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The Texas Conference

THE seventy-sixth annual session of the Texas Conference was called to order by Bishop James H. McCoy at Longview Wednesday morning, November 10. Promptly at 9 o'clock the Bishop announced Hymn 560, "And Are We Yet Alive?" After hearty singing by the conference Bishop McCoy offered a fervent prayer.

The Bishop read Acts 4:1-13, the account of the imprisonment of Peter and John and their arraignment before the council because of their healing of the lame man at the gate of the temple and their preaching in the name of Jesus.

In his exposition of this passage Bishop McCoy spoke to the general theme of "Professionalism in the Ministry." The priests who opposed Peter and John and who were offended because of the apostles' success in the work of their Master among the people were men who had become perfunctory and professional in the work of their calling.

"It is ever the way of an unspiritual priesthood that it puts sacerdotal rites above the good of the people." The priests in question seem to have forgotten about the people. They were gripped by the apostles taught the people. The history of Christianity is that as emphasis has been put upon sacerdotalism the Church is separated from the people. The great revivals in every age of the Church have been produced through men who have gone straight to the people.

The perfunctory priest generally opposes such movements. "The glorious days of Israel were not the days of the priests, but of the prophets." "We have here a warning against the intolerance of professionalism in the ministry." The breach of canon law is regarded as the greatest crime of which a minister can be guilty. Rabbinical lore is the criterion with the professional priest.

Against such conceptions of the ministry the Bishop bore down in a convincing way. The apostles were unlearned men according to rabbinical standards, but they had spent three years with Christ. The credentials of these apostles were the lame man standing in the midst healed of his malady. "Christianity is judged by the manhood it produces." Christianity alone enriches human life, the heathen religions of the past have either enslaved, impoverished or degraded human life. The address at this point was telling in its effect.

Speaking of the suffering of the early apostles, Bishop McCoy said that "the suffering days of the Church have been the growing days of the Church." "We draw back from hardship, but when we get away from it we look back and see that God was in it." "One of the great perils of the day in which we live is the ease with which we do our work."

Speaking of the remarkable transformation which took place in the life of Peter, Bishop McCoy said: "When a man is filled with the Holy Ghost the world is never able to account for him on the plane of mere materialism." A weakling, now Peter is a bold man. The people took knowledge of him that he had been with Jesus.

These are a few of the thoughts of this fine address. At its close Hymn 222, "Jesus, the Name High Over All," was sung with manifest feeling by the conference.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary of the conference, called the roll and the following answered the call of their names:

PREACHERS IN FULL CONNECTION.

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| Adams, C. H. | Lee, Jesse |
| Adams, R. W. | Lowe, S. W. |
| Adams, W. W. | Luker, J. B. |
| Alexander, I. | Luker, F. E. |
| Anderson, B. C. | Lloyd, L. L. |
| Atkinson, C. J. | Manly, I. B. |
| Ansley, B. C. | Massey, J. L. |
| Bell, C. C. | Mathison, L. H. |
| Bell, B. T. | Matney, H. A. |
| Belcher, W. A. | McCary, A. J. |
| Bergin, J. W. | McGee, L. H. |
| Betts, I. F. | McKenney, S. S. |
| Binford, E. E. | McLarty, C. U. |
| Boyles, F. M. | McGrady, T. D. |
| Bradford, L. H. | Myers, C. M. |
| Bridges, J. W. | Milam, T. J. |
| Brown, M. I. | Mills, J. M. |
| Burke, J. D. | Mills, J. W. |
| Burke, D. S. | Milton, P. I. |
| Beard, R. E. | Morchad, T. R. |
| Buttrill, J. E. | Morchad, H. K. |
| Carr, J. C. | Morgan, J. E. |
| Carter, J. F. | Moody, J. A. |
| Collins, G. H. | Mock, C. E. |
| Clark, C. E. | Moon, W. B. |
| Clark, F. G. | McCain, H. H. |
| Coppedge, J. J. | Owen, B. L. |
| Crum, W. H. | Pace, I. F. |
| Cummings, C. T. | Pate, W. L. |
| Cook, E. G. | Payne, J. E. |
| Callaway, B. | Perritte, H. T. |
| Cockrell, J. C. | Phelan, G. H. |
| Cole, J. W. | Platt, Frank |
| Davis, W. F. | Potter, E. W. |
| Davis, Geo. W. | Pounds, W. A. |
| Dawson, F. D. | Power, L. J. |
| Dent, I. O. | Ridler, A. J. |
| Dobbs, Joseph | Riley, G. W. |
| Easterling, W. S. | Ramsey, P. T. |
| Flood, L. B. | Reifscheider, J. E. |
| Edwards, W. H. | Ross, J. L. |
| Farr, E. O. | Saxon, L. B. |
| Finn, Glenn | Seay, Frank |
| Fowler, L. M. | Sharp, T. C. |
| Gardner, C. B. | Sherrell, W. M. |
| Garrett, C. B. | Shettles, E. L. |
| Garrett, J. F. | Smith, C. E. |
| Garrison, Gus | Smith, C. F. |
| Gollubugh, W. W. | Smith, J. T. |
| Gordwin, J. W. | Smith, H. B. |
| Graham, W. W. | Smith, W. F. |
| Green, L. E. | Solomon, E. W. |
| Goddard, O. E. | Stewart, J. C. |
| Gibson, G. M. | Stokeley, S. W. |
| Harkey, C. S. | Swindall, E. P. |
| Hart, H. T. | Tally, C. T. |
| Hays, H. T. | Terrill, M. N. |
| Hooper, O. W. | Thomas, S. W. |
| Hopper, S. D. | Took, Allen |
| Hornor, W. W. | Tower, C. A. |
| Hotchkiss, O. T. | Threadwell, J. W. |
| Hutchinson, D. H. | Turrentine, J. B. |
| Huddleston, J. C. | Tharp, A. A. |
| Hughes, C. W. | Vance, W. H. |
| Hughes, W. C. | Vondracek, J. M. |
| Harbin, W. G. | Watson, E. D. |
| Hooks, J. T. | Wagnon, A. A. |
| Hendricks, J. S. | Wardlow, J. W. |
| Houck, J. D. | Watts, H. V. |
| Hall, A. G. | Weatherby, J. I. |
| Harris, Ed. J. | Wells, M. F. |
| Ingram, E. L. | Whaling, H. M., Jr. |
| Johnson, W. J. | White, W. D. |
| Kennedy, C. M. | Whitehurst, A. S. |
| Kidd, A. A. | Wills, H. C. |
| Kidd, J. F. | Wotton, Weems |
| Kilgore, James | Wright, C. S. |
| Keup, Geo. E. | Zimmerman, O. F. |

UNDERGRADUATES.

Class of First Year.

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| J. F. Wallis | J. H. Carlin |
| C. B. Fuller | Otto Daniel |
| W. H. Earls | J. W. Ussery |
| T. W. St. John | A. W. Gordon |
| D. S. Hotchkiss | I. D. Womack |
| I. M. Gordon | W. W. Thomas |
| J. C. Marshall | |

Class of Second Year.

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| M. J. Bigger | R. B. Jones |
| H. G. Cooke | I. A. Moore |
| J. M. Cochran | S. A. Weimer |
| I. M. Fuller | W. I. Russell |
| J. C. White | J. C. Thompson |
| G. M. Yearwood | I. F. Hardy |
| W. M. Bass | R. S. Marshall |

LAY DELEGATES.

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| L. C. Stewart | H. L. Griffin |
| H. R. Goodman | W. L. Dean |
| Knob Henderson | Dan Walker |
| J. P. Lane | J. O. Cooper |
| I. F. Mallard | Archie Robertson |
| J. S. Watson | Jesse Smith |
| O. D. Baker | |

O. T. Hotchkiss was re-elected Secretary. The following assistants were elected: D. H. Hotchkiss, C. T. Tally, W. H. Vance and J. L. Vance. The following Assistant Statistical Secretaries were elected: H. B. Smith, W. S. Easterling, H. T. Perritte, A. G. Hall, L. J. Power, D. A. Williams.

E. W. Solomon announced V. A. Woods in

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East Oklahoma Conference

FOR many, many years the Advocate representative has been on the opening scenes of our Annual Conferences. But the East Oklahoma Conference is a new and pleasant surprise. We rather like the innovation—and it pitched a high note that promises to mark all the subsequent sessions. Heretofore, we have been used to a running comment on some portion or chapter in the Bible. This time it was a good old-fashioned gospel sermon.

Promptly, at nine o'clock, the Bishop announced the old hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and the great congregation sang it as only such an audience can. After reciting the Apostles' Creed, the Bishop led in a fervent prayer.

The congregation then sang, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," after which the Bishop then read as a lesson the sixth chapter of First Corinthians, using as a text the phrase, "Called to be saints," from which he preached a sermon really great in its helpfulness and inspiration.

The Bishop, among many brilliant and uplifting thoughts, said the following in substance:

I recall the story of the tutor of a young prince who, when his charge could not be otherwise controlled, took a purple ribbon and pinned it on his breast—thus reminding him of his royal parentage. Here St. Paul pins the royal purple upon the breast of every Christian, reminding him of his royal parentage—reminding him that he is a son of the Most High God. This word "saint" is the most abused word I know. Many unworthy men have appropriated it, and by peculiar dress and manners attempt to impress the public with the idea of their saintliness.

Abuses of really worthy things are the worst of abuses. To be a saint is not to retire into solitude or into a convent. The place of saints is not in the wilderness, but it is in the centers of population; not in convents, but in homes.

Religion is not sickness, it is health. It is not a funeral, it is like a wedding. Religion is sunshine, light, warmth, joy, health. Sanctity is sanity, and sanity is sanctity.

Neither is this term restricted to a few. In the New Testament all the believers in Christ are called saints. Every Christian is called to be a saint. Every Christian has the right to the title of a saint if he lives up to his privilege in Christ.

The law of saintliness is threefold. There are three general rules of sainthood. They are:

First. To be a saint means to be separated from the world. Not the material world; the hills, the valleys, the mountains, streams, forests and the oceans. All these beauties of the material world are not to be hated. Christ loved them, and the man who does not love them has something wrong in his makeup somewhere.

Neither does it mean the world of mankind. Christ loved mankind, and he exhorts his followers to love all men. He who does not love his kind is spiritually sick.

There is a world to be shunned—to be separated from. Separated—separated from the world of lust, the love of the world, the pride of life, of fine living. The word in its original means something similar to the German word which means "the spirit of the times." This is the world from which the saints must be separated—"the spirit of the times."

He must be "different" from the unsaved men and women who are making worldliness and worldly pursuits their ideal—their sole ambition.

To be "up-to-date" in the common acceptance of that term, is to be unlike Christ. If we would be saints we must be separated from all desire for worldly gain; separated from bondage to the flesh; separated from the ways and ambitions of worldly men.

Second. To be a saint one must be consecrated to God. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God." One must make God and godly living and godly pursuits his whole ambition.

Third. If he would be a saint he must be filled with the Holy Spirit. He can only have a clear vision of God when so filled. The most dangerous condition at sea is not the storm—it is the fog. Storms test seamanship. In the fog we only drift and make a noise.

J. M. Peterson then led in a fervent prayer.

The seventieth session of the East Oklahoma Conference was called to order in St. Paul's Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, at 10:15 a. m., Wednesday, November 10, 1915, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, of Dallas, Texas, in the chair.

Chas. L. Brooks, Secretary of the last session held in Ada, Oklahoma, was asked to call the roll of the conference. The following clerical members answered to their names:

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| Blackwell, J. B. | Pipkin, W. P. |
| Hardin, J. R. | Stungas, H. B. |
| Miller, A. K. | Thompson, J. F. |

- Supernumerary Member.**
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| Minnis, T. J. |
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- Effective Members.**
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| Abernathy, J. R. | Hooks, J. C. |
| Alexander, R. C. | Houston, R. R. |
| Anderson, K. K. | Hunkapillar, A. B. L. |
| Armstrong, W. W. | Hunter, J. W. |
| Atkins, P. C. | Ishomer, L. N. |
| Avery, A. N., Sr. | Jacob, E. A. |
| Babcock, S. H. | Johnson, A. P. |
| Ball, J. H. | Koth, C. M. |
| Ball, J. M. | Kennedy, J. A. |
| Barton, L. S. | Lambert, James |
| Belcher, A. M. | Lee, W. S. |
| Blackburn, R. T. | Lewis, W. A. |
| Blackburn, W. L. | Linebaugh, N. L. |
| Brannon, A. M. | Martin, G. W. |
| Brewer, T. F. | McConnell, J. E. |
| Brooks, Chas. L. | McKinney, M. B. |
| Broome, W. L. | Miller, A. C. |
| Buchanan, C. H. | Morris, H. R. |
| Byers, G. M. | Myatt, C. W. |
| Cameron, A. S. | Naylor, Frank |
| Campbell, E. T. | Nunicy, S. C. |
| Cantrell, J. A. | Parks, J. A. |
| Carpenter, J. E. | Peterson, J. M. |
| Cassidy, M. A. | Peterson, T. G. |
| Clarke, H. P. | Pickens, A. C. |
| Cooper, J. C. | Ready, W. T. |
| Craig, J. C. | Reynolds, U. G. |
| Crosby, E. H. | Roberts, Luther |
| Crow, G. L. | Roberts, T. F. |
| Cunningham, J. W. | Rogers, J. D. |
| Curry, J. C. | Rogers, J. H. |
| Daly, L. M. | Rogers, Jas. W. |
| Debow, H. E. | Shanks, T. O. |
| Dawson, D. A. | Shaw, J. E. |
| Dupree, A. M. | Shay, Orlando |
| Eggaris, J. D. | Sims, M. C. |
| Ellis, L. E. | Smith, W. H. |
| Fontaine, O. C. | Snell, Orva S. |
| Fowler, J. C. | Stegall, B. F. |
| Garrison, W. E. | Stewart, R. O. |
| Geddie, D. M. | Stratton, T. S. |
| Gregg, D. A. | Sutton, S. N. |
| Gregory, S. G. | Taylor, R. C. |
| Grimes, J. A. | Teer, W. V. |
| Griner, G. W. | Tiger, J. E. |
| Grose, W. M. | Townsend, E. A. |
| Harkins, Thos. A. | Turner, J. T. |
| Harris, E. S. | Turner, T. P. |
| Harris, I. R. | Vicks, J. E. |
| Hays, M. C. | W. Luce, E. C. |
| Hickman, R. E. | White, A. G. |
| Hill, William | White, J. W. |
| Hill, R. M. C. | Williams, A. S. |
| Hively, J. M. | Williams, B. L. |
| Holley, G. E. | Williams, W. W. |

Chas. L. Brooks and W. L. Broome were put in nomination for Secretary. On call for a standing vote, Chas. L. Brooks received 49 and W. L. Broome 48. Chas. L. Brooks was declared elected.

Because of physical disability Chas. L. Brooks offered his resignation, which was accepted.

W. L. Broome was nominated by Chas. L.

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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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place of W. W. Wiggins, Lay Delegate, from the Beaumont District.

O. T. Hotchkiss read the nomination of standing committees by the presiding elders as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.

J. B. Turrentine, Marvin Kelley, Glenn Flinn, LeRoy Trice

Books and Periodicals.

G. M. Gibson, L. B. Saxon, C. B. Garrett, F. O. Lavre, J. F. Kidd, R. E. Ledbetter, C. C. Bell, P. T. Ramsey, Weems Wootton, L. M. Fowler, W. J. Johnson, C. T. Cummings, J. B. Bell

Sabbath Observance.

