









spend their thousands annually to raise up members for a Church with whom the prospect of organic union seems to be receding?

Finally, what are we going to do? We will have to do more than we have been doing, or lose the opportunity of doing anything at all.

I have been repeatedly amazed, until its oft-recurrence has ceased to make it longer a matter of wonderment, to find retained on the rolls of the Church the names of persons who had died five—and in some instances ten—years before.

Now, what does this confused condition of the Church Register signify? It means an inexcusable slackness or neglect of many pastors in ignoring the holding of Church Conferences, and this, too, in the very face of the Discipline, which specifically says: "All the members of the Church, and resident members of the Annual Conference, shall come together once a month, or on circuits at least every three months, at every appointment, to hold a Church Conference, over which the preacher in charge shall preside."

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deacons and preachers, white persons, colored persons and Indians; and to report to the Annual Conference the number of each that may be under his charge at the time of his session."

An inquiry into the condition of the Church Register in nearly every charge I have thus far served has disclosed the most reckless disregard for this disciplinary requirement.

I have often inquired for days for members whose names still stood intact on the Register only to find that they had been dead quite a time. Mistakes like these give me the cold shivers.

To conclude, such reckless handling of Registers, so patent in the Church, should not obtain. Pastors should be more diligent and painstaking than they are proving themselves to be.

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And J. W. Walker, of the North Texas Conference, for help. The local brethren also rendered efficient aid, for all which we are truly thankful.

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T. L. Watts, Oct. 16: Our fourth Quarterly Conference for Milano Circuit was held at Gause last Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Langston, Oct. 7: According to the best statistics we could gather, ten months ago Methodism stood third in numbers in the bounds of the Quinlan charge.

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