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EDITORIAL

More than five hundred conversions were reported in our "Notes From the Field" in last week's issue of the Advocate. The number of accessions to the Church was nearly as large. The revival fires are burning in many places.

The heroes of Methodism are a mighty succession. Not all lived in the past. On March 7, Bishop James M. Thoburn, at his home in Meadville, Pa., celebrated his eightieth birthday. In 1859 he went as a missionary to India. For more than fifty years he labored in that field. At the beginning of his labors there were only a few converts in India; today there are more than two hundred and fifty thousand, and other thousands are now waiting to be duly received into the Church. In 1888 this noble man was elected as missionary Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. A worthy successor of Francis Asbury is James M. Thoburn.

An exchange quotes Bishop Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as saying: "A theological professor is in danger of going to seed. This is particularly so of the men who teach subjects which deal with the practical side of the young minister's work. It is years since some of them were in the pastorate. The whole character and scope of Church life has changed. The same is true of a dozen phases of ministerial activity. Could not the efficiency of the professor be vastly increased if he would get into actual contact with the problems which all young ministers must face? How would it do to send our theological professors back to the pastorate for a year or two every decade?" Timely and wise words. Our own branch of Methodism is bound to gain immensely by our new program in theological schools. The men who occupy the chairs in our new schools are not only scholarly men, but they are men who have come fresh from the pastoral field. They are both evangelical and evangelistic. They are men who have put to the test in exacting pastorates the knowledge gained in the schools.

The demand of the Church that the days of its worn-out preachers shall be made comfortable is not an unreasonable demand. Civilization owes vastly more to the minister's home than it can ever pay. To make the superannuated preacher and his family comfortable is but a small requital for all that the world owes him. Who can calculate the enormous debt which our literature, science, statesmanship and the Church owe to the minister's home? From one of our exchanges we take the following:

Dr. Christian F. Reisner examined "Who's Who," and found one name in twelve to be that of a minister's son; they are eighteen times as many as the sons of other professional men. Among men who made their mark in English history, an investigator found 1270 sons of ministers, 510 sons of lawyers and 350 sons of doctors. Of the ninety-nine foreign members of the French Academy of Science one in every eight is a minister's son, and of the forty-eight foreign members of the English Academy of Science one in every six was reared in the atmosphere of a clerical home. The French scientist, De Candolle, says that "the sons of clerical families have actually surpassed during 200 years in their contributions to the roll of eminent scientists the similar contributions of any other class of families."

THE MEANING OF THE LENTEN SEASON

The word lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon lencten meaning the spring.

In Church history this spring season for many centuries has been observed as a fast in preparation for the festival of our Lord's resurrection, or Easter.

Lent as a season of fasting seems to have been observed from the earliest times and for varying periods of duration.

Not until the fourth century, however, did the Roman Church specify that the Lenten fast should continue through forty days.

Moses was upon the mount with the Lord forty days and forty nights in which he neither ate bread nor drank water; Elijah went in the strength of the food given him by the angel for forty days and forty nights; Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights in the wilderness of his temptation. The Lenten season was made to correspond in duration with these great miraculous fasts of Moses, Elijah and our Lord.

Communicants of the Roman, Greek and Anglican Churches almost measure their piety by their observance of the holy Lenten season. Doubtless many devout adherents of these communions enter seriously upon the Lenten season and for them it is a time of abstinence, self-examination and prayer. And with such no reasonable fault can be found.

The spirit in which many others enter upon the season, however, excites a feeling almost kin to contempt. Lent was ushered in this year on March 8, Ash Wednesday, and on the previous evening in the larger cities (one of our exchanges tells us) "the so-called fashionable folks spent the most of the night with an abandon almost equal to the riotous revelries which of late years have come to mark New Year's Eve. In the big hotels the dining rooms and grills were the scene of Mardi Gras indulgences, costume balls, masques, Comus parades, carnivals and other like exercises."

When Lent is over this latter class will likely celebrate its close with the same extravagant and sensuous indulgences. They will be little better, if any, than when the holy season began. Indeed, the chances are that they will emerge worse than when the season began. They will come forth the same selfish, indulgent people that they were but with a vain imagination that they are better. They are strangely taught that salvation is by merit and they will vainly feel that some new virtue is on the credit side of the ledger.

Upon such a conception of salvation Methodism has made war from the beginning. Salvation is of grace and not of works. It is by faith and not by merit. The one meritorious ground of our salvation is the redeeming sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The instrumental cause is faith and faith only.

The mistaken observance of Lent by others, however, is no reason why we ourselves should not properly observe it. Surely the season calls for devout thanksgiving and prayer. It is a season fragrant with the humiliation and sufferings of our Lord. It was near this season of the year that so many of his beautiful and tender words were spoken. It was near this season that he trod the winepress alone. It was in this season that his awful awareness of the world's sin seemed to separate him from his Father. It was at this season that he prayed on the cross for the enemies who had pierced his hands and his feet. And surely the world should grow serious upon the return of the season which is fragrant with the humiliation and death of its Lord.

The reader of Asbury's life has observed that Asbury himself invariably preached on themes appropriate to Christmas and Easter. And the sons of Asbury do well in that they are devoting these sacred days to calling men

and women to repentance. The Church of Asbury does well in that by abstinence, self-examination and prayer it is calling upon God to pour out mightily of his Spirit in these days of our Lenten Evangelistic Campaign.

THE DISCOVERY AND ENLISTMENT OF WILLIAM MCKENDREE FOR SERVICE

Bishop E. E. Hoss has made an enduring contribution to Methodist history by his biographical study of William McKendree. A greater subject and a nobler pen have not met in any biography written in recent years.

The story of William McKendree as circuit preacher, as presiding elder, as Bishop, as ecclesiastical statesman and as saint is a thrilling story. The tracing of this noble life through its nearly seventy-eight years (July 6, 1757-March 5, 1835,) is the history of American Methodism of that period. Bishop Hoss' "William McKendree: A Biographical Study," and President Tipple's "Francis Asbury, the Prophet of the Long Road," present the most inspiring pictures which have yet appeared of American Methodism from 1771 to 1835.

William McKendree was the first native American to be elected to the Methodist Episcopacy. He was in every way worthy to succeed Francis Asbury. He was as providential a man as Asbury. He was by all odds a more brilliant man and was equally as devoted. He was even greater as an administrator. He was as apostolic in his labors and as evangelistic in his spirit. He was as unselfish in his life and as heroic in his faith. And at his death William McKendree was as truly a saint and as tenderly loved by his people as was Francis Asbury.

The story of the discovery and the enlistment of William McKendree for service forms the most thrilling chapters in the narrative of his great biographer. The discovery and enlistment of men for service is a subject which at all times may well engage the attention of the Church, but it is peculiarly fitting that our ministers should think upon their recruiting function now that they are occupied in a great evangelistic campaign.

The religious awakenings of William McKendree extended from early childhood to his thirtieth year. At different times during this period he felt the Spirit of God tugging at his heart. His childhood awakening was smothered by the criticisms of a well-meaning but mistaken teacher. His convictions at eighteen or nineteen were dissipated by his companions. The little religious seriousness which remained was swept away by his service in the army of the Revolution.

Not until thirty years of age did the great determinative crisis of conversion, under the preaching of that flaming evangelist, John Easter, arrive. Now, in 1787, William McKendree entered into the rest of a saving experience. "I ventured my all on Christ," he says. "In a moment my soul was delivered of a burden too heavy to be borne, and joy instantly succeeded sorrow."

The conversion of McKendree was followed shortly by an overwhelming blessing which came as the result of his seeking for the blessing of sanctification. "Unable to stand, I sank to the ground more than filled with transport. My cup ran over, and I shouted aloud." A passion for souls quickly followed. "My heart was enlarged and I saw more clearly than ever the danger of an unconverted state. For such persons I prayed with anxious care."

Let McKendree himself tell what followed: "Without a thought of preaching I began to tell my acquaintances what the Lord had done for me. It had its effect, and lasting impressions were made. Thus was I imperceptibly led on till the preachers and the people

began to urge me to speak more publicly."

But would William McKendree preach? Would he enlist among the itinerant host of Methodist preachers? As a matter of fact, he drew back from such a thought. He would preach if he thought God wanted him to preach. But how should he know that God wanted him to preach? Was he not without intellectual equipment and had not the period for such equipment almost passed? And, too, was there not danger that he should run before he was called?

Happily McKendree in this critical period was surrounded with religious parents, a converted Church and a discerning ministry. For it was these who "perceived" first that the Lord had called the young man. "William," said his father, "has not the Lord called you to preach the gospel? I believe he has and I charge you not to quench the Spirit."

A few months later John Easter invited young McKendree to attend the Virginia Conference the coming session of which was to be held in Petersburg. The conference sat with closed doors. McKendree, however, was invited to be present at the reading of the appointments, and was amazed to hear himself read out as assistant preacher on the Mecklenburg Circuit. He had never been so much as recommended by a Quarterly Conference or even licensed to preach!

McKendree retired and paced the floor of an adjoining room in great agitation of spirit. Then it was that his presiding elder, a noble Eli, entered and embraced him amid his flowing tears, saying, "While you were standing before the conference I believed that God showed me he had a work for you to do. Don't deceive me."

McKendree's doubts were dissolved and through the voice of his Church he heard the voice of his Lord. Never more was he to doubt, and, having put his hand to the plow, never more was he to look back. The "circuit" upon which he entered that day led him a distance many times the circumference of the globe and after forty-eight years of apostolic labors led him sweetly home.

IS THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY STILL AN OPEN QUESTION?

We are too busy with our genuinely constructive work in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to give extended notice at this time to recent editorials in the New Orleans Christian Advocate and the Central Methodist concerning an alleged "quiet and guarded campaign (which) is being conducted throughout the Connection by the pro-Vanderbilt men." The New Orleans Advocate submits evidence that such a campaign is being conducted and of such evidence the Central Methodist speaks as follows:

Our friend Dr. Meek, editor New Orleans Christian Advocate, who is always on the watch-tower, and who generally knows whereof he speaks, says that some men are seeking still to stir up trouble over the way the Educational Commission settled the Vanderbilt University matter.

We do not doubt that Dr. Meek is correct in the statement, nor do we doubt for a moment that the sober good sense of the Church will repudiate such an effort. The question of the relation of Vanderbilt University to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is as firmly and unalterably settled as African slavery, or the theory that the earth is round.

No man, or set of men, can interest the great body of our people or a General Conference again in that question. The men who are responsible for taking that institution away from our Church may be dissatisfied to rest under the censure and odium that has been justly put upon them, but it is too late now to undo their acts. They had as well "try to unscramble scrambled eggs," as to undo now what they have done.

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Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign

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A HOPEFUL SIGN.

From letters that are falling into the hands of this editor and from personal expressions that he hears on every side, there has come a sense of security and hopefulness that has brought great joy to his heart. If the expressions of preachers and laymen alike, that have been coming in by the score, are a real index to the situation in our great Church, we are even now about to turn our attention to the one thing needful. We do not mean to say that the building of schools, the organization of committees, the working out of large missionary enterprises, the active pushing of social service work, the efforts at driving vicious institutions from the land, the building of great and spacious church buildings—we say, we would not for one moment dare to think or say that they were not, one and all, important. But there is a most important work to be done in Zion.

Methodism has been a revival Church and men and women, from the days of Wesley, have been called to the altars of prayer, that they might there repent, exercise faith and accept Jesus as their personal Savior. This is her monumental task. If she ever forgets this part of her mission she will fail, however expert she may be in the accomplishment of all her side-line endeavors. God called us to the work of reviving. There have ever been enough Churches to pull off the stunts of formal service and dignified ceremonies. God had a Church that said "ah-men" gorgeously before he even thought of Methodism. But he needed a Church for the special purpose of calling sinners to repentance and so he starts us forth. We did fine for a century. The Methodist Church came leaping down through that hundred years like a young athlete. We outdistanced all others, because we were working at the one necessary thing.

But in this day some of us have become envious. We cannot understand why we should not adorn ourselves in the height of fashion. We long for frills and hunger for the drawnwork effect. And so we have gotten out our "billed shirt" and our "head waiter's uniform." We have gone into the bottom of our trunk and brought forth the dress that displays rounded shoulders and a great deal more. We have decided to "keep up." We are to be "old fogies" no longer. We will march in the front of the style show parade. And that kind of trashy nonsense has about paralyzed us. Many of our Churches, not being able to have revivals, have decided that revivals are too old-fashioned for progressive folks like us. We hear Methodist preachers, with wise accent, warning us against emotionalism, in a day when an iceberg is about as apt to shout as are the members of our great congregations. "Don't let your feelings run away with you," say these learned apostles of culture and refinement, and we go off and almost laugh ourselves to death at the thought of a great city Church in modern Methodism pulling on the reins while the "feelings" of the membership galloping at break-neck speed toward the edge of the cliff. In other words, Methodism has been about to make the mistake of discarding the very implements with which she has cultivated a field that has yielded the

largest harvest that the Master's garners have received. Therefore, we are more than glad to read the letters that are coming to us and hear the expressions of the brethren. We are happy that there are men, and plenty of them in our Methodism, who are not afraid of a revival of religion. Indeed, the demand of the brethren, both in pulpit and pew, seems to be that we get back "on the job." We have been on our vacation, as a Church, long enough. The time for a great revival awakening has arrived. It is in the air. On all sides men are demanding a return to the Gospel preaching that convicts men of sin. It is time to cry aloud and spare not, that men may see their sins and flee the wrath to come. There will be plenty folks left to preserve the dignity of Zion, while we shout, and pray, and sing, and preach and lead men to the Lord. Brethren, we are delighted at the turn of things. We believe that God will get to himself a mighty victory.

DO WE NEED A REVIVAL?

If some of our brethren will leave their rich and fat libraries for a while and go out to study the streets and the big road, they will be convinced that we need a real and a genuine revival of religion in this country.

Brother preacher, do you know what this auto riding about over the prairies of Texas, young men and women leaving home at dark and returning sometime before daylight—I say, do you know what that means? If you do not, you better drop your study of the "Evolution of Dogma" and find out. One thing it means: it means that we need a revival of religion in this land, or we are going defunct. Do you know what the biggest and most deadly question of our high schools is this hour? If you do not, you had best "nose about" a little. The possibility is, that when you have made the discovery, you will do a tall lot of praying before you preach next Sunday. You will also begin to be convinced that we need God in this land or we will go upon the breakers in spite of all we as human beings can do. Do you know what the modern dance is doing? Have you talked to the boys and found out what they know about it? Do you know what is happening in the parlors of our Christian homes "after the ball?" If you do not know it is high time you were finding out, for the future of our civilization depends upon somebody finding out. When you do find out, you'll be in favor of a commotion in the community and your opposition to a revival of religion will speedily disappear. Have you ever thought of the walking, moving advertisements that throng every street of every city in America? Have you noticed how the thought of sex is brazenly emblazoned everywhere you look? Have you noticed how the dress of women brings out every curve and shade of shapelessness that points to the voluptuous and sensual? Or have you been so busy with your books that the whole "big show" had escaped you? Ah, if you'll just open your eyes and your ears, you'll find grave need for a revival of religion.

UNITED WE STAND.

All over our Western Methodism our District Conferences and preachers' institutes are considering the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign. Plans and methods are being discussed. Inspirational addresses are being delivered. Questions are being asked and the answers enthusiastically given. There is much talk. Indeed, there ought to be much talk. It does not cheapen a movement to talk about it, unless the talk itself is cheap. The only question that arises, will it end in talk? Will our plans and methods, inspirational addresses,

discussions, questions and answers must press the battle to the gates of your fellow's soul. Yes, after all, there is no power like it. Great sermons, faultless logic, well-framed arguments are all but little and playlike things compared with this thread, spun in the heart of God and woven into the heart of the Christian. If you want to see a man saved, love him. When Christ would pick the prince soul winner from the disciples he asked Simon Peter questions about one thing and one thing only. He wanted to know Simon's ability to love. When God would redeem the world, he simply sent his Son down here to love it.

Away, away with your theories! What cares this poor, old, tear-stained world about your whys and hows and wherefores. It is in vain that you spin your web of logic. You will but catch flies. All this old world needs is a good loving. Wake up your heart and put your heart to rest. The problems of sin and temptations faced by your fellows are heart problems. The human heart needs righting. Out of it are life's issues. The Gospel is especially adapted to the cure of hearts that are loveless and therefore diseased.

In this campaign let love be magnified. However black the crime, there is something in the man who committed it that can be loved back to God and good. The little string is hanging there, all hungry to be pulled. It is the latchstring to the door of your brother's destiny. It hangs outside on purpose. Pull it and then walk in. All within is yours. When you have loved a man, you have possessed him. He must capitulate. Then you may build your forts in the harbor of his own heart. When he knows that your love is warm, you can without thought of evil consequences tell him of his mistakes. You can assist him in correcting his errors and finding a true direction for his life. Oh, God, what would this world have been without that little silver cord and some warm heart to pull it over now and then!

THE UNSEEN STRING THAT PULLS.

In this revival there must be one thread woven through the whole of the fabric. Indeed, that thread may ever and forever be unwound from the heart of Jesus Christ without impoverishing that heart. It is the silver thread that, when well anchored in a Christian breast, reaches out, as though hungry to tie itself to some drifting mariner and pull him in. When the mother's boy would go astray, it tugs and pulls, all full of gentle persistence and tender stubbornness; and surely it has kept the thousands off the breakers.

Some people speak of providence, when they mean to speak of the love of our Heavenly Father. We hear of the "unseen hand" that guides, but some of us forget to think of the heart of love behind that unseen hand. Ah, there is nothing sweeter or stronger, more gentle or more bold, more full of tender thought or giantlike endeavor than is love. The silver strand that draws our hearts from evil thoughts and still more evil deeds is love. A baby's love has held a leaning man erect, has caused his staggering footsteps to find the path of sobriety and safety, has remoulded from his weakened fiber a man of strength. He does not know just how the thing is done, but somehow when the tempter makes his onslaught, the little cord just pulls and pulls and pulls until at last it pulls him from the tempter's path.

A boy once stood in front of an open saloon. You could look into his face and read the message of a mighty battle within. Great beads of perspiration stood out upon his forehead. He started for the door, then stopped. A look of pain swept his boyish face and he cried out: "Oh, mother, mother, mother!" The string had caught in time. He never entered. 'Twas the tug of the silver cord that saved him.

Oh, personal worker, in shame desist, unless you love your lost and sinning fellows! There must burn within our hearts a veritable passion for lost souls. Love must constrain us. Love must lead the way. Love

finds the sunshine side of Chris-

tianity. The showers will have fallen, the day will have dawned; gem of rich hope will sparkle in your heart; your life will live anew; and the fires of God's bestowed joy will glow upon the altars of your soul. God will have smiled on you. Oh, brethren, let us preach a gospel of great joy!

WHO ARE WE AFTER?

Christ came to preach the Gospel to the poor. Therefore it is certain that our revival should as eagerly and earnestly go after the man in rags as the man in broadcloth. Indeed, it is very doubtful if God knows rags from broadcloth. It is certain that all the clothes he sees are worn on the inside of us. God is so busy going after the lost sheep that he fails to notice the condition of his wool. Man often judges man by his hat. God always judges man by his heart. In fact, a man's feet and his head come together in his heart and the shoes, hat, pants, coat, tie and all the rest are crowded out. God sees naked men.

Then there is this other fact: When you lead a poor man to the altar of the Church, you have a chance to get his towheaded boy for a future Bishop. Such a possibility is most remote, in the instance of a rich man. The great preachers that have been raised in affluence and in the midst of plenty are like great trees that have been nurtured in hothouses and protected beneath glass—they are not there. When an old mountain farmer, the father of nine children (an unheard of mistake in a rich home), goes down on his knees and gets a good case of religion, you stand a fine chance of getting a college president for a Church school, a great evangelist, a splendid pulpit preacher or some other masterful leader from that home.

In other words, we are after men who have souls and their wealth or their poverty are but trivial side issues. A Church that begins praying for some old sinner, because he will be able to pay one hundred dollars on the preacher's salary, if they get him in, is pitiful. We are not sent forth to convert money. We are sent forth to convert men. It is not the princely mansion that we are after. It has no soul. We are after the man with a soul to save, be the body about that soul clothed in rags or robed in the richest of the day.

It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word or making a friend.—John Ruskin.

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CENTRAL TEXAS FEDERATION WORK.

Last week the editor went to Fort Worth to see what progress was being made in preparation for the Central Texas Conference...

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The institute for the southern half of the San Angelo District was held at Brady, February 10, 11. All things considered, the attendance was good and the program was splendid.

School family is a mystery to many. And how any institution caring for youth can deny its members the blessings and joys of Children's Day is past the understanding of red-blooded Christian workers.

Temperance and missions in the Sunday School received helpful attention. The Workers' Council was recognized by all as an indispensable part of a successful school.

The elementary work, grading the school, and graded literature, were given much study. No intelligent worker longer debates the question of the graded literature.

The good fellowship of the meeting was delightful, and especially so at noon hour, when the good women served lunch at the church.

Other institutes are planned for the district, when we hope to have our wide-awake Conference and divisional Secretaries with us again.

stopping there the progress of the most destructive fire ever known in Texas or the entire Southwest. Thus ended the night of horrors. Kindness rules everybody and everything now in Paris. We'll recover, but it will take a long time.

ARGYLE AND PROCTOR.

The second Quarterly Conference for Argyle and Proctor charge convened at Ponder last Sunday and Monday. Brother Stuckey reached us Sunday night, preached a great sermon and held the conference Monday morning.

GREAT REVIVALS AT SILS BEE AND CROSBY.

Sunday night, March 19, we closed our revival at Silsbee. We had wondered as to the results of this meeting ever since returned from conference. Having received 104 people into the Church here last year, with something near forty the year before, we were wondering if three years' high pressure would continue such visible results.

TROY.

We had a fine meeting in Troy, beginning on Sunday, March 12, and closing on the 19th; ran just one week, had a great meeting. My people would not let me get preacher help, so the preaching was done by the writer. I have held four of the five meetings since I have been here.

WOODFORD CHARGE, OKLA.

Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Hennepin, March 18, 19. We are in the best shape the Woodford charge has ever been. Our financial condition is 50 per cent better than it was this time last year, and it is better than it has ever been at this time of the year.

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be in his presence while he is preaching is a heavenly benediction. You may never see the transition of the Woodford charge under the pastoral care of its present pastor, but watch the Ardmore District and you will see changes as you have never thought of, for the district has the man for the place.

WOODBINE CIRCUIT.

We came to our work to find a warm welcome. We have found a good people to serve. We love our people and are endeavoring to grow with them in grace. We have just closed a gracious revival at Woodbine, with twenty-six conversions and reclamations.

LOMETA.

We are just out of a good meeting with Rev. C. Hunter at Lometa. Lometa is a nice little town of some 1500 population, twenty miles north of Lampasas, or Lampasas is twenty miles south of Lometa.

STORM AT ANNA.

Last Friday night our little town was visited by a cyclone that did much damage to property, but without loss of lives or serious personal injuries. The wind blew our church building off its foundation and it is so terribly wrenched and torn that a new building will in all probability have to be erected. We had no insurance. We have called a meeting to discuss the course to be taken.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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(All matter for this department must be in the hands of the editor on Thursday—one week before the date on which it is to appear.)

Topic for April 2: "The Consecration of Time."—Psalm 90:1-17.

One hundred thousand for Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The time is growing short.

This is a period of consecration of time, of service, of effort to win souls for the Master.

Rev. J. M. Culbreth will visit the Taylor League on the afternoon and

evening of April 20. We are so delighted that he is coming. Our League is also entering into a "Win-One Campaign." The Advocate may hear of its success later.—Mary Moody. (We hope Miss Moody will not forget her promise to send word of the success of the campaign to the Advocate.—Ed.)

The Dallas District League had its regular monthly meeting on the evening of March 17 at the First Methodist Church. Bishop Hoss addressed the meeting, reviewing the life history of Frances Asbury. There was a large attendance and much interest was shown.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

LUBBOCK.

Rev. A. L. Moore, of Plainview, was here Sunday and Monday. He preached at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening and held the second session of the Quarterly Conference of the Lubbock Station Monday evening. At this meeting splendid reports were given from all departments of the Church work, showing that splendid progress is being made, and the work of the Church under the leadership of the pastor is highly satisfactory to the presiding elder.

I was here in Weatherford College when Bonner and Slover delivered the goods. Meeting continues until April 2. We have just begun and expect great things for the Master this week. Remember us at a throne of grace. I enjoy working with McCain. He knows how.—W. M. Bowden, Conference Evangelist.

PARIS

In the disastrous fire which swept through a very large area of Paris last week, our Church properties escaped, except only the parsonage of the Paris Circuit and Centenary church building, which latter building was not seriously damaged. The parsonage of the Paris Circuit was totally destroyed, together with all its contents, including the personal effects of Brother Beckham and his wife. The fire destruction extended east and west the full length of a line drawn from Lamar Avenue Church to Centenary Church. Lamar Avenue Church was scorched, but its damage was negligible; Centenary lost its windows and some of its window frames, but neither the building nor its furniture is seriously damaged, I think. The parsonage of the Paris Circuit barely escaped also. The wind changed so that it came nearly from the north in the latter part of the night, and at 4 o'clock in the morning it seemed impossible to save this parsonage and the houses near it. But the tolls' sound of firemen made their last stand at this point and succeeded in

WEATHERFORD—COUTS MEMORIAL.

Thirty-two conversions yesterday. Fifty have given their names for membership in the Methodist Church. Main auditorium, Sunday School rooms and balcony being used. The \$1000 improvement has added greatly to the Sunday School notwithstanding the fact that the membership of Coutts' Memorial is only one-third that of some of the twelve Churches of Weatherford, it leads in Sunday School attendance and is well organized in every respect. Brethren tell me that McCain is the best preacher and pastor Coutts' Memorial has ever had. That's going some, for



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, ALEX, OKLA.

J. D. Kidd, Pastor.

BIG REVIVAL AT ALEX.

We have just closed the greatest revival Alex has ever experienced. The meeting was indeed a Pentecost, and our community was mightily shaken by the power of God. Rev. J. O. Peterson, our pastor at Warrick, did the preaching, and it was well done. He is earnest in the presentation of the Gospel message, and while with us he failed not to declare the whole counsel of God. He manifested much zeal and enthusiasm. He showed himself a man approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. Eternity alone can tell what the meeting has really meant to the town. Most of the business lined up for Christ and his Church. We had some seventy conversions and reclamations, and out

of this number forty united with our Church. We have received fifty-five members since conference, and are praying and trusting the Lord to give us as many more before our next conference. Alex was a half station when we came to this charge last fall, Bradley having half time, but Alex now has three Sundays, and looking forward to full time next year. We have a fine class of people on the Alex charge. They are loyal and earnest in their effort to extend the kingdom of our Christ. Our Missionary Societies are doing fine work. They are earnest workers. We have organized two Epworth Leagues since conference, and from the progress the Leagues are making we judge that we will soon have two Leagues hard to beat.

J. D. KIDD, Pastor in Charge.

McALESTER DISTRICT, OKLA.

No district in the East Oklahoma Conference is more ably captained than the McAlester. That old Texas leader, Dr. J. M. Peterson, is at the helm imparting encouragement and determination to the boys. As a preacher he is a power. All the young preachers take him as a model. With him, as with the fathers of Methodism, every text he preaches from is a great text. This is no news in Texas, but will be appreciated all the same. Behind the chief is a band of gospel trumpeters who propose to set the pace for the conference this year. The entire district is convened together to pray for the elder and each other at the pre-sermon hour every Sunday morning. Then it is that each heart beats in unison with every other brother's heart; and the prayers ascend like sweet incense to our Father's throne. Do you wonder that a spirit of love and loyalty pervades the district? Many of the boys are new to the district this year, but they have been made to feel the atmosphere of home. The only reason we are not all shoulder to shoulder is that some of the boys will not keep in line. They set ahead. There is J. A. Parks who got so burdened that he couldn't get relief until he had the greatest meeting ever held in McAlester. Now he is heading a new Church proposition which will mean the finest church building in that city. One of the new men in the district, J. M. Ball, of Stuart, has gotten such a hold on his people that they have sold the old parsonage and start this week on a new modern bungalow, to cost approximately \$1000. Besides this they have put a new piano in the church and papered and painted until the building is as good as new. A. P. Johnson, of Caddo, was his own evangelist in a really big meeting held recently. As a pastor-evangelist he is a success. Then J. C. Curry got dissatisfied with preaching in lodge halls and club rooms and now they have a new \$12,000 church in Atoka. Old Curry wants a big meeting down there and he will have it. J. W. White is making a success of a new station, Wilburton. He has enough hustle for two camp meetings. He's some preacher, too.

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IS THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY STILL AN OPEN QUESTION?

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Dr. Meek and Dr. Mann have rendered the Church a timely service in their editorials. And we agree with them that the pro-Vanderbilt men will not be able to disturb the educational program which the Church has so auspiciously launched.

Within less than two years the Church has gathered together more than 1200 students in her two universities and has amassed property and endowments in excess of five millions of dollars. The title to every dollar of endowment and of property is vested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. For Emory University Atlanta has just finished raising a half million dollars and Georgia Methodist has launched a campaign for an additional million. New subscriptions are being added to Southern Methodist University and old ones are being paid. Before the meeting of another General Conference two thousand students will be in attendance upon these two great schools.

Is it possible that the loyal Methodists of the Church will consent to any effort to throw confusion into the present promising program? Is it thinkable that sensible Methodists will return to a period of agitation and again inaugurate a period of destructive controversy in the Church?

Besides, if we would change the Church's present relation to Vanderbilt University, how could we do it? Will we launch another \$40,000 lawsuit and that in the face of the judgment of as reputable lawyers as the South contains that the real issue is res adjudicata and in face of the further judgment that no Federal question is involved whereby the case can be gotten to the Supreme Court of the United States? Or, if we shall not do this, shall we consent to some nominal relationship by the pure grace of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust? Shall we give our indorsement to an institution which we cannot control and put our money into an institution which we can never own?

Let the Annual Conferences send their delegates to the next General Conference instructed to vote as a unit on the Vanderbilt issue, and first, last and all the time against any and all propositions to renew the Vanderbilt controversy in the Church or in any wise change the Church's present relation to that institution.

The Vanderbilt Trustees are now beginning to discover that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and her institutions are not for sale and that her patronage cannot be bought with Mr. Carnegie's millions.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST SEEKS NEW ISSUES.

Our readers may remember our editorial of some months ago in which we expressed our regret that the Arkansas Methodist was beginning to share Dr. Stonewall Anderson's views concerning the charter of Southern Methodist University and in which we advised our confrere not to follow Dr. Anderson's example of discussing the incomplete work of the Educational Commission as though it were the Commission's completed work. We said it would be treason to the Church to inaugurate another period of hurtful controversy. And

we advised the Methodist to at least write the Chairman of the Educational Commission for the facts before opening any controversy in its columns. These words, spoken in utmost kindness and with no thought of offending, called forth a surprising editorial from the Methodist in which the editor talked about "self-appointed censors" to "close our mouths," etc.

Our loyalty to the Church and its educational program has compelled us to dissent from the views and to disapprove the course of Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of Education, but at no time have we desired or sought a controversy with the Arkansas Methodist nor with our brethren who compose the great body of the Arkansas Conferences. The Arkansas Conferences we believe to be composed of noble Christian men who will do the right and loyal thing. We have protested, however, and we now protest against the actions of certain of their leaders.

The Arkansas Methodist set out to defend the course pursued by the Corresponding Secretary of Education, and the Methodist will find that it has taken a pretty large contract. The way in which Dr. Anderson secured the proceedings of the Educational Commission and the manner in which he has used those proceedings not even the gifted editor of the Methodist can justify. The Commission was led to believe that a desire to co-operate underlay Dr. Anderson's request for its proceedings, but in this belief it has been sorely disappointed. Upon first one ground and then upon another he has consistently thrown himself across the Commission's plans. This, too, in spite of the fact that the General Conference by express resolution relieved the Department of Education from any duty or right of reviewing the work of the Commission.

The Arkansas Methodist can't get away from these facts and now proposes new issues for discussion with the Texas Christian Advocate. In its issue of February 10 it asks us this question:

After the Arkansas Conferences, following the directions of the General Conference, had appointed commissioners to receive from the Educational Commission whatever title the General Conference held to Vanderbilt University, had these conferences a right to hear the reports of their commissioners, reports which did not contain resolutions, but merely recited the historical and legal situation as viewed by these Conference Commissioners? If the conference had no right to hear such reports, on what ground does the denial of the right rest?

Our silence led the Methodist in its issue of March 16 to ask this question:

"In our issue of February 10 we asked the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate a question, which, so far, he has not seen fit to answer. In order to get light on the important subject which we have been discussing we submit a further question for our brother editor to answer. In the proposed charter for Southern Methodist University, submitted by the Educational Commission to a group of conferences, provision was made for the validity of the charter when ratified by a certain number of conferences, and for the appointment of trustees for such conferences as might fail to ratify or appoint. Under this arrangement has a conference, without being considered contumacious, the right to take no action, appoint no trustee, and respectfully state its reasons for its attitude? We shall thank the good editor if he will give us the light which we need at this point."

When we saw the determination of the editor of the Methodist to have our reply we wrote him asking for a copy of the report which Bishop Morrison had ruled out of order. For manifestly a reply could not be demanded without acquainting us with the character of the instrument which Bishop Morrison (and, as we understand, supported by the entire College of Bishops) ruled as improper to come before an Annual Conference.

To our letter the editor responded, in part, as follows: "I would gladly

furnish you the report, but it is not in my possession, and I suppose the Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference would not feel free to allow it to go out of his possession." Exactly!

We now and here challenge the Arkansas Methodist to produce in its columns the report which Dr. Stonewall Anderson is alleged to have written and which was of such a character that the presiding Bishop was constrained to rule it out of order. And we solemnly protest against the method which the Arkansas Methodist has chosen to discredit our Bishops before the Church. These chosen servants are not arbitrary men nor are they tyrants, and before the Arkansas Methodist dares to say even by implication that they are such let it produce the documents in open day that all men may judge.

INTO MEXICO.

Thursday, March 19, Pancho Villa and his fellow-bandits raided Columbus, New Mexico, killing ten citizens and seven troopers of the Thirtieth United States Cavalry, and wounding many others. Buildings were looted and set fire to.

A wave of indignation swept over the Nation when the news flashed from Columbus. Newspapers and even Congress itself were ready for action.

The President of the United States—ever striving for peace—asked permission of the de facto government of Mexico to send a punitive expedition into Mexico. He even granted Carranza similar rights in the territory of the United States.

The forces of the United States army are now in Mexico. The situation is full of peril. Mexican hatred of the United States is very deep. Time will be required to demonstrate whether Carranza will earnestly co-operate in the capture of Villa, or whether by demand upon demand he will obstruct our search of Villa. Carranza, he it remembered, must seem to his own people to uphold the dignity of his Nation.

As yet our invading army has not come upon Villa. The sooner his capture is effected the less opportunity there will be for embroiling the United States and Mexico in war. Should Villa succeed in repelling early attacks, he might easily become the popular hero of his people, and two Western Nations would be at war.

CONFERENCE OF EDUCATORS AND SECRETARIES OF EDUCATION.

This conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, April 4-6.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Stonewall Anderson, has prepared an inviting program. Tuesday, April 4, will be given to a discussion of "Academies," "Junior Colleges" and "Colleges of Liberal Arts;" Wednesday will be given to a discussion of the "Department of Ministerial Supply and Training" and our "Universities." Other equally important themes will be discussed to the end of the conference.

Many of our leading men will take part in the discussions. Among these are Bishop Hendrix, Bishop Candler, besides quite a number of our college men and leading ministers.

As go our academies, colleges and universities, we firmly believe, will go our Church. Methodism from the first has recognized the correctness of this statement. Bishop Asbury, the centennial of whose death we are soon to celebrate, gave much thought and effort to establishing schools in his day. And as then, so now the school problem is among our hardest problems. The call today is for a quickened and united Church. Secularism in education is pressing the Church as never before. Great foundations are bidding for the loyalty of our educators to secular ideals in education. Loyal churchmen are even encouraged to renounce allegiance to their Churches and to betray educational trusts and moral obligations. Some have already yielded and more are seriously tempted.

We wish for our Conference of Educators and Secretaries of Education the largest success in calling our people to recognize the tremendous significance of Christian education under Christian auspices.

A GRACIOUS RECEPTION.

Dr. and Mrs. John H. McLean celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at the Chamber of Commerce, Dallas, on the evening of March 22. The hall was beautifully decorated and from 8 to 11 o'clock hundreds of friends greeted these noble servants of the Church. Their children and grandchildren, among others, stood in the receiving line. Mrs. W. H. Allen, chairman of the Social Committee, did her work admirably.

Hon. W. H. Atwell was master of ceremonies during the rendering of the splendid program. Beautiful tributes were paid Dr. and Mrs. McLean by Mrs. R. S. Hyer, Dr. Sam R. Hay, Col. W. L. Crawford, Dr. R. S. Hyer, Hon. R. E. L. Knight and W. D. Bradford. Rev. J. J. Morgan spoke of the proposed McLean Home. Mrs. Dr. R. W. Baird paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. McLean. Prof. Andrew Hemphill, of Fort Worth, delighted all with his popular songs.

The Advocate extends congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. McLean and wishes for them a golden sunset at the close of the day.

EXPLANATORY

A car of paper was shipped to the Advocate over thirty days ago. It should have arrived in Dallas ten days ago. The size of paper used for the Advocate cannot be bought in Texas. We cannot buy in Dallas paper of any size. We have on hand a supply to print the full-sized paper two weeks. By issuing an eight-page paper we will be able to produce four issues. From stern necessity, which cannot be overcome, we are compelled to ask our readers to indulge us until such time as we are able to receive the shipment of paper. We have kept the wires working for some time and the only information we get is the paper was shipped from the mills and must be tied up in New York. The fact is that foreign freight has tied up the railroad yards at the seaports to such extent that domestic freights are neglected. There is no shortage of ships between New York and Galveston, but it seems the freight cannot be handled in the former city. This is the first time in the history of the Advocate that trouble of this character has occurred. BLAYLOCK PUB. CO.

A SUNDAY AT WYLIE.

Sunday, March 26, we spent with our former pastor, Rev. D. F. Fuller, and his people at Wylie. The association in the home of Brother and Sister Fuller was delightful. Many sacred memories were common to the host and hostess and their guest. Our father was their family physician while they were on the Daingerfield Circuit in 1877. We were only 11 years old.

Sunday came with a brisk norther and it somewhat interfered with the Church attendance, though encouraging congregations greeted us at both hours. The Lord seemed near and the services were refreshing. Brother Fuller is doing the faithful work at Wylie which he has done through all these years. A more faithful man cannot be found among us. Wylie is a town of about 1000 people and Methodism is to the front there. We regret that our space does not admit of a more extended account of Brother Fuller's work.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. C. Burgin were given a beautiful reception at Trinity Church last Thursday evening. His entire Board of Stewards and their wives stood with him and Mrs. Burgin in the receiving line.

The Sunday School room never looked prettier nor was it ever filled with more delightful guests. Dr. Burgin is deservedly popular in Dallas and is widely known throughout the Church. His bride, however, is not less widely and favorably known throughout the Church. For a number of years she has been one of the most efficient and most popular Sunday School workers on the platform in the entire Church. Their recent marriage has brought joy to thousands of friends and the Advocate joins other friends in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Burgin the largest usefulness and the greatest happiness.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. P. Humphreys, of Hutchins, called this week. He is looking after the Advocate in his charge.

Rev. T. Edgar Neal, of Guyton, Oklahoma, has had a good revival; ten accessions to the Church. Brother "Dick" Tooley did the preaching.

Bishop W. A. Candler announces that Atlanta has raised her \$500,000 for Emory. This is great news.

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., gladdened us with his presence. What a benediction to Texas Methodism!

The editor of the Advocate will preach the commencement sermon of the North Texas Female College, in Sherman, May 21.

Rev. S. C. Riddle, who suffered a serious accident some days ago, is improving. Let us remember this faithful servant in prayer.

Rev. Lockett Adair, evangelist, has just closed two great meetings: 300 professions at Evansville, Ind., and 500 at Gary, Okla.

Rev. T. G. Peterson, of Purcell, Oklahoma, is getting ready now to build a new church. His services are all increasing both in numbers and interest.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, Sr., pastor at Quanah, gets out a fine "Bulletin" for his Church, and it is full of rich reading. He is pressing the "Win-One" campaign.

Brother S. D. Knapp, of Bowie County, was a pleasant caller at our office this week. He has been an interested reader of the Advocate many years. We enjoyed his visit.

Rev. Ben Crow, of Lovelace Circuit, called the past week. He has a good charge and is doing fine work; has raised debts on churches and has other Church work in good shape.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Derrick, of Maill, Oklahoma, upon having journeyed together just fifty years, March 22. May the path grow brighter and brighter.

Thanks to Dr. G. E. Gwinn, of Travis Park, San Antonio, for some fine views of Mountain Park Sanatorium, Kerrville, Texas. Dr. Gwinn is chief director of the medical staff.

Sister L. L. Felder, wife of Rev. L. L. Felder, of Blanket, has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis in the Sanatorium at Brownwood. She is doing well. We hope for her early recovery.

Mrs. Simeon Shaw, of Quanah, delighted the Anti-Saloon League Convention, at Dallas, with her remarkable drawings. They were sermons in chalk and never failed to win the applause of the audience.

Rev. T. F. Sessions, presiding elder of the Beville District, sends us the address of that old hero, H. G. Horton, which was read at his District Conference. Brother Horton is always welcome in our columns.

We were shocked to hear of Rev. H. R. Singleton's death, which occurred in St. Louis, Wednesday, March 22. He was pastor of

Scrugg's Memorial Church and was 49 years of age. A purer man we have never known. The funeral was held in Arcadia, La. Friday, March 24. The Advocate extends sincere sympathy.

John H. McLean, Jr., of Panama, son of Dr. Jno. H. McLean, was a pleasant caller this week. He is paymaster on the Panama Canal and is a chip off the old block. John contributed \$1200 toward the new home.

Rev. Ethalmore Cox, of Killeen, is preaching four days each week in his evangelistic campaign. We were admitted on trial together in Northwest Texas Conference. Forty thousand of his tracts on Baptism have been sold. Good!

Rev. W. F. Reedy, of Kingston, Oklahoma, has been invited to deliver the commencement sermon for the Kingston High School, April 16. Brother Reedy is now building a \$1400 parsonage at Kingston and is in the midst of a great year.

Brother R. C. Burnett, of Gladewater, is one of those modest Methodists who does not specially enjoy his name in print, yet he loves to call on the Advocate. He was in to see us this week and we want our readers to know how much we enjoyed his visit.

The State Superintendent of Education, Mr. W. F. Doughty, writes us that the State Board of Examiners find that Southwestern University in every particular measures up to the requirements for a college or university of the first class. We have no better school in our Connection.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McLean will soon move into their beautiful new home on Haynie Avenue, just two blocks from the University. The house is a beautiful two-story building and the place is two-thirds paid for. We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. McLean and their noble friends.

Dr. D. V. York, of Eldorado, Oklahoma, accompanied by his son-in-law, Rev. W. G. Long, the lawyer-evangelist, were callers last Tuesday. They were on their way to Dilwell to hold meeting for Brother Doak. Dr. York is one of the best loved men in the West Oklahoma Conference.

A note from Rev. C. T. Tally, of Bryan, announces the death of Mrs. J. P. Calloway, wife of Rev. J. P. Calloway, a superannuate member of the Central Texas Conference. She passed away March 22 and was buried at Bryan, Texas. Brother Calloway has the sympathy of the Advocate.

Rev. A. Long, a superannuate member of the Central Texas Conference, was carried to a sanitarium in Brownwood last week, suffering with a complication of affections. He has been quite feeble for some time. He lives with his son-in-law, Rev. L. A. Clark, who is pastor of Zephyr, Texas.

Mrs. H. C. Bowman, the wife of Rev. H. C. Bowman, pastor at Talpa, Texas, was operated on for appendicitis last week in a sanitarium in Ballinger, Texas. The operation was successful and at the last account she was doing well. Brother Bowman will have the sympathy and prayers of many friends.

We found our dear friend, Miss Hattie Rankin, pastor's assistant at Travis Park, San Antonio, doing a noble work at Travis Park. We secured this dear daughter of our personal and ascended friend, Dr. G. C. Rankin, for the work in San Antonio, and from the first day she simply captured and has held the entire congregation.

Rev. A. D. Porter, who is a busy pastor at Cleburne, Texas, aided the Advocate materially the past week in looking after the subscription list at that point. His prompt attention to our request is much appreciated. He does not put off for tomorrow what can be done today. He "keeps everlastingly at it," which always brings success.

At Clifton, Rev. H. L. Vincent, pastor, a fine Men's Bible Class was organized Monday night, March 20. The class was organized with 25 charter members and with the following officers: R. S. Clement, President; J. W. Houston, Vice-President; S. M. Summers, Secretary; Sam Davis, Treasurer, and Rev. H. Lee Vincent, Teacher.

We acknowledge, with our best wishes, the following invitation: The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage of Miss Rosalie Edwards, of Meridian, Miss., to Rev. James Leon Hooper, of Union, Miss., on Thursday evening, April the thirteenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Rev. Albert A. Puckett and wife, of Boswell, Oklahoma, are greatly bereaved in the death of their twenty-month-old baby, Edwin Mounson. The little body was laid away in Mount Zion's Cemetery on the Fate Circuit. We commend the sorrowing parents to Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me."

We were pained to hear of the death of Sister S. W. Turner, wife of Rev. S. W. Turner, which occurred at her home in Gatesville, on the morning of the 22nd inst. Rev. T. S. Armstrong sends us a beautiful tribute to this noble woman. The Advocate extends deepest sympathy to the stricken husband and children.

We are greatly pained to hear of the death of Mrs. R. B. McSwain, wife of Rev. R. B. McSwain, which occurred at her home in San Angelo last week. The beautiful tribute, in verse, from the pen of her sister, Mrs. Francis McKinnon Morton, will appear in our next issue. Sister McSwain was a noble wife and mother. She was exemplary as a daughter and devoted as a Christian. We extend to our dear friends sincere sympathy in this hour of their sorrow.

West Oklahoma Notes

By REV. E. R. WELCH, CORRESPONDENT

Rev. W. H. Roper, the genial and bustling presiding elder of the Lawton District writes and calls us on the advanced showing made by the Ardmore district at close of the first round as compared with same time last year. Ardmore was 32 per cent advance, really 35; Lawton closes up 45 per cent advance. We are not surprised. The district embraces fine territory, Roper knows just how to select good men for good places and how to inspire them to the maximum amount of effort. If any other district can excel this, let the presiding elder now speak or hereafter hold his peace. The Lawton District Conference meets April 17-21 at Gotebo. We regret that we can't accept the kind invitation to attend. We are requested to announce that W. D. Parish has resigned as Commissioner of Education and has withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church.

Rev. J. N. Tinkle, of the Frederick Circuit, is riding his charge in a new shape. He is horse and buggy among our preachers will be the exception. How we have left the days of "boots and saddlebags!" Tinkle's work succeeds.

Rev. Rice, at Mountain Park, will soon dedicate a new church building. Brother Rice is making good things follow.

Rev. H. L. Shelton has closed a good meeting at Davidson, doing the preaching himself. W. J. Richards, of Grandfield, led the singing. Five additions and the Church revived.

Richards, at Grandfield, is now in the midst of a union tabernacle meeting with G. A. Marvin doing the preaching.

The Oklahoma Methodist Assembly will meet this year at Guthrie, as was recently decided by the committee which met at Oklahoma City. Guthrie has every facility for our success and enjoyment and the doors will be open. It meets early in July.

Rev. Ike Armstrong and wife, of Anadarko, are rejoicing over the coming of a fine girl to their home. Armstrong is assisting Tinkle now at Oaks Chapel.

On the 17th little Malcolm Ernest Stout came to visit the parsonage at Brinkman. N. U. Stout is the happy father. He is making things come to pass on the Brinkman charge. Every department of the work is progressing. Some embarrassing debts are paid off and the prospect is great for a fine year. No finer young man living than N. U. Stout. He is stout in heart, body and name.

In our last we stated that Colwerth and Stewart had been pounded at Bethel. We meant to say Cole and Stewart. Cole is the hard working pastor at Bethel charge, Clinton District. His work is in fine shape. Salary overpaid to date. Collections 75 per cent subscribed. He is working the every member canvass to great success. Has organized one League, made another connection, raised half of a large church debt and is now in a fine meeting at Mt. Zion with Rev. F. M. Tuttle assisting.

Rev. L. P. D. Mann, of Woodford charge, is in clover up to his ears. He is 50 per cent better off in every way than same time last year. Every official attended the recent Quarterly Conference. Rev. Salter, the presiding elder, preached some powerful sermons. You can't say too many good things about Mann and his place in the hearts of the Woodford people.

Liberty does it make us all feel good to see a pastor in such a favored place as J. M. Kemp at the new town of Ringling. His people know him and love him and never fail to respond to any forward appeal. Rev. Mike Cassidy is now holding a meeting for the district at Ringling and present indications prophesy a great revival. Kemp's salary increased one-third over last year, and his congregations and Sunday School are at flood-tide.

Rev. J. F. Graham was recently appointed to the Providence charge. Almost immediately the work responded. His first revival revival fire. Congregations fill the churches. A new parsonage is being built right now at Providence.

Rev. W. J. Moore, recently engaging with the Memphis Conference as its Field Secretary, is abundant in labors. His first quarterly report to the General Board shows such a voluminous amount of work as to seem almost impossible. Brother Moore certainly shines in this important work as few in Southern Methodism. He is still a member of our Day School Board and our conference.

Dr. W. A. Shelton, pastor at Chicago, that he is excessively busy, but happy. He is preaching almost constantly. He sends love to all the brethren. Dr. Shelton is working for his doctor's degree. He will soon attend the meeting of the General Board of Education at Nashville, in which he is a member, representing the West Oklahoma Conference.

C. C. Barnhardt, at Epworth, continues to make striking advance along all lines. He receives members at every service and loses none. The Sunday School is the greatest in history—225 enrolled, 229 present last first Sunday and Sunday School Missionary offering of \$17. To date total of \$45. He is organizing for a revival to begin April 9. Rev. P. W. Tucker, of the Western North Carolina Conference, will do the preaching and will do it well. We know Tucker and his sterling worth and will promise these Epworthians some spiritual feasts. The "One-to-Win-One Campaign" is being worked. Barnhardt recently addressed the student body of the State University and also the Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. He is Secretary of the Pastors' Association of the city.

At Hobart H. B. Ellis is sustaining his usual reputation as a preacher-pastor. If things do not happen it is not Ellis. Since conference he has paid off a church debt of \$400 of six years' standing. The ladies have carpented the church, costing \$100. Sixty members received since conference. Sunday School increased 85 per cent and all the stewards take the Advocate.

E. C. Webb, of Custer, recently helped Brother Melton at Erick. T. Edgar Neal is just out of fine meeting at Guymon, being assisted by Evangelist Dick Tooley, of Texas. They are now in meeting at Texhoma, the other point on the charge. W. J. Stewart is now assisting E. C. Webb at Custer; J. H. Bridges, of Butler, is leading the singing. Dr. York is assisting Pastor Gilliam at Cheyenne. Rev. Brown, pastor at Woodward, is doing all a man could under the circumstances. He has a hard field, but is making good. He came to us by transfer at the last conference and is a valuable man.

Most gratifying news reaches us from Wynnewood. Pastor Lannon is filling the hill and then some. They say that he is one of the best pastors they have ever had. A wholesome revival spirit is on in every department. District cottage prayer meetings are held weekly all over the city, rallying in large numbers Wednesday evening at the church. The Sunday School has jumped forward surprisingly. Lannon is an exceptional Sunday School man, a most valuable acquisition to our ranks. May his tribe increase.

Dr. Morgan is pushing the "One-to-Win-One Campaign" at Mangum. Thirty-four members received since conference. Rev. P. R.

Knickerbocker recently delivered a lecture to the Methodist Brotherhood. Finances up to date. Revival soon to begin. Mrs. Morgan has been in the Mangum hospital for an operation, but we are glad to report her as doing well.

At Paoli Rev. A. L. Williams is in great favor. He is preaching to overflowing houses. The pounding early in the year has lasted until yet. Paoli has increased the salary and now takes half time. Williams is a coming young man. A hard student, good mixer.

At Elk City Rev. J. J. Shaw is commanding the situation. He visited every member before Christmas. He has formulated plans for raising debts of long standing. His Sunday School is fine. He has twelve organized classes. One class recently organized of outside men bids fair to accomplish wonders.

We regret to state that Mrs. C. F. Mitchell is ill. May the blessings of the Great Physician grant speedy restoration. Brother Mitchell was to go with the writer to represent the conference at the great Educational Conference April 4 at Birmingham, but will not be able to get off.

Rev. O. A. Morris is in the midst of a great revival at Mayaville. He has already had several conversions at the altar.

Rev. J. J. Bearden is holding a revival at Binger, the town is being stirred and Methodism is coming to the front in that little city.

Rev. R. O. Callahan, of Duncan, is in the midst of a revival. The outlook is good for a sweeping revival. Duncan is one of our best stations and according to recent developments is in the center of a great old district. Prof. McConnell, son of Lincoln McConnell, is leading the music. Callahan is doing some great preaching.

Rev. L. I. Cohen, who comes to Chickasha in exchange with Rev. J. A. Old, is making a very fine impression on the Chickasha Church. No doubt he will have a great year in that important charge. We give Brother Cohen a royal welcome. He has never served finer folks than those Chickashians.

Enough pro tem. Brethren, send on the items.

East Oklahoma Notes

By REV. LUTHER ROBERTS, CORRESPONDENT

The Stuart Chronicle speaks commendably of the preaching and work of Rev. J. M. Ball, of the Stuart Anderson charge.

Rev. W. V. Teer is in the midst of a good revival at Konawa Station. He is being assisted by Rev. D. A. Gregg, of Heavener.

Rev. T. J. Gross closed a successful revival at Valliant last week, resulting in twelve additions to the Church. He was assisted by Rev. W. R. Rosser, of Garvin. Brother Rosser began a meeting with Brother Cameron and his people at Idabel last Sunday, and will begin with Brother Darrow at Antlers April 16.

Rev. A. A. Puckett and wife, of Boswell and Soper charge, have the sympathy of the conference in the death of their youngest son, Edwin Mouson, the death occurring in the parsonage at Boswell on the morning of March 8. This is the first death in a large family of unusually bright and healthy boys.

The Madill District League Conference meets at Roff March 31-April 2. I have not seen the program, but it is said to be a splendid one. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. John R. Abernathy, of Okmulgee, a member of the Conference League Board.

By resolution adopted at the last session of our Annual Conference at Muskogee, Sunday, April 2, is designated as "Francis Asbury Centenary Day" and all our pastors are requested to hold on that day services commemorative of his life and work.

Rev. B. F. Stegall, pastor of Asbury Church, Ada, is preparing to begin his revival meeting at that Church about the middle of May. He has erected one of the best tabernacles in the state, with a seating capacity of about twelve hundred, in which he will hold his revival. He is now putting it in shape for the campaign.

At Broken Bow Rev. T. S. Stratton is having a very successful pastorate. His peoplet are having recently bought for him a good four-room parsonage, which will be later added to and improved. It is reported that he "has captured the town."

Rev. J. H. Neighbors, of the Hugo Circuit, is pushing to completion two country churches, one four and a half miles east of Hugo, to accommodate two communities, the other at Corinne, sixteen miles from the railroad. When completed they will serve large communities.

State Superintendent R. H. Wilson will speak before the Muskogee District Conference on "Standards and Ideals in Public Education."

Sunday, March 19, was a big day for Holdenville Circuit, the occasion being the second Quarterly Conference, held at Pecan Grove. The presiding elder, Dr. Linebaugh, preached to a great congregation at 11 o'clock and a greatly appreciated. After dinner, which was served on the ground, the session of the Quarterly Conference was held by the presiding elder; Rev. L. B. Ellis, of Holdenville Station, acting as Secretary. Following the Quarterly Conference Rev. J. A. Winn, of Wetumka, preached to the delight and edification of the people. Services were announced to continue through the week, the pastor being assisted by Rev. A. G. White, of Mannsville. Brother Winn is a born leader of men and is doing a great work on Holdenville Circuit.

Our people at Poteau have inaugurated the One-to-Win-One campaign. On next Sunday, April 2, the pastor, Brother W. A. Frazier, will begin a revival in which he will do the preaching.

Rev. C. A. Clark is in a promising revival effort at Wewoka, in which he has the assistance of Rev. E. Thurston Campbell, of First Church, Durant.

The many friends of Dr. J. M. Gross will be glad to learn of the splendid success which he is having at Ocala, Florida. This is his third year of fine meetings in that city, the points in that field, and he is bringing things to pass. He and his congregation will entertain the next session of their Annual Conference. Rev. J. C. Leter, of this conference, recently assisted Dr. Gross in a fine revival. Dr. Gross was for many years one of the leading men of Oklahoma Methodism.

Rev. L. B. Ellis is preaching to fine congregations at Holdenville, and that Church, as usual, is moving harmoniously and successfully on. The Sunday School, under the efficient leadership of Superintendent T. Godfrey, is full of life and is growing.

The pastor has secured the help of Rev. A. L. Andrews, of the North Texas Conference, for a revival beginning May 18.

The revival fires are burning throughout our conference. Presiding elders, pastors and trustees are having the matter on their hearts. One presiding elder writes, "We are planning and praying to make this a year of great revivals," and already a large number of conversions are reported from that district. Another writes, "We are setting our goal beyond anything this district has ever achieved." To read the editorials of Dr.

Bradfield in this connection, and the department presided over by Brother Shuler makes us feel that we stand upon the verge of mighty conquests. Ada, Okla.

OKLAHOMA PERSONALS.

Bishop W. B. Murrah was in Oklahoma City last week discharging Episcopal duties. Rev. Moss Weaver visited the Clinton District Conference, held at Custer City, Oklahoma, March 23-26, where he represented the Sunday School Board of the West Oklahoma Conference.

Rev. F. M. Miller, pastor on Tuttle charge, Chickasha District, West Oklahoma Conference, has been helping Rev. C. L. Cole in a meeting at Bethel on Bethel charge, Clinton District.

Rev. Ernest Welb, of Custer City, has been helping in a protracted meeting at Erick, Oklahoma, for the past two weeks.

Rev. C. A. German will begin a protracted meeting at Retrop, April 2. He will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. H. B. Ellis, of Hobart.

Rev. B. M. Nelson is making a very fine showing with his work in Walters Station, Lawton District, West Oklahoma Conference. Nelson is a very fine preacher. Well may the folk be delighted who have Nelson as a pastor.

Marlow Station is moving forward nicely under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Henson. Brother Henson is a most noble fellow and a very capable leader of the militant host of the living God.

Rev. J. O. Peterson, of Watruka Station, has just closed a great meeting which he held at Alex. Oklahoma for the pastor, Rev. Kidd. On March 17 Malcolm Eames, Stout began boarding at the parsonage in Bliskman, Oklahoma, with his father and Brother, Rev. and Mrs. N. U. Stout. Blessings upon the new-n-comer.

Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, wife of the pastor of Mangum Station, underwent an operation last week. At this writing she is on the road to recovery. We hope she will soon be herself again.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The time of year has come again for the meetings of our District Conferences. In each of the 68 presiding elders' districts of the State of Oklahoma, there is an official organ, a District Conference will be held with in the next few weeks. If the editor will allow I should like to say a few words about this conference to the Advocate's many readers.

I believe I am not given to looking at the dark side of things, or of criticizing unduly the customs of today as they are practiced in our great Church. But I am really afraid we are not appreciating, as we ought to do, our District Conference. It is the one conference of our Church where a careful examination of the spiritual state of the Church is made, and where we inquire as to the attendance upon the ordinances and social meetings of the Church. It is in the District Conference that we learn where new missions should be advanced, and where stations are only have we opportunity to inquire into the condition and work of our Woman's Missionary Society; here alone may we freely inquire into and discuss the work of our Sunday Schools, and the spiritual state of the Church.

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A PAPER POUNDING.

Rev. L. F. Palmer, of Nocona, a superannuate of the North Texas Conference, is the recipient of a new style of pounding. The good folks at Nocona have presented to him his subscription for a year to the newspapers and periodicals which he enjoys reading.

WIFE OF REV. J. P. CALLOWAY DEAD.

The wife of Rev. J. P. Calloway, superannuate member of the Central Texas Conference, died here March 22 and was laid to rest in our local cemetery. These good people had only been here a short time, but they were in the hands of friends. Mrs. Calloway died in great triumph, her faith abiding and strong. Her testimony up to the very last was that heaven was out there just before her. Besides her husband she is survived by several children. Let the brethren of this faithful man pray for him.

CHAS. T. TALLY, Bryan, Tex., March 25.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, God has called from our midst one of our most faithful, loyal and efficient members of this body, in the person of Brother Henry Gilliam, and on the 28th day of February, 1916, we laid his body away in the Virginia Point Cemetery to await the resurrection morn; and

Whereas, His family, community and church were greatly missed and mourn his departure, therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby express our appreciation and love for him and sympathy for his family, by spreading this resolution upon the minutes of this session of our Quarterly Conference, send a copy to the family and children, that they may bear witness, and pray God's richest blessings upon the bereaved.

R. G. MOOD, Presiding Elder; C. N. SMITH, Pastor in Charge; I. T. PRICE, J. E. EVERHEART, W. A. FLEMING, J. E. WEBSTER, J. D. EVERHEART, J. F. SHAW, A. P. TEMPLETON, M. M. DAWSON, HUGH MOORE, W. B. FERGUSON, J. S. PROCTOR, H. W. WITCHER, J. T. EVERHEART, Stewards.

A TRIBUTE.

On the night of March 5 Rev. M. J. Thompson, lawyer-evangelist, died in Marlin, Texas, whither he had gone in search of health. Judge Thompson was one of our most successful evangelists. He was a man of genuine piety and spiritual power. It was my pleasure to know him intimately. To me his character was best summed up by that wonderful sentence from Isaiah: "A man shall be as a lading place from the wind, as a covert from the tempest, as the rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Had I had a story to tell that was full of heartache I could have told it to him; if I had a heart too heavy to bear alone he was a man to whom I could have gone for help. He was possessed of a sheltering manhood; his presence in either the social circle or in the congregation was always an uplifting inspiration. I always found it easier to preach when he was in the congregation. As a preacher he was a success—a real winner; as a father he was strong, tender and companionable; as a husband he was unflinchingly thoughtful and kept up the sweet courtesies of life at the end as at the beginning. God had blessed him and he had become a blessing. And while there are hundreds of us that feel his loss personally and keenly, there is not one of us but thanks God that he has known him and loved him. CLOVIS CHAPPELL, Pastor Polytechnic M. E. Church.

Rev. W. H. Howard, of Belton, called this week. He speaks well of his charge and we heard his presiding elder recently speak well of Brother Howard and the work he is doing at Belton.

WILLS POINT 100%.

Rev. F. E. Luker, of Wills Point Station, now has his entire Board on the Advocate list. He has added a number of other new subscribers, also.

We enjoy the Advocate so much. The issue of March 9 was grand. We do not get to hear much preaching as we live 30 miles from a Methodist Church. So you can guess what the Advocate means to us. E. E. WALLACE, Eagle Hill, N. M.

THORNTON.

Old Thornton is stirred. We are in the midst of a great meeting. Yesterday was a red letter day; had old-time religion; many conversions and reclamations; new additions to the Church and more to follow. God is blessing us.—O. B. Turner, P. C.

Chinese women have begun an organized movement to aid the restoration of the monarchy in China.

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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.

STAPLES.

Our Missionary Society on Tuesday, February 29, held a very interesting social meeting, inviting all the ladies of the community to join us and take part in a linen shower for the benefit of our Orphans' Home.

A very interesting program was rendered, and the shower resulted in linen valued at \$49.75, which has been forwarded to the Home.

MRS. W. L. HIGHTOWER, Corresponding Secretary.

SCRANTON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Scranton Woman's Missionary Society, which was organized February 20, 1916, with the following officers: Mrs. Jesh Snoddy, President; Miss Mollie Brown, First Vice-President; Mrs. C. K. Peek, Second Vice-President; Mrs. W. B. Williams, Superintendent of Study; Mrs. Nannie Andrews, Superintendent of Social Service; Mrs. A. J. D. Foster, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Council Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. P. Leveridge, Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Duke, Agent Missionary Voice.

Met in regular installation service Sunday evening, March 5. The service was followed by a short, instructive and interesting program given by members of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary and the Young Women's Missionary Auxiliary. The service was well attended and the missionary spirit was deeply instilled and highly fostered in the hearts of the hearers. Many pronounced it one of the most impressive missionary services ever held at Scranton. Our auxiliary meets each Monday afternoon. We have a regular study course. We feel very grateful to Mrs. M. W. Turner, our District Secretary, for her assistance in organizing. We are greatly encouraged and confidently expect a great year in our work. MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS.

WEST TEXAS W. M. SOCIETY.

The annual meeting convened at Uvalde, March 7-9. In the absence of the President, Mrs. E. A. Lilly, Mrs. H. E. Jackson, of San Angelo, presided.

Tuesday evening Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Secretary of Woman's Peace Party of Chicago, addressed the assembly. Some of the thoughts brought out were "Civilization is Control," "The War in Europe Old Man's War," "Our Need A 1916 Model Government," Rev. S. B. Johnston leading the devotional services.

Wednesday evening Miss Annie Churchill, missionary to Mexico, talked of the conditions, customs and opportunities in the country where she had labored so many years.

The noon Bible Hour, conducted by Rev. Geo. M. Boyd, was both spiritual and inspirational. The theme of his discourse was, "A Desire to Do Good," and as he so aptly expressed it: "Scattering or Breaking Up to Produce Life," taking the stoning of Stephen as an example of this truth.

The usual reports and other business was gone into, and Gonzales was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. J. T. Curry, Yoakum; First Vice-President, Mrs. Horton, San Antonio; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. E. Jackson, San Angelo; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. W. E. Smith, San Antonio; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. M. Woods, Seguin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Austin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Ferguson, San Antonio; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Shaeffer, San Antonio.

District Secretaries—Mrs. A. G. Person, Uvalde; Mrs. Yeb Harle, San Marcos; Mrs. M. Starboard, Cuero.

The attendance was fine and the hospitality accorded the delegation was boundless. Uvalde is an ideal Church town and is doing a fine work along social service lines among the Mexicans. Their whole town and Church seemed to have for its motto,

"Progress," and we feel that while we had the pleasure of their Christian fellowship, they will always rejoice that at this meeting three young ladies volunteered for service in mission work.

May our prayers be with them day by day that they may be able to say, "I can do a things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

MRS. J. MYDDLETON WOODS.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

I wish to express my appreciation of the treasurers who were so faithful last year and extend a hearty greeting to the new ones who shall send me their first reports in a few days. I can only ask that they be as prompt and efficient as those of last year, who made possible the best report ever made by our conference. There was an increase of thirty per cent, and both Bishop Lambuth and Dr. Pinson, who heard it at Marfa, said it was one of the best reports they had ever heard. There was a special raised of \$100, which was donated to the parsonage at Clayton, New Mexico. Scholarships were supported by Roswell and Trinity, and one by Las Cruces, though it was through the Board of Mission. Deming has asked for one, and we hope to place others during the year. Marfa and the Young People at Alpine, Fort Stockton, Pecos, Roswell and Trinity, El Paso, are each clothing an orphan at Waco.

The report for the last quarter was far in excess of any other quarter, though we failed to hear from Artesia, Barstow, Berino, Fort Davis and San Jon, the Roswell Young People and Fort Stockton Juniors. Will the treasurers of these please send in reports in full for both quarters? Marfa Juniors, under the leadership of the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. C. Jones, sent in a report of the new organization. I hope also to get reports from the new societies at Buena Vista, Cloudcroft, Imperial, Sierra Blanca and Vaughn, the Young People of Deming, and the Mary Webb Young People at Trinity. I understand that the society at Sierra Blanca is pledging \$60 to the extension of the work for this year. Pretty good for a new organization.

I want to ask that every woman who possibly can will arrange to attend the District Conferences at Roswell, San Jon and Van Horn on the day to be devoted to the Woman's Work. We need all the help we can get from these meetings. I hope you will all join in making this a great year in the New Mexico Conference.

MRS. HUBERT M. SMITH, Treasurer W. M. S. 1167 E Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

THE KIDNEYS AND THE SKIN.

In the spring, the kidneys have much to do. If they are weak or torpid, they will not do well, and the skin will be pimply or blotchy. That is telling the story in a few words. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and stimulates the kidney's, cures and prevents pimples, blotches and all cutaneous eruptions. Don't fail to take it. Buy a bottle today.

NOTICE IMPORTANT - CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS

Some of us there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the Children's Day Programs. Rev. W. J. Richards, Grandfield, Oklahoma, is the Secretary of the Board and will take your orders and mail them to you from the Dallas office free. Please write him at once how many you can use. It takes only a moment of time and a postal card. Don't delay. By it means observe Children's Day in every school if possible. If you can't get it in on the regular day, April 23, then at the nearest date. E. R. WELCH, Chairman of Board.

METHODIST BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Rapid growth is reported by the Methodist Benevolent Association, which is operated primarily for the benefit of affording insurance to Methodist ministers. The Association recently elected a board of directors as follows: Bishop James Atkins, Revs. L. F. Beaty, J. S. Chadwick, E. F. Cook, H. M. Du Bose, T. C. Ragsdale, A. J. Lamm, F. S. Parker, W. W. Pinson, G. B. Winton and J. H. Shumaker and Messrs. J. P. Cherry, B. B. Coffey, Curtis B. Haley and W. H. Fitzgerald. The board of directors has elected the following officers: Rev. Fitzgerald S. Parker, President; Rev. J. S. Chadwick, Vice-President; Rev. J. H. Shumaker, General Secretary; J. P. Cherry, Treasurer; J. D. Hamilton and D. M. Smith, auditors; Noah W. Cooper, legal adviser; Dr. Hazle Padgett, medical director.

The report made by the officers was very encouraging. An endowment certificate at the age of seventy years was a new feature added. The financial condition of the Association was reported first-class, the assets amounting to over \$50,000, with no outstanding obligations. It will be noted that most of the members of the board are Connectional officers of the Church. The Association was organized in 1903 and since that time has paid out over \$165,000 in benefits to widows and orphans of deceased members. The Association has members in every Conference and mission field of the Methodist Church.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The committee desires to be a real help to the preachers coming up for admission on trial. I am of the opinion that occasionally we lose a valuable man to our ministry because of their dread of the present test for admission. I do not think the standard too high, however.

The committee will be glad if every preacher coming before us for admission will avail himself of the advantages of the correspondence school or a summer school of theology and thus have a double chance to get up on his work.

For those who may come before the committee for examination at the conference session there will be provided a written examination. The committee shall strive to be ready to make the examinations helpful to those who take them there. A general average of sixty will be required to pass, as that is the requirement of the correspondence school and we accept their work. I think the average decidedly too low, however.

The work of the committee will be divided as follows: Brother W. L. Blackburn, of Checotah, will have grammar, rhetoric and geography. Brother E. A. Townsend will have arithmetic, outlines of world's history and manual of Christian doctrine. I will have Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith and the Witness of the Spirit, the Book of Discipline and the sermons by the applicants. The applicants will be given the opportunity to select their own subjects for these sermons. The committee will require each applicant to present his written sermons for inspection whether he has taken correspondence work and summer school advantages or not. These sermons will be the basis of our judgment of the applicant's spelling, punctuation, composition, etc.

Either member of the committee will be glad to render any reasonable assistance during the year to any applicant upon any of the subjects he is to handle.

I am writing this early in the interest both of the committee and the applicants that each may have ample time to do creditable work in the discharge of our several duties to our great Church. D. A. GREGG, Chairman of the Committee.

TEXAS METHODISM AND THE WASHINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH.

In view of the action taken by the Texas, Central Texas and North Texas Conferences at their last sessions relative to the Washington City Representative Church it now becomes appropriate that pastors and people be put in remembrance of their obligation to this great enterprise. A word will suffice. The North Texas Conference, by unanimous vote, has decided to set apart the last Sunday of March (Asbury Memorial Day) as the time when they will present this matter to each of their congregations and that the conference on said date undertake to raise for the purpose specified the sum of \$5000. If for any reason this matter cannot be presented on the date indicated it should be presented on the following Sunday—the first Sunday in April. It is the hope of the committee that each congregation may have a fair chance to contribute to this most worthy cause. With the coming of springtime it is also an appropriate season for the members of the Texas and Central Texas Conferences to present this great interest to their Churches at the earliest possible date so that they may early discharge the obligations which they, as pastors, voluntarily assumed. It will be of interest to our preachers and people to know that at a recent meeting of our Commission in the Capital the plans for our new building were approved and adopted, and placed in the hands of a leading firm of contractors in Washington City for immediate action. The outlook for this cause is hopeful in every part of the Church and I am calling upon my brethren of the Lone Star State to stand every man in his place during these days. Let us begin early and successful fulfillment of the obligations which they have so generously assumed. S. S. MCKENNEY, Field Secretary, Weatherford, Texas.

ITINERARY WALTER G. HARBIN, Sunday School Field Secretary, Texas Conference.

Buckholts, March 27, 28; Davilla, March 29, 30; Mayfield, March 31, April 1; Rosebud, April 2; Ben Arnold, April 4; Travis, April 5; Cego, April 6; Clinton, April 7, 8, 9 (a. m.); Norman, April 10; Durango, April 11, 12; Reagan, April 13; Hearne, April 14; Wheelock, April 15; Hearne, April 16 (a. m.); Calvert, April 16 (p. m.); 17; Bremond, April 18 (p. m.); 19; Kosse, April 20, 21; Jewett, April 22; Lakwood, April 24; Finn, April 25; Norman, April 27, 28; Thornlake, April 30, May 1; Game May 2, 3; Franklin, May 4, 5; Cameron, May 7 (a. m.); Ratcliff, May 8.

These appointments (so far as they are in the Marlin District) were made in conjunction with the presiding elder and the brethren at the District Missionary Institute at Hearne. The brethren concerned will please make necessary announcements. A few days ahead will drop each one concerned a card announcing exact time of arrival. Will bring hand-some display of Sunday School equipment as part of program. Houston Heights, Texas.

OKLAHOMA SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

The Summer School of Theology for the East and West Oklahoma Conferences, will be held at Guthrie, Oklahoma, July 11-21, 1916. The faculty for the undergraduate work will be the same as last year.

We will use as our postgraduate course, the course as suggested by the College of Bishops. Full announcement of the entire program will be made soon. Let all our preachers make arrangements to attend. N. L. LINEBAUGH, Director.

VERNON DISTRICT.

To the Preachers of the Vernon District: Please send me the names of all who will attend the Vernon District Conference from your charge, to be held at Esteline, April 27-30. Come and bring your delegations to remain over Sunday. We are planning for a great conference. G. H. BRYANT, P. C.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Oklahoma City District Conference will be held in Oklahoma City June 7-9. The Oklahoma Yearly Assembly will hold its annual meeting in Guthrie, Oklahoma, July 11-21. The Summer School of Theology for the East and West Oklahoma Conferences and the Annual Conference League meetings for the two conferences will be held in Guthrie in connection with the Assembly. Guthrie proposes to give our Methodist hosts a cordial reception and a royal good time at this meeting in July. W. M. WILSON, P. E.

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. In figuring cost of advertisement each initial, sign or number is counted as one word. We cannot have answers addressed to us, so your address must appear with the advertisement. All advertisements in this department will be set uniformly. No display or black-faced type will be used. Copy for advertisements must reach this office by Saturday to insure their insertion. We have not investigated the merits of any proposition offered in these columns, but it is intended that nothing of a questionable nature shall appear. You must make your own trades.

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HOUSTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference for Houston District will meet in League City on the 10th and 11th of May. Opening sermon at 8:30 p. m. of the 9th by Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker of First Church, Houston. Committee for License—O. E. Goddard, Alien Tooke, C. J. Atkinson. Committee for Orders—J. D. F. Houck, J. R. Manley, C. E. W. Smith. R. W. ADAMS, P. E.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Navasota District Conference will meet at Willis, Texas, July 5, 1916. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

MARLIN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The following committees are appointed for the Marlin District Conference, Teague, May 16-19: License to Preach and Recommendation for Admission and Readmission—W. F. Bryan, I. E. Thomas, C. E. Garrett. Deacons' and Elders' Orders—O. F. Zimmerman, J. E. Payne, S. W. Lowe. Summer School of Theology—H. C. Willis, H. J. Hayes, R. S. Marshall. Southwestern Scholarship—H. H. McCain, E. A. Sample, R. O. Wier. Lay Activities—J. S. Watson, Chairman. Cut this out and preserve it. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Our District Conference will be held at Myra, April 27-30. Please let every preacher and delegate make his plans to come at the beginning and stay until the close.

The committees are: License—T. J. Beckham, L. A. Burk, J. D. Whitehead. Admission and Readmission—J. L. Pierce, N. C. Little, M. C. Sooter. Deacons' Orders—J. W. Slagle, H. C. Hand, M. A. Stout. Elders' Orders—N. R. Stone, O. E. Moreland, E. L. Harris. University Scholarships—C. C. Young, W. H. Vail, J. E. Henderson. D. K. PORTER, P. E.

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Albuquerque District Conference will be held in San Jon, May 10-14. The opening sermon will be preached on the evening of May 9 by Rev. E. D. Lewis.

The Disciplinary Committees are as follows: License to Preach—A. B. Weaver, J. P. Kelley, G. C. Emmons. Deacons' and Elders' Orders—E. D. Lewis, D. P. Wilburn, G. H. McAnally. Admissions and Readmissions—G. H. McAnally, E. D. Lewis, R. E. Stevenson. Other committees announced at the opening session.

The Asbury Memorial Address will be delivered by the Rev. G. H. McAnally. Dr. C. P. Moore, Field Secretary for the Western Division, will conduct a Sunday School Institute during the conference session.

The Woman's Annual District Conference, and also the District Missionary Institute will be held at the same time and place. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E. Albuquerque, N. M.

Wasahachie District—Second Round (Revised)

Ferris Sta., April 2, at Ferris. Foreston Cir., April 8, at Falls. Wasahachie Sta., April 9, 10, evening. Italy Sta., April 16. Repton, April 20, 21, at Onward. Milford Cir., at Deer's Cr., April 22, 11 a. m. Midlothian Sta., April 23. Birdwell Cir., April 29, 30, at Oak Grove. Palmer Cir., May 6, at Rovee. Mansfield Sta., May 14. Bristol Cir., May 27, 28. Ennis Sta., June 4. District Conference, June 20, at Palmer. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

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Lawton District—Third Round.

Temple, dedication, Sunday, April 23. Davidson (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, April 29. Davidson, 11 a. m., Sunday, April 30. Frederick (Q. C.), 5 p. m., Saturday, April 30. Frederick, 8 p. m., Sunday, April 30. Taylor, 11 a. m., Saturday, May 6. Taylor (official), 2 p. m., May 6. Taylor, 11 a. m., Sunday, May 7. Rabbit Creek (Q. C.), 4 p. m., Sunday, May 7. Rabbit Creek, 8 p. m., Sunday, May 7. Hog Creek, 11 a. m., Friday, May 12. Hog Creek (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Friday, May 12. Gotebo Sta., 11 a. m., Saturday, May 13. Gotebo Sta., (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, May 13. Gotebo Sta., 11 a. m., Sunday, May 14. Lawton, 8 p. m., May 14. Deep Red, 11 a. m., Friday, May 19. Deep Red (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Friday, May 19. Japan, 11 a. m., Saturday, May 20. Alpan, (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, May 20. Alpan, 11 a. m., Sunday, May 21. Deep Red, 8 p. m., Sunday, May 21. Martin's, dedication, 11 a. m., May 28. Martin's Chapel, 2 p. m., Sunday, May 28. Lone Star, 8 p. m., Sunday, May 28. Walker Cir., V. V., 11 a. m., Saturday, June 3. Walker Cir., V. V., (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, June 3. Walker Cir., V. V., 11 a. m., Sunday, June 4. Lone Star, 11 a. m., Saturday, June 10. Lone Star (Q. C.), 2 p. m., June 10. Temple, (Q. C.), 8 p. m., Saturday, June 10. Temple, 11 a. m., Sunday, June 11. Walber, 8 p. m., Sunday, June 11. Wilber, (Q. C.), 10 a. m., Monday, June 12. Snyder, (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Friday, June 16. Sanford, 11 a. m., Saturday, June 17. Sanford, (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, June 17. Hebert, (Q. C.), 8 p. m., Friday, June 23. Cloud Chief, 11 a. m., Saturday, June 24. Cloud Chief (Q. C.), 2 p. m., June 24. Cloud Chief, 11 a. m., Sunday, June 25. Hebert, 8 p. m., Sunday, June 25. Bethel, 11 a. m., Saturday, July 1. Bethel, (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, July 1. Mt. Park, 11 a. m., Sunday, July 2. Snyder, 8 p. m., Sunday, July 2. Loveland, (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, July 8. Grandfield, (Q. C.), 8 p. m., July 8. Grandfield, 11 a. m., Sunday, July 9. Loveland, 8 p. m., Sunday, July 9. Rocky, (Q. C.), 4 p. m., Saturday, July 15. Rocky, 11 a. m., Sunday, July 16. Cordell, (Q. C.), 5 p. m., Sunday, July 16. Cordell, 8 p. m., Sunday, July 16. Lawton, (Q. C.), 8 p. m., Monday, July 17. W. H. ROPER, P. E.

MARRIAGES.

BRUCE McDONALD.—At the parsonage, in DeLeon, Texas, March 23, 1916, Mr. J. M. Bruce and Mrs. Minnie McDonald, Rev. H. R. Clark officiating.

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MRS. M. J. YORK.

YORK—Mrs. M. J. York (nee Goode) was born November 24, 1825, in Tennessee. From thence she moved with her father to Mississippi, where in 1845, on July 10, she was married to Mr. Calvin York. To this happy union there were born eight children, five of whom have passed on before. Grandma, as she was commonly known, came to Texas with her husband in 1854 and settled in the Osage Community. She always loved the old Osage camp ground, and in going among those tents, numbering from fifty to 100, it was no trouble to find Grandma's tent. There was the preacher's headquarters and the multitudes were fed there, and sacred indeed was the influence about that tent. The very atmosphere was permeated with spirituality. At the time of grandma's death she was living in Weimar, just across the street from the parsonage. The pastor, therefore, has had the gracious privilege of being with her quite a great deal, and I unhesitatingly say that my faith is stronger, my experience richer and my life will be more useful for having been associated with Grandma. On March 1, 1916, the shades of evening had gathered, the sun had passed from sight, the stars seemed to be gazing with intense interest upon the quiet little home, the stillness could almost be felt, heaven was interested and was looking upon that scene, while Grandma was crossing the rugged stream. Loved ones and friends had done all that they could do and was now but to stand and watch the crossing until they could see her no longer, but cheer up, loved ones, she didn't have to cross alone. The Savior, who walked upon the waters, and who stilled the great tempest, was with her, and on that starry night of March 1, 1916, Grandma went home. Her pastor, ROY G. RADER.

JONES—Hannah A. Smith was born in Knoxville, Tenn., January 8, 1829. She came to Texas with her parents while quite a small girl, and settled in Cherokee County. In the year 1854, when only fifteen years of age, she was married to Dr. C. F. Jay, who lived only a short time, being a victim of the great white plague. To this union one son was born, C. F.

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Jay, of Tyler, Texas. After the death of Dr. Jay she was married to P. R. Jones in the year 1867. With him she lived devotedly and happily until the day of her death, which occurred at the family residence in Jacksonville, Texas, March 13, 1916. Surviving her are her husband, P. R. Jones, and the following children: C. F. Jay, of Tyler, Texas; A. L. Jones, of San Antonio; Mrs. J. Y. Cleaver, of Troup; J. A. B. Jones, of San Saba; Mrs. H. B. Smith, of Rockdale; Mrs. O. A. Braly, of Jacksonville, and Miss Dell Jones, of Jacksonville. The obsequies were held at the Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Texas, March 14, 1916, conducted by P. T. Ramsey, the pastor; B. R. Bolton, a life-long friend of the family, the prayer being offered by Rev. T. H. Ford, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, after which we laid her tired body to rest in the city cemetery of Jacksonville, to await the resurrection of the just. Mrs. Jones was a woman of uncommon traits of character. All the graces which should adorn the life of a good Christian woman were hers. Her mind was of the inventive turn, being by nature a mechanic. Her habits of frugality, economy and modesty stood out prominently. She belonged to the all too rare class of mothers, who believed in the quiet home life; a life of retirement and modesty for her children. The modern fads made no impression on her. Also her mind was that of a real Christian. Living as she did the greater part of her married life in the rural district, her home was from the beginning a haven of refuge for the weary itinerant. Many of the old true and tried pioneer preachers in East Texas came to this good home to rest and recuperate. Not only so, but pastors of all denominations were often guests in this ideal country home. She became first in her married life a member of the Baptist Church, but at the time of her death she had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for forty-eight years. Though her sufferings were severe in her last days of life, she did not murmur or complain, but manifested the same quiet, trusting spirit in God, her Savior, up to the very last, declaring to her pastor a readiness to go and be at rest. Farewell, dear mother! On the shining shore we shall greet thee again, some sweet day, when the mist has cleared away. Her son-in-law, H. B. SMITH.

FOSTER—Dr. Albert Herd, son of A. W. and Mittie Foster, was born in Falls County, Texas, October 21, 1876, and died in the city of Marlin, Texas, February 12, 1916. After religious services, conducted by the writer in the Methodist Church, assisted by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Bryan, his remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Dr. Foster was married to Miss Lucy Conoly, October 10, 1910, and to them was born one child, Lucy Conoly Foster. These, together with his parents and a brother, Dr. T. W. Foster, and two sisters, Mrs. Threadgill and Mrs. Stallworth, survive him. In June, 1898, he graduated from the Louisville Dental College, and he practiced his chosen profession with eminent ability both in Marlin and Caldwell. He was a member of the State Dental Association and also of the Central Texas Dental Association. He was a member of the K. of P. and also of the A. F. and A. M. Lodges. In early childhood he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He made his home in Caldwell for more than a dozen years, arriving in that city in the early part of 1904. There he served the Church most acceptably as trustee and steward. The last thing he did for the Church was to serve on the committee which constructed the beautiful parsonage in 1914. On this committee he rendered invaluable service. He was a public-spirited, progressive citizen. He rendered valuable service as school trustee. He even labored for the material and social betterment of the community. He was a decided and positive character. He entertained his own political convictions. Dr. Foster had considerable ability as a financier and succeeded along these lines. He delighted to lend a hand to any one in planning for their financial betterment. He was very brotherly and sociable. He made and retained innumerable friends. He delighted to dispense hospitality. Best of all, he was a Christian by profession and practice. The first of the year he visited Caldwell to attend to some business matters and stated to a friend that the next trip he would take would be to heaven. It was so. As one stated who was closest to him, the affliction from which he suffered so much and so long burned all of the dross out of him. It brought him closer to the cross. It turned his mind and his heart from the things of time and sense and fastened them

on the things which are above. Then for the cross, the chastisement, the suffering, the thorns and the wing of love which stirs our worldly nest let us thank God if it makes us more and more like our Savior. May his blessed image appear in the life of all of us. CHAS. U. McLARTY.

MURRELL—Sister Maggie L. Murrell (nee Clark) was born November 21, 1857, in Stockton, California; moved to Texas with her parents at the age of seventeen; married to S. B. Murrell July 4, 1872. To this union were born four children who survive their mother—Will L., Fort Worth, Texas; L. C., Thackerville, Oklahoma; Floy, Dexter, Texas, and Miss Cecil Murrell, Gainesville, Texas. Sister Murrell professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church in 1874, and remained faithful, loyal and true until the day of her death, which occurred in Gainesville at her home, January 8, 1916. For many years she lived near Dexter, Texas, where she reared her family. At Walnut Bend where she held her Church membership for many years, she and her husband kept open house to our pastors. She was among our best and truest members of that society. Her home was always open to God's servants. She delighted herself in their company and they shared her liberal and unstinted hospitality. The writer knew her for more than twenty years. She loved God, was true to her Church, loyal and devoted to her family and was a good wife, affectionate mother and faithful Christian. She calmly passed to her reward and left to her loved ones the sweet fragrance of a beautiful Christian life. Her body lies in the Gainesville Cemetery awaiting the resurrection of the just. She lives in the memories and affections of those who knew her. May the kind Heavenly Father lead her husband and children to they may meet her in the great beyond. Her pastor, TOM J. BECKHAM.

TURNER—Mrs. Dora A. Turner, wife of Rev. S. W. Turner, the eldest daughter of Dr. O. A. and Mrs. Julia A. Shuford. She was born in Catawba County, North Carolina, September 17, 1850. She came to Smith County, Texas, with her parents in 1857. Here she grew to young womanhood and in 1868 was married to Mr. James Long, and to this union one son was born, who survives her. Her husband died while this son was a child, and in 1874 she was married to Rev. S. W. Turner, whose wife we find many years in this hour of bereavement. There were born to Brother and Sister Turner eight children, six boys and two girls. One son, Rev. Neal W. Turner, died in August, 1914. All the rest of the children survive her. After many months of serious affliction and much suffering Sister Turner passed to her reward at 9:30 on the morning of March 22, 1916. The writer conducted the funeral service at Gatesville, Texas, Thursday, March 23, from the Methodist Church, assisted by the pastor, Brother C. L. Cartwright and the presiding elder, Brother S. J. Rucker. Sister Turner was a Christian from childhood and hence knew no other life. She filled the sphere of life as the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher. She was in thorough harmony with her husband in fullest sympathy with his duties as a pastor, as a presiding elder, as a teacher and editor. In whatever character of work he was engaged or that the Church called him to do she was not only in sympathy and harmony, but by her loving intellect and tact she was an inspiration to him and his counsel he found help. Her home life was most beautiful. The touch of her hand was sufficient to rectify any disorder and the sound of her gentle voice would quiet any disturbed condition. She was most gracious in her home relations. As a mother she occupied a very superior realm. This is manifest from the character of children she has sent out into the world to bless it and make it richer because of this contribution she has made to it. From these parents have come two sons and daughters that tell in life and character the story of a well regulated home. Her devotion to her Church was marked. She was devoted to the Church she loved and in which she had held a membership practically all of her life. She labored and toiled with true devotion for the upbuilding and enlargement of Zion. In her personal life she possessed all the graces that go to make up the ideal Christian character. Her life was a benediction to those who knew her and those who loved her most who knew her best. Sister Turner had a stroke of paralysis several years ago which impaired her activities and she suffered much inconvenience and much pain from this affliction. A little over a year ago she was stricken again and this last was most severe than the first and would result in her death if not for the upbuilding and enlargement of Zion. The end came peacefully as if some angel messenger had been sent to keep vigils beside her bed and stay the cruel hand that would send a dart of pain into her body, but would lead her into the very presence of her Christ who con- quered death, and teach her to lean her head upon His breast and breath her life out sweetly there. Thus she lived and thus she died, and thus she entered into rest. We will meet her beyond the river where the shadows never fall. T. S. ARMSTRONG. Georgetown, Texas.



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PIPES—Miss Elizabeth Hellen Halcome was born in Gainesville, Alabama, October 6, 1852. With her mother she came to Texas about 1876. Was married to J. R. Pipes in Dallas County, November 17, 1881, Rev. O. S. Thomas officiating. Five children were born to them, four of whom, with her husband and sixteen grandchildren, survive her. She was converted in girlhood in Alabama and joined the Presbyterian Church. She did not connect herself with the Church after coming to Texas until 1891 when, with her husband, she joined the M. E. Church, South, at Allen's Chapel, Kaufman County. She died in great peace at their home near Benbrook, Tarrant County, January 11, 1916. Lizzie, as I must call her, was a kind-hearted, sweet-spirited Christian woman. She was devoted, affectionately, to her husband, children and grandchildren. The writer is sure that she had the love and confidence of everybody who ever knew her. Now the family do miss her from their home, but, dear ones, you may meet her and know her again in that blessed world to which she has gone. May God keep every one of you by his infinite grace. Her uncle, Whitewright, Texas. A. R. NASH.

Joplin, Mo., July 20, 1911, to Miss Myrtle Call. The wife and three-year-old son survive him. He was a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and was agent for the Midland Valley Railroad Company at Perum. He was Mayor of the city of Perum at the time of his death. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Perum in 1912, and continued in fellowship until he died. He was a careful, considerate man, one who was very devoted to his family, faithful to his friends and loyal to every interest committed to him. That little city lost a good man when Brother Adams went. He has left behind him an example of upright living that all would do well to emulate. Assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Atkins, and the former pastor, Rev. E. H. Winiger, I laid him to rest in the cemetery at Perum, Tuesday, March 14, 1916. May the Spirit of God sustain the broken-hearted wife. CHAS. L. BROOKS, P. E.

ADAMS—Adolphus Adams was born near Cypress, Illinois, October 10, 1850, and died at Perum, Oka., March 11 1916. He was married at

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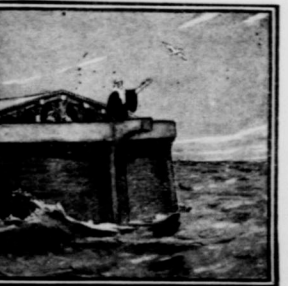
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OUR CHURCH NEWS

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will open at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 1.

Bishop Hartzell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who recently lost his wife and son, is now further bereaved in the death of his sister.

Dr. P. M. Buck, who is a delegate from the Northwest India Conference to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been a missionary in India for forty-six years.

Rev. Charles L. Brooks, presiding elder of the Muskogee District, East Oklahoma Conference, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Commencement of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

In all the ravages of the war nothing is more deplorable than the desecration of holy ground. It was on Mt. Sinai Moses received the law that has figured in all the history of the world. Israel stood at the foot of this very mountain and waited for the coming of the lawgiver who should set them free. But now Mt. Sinai echoes to the roar of Ottoman guns and the venerated site for three thousand years is in the hands of the Moslems. In war there is no holy ground.

In the recent Anti-Saloon League Convention, held in Dallas, Col. J. Z. Miller, of Belton, made a speech that electrified an audience of over seven thousand. He started the subscription of five thousand that night with his personal check for \$500. Simply because he favored State-wide prohibition in 1887, he was hanged in effigy in front of the bank in Belton. But he is still the president of that bank and has been for forty-five years. He has survived that effigy to see most of Texas dry, and may live to see it all dry in 1917.

The figures of the drink bill of the United States are frequently given out, but we do well to keep them constantly before the people. Mr. W. P. F. Ferguson, editor of the Vindicator, a recognized authority on the subject, says the people of United States spent \$2,151,201,765 for liquor during the past fiscal year. This amount includes \$1,198,915,663 for beer, \$876,409,846 for spirits, and \$76,776,256 for wine. This total is a little more than one billion dollars in excess of the amount appropriated by Congress for all Government expenses for the present fiscal year. The one encouraging feature concerning the drink bill for the past fiscal year is that the amount is \$285,000,000 less than for 1913-14 and is the lowest since 1909.

Concerning the circulation of the various Advocates of the Methodist Episcopal Church the following information is given by one of these papers: The Northwestern, having a membership of 653,587, has one subscriber to every sixteen members; the Western, with 483,149 members, has one subscriber to thirteen and six-tenths members; the Central, having 409,112 members, has one subscriber to every thirteen members; the Pacific, 32,441 members, has one subscriber to every eight and a half members; the California, 76,590 members, has one subscriber to each eight

and seventh-tenths members; the Pittsburg, with 373,627 members, has one subscriber to every six and seven-tenths members. The figures for the New York are not given, that paper having for its territory the entire Church.

It is one hundred years since the first New Testament was issued in Chinese, and last year the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Society circulated in China more than a quarter of a million copies of the Bible.

ATLANTA IN 1839.

As this splendid Southern city has now become the seat of our Connec-tional University east of the Mis-sissippi I would like to give a brief sketch of its birth.

It is now one of the finest cities in the South, and, outside of its prospective commercial growth, will attract additional attention on the score of Emory University and its growing Methodism.

In 1839 my old Whig father was appointed a State official, which required his removal to the capital of Georgia, Milledgeville. We were then living in Gwinnett County. I was four years old.

We started down the country in a two-horse wagon, camping out every night. One night we came to some crossroads about seven miles from the Chattahoochee. If my memory does not trip, there were at these crossroads one blacksmith shop, one little eating house, two stacks of fodder, a corner, about three little log cabins, a well, and apparently about seven or eight little Georgia cracker children, mostly with one garment on. The little burg at the crossroads was called Marthasville. This was the beginning of the now great city of Atlanta.

Next morning we crossed over the track of the first railroad I ever saw. It ran east and west. Where it came from and where it went to I had no idea. It passed within a few hundred yards of where we camped. No train passed while we were there, and if it now and then stopped at those crossroads long enough to throw out a mail bag I never heard of it.

Now, let a Georgia historian, Geo. G. Smith, tell us in full about those beginnings:

"The terminus of the railways connecting the West and Atlantic was called Marthasville, and in 1846 changed to Atlanta. Adventurers and solid men were attracted to it. The preachers soon had an appointment there at first preaching in the depot of the Western and Atlantic Railway. In the early part of 1847 Edwin Payne gave a lot for a church, on which an academy was built, in which all denominations preached. Anderson Ray and E. W. Speer preached there every two weeks at night. A union Sunday School was formed. Through the exertions of Edwin Payne a subscription of \$700 was taken to build a church. It was begun in the spring of 1847. Bishop Andrew, G. W. Lane and Dr. Means held a four days' meeting. The church was partly finished, but had neither seats nor pulpit. Puncturens were secured and Dr. Smith's prescription table answered for a pulpit. John W. Yarborough and James W. Hinton were sent to the circuit. The Methodists held

first services. Sometimes, for lack of a preacher, a layman would read one of Morris' or Wesley's sermons. By 1849 the house was supplied with pews. Lewis Lawshe was first superintendent of the Sunday School. A revival occurred in 1849 under Yarborough and Winn. Next year Atlanta was made a station and Silas H. Cooper sent in charge. He was succeeded by James L. Pierce, and he and Geo. F. Pierce, then President of Emory College, held a fine meeting there. Soon Wm. H. Evans was in charge. There was no parsonage and the preacher had to rent two rooms. At the end of the year there were 400 white and 100 colored members. Green B. Haygood, a leading layman, moved to Atlanta and was a great help. Soon another lot was obtained and a neat brick church was erected, called Trinity. A list of preachers followed in the years, including Sam Anthony, Caleb W. Key, H. J. Adams, W. J. Scott, Geo. G. N. McDonnell, James W. Hinton, H. H. Parks."

The war came on, Atlanta fell into the hands of the Federals and was burned. All the Methodist Churches, however, escaped the flames. The army had not left the ruins of the city long before A. M. Thigpen and Atticus G. Haygood were sent to gather up the scattered flocks.

Atlanta soon recovered and the Churches grew with the city. It is now a great Methodist center. Edwin Payne sold his farm on Yellow River in those early days and purchased one near Marthasville. That farm is now in the heart of Atlanta.

It is possible that Emory University now stands on the spot where I camped and ate a corn pone in 1839.

AN OPEN LETTER TO HONEST ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS.

Dear Friends: Had it ever occurred to you that, in spite of the fact that we have many bona fide Americans, good citizens, upright men who fight prohibition, the fact remains that undesirable, convicts, unassimilated, delinquents generally, are almost uniformly anti-prohibitionists?

That there are all over our State, scattered here and there, large groups of unassimilated or illiterate voters and that these are a peculiar temptation to unscrupulous politicians and to those engaged in the liquor traffic especially at the times of prohibition elections?

That the liquor interests pay out large amounts for advertising in the city newspapers and that you may expect these papers to do their utmost for the institutions that do the most for them?

That the saloon interests have given up the principle of prohibition when they admit the need of such heavy fines in the way of license, also the justice of strict police regulations? If the business is legitimate and good, it should not require such close surveillance. If prohibition is a "kindergarten" system, regulation is also. Liquor men admit that the laws which forbid selling to minors, habitual drunkards, students of learning, lewd women on the premises, music and games are all right. Why should this particular business be treated in such a peculiar manner?

That if a majority have a right to require a minority to submit to their will in a small locality they have the same right in a large territory? You cannot get a homogeneous population in as small a territory as a city block. State prohibition is on exactly the same principle as local option.

That sober men have rights to defend and that these rights are sacred and that in asserting these rights they are not trespassing on the rights of anybody else? In order for a drinking man to assert his so-called rights he may invade those of his family, his neighbors and of the State in general. It takes money to prosecute crime. If it is certain that saloons and drinking and drunkenness produce crime it is therefore certain that all those who have to do with taking care of crime are required to take cognizance of that which causes crime.

Do you really believe that a saloon ought not to be placed within three hundred feet of a church or school? That it is not good to have saloons in the residence portions of a city? That the liquor traffic is needed in order to get \$100,000,000 from the pockets of the people of this country into the treasury of our Government? Could not the men who have the money pay that amount in the way of taxes and keep the billion dollars and over, which the saloons are now getting for their own use? Is it necessary to pay the Equor business one billion dollars for their handling of one hundred millions for us?

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J. A. PHILLIPS.

PARIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The forty-seventh session of the Paris District Conference met at Bogata, March 8. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. L. Morris, conducted the conference in a profitable manner. All of the preachers of the district were present, also quite a number of laymen. Revs. J. B. Gober and C. M. Harless were present in the interest of our Wealey College. H. D. Mouzon represented Southern Methodist University.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- A. D. SMITH.
- J. T. TISDALE.
- S. U. PARSONS.
- CLAUDE DUNCAN.

Alternates:
J. A. Caton.
Clarence Hoeker.

The reports of the preachers were all indicative of spiritual and financial advancement. Revs. R. C. Hicks, W. T. Whiteside, C. M. Harless and J. B. Gober did the preaching, and it was well done.

Brother Pritchett and his people gave the conference the very best of entertainment. The next conference will be at Blossom. MINOR BOUNDS, Sec.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

I am taking this means, through the pages of the dear Advocate, to thank my friends for the many manifestations of love and sympathy extended me in my late illness. Especially sweet to me have been the letters from my brother preachers, so comforting, indeed, that they have made a bright spot in an otherwise long and tedious period of many weeks. Let me assure them of my love and very best wishes. JAS. A. WALKUP. Polytechnic, Texas.

PASSING DAY

THE WAR.

The news from the great theatre of war is very much in favor of the allies. There have been innumerable actions but none involving tremendous casualties; and reports show that the latest attack at Verdun has reached the stage of complete failure. The determined attempt of the Germans to break through the French lines brought to the Kaiser's forces a complete defeat. Verdun still holds out and the probabilities are that the stubborn artillery

fire of the French forces will be able to maintain it against further German assaults. Verdun is a vantage point well worth fighting for. It means a great deal to the Kaiser to gain it; it means more to the French to hold it. Little of real interest in the way of hard fighting is reported from other theatres of war. The new activities of German submarines are now to be dealt with. The destruction of two British vessels with loss of lives, among them several Americans, has given rise to some concern in Washington. The tension is hardly slackened when it becomes tightened again and more and different kinds of diplomacy must be used to avoid rupture. It is thought that the latest case can be adjusted to the full satisfaction of the Government.

The Mexican situation is no more nor less tense than a week ago. Gen. Pershing and his troops have advanced far into Mexico, but have not yet met Gen. Villa and his bandits. The American troops have endured much suffering on the long march but are holding up well. The refusal of Carranza to allow the use of the Mexican Railway, needed for transportation of troops and supplies, will prove a great handicap to Gen. Pershing, but it will not stop, but merely retard his progress. Villa is keeping many miles between himself and his pursuers and it's well he does.

A committee of the Federal Reserve Board has been named to recommend a successor for Felix Martinez, of El Paso. Class C director of the Dallas District, who died several days ago.

At Honolulu an American citizenship was denied to Tako Ozawa, a Japanese, in a test case. The court ruled that Japanese are Mongolians, and that the word "white" does not include the Mongolian race.

Enormous ore deposits in the mountains of Northern Mexico have been responsible for much of the trouble experienced with the army wireless apparatus. It was said that the ore, acting as a magnet, deflects the radio waves, thus weakening the capacity of both the sending and receiving sets.

The Senate has added to the emergency appropriation bill \$10,000 to repair damage done to Platt National Park at Sulphur, Oklahoma. For a long time there has been a strong sentiment in Congress that the State of Oklahoma should take over the park and maintain it as a State institution without assistance from the Federal Government.

The plans of the Department of Labor in Oklahoma with reference to harvest labor this year contemplates no such publicity as has been employed in the past. The department will co-operate with labor departments in other States and with the Federal labor offices and seek to secure the listing of harvest hands with the farmers who wish to hire them.

The chewing gum habit has cost the American people for chicle alone nearly \$35,000,000 in the last ten years, or almost five times as much as we paid Russia for Alaska, according to figures furnished by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce. Normally our annual imports of chicle amount to 7,000,000 pounds, for which we pay about \$2,500,000 in the countries of origin, and to which must be added customs duties in our own ports of about \$750,000.

Although the United States Department of Agriculture has been unsuccessful in having the standards of American cotton adopted abroad, progress has been made in that direction and the department looks for greater harmony between the standards on foreign exchanges. Cotton standards were established under the cotton futures act of the last Congress. For various reasons the Liverpool Cotton Association did not see fit to adopt the American official standards, yet it has revised its standards to a form which is said to accord at least in value with the American standards and which replace by a single set the three sets formerly used, representing upland, Gulf and Texas cotton.

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