J. R. Murray, B. T. Bell, L. H. Mathison, D. S. Burke, J. O. Cooper, J. M. Fuller, W. L. Pate, J. D. Rice, J. A. Moore, J. M. Smith, J. M. Kilgore, H. A. Williams, H. G. Cooke, J. P. Lane, O. F. Zimmerman, H. R. Taylor, R. O. Weir

Spiritual State of the Church.

C. U. McLarty, J. J. Power, G. C. Craney, W. B. Jones, H. C. Willis, S. W. Lowe, L. B. Lauer, Frank Platt, J. E. Key, J. C. Reinhart, W. A. Belcher, C. E. Beard, H. T. Perrette, C. I. Milton, A. S. Whithurst, D. C. Anderson

Conference Relations.

J. L. Red, E. H. McGee, W. F. Andrews, A. A. Tharp, F. C. Huddleston, S. W. Stokely, W. W. Gillingham, W. S. Easterling, D. W. Gardner, J. S. Smith, E. D. Dawson, G. E. Beard, W. M. Sherrill, C. A. Toward, W. A. Cranen

District Conference Records.

C. J. Atkinson, D. Goodman, W. T. Ayers, G. E. Kemp, T. S. Williford, H. Collins, W. C. Hughes, A. G. Hall, C. E. Garrett, H. F. Wells

Temperance.

O. W. Hooper, J. L. Weatherby, Allen Took, E. Green, J. O. Coppage, L. D. McCrary, J. W. Wimsom, C. C. Escoe, S. D. Horger

Laymen's Missionary Movement.

J. S. Watson, B. Goodman, G. D. Baker, J. W. Fitzgerald, Dan Walker, W. Osborn, Arch Robertson, E. D. Dushell, B. H. Powell, E. W. King, L. C. Stewart, J. S. Morris, J. C. Stewart

The committees, as nominated, were elected by the conference.

Communications from Southwestern University, the Board of Education, the Board of Church Extension, the Board of Trustees, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Epworth League Board, the Publishing Agents, the Sunday School Board, the Joint Board of Finance, the Board of Missions and the Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate were referred without reading. A communication from E. P. Newsom, Chaplain of the United States Navy, was received. The communication from Bishop W. A. Candler in behalf of the Educational Commission was read to the conference and referred to the Board of Education.

E. J. Hedley, alternate, was seated in the place of Dr. V. T. Smith, absent.

A hearty welcome to Longview was extended to the conference upon the completion of its organization. Glenn Flinn, pastor, after a few choice words of welcome, introduced Marvin Kelley. In the midst of his welcome Brother Kelley paid a high tribute to his pastor, saying that 299 additions had been received into the Longview Church during the year. President Watson of the Chamber of Commerce spoke felicitous words of welcome in behalf of the other churches in the city. Hon. G. A. Bodenheim, Mayor, was introduced by Brother Kelley and extended a cordial welcome in behalf of the city. "The holding of an Annual Conference is an event in the history of the Church and of the city in which it is held." The Mayor, though a Hebrew, professed himself "a brother-in-law of the Methodist Church," his wife being a member. Bishop McCoy responded in behalf of the conference and no other Bishop is more happy than he on such occasions.

Dr. Philip Fletcher, of the Little Rock Conference; Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education; Rev. J. D. Scott, of San Antonio; Rev. T. G. Whitten, of the North Texas Conference; Dr. G. M. Gibson who was transferred to the conference at its last session; Rev. W. B. Wilson, of the Central Texas Conference; A. Dee Simpson, of Southwestern University, and the editor of the Advocate were introduced to the conference.

Rev. J. D. Scott asked that the matter of the Rescue Home be considered at tomorrow's session. Granted. Communications were referred to the Social Service Committee and to the Board of Missions.

Rev. Caspar S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University,

presented a paper concerning the transfer of the title of Southern Methodist University to the Educational Commission, and the proposed amendment to the charter of that institution. His statements were lucid, and after his explanations the paper was referred to the Board of Education.

Question 22 was called by the Bishop, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" E. W. Solmon, presiding elder of the Beaumont District, reported and his character was passed. He reported that his preachers have done their best, 1000 additions during the year, a net loss in resources because of the storm. Finances about 50 per cent paid. Brother Solomon is finishing his fourth year and despite the conditions named declared his last year his best.

S. W. Thomas, presiding elder of the Brenham District, reported, and his character was passed. Eight hundred and forty members have been received in the district, 500 of which on profession of faith. Good revivals in every charge. Nine charges paid their salaries in full, eight charges paid their conference assessments in full. He recited losses sustained from the storm, some charges being able to pay only from 50 to 80 per cent of their conference collections.

At this juncture some questions were asked concerning an assessment for the Washington City Church.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson was presented by the Bishop and addressed the conference. His address was comprehensive and showed familiarity with the minutest details of his work. He paid Southwestern University a high tribute, saying that it had, perhaps, the best department of religious education of any of our schools. His appeal for a better trained ministry was convincing and strong.

C. T. Tally moved to amend Rule 10 of the standing rules of the conference by making the presiding elders ineligible to membership on standing committees. After some discussion the motion prevailed. His motion to require reports in which assessments are recommended to lie on the table for a day was lost.

The Bishop resumed the call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless," etc. The following presiding elders reported, and their characters were passed: James Kilgore of the Houston District, I. F. Pettis of the Jacksonville District, F. M. Boyle and J. B. Turrentine for the Marshall District.

James Kilgore reported 1800 additions to the Church in the Houston District, 800 of these being on profession of faith. The preachers will report their assessments paid in full with one or two exceptions. This is indeed a remarkable report in view of losses from the storm. Brother Kilgore reported a fine class of preachers at Southern Methodist University in which he has been doing a professor's work since September.

I. F. Pettis reported 1100 or 1200 additions to the Church in the Jacksonville District. Nine charges have paid their pastors in full, six their assessments in full. Other charges have paid from 25 to 50 per cent of their assessments. Despite the drought in his district the reports are ahead of last year. The Church at Jacksonville has received 200 members during the year.

F. M. Boyle, at present pastor of First Church, Houston, reported for the part of the year in which he served as presiding elder of the Marshall District, and J. B. Turrentine, the present presiding elder, reported for that portion of the year in which he has served. Brother Boyles reported 500 additions received on the district to Easter Sunday. Brother Turrentine reported the total number received for the whole year to be 1200, 600 of which have been received on profession of faith. The church at Kilgore has been finished and one parsonage built on the district. Longview has paid \$600 as a special on missions.

Dr. C. C. Cody, Dean Emeritus of Southwestern University; Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions; Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University; Rev. Francisco Zeto, Italian Missionary, and Rev. J. A. Tyler, of the C. M. E. Church, were introduced to the conference.

Dr. G. M. Gibson was announced to preach at 7:30 p. m.

After the usual announcements the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by L. M. Fowler.

SECOND DAY.

The devotional services Thursday morning, November 11, were conducted by E. H. Rawlings, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions. He announced Hymn 183, "Come, Holy Spirit." After singing by the conference he read John 14:1-14. In commenting on the passage he quoted from John R. Mott that our activities are multiplying faster than we are

deepening our Christian experience. Dr. Rawlings led the conference in prayer. After the devotional exercises Bishop McCoy called the conference to order. The Secretary of the conference read the minutes of yesterday's session and after corrections they were approved.

The Secretary called the roll of absentees at yesterday's session and the following answered their names:

Clerical—S. N. Allen, W. T. Andrews, A. P. Bradford, R. A. Burroughs, J. W. Cullen, E. C. Escoe, J. E. Green, W. C. Hughes, L. F. Jewell, Ira F. Key, R. E. Ledbetter, T. S. Ogle, Nathan Powell, J. R. Ritchie, E. A. Sample, A. G. Scruggs, G. L. Taylor, H. M. Timmons, J. L. Weatherby, T. S. Williford.

On Trial, Second Year—Preston Florence. Lay—D. B. Carney, W. B. Jones, Arthur Viser, E. A. Berry, J. H. Windham.

The following substitutes were made: B. H. Powell in place of John Sullock, Navasota District; J. T. Pusey in place of W. D. Rice, Tyler District.

A communication from Dr. C. M. Bishop on the subject of lynching was referred to the following committee: C. S. Wright, J. W. Mills and S. S. McKenney.

Communications from various Boards were referred to appropriate committees.

Rev. J. M. Workman, President of Henderson-Brown College, and Rev. Frank Onderdonk, Superintendent of the Mexican Mission, were introduced to the conference.

The Bishop called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of five of the presiding elders were called, they made their reports and their characters were passed.

George W. Davis, presiding elder of the Marlin District, reported 1100 additions to the Church in his district; of these 700 were received on profession of faith. Salaries 90 per cent paid, conference collections 84 per cent paid. Lost three churches by storm. Especial mention was made of Buckholts, Flinn and Jewett, each of which had paid in full.

E. L. Shettles, presiding elder of the Navasota District, reported 900 accessions to the Church, nine charges paid out in full, conference claims 89 per cent paid. District has done well, "tip-top."

O. T. Hotchkiss, presiding elder of Pittsburg District, reported 1700 conversions in his district during the year, 1100 additions to the Church, a net gain in membership of 700. Collections in excess of last year. Conference collections 63 per cent paid, salaries 50 per cent paid. During his four years as presiding elder of the district the net gain in Church membership is 2000. District now has a membership of 10,000, \$251,000 raised for all purposes during the four years.

L. B. Elrod, presiding elder of the Timpson District, reported 1000 or 1100 accessions to the Church during the year, and as large a number of conversions. Thirteen or fourteen charges have paid in full. The Sunday School interests advanced.

J. T. Smith, presiding elder of the Tyler District, reported 1000 conversions, and 1200 or 1300 accessions to the Church. Twelve charges increased salaries. Salaries 79 per cent paid; a number of the charges had paid in full. Never did a harder year's work, traveled 5000 miles by railway and several hundred by private conveyance. "Used worlds of stationery." Thirty-five years ago entertained the Annual Conference in Longview.

In answer to Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" the following were passed by the examining committee and were recommended by the committee on nomination: Delbert W. Moore, from the Beaumont District; R. A. Gates, from the Marlin District; William A. Allen, from the Navasota District; Leo Hopkins, from the Pittsburg District, and Ernest W. Downs, from the Tyler District. By vote of the conference these were admitted.

Under Question 22 the Bishop called the names of the following supernumeraries, and their characters were passed and their names referred to the committee for the same relation: A. L. Carnes, B. R. Bolton and H. T. Swartz.

The character of Gus Garrison was passed and he was left on the effective list.

Continuing under Question 22 the Bishop called the following supernumeraries, their characters were passed and they were referred to the committee for the same relation: S. H. Morgan, W. H. Brooks, Isaac Alexander, J. D. Burke, G. H. Phair, T. R. Cain, H. T. Hart, C. R. Lamar, W. W. Graham, L. M. Fowler, G. C. Stovall, T. B. Graves, O. A. Shook, J. A. Moody, A. C. Biggs, C. H. Brooks, Wm. Sproule, T. J. Milam, I. M. Bryce, J. W. Kelley, A. G. Scruggs, John Helpinstill, C. L. Farrington, B. H. Greathouse, Albert Little, J. C. Cameron, D. P. Cullen, I. J. Coppedge, G. A. LeClere,

A. Methvin, J. L. Russell, J. M. Mills, J. W. Johnson, W. W. Adams.

C. H. Smith and H. M. Sears have died during the year. When the name of A. J. Anderson was called it was announced that he had joined the Presbyterian Church. The Secretary of the conference was directed to make an entry against his name to this effect, thus disposing of his case.

Dr. Isaac Alexander of the supernumeraries answered his name and spoke feelingly, as did G. H. Phair, H. T. Hart, J. A. Moody, W. W. Gramam, L. M. Fowler, T. J. Milam, J. M. Mills, W. W. Adams and I. J. Coppedge. Letters from a number of the absentees were read. The conference holds in high esteem these heroes of the cross.

Continuing under Question 22 the Bishop called the names of the following and their characters were passed without reports of their work:

Beaumont District—T. E. Bledsoe, W. J. Johnson, J. B. Bell, H. T. Perrette, Weems Wootton, J. W. Bridges, P. R. White, J. C. Stewart, W. A. Belcher, W. W. Watts, W. H. Crum, O. W. Hooper, J. W. Cullen, W. C. Hughes.

Brenham District—J. F. Carter, T. S. Williford, E. G. Cooke, C. U. McLarty, F. O. Favre, G. C. Cravy, S. W. Stokely, D. S. Burke, A. A. Tharp, J. D. F. Houck, T. C. Sharp, C. M. Myers, G. W. Riley, W. W. Horner, W. F. Davis, Nathan Powell (Brenham Q. C.).

Houston District—C. S. Wright, J. W. Mills, E. W. Potter, H. M. Whaling Jr., A. A. Wagnon, J. O. Coppage, H. K. Morehead, L. J. Power, F. G. Clark, C. S. Harkey, L. B. Manley, O. E. Goddard, W. M. Sherrill, C. E. W. Smith, J. W. Wardlow, C. E. Clark, J. E. Reifschneider, John E. Green (St. Paul Q. C.), W. G. Harbin (Tab. Q. C.).

Jacksonville District—G. L. Taylor, C. A. Tower, C. M. Kenney, J. D. Womack, J. T. Hooks, W. B. Moon, S. S. McKenney, J. W. Treadwell, J. R. Murray, A. A. Rider, E. C. Escoe, M. F. Wells, P. T. Ramsey, I. W. Campbell, J. C. Carr, T. R. Morehead, C. E. Mock (Lufkin Q. C.), H. H. Davis (Palestine Cen. Q. C.).

Marshall District—R. E. Beard, Frank Platt, H. M. Timmons, A. L. Conner, A. G. Hall, J. M. Smith, E. L. Ingram, J. L. Dawson, T. D. McCrary, A. J. McCary, Glenn Flinn, John W. Bergin, H. J. Hayes.

Marlin District—C. E. Garrett, J. W. Campbell, C. F. Smith, W. D. White, R. H. Lewelling, S. W. Lowe, R. O. Weir, Allen Took, O. F. Zimmerman, L. H. McGee, I. B. Saxon, J. E. Payne, E. A. Sample, W. F. Packard, A. P. Bradford, W. A. Craven, H. H. McCain, A. S. Whitehurst, J. F. Garrett, Frank Seay (Marlin Q. C.), R. A. Burroughs (Marlin Q. C.), W. D. White.

Navasota District—W. L. Pate, C. T. Tally, I. F. Key, A. L. Carnes (supernumerary), D. H. Hotchkiss, H. A. Matney, C. C. Bell, R. W. Adams, J. E. Mortan, E. Pinford, M. F. Daniel, W. T. Ayers, J. L. Massey, D. W. Gardner, H. B. Smith, S. D. Horger, Joseph Dohes (Bryan Q. C.), W. T. McDonald (Huntsville Q. C.), E. P. Newsom (Huntsville Q. C.).

Pittsburg District—C. T. Cummings, M. I. Brown, C. H. Adams, J. L. Red, I. O. Dent, A. A. Kidd, M. N. Terrell, B. C. Anderson, W. H. Vance, D. A. Williams, J. S. Hendrick, W. F. Andrews, Jesse Lee, S. N. Allen.

Timpson District—P. S. Wilson, John W. Goodwin, M. L. Lindsey, W. F. Smith, J. B. Luker, C. R. Garrett, J. F. Kidd, W. F. Campbell, I. H. Mathison, H. C. Willis, C. J. Atkinson, W. W. Golligh, J. C. Huddleston, A. T. Walker.

When the name of M. L. Lindsey was called it was announced that he had died during the year.

J. B. Turrentine moved that the name of J. L. Dawson be referred to the committee for the supernumerary relation, and his name was referred.

E. L. Shettles moved that the name of M. F. Daniel be referred for the supernumerary relation and his name was referred.

Rev. J. J. Morgan, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, addressed the conference on his work. He showed in a convincing manner the tremendous importance of the society's work.

Rev. W. T. Gray, of the Central Texas Conference, was introduced to the conference.

H. M. Whaling, Jr., read report No. 1 of the Sunday School Board. The report recommended an assessment of \$3600 on the conference for the support of a conference Sunday School Field Secretary and the supply of other funds needed by the Sunday School Board in its work. The report was the occasion of the most earnest and prolonged discussion thus far in the conference session. The need for doing the work proposed was not denied, but from the beginning of the discussion it was seen that a large part of the conference doubted the wisdom of increasing conference assessments at

this time. The discussion was participated in by leading ministers and laymen of the conference. The report failed by a vote of 89 to 85.

Bishop McCoy at this juncture recognized E. W. Potter, who called James Kilgore, the retiring presiding elder of the Houston District, before him and presented to him in behalf of the preachers of the Houston District a handsome overcoat. Brother Potter expressed the hope that the coat would be large enough to cover the faults of the retiring elder, but confessed that it would be large enough to cover his virtues. Brother Kilgore knew it would be large enough to cover his virtues, but feared it would not be sufficiently large to cover his faults.

The anniversary of the Board of Missions was announced for 7:30 p. m., and after other announcements the conference was adjourned with the benediction by J. A. Moody.

THIRD DAY.

The devotional services of the conference Friday morning, November 12, were conducted by Bishop McCoy. He announced Hymn 382, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise." After singing by the conference the Scripture lesson was from the first chapter of Ephesians. F. S. Onderdonk led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of Thursday's session and they were approved.

The presence of J. L. Red and J. S. Morris, a clerical and a lay member of the conference, was noted by the Secretary.

Mrs. Chas. Bradford Cunningham furnished the Bishop's table with a handsome bouquet of roses.

Under Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the names of the following were called and on by one their characters were passed: E. P. Swindall, I. F. Pace, G. H. Collins, J. L. Weatherby, W. H. Edwards, P. I. Milton, F. E. Luker, J. R. Ritchie, W. S. Easterling, C. W. Hughes, L. E. Green, G. M. Gibson, W. A. Pounds, E. D. Watson, L. F. Jewell (Tyler, Marvin Q. C.).

Under Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" the Bishop called the class of the first year. The following members of the class stood approved examinations, their characters were passed and they were advanced to the class of the second year: J. M. Gordon, J. H. Carlin, D. S. Hotchkiss, J. C. Marshall, G. Z. Sadler, W. W. Thomas and J. F. Wallis. The following members of the class were not before the examining committee, their characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the first year: W. H. Earls, Otto Daniel, C. R. Fuller, T. W. St. John and J. W. Ussery.

J. D. Womack was located by vote of the conference.

The Bishop called Question 18, "Who are located this year?" Answer: J. D. Womack.

In answer to Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" the Bishop announced the following transfers:

C. H. Doak, on trial, class first year, from West Texas Conference. W. K. Strother, elder, from Northwest Texas Conference.

L. F. Brothers, deacon, class third year, Western North Carolina Conference.

F. T. Few, on trial, class first year, from Louisiana Conference.

R. C. Greer, on trial, class first year, from East Oklahoma Conference.

A. B. Chapman, on trial, class first year, from North Texas Conference.

The Bishop called Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" The following passed the committee of examination, were recommended by the committee on admissions and were admitted by vote of the conference: R. A. Gates and A. E. Rider.

Question 2 was resumed by the Bishop, "Who remain on trial?" T. Ed Few and R. C. Greer passed approved examinations, their characters were passed and they were advanced to the class of the second year.

The Bishop called Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Under this question the class of the third year was called. The following stood approved examinations, their characters were passed and they were advanced to the class of the second year: G. E. Kemp, L. H. Bradford, H. V. Watts, Benjamin Calloway, J. W. Cole, J. L. Weatherby, E. J. Harris, D. B. Boddie, B. L. Iwen, T. D. Dawson, Walton Day and J. C. Cockrell. Ben O. Hill, missionary in Cuba, was not before the committee and was continued in the class of the third year.

Question 10 was called by the Bishop, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Under this question the class of the second year was called. The following stood approved examinations, their characters were passed and they were elected deacons: Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, J. E. White, W. M. Bass, W. L.

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Brooks and he was declared elected Secretary.

Upon nomination by the Secretary, L. B. Ellis and H. P. Clarke were elected assistants. T. A. Harkins was elected Statistical Secretary.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 a. m. and 11:45 respectively.

The bar of the conference was fixed to include all the main part of the auditorium.

R. T. Blackburn, for the presiding elders, nominated the following to fill vacancies on quadrennial boards, and they were elected:

Board of Church Extension—T. O. Shanks vice Cornelius Pugsley.

Joint Board of Finance—Dr. S. B. Leslie vice W. A. Holder.

Secretary School Board—T. A. Harkins vice G. E. Holley.

The presiding elders nominated the following conference committees and they were elected:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Admissions.

- Luther Roberts, D. M. Geddie, K. K. Anderson, C. A. Clark, E. M. Daly, Zsloc Anderson, A. S. Cameron, J. E. Tiger, E. H. Crasay

Books and Periodicals.

- S. H. Babcock, H. P. Clarke, T. A. Harkins, W. C. House, H. E. Darrow, A. S. Williams, J. A. Gimes, A. P. Johnson, E. A. Townsend, W. H. Smith

Conference Relations.

- T. F. Brewer, Orlando Shay, A. N. Avery, Sr., J. C. Fowler, W. V. Teer, A. C. Pickens, U. G. Reynolds

District Conference Journals.

- R. E. Hickman, L. W. Cobb, R. M. C. Hill, W. A. Lewis, S. N. Swinome, J. W. Turner, G. M. Eyles

Lay Activities.

- C. W. Miller, J. B. Holleman, F. L. Knisley, J. F. Rogers, I. C. Holman, L. M. LeFlore, W. M. Hurt, H. H. Holman

Memoirs.

- W. W. Williams, C. W. Myatt, A. S. Williams, A. B. L. Hunkapillar, A. M. Belcher

Resolutions.

- W. W. Armstrong, James Lambert, I. R. Hamm, M. L. Sims, T. M. Moore, S. C. Nunley, J. C. Cooper

Sabbath Observance.

- L. S. Barton, J. W. White, W. L. Broome, M. C. Hays, O. S. Sull, C. B. Cross, J. M. Hively, James G. Frazier

Spiritual State of Church.

- J. C. Brooks, J. A. Aston, W. L. Blackburn, C. Wallace, W. S. Lee, C. M. Keith, R. O. Stewart

Temperance.

- J. R. Abernathy, T. S. Stratton, E. S. Harris, H. L. Williams, H. D. McGaha, Frank Naylor, R. C. Taylor

Historical Commission.

J. F. Thompson

Epwote League Board.

J. R. Abernathy

The following were introduced to the conference:

L. Blaylock, Senior Publisher Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

J. Marvin Nichols, Staff Correspondent Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

E. Hightower, Divisional Sunday School Secretary for the Southwest, Georgetown, Texas.

Frank Reedy, Bursar Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder Dallas District, North Texas Conference.

E. H. Casey, member North Texas Conference.

Jno. M. Moore, Secretary Home Missions, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Teacher Training Work, Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Adult Bible Class Work, Corinth, Mississippi.

Dr. Luce, pastor First M. E. Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Brothers Cross, of West Texas Conference; Hart, of Memphis Conference; Goforth, of West Oklahoma Conference, and Clark of Northwest Texas Conference were introduced to the conference as transfers.

E. S. Harris, Jr., was elected Conference Page.

Communications were received from the following and referred without reading:

- Board of Church Extension, Board of Trustees, Correspondence School, Laymen's Missionary Movement, Board of Education, Sunday School Board, Publishing Agents, Southern Methodist University, Among the documents submitted

by Southern Methodist University is one relative to the amended charter of that institution. Touching it Judge D. H. Linebaugh, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and one of the trustees, made a very illuminating statement.

A resolution relative to a change in Standing Rule No. 6 was introduced by Chas. L. Brooks and was adopted. It refers to the Minute Fund.

Report of the Educational Commission, as ordered by the General Conference, was read and referred to the Board of Education.

W. W. Armstrong was substituted for T. A. Harkins, resigned as Statistical Secretary.

B. L. Williams was appointed Conference Postmaster.

After various announcements, the doxology was sung and Bishop Mouzon pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning, November 11, 1915, Bishop Mouzon called the conference to order by announcing the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," after which Dr. Jno. M. Moore led in prayer.

The Bishop did not address the conference, as is his custom, but requested Dr. Moore to take his place.

Dr. Moore based his remarks on parts of the third and fourth chapters of Paul's letter to Timothy, using Dr. Weymouth's translation. In substance he said:

These two letters to Timothy and the one to Titus are the three great letters to Paul's sons in the gospel. They are the great letters to preachers in our age.

In all the world's literature you will find no greater charge to young ministers. Its message comes to me with increased force as I grow older. If I were going to preach this morning I would use as a text the phrase in the sixteenth verse in the fourth chapter of this first letter, translated as it is here: "Be on your guard as to yourself and your teaching."

King James' version has it: "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine." St. Paul had the greatest concern for Timothy. He considered him his son in the gospel. We see this expressed in our day. I have in mind now one who looked upon me as a son and I looked upon him as a father in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But St. Paul had an unusual degree of interest in Timothy. He wanted to guard him against all those things that would interrupt the progress of his great work. He would guard Timothy against heresy. This is a common failing in the Christian life. Divisions in the Church are not of the devil; they are of humanity.

We are dealing with a world of many types. There are differences in intellect, differences in the capacities of many minds. We must learn to be patient.

Paul realized the influence of Judaic thought and ideals; he well knew the power of Greek rationalism; he understood the animalistic tendency to make joy and gladness the supreme end.

The great apostle had watched the trend of the ritualistic life which found its end in the forms and ceremonies of the Church; that rationalistic view which put everything at the altar of reason and asked the question "Why?" He knew the influence of that thought which enthroned physical appetites and made the chief end the mere joy of the gospel.

Paul well understood how these differences could affect a pastor and his congregation. His was to preach a gospel to men of different minds—a gospel that would hold them to what is right and bring to all a consciousness of sins forgiven. He was always able to preach a gospel of power—one which he knew was the power of God unto salvation.

Paul was always able to enunciate and explain a great truth. He never preached a negative gospel—it was a positive message. He came with a truth that should go through the resurrection and on out into the eternities.

Paul did not expect Timothy to do it his way—just like he himself would do it. God puts men into the world to make a place for themselves in their day and generation. He wanted Timothy to know that it was for him to make his own place, carrying a message that would give power, sanctity, dignity and destiny to the very age in which he lived.

Wesley could not bring the same message delivered in his day and make it fit the conditions of the present age. That man alone is great who is capable of rising up in his own day and command and give direction to the age in which he lives.

The crying need is for men who are able to develop and command the conditions of the day in which we live. To fight the good fight of faith does not mean to be able to defend the faith of another. We are to fight the fight of faith in this present age—a

faith that will give perfect adjustment to the present, past and future. Our duty to the future is as great as our duty to the past.

The only true minister is he who has found the secret of self-mastery and out of that brings a message to the world. It is of the highest importance that he who leads be consumed by a consciousness of his own labors. The burning of such a life lifts a torch whose flame gives life and light to the age in which he lives.

Preaching to our age is not preaching the age. We ought to preach the great power of the ages—the power which has run from the first day of Adam, and will run through the last son of Adam's race. We must take men who are floating on the sea of human thought and anchor them to something that will abide forever.

Such preaching results in firm convictions and lofty ideals. The reason men are swept off their feet is because of a lack of a definite conviction. Possessed of such fixed conviction, men are not rushing hither and thither.

Our great business is to preach a gospel that stays us in any storm. Certain and definite ideals must be our goal.

Paul was telling Timothy that manhood and Christ are the two great sources of power. What he is and what he has determines it all. Put manhood and Godhood together and they will conquer the world.

Paul did not underrate personality. The message is always typed by the man behind it. Methodism in Oklahoma can be no greater than the great body of individual lives behind it. The estimate the world places upon the message is secured from the ministry itself. And it is not from the preaching of the message, but as you live it as you walk up and down before men.

A narrow, contentious, cynical, backbiting, meddlesome, self-conscious preacher can never represent Christ. ("Nor get to heaven"—The Bishop.) Our business is to maintain an attitude of faith in the gospel. We ought to really believe that God has revealed himself and that he is speaking to us in this day. What's the use of praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit if we are not going to use it? What's the use of avowing the Twenty-five Articles of Faith if we are not going to use them?

Paul would call to Timothy's attention some virtues of a pastor. He must be courageous—not foolhardy. There is a vast difference between foolhardiness and courageousness. One may be a fighter with his fist and a coward before moral issues. Never was Jesus so sublime as when he stood silent before his accusers. The world loves a man courageous for the truth in which he believes.

He must have convictions. I do not mean opinionativeness. I mean convictions vital to life and destiny. He must be honest. I do not mean to steal, or to plagiarize—like when we steal another man's sermons. I mean a man not true to himself; one who is one thing in his heart and another thing in a crowd. Such a preacher cannot be a demagogue.

He must have a keen sense of honor, a keen sense of our relation to men, whether in politics, business or religion. I have no right to misrepresent anybody of any faith. This day calls for clear conceptions of what men are. Preaching is teaching. It is our business to have something to teach. We need explanation, not defense. Time exposure brings the great pictures of gospel truth before the world in this age.

We have ceased to preach on the great doctrines. We have turned to exhortation, sentimentalism, pathetic stories, and the discussion of the problems of the age.

Without wholesome theology the sheep will wander into strange pastures. Why all the issues of these modern times? Because our people are not grounded in the doctrines these issues do not and can never touch. The Church is always safely anchored when her ministry is sound in doctrine, and heroic in action.

And Paul would teach us that the prime virtue of a minister is to be a religious man. The greatest need of the age is the re-Christianizing of the ministry. This day calls for holy zeal—a passion for the living Christ. L. S. Barton led in an earnest prayer for consecration.

The conference sang with zest the old song, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Secretary called the roll of absentees from opening session and the following answered to their names:

Superannuated Members. A. K. Miller, W. P. Pipkin, J. F. Thompson.

Effective Members. C. H. Buchanan, A. S. Cameron, L. M. Daly, W. A. Frazier, D. M. Goddard, N. G. Gregory, James Lambert, Luther Roberts, W. H. Smith, T. S. Stratton.

The following lay alternates were ordered enrolled in place of absent principals: Hugo District—W. A. Forbes, vice E. May. McAlester District, J. B. French, vice Lon French; Rev. J. A. Smith, vice J. A. Asten. Muskogee District, W. M. Trent, vice H. L. Sanders. Tulsa District, R. A. Morrow, vice J. H. Eislenger. Vinita District, W. S. Ghormley, vice J. C. Bowen.

On motion, future calling of the roll was dispensed with. S. H. Babcock submitted report of Board of Education ad interim. To this report S. H. Babcock, L. S. Barton, O. F. Sensabaugh, Frank Reedy and Judge D. H. Linebaugh spoke, and it was ordered to record.

Resolution introduced by S. H. Babcock directed that the conference elect, upon nomination of the Board of Education, trustees to represent the East Oklahoma Conference on the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University. The resolution was adopted.

On motion to reconsider the hour of adjournment was changed from 11:45 to 12, noon. A resolution was adopted directing that the Joint Board of Finance become the Board of Managers of Superannuate Homes, and was given power to secure money and property, and to settle all questions of investment.

Just here, Bishop Mouzon stated that it would be necessary for everyone to be within the conference bar every minute of the session, for he did not know what name he would call first, nor which one last. The Chair called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of C. H. Buchanan, T. A. Harkins, J. T. Turner, J. C. Hooks, G. W. Griner, S. C. Nunley, W. T. Ready, and K. K. Anderson were called and their characters passed.

After various announcements, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by A. C. Pickens.

THIRD DAY.

Bishop Mouzon called the conference promptly to order at 9 o'clock, Friday morning, November 12, 1915.

After singing, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," Rev. Simeon Shaw, of the Northwest Texas Conference, led in prayer.

The Bishop then announced as the morning lesson the thirteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

He was at his best. The Advocate has heard him make expositions before, but he surpassed himself. These are some of the gist of many of the good things he said:

We are not to live like a fretful, irritable child. Paul said he was once a child, but now he was a man. I am afraid that we are great grown-up people and do just like little children.

In recent years some great scholars have questioned whether St. Paul ever saw Jesus in the flesh. I heard Dr. Moulton say that some of the best scholars argued that St. Paul saw Jesus in the days of his trial.

I don't know, but if Paul had seen him and wanted to give us a pen picture of Christ he could not have given us a better one than this thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Put "Jesus" where the word "love" occurs and you have a perfect picture of Christ. Try it and see.

Everything brightened when he came. The world had a new ideal invested with a new power. He gave power to live according to this new ideal.

Did you ever study the personality of the Twelve Disciples to see just how different they were?

There was Simon Peter—enthusiastic, outspoken, impetuous in his devotion. There was Nathaniel—quiet, dignified, retiring in his disposition.

There was Matthew—he accepted an office under a hated government. In the days of reconstruction, we hated the man from a hated government. We knew he was a rascal if he did. (Many amens.) We called him a scallawag, a carpetbagger. Matthew was a tax-gatherer for a hated government.

There was Simon, the zealot—the zealots were a Ku-Klux band. The zealots hated the Roman government. Jesus gathered about him men of varied types and breathed his Spirit upon them. Differences vanished. They loved him—they loved one another.

Love is the great unifier. You remember what the heathen said? "The Master seems to have persuaded all men to be brethren."

Anybody can hate. Some make a virtue out of vice. Anybody can gather a grudge, love never does. It is an evidence of savagery. No matter where, the nursing of it is an evidence of savagery. Anybody can hate, but it takes a Christian to love. Whether

in the jungles of Africa, the dark places in the slums, or amidst the illiterate, all hate is of hell. We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

Don't cultivate your antipathies—cultivate your affinities. The tongue of the whisperer ought to be cut out. Let's try to be like God; to be like this picture, for God is love.

Has the verb "to love" an inspiration? I read the other day of a man who had married his fourth affinity. There's no love there. It's the love of the jungle. Love can be commanded. May not like a man, but we can love him. Love is bigger than like.

There's something to love in everybody. The trouble is we are not big enough to see it. High love reaches low places. Oh, let us love until we can sing.

"Elest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love."

It's the great unifier. Let no man glory in men. God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ.

How can we love? By praying for love. Begin to act toward enemy as if you loved him. If you do you will begin to love him. Let's love one another unaimously—with heart, soul, mind and strength. Don't be hypocritical Christians—half for the world and half for God.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The following visitors were introduced to the conference.

Prof. John Wesley Gilbert, of Paine College for the Colored, Augusta, Ga. Rev. Stonewall Anderson, D.D., Secretary of Education, Nashville, Tenn. H. T. Laughbaum, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, in Oklahoma.

Dr. Poag, pastor Trinity M. E. Church, Muskogee, Okla.

At this point Prof. Gilbert was invited by the Bishop to address the conference relative to Paine College. At the close of his stirring address a collection of \$165.14 was taken.

It was announced that at the close of the morning session a photograph of the East Oklahoma Conference would be taken in front of the church.

Question 22 was resumed, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of G. E. Holley, L. B. Ellis, B. F. Stegall, Luther Roberts, W. L. Broome, T. F. Roberts, S. H. Babcock, A. C. Pickens and D. A. Gregg were called, one by one, and their characters passed.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Secretary of Education, addressed the conference in the interest of his department.

The Bishop called Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" The districts were called one by one, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Admissions and the Committee on Admission on Trial, they were admitted on trial into the East Oklahoma Conference. They are: Norman F. Peak and Carl P. Broome, from the Holdenville District; Peter M. Rutz and J. P. Palmer, from the Muskogee District.

Question 3, "Who are discontinued?" Answer: F. C. Carpenter, for six years in class of first year, and now in Y. M. C. A. work in Chicago.

On a question of personal privilege, N. L. Linebaugh withdrew his previous announcement that he would submit a written question of law to the Bishop for his decision.

Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" Answer: Muskogee District—J. D. Clarkson, a local elder in the Protestant Methodist Church, and his orders were recognized.

Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" Answer: Holdenville District—Samuel S. Holcomb, an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was admitted and his orders recognized. Tulsa District—Howard A. Deitmers, in the class of the first year, in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was admitted and remains in the class of the first year.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. The names of B. L. Williams, A. P. Johnson, M. A. Cassidy, Harvey E. Darrow, W. S. Lee, T. S. Stratton, A. N. Avery, Sr., J. M. Hively, W. W. Armstrong, J. A. Kenney, N. L. Linebaugh, R. T. Blackburn, T. P. Turner, J. M. Peterson, Chas. L. Brooks, J. H. Fall, J. W. Rogers, A. S. Cameron, W. P. Pipkin and F. E. Shanks were called, one by one, and their characters passed.

A resolution, introduced by Chas. L. Brooks, was adopted requesting that the preachers of the East Oklahoma Conference observe Sunday, April 2, 1916, as Francis Asbury Centenary Day.

Chas. L. Brooks called for a Committee of Investigation in his own case. The Bishop named the following:

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TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES
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Edgar Star entertained W. B. Moon at the conference.

Rev. C. M. Myers, of Somerville, paid a troublesome church debt of \$1500.

Rev. T. S. Williford has under construction a new church at Brookshire.

Rev. L. M. Fowler, superannuate, joined the conference forty years ago.

The subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate in the conference number 4561.

Rev. J. M. Mills, a superannuate, was admitted on trial forty-three years ago.

Rev. Ernest G. Cooke raised \$3450 in the Brenham charge for all purposes.

Rev. Glenn Flinn after a great year at Longview goes to First Church, Beaumont.

The total assessment for missions on the Texas Conference for 1915-16 is \$10,100.

Rev. P. T. Ramsey after three years of good work at Centenary, Palestine, goes to Jacksonville.

Rev. E. W. Potter after three successful years at Grace Church, Houston, goes to Huntsville.

Dr. O. E. Goddard makes a fine presiding officer and is one of the great men of the conference.

"Won't you meet me over there?" by John E. Green, will not soon be forgotten by the conference.

Rev. T. J. Milam, superannuate, has missed only one session of the conference in forty-three years.

The increase in attendance upon the Sunday Schools of the Texas Conference for the past year is 5000.

Every member of the class of the fourth year passed the examination prescribed in the Discipline.

Rev. W. W. Graham, superannuate, served five Churches during the year, traveling 300 miles each month.

During the three years' pastorate of J. F. Carter at Bay City have been received more than 250 members.

Rev. J. W. Bergin after two fine years at First Church, Marshall, goes to the Pittsburg District as presiding elder.

Judge W. L. Dean, of Huntsville, is one of the strong laymen of the conference. His words always carry weight.

Nathan Powell was reappointed President of the Powell Training School in Dallas. He has a promising school.

Rev. E. W. Solomon after four years of successful work on the Beaumont District goes to First Church, Marshall.

Prof. J. L. Pritchett, at Huntsville, was in attendance upon the conference. A great teacher and a staunch Methodist.

The Joint Board of Finance disbursed to conference claimants during the past year the handsome sum of \$13,272.45.

During his four years as presiding elder of the Pittsburg District, O. T. Hotchkiss reports that seventeen men have been licensed to preach and thirteen have been recommended for admission on trial into the conference. With such men in the pre-

THE ADVOCATE FEAT

It may be doubted if any journal in Methodism ever carried full reports of two conferences in a single issue until the Texas Christian Advocate performed this feat.

Our issue of November 11 carried ten full pages of the proceedings of the Northwest Texas and the West Oklahoma Conferences. A like service in the present issue is given to the Texas and the East Oklahoma Conferences.

The task of thus reporting two conferences in a single issue is not an easy one. Despite the heavy draft upon the Advocate's office force, however, we think the work has been done admirably. The publishers and the editor have spared neither labor nor expense that the work of our great conferences might be known to our readers.

We are sure that the place of the Texas Christian Advocate in the work of the Methodism of the Southwest will enlarge as the years come and go. More and more the Advocate will be the bond of union among our great and growing conferences. Its columns will be the forum for the discussion of our problems and an intellectual exchange for the best thoughts of our day.

siding eldership of the Church there will be no dearth in ministerial candidates.

Rev. G. H. Phair has been a member of the Texas Conference forty-one years. Has the conference a purer man?

Rev. Frank Onderdonk, Superintendent of our Mexican work in Texas, was a welcomed visitor at the conference.

Prof. Andrew Hemphill's singing was a great feature of the conference. Who can ever forget "Never Alone," "Christ is All?"

Dr. G. M. Gibson preached an admirable sermon Wednesday evening, November 10. "Jesus as Life-Bringer" was his theme.

Rev. C. T. Bell, of Thorndale, has raised \$1000 in cash and has \$1400 in subscriptions toward the building of a \$3000 church.

More than \$52,000 were raised for all purposes on the Brenham District under the leadership of S. W. Thomas, presiding elder.

"The Gospel I have been preaching for twenty-five years has not grown shallow," said D. H. Hotchkiss at the conference Love Feast.

Rev. Francisco Zito, Italian missionary, reported twenty-seven conversions during the ten months' work in and around Bryan.

The baptismal services of Bishop McCoy, preceding both the morning and evening services on Sunday, were impressive and beautiful.

Rev. R. E. Ledbetter, of Lexington, received the happy news at conference of the birth of his first child. Mother and child doing well.

The address of Prof. J. W. Gilbert greatly moved the conference. The collection for Paine College, which he represented, amounted to \$113.

Rev. J. D. Scott, of San Antonio, was a visitor at the conference and faithfully represented the interests of the San Antonio Rescue Home.

Rev. W. F. Bryan is transferred from the North Texas Conference and is stationed at Marlin. A fine appointment and a noble man meet.

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss after three years at Crockett Station goes to Centenary, Palestine. The conference has no more dependable man.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss after his quadrennium on the Pittsburg District goes to Nacogdoches. The Pittsburg District never had a better quadrennium.

Rev. Clyde B. Garrett will be conference host at Lufkin next year. He reported seventy-five additions to the Church this year and finances in full.

The Brenham District reported 400 accessions on profession of faith. H. B. Daily, a noble supply on the Lexington Mission, led the district with sixty-five accessions on profession of

faith. B. T. Bell, of Thorndale, came next with fifty; A. A. Tharp, of Richmond, was next with thirty-three.

"I belong to the brotherhood of the undiscouraged," exclaimed Dr. C. M. Bishop in his great address before the conference.

Rev. W. J. Johnson after four years at Beaumont is transferred to the North Texas Conference. He is one of the strong men of Texas Methodism.

One hundred and seventy-one orphans compose the happy family in our Waco Home. Dr. R. A. Burroughs is doing a great work as Manager.

J. W. Ogburn, of Ogburn, was an interested visitor at the conference. He gave liberally to the Washington City Church when the collection was being taken.

Rev. E. W. Solomon closed a fine quadrennium on the Beaumont District. His sterling worth makes him one of the most beloved men in his conference.

H. M. Glass, Conference Treasurer, was one of the busy men of the conference. He is a banker at Marlin and a dependable official in our Church at that place.

"I have been trying to preach sixty-one years," said Dr. Isaac Alexander in his sermon last Sunday evening. The verdict of his brethren is that he has learned how.

Rev. C. F. Smith after one year at Calvert is made presiding elder of the Beaumont District. He was received as a transfer to the conference thirty years ago.

Rev. W. W. Adams, superannuate, was busy last year doing the work of a colporter, in which he traveled 1700 miles, visited 2300 homes and distributed 1600 Bibles.

"The whole desire and prayer of my life is to be the man I ought to be," said Brother Yearwood at the Love Feast. Could the Christian's aspiration have been expressed better?

Thompson Kemp, age thirteen, was an interested spectator at the conference. He is the son of that faithful layman, J. F. Kemp, of Cameron. Thompson is a devoted friend of the Advocate.

T. S. Garrison is one of the most valuable laymen in Texas. He has undergone a serious operation within the past few months. He was at his post as Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance.

Rev. J. L. Massey is returned for his third year to Navasota. His health is entirely restored. He stays four years on his charges because the law of the Church will allow him to stay no longer.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss finished his quadrennium on the Pittsburg District. The Texas Conference never had a better Secretary nor a more painstaking presiding elder. Brother

Hotchkiss has developed into a great humorist since he was our presiding elder on the Houston District, 1896-1909. His store of negro stories never failed to bring down the house.

The presence of Dr. C. C. Cody, Dean Emeritus of Southwestern University, was greatly welcomed at the conference. No man is more widely or more favorably known in Texas than Dr. Cody.

The editor of the Advocate preached the opening sermon of the conference Tuesday evening at 7:30. He was a member of this conference for a number of years and greatly enjoyed the renewed fellowship.

The Texas Conference, as a whole, reported nearly 7000 accessions on profession of faith, or, to be exact, 6367. This is one of the banner years, if not the banner year, in the history of this great conference.

The Southwestern University Reunion and Dinner was attended by more than fifty former students of the University. It was voted to make such reunions a permanent feature of the meetings of the Texas Conference.

The entertainment of the conference by Longview was superb. The editor of the Advocate, with others too numerous to mention, was guest in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kelley. Such hospitality he has rarely seen.

Rev. R. W. Adams after a fine quadrennium at Huntsville is made presiding elder of the Houston District. He leaves a handsome new church at Huntsville, built during his pastorate and without a dollar's indebtedness upon it.

Rev. H. M. Whaling, Jr., after a few months of successful work in Marlin, has been appointed to a professorship in Southern Methodist University. It is understood that he will spend a year in some Eastern university before taking his chair.

Brother H. B. Goodman, a layman of First Church, Galveston, was called to Dallas because of the sickness of his son. We sincerely hope the sickness is not of serious character. H. B. Goodman never had a poor pastor. He never heard a poor sermon.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, delivered an inspiring address Thursday evening, November 11, at the anniversary of the Conference Board of Missions. His theme was "The Kind of Man Your Coming Layman Is to Be."

Dr. James Kilgore closed his quadrennium on the Houston District. Into his new work as professor in Southern Methodist University he goes with the affection and confidence of his brethren. By every measurement his work as presiding elder has been great.

The Marlin District reported 631 accessions on profession of faith. L. B. Saxon, of Jewett, led the district with ninety-seven on profession of faith. R. O. Weir, of Fairfield and Dew, came next with sixty-four. J. E. Payne, of Kosse, followed closely with sixty.

The Southwestern Agency of the American Bible Society, J. J. Morgan, manager, employs twenty-three colporters, who speak fourteen languages. These workers have distributed 93,000 volumes of Scripture in forty-three languages. Of the 65,000 homes visited more than 16,000 were found without Bibles.

The address of Dr. R. S. Hyer, President of Southern Methodist University, at the anniversary of the Board of Education, was the address of a master. His argument for education under Christian auspices was overwhelming. The conference gave Dr. Hyer a great welcome.

Mayor Bodenheim, of Longview, became a great favorite with the conference. The editor of the Advocate was among his guests at a dinner in honor of Glenn Flinn, our pastor at Longview. It is said that the Mayor will issue bonds, if necessary, for the building of a new church in Longview.

The Tyler District reported 586 accessions on profession of faith. W. M. Bass, of Lindale Circuit, led the district with eighty accessions on profession of faith. E. P. Swindall, of Alba, was second with fifty-seven; G. M. Gibson, of Marvin Church, Tyler, was third with fifty-three accessions on profession of faith. J. L. Weatherby, of Colfax, reported fifty; J. M. Fuller, of Quitman, and W. S.

Easterling, of Lindale, each reported thirty-eight accessions on profession of faith.

The Tyler District Conference, J. T. Smith presiding elder, licensed seven men to preach. The power to discover and enlist men for the Christian ministry attests the efficiency of any presiding elder.

The Marshall District reported 636 accessions on profession of faith. H. J. Hayes, of Summit Street, Marshall, led with ninety-five accessions on profession of faith. Glenn Flinn, of Longview, followed with ninety-four. John W. Bergin, of First Church, Marshall, was very close to the leaders with eighty-seven.

The Jacksonville District reported 717 accessions on profession of faith. A noble supply again leads. D. F. Pulley, of Transcendar, reported 100 received on profession of faith. S. S. McKenney, of Jacksonville, was second with seventy-six on profession of faith. C. M. Kennedy, of Bullard and Mt. Selman, was third with sixty-two.

The Timpson District reported 656 accessions on profession of faith. W. F. Smith, of Garrison, led the district with ninety-six accessions on profession of faith. R. B. Jones, of Center Circuit, was second with sixty-eight; L. H. Mathison, of Mount Enterprise and Caro, was third with sixty-five, and J. L. Ross, of Shelbyville, was fourth with fifty accessions on profession of faith.

The Beaumont District reported 729 accessions on profession of faith. J. W. Cullen, of Sour Lake and Grayburg, led his brethren of the district with 115. W. J. Johnson, of First Church, Beaumont, was a close second, having received 102 on profession of faith. W. H. Crum, of Port Arthur, reported eighty-three; O. W. Hooper, of Silsbee and Luna, reported seventy-five on profession of faith.

The Pittsburg District reported 730 accessions on profession of faith. W. H. Vance, of Pittsburg, and A. A. Kidd, of Mount Pleasant, each reported eighty-four accessions on profession of faith. Jesse Lee, of Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, reported fifty-eight. D. A. Williams, of Pittsburg Circuit, reported fifty-four. C. H. Adams, of Dingerfield, and J. W. Ussery, of Nash Circuit, each reported fifty accessions on profession of faith.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, after one year at Jacksonville, is made the representative of the Washington City Church. During the year's pastorate he received 215 into the Church, seventy-six of these being on profession of faith. The Jacksonville Church now has 968 members and the average attendance in the Sunday School last year was 400. Brother McKenney carries with him the love and the confidence of his brethren into his new work.

The Houston District reported 776 accessions on profession of faith. A. A. Wagnon, of McKee and Trinity, led the district with 141 accessions on profession of faith. O. E. Goddard, of First Church, Galveston, came next with 108; J. W. Mills, of St. Paul's, was third with sixty-two accessions on profession of faith.

H. K. Morehead, of Brunner, was only a shade below Brother Mills, having received sixty on profession of faith.

The Navasota District reported 506 accessions on profession of faith. E. Binford, of Millican, led the district with sixty-four accessions on profession of faith. C. T. Tally, of Bryan, was second with forty-eight. J. E. Morgan, of Madisonville, was third with thirty-eight. Jesse C. Thompson, of Brazos County Mission, was fourth with thirty-six. H. A. Matney, of Grapeland and Lovelady, was fifth with thirty-four accessions on profession of faith.

It does not follow that if the emotions are stirred the mind is therefore convinced or moved. The profoundest emotions are reached by way of the intellect. We therefore say, Stir the emotions. The one whose emotional nature is stirred because some tremendous truth burns in his thought will stay stirred. Let us have done with this whimpering, effervescent, vanishing emotion arising out of a sad story or a tale of horror. All such fades like mist before the rising sun. Truth will be might when the weeping prophets are gone and forgotten. Emotion that precedes intelligent conviction is a curse rather than a blessing. Aim at the inner heart. Don't move on the hypothesis that the last analysis of emotion is tears. The deepest agonies, the surging of the soul, are for the most part tearless.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE NOTES & PERSONALS

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

J. A. Kenney, Choctaw District: Money matters close on account of Uncle Sam refusing to divide up average per cent over the district about 75. The Indians never drop a name from their roll. They excommunicate themselves in a certain sense. If one goes wrong the name is carried until he reinstates himself at the altar by prayer, repentance and forgiveness. Most all Indians belong to some Church. Second year.

T. F. Roberts, Creek District: While the presiding elder of the Creek District, am also pastor of Seminole Station in the Holden District. Here I serve half time. On the station, collections 95 per cent; decline in membership. On the Creek District, some progress on every line; gain of 80 in members; collections 98 per cent, salaries 80 per cent. First year on station; second on district.

N. L. Linebaugh, Holdenville District: Have a strong and faithful set of preachers. Paid 92 per cent on salaries and 80 per cent on conference collections. Fine year every way. Fourth year.

R. T. Blackburn, Hugo District: We were in the district of the two great overflows. Added to loss of crops come a scourge of sickness. Notwithstanding these calamities, we have made some progress and our finances are ahead of last year. Second year.

T. P. Turner, Madill District: We had a splendid year. Two parsonages built and several old church debts wiped out, amounting to between \$800 and \$1000. About 70 per cent of finances paid. First year.

J. M. Peterson, McAlester District: Splendid year. Preachers faithful, and some under trying circumstances. Our men are heroic and self-sacrificing. Net gain of 800, finances somewhat behind. First year.

C. L. Brooks, Muskogee District: About 1000 conversions, 700 accessions. Paid on collections 50 per cent; on salaries 75 per cent. Only two charges in the district report out in full. Second year.

J. H. Ball, Tulsa District: Our finances are about 75 per cent paid. Built a fine district parsonage. The brethren are kind and faithful. Second year.

Jas. W. Rogers, Vinita District: We have a deficit in finances, but will make a good showing. Built a new \$2500 church, and have a church and parsonage enterprised. We are in good shape. First year.

W. A. Lewis, Wapanucka, Kenefic and Coleman, Madill District: Net increase 47; total collections \$2000. First year.

E. A. Townsend, Beggs, Tulsa District: Good Sunday School and Epworth League; finances behind. First year.

S. J. Checote, Sapulpa, Creek District: collections little behind; 12 conversions; 34 infants baptized. First year.

The Advocate was delighted to meet Rev. I. R. Haun, of this conference. We had not met since we were school boys in Ashley, Ill.

H. E. Darrow, Antlers Station, Hugo District: 13 additions; collections and salaries behind; \$1300 raised in all.

L. N. Ishcomer, Boktkulo Circuit, Choctaw District: Built a nice parsonage; had a fine increase. First year.

A. B. L. Hunkapillar, Westville and Stilwell, Muskogee District: Finances behind; over \$2000 raised; all organizations of Church. First year.

M. M. Dupree, Adair Circuit, Vinita District: net increase 5, accessions 12; collections and salaries full. First year.

Out of the 210 clerical members of the conference, only 37 failed to answer at first roll call. That is to say 173 said "Here."

M. A. Cassidy, Conference Missionary Evangelist: Held 12 meetings, great many saved; 700 additions, mostly men. Third year.

T. S. Stratton, Boswell and Sopher, Hugo District: 21 accessions; decrease in membership on account of revision of rolls; been in pastorate

25 years and this is the first time ever reported collections short, could not help it; collected \$1815 in all. First year.

S. H. Babcock, Shawnee, First Church, Holdenville District: Collections and salaries all in full; raised a total of \$1400. Second year.

There are 9 districts in the East Oklahoma Conference. Three of these presiding elders are 1-year men, 5 are 2-year men, and 1 is a 4-year man.

W. L. Broome, Konawa Station, Holdenville District: Fine year; 56 additions, 40 professions; collections and salaries in full. Second year.

J. T. Turner, Locust Grove Circuit, Vinita District: Built \$2500 church, paid off some old debts; 68 additions, 248 in Sunday Schools. First year.

T. A. Harkins, Miami Circuit, Vinita District: 16 additions, net gain 12; had 25 or 30 conversions; salaries above last year, collections slightly behind. First year.

Luther Roberts, Holdenville Station, Holdenville District: Net increase of 9; collections in full, salaries in full and over; good Epworth League and Sunday School. First year.

B. F. Stegall, Ada, Asbury Church, Holdenville District: Net increase 12; good Sunday School and prayer meeting; improvements \$1000; collections a little behind. First year.

A. S. Cameron, Idabel Station, Hugo District: (Reported by R. T. Blackburn, P. E., in his absence.) He had a fine year; collections and salaries all in full. First year.

W. S. Lee, Bennington and Bokchito, Hugo District: 20 additions, but a slight decrease in membership; collections a little short; 2 Sunday Schools and 1 League. First year.

E. C. Wallace, Sallisaw, Muskogee District: Forty-three additions, net increase 35; finances behind; 2 Sunday Schools and 2 Epworth Leagues. Second year.

J. C. Crowson, Maud Station, Holdenville District: Salaries in full, about two-thirds of the assessments; 120 in our Sunday School. First year.

E. S. Harris, Fort Gibson, Muskogee District: 60-odd conversions, 51 additions; had shortage in salaries and collections, but an increase over last year. First year.

E. H. Winger, Warner and Porum, Muskogee District: Salaries in full, collections a little behind; some complications on charge, well understood to all, greatly interfered. First year.

Thornton M. Moore, Red Fork and Mounds, Tulsa District: Net gain of 9; old church debt of \$200 paid; Sunday School an Epworth League; nances short. First year.

M. M. Dupree, Stroud, Tulsa District: Increase of 14, total membership 136; excellent Sunday School; visited every Methodist home. First year.

J. M. Ball, McCloud and Earlsboro, Holdenville District: Net gain 8; \$61 improvements, good subscription to pay church debt; 2 Sunday Schools; finances behind. First year.

T. F. Brewer, Wagoner Station, Vinita District: Have gotten my collections every year but this; hoping before adjournment to report in full; had four fine years. Fourth year.

G. W. Martin, Muldrow, Muskogee District: 125 conversions, 54 accessions; 42 Sunday School scholars joined the Church; collections and salaries behind. First year.

R. C. Taylor, Vinita Station, Vinita District: 32 additions; 465 in Sunday School; salaries and collections in full; \$100 special on missions. First year.

W. W. Williams, Colbert and Calera, Madill District: net gain 9, 146 in 2 Sunday Schools; \$800 on church debt; new parsonage built; collections not full, but in advance. First year.

J. M. Cantrell, Sapulpa, Tulsa District: reduced debt \$3000; Salaries increased and paid; collections full; additions 71, conversions 50; all the organizations, First year.

J. E. Vick, Coalgate, McAlester District: net gain 51; good Sunday School and League; raised over \$1400; salaries 75 per cent, collections 60 per cent. Third year.

W. T. Ready, Chelsea Circuit, Vinita

ita District: 19 on profession, net gain 14, have 216 members; good League and Sunday Schools; built \$1000 church, raised in all \$4000, salaries full, collections 50 per cent; Mission Society won loving cup. Two years.

R. O. Stewart, Coweta, Tulsa District: Repaired church; good Sunday School and Home Mission Society; collections somewhat behind. Second year.

W. B. Teer, Eufaula, McAlester District: Nineteen accessions; salaries and collections in full; \$60 special on missions; total raised \$2414. First year.

O. C. Fontaine, Conference Missionary Evangelist: Rained out in almost every meeting; preached 300 times, 10 revivals; 200 conversions and as many accessions to our Church. First year.

L. C. Craig, Spiro, McAlester District: 32 additions; best Sunday School in district—228 members, average attendance 155; League and Home Mission Society; total raised \$2021. Second year.

G. M. Byers, Haskell and Bixby, Tulsa District: Net increase 64; collections 42 per cent; 1 church built; \$300 church debt paid; good Sunday School and Epworth League. First year.

T. R. Houghton, Pontotoc Circuit, Madill District: finances 50 per cent; accessions 10; have 2 Sunday Schools; great meeting at the camp ground; Fontaine did preaching, and did it well. First year.

W. L. French, Union Chapel, Holdenville District: 22 conversions, net gain 11; collections behind; 2 Sunday Schools; 116 in Union Chapel Sunday School, 90 in attendance. Second year.

H. R. Morris, Stuart Circuit, McAlester District: net gain 15; collections behind; 2 good Sunday Schools, 2 good Leagues with total of 51 members; church improved, building new parsonage. First year.

W. W. Armstrong, Hugo Station, Hugo District: Net increase of 32; good Sunday School; collections and salaries in full; specials—for Missions, \$82; for Church Extension, \$40. First year.

G. W. Griner, Claremore, Vinita District: 5 by vows, large number by certificate on account of reshaping of charge; 5 good Sunday Schools; collections in full, 80 per cent of salaries. First year.

K. K. Anderson, Centralia Circuit, Vinita District: 38 by profession, net gain 53; organized 1 new class, 3 good Sunday Schools, good Senior and Junior League; splendid Mission Society. First year.

C. H. Buchanan, Pryor Station, Vinita District: Loss of 65 on account of people moving away. Accessions 54, by profession 20; collections on par with last year; fine Sunday School. First year.

A. P. Johnson, Wewoka Station and Mission, Holdenville District: 32 additions; good Home Mission Society; 208 in Sunday School; finances short, raised in all \$2479, which is better than last year. First year.

So many of the West Oklahoma brethren are visiting the conference that Bishop Mouzon declined introducing them. Among them was W. H. Roper, J. D. Salter, H. E. Snodgrass, W. D. Parrish and many others.

L. B. Ellis, First Church, Ada, Holdenville District: Good increase in membership; built and paid for church at cost of \$26,500 except loan of \$2000 from Board of Church Extension; collections in full. First year.

A. C. Pickens, Tecumseh Station, Holdenville District: Good Sunday School and Epworth Leagues; 20 accessions; salary in advance of last year; assessments twice as much last year, and a little behind. First year.

The East Oklahoma Conference has 9 districts. In these 9 districts are 266 local preachers; an average of nearly 30 to the district. Of these 266 local preachers 61 are deacons, 41 are elders, and 164 are unordained preachers.

A certain brother, at the close of a really fine report, said he had the best people in the world. The Bishop remarked that he always knew what it meant when a preacher said a thing like that.

S. C. Nunley, Choteau and Big Cabin, Vinita District: 50 on profession, net gain 80; small deficit on collections

notwithstanding assessments 75 per cent higher this year than last; made improvement on church and parsonage at cost of \$400; 2 good Sunday Schools; best Senior League in East Oklahoma Conference. First year.

J. C. Curry, Atoka, McAlester District: 28 accessions, 16 professions; completed church this year; raised \$12,000 in all; good Sunday School; salaries in full; slight deficit in collections. First year.

M. L. Sims, Dustin Station, Holdenville District: 15 conversions, 15 accessions, net gain; on salaries and collections 90 per cent; good Sunday School and Epworth League; \$200 on improvements. Third year.

H. P. Clarke, Stigler, Muskogee District: It will take several years, perhaps, to take Stigler back to what it once was. Have all the societies; collections and salaries not in full; did our level best. First year.

We were so glad to meet our old-time friend and faithful steward when we were in Nocona, Texas—Geo. A. Foose. He is now one of the leading lawyers at Coalgate, and a prominent lay member of the conference.

William Hill, Okmulgee, Creek District: 15 accessions; have 4 churches and 4 appointments; \$106 assessed for conference collections, and paid in full; paid presiding elder in full, pastor's salary short. Second year.

W. M. Grose had perhaps the most all-round success of any man in the conference. He reported 161 conversions, 128 accessions—101 being by vows; lost 41 in the taking away of an appointment, collections in full.

H. T. Breece, Park Hill Circuit, Muskogee District: Decrease in membership owing to a change in charge; salary 50 per cent paid, collections short; built a parsonage, small debt; 3 Sunday Schools. Second year.

Great sections of the East Oklahoma Conference have been visited by hail, cyclones, storms, floods and rains. Many of the reports sounded like those of a weather bureau. Despite it all, they gave splendid accounts.

Dana A. Dawson, Okemah, Tulsa District: 72 conversions, 53 additions—26 by baptism and 27 otherwise; average of 30 at prayer meeting; all the organizations; salaries and assessments all in full. First year.

J. A. Grimes, Cameron and Wister, McAlester District: 59 conversions, 27 additions; finances short; Harrell's Chapel rotted down, built new one; people proud of it, for they built it by their own labor, only \$18 paid out on it. Second year.

J. Y. Bryce, Hartshorne, McAlester District: 140 members, decrease because of revising roll; accessions 24; young lady preparing for deaconess; 25 in League, 150 in Sunday School; collections over 50 per cent paid; total raised \$1121.95. First year.

I. R. Haun, McCurtain and Quinton, McAlester District: 16 additions; \$60 for parsonage lot; between \$700 and \$800 in good subscription for a church; collections 18 per cent; salary 45 per cent; 2 Sunday Schools; did our best. Second year.

M. B. McKinney, Milburn Circuit, Madill District: Most trying year of my ministry; all my children but one down with typhoid fever—therefore short report; 20 accessions, net gain 12; built parsonage; paid \$739 on debt. First year.

J. D. Edwards, Conference Missionary Evangelist: preached 190 times, 700 conversions, 560 joined the Church; 29 infants baptized; began 3 churches; established 60 family altars; traveled 5000 miles. First year.

W. E. Garrison, Welch Station, Vinita District: increase 86; collections and salaries in full; \$200 special Foreign Missions; good Sunday School and Epworth League. First year.

W. C. House, Madill Station, Madill District: net gain 30, by profession 10; large special for Superannuate Endowment; Sunday School larger than Church roll; collections and salary in full. First year.

R. C. Alexander, Tahlequah, Muskogee District: 15 additions, net loss owing to revision of rolls; 582 in Sunday School; good League and Mission Society; collections 83 per cent; total raised \$2774. First year.

J. E. Carpenter, St. Paul's Church, Muskogee District: We have grown

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in numerical strength; improved and renovated both church and parsonage; all debts paid; everything in good order; raised nearly \$12,000 during the year—about \$1000 for each month. First year.

G. L. Crow, Caddo, Madill District: Nine conversions, net increase 10; good Sunday School and 2 Leagues; \$115 more on assessments than last year; finances badly behind. First year.

J. H. Rogers, Koff and Mill Creek, Madill District: Net increase 34, additions 25; in attendance on Sunday Schools, 49 per cent; good Missionary Society; collections behind, but in advance of last year. First year.

J. C. Fowler, Tishomingo Station, Madill District: All finances in advance of last year; good revival; decrease in membership account revision of roll; improved church; good Sunday School. Third year.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, pastor of Quannah Station, and one of the most influential members of the Northwest Texas Conference, was a visitor for several days. The brethren were delighted to see him.

It developed in the report of Orva S. Snell that his library was entirely consumed in the recent parsonage fire. The brethren at once, and on the conference floor, each offered to give him one new book. It was a thoughtful and brotherly act.

D. M. Geddie, Checotah, Muskogee District: net increase 3; salaries full, collections short; Epworth League of 38; paid on parsonage \$24.75, on missions \$10, on collections \$3.20; fine prayer meeting; Home Mission Society raised \$275. First year.

Choctaw District has 44 Sunday School superintendents; Creek, 20; Holdenville, 28; Hugo, 31; Madill, 40; McAlester, 74; Muskogee, 23; Tulsa, 26; Vinita, 43; total for the conference, 329; average to each district, nearly 37.

W. L. Blackburn, Wetunka Station, Holdenville District: Net increase 6; salary raised \$300 and paid; assessments raised \$190 and overpaid; all our societies; class in Sunday School recognized by High School authorities. First year.

J. M. Hively, Grant Circuit, Hugo District: Situated on 3 rivers that went this year on the worst rampages ever known in our country. Improved parsonage; 10 additions; collections short; 2 Sunday Schools, 2 Epworth Leagues. First year.

J. C. Hooks, Grove, Vinita District: In town of about 1000; 15 additions on profession, 30 otherwise; 12 adults and 4 infants baptized; salaries and collections in full; 150 in Sunday School, 2 Leagues with 50 members, good Mission Society. First year.

A. G. White, Mannsville and Oakland, Madill District: at Mannsville heavy loss by removals; 12 additions; 45 per cent collected on salaries and collections; \$20 special to Indian work; 2 candidates for ministry; property insured. First year.

C. M. Keith, Woodville and Ravia, Madill District: 8 conversions, 15 accessions, net gain 8; in 2 Sunday Schools 218; finances 50 per cent short—exactly what was borrowed last year to pay out; total raised \$575.45. First year.

J. E. McConnell, Tulsa, Tigert Memorial, Tulsa District: 50 conversions, 42 additions; total members 233; salaries and collections in full; total raised \$3691; good Junior League; 320 in Sunday School—107 more than on Church roll. First year.

L. M. Daly, Kiowa, McAlester District: Had a decrease in membership owing to a change in the charge; on the charge as it now is, reported a net increase; parsonage repaired; Sunday School and Home Mission Society; 60 per cent of collections paid. First year.

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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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Russell, A. W. Gordon and J. I. White. The following stood approved examinations, their characters were passed, but they were already deacons: J. M. Cochran, J. C. Thompson, H. G. Cooke, R. B. Jones and R. S. Marshall.

The following failed to go before the examining committee, their characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the second year: M. J. Bigger, A. G. Coleman, L. F. Hardy and S. A. Weimer. J. A. Moore was before the committee, but his examination was not approved, his character was passed and he was continued in the class of the second year.

O. O. Gaston was discontinued at his own request.

L. A. Graham was discontinued at his own request.

When the name of G. M. Yearwood was called the committee announced that he had stood an approved examination. After some discussion his election to deacon's orders was deferred until the call of question, "Who are admitted into full connection?"

Under Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" the Bishop called the class of the fourth year. The entire class passed approved examinations, their characters were passed and they were elected elders. The following compose the class: L. L. Loyd, J. L. Ross, A. L. Connor, T. S. Ogles, J. M. Vondraeck, J. E. Buttrille, B. C. Ansley, B. T. Bell and E. A. Sample.

Caspar S. Wright read report No. 1 of the Board of Education. The report recommended the adoption of the plan of the Educational Commission to make Southern Methodist University connectional and also recommended the raising of \$50,000 in the Texas Conference for the endowment of a chair in the Biblical Department of the university. The report was spoken to by C. S. Wright and R. W. Adams. The report was adopted.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, President of Southern Methodist University, was introduced to the conference.

Dr. D. J. Dunn, rector of the Episcopal Church at Longview, was introduced to the conference.

Bishop McCoy presented the paper of President T. F. Session concerning the sale of Epworth-by-the-Sea. The paper was read to the conference and was adopted.

Frank Seay read the report of the Social Service Commission touching the election of trustees to the San Antonio Rescue Home and an assessment for that institution. The paper was tabled.

Ten o'clock Saturday morning, on motion of H. C. Willis, was fixed as the time for selecting the place for the holding of the next Annual Conference.

Bishop McCoy announced 10:30 Saturday morning as the time for receiving the class into full connection.

On motion of W. J. Johnson the report of the Social Service Commission was taken from the table. The proposition of the West Texas Conference concerning the Rescue Home in San Antonio, after considerable discussion, was rejected by vote of the conference.

Bishop McCoy in behalf of the preachers of the Beaumont District called E. W. Solomon to the bar of the conference and presented to him a beautiful traveling bag. Brother Solomon is finishing his fourth year as presiding elder on the Beaumont District. His words of acceptance were beautiful and touching.

Preaching was announced for 3 p. m. by F. S. Oudertok and an address at 7:30 p. m. by Dr. R. S. Hyer. After other announcements the doxology was sung by the conference and the benediction pronounced by W. W. Watts.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

Friday morning, November 13, in Longview, dawned in a downpour of rain. Bishop McCoy promptly at 9 o'clock announced the hymn, "Amazing Grace." After singing by the conference the Bishop read the first chapter of the letter to the Ephesians. W. F. Andrews led the conference in prayer.

Assistant Secretary, D. H. Hotchkiss, read the minutes of Friday's session and after correction they were approved.

The presence of T. N. Graham, lay delegate from the Pittsburg District, was noted by the Secretary.

Rev. W. F. Bryan, presiding elder of the Paris District, Rev. Emmett Hightower, Divisional Sunday School Secretary; Prof. John W. Gilbert, Professor in Paine College, and Rev. Atticus Webb, District Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, were introduced to the conference.

The Bishop called Question 12, "What local preachers are elected

deacons?" Henry B. Daily, from the Brenham District, was elected.

Question 16 was called, "What local preachers are elected elders?" No one. S. S. McKenney, who represents the Washington City Church enterprise, addressed the conference in a telling speech. Convincing reasons were given for the building of a representative Church at the capital of the Nation.

The conference had previously subscribed \$5000 in behalf of the enterprise. Some \$1000 of this amount had been provided for, leaving \$4000 yet to be secured. Geo. S. Sexton closed his speech by making himself responsible for \$1000 of the \$4000, provided members of the conference would undertake to raise the balance. Bishop McCoy, who is a member of the Washington City Church Commission, took charge of the collection. The conference responded heartily, members pledging themselves to raise sums of varying amounts until the entire \$3000 had been pledged. These amounts are to be raised by the meeting of the next Annual Conference.

Motion to defer the order of the day until the Ophanze Committee should report prevailed. The report was read by J. F. Kidd, was spoken to by R. A. Bourrouz, and was adopted.

The Bishop called Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" C. R. Garrett nominated Lufkin and by vote of the conference Lufkin was selected.

In answer to Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" the Secretary of the conference called the names of the following and they were reported to have passed approved examinations: Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, J. M. Cochran, J. C. Thompson, J. E. White, W. M. Bass, O. W. Gordon, H. G. Cook, R. S. Marshall, R. B. Jones and W. R. Russell. The Bishop propounded to them the Disciplinary questions and upon satisfactory answers they were admitted into full connection by vote of the conference. The Bishop omitted the usual address owing to press of conference business.

When the name of R. M. Yearwood was called it was announced that he had stood an approved examination but at his own request he was continued in the class of the second year. His election to deacon's orders at his own request was also postponed.

R. W. Adams asked that the Board of Education be allowed to retire. The conference granted the request.

The Bishop called Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" The examining committee having passed him and the Committee on Admissions having recommended him, K. E. Barnhart from the Marshall District, by vote of the conference was admitted.

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

Question 8 was called, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" Chas. B. Thompson was recommended by the Committee on Admissions, and after subscribing to the doctrines and discipline of our Church he was received by vote of the conference.

Question 12 was called by the Bishop, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" G. B. M. Hubbard and Oscar Marsh, both from the Tyler District, were elected by vote of the conference.

It was moved at this juncture that when the conference adjourn it adjourn to meet in an afternoon session at 2:30 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

Report No. 2 of the Sunday School Board was read by J. E. Morgan. The

report asked that the Board be allowed to employ Walter G. Harbin as Conference Sunday School Field Secretary, and that collections on Rally Day and Children's Day be applied to the payment of his salary.

Upon the reading of the report the Bishop announced that he would not appoint Bro. Harbin upon such conditions unless such appointment were satisfactory to him. The conference was so touched with the generosity of Bro. Harbin in consenting to be Field Secretary upon the conditions named that a motion was made to reconsider the vote by which it had declined to make an assessment for this office. Before the motion could be put Bro. Harbin asked that such motion be not passed, saying that he thought the plan proposed by the Board the better plan. The motion thereupon was withdrawn and the report of the Board was adopted.

Dr. O. E. Goddard was requested by the Bishop to preside at the afternoon session.

Atticus Webb, District Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the conference. He stated that six million voters signed the petition to the Congress of the United States for the submission of a prohibition amendment to the Constitution and that only four of our Texas Congressmen voted for its submission.

The Bishop announced that Dr. C. M. Bishop and Professor John W. Gilbert would address the conference in its afternoon session. He announced also that the deacons-elect and elders-elect would be ordained after preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., respectively, on Sunday.

It was voted by the conference that the memorial services should be held at 3 p. m. Sunday.

After the usual announcements the doxology was sung by the conference and the benediction pronounced by W. W. Graham.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. O. E. Goddard, by appointment of the Bishop, presided at the afternoon session of the conference and promptly at 2:30 p. m. he called the conference to order.

Devotional services were conducted by John E. Green. After reading the second chapter of 1 Thess., he announced hymn, "Do Not I Love Thee?" After singing by the conference he led in prayer.

Prof. Andrew Hemphill, of Fort Worth, sang "Ninety and Nine," amidst hearty amens.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Assistant Secretary D. H. Hotchkiss. Prof. Hemphill sang, "Never Alone," upon the insistence of the conference. After singing Prof. Hemphill represented the Texas Woman's College in the absence of Dr. H. A. Boaz. He reported thirty per cent increase in attendance at the college and stated that Dr. H. A. Boaz is now in the midst of a campaign for \$100,000 for the college with prospects of certain success.

Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., addressed the conference in the interest of his college. Of the 400 graduates of Paine College he said no one had ever been convicted of crime. He told in a thrilling way incidents in his trip with Bishop Lambuth to Africa. The conference gave him a generous collection for his school at Augusta.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, addressed

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the conference on "Christian Education." The address was scholarly and effective. He said the aim of Southwestern was to make men and women "who are not afraid of big tasks." The address was listened to with great interest by the conference.

Bishop McCoy at this juncture took the chair. The report of the Joint Board of Finance was read by G. B. Sanford. It was recommended to the committee for slight change and later as changed was adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Education was read by J. W. Bergin. The report is as follows:

Whereas, there is a pressing need for the raising of funds to meet the debt on the Alexander Collegiate Institute. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this conference enter heartily into the campaign to raise \$15,000 for the Alexander Collegiate Institute early in the year of 1916.

Resolved, secondly, That we open our pulpits and give our active assistance to their financial agent in his work.

Resolved, thirdly, That it is the sense of this conference that the District Commissioners of Education are

expected to enter into this campaign and co-operate with the financial agent as a part of their work.

Respectfully submitted, Report No. 3 of the Board of Education was read by J. W. Bergin. The report recommended the following:

- For Southern Methodist University \$2500.00
- For Theological Department of S. M. U. 5c per capita of the conference membership.
- For Southwestern University. 4875.00
- For Summer School of Theology at Southwestern 300.00
- For Alexander Collegiate Institute 4250.00

The report recommended that \$800 be raised for the Bible Chair at the State University and named R. W. Adams as trustee. After discussion both reports No. 2 and No. 3 were adopted.

It was moved that when the conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 7:30 p. m. to hear the report of the Committee on Evangelism.

Resolutions ratifying powers and authority of trustees of the estate of Mrs. Sarah Francella Bell were introduced. They were adopted.

An Auditing Committee, consisting of F. M. Boyles, C. U. McLarty and Dan Walker, upon motion, was appointed by the Bishop.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by W. D. Bradfield.

SEE ELSEWHERE FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

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On the right edge of the picture will be seen Aunt Ellen Austin, the negro servant, as good a Methodist as the best, and on the left side is little Guindell Ballard McCleskey, six weeks old, soon to be baptized at a Methodist altar.

To Brother McCleskey's right is Bro. J. P. Wilson, who has been a delegate to Annual Conference from Hillsboro District for over eight consecutive years.

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THE EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

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ing as that committee: J. M. Cantrell, E. T. Campbell, W. C. House.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday morning, at nine o'clock November 13, 1915, Bishop Mouzon called the conference to order.

The brethren joined heartily in singing, "How Firm a Foundation," after which J. C. Hooks led in an earnest prayer.

The Bishop read as the morning lesson the seventh chapter of Matthew, and without comment.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session and, after some corrections, were approved.

H. T. Laughbaum, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Oklahoma, addressed the conference in the interest of his great work. He was enthusiastically cheered.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" The districts were called, one by one, and the presiding elders announced the following names:

George E. Ryan, from the Hugo District.

J. P. Atkins, from the Muskogee District.

Upon recommendation of the respective committees in each case they were admitted on trial and in the class of the first year.

S. H. Babcock, on a question of personal privilege, read a paper setting forth before the conference the brotherly relation between himself and N. L. Linebaugh.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was resumed. Answer:

Charles B. Holland, from the Madill District.

Jefferson Cleveland Sampley, recommended by the Texarkana District Conference, Texas Annual Conference, and presented by T. P. Turner, of Madill District.

Upon recommendation of the respective committees in each case they were admitted on trial and in the class of the first year.

On motion, A. B. L. Hunkapillar was named as Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance in order to handle the funds of a certain bequest and make proper distribution of the same.

The committee in the case of the investigation of Chas. L. Brooks, upon charges made by A. M. Brannon, reported no trial necessary, and the character of Chas. L. Brooks was passed. The document was signed by the appointed committee consisting of J. M. Cantrell, E. T. Campbell and W. C. House.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Answer: Henry Taylor Breece, Thomas Jefferson Gross, John Calvin Crawford, Melton, Marvin Dupree, Thornton Marion Moore, Ezekiel H. Winger, were called one by one, their characters passed, and elected to deacons' orders.

Turner L. Smith was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his name was ordered so entered on the records under Question 18.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Answer: John Cooper, Chapley Yariola, Buckner McGirt, Alex Thompson and Daniel Cook from the Creek District.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" Answer: James Calvin Curry, Dana Armstrong Dawson and William Matthew Grose were called one by one, characters passed and were elected to elders' orders.

The names of Zadoc Anderson and A. N. Avery, Jr., were called, characters passed and they remain in the class of the fourth year.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Answer: None.

The chair introduced Mr. Ridinger, of the Greater Muskogee Club, who announced that the conference would be taken automobiling at three o'clock. The generous offer was readily accepted.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of H. P. Clarke, William Hill, E. S. Harris, L. N. Ishcomer, E. A. Jacob, M. L. Sims, W. H. Harrison, O. S. Snell, R. O. Stewart, S. X. Swinne were called, one by one, and their characters passed.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The names of William Hill, Lincoln Nathan Ishcomer, Martin Luther Sims, Wiley Harrison Smith, Orva Silas Snell, R. O. Stewart and Seneca Xenophon were called, one by one, and elected to elders' orders.

Resolution of N. L. Linebaugh was adopted requesting T. F. Brewer to preach his semi-centennial sermon on

Wednesday evening of the next session of the East Oklahoma Conference.

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" Answer: William Robert Rosser and Jefferson Cleveland Sampley.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. The names of Gibson Grayson, C. W. Myatt, P. C. Atkins, J. B. Blackwell, S. F. Chambers, L. W. Cobb, J. M. Russell, H. B. Scruggs, Miles Sturgeon, J. F. Thompson and A. K. Miller were called one by one, their characters passed, and were each referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation. The name of J. R. Hardin was called, his character passed, and he was left on the effective list.

The name of G. W. Daman was called and, having died during the year, his name was referred to the Committee on Memoirs in answer to Question 21, "What preachers have died during the past year?"

To this same committee were referred the names of the wives of Rev. D. A. Gregg and S. F. Chambers, announced as having died during the year.

Under call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the names of C. W. Clay, W. S. Derrick and P. R. Eaglebarger were called, characters passed, and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation. The name of T. J. Minnis was called, character passed, and he was left on the effective list.

Rev. O. W. Stewart, member of the West Oklahoma Conference, Superintendent of the State School for the Blind, located in Muskogee, Okla., was introduced to the conference and made a telling speech touching that worthy institution.

At this juncture Assistant United States District Attorney Miller called Dr. N. L. Linebaugh to the chancel and, in an appropriate speech, presented to him a handsome traveling bag in the name of the preachers and laymen of the Holdenville District whom he has served four years. Dr. Linebaugh responded in a tender vein.

Dr. A. C. Millar, editor of the Western Methodist, Little Rock, Ark., was introduced and made a statement concerning that paper.

On motion the conference was ordered to meet in memorial session, Sunday at three o'clock.

After various announcements, the conference stood adjourned with the doxology and the benediction.

SEE ELSEWHERE FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

HELP IN CHURCH EXTENSION WORK.

H. G. H.

Last week's Advocate contains an appalling statement by John M. Moore of the effects of last West India storm on New Orleans Methodist churches and those in adjacent parts. Evidently the General Board of Church Extension will be called on to immediately meet this unfortunate condition.

And now, the object I have in view in calling attention to this disaster is to suggest that West Texas, not touched by either first or second storm, help by being a little modest in their applications to the General Board this year. For several years we have been making application annually for from \$15,000 to \$20,000 donations and loans and contributing a comparatively small amount to this general fund, far less to the loan fund than to donation fund.

Let us raise as much as possible this year, but hold up a little in our demands for help.

In many parts of West Texas Conference various amounts of money are due the General Board, and in many places interest is not being paid, much less principal.

The General Board is making righteous complaint at this condition of things. I know from experience that the Executive Committee in the past have unstintedly approved many applications that we felt would be turned down and have been turned down. Every year we promise to do better and then sign up everything almost that comes.

Dr. McMurry has often warned us to be more circumspect and we beg the Churches to help us by being more careful in their demands and pay up some debts. Brethren, this is a serious matter.

"People differ, but as the sunshine turns to white in the lily, to blue in the violet and to red in the rose, so the grace of God adapts itself to varying personalities and makes all beautiful."

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"EDDYISM."

By Rev. Theo. Copeland.

There has lately fallen into my hands a pamphlet, written by Frederick W. Peabody, Esq., of the Boston bar, which purports to speak the plain truth in plain terms regarding Mary Baker G. Eddy, the "mother" of Christian Science.

Mrs. Eddy claims to be God's amanuensis; that the book called "Science and Health" is not of human origin, and that she was "only a scribe echoing the harmonies of heaven in divine metaphysics," and therefore cannot be supermodest of the Christian Science textbook. This sacrilegious claim is contradicted by reason and revelation. Mr. Peabody piles up evidence to show beyond peradventure that Mrs. Eddy stole her system from a work entitled, "Science of Man," by a Dr. P. P. Quinby, of Portland, Maine; yet her followers believe that God literally dictated the contents of this book to Mrs. Eddy, and that it is in every part the word of God.

What are the fundamental teachings of Christian Science? In the first place, it denies the personality of God. All sane theology and all the creeds of Christendom agree that God is a person, the Father of the spirits of all flesh, who of old laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the works of his hands. Indeed, upon any other supposition the whole Bible and all Christian literature are a meaningless mass and senseless jargon. "What is God?" asks Mrs. Eddy. "Jehovah is not a person;" "God is principle." Denying the personality of God, she proceeds to affirm that matter does not exist, and that the fundamental error of mortal man is the belief that matter is intelligent. According to Mrs. Eddy, laws of matter are nothing more nor less than a belief of intelligence and life in matter, which is the procuring cause of all disease; whereas, God—truth—is its positive cure. She asserts, further, that there is "no life, truth, intelligence or substance in matter." It is a fatal delusion which leads men to deny the existence of matter when its presence is attested by all the senses, and is so palpable that only fools or fanatics can explain it away.

The textbook of Christian Science teaches that "disease being a belief, a latent delusion of mortal mind, the sensation would not appear if this error were met and destroyed by truth." "Science not only reveals the origin of all disease as wholly mental, but it also declares that all disease is cured by mind." "Sickness is part of the error which truth casts out." It is passing strange that a wise and merciful God should allow millions of his children to suffer under a strong delusion and to disappear mysteriously from the world, and after six thousand years raise up this woman to enlighten the nations.

Mrs. Eddy claims that she has restored the dead to life, that she has healed consumption in its last stages, and has performed many miraculous cures. She and her followers claim for her equality with Jesus, the immaculate Son of God. All this we steadfastly disbelieve.

No doubt many of the healings of Christian Science can be verified; and

this is the only feature of this notorious cult that can possibly appeal to a rational mind. True science teaches that the mind is intimately connected with the body, and has a wonderful power over it; but Mrs. Eddy did not discover this power nor obtain it by divine revelation. Wonderful cures have been wrought by mental scientists, Dowieites, divine healers, and others; so that she and her associates have no monopoly of the business.

Mrs. Eddy believes in witchcraft, and expresses the hope that eventually our laws will take cognizance of mental crime. One of the prominent articles of her faith is a strong belief in money. Indeed, she and her followers practice mostly among the wealthy classes; so that from college fees and sales of her book and the liberality of restored patients she has amassed a fortune. In seven years her college fees alone amounted to \$1,200,000, and thousands of her books have been sold at a profit of five hundred per cent.

I cannot go further into detail; but I would sound a note of warning to all men who love truth and who would be saved from this monstrous delusion.

Speaking in one of his epistles of the emissaries of Satan, Paul denounces them and their works, and he says: "God shall send them a working of error, that they should believe a lie." This is the pitiable plight to which all Christian Scientists are reduced; and this delusion causes wives to separate from their husbands, and mothers to abandon their helpless children, and young women to put marrying behind them as inconsistent with spirituality of life and character. It is because of this delusion that men have closed their minds to the light of reason and turned from the pursuit of knowledge. Let the odious imposition be exposed and meet the obloquy it so richly deserves.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Childhood is an age of eager questionings and not of dogmatic conclusions. It is a season of keen receptiveness, of intense love of the sweet light. Now that open-mindedness is apt to be lost with the growth of our years, revelation is regarded as closed; the volume is ended; all light is given, so that our knowledge can now be arranged in final forms. That was certainly the condition of the people among whom Christ's earthly ministry was passed. Their minds were closed, shut up tight against the reception of any new revelation from God. And so the Lord spoke to them as having their eyes closed, and their ears stopped, and their hearts hardened. They had lost their open-mindedness. Their windows were no longer open towards the dawn, for the reception of the truth of God. There were two forces acting at work closing their minds, and they are quite as active today, the forces of pride and prejudice. When these abound in a life, every door and window is closed, and the "Light of the World" will seek admission in vain. If we are healthy, and have the nature of little children, we shall have a hungry open-mindedness for the truth—"as new born babes, long for the milk of the word."—Rev. J. H. Jowett, D.D.

INTO CALMER DEPTHS.

Walking along an Atlantic beach one summer day, we noticed a short pipe line which ran out through the sands from an island pond, and ended just where the waves were breaking on the shore. Through the pipe the water was, at that state of the tide running out briskly, and every now and then a fish of some little size would flash into view, evidently bewildered by the novel situation in which it found itself. But almost instantly, with a sure instinct for self-preservation, the fish, as it was caught in the rush of the waves and borne toward the beach, would swim or flounder toward the deeper water, and, though whirled this way and that way for a time, by desperate efforts finally struggled out, beneath the billows, into the calmer depths, where it could swim to and fro in safety.

And that is just what all Christians should do—make for the regions where the spiritual tides run the deepest and the strongest, and where no waves of circumstance, or fierce buffetings of temptation, can avail to drive them onto the blistering sand. As it is, too many are content to remain in the social shallows—that is, amid scenes and societies which, when the tide goes out, are cut off from further connection with the great providential currents of grace.

In one view the Christian life is a continual battling against the forces that would make us little and weak and nerveless. We are continually in danger of being swept by social distractions or dissipations into the eddies of "innocuous desuetude," or the shallows of an unspiritual contentment. As a protection against such subtly evil influences we must "strike for the deep waters," where the two elements of faith and fellowship are equally pronounced. When Peter and John were released from custody of the authorities who were persecuting them in Jerusalem, they immediately struck for the deep waters, that is, retreated themselves to a local praying-meeting, to the society of the godly, where they felt at home. "And being let go, they went to their own company." There are personalities that always help us, and strengthen our hold on God, whenever we come in contact with them. The wise and safe way is to tie up to such associations and make our constant home in the deeper, better, and purer elements of life, and be much in the society of God's own people.—Zion's Herald.

THANKSGIVING ACROSTIC.

By Rev. J. B. Gregory.

Thanks be to the Lord our God. He has been to us so good. And gave us both raiment and food. Now, to him, thy thank offering bring. Kneeling at his altar, pray and sing. Songs of devout praise to him belong. God is our refuge mighty and strong. Infinite mercy he offers to us all. Verily, from heaven, we hear his call; In all creation his great power see. No man is from his care free. Give thanks to God all ye people. Buckholts, Texas.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The conference convened at 7:30 p. m. with O. E. Goddard in the chair. C. F. Tally conducted the devotional services, J. W. Mills led in prayer. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. Under Question 51, "Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report of the Committee on Lay Activities?" Ben H. Powell read the report of the committee. W. L. Dean was recommended for conference Lay Leader. The report was adopted. W. L. Crum read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. The report was spoken to by Glenn Flinn, W. H. Crum, E. Hightower and O. E. Goddard. The report was adopted. The conference was adjourned with the benediction by John E. Green.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

Sunday, November 14, opened in Longview in a continued downpour of rain. Despite the cold and the rain, however, the conference room was filled at 9:30 for the Conference Love Feast.

J. E. Morgan was leader. He conducted the devotional services, reading the thirty-fourth Psalm. The conference joined him in repeating the twenty-third Psalm. Gus Garrison led in prayer.

The singing of the great hymns of the Church were interspersed with as rich testimonies as we have ever heard. Prof. Andrew Hemphill sang "Christ is All." His singing provoked hearty amens. Eighty-eight testified during the service. Prof. Hemphill sang "Never Alone."

The great audience was now ready for the impressive sermon of Bishop McCoy at 11 o'clock. The conference was melted as we have rarely seen a Methodist Conference melted by the great sermon of the Bishop on the text, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (2 Tim. 2:12).

"When a man speaks out of the shadows of death which are falling about him his words are worth listening to," began the Bishop. Paul was a prisoner at Rome when he wrote his words to Timothy. "You can hear the rattle of the chains as he writes these words." Moreover, with a single exception, his former adherents had deserted him.

"How would you expect a man to talk in such a situation? To challenge the goodness of God? To challenge the existence of a moral order in the world? As a matter of fact you hear no such things as these. On the contrary, Paul's faith reaches up beyond the gloom of his life." He is "calm, unshaken, full of untroubled faith."

"How can you account for this man?" There is only one explanation—he had come to know Christ. "I know whom I have believed."

The Bishop then launched into a profound discussion of the theory of knowledge. "We can know persons as we can never know things." "We have never reached ultimate knowledge of a single thing which we know." No man, however, ever doubts that he is. The reality of persons is the starting point of all philosophy. Persons are the only reality of which we are certain.

"The ultimate man is the moral man and we do not know a man until we know the moral man." "Due bills don't go between folks who do not know each other."

Paul's knowledge of Christ was of his moral character, of his ability and of his reliability. Faith is "the soul's sublime venture upon the character of God." "Faith is predicated upon what God has become in one's own experience." Abraham went out not knowing whither he went, "but he knew his Guide."

The sermon lasted nearly an hour, abounding in rich illustrations and the clearest reasoning. At times the whole audience seemed weeping and the Bishop himself seemed deeply moved. The sermon was the most effective of the three thus far in the present round of conferences.

At the close of the sermon the following were ordained deacons: Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, J. E. White, W. M. Bass, W. L. Russell, A. W. Gordon, H. B. Daily and G. B. Hubbard.

At 3 p. m. the conference convened in memorial session with E. W. Solomon in the chair. Brother Solomon read John 12:20-26, and T. J. Milam led in prayer.

Question 21 was asked, "What preachers have died during the past year?" Three preachers have died

during the year: H. M. Sears, Caleb H. Smith and M. L. Lindsey.

The memoir of H. M. Sears was read by C. F. Smith; the memoir of Caleb H. Smith was read by E. C. Escoc, and the memoir of M. L. Lindsey was read by Clyde B. Garrett.

Tender tributes were paid to the memory of the departed heroes by many members of the conference.

The Committee on Memoirs reported that wives of the preachers had died as follows: Mrs. C. C. Bell, Mrs. Gideon Powledge, Mrs. J. D. Lemmons and Mrs. H. T. Hart. Loving tributes were paid to the memory of these faithful servants of the cross. O. T. Hotchkiss paid a tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. H. McCoy.

After a service of rare solemnity the conference was adjourned with the benediction.

At 7:30 p. m. the audience assembled to hear the sermon of Dr. Isaac Alexander, a superannuated member of the conference. His text was 2 Tim. 2:19: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." The words of Dr. Alexander came with the weight of his great personality. At times the old hero was lofty in his thought and truly eloquent in his delivery. There was not a dull moment in the service.

At the conclusion of the sermon the following were ordained elders: L. L. Lloyd, J. L. Ross, A. L. Conner, T. S. Ogle, J. E. Buttrill, J. M. Vondracek, B. C. Ansley, B. T. Bell and E. A. Sample. Chas. B. Thompson, an elder from the Freewill Baptist Church, assumed the vows without reimposition of hands.

SIXTH DAY.

Monday, November 15, was a bright, crisp day in Longview. Promptly at 9 o'clock Bishop McCoy called the conference to order, announcing as the opening hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." When the conference had sung, the Bishop read the first chapter of the first Epistle of John. The Bishop led the conference in prayer. The conference again sang "Through this changing world below."

The Secretary read the minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions of the fourth day, and they were approved. The Secretary read to the conference the Bishop's certificate of ordination, answering Questions 11, 15 and 17.

Dan Walker read the report of the Auditing Committee on the books of H. M. Glass, Conference Treasurer.

W. C. Hughes read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records and it was adopted.

O. W. Hooper read the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report was adopted.

A supplemental report from the Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted.

G. W. Glass, Conference Treasurer, read his report of moneys received as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Amount. Includes Beaumont, Brenham, Houston, Jacksonville, Marshall, Marlin, Navasota, Pittsburg, Timpson, Tyler, and Grand total.

The report shows an increase of 18 per cent over the collections of last year.

Mayor Bodenhelm presented Bishop McCoy with a handsome chest of silver. The Bishop, standing with his arms about Longview's popular Hebrew Mayor, brought tears to many eyes with his gracious words of acceptance.

M. N. Terrell read the report of the Epworth League Board. Bishop McCoy spoke to the report, exhorting that attention be given by the presiding elders in their first round to the Leagues. The report was adopted.

The report on the Bible Cause was read by W. D. White. The report was adopted.

The report of the Board of Missions was read by W. H. Crum. The report showed that the conference last year collected more than \$16,000 for Foreign Missions and more than \$14,000 for Home and Conference Missions. The report was adopted.

G. M. Gibson read the report on Books and Periodicals as follows:

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals had before it the report of our Publishing Agents and we were happy in noting that the business management has been as wise and aggressive as to make it possible for them to report a net gain for the year of \$125,000, notwithstanding the financial stringency. Of this gain more than \$19,500 came from our Dallas House.

It is evident from the large sales of books that our agents are wide-awake to the growing taste for good literature, and that they are making our preachers and people to understand that all the best literature can be secured through them.

The agents report the appropriation of \$15,000 for conference claimants. With the entire Church we mourn the loss of our former Book and Review Editor, Dr. Gross Alexander. His ripe scholarship and his brilliant work as editor of the Review

made him known and felt even beyond the limits of our country, and enabled him to render invaluable service to our Church.

We congratulate the entire Church on the election of Dr. H. M. Dullose to take the place made vacant by the death of Dr. Alexander. With his versatile mind and facile pen, we feel sure he will do the Church a great service in this responsible position. The agents' report indicates the loss of more than \$8000 in the expense account of the Nashville Advocate. Evidently our preachers and people are not giving the support to this paper that the Central Organ of the Church should command.

Our entire Texas Methodism felt profoundly the loss that came to our Church in the death of Dr. G. C. Rankin, so long the vigorous editor of the Texas Advocate. Our Joint Board of Publication was most fortunate in electing Dr. W. D. Bradfield to fill the vacancy made by the death of Dr. Rankin. Dr. Bradfield's scholarship, studious habits, broad sympathies with the living issues of our day, and his unflinching courage, peculiarly fit him for this important position. We most heartily congratulate the new editor for having made the paper, even at this early date, the real leader of the thought of the Church on the vital questions of the day and we hereby pledge him our support.

We endorse the action of the Joint Board of Publication upon receiving the East and West Oklahoma Conferences into our Advocate family and we bid them welcome to all its privileges.

The editor of the Advocate spoke briefly, saying he would save the conference from a speech provided it would heartily support a campaign for 10,000 new subscribers during the year. The conference heartily consented. The report was adopted.

A supplemental report from the Epworth League Board, placing in nomination F. M. Boyles for Treasurer in the place of W. J. Johnson, resigned, was adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on Lynching was read by S. S. McKenney. It was a strong protest against lynching and was adopted.

A. S. Whitehurst read the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. The report shows nearly 7000 accessions on profession of faith during the year. The report is so timely and vital in its utterances that we print it in full elsewhere. The report was adopted.

D. S. Burke read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. This comprehensive and strong paper, we give elsewhere. The report was adopted.

E. L. Ingram read the report of the Church Extension Board. The report recommends the observance of May 7, 1916, as Loan Fund Day. The report shows that \$8000 have been received on assessments this year. It was adopted.

W. W. Gollighugh read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, answering Question 19, "Who are supernumerary?" and Question 20, "Who are superannuated?"

The supernumeraries are A. L. Carnes and B. R. Bolton.

The superannuated are J. D. Burke, G. H. Phair, T. R. Cain, H. T. Hart, W. W. Graham, C. R. Lamar, O. N. Shook, L. M. Fowler, J. A. Moody, G. C. Stovall, T. B. Graves, John Helplinstill, A. C. Biggs, Isaac Alexander, A. G. Scruggs, C. H. Brooks, S. H. Morgan, C. L. Farrington, W. H. Brooks, Wm. Sproule, T. J. Milam, I. M. Bryce, J. W. Kelley, J. M. Mills, W. W. Adams, B. H. Greathouse, Albert Little, J. C. Cameron, O. P. Culbert, J. I. Coppedge, G. A. LeClere, J. L. Russell, J. W. Johnson, A. McElvin, J. L. Dawson, M. F. Daniel.

The report was adopted. Bishop McCoy nominated W. H. Crum to preach the opening sermon of the next session of the conference.

Under Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" the Bishop announced the transfer of W. F. Bryan and I. E. Thomas, elders from the North Texas Conference.

On motion of J. B. Turrentine the elders' orders of J. L. Terry, a local preacher, were restored by vote of the conference.

G. W. Davis read the report of nominations by the presiding elders for vacancies on committees and boards. The report was adopted.

D. S. Hotchkiss offered his resignation from the committee of the second year. Accepted.

H. J. Hayes read the conference resolutions of thanks and they were adopted by rising vote of the conference.

In behalf of members of the Pittsburg District, Bishop McCoy presented O. T. Hotchkiss, retiring presiding elder, with a handsome suit case.

O. T. Hotchkiss moved the appointment of an Asbury Centenary Committee. The Bishop appointed O. T. Hotchkiss, C. T. Tally and L. B. Elrod as the committee.

The Bishop called the statistical questions. (See Minutes). A motion to adjourn after the reading of the minutes and the announcement of the appointments carried.

Francisco Zito, Italian missionary, addressed the conference. The minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" After the singing he called Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" (See Appointments).

With the benediction, the seventy-sixth session of the Texas Annual Conference passed into history.

MINUTES.

Of the Seventy-sixth Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Longview, Texas, Beginning November 10th, 1915, Ending November 15th, 1915. Bishop J. H. McCoy, President; O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary, Postoffice of Secretary, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Delbert William Moore, William August Allen, Leo Hopkins, Ernest Gray Downs, Robert Alva Gates, Aaron Edwards Rider, Kenneth Edward Barnhart.

2. Who remain on trial? Chas. H. Doak, W. H. Earls, Otto Daniel, C. B. Fuller, W. St. John, J. W. Usery (all in class of first year), J. M. Gordon, J. H. Carlin, D. S. Hotchkiss, J. C. Marshall, G. Z. Sadler, W. C. Thomas, J. T. Waller, F. E. Few, R. C. Greer, Marvin J. Bigger, A. G. Coleman, Leonard F. Hardy, J. A. Moore, Stephen A. Weimer.

3. Who are discontinued? Oran O. Gaston, at his own request; Lionel A. Graham, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, J. M. Cochran, J. C. Thompson, J. Earl White, W. M. Bass, A. W. Conner, H. G. Cooke, R. S. Marshall, R. B. Jones, Wm. L. Russell.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? Chas. H. Doak, from West Texas Conference, on trial, class first year; F. E. Few, from Louisiana Conference, on trial, class first year; L. F. Brothers, from Western North Carolina Conference, deacon class third year; R. C. Greer, from East Oklahoma Conference, on trial, class of first year; A. B. Chapman, from North Texas Conference, trial, class first year; L. F. Brothers, from Northwest Texas Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? No one.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Charles B. Thompson, E. Kemp, Lawrence H. Bradford, Robert E. Ledbetter, Howard W. Watts, Benjamin Callaway, Jas. W. Cole, Jas. L. Weatherly, Ed. J. Harris, David B. Boddie, John L. Owens, F. B. Dawson, Walton Day, J. C. Cochran, (Ben O. Hill, in class of third year.)

9. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Walter L. Cannon, Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, John Earl White, Wm. M. Bass, Wm. L. Russell, Archer Watson Gordon.

10. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, John Earl White, William Murray Bass, Archie Watson Gordon, Wm. L. Russell.

11. What local preachers are elected deacons? Henry Benson Daily, George Brinton McClellan, Hubbard Oscar Marsh.

12. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Henry B. Daily, Geo. B. Hubbard, J. M. Fuller, John Earl White, Wm. M. Bass, Wm. L. Russell, Archer Watson Gordon.

13. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Levi Lee Lloyd, Jesse Lee Ross, Arthur Lee Conner, Thomas Scott Ogle, Jos. Mary Vondracek, John Edward Buttrill, Benjamin Calhoun Ansley, Benjamin Tucker Bell, Eugene Alexander Sample.

14. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? L. L. Lloyd, Jesse L. Ross, Arthur L. Conner, B. C. Ansley, Jos. M. Vondracek, J. E. Buttrill, Ben T. Tucker, E. A. Sample, T. S. Ogle.

15. What local preachers are elected elders? No one.

16. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one.

17. Who are located this year? J. D. Womack, for unacceptability.

18. Who are supernumerary? A. L. Carnes, B. R. Bolton.

19. Who are superannuated? J. D. Burke, G. H. Phair, T. R. Cain, H. T. Hart, W. W. Graham, C. R. Lamar, O. A. Shook, L. M. Fowler, J. A. Moody, G. C. Stovall, T. B. Graves, John Helplinstill, A. C. Biggs, Isaac Alexander, A. G. Scruggs, C. H. Brooks, S. H. Morgan, C. L. Farrington, W. H. Brooks, Wm. Sproule, T. J. Milam, I. M. Bryce, J. W. Kelley, J. M. Mills, W. W. Adams, B. H. Greathouse, Albert Little, J. C. Cameron, O. P. Culbert, J. I. Coppedge, G. A. LeClere, J. L. Russell, J. W. Johnson, A. McElvin, J. L. Dawson, M. F. Daniel.

20. What preachers have died during the year? H. M. Sears, C. H. Smith, M. L. Lindsey.

21. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed.

22. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 184; members, 27,470.

23. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 18; 6 sent in.

24. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 4; not sent.

25. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1253.

26. How many deaths have been baptized during the year? 406.

27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 124.

28. What is the number of Epworth League members? 4157.

29. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 554.

30. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 5142.

31. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 59,473.

32. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$12,000.

33. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$9384.90, and applied as per report of Joint Board of Finance.

34. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$11,472.57; home and conference, \$14,135.49.

35. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$8232.20.

36. What has been contributed for Education? \$12,913.79.

37. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$725.35.

38. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$27,168; preachers in charge, \$192,838.

39. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2769.85.

40. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 739; number of houses of worship, 574.

41. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$3,169,170; indebtedness, \$167,513.

42. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 222; number of parsonages, 196.

43. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$323,050; indebtedness, \$27,271.

44. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 10; number of district parsonages, 9.

45. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$37,500; indebtedness, \$4750.

46. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 31; amount of damage, \$21,833.

47. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$828,285; losses sustained, \$21,833; premiums paid, \$5059; collections on losses, \$8405.

48. What are the educational statistics? 50. How many copies of the General organ, and of the conference organ are taken? General organ, 228; conference organ, 4551.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the committee on Lay Activities? W. L. Dean.

52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Lufkin, Texas.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

C. F. Smith, Presiding Elder. Analist and Stowell—Gus Garrison. Ratson and Saratoga—J. A. Moore. Beaumont, First Church—Glenn Flinn. North End and Deaton's Chapel—D. W. Moore. Roberts Avenue—H. T. Perritte. Brookland—E. E. Bledsoe. Call—L. E. Green. China and Xome—J. C. Marshall. Dayton—G. H. Collins. Jasper—F. D. Dawson. Jasper Circuit—Otto Daniel. Kirbyville—P. R. White. Konitz—M. F. Wells. Liberty—W. C. Hughes. Mont Belvieu and Crosby—L. Christian, supply. Nederland—J. C. Stewart. Newton—Weems Woodson. Orange Station—W. W. Watts. Port Arthur Station—W. H. Crum. Silsbee and Buna—W. H. Hooper. Sour Lake and Grayburg—J. W. Cullen. Woolville—J. F. Wallace. District Commissioner of Education—Glenn Flinn. Conference Missionary Secretary—Glenn Flinn.

BRENNHAM DISTRICT.

S. W. Thomas, