiched in some of the spiciest stories heard in this city in recent months, and the guests went away with a new sense of nearness to the big man whom they honor as pastor and have come to respect as a real friend, a man among men."

A test of the constitutionality of the pool hall local option statute is now before the Court of Appeals. The test is involved in the case of Dave Fearis against B. F. Gafford, County Attorney of Grayson County et al. The case was submitted upon briefs without argument. In it an injunction is sought against closing a pool hall at Sherman, Texas. The pool hall local option statute has resulted in contrary rulings in the Supreme Court of Texas, which is the court of last resort in civil matters, and by the Court of Criminal Appeals, which is the court of last resort in criminal matters.

The horse driven by Dr. John R. Allen, of Georgetown, became frightened and ran away last week, finally colliding with an awning post. "The buggy was overturned and Dr. and Mrs. Allen were thrown out. Mrs. Allen's head striking on the pavement and against the post. She sustained a severe cut on the forehead and other wounds and bruises, and was unconscious when lifted from the sidewalk. Dr. Allen had a severe fall and was considerably bruised up, but in his anxiety about his wife he gave no heed to his own injuries.



CLARENDON COLLEGE

Where Rev. G. S. Slover, President, gave a reception on Friday afternoon to the Northwest Texas Conference, then in session at Clarendon.

Mrs. Allen is getting along well and scores of friends hope she may soon be well again.—Williamson County Sun, Nov. 4.

Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Read and their little daughter arrived Monday night and are comfortably located in the Methodist parsonage. There are yet other members of the family who will come in later. Brother Read will receive a hearty welcome from the citizens and parishioners.—Lampasas Leader, Nov. 5.

Rev. C. M. Myers, pastor of the Methodist Church, finishes this week two years as pastor, and will leave Monday morning for Longview, to attend the annual meeting of the Texas Conference. He handed us a summary of the two years' work as follows: There have been sixty-five additions to the Church, one Senior League of about thirty members, one Junior League. Two hundred and eighty members enrolled in all departments of the Sunday School, six organized Wesley classes doing fine work, and approximately five thousand dollars raised for all purposes. This amount includes the entire Church indebtedness. The present membership is one hundred and eighty.—Somerville Tribune, Nov. 5.

Rev. W. M. Lane finished up his fourth year's work in Lubbock last Sunday night, preaching the last sermon to a well filled house. According to the government of the Methodist Church preachers are not retained at a place more than four years, so that it makes it necessary for Rev. Lane to take another work after the conference at Clarendon. It is with a feeling of keen regret that many of us note the going of Rev. and Mrs. Lane, for they have been a benediction to the community in many ways, and the Methodist Church has prospered under Rev. Lane's ministry. The Avalanche joins with the friends of Rev. and Mrs. Lane in wishing for them the choicest blessings wherever they make their home in the future, and hope to some day number them among our citizens. They all come back, and why not a Methodist preacher?—Lubbock Avalanche, Nov. 4.

The city of Dallas was the recipient last week of a beautiful drinking fountain, the gift of Rev. Geo. W. Owens, a resident of Dallas and a member of the Central Texas Conference. The dedication services were attended by Mayor Lindsley and City Commissioners and members of the Park Board, together with a large concourse of citizens. Following the invocation by Bishop E. D. Mouzon, former United States Senator Jos. W. Bailey made the presentation to the city in behalf of Brother Owens. In his speech Senator Bailey paid a beautiful tribute to the public spirit and benevolence of the donor, Mayor Lindsley, in a very appropriate speech, accepted the fountain in behalf of the city. The fountain is located on Turner Plaza, in Oak Cliff, just across the street from Oak Cliff Methodist Church. Brother Owens was inspired to make this gift to the city from a deep sense of appreciation of the kindly interest taken in him by all classes of citizens during his serious illness about four years ago. The city showed such a humane consideration for his condition during his illness that the streets were roped off, so as to give him perfect quiet. Brother Owens has now recovered his health and he has thought of no more appropriate manner of showing his gratitude to his fellow townsmen than the erection of the monument and fountain, not as a memorial to himself, but as his memorial to the citizens of Dallas.

"Do not speak to me," says Andrew Murray, "only of the beautiful truth in the Bible. That cannot satisfy me. I want God."

POWELL UNIVERSITY TRAINING SCHOOL.

If there was a person in Dallas who doubted the wisdom of Nathan Powell when in May last he announced his purpose of opening a training school on his thirty-acre tract adjoining the S. M. U., a visit to the school in operation will remove the doubt. There were many, too, who when ground was broken on June 17 thought it impossible to complete such an imposing structure by the middle of September. These "doubting Thomases" evidently did not know Nathan Powell. The Powell University Training School is a reality and the selected student body of boys and girls are pleased with the arrangement of the building and their delight in the daily task set for them. The Advocate man visited the school last week. Brother Nathan Powell, founder and president, was in the midst of class work, but he borrowed a few minutes class time to show the Advocate man over the building. It is of solid brick construction, fireproof and is the very latest in college architecture. It was built with special reference to light, ventilation and hygienic conditions. While not in the center of a thirty-acre campus, it has a campus of thirty acres, providing ample room for a tennis court, baseball, football and other athletics. The football team has already shown some form in the several contests it has entered. Brother Powell has surrounded himself with a most excellent corps of teachers, and it is his purpose to prepare young men and women and boys and girls for entrance into Southern Methodist University and other universities and colleges. Brother Powell expects a large increase in attendance at the second term in January. At present he is not accepting pupils in grades below the fourth, but expects next season to have facilities which will enable him to care for primary classes. The opening of the school was a most auspicious one, and Brother Powell is already planning to erect additional buildings in time for next season. He also contemplates the erection of a large auditorium on the campus facing the street car track. A fine pipe organ will be installed in the building, which will then easily become a popular musical center. The Powell University Training School adjoins the grounds of the Southern Methodist University and is almost under the "shadow of the dome" of Dallas Hall. When fully completed according to plans of Bro. Powell it will represent an investment of nearly \$200,000 and will reflect credit not only on Dallas, the educational center, but on Texas and the entire Southwest. Though the school was opened September 15, the formal opening was held last Tuesday evening from 7:15 to 10 o'clock. Many patrons and friends were present to meet the faculty. A musical program was given by David L. Ormesher, Walter Fried, Julius Jahn, Miss Alice Ferguson and Miss Winnie Davis King, which was greatly enjoyed by Brother Powell's guests.

A CARD FROM J. E. HARRISON TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: I am very grateful to you that you have taken such generous action concerning San Antonio Female College. I believe and trust that increased liberality to your own conference schools (S. A. F. C. and Corona) does not mean less hearty support of Southwestern and Southern Methodist. Gratefully, J. E. HARRISON. San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 6.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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917 N. Marsalis Ave., Station A, Dallas, Texas.

State Conference of Workers, Waco, December 31, January 1, 2.

October 29, 30 and 31 were great days for the North Texas Conference Epworth League.

On page 8 of last week's Advocate will be found a report of the inspiring lecture given by Bishop Lambuth on "Eight Hundred Miles Afoot in Africa." These pictures were eye-openers to those who saw them and heard the remarks made by the speaker as he told of his experiences in the deepest wilds of that wild country.

Many eyes filled with tears as the picture of that savage chief, the ruler of a cannibal tribe, himself a cannibal, was flashed on the screen with little Mary Elizabeth Mumpower in his arms, and Bishop Lambuth tells us that as he took the little white baby, the first white child he had ever seen, in his arms the tears welled up in his eyes.

Let us not forget to pray God that a way may be found by which to reach the heart of this mighty chief and turn his soul unto Jesus. What a power for God he might be!

On page 14 of last week's Advocate will be found an article on "The Epworth League Study Circle, How to Conduct It and What Books to Use," by Miss Bertha Bishop, Harbin, Texas. We hope our readers will look it up and read it if they have not done so. We wish our readers would send in their contributions to the League editor so that they might appear in the League Department and let our organization get credit for it. Also let it appear in the place designated as League space that our Leaguers may know where to look for matter relating directly to the League.

We are waiting patiently for reports of plans for the work of the fall and winter. Your editor met a gentleman from a nearby city, but in another conference, last Sunday. He was visiting the Sunday School and was discussing departmental work with your editor. Before the discussion had gone far he branched off into Epworth League work and told of the perfectly splendid work which he is doing with the Junior and Intermediate Leagues. He has promised to report that work for us and I hope to have it for you soon. There is a wonderful amount of good work going on in the State if our people would only let it be known. There is every reason for encouragement if only the individual Leagues would report the work being done.

May I have a reprint from you next week? I shall look for it. I would appreciate more than I can tell a shower of letters for the Advocate.

Greenville District is certainly a banner district. If you don't believe it read the following report:

Report from Greenville District.

A message from the Greenville District, of the North Texas Conference. Just a few words through the Advocate to tell you of some things the Greenville District is doing in the League work.

The district officers have their work planned for the year. It is arranged for one district officer to visit a League once a month.

Five Leagues have been organized in the district since our District Conference met in Campbell last May. Each League was organized with a goodly number of charter members and large crowds were present at each organization, eager to learn of the work for Leaguers. The great aim of the Leagues of our district is to interest the young people in League work and we think of no better way than ask them to go to the next League Conference, which is to be held at Celeste next June.

CARL BUTLAND, District President. MADIE SMITH, Dist. Sec.

WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN.

Fellow Leaguers and Friends: This question could be answered in a half dozen words so that every Christian here would understand perfectly why I am a Christian. But to tell it so that the unsaved can see and realize

it is exceedingly difficult; if not impossible.

I am a Christian because, as was the case with the Apostle Paul, I caught a vision of Christ. Every person has visions of Christ, but, sorry to say, a great many people do not keep themselves in the attitude to receive and profit by their visions. Nobody can really catch a vision of Christ without becoming a Christian, for, to use His words, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

But I am perfectly aware that to an unsaved person who has never seen Christ this testimony is like so many words of Chinese. If I want to know what an electric shock is like, it will do me no good to read books on electricity. I may study electricity until I am quite an efficient electrician, but if I want to know the sensation of a shock I must feel it. If I want to know what a landscape is like I must see it or its likeness in a photograph. In like manner, if you would know the joys of the Christian life you must experience them, for nothing else can make them seem real to you. My friends, I am a Christian today because I have had the experience.

Knowing that I cannot make you feel or realize what I have felt, I shall endeavor to tell you some of the sources of the satisfaction which I get out of the Christian life and urge you to pray God to give you the experience. The first two sources are more or less selfish in their nature, while the third is magnanimity and brotherly love in its very essence. It may be well to note here that Christ intended for us to possess a certain degree of selfishness. The command "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," would have no force if there were no love for self. We were never commanded not to love ourselves, but to love our neighbor to the same degree.

The first source of my joy, then, in the Christian life is the salvation which it affords for my immortal soul.

A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify; A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

And I have realized that the only way to insure the salvation of my soul is to keep myself allied with the Savior of men. For, said St. John, "These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

This brings me to the second reason why I enjoy being a Christian. It is the only way for me to enjoy the fellowship of my Savior who is the source of all true joy. Every person has the privilege of taking his troubles to the Lord in prayer, and I thank God for it. But only the Christian can talk with God face to face and enjoy fellowship with the divine. Only the Christian can, as Dr. Waldrip has so admirably expressed it, keep his feet on the ground running errands, and his hands doing deeds of kindness for his fellowman; and at the same time keep his head above the clouds, gazing on the sweet face of his Christ, and enjoying blessed hours of quiet heart to heart talk with his God. What blissful moments are spent in solitude by those who are in tune with the Infinite!

In the third place, I enjoy the Christian life because it furnishes the best opportunity for service. Did you ever question who it is that is most interested in his fellowmen? Ask the head of some humane society or some organization for social betterment, who it is that volunteers for social service work, and you will find the testimony almost unanimous in favor of the Christian. Well has the author of "Old Time Religion" said "It makes me love everybody." The first thing that a newborn soul thinks of is to help his fellowman feel the joy that has come into his soul, and true happiness can come to man only through such self-sacrifice and service to others. The most buoyant and satisfactory moments of my life have been those spent in this way, with self entirely forgotten. The greatest happiness in any man's life can come only through this channel. And love of Christ creates and intensifies love for men. I enjoy being a Christian because it makes me delight in serving others.

These three satisfactions, then, of saving my soul, of keeping in tune with my Maker, and of loving my neighbor, make my associations with Christ the sweetest thing in all the world to me, and make me long to see you try it, too. I have tried living without Christ and with him, and I thank my God continually for making me catch the vision. And while my testimony can give you none of the joys I feel, may it make such a vivid

impression that you will go home and pray God that you, too, may see Christ in his glory.

H. H. WASHINGTON. Austin, Texas. (This was one of the talks given at

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REV. R. P. SHULER, Austin, Texas

At a recent meeting of the West Texas Conference, I was nominated by the Committee on Evangelism as a member of the Committee from the Texas and Oklahoma Conferences to meet in Dallas in December for the purpose of planning a great revival campaign for these two States. I have diligently sought to know my duties and what was expected of me. As a representative of this section of the State, I desire to know what our people and preachers are in favor of launching. Do you want a real sweeping revival, burning with the fires of the Holy Ghost or do you want a great, well organized and enthusiastic membership campaign? Brethren, this is a serious matter. It is certain that we are to plan one or the other. This movement will either move toward a revival of religion or a Lenten season. Which does Texas and Oklahoma Methodism prefer?

The Methodist Church is easily the largest denomination in Protestant Christianity, and yet she is one among the younger Christian movements. She has won her place in the lead by the preaching of certain fundamental doctrines and privileges of the gospel. She has pointed to Jesus Christ and His program of salvation as the one way to life eternal. She has held up the Holy Book, declaring it to be inspired of God and above the puny questionings of skeptics within or without the Church. The divinity of her Lord has been too dear a treasure for the quibble of the foolishly wise to shake her in the least from her stronghold of faith and the hope that rests thereupon. She has cried out against the sins of every day since she was born. She has held up the necessity of a genuine conviction for sin; a real and intense repentance, combining deep sorrow and an absolute turning away from sin; a work of grace within the human heart, that is both experimental and lasting; the living of a life that becometh the gospel and should characterize men and women born from above. Hers has been the plea for genuineness and as a result hers has been a genuine religious awakening and hers a genuine progress, culminating in glorious triumphs. Is this what we are after in Texas and Oklahoma Methodism, or do we desire to simply receive a few thousand souls on Easter morning?

It may seem strange to men who view the workings of the modern Church that such a strict and straight-laced program as I have pictured above, should have builded Methodism into a mighty giant. But such was the program. The thousands fell upon their knees in the straw and on the floors of our humble temples and prayed their way to the light, becoming, by the power of God, new creatures in Christ Jesus. The more they came and knelt and wept and prayed, the more others desired to come. The more they shouted and told their wonderful experience the more the sinful world was drawn toward the fountain of healing. The world believed in the process because it cost something. There was no attempt to make it easy. Men paid for it with scalding tears, in humility and deep anguish. And the results were satisfactory. Those whose sins were washed away lived different lives in the future. The things they once hated they now loved and the things they once loved they now hated. Are these the kind of results we are praying for and toward these ends are we appointed as a committee to plan? These are things I would know.

However much we may desire the opposite to be true, we must confess that Methodism has in many instances changed her program and the pitiful results are in evidence. There are some really great and genuine revivals being held in some sections of the Church. A few of our Churches still have the old mourners' bench and the shouts of newborn souls. But this is not generally true by any means. I saw in our leading Church paper the report that five cities in Southern Methodism had reported an increase in membership of 5394 as the result of a forty days' campaign ending with Easter. Whatever it was called, it was in reality a substitution of the Episcopalian Lenten season for the old-time Methodist revival. Were these people really converted? Did they repent of their sins? Have they renounced their past lives? Are they ready to turn their backs upon the world, the flesh and the devil? Will they, by the help of God, live the life

the Consecration Service the last Sunday afternoon of the Encampment at Epworth. Mr. Washington is one of our most faithful and interested workers and we appreciate these words from his pen.—E. P. T.)



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THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to Mrs. Milton Ragsdale, care Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Junction has sustained a great loss in the translation from this world to a better of Mrs. Katie R. Hodges. She was always a willing worker who, with loving words and kindly deeds, went about doing good. They extend to the bereaved ones their tender sympathy and will strive to emulate her virtues. They bow with reverent heads to the will of the Almighty.

WHY YOU RECEIVE THREE BULLETINS.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb wrote me that the three Bulletins sent to the Adult Auxiliaries are to be disposed of as follows: One to the President, one to the Superintendent of Study and Publicity and an extra one to be used in the presentation of the Bulletin to the Auxiliary. In making clippings the articles on the reverse side of the Bulletin are often so cut that they cannot be used, and for this reason it is absolutely necessary to have an extra copy of the Bulletin. If there is a young people's organization, a copy of the Bulletin is sent to the Superintendent of Study and Publicity of that organization for presentation to the Young People's Auxiliary, and if there is a Junior division the Second Vice-President of the Auxiliary receives one for the children, making in all five to the Church where there are three organizations.

The November Bulletin gives good advice. If you receive the Bulletin use it. If you use the Bulletin, report it to your Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

MRS. R. F. BROWN.

ORANGE AUXILIARY.

Thursday afternoon, October 29, Mrs. M. A. Watson entertained the Woman's Missionary Society and friends at her home. This being the regular Mission Study day of the month, the first part of the afternoon was spent in the study of India. It was in the form of a guessing contest, slips of paper, with fifteen questions written on it, were handed each guest at the start. They were supposed to listen as each topic was discussed in order to answer the questions. Mrs. Watson, as leader for the afternoon, was assisted in the discussion by Mrs. Barden, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. R. A. Dodd, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Annie Sells. Quite a few scored 100.

Beautiful music was enjoyed. A duet by Mrs. Will Smith and Miss Davies; solos by Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Malone. Each guest brought a jar of preserves for the Girls' Co-Operative store of Houston, also an infant's garment for the Mission Home of Dallas.

Mrs. Watson, as Superintendent of Supplies, wishes to thank the ladies and their friends for these articles. PRESS SUPERINTENDENT.

MRS. VADEN ENTERTAINS.

Missionary Society Has All-Day Picnic at Country Home.

At her country home, three miles west of Sherman Friday Mrs. Frank C. Vaden entertained the ladies of Travis Street Methodist Church Missionary Society and those of neighboring farms, with an all-day picnic. The guests were asked to bring lunch for one and arrived early enough to tuck comforts for the poor and by lunch time fourteen comforts were finished. The ladies worked briskly until 1:30 p. m. when a sumptuous lunch was spread upon the grass. All the loveliness of October lent itself to an ideal day.

In the early afternoon the visiting deaconess, Miss Rhoda Drago, of Wesley Chapel, at Dallas, entertained the guests with two readings, after which she gave a splendid talk on the work she is doing now among the fallen and unfortunate of that city. Miss Drago possesses a charming personality and is radiantly happy in her calling. Among the others present who assisted in the program were Mesdames Napier and C. K. Quin, who delighted their audience with several piano and voice selections. Mrs. Quin is visiting in Sherman, her home being at Columbus, Texas. Mrs. Jeff Miller, a guest from the Baptist Church, sang a number of her pretty songs.

Mrs. Taft gave a report of the work done in the circles during the last three quarters. The gentlemen of the Church were:

Rev. J. M. Binkley, Rev. D. K. Porter, J. M. Leach, Dr. R. G. Mood, R. G. Piner, Robert Leach, H. G. Stinnett and the host, Frank C. Vaden.

There were 105 guests who enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Vaden's hospitality. The above shows that the Sherman women do things.

With Mrs. Vaden as President the Sherman Travis Street Missionary Society is doing a great work. Every department is well planned and full of interest and enthusiasm. We have no better Auxiliary in North Texas Conference. MRS. SCOTT FULTON, Supt. Study and Publicity.

FANNIE HARRINGTON CHAPEL, PLANO.

The annual report of Fannie Harrington Chapel Auxiliary, commencing with January, closing with the third quarter; Have had seventeen meetings this year, thirteen active members answered to roll call. Dues have been paid in full, including baby roll, amount to \$1.25; \$53.00 have been expended for charity; \$25.00 for furnishing parsonage and church; have five members on the Home Guard roll. The Voice goes into the homes of 11 members; 124 visits have been made to the sick and four to strangers. We will have our Week of Prayer some time this month. We are doing some good work, but by the help of God we expect to do greater things. "Onward and Upward" is our watchword.

In storm and in sunshine, whatever assaults, The followers of Jesus will never say fail.

MRS. WALTER HARRINGTON, Publicity Superintendent.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

The Woman's Missionary Meeting of Jacksonville District convened at Athens October 5-7, 1915. At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening a brief devotional service was led by the pastor, Rev. Tower. Our hostess Auxiliary President, Mrs. T. H. Barron, in a few well chosen words, cordially welcomed the visitors, and was immediately responded to, in very appreciative manner, by our District Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Cunningham. She also gave short summary of the work accomplished during the year, and stated the women of the district had a very loyal friend in Brother Betts, our presiding elder. Brother Betts, in his address for the evening to the women, made a very strong, earnest plea for our foreign obligation. On Wednesday morning our meeting proper commenced. After the devotional by Mrs. Cunningham, consecration being her theme, Brother Betts was called on to offer special prayer for more consecrated women to carry on this great work.

Our District Secretary, in making her report, stated that seventeen Auxiliaries were in the district, forty-four new Adult Auxiliaries had been organized and four Young People's Auxiliaries gained. She made a fine talk on the needs of the work, expressing a desire that Jacksonville Auxiliaries come up to their full duty on all lines, especially urging the pledge being paid in full, as it goes to the support of our missionary, Miss Maud Mathis, now in Brazil.

Eighteen delegates enrolled and reports from all Auxiliaries heard. There were encouraging features in each report, but on account of strenuous times and the uniting of the two departments the work seems laboring under some disadvantages. Our young people deserve special mention—they are doing fine work in the district. The Athens Juniors favored the conference with a miscellaneous program.

At the evening service the young ladies, with Mrs. Whitehurst as leader, gave us a splendid program. To say that it was enjoyed to the fullest extent would, indeed, be expressing our appreciation very mildly.

Thursday morning session was opened with devotional led by Mrs. Escoc, of Malakoff. The devotionals, each of which showed a degree of spirituality, were a real uplift to us.

Each department of the work was discussed, and how to plan and accomplish greater things in the missionary work.

The work of the Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity was discussed, and we were made to realize the importance of this work.

Social Service work was presented by our District Secretary. This was followed by several short discussions.

The best cure for a sickly Auxiliary was for the Superintendent of Sup-

plies to get up big box of supplies and send to one of our needy institutions. We were very glad to have with us one of our conference officers, Mrs. Whitehurst. We feel we received great inspiration from her talks.

We feel we cannot thank Brother Betts enough for his presence with us during our business sessions, and for his kind words of commendations of the work we are trying to do.

Too much cannot be said of our enthusiastic, consecrated District Secretary, whose untiring zeal has been shown during the year.

A word of thanks was tendered the society and people of Athens by the visitors and delegates to this District Meeting, in the form of a resolution, that this Missionary Institute extend a vote of thanks to the Missionary Society and Christian people of Athens, also Brother and Sister Tower, for their kind hospitality and courtesy shown us while in their midst, and also for their splendid luncheons served at the Church each day. Our meeting in all respects was a most successful one.

MRS. B. D. DASHIELL, Jacksonville, Texas.

The Home Guard Department.

MRS. F. D. RUDOLPH, Conference Superintendent.

GOD'S MAGNET.

The Youth's Companion tells us of an immense electro-magnet that has been recently built by an industrial corporation in order to save waste pieces of iron and steel. It was placed on a flat car and sent over the tracks that ran through the shops and foundries and covered acres of yards in every direction.

We are told that the results were astonishing. When the crane that supported the magnet was swung out and the electric current turned on, the magnet drew pieces of metal from the piles of dust and rubbish that proved to be missing parts of machines long given over for lost, elsewhere the ground was seen to swell and crack, and, after the earth had been loosened with pick and shovel the magnet drew out the "buried mistakes" that workmen had hurriedly concealed from the eyes of foremen and superintendents.

Even the insignificant and apparently worthless sparks from the chimneys, and rust flakes from the pig iron, were gathered up by the magnet and restored to usefulness. Just so God's magnet, the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised would guide us into all truth, will work with us to gather from the waste heaps of humanity, and restore to useful service those who have been missing from their rightful places in home, society and Church.

There are numbers of good-hearted women who have gotten into the habit of going to town every day just to satisfy a restless longing for they know not what. This idle, aimless going and doing leads often to an unhappy state of mind that when it becomes chronic disturbs the very foundation of the home-life. We must remember that the home is the best organization that a gracious, loving Father ever gave to man, and if every man and woman tested every temptation presented with the question, "Will this that I am inclined to do make for the good of the home-life," it would be found to be an unerring straight edge.

Women must have something besides interests pertaining to the physical self. God did not create human beings for selfish reasons, nor did he give them a nature that will be satisfied to live like a stagnant pool. Women will be interested in others, and the Church has made provision for every craving of her spiritual nature to be satisfied.

Those who have had splendid family backing and helpful environments are grateful and are inclined to reach out with mother heart and helping hand, even across the continent, to those who not only have darkness when we have light, physically; but to those who know not what a real home is on account of the spiritual darkness. The wide-awake women of the Church have, within the last thirty-four years, gradually reached the place in faith and purpose, to give \$1,399,100 toward founding good Christian homes in five darkened countries, and hope with the returns of the Week of Prayer collection to be able to open, in a creditable way, work in another needy field, Japan.

What intelligent woman would not feel honored to have a part in work that God has blessed so wonderfully? But the half has not yet been told. Besides the 125 missionaries supported, the 23 boarding schools built and maintained, the 215 native helpers kept in the field, besides teachers provided for the thousands of children taught in the day schools in heathen countries, this same body of consecrated women have given \$368,465 to-



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ward building schools in the home land, where they are most needed, paying the salaries of ninety teachers and seventy-one deaconesses. To every human being the call is made, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. If we heed it we obey; if we do not, we disregard the command of our Savior. Many are going, some with their homes, their all; others send money that the brave ones may live. All can learn to send their prayers. The number of women in the Southern Methodist Church is estimated to be \$90,000. The members of the Missionary Society number about one-tenth that number.

rich women were rescued from the world.

Fourth, "non-prosperity." "I am too poor." 1 Cor. 16:2 says, "Lay aside, upon the first day of the week, according as the Lord has prospered you." Of course, if the Lord has not prospered you he expects nothing. Do you not always wonder why when the Lord does not prosper any one at all?

There is a difference between a reason and an excuse. We may go to the Lord with our reasons and hear him say as of old, Is there anything too hard of the Lord? Gen. 18:14.

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Don't. Don't think because you have taken many remedies in vain that your case is incurable. You have not taken Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has cured many seemingly hopeless cases of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney complaint, dyspepsia and general debility—many cases that may have been worse than yours. What this great medicine has done for others it can do for you.

VEGETABLE IMMIGRANTS.

The chestnut came from Italy. The onion originated in Egypt. Tobacco is a native of America. The nettle is a native of Europe. The citrus is a native of Greece. Oats originated in North Africa. The poppy originated in the East. Rye came from Siberia. Parsley was first used in Sardinia. The pear and apple are from Europe. Spinach came from Arabia. The sunflower was brought from Peru. The mulberry tree originated in Persia. The gourd is probably an eastern plant. Walnuts and peaches came from Persia. The horse chestnut is a native of Thibet. Cucumbers came from the East Indies. Horseradish is from southern Europe.—John Hancock Satchell, in Exchange.

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THE WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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MEMORIAL SESSION.

Sunday afternoon, November 7, 1915, at 3 o'clock, the conference was called to order Rev. M. L. Butler in the chair by request of Bishop Murrab.

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on Memoirs, answering Question 21, "What preachers have died during the year?" Answer: Rev. W. T. Stewart, pastor of Elk City charge; Mrs. Lessie Garrison Tinkle, wife of Rev. J. N. Tinkle, of the Fort Cobb charge.

The memoir of Rev. W. T. Stewart was offered by J. W. Kizziah. To the memory of this fallen brother, W. J. Moore, J. W. Kizziah, M. L. Butler, K. L. Rudolph and W. L. Anderson spoke tenderly.

The memoir of Mrs. Lessie Garrison Tinkle was read by J. W. Sims. In memory of the exalted character of this good sister, J. W. Sims, J. B. McCance, W. D. Matthews, T. Y. Hearn and Sister Moss Weaver spoke in affectionate terms.

Motion to adjourn to convene at 7 o'clock in business session prevailed, and the benediction was pronounced by M. L. Butler.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference was called to order promptly at 7 o'clock. After singing "Onward, Christian Soldier," M. L. Butler led in prayer.

The evening sermon was preached by M. L. Butler, using as a text I Cor. 3:9.

The Bishop called before him those elected to elders' orders. The Epistle was read by W. L. Anderson and the Gospel by J. W. Sims. Bishop Murrab was assisted in the imposition of hands by W. L. Anderson, J. B. Sims, C. F. Mitchell, Moss Weaver and M. L. Butler.

Under Question 18, "Who are located this year?" J. Fred Coker was located by a vote of the conference.

A Committee on Lay Activities and one of Visitation to Wesley Hospital was announced to consist of same membership as last year.

J. W. Nelson was named as Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

Questions 23 to 50, inclusive, were answered by Statistical Secretary.

Various reports from committees and boards were adopted and caused little or no discussion save the one from the Committee on Evangelism, which report was supposed to be adopted by all the conferences in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The chain was broken at this conference. An amendment was offered by Willmore Kendall and passed which places the West Oklahoma Conference in the independent column and she will do her own work on evangelistic lines.

After singing, "Am I Soldier of the Cross?" and prayer by J. A. Old, the conference adjourned with the reading of the appointments by the Bishop.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE, WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to submit the following report: Superannuate Endowment Fund: Received from assessments.....\$524.95

TELLER'S REPORT, WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Table listing financial items such as Bishops' Fund, Conference Claimants, Foreign Missions, etc., with corresponding amounts.

DISTRIBUTION.

Table listing individuals and their respective amounts for distribution, such as A. C. Biggs, J. H. Brown, etc.

Table listing individuals and their respective amounts, likely for assessments or contributions, such as W. P. Meador, J. J. Methvin, etc.

ASSESSMENTS.

Table listing various funds and their amounts, such as Bishops' Fund, General Conference Expenses, etc.

MINUTES

Of the Fifth Session of the West Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Altus, Oklahoma, beginning November 5, 1915, ending November 7, 1915, Bishop W. B. Murrab, President; R. S. Satterfield, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

APPOINTMENTS.

ARMORE DISTRICT. J. D. Salter, Presiding Elder. Ardmore, Broadway—E. R. Welch. Carter Avenue—W. T. Freeman.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

C. F. Mitchell, Presiding Elder. Anadarko—L. W. Armstrong. Alex.—J. D. Kidd. Allala—A. A. McCleskey.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

W. T. Stewart, Presiding Elder. Arnett—J. W. Bruce, supply. Berlin—J. E. Grover, supply.

LAWTON DISTRICT.

W. H. Koper, Presiding Elder. Cloud Chief—J. B. Farr, supply. Cordell—C. T. Davis, supply.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

Moss Weaver, Presiding Elder. Altus—W. U. Witt. Blair—Jesse Crumpton.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$12,867; preachers in charge, \$79,004.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1094.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 346; number of houses of worship, 198.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$621,509; indebtedness, \$97,810.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 128; number of parsonages, 118.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$153,779; indebtedness, \$15,756.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 6; number of district parsonages, 5.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$15,509; indebtedness, \$4100.

47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 8; amount of damage, \$3554.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$418,270; losses sustained, \$3554; premiums paid, \$3367; collections on losses, \$3129.

49. What are the educational statistics? None.

50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 233; Conference Organ, 1314.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? O. H. Searcy, Frederick, Oklahoma.

TRANSFERRED—R. E. Goodrich, to Missouri Conference; E. R. Rowen, to New Mexico Conference; A. N. Goforth, to East Oklahoma Conference.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME DELIVERED BY HON. C. E. HALL BEFORE WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Bishop Murrab, Members of the West Oklahoma Conference, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have been assigned the pleasant duty by the officials of the Church and of the city to express to you the pleasure it affords the citizens of Altus to have you in our midst during this session of your conference.

The occasion reminds me of a story which I heard not long ago. A physician in one of our neighboring small towns, I have forgotten whether it was Oklahoma City or Mangum or Lawton, was called to see a patient.

Monday and Tuesday and today, you have been coming to Altus. You have come and you have seen, but you could not conquer for the town and all it has and is was yours long before you set foot within her borders.

The educational forces have come to our city and we have welcomed them because of their earnest and faithful efforts in the training and development of the young Oklahoma mind.

as they have talked of checks and deposits and dishonored drafts.

The physicians have convened among us, and we have gladly taken them into our homes and our hearts as they have delved deep into the abstruse problems of medical science and physical phenomena, bending all the skill of training and intellect toward the alleviation of the physical maladies of man.

But we welcome you today for a far greater reason than any of these. We welcome you because you are who you are, but because you represent a fraternity whose Grand Master is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother in times of doubt and darkness and gloom; we welcome you because you represent the cornerstone and climax of all best educational effort, the development of a master soul; we welcome you because you represent a banking institution whose place of business is heaven and earth and sea and sky and land, whose riches and resources are as limitless as the sands of the sea and whose accommodations are as numberless as the stars of the Milky Way; a banking institution whose deposits are never depleted and upon which no man's drafts were ever dishonored; we welcome you because you represent the only Physician who can heal a broken heart or cure a sin sick soul; we welcome you because the ensign which floats before you upon the breezes of a waiting world is the blood-stained banner of the cross of Jesus Christ, because you have seen his glory flash across the skies of hope, and you have said, "In this sign we conquer."

Bishop Murrab, it gives me great pleasure to tell you how gratified we are that you are to reside at this conference to be held in our city. If the citizens of Altus had had the honor to select the Bishop who should preside at this time they would have made the choice which the College of Bishops has made. While you have never been among us before, your name and fame are known to almost every home in the city. We welcome you today, not only as a man, but as the authorized representative of the greatest organization known to man. These flowers around you have been gathered by fair hands and placed about you to remind you of your own sun-kissed land, her pure women and her beautiful flowers. And when you have returned to Jackson to your own home and fireside, if you sometimes feel the influence of the lodestone of the West tugging at your heartstrings, and you hear the still small voice of a Horace Greeley coming to you from out the shades of the past, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," remember that there is a county called Jackson and a little city called Altus, away out in the southwest corner of Oklahoma, anxiously awaiting to adopt and to be adopted.

It seems to me no one who knows anything about Methodism could think of the history and polity of the Church for the past century and three quarters without a feeling of pride at her marvelous achievements, without a heart throbbing with joy at her wonderful victories. Born at a time when a moral and spiritual decadence had gripped with deathly hold all of the Protestant Churches of the world, it was the beginning of a new religious renaissance that recognized repentance of sin and faith in God as the cornerstone of the Christian religion, and enthroned the Lord Jesus Christ in the hearts and lives of men; a renaissance that kindled a blaze which spread and spread until the world of Christendom took fire and its warning, stirring influence was felt upon the altars of every other Protestant denomination. It was the beginning of a wave of religious influence and power and action which could not be confined by Oxford Halls or mountain chains or shores of seas. With a mighty shout it crossed the seas and its glad hallelujahs reverberated over the hills and plains of our own loved land. And this morning as you enter upon the deliberations of this conference session, the hymn of "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men" rises among the lakes and pines of the North, swells as it sighs upon the wings of the soft savannahs of the Southern magnolias, breaks into a mighty anthem as it sweeps across the cactus-covered plains of the West and up the sun-kissed and wind-shriven peaks of the Rockies, and bursts in overwhelming cadence upon the shores of the far-off Pacific, an anthem which, by the grace of God, shall not cease until the stars of God look down no more on heathen lands, until the ocean waves wash none but Christian shores.

And do you ask me what force is more responsible than any other for this wonderful success of the Methodist Church? You preachers would probably modestly hesitate to give the answer, but I do not hesitate to say that the greatest factor has been a self-sacrificing, consecrated, Christian itinerant ministry; a ministry that has never stopped to consider the sacrifice nor to count the cost; a ministry that has cared not for the fevers that parch it, that has thought not of the dangers which sometimes beset it; a ministry that has said good-bye to ambition and to glory, that has swept aside the visions of ease that allure it, that has heard the command of God and the Church to go; a ministry that has gone forth in obedience to that command to win victories for the King; a ministry that has told the simple story with such faith and earnestness that its eloquence has risen and fallen like the waves of a storm-tossed sea; a ministry that has lived the story even more eloquently than silver-tongued voices could portray.

If I were a sculptor I would chisel from marble my ideal of a hero. I would fashion the figure of a man with a Discipline in his saddlebags and a Bible in his hand; a man who had sacrificed all his hopes and his am-

ocks and deposits... vened among us... hem into our homes... re delved deep into... medical science and... ting all the skill... toward the allevia... of man.

PASSING DAY

THE WARS. The real activities in the European war for the past week, as for some time, are centered in Serbia. Crippled by their weeks of heroic fighting with the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, the Serbians are on a disordered retreat towards Montenegro.

by eminent M. D's. The citizens of Dallas as hosts of the visiting Medico-vied with each other in affording varied and pleasant entertainments. ADDRESS OF WELCOME DELIVERED BY HON. C. E. HALL BEFORE WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

(Continued from page 12.) bitions upon the altar of God and the Church. His form might be bent under the weight of the sorrows of the world, but upon his countenance I would place a radiant light such as never shone on land or on sea.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

In this department may be advertised anything you want to buy, sell or exchange. The rate is TWO CENTS A WORD. No advertisement is taken for less than 50 cents. Cash must accompany all orders.

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OBITUARIES

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: At the rate of One Cent Per Word. Money should accompany all orders.

Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted.

Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, five cents per copy.

BELL.—Bernard McGhee Bell, son of M. L. and Hattie Bell, was born April 5, 1911, and died of diphtheria, near Carnegie, Oklahoma, October 14, 1915. His suffering was of short duration and his death was in peace. "Smaller little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven." The flowers that bloom and fade so soon on earth shall bloom anew in the garden of our eternal home, where the spring-time of glory forever reigns and sorrow and partings are no more. He has gone home to, but not forever. D. C. BELL.

SHOTWELL.—Ernest Shotwell was born April 20, 1912, and died April 20, 1915. Though his life was short, yet it was not without its blessings. The memory of how he would cover his little face during the service prayer both in the Church and in the home will ever be precious to his mamma and other loved ones, though his tender lips will not again be felt on mother's cheek here in this life, or the patterning of his feet be heard again, but tender in heaven he is awaiting your coming. May God grant that the memory of his life be the means of drawing those who love him closer to Jesus, in the prayer of his pastor. H. M. COWLING.

CROWMELL.—Lacy Williams Crowmell was born July 16, 1881, in Trinity County, Texas, and died near Lynn, Texas, Sept. 12, 1915, aged 34 years, 1 month and 26 days; married Miss Lillian Bell Sanders, December 24, 1901. Brother Crowmell was reclined and joined the Methodist Church three years ago. He was taken ill four years ago and has suffered much. Loved ones ministered faithfully to his wants. He leaves a sad companion, four children and other loved ones to mourn their loss. He said to loved ones before he died, "I shall be dead in twenty-four months. I am ready and anxious to go. He fell on sleep without a struggle. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' J. F. TYSON, Pastor.

BROWN.—Mrs. Mand Ola Brown, the daughter of Rev. J. A. Webb, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Oklahoma, was born in Alabama, in 1882; departed this life in Ponder, Texas, October 4, 1915. She gave her heart to God when a child and united with the M. E. Church of which she was a member when she died. She was faithful to God, and expressed herself often as to her faith in God. Her life was a blessing to those who came in touch with her. Her grandfather was the brother of our beloved "Uncle Wash Clinton," who died some five years ago. She was the mother of five children, three of whom survive her. She was married to Leo D. Brown, near Farmersville, Texas, in 1899. He is left to mourn the loss of his faithful wife. She is gone, but we can meet her if we hold fast the faith God delivers to his saints. L. D. SHAWVER.

GILMORE.—Thomas H. Gilmore was born in Mississippi, February 9, 1851. When a boy he moved from there to Arkansas, and then at fifteen years of age he moved to Parker County, Texas, where he was married on May 3, 1870, to Miss Nancy Woolley. Four children were born of them, one boy and three girls. Mr. Gilmore moved with his wife to Young County, where he remained for several years. From there he moved to Dickens County, where he lived until his death, August 24, 1915. Fifteen years ago Brother Gilmore united with the M. E. Church, South, at Dickens, and until his death remained a devout Christian. There was not a man in Dickens County better known or more highly respected for his real worth as a man and Christian gentleman. ED. E. WHITE, P. C.

GASTON.—Frank, son of Brother T. L. and Mrs. O. C. Gaston, was born October 17, 1896, and died March 11, 1915, aged 18 years, 4 months and 24 days. Frank was a noble young man. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at 11 years of age. Having been raised to attend Church and Sunday School he was very devoted to both. For some months previous to his death he had spoken about wanting to do more in active service than he had been able to do hitherto, and he was just arriving at an age when he felt he could be more useful. But having been afflicted in body for nearly two years prior to his last sickness his opportunities to do public service were few, but every one who knew him intimately felt the influence of his noble young life. The writer talked with him twice during his sickness about his spiritual condition. Gilmore said he was not satisfied about the service he had been unable to render he was perfectly resigned to go. The Lord had provided a better place for Frank than this old world and he has just called him hence. While we sorrow his going away we shall meet him some day where youth is eternal, and where sickness and death never enter. May the Lord bless his good father and mother, brothers and sisters. J. W. SLAGLE.

WALKER.—Mrs. Louvania Walker was born in Newark, N. J., July 4, 1841; married W. R. Walker 1858; moved to Fannin County, Texas, 1872; departed for heaven from her home with her son, Roy, near Bonham, October 18, 1915. She was the loving mother of thirteen children, five of whom, together with her husband, preceded her home. She professed religion in childhood, joined the Methodist Church and remained zealously loyal to her Church and all of her long well-spent life. I don't think if the world has ever seen a truer mother, a more devoted Christian or a more loyal Methodist. She was a faithful Sunday School teacher for years. The Bible and the Advocate were her constant companions. She was a patient sufferer during her funeral. Her tired body was accompanied by a host of loved ones and friend and laid to rest beneath the flowers in the English Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. May her sustaining grace uphold those of us who miss her so much till we meet her again. J. A. WHEELER, P. C. Ravenna, Texas.

KIRCHENBUAR—Edith, the infant child of Brother and Sister Thomas Kirchenbuar, was born October 12, 1915; died October 25, 1915. Though she only budled here on earth to bloom in heaven, she will be missed in the home. May her memory be as a guiding star that shall guide her papa and mamma through the troubles of this life to the great beyond, where separation can never come. H. M. COWLING, P. C.

WILLIAMSON.—On August 5, 1911, there was born unto J. A. Williamson and Vanilla Williamson a sweet little girl who came to wear the name of Ransie. For a little more than four years she romped and played and laughed and brought sunshine and happiness into their home, and then on October 14, 1915, she slipped out of the family circle and went away and left the family lonesome. She was an unusually bright child and was dutiful and affectionate. It was easy to love her because she was lovable in disposition and winsome in manners. She was really thoughtful beyond her years. She was delighted to have her friends share her good things with her, and would rejoice when they succeeded in their plans. She was devoted to this scriber, her father's pastor, and he in turn loved her truly. We sympathize with Brother and Sister Williamson in this bereavement, but congratulate them on the ground that they have one daughter which shall never be defiled by sin. May all the loved ones live close to God and meet little Ransie in heaven. M. I. BROWN.

ROBERTS.—I Jackson Roberts was born in San Augustine, Texas, March 4, 1865; moved with his parents as a boy to Chiseno, where he grew to manhood, spending his early days as a teacher in public schools, after which he became a traveling man. He died May 2, 1915. He was the grandson of a pioneer Methodist preacher, and was happily married to Miss Lily Williams, the daughter of Rev. A. H. Williams, of the North Mississippi Conference. He was the child of a godly mother and was himself a loyal and active official member of the Methodist Church and a devout follower of the meek and lowly One. His home was for many years in Nacogdoches. It was there that "Jack Roberts" was best known and most loved as a faithful and efficient member of the Church, an ardent and true citizen; and there after the day of his life had ended he laid his tired body to rest beneath the shadows of the oak and elm. He fell upon his field of labor, obedient to the call of duty. In his hotel room at Stamford his victorious spirit cast its body as one would cast aside an old garment, and was from his labors and his works do follow him. He has answered the summons that called him to the skies. S. S. McKENNEY.

GARDNER.—Lillian Pearl Gardner was born December 30, 1899; was converted in the summer of 1913 at the Whaley Chapel M. E. Church, South, at the close of the revival in which she was converted; departed this life October 20, 1915. A more consecrated Christian I have never met. Christ beamed forth in every act of her life. The center of her life was the Church. To attend the League, the Sunday School, and Church was the joy of her life. Upon her dying bed she talked of the Church and its work in her waking hours and dreamed of its associations when asleep. Though her passage has left a vacant pew in the Church and a vacant chair in the home, our hearts are sad and sorrow fills her home, yet when I looked in her face for the last time on this side of eternity I knew that heaven had gained another inhabitant. To her father, mother, brother and sisters I would say, "Look up for Lillian has gone to the way of glory; heaven's gain. There is more in heaven to draw you there now than ever before, and Jesus has promised to comfort you here and to save you over yonder, if you will give him your life in loving service. H. M. COWLING, P. C.

FAIR.—Mrs. Grace Fair, wife of Rev. Geo. F. Fair, was born in the State of Missouri, November 2, 1847, and died at the home of Mrs. B. Kilgore, Tatum, Mo., December 22, 1915. She was married to John H. Youngblood in 1862. To this union four girls and one boy were born, and the following still survive: James Youngblood, Tolbert, Texas; Mrs. W. R. Boykin, San Angelo, Texas; Mrs. Alf Key, Edith, Texas; and Mrs. J. D. Hallmark, Riviera, Texas. This husband lived nine years. In 1874 she married Harvey Youngblood. He died in 1891, and in 1893 she married Rev. Geo. F. Fair. She joined the Methodist Church in childhood and was ever a devoted Christian and energetic worker. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Story in the Methodist Church, at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, October 24, and interment followed in Plainview I. O. O. F. Cemetery. There were many beautiful floral offerings from Woman's Home Missionary Society, Old Fellows, Rebekah and friends. Two and a half years ago Mrs. Fair fell and broke her left hip, from which she has been a constant sufferer, but she never murmured nor complained. She was always patient and cheerful and was mentally vigorous and fully conscious till the last. MRS. LALLA DAVIS, Plainview, Texas.

BOURLAND.—Mrs. H. A. Bourland, daughter of Samuel and Lavinia Howland, was born in St. Charles, Mo., December 14, 1836, and died at her home in Dallas, Texas, September 22, 1915. She was married to Dr. H. A. Bourland (now an honored member of the North Texas Conference) in Cottageville, Missouri, August 25, 1863. They lived happily together for more than fifty years. To this union seven children were born, four of whom survive her. As her pastor for four years, it was my pleasure and profit to visit this Christian home often. I never knew a more devoted couple, nor visited a more ideal home. It was a priceless benediction to sit in her saintly presence and listen to her conversation—by nature refined, by grace emnobled, an honor graduate of Danville Female Academy, she was cultured. She possessed all that nature, grace and education could give. She was modest and unassuming. To her, the home was the very woman's sphere, and she presided over it with queenly grace and dignity. In a ministry of a quarter of a century I have never met a more beautiful character, one whose life was a greater inspiration. Her death is a personal loss to me. I was not present when she breathed her last, but I know how very died. It was a triumphant death. It could not have been otherwise, living as she did. Some years ago, when I was her pastor, she thought the time of her departure was at hand and she was ready. She called her loved ones about her and delivered her farewell message. She seemed to rest for awhile in the vestibule of heaven, and then came back and resumed her journey to gladden the hearts of her loved ones, but September 22, 1915, she took her final departure, and is now with the blood-washed throng in that land of bliss, where there is no more death. May the blessing of Almighty God be upon her husband who loved her so devotedly. May the gospel of grace be so ably and faithfully preached, comfort his sorrow-stricken heart and may the surviving children find their Heavenly Father a present help in this time of need. NEW HARRIS.

RABB—Virgil S. Rabb, Sr., was born in Fayette County, Texas, February 15, 1839. On July 29, 1869, he was married to Miss Dulce Kennedy. He died at his home in Smithville, Texas, October 23, 1915. To write of the virtues of our friends when they are taken away from us by the "insatiate archer," death, is a sweet privilege and pleasant duty. Brother Rabb was a pioneer resident of Fayette and Bastrop Counties. He was prominent, influential citizen and a man who has done his share towards the country's advancement. He was educated at Rutersville and joined the Confederate Army, Company 1, Texas Infantry. Was made Third Lieutenant and served in the Trans-Mississippi Department in most all the battles of Louisiana. Later he was made Captain of his company and served with distinction until honorably discharged from the army at Hempstead, Texas. About fifteen years before his death he was converted and joined the Methodist Church and remained a faithful, efficient member until his going to eternal rest. He was not a man of many words, but of strong convictions and high ideals. He was the pastor's friend and faithfully bore the heaviest burdens of the Church. His unselfish devotion was so quietly done that the right hand hardly knew what the left was doing. To the preachers on the West Point Circuit he was a true friend and helper. The impression made upon his loved ones, neighbors and friends was good. The sweet fragrance of his Christ-like life will linger through the coming years. His wife, Mrs. Dulce Kennedy Rabb, one son, E. S. Rabb, Jr., and four daughters, Mrs. T. A. Andrews, Mrs. S. H. Reese, Mrs. M. W. Drisdale and Miss Lee Rabb, survive him. May the God of all grace comfort, keep and at last bring him all safely home. F. A. WHITE.

JAYROE—Orvil Kenneth, the oldest son of H. J. and Laura Jayroe, was born in Dallas, Texas, August 23, 1907; died April 7, 1915. Orvil was the pride of the home, a loving, obedient and dutiful to his parents, loved by all who knew him. He was taken sick at school and suffered severely for two weeks, and after an operation passed quietly away to be at rest. All that loving hearts and willing hands could do was done, but all to no avail. God saw best to transplant a flower from this old sinful world to the home beyond the skies. Orvil was an excellent child. At home he was quiet, industrious, quiet and obedient; at school he was a diligent student. He was a devoted Sunday School pupil, his father being Secretary of the school. He thought it very strange that any one should stay away. And in respect to one who was so faithful his friends who loved him lined his grave in white and flowers from bottom to top, and after his grave was filled his Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Eva Shaw, with his class, marched in a body and literally covered the grave with bouquets deposited as a token of love to one they loved so well. The bouquets were fastened by the choicest ribbon by deft fingers that showed their love for him. As we looked upon this scene it made us wonder why sometimes we wait so long to show our appreciation of those we love. To his loving parents and little brother and al who love him we leave the rest that belongs to those who have no hope, but let us take and be glad, for he had the life eternal promised by our Savior. He was laid to rest in old Ryan's Chapel Cemetery and now is sleeping the sleep of the just. His pastor, Brother Doak, spoke very sweetly of the rest that belongs to the people of God, and bade all to look and wait for the day of reunion in the sweet bye-and-bye in the "city not made with hands." W. W. THOMAS.

Gary, Texas.

SPRUCE.—Robert William Spruce was born in Omen, Smith County, Texas, September 22, 1893, and died at Kingsville, Texas, September 22, 1915, on his twenty-second birthday. He left a father, mother, four brothers and two sisters, all greatly bereaved. A brother and sister who had gone on before him to the land where there is no dying. Robert was taken with typhoid fever in a severe form and while he was away from home. Mother came and stood by him to the last. Doctors and nurse administered, but remedies failed to check the progress of the disease. He was converted when six years old at the family altar and joined the Methodist Church at Troup, Texas. In 1902 his parents moved to Floresville, where he attended Sunday school and joined the Church services regularly. He was a graduate of the Floresville public school with the class of 1911, and afterward attended the State University two years. He was principal of the High School at Bishop, Texas, in 1914-15 and ever a devoted Christian and energetic worker. He had moved his membership to the Church at Bishop and taught a class of boys in the Sunday School there. This writer was his pastor for three years at Floresville. He found that Robert as a schoolboy, had high ideals, was ambitious to make his mark in the world as a useful man, and accordingly was willing to pay the price that he might equip himself for service. Dedicated to God in holy baptism when an infant he made Christ his choice as a little child, seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. He brought sunshine into his home, was kind, affectionate, obedient as a boy. In his early manhood he did not depart from the good way, but was ever influenced by his home training. His life on earth was short, but he lived well and his life record, so far as his life was a success. His Christian parents are mourning, but not as they who have no hope. The brothers and sisters know where Robert has gone. We mourn with them, but we are comforted by the word of His grace, "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . In my Father's house are many mansions, let us prepare a place for you." Let us be faithful and soon we will meet dear Robert again in the land where there is no night. A. W. WILSON.

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MEMBER—MAD.

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enemy of Zion is holding a jubilee of derision. The scoffer has proof to spare that we have returned to our vomit again. We are no longer a peculiar people, separate from the world, free from its pomp and pride, weaned from its small gods and given over to the true and genuine worship and service of the only true God of heaven. Do we want this kind of thing to continue and to be intensified by the adding of multitudes more of the unregenerate?

God has smiled upon the Church of the Wesleys because she was His peculiar people, teaching the great doctrine of a new birth and living the life of the redeemed. While our revival fires burned, we came by leaps and bounds to the very foremost place in His earthly kingdom. While we knew no better plan than to call men to repentance under the preaching of the gospel, His face shined upon us and His power was felt. We had a great season of regeneration and then we called for joiners. That was the old order. We sang and prayed and preached and shouted and then we added to the Church such as had been saved. That was the program of the fathers. May the Lord have mercy upon us, if we dare reverse the order. I am in favor of a great revival of religion in Texas and Oklahoma Methodism. I think it will be wise to set a special season when all our preachers and people shall be busy upon their knees crying unto God for the salvation of the people; a time when every Methodist pulpit shall be ringing with the clear message of a mighty gospel; a time when men and women shall be urged to repent and flee forever from their sins and find grace and pardon in the presence and power of God. But, brethren, the Episcopalian could now sue out an injunction against us with perfect impunity. We have been filching from them for years. Let's not try to take their Lent from them? Let's try an old time revival one more time before we give up and retire from the field where our fathers have fought so well and so victoriously. I would like to have personal expressions from all who read this that I may carry your wishes and opinions before this committee when it meets in December.

MAKING PORT.

By Rev. E. G. Cooke, Texas Conference

He enters the assembly of the Annual Conference and takes his seat. He has weathered many storms. Many tears have preyed upon his soul and his form is beginning to stoop. A certain hungry look is in his eye. He is pining for a richer fellowship. There was little in his lonely circuit to remind him of the fellowship of saints. He was a voice crying in the wilderness whose insistent tones were not always confident of sympathetic audience. Here and there he lighted on an oasis on his lonely march, but in the desert he often thirsted for the springing fountains of Christian fellowship.

But hark! the Bishop is announcing, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," and as if by the magic of an unseen, thrilling touch his soul is on fire with love. The selfishness of his year-long disappointments, the thought of real or fancied inequity in the Church's treatment, are all forgotten, yea, indignantly repudiated as mean and unworthy. He has in a moment seen a vision. Hundreds of Methodist preachers have been toiling at their sublime tasks of winning the world to Christ, and O the honor of knowing and seeing himself one of the number! A brother in the greatest brotherhood on earth! A toiler in the greatest enterprise that ever fired imagination and challenged heroism! That is the vision. Here are young men, and men in their prime, and older brethren like himself, and whatever may be the differences in culture, or in experience, or in ministerial standing, all are now united by noblest bonds of Christian faith and aspiration. He has entered a sphere of tremendous power and feels the throb of a large and vigorous life. He tastes the good word and the powers of the world to come.

Such eschatologies and glimpses of final triumph for the Church of God as now open to him!

"Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given, The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heaven."

He was too much absorbed with mean sorrows and small delights. Now in this vaster vision they appear in their true lights and fall into right perspective.

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think of comfortable appointments they would find return to; of heavy removal expenses they have so often to meet; of wives, sometimes unfriendly to the itinerant system whom, in the event of removal, they must persuade into a better humor. Why should they be held by the dead hand of John Wesley? Ah! need I name this hour? The men are plainly agitated.

But the Bishop recalls one's thought to that glad day when we first pledged ourselves to preach the everlasting Gospel—careless of plaudits and scornful of rewards. Under the inspiration of that awful season see our brother straighten and lean forward to catch the message of the man of God!

Listen! the Bishop is bearing us in all-prevailing prayer before the throne of God. What a hush falls upon us as he leaves us in the hands of a mighty, loving God for another year! What are your feelings at this moment? You would go wherever you are sent and you would trust your brethren fully, I thought so. Ah, my brother, you are ready to go to death and judgment now!

But at last dawn another day for him. The fierce heat and strenuous effort of life's noon have long ago been left behind. "Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away." His friends try to conceal it, but he reads in furtive look and solemn whisper the truth, that life's voyage is nearly ended. The voyager is making port. Vivid memories of the joys of worship come back to him. He recalls the ecstasies of Annual Conferences and the lesser thrills and inspirations of District Conferences. But they have almost lost their charm as his eager soul goes out to greet the glory now being revealed. Mount Zion, the City of the great King, lies just up the river. There his journey ends and there he will be greeted by the Church of the firstborn. See he is at home at last! "He will sail the wide seas no more."

Though "sails be torn, deck shattered, provisions short, yet here is the priceless freight of character. "The exile is at home, O nights and days of tears! O longing not to roam! O sins and doubts and fears! What matters now grief's darkest day? The King has wiped those tears away!"

The outward man is worn and battered, wrestling with many a tempest. But, thank God! he has made port, and his spirit is unharmed and unhurt, and "when the shore is won at last, who will count the billows past?" Brenham, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS—DR. J. KILGORE.

Whereas, Dr. J. Kilgore is now closing a term of faithful and efficient service as presiding elder of the Houston District, and is leaving us to assume new duties in connection with our great University at Dallas; and

Whereas, he has especially endeared himself to the members of this charge by his very great assistance to us in the building of our Church and the upbuilding of our congregation, and has strengthened our belief and confirmed our faith by his timely words of wisdom and kindly advice; therefore be it

Resolved, By the fourth Quarterly Conference of the Woodland Heights charge, that we tender Brother Kilgore our deepest love and gratitude for what he has done for us; that we earnestly regret having come to the parting of the ways; that we wish for him and his family the most of the best and the sweetest joys of life; that we congratulate our University upon having obtained the services of so able a teacher, and that we desire for him all the success due to a competent, zealous, worthy follower of our Lord.

Resolved further, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be handed to Brother Kilgore and a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

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Albuquerque District—First Round. San Jon Cir., San Jon, Nov. 13, 14. Logan Cir., Pleasant Valley, Nov. 17. Cuervo Cir., Nob. Schoolhouse, Nov. 18. Tucuman, Nov. 20, 21. Carrizozo, Nov. 27, 28. Vaughn Cir., Stanley, Dec. 4, 5. Watrous Cir., Cerrillos, Dec. 8. Melrose Cir., Melrose, Dec. 11, 12. Magdalena, Dec. 18, 19. San Marcial, Dec. 25, 26. Albuquerque, Jan. 1, 2. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

El Paso District—First Round. Buena Vista, at Grand Falls, Dec. 5, 6. Toyah, Dec. 8. Van Horn, Dec. 10. Crst., Dec. 11, 12. East El Paso, Dec. 12, 13. Llorosa, Dec. 19. Trinity, Dec. 21. Leidsburg, Dec. 26, 27. Derman, Dec. 28. HUBERT M. SMITH, P. E. 1107 E. Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

Roswell District—First Round. Rogers, Nov. 13, 14. Portales, Nov. 17. Lovington, Nov. 20, 21. Eunice, Nov. 23. Carlsbad, Nov. 24. Clovis Cir., Nov. 27, 28. Clovis Sta., Nov. 28. Texico, Dec. 1. Odessa, Dec. 5. Pecos, Dec. 6. Hagerman, Dec. 11, 12. Lakewood, Dec. 12, 13. Hope, Dec. 18, 19. Artesia, Dec. 19, 20. Roswell, Dec. 26. S. E. ALLISON, P. E.

WEST TEXAS

Austin District—First Round. Garwood, at Altair, Nov. 13, 14. Lege Lake, Nov. 14, 15. Weimar Cir., at W., Nov. 20, 21. Webberville Cir., at W., Nov. 27, 28. Fred Allen Memorial, Nov. 28, 29. McDade Cir., at McDade, Dec. 4, 5. Flam, Dec. 6. Bastrop, Dec. 11, 12. Walnut Cir., at Walnut, Dec. 18, 19. Ward Memorial, Dec. 19, 20. Lagrange and Winchester, at L., Jan. 1, 2. West Point Cir., at West Point, Jan. 8, 9. Smithville Cir., at Smithville, Jan. 15. Smithville Sta., Jan. 15, 16. Liberty Hill and L., at Leander, Jan. 22, 23. Hyde Park, Jan. 23, 24. Manor, Jan. 29, 30. First Church, Feb. 6, 7. University Church, Feb. 6, 8. Leander Cir., Feb. 12, 13.

The District Stewards will meet in Elgin Nov. 18 in the church at 2 p. m. Pastors will please remember that December 19 is Orphanage Day in the West Texas Conference. Stewards will please raise money for the pastor at once, as he is likely to need it. Trustees should inspect the parsonage and see that all needed comforts are there. The women's societies should arrange a holiday party and fill the pantry before the holidays. V. A. GODEBY, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round. Nov. 12, Edinburg, at Mercedes, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 13, McAllen, at Mission, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 14, Pharr, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 15, Harlingen, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 16, Raymondville, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 20, Aransas Pass, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 21, Gregory, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 22, Sinton, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 24, Floresville, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 25, Karnes City, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 26, Kenedy, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 28, Skidmore, 11 a. m. Nov. 28, Falfurrias, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 29, Matfus, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 1, Berclair, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 4, Abner, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 5, Alice Circuit, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 8, Bishop, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 9, Corpus Christi, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 10, Corpus Mission, at Corpus, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 11, Calallen, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 12, Robstown, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 13, Beeville. Dec. 15, Oakville. Dec. 19, Beeville Circuit. T. F. SESSIONS, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round. Seddrift, at Seddrift, Nov. 13, 14. Hallettsville at Mossy Grove, Nov. 20, 21. Provident City, at Lights Chapel, Nov. 21. Yoakum, Nov. 22. Ganado and Louise, at Louise, Nov. 27, 28. Ll Campo, Nov. 28, 29. Edna, Dec. 1. Palacios, Dec. 2. Midfield, at Midfield, Dec. 4, 5. Nursery, at Thomaston, Dec. 8. Stockdale, at Stockdale, Dec. 11, 12. Laverna, at Laverna, Dec. 13, 14. Nixon, Dec. 15. Saultey, at Smiley, Dec. 16. Pandora, at Pandora, Dec. 18, 19. Rensce, Dec. 22. Cuero, Dec. 25, 26. Fort Lavaca, at Fort Lavaca, Jan. 1, 2. The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Cuero, on Tuesday, November 16, at 7:30 p. m. A. W. WILSON, P. E.

Lampasas District—First Round. Burnet, at Burnet, Nov. 13, 14. Bertram, at Bertram, Nov. 14, 15. Star, at Atherton, Nov. 20, 21. Lometa, at Lometa, Nov. 21, 22. Kempner, at Clayton, Nov. 23. Lampasas, Nov. 24. Goldthwaite, Nov. 27, 28. Center City, at North Brown, Nov. 28, 29. Mullin, at Mullin, Nov. 30. San Saba Cir., at Bend, Dec. 2, at 2:30 p. m. Cherokee, at Cherokee, Dec. 3, at 2:30 p. m. Llano Cir., at Mayes Chapel, Dec. 4, 5. Llano Sta., Dec. 5, 6. Willow City, at Walnut, Dec. 11, 12. Johnson City, at Round Mountain, Dec. 12, 13. Marble Falls, Dec. 14. Mason, at Mason, Dec. 18, 19. Fredonia, at Fredonia, Dec. 19, 20. Richland Springs, at Richland Springs, Jan. 1, 2. San Saba Sta., Jan. 2, 3. District stewards will meet at district parsonage, on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6 p. m. It is important that all the members attend. J. W. COWAN, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round. Nov. 14, Luling, preaching. Nov. 21, Manchaca, preaching. Nov. 27, 28, Kyle and Buda, at Buda. Nov. 29, Manchaca. Nov. 30, Staples. Dec. 1, Martindale. Dec. 4, 5, Leesville. Dec. 6, Belmont. Dec. 7, Luling. Dec. 8, Welder.

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Dallas District—Fourth Round. First Church, Nov. 24. St. John's, Nov. 25. Grand Prairie, Nov. 27. West Avenue, Nov. 28. West Dallas, Nov. 29. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Bryson and Jermyn, at Bryson, Nov. 13, 14. Vineyard Cir., at Berwick, Nov. 14, 15. Decatur Cir., at Oliver Creek, Nov. 20, 21.

Dec. 9, Harwood. Dec. 11, Lockhart. Dec. 11, 12, Ivetton Springs. Dec. 14, San Marcos. Dec. 15, Sipping Springs. Dec. 17, Segmitt. Dec. 18, 19, Gonzales. Dec. 22, Blanco. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round. Big Lake, at Rankin, Nov. 13, 14. Midland, Nov. 20, 21. Sterling City, at Sterling, Nov. 27, 28. Miles, Dec. 4, 5. Sherwood, at Sherwood, Dec. 11, 12. Paint Rock, at Paint Rock, Dec. 18, 19. First Church, S. A. Dec. 26. Chadbourne St., S. A., Jan. 2. Eden, at Eden, Jan. 7. Eagle Pass, at Eagle Pass, Jan. 8, 9, 3 p. m., preaching, Jan. 9, 11 a. m. Brady, O. C., Jan. 8, 8 p. m., preaching, Jan. 9, 7:30 p. m. Sonora, Jan. 15, 16. Eldorado and Christoval, at E., Jan. 22, 23. Junction, at Junction, Jan. 29, 30, 11 a. m. Menard, at Menard, Jan. 30, 8 p. m. Ozona, Feb. 5, 6. Fola, at Mullen, Feb. 9. Water Valley, at W. V. Feb. 12, 13. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round. Pearsall, Nov. 14, 15. Asherton, Nov. 20, 21. Laredo, Nov. 21, 22. Devine, Nov. 23. Lytle, Nov. 24. Moore, Nov. 27, 28. Sabinal, Nov. 29. Del Rio, Dec. 4, 5. Eagle Pass, Dec. 27. Dilly, Dec. 11, 12. Rock Springs, Dec. 11, 12. Cotulla, Dec. 12, 13. Utopia, Dec. 18, 20. Uvalde, Dec. 26, 27. Carrizo Springs, Jan. 1, 2. Fowlerton, Jan. 7, 8. Batesville, Jan. 14, 15. District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church, Uvalde, 11 a. m., November 30, 1915. S. B. JOHNSTON, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Indian Creek, at Indian Creek, Nov. 13, 14. Brownwood Sta., Nov. 20, 21. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cleburne District—Fourth Round. Main St., Cleburne, Quarterly Conference, Nov. 16. Anglin St., Cleburne, Quarterly Conference, Nov. 17, preaching, Nov. 21. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Fourth Round—Cisao District. Cisao Mission, at Fisher, Nov. 13, 14. Cisao, Nov. 14, 15. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Emmett, at McCord, Nov. 13, 14. Frost, Nov. 14, 15. Blooming Grove, Nov. 16. Corsicana, First Church, Nov. 21, 22. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Dublin District—Fifth Round. Dublin, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 15. Proctor, 11 a. m., Nov. 16. Huckabay, at H., 11 a. m., Nov. 17. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Mulkey Memorial, 11 a. m., Nov. 14. Polytechnic, 11 a. m., Nov. 14. JOHN R. NELSON, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Killeen Cir., at Buenavista, Nov. 13, 14. Killeen Sta., Nov. 14, 15. S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fifth Round. Correll, at Correll, Nov. 16, 2 p. m. Gatesville Cir., at Winfield, Nov. 18, 2 p. m. S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Rogers, Nov. 14, 15. Georgetown, Nov. 21. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Hillburo District—Fourth Round. Line Street, preaching, Nov. 14. First Church, Nov. 21, 22. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Bonita, at Bonita, Nov. 11, 14. Waxahachie, at WAXAHACHIE, Nov. 14, 15. MORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Fifth Street, Nov. 14, 15. Elm Street, Nov. 14, 17. Aquila Cir., at Aquila, Nov. 20, 21. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Ravenna, at Mulberry, Nov. 13, 14. C. C. YOUNG, P. E.

Bonham District—Adjourned Sessions. Bailey, at Bailey, Nov. 7, 8, 2 p. m. Leonard, Nov. 15, 7 p. m. Trenton, at Blanton, Nov. 16, 9 a. m. Honey Grove, Nov. 16, 7 p. m. Dodd City, at Lammus, Nov. 18, 2 p. m. Ector, at Ector, Nov. 19, 2 p. m. White Rock, at Honey Grove, Nov. 20, 2 p. m. Telephone, at New Hope, Nov. 23, 11 a. m. Brookston, at High, Nov. 24, 2 p. m. Petty, at Petty, Nov. 24, 7 p. m. Ladonia, Nov. 25, 2 p. m. Bonham Mis., at Honey Grove, Nov. 26, 6 p. m. Windom, at Windom, Nov. 22, 2 p. m. C. C. YOUNG, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Dundee Mis., Nov. 13, 14. Wichita Falls Sta., Nov. 14, 15. Henrietta Sta., Nov. 20, 21. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Bryson and Jermyn, at Bryson, Nov. 13, 14. Vineyard Cir., at Berwick, Nov. 14, 15. Decatur Cir., at Oliver Creek, Nov. 20, 21.

Business is booming! Dayton, Ohio. Merchants everywhere tell our 800 salesmen that business is booming. Farmers have had two record crops, at big prices, with big demand at home and abroad. Stocks of manufactured material are short, and labor is in great demand. Exports largely exceed imports. Factories are busy, many working overtime. More freight cars are needed, and steamers are taxed to capacity. People are living better, and spending their money more freely. This country has the best money in the world, and more of it than ever before. Such a combination of favorable circumstances never has occurred before, and probably will never occur again. Billions of dollars are passing over the merchants' counters. The people who spend this money want the best service. They demand it in all kinds of stores, from the smallest to the largest. They get it in stores which use our up-to-date Cash Registers, which quicken service, stop mistakes, satisfy customers, and increase profits. Over a million merchants have proved our Cash Registers to be a business necessity. [Signed] John H. Patterson Write for booklet to The National Cash Register Co. Dayton, Ohio.

Ten rapid-fire guns are mounted on the police boats of New York City to be used against river pirates. Brain Blood-Supply Must Be Good. The importance of having pure blood is perhaps never more deeply impressed on us than when we are told by physiologists that if the brain is supplied with impure blood, nervous and bilious headache, confusion of ideas, loss of memory, impaired intellect, dimness of vision, and dullness of hearing, are experienced, and in time the brain becomes disorganized and the brittle thread of life is broken. The more we learn of the usefulness of the great blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla, the more grateful we are for this old and successful family medicine, which has accomplished so much in removing scrofula, rheumatism and catarrh and other blood diseases and correcting run-down conditions of the system. If you need a blood purifier, get Hood's Sarsaparilla. Envy is apt to wound herself when she shoots at others. SALE OF UNALLOTTED LANDS AND SURFACE OF SEGREGATED COAL AND ASPHALT LAND AREA BELONGING TO THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW TRIBES, EASTERN OKLAHOMA BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. There will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at different railroad points in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Eastern Oklahoma, from January 3, 1916, to January 31, 1916, inclusive, 31,700 acres of unalotted lands and 184,800 acres of the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, at not less than the appraised value. No person can purchase more than 160 acres of agricultural land, nor more than 640 acres of grazing land. Residence on land not required. Bids can be submitted in person or by mail, accompanied by a certified check or bank draft for 25% of the amount of the bid. Terms on sale of surface of coal and asphalt lands 25% cash, 25% within one year, and balance within two years from date of sale; and terms of sale of unalotted lands, 25% in cash at time of sale and balance in three equal annual installments of 25% each, payable in one, two and three years from date of sale; all deferred payments to draw 5% interest per annum from date of sale. Only the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt land area will be sold, the coal and asphalt underlying being reserved, except where the descriptive circular states that the coal and asphalt underlying will be sold with the surface. The entire estate in the unalotted lands will be sold without reservation. Where houses or other valuable improvements, not including fencing and tillage are located on the surface of the coal and asphalt lands, the same will be sold with the land at not less than the combined appraised value, improvements to be paid for in full at time of sale. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. For maps and full printed information, communicate with the Superintendent for the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Oklahoma. CATO SELLS, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

LEWISVILLE.

These good people have treated us very kindly. They love us and we love them. In some respects this has been a most remarkable year. None of our people have died during the year. We have not preached a funeral this year and have had only one wedding. We have received sixty-three members into the Church during the year, the Sunday School has increased about 100 per cent. We have raised a debt of \$700 on the church and put electric fans in the auditorium and made improvements on the parsonage to the amount of about \$250. Salary and claims all paid.—N. R. Stone, P. C.

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

Quite a bunch of Methodist preachers were in McKinney Monday, greeting each other and discussing the closing up of their conference year. Beside the three resident ministers—Presiding Elder C. W. Dennis, Rev. Clyde A. Long and Rev. F. O. Miller—the following list of others were in town: Rev. R. Gibbs Mood, of the Sherman District, who was the guest of Rev. Dennis; Rev. R. L. Ely, of Prosper; Rev. A. P. Hightower, of Fate; Rev. E. F. Lancaster, of Weston, and Rev. T. J. Beckham, pastor of Broadway Church, Gainesville. The last named minister went out to Weston with Rev. Lancaster to preach a series of doctrinal sermons this week.—McKinney Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 4.

FAIRY.

Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held November 6. We were able to report a net gain in membership of sixty-two, and benevolences nearly one-third in excess. On ministerial support three of the appointments have paid in full and no doubt the other two will follow suit. If statistics can be relied upon, the finances for this charge will be in better shape than any year since 1905, and we cannot tell how much longer. The success of the charge is very largely due to a devoted membership, an efficient Board of Stewards and wise counsel and administration of the presiding elder, Brother Rucker, who is developing it into one of the best in the conference. "A good year, a great year, Bishop."—John W. Holt.

ROYSE CITY.

We are closing a very pleasant and in many respects successful year at Royse. All the organized departments of the Church have kept up well during the year and some of them have had a steady growth. Of these special mention should be made of the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. In the final account of the year's work these will make a good showing. Our congregations have held up well even during the hot weather and our services have been spiritual. A goodly number have been received into the Church. The people have been kind and thoughtful of the pastor and his family, loyal to the Church and agreeable to work with. We are now "heading in" toward the Annual Conference and the outlook for good reports is encouraging. Bro. Egger, our presiding elder, has made his

fourth official visit to our charge and at each time reported our financial condition up to a high level. He has done well with us in our work here; in fact, his work over the Terrell District has been uniformly successful. He is kind, courteous, preaches well, and attends to the business of the Church in a businesslike way. He fills the place.—W. R. McCarter.

VICTORIA.

Brother Wilson came to us for our first Quarterly Conference on Saturday, November 6, and we were delighted to see him. His coming is always a blessing. A good man makes a good elder in his case. Our official meeting was one of helpful discussions and meager reports, since the conference year is too young to have anything to report. Last year this charge set a new peg in the matter of the support of the ministry, paying some 39 per cent more than ever before. This year will make a like advance. Last year we received nearly a hundred and fifty members and raised for all objects above four thousand dollars. This year we hope to do better along all lines.—Wallace M. Crutchfield, P. C.

ELEVENTH AVENUE, CORSICANA.

We have had a prosperous year over on the hill, and thought the dear old Advocate would like to know about it. We have had two successful meetings, which netted a hundred or more members. The Scovell union meeting helped the Church in many ways, but added few to the membership. Last Sunday was a red-letter day; seven were received into the Church, making an even 200 additions for the year. Of these 164 were received on profession of faith. The Sunday School and Epworth League has steadily grown in attendance and interest all the year; 204 present last Sunday of the 258 enrolled. The church has been repaired and all finances will be in full. God has been good to us and we are happy. All that I have is yours, brethren, when you come on the 24th.—L. G. White, P. C.

VIAN, OKLA.

We are closing another successful year here. Last year our work prospered wonderfully, but much more has been accomplished this year. In January we had a most gracious revival, resulting in about 150 conversions. Mike Cassidy did most of the preaching and did it well. Jerry Jeeter and wife were with us a part of the time and did good work. Cottage prayer meeting has been kept up ever since and most of our converts have held out. Our Sunday School has grown until we have one of the best that I ever saw, our enrollment being nearly twice as great as our Church membership. Nearly every member of the Church is a member of the Sunday School. The enrollment in the Adult Bible Class is larger than the attendance in the whole school the first Sunday that we were here. We have, we believe, the finest Senior League in the East Oklahoma Conference. We organized on October 8, 1914, and have never missed a devotional meeting. We have nearly eighty members. We have a nice Mission Study Class and

twenty have signed the Workers' Covenant card. We also have our boys organized in the Knights of Ezeiah and they are delighted with the work. We held a revival meeting at Braggs some time ago, in which we were ably assisted by Rev. F. E. Shanks, Conference Evangelist, who did some of his best preaching. The people there said that it was the best meeting held there for years. More progress has been made there in the Church than for a long time. We have some good workers in the persons of Profs. Wheeler and Hines. The former is a local preacher in our Church and bids fair to make a great preacher. To God be all the glory.—T. O. Shanks.

CISCO STATION.

We are rounding out our second year at Cisco. In the two years we have had one hundred and thirty-five conversions and reclamations and have received one hundred and forty-seven into the Church on profession of faith and otherwise. There are three men on the new Board of Stewards who were received on profession of faith this year. In the face of crop reverses and the worst financial conditions this section has ever seen our Church has made some material progress. Gas has been installed in both church and parsonage, cement walks have been put down, the church has been painted and repaired and the ladies have furnished it with a fine new piano. Our Sunday School enrollment has increased seventy-six. Our net gain in Church membership is seventy. We expect to report at Corsicana "salary and collections in full, Bishop."—J. E. Crawford, Nov. 8.

SAPULPA STATION, OKLA.

We are closing a good year at Sapulpa. After having paid some \$3000 on the indebtedness of our church, the balance has been provided for by a new loan at a reasonable rate of interest. We had a good revival, which resulted in the salvation of souls and the strengthening of the Church. Our net increase in membership is gratifying. The stewards expect to have the pastor's salary in hand by the last of this week and the conference collections will be in hand, so we may spend the last Sunday before conference without the pressure of financial obligations. In addition to confectional work, our Woman's Missionary Society here has done much for this Church. Next week is their Week of Prayer. The Sunday School has had a healthy growth. Rev. J. H. Ball has done a fine work on the district. The last time we saw him he was hopeful that the district would make a good report.—J. M. Cantrell.

MINNIS SUPERANNUATE HOME.

My good friends of Ben Franklin and Pecan Gap have donated a home located at Ben Franklin, known as the Minnis Superannuate Home. The property has been rented for a number of years and is badly run down, but with the necessary improvements will be worth \$1200 or \$1500, and is located within thirty steps of our church and 100 yards of the school building. All praise to Ben Franklin and Pecan Gap. Less than a month the North Texas Conference roll will be called and perhaps I will be marked absent, not because it is my will to be so marked, but my health not good and my hearing just about all gone. We all love our pastor, Bro. Byers, and regret to part with him; but, according to the law of the Church, he will have to move. Hope the appointing power will deal kindly with him. Bro. Byers is a fine preacher, a good mixer, an all-round good fellow and worthy of a good appointment. And Bro. Hicks is on his fourth year, and I am sure the district will regret to lose him. The district has advanced along all lines under his wise management.—J. B. Minnis.

GATESVILLE CIRCUIT.

We are still here, with conference two weeks off. Have had a good year. Have reported meetings some six weeks ago. We are working on collections and Advocate subscriptions, trying to collect all in full. Held fourth Quarterly Conference October 1 and 2. Our presiding elder, S. J. Rucker, preached two great sermons for us. All our people love him. Since our last report we have raised \$190 on parsonage debt. Our collections will be a little short, but think salaries will be paid in full. About ninety per cent paid now. Pounded well? I guess so. Winfield Chapel and Trinity Church pounded us in the early spring, but the climax came on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, when the Trinity folks and Winfield folks pounded us good

and heavy; everything good to eat and lots of it. We have also received many other nice things from Fort Gates and Platt people. May God's richest blessings be upon all of them, is our prayer. We shall ever remember them all in our supplications to the Father of all.—Wm. G. Gwaltney, P. C.

SONORA.

Our good Bishop McCoy sent us to Sonora for a second trial. Perhaps we labor in the spirit of the time-honored adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." We are very well pleased with our appointment—all we had to do to reach our new field of labor was to come home. These are, indeed, a loyal people to serve, faithful and true. At the first Sunday of the new conference year we had the second largest congregation we have ever had. Whether that be a good omen or bad, we do not know—good, we think. Monday evening, November 1, one of the delivery trucks stopped in front of the parsonage, and such a load of fine groceries as were "piled" into the parsonage I have never seen (at a Methodist parsonage)—enough flour to last until March 1, and other things in proportion. The pastor heard later that two brethren, a good Baptist and a good Methodist, when asked for a contribution, said: "Well, the preacher will need wood to prepare those 'goodies' for the table." Two loads of nice dry wood came to the parsonage woodyard. Fact is, we can never express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the kindnesses shown us. I hear "rumbling" in our camp. I think by May 1 our good editor, Dr. Bradfield, will receive an invitation to Sonora to dedicate a nice new church building; so be ready, Brother Editor. May God's blessings ever rest upon our great Methodism. May he guide us, especially our own beloved people, to a great victory.—J. H. C. Maxwell, P. C.

AUGUSTA AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

A great many people have been watching with interest the growth of our little Church at this place and I deem it no more than right to give them a review of our year's work through the columns of the Christian Advocate and thus answer all correspondence at one time. At the beginning of this conference year we were struggling along, hardly knowing whether to disband or try to keep the old ship of Zion afloat, but thanks to Almighty God and the leadership of Brother C. L. Brooks, the presiding elder, and Rev. Wm. Grose, the pastor in charge, it is today a monument for spirituality in this part of Muskogee and we pride ourselves that our influence is being felt in other parts of the city, if not all over parts of the Muskogee District. We were able to report at the fourth Quarterly Conference an average attendance for the year in the Sunday School of over ninety, an increase of over 200 per cent over last year. Over forty brought from the Sunday School into the Church on profession of faith and the best part of it is that they all go to work and help make things move. Every teacher we have in the Sunday School is a praying teacher and will do anything at anytime they are called upon, from leading in public prayer to the review of the lesson at the close of the school. To this fact we attribute a large degree of our success. On Decision Day there were sixteen came forward, saying that they wanted to take Christ into their lives. Most of them were past the age of what we call the age of a "accountability." This reflects very creditably on the teaching force of our school. During the year there was placed in the Birthday Jar over \$8, which went to help some needy Sunday School. Should Brother Brooks and Brother Grose be sent back to us another year we expect to do greater things in the future than we have in the past. However, if it does not seem wise in the eyes of the Bishop to send these two brothers back another year we will not hold back, but will keep pressing forward to the prize and the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.—M. A. Screechfield.

ALBUQUERQUE.

Grady Circuit.

From McAllister to Liberty Bell is a distance of sixty miles across a stretch of the most beautiful and also the most productive sections of Eastern New Mexico. This drive of sixty miles is almost as level as a floor. I am not much given to exaggeration, but it looks very much like when God was giving the finishing touches to New Mexico his divine brush swept across these broad, extended plains and left the most beautiful level landscape in all the West. In passing from McAllister to Grady

I discovered an unoccupied strip of country between the two where no Methodist preacher had ever yet gone. It is so thickly settled and looks so promising I could not help coveting it for my Lord, and so on the spot I created the Murdock Circuit and appointed Rev. Henry Rogers, of Cameron, to go over and take possession in the name of the Christ and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

We now have three circuits and one-half of another on these plains, but as yet not a single church building; but at Liberty Bell and Mt. Zion Rev. Crawford has work well under way to build a chapel during the year. They are a plucky bunch at this place, for when I offered to help secure a donation from our Church Extension Board they thanked me very kindly for the offer and declared they were able to build it themselves. And truly they are. I stayed all night with one of the building committee, and in conversation he said he was sowing more wheat this year, as he had raised more grain and row stuff than he knew what to do with. Later I heard him say he would winter two hundred head of cattle besides twenty-five horses and about forty hogs.

But I feel sure that Christianity is keeping pace here with prosperity, for all around the swing of ten appointments during the week and on Sunday great throngs greeted us at school-houses and private homes and seemed hungry to hear the Word of the Lord proclaimed. These people come from many of the best homes in all the States and are as fine a set of folks as can be found in any of the old settled communities. From this fact I am looking for many fine characters and efficient men and women from this section in the years to come.

Brother Crawford is a fine man and has been gladly received at every point on the circuit and no doubt will bring things to pass for God and the Church during the year. He and his good wife travel circuit in an auto, and it is no trouble for them to make the rounds. They will spend the winter at Melrose, New Mexico.

I found a great many Advocates taken at several places on the Grady Circuit. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

PITTSBURG.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at our Quarterly Conference last Friday night:

Resolutions—Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss.

Whereas, Our beloved presiding elder, Brother O. T. Hotchkiss, who has served the district so faithfully and well for four years, must go to another field of labor in compliance with the law of the Church as to time limit; therefore be it

Resolved, That, from the visible fruits of his labors in the district, with the co-operation of the pastors, we are warranted in the belief that the district has been brought to a higher plane of religious life and activity.

Resolved, That wherever he may be sent by the approaching Annual Conference we will pray for the success of his ministry, and that the riches of grace may ever be with him and his beloved family.

Quarterly Conference, Pittsburg Station. W. H. VANCE.

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Resolved, That we commend him and his estimable family to the love and high esteem of those with whom he may be sent to labor.

Resolved, That from the visible fruits of his labors in the district with the co-operation of the pastors, we are warranted in the belief that the district has been brought to a higher plane of religious life and activity.

Resolved, That wherever he may be sent by the approaching Annual Conference we will pray for the success of his ministry and that the riches of grace may ever be with him and his beloved family.

F. A. LOCKHART. Passed by Board of Stewards, M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Texas.

EL PASO DISTRICT—A CORRECTION.

My report for El Paso District in last week's issue reads: "Over fifty per cent on conference collections." It should be "over fifty per cent increase in conference collections besides specials for district parsonage, S. M. U." etc. We are going to put the Texas Christian Advocate this year in every Methodist home, if possible. The pastors should report. H. M. SMITH, P. E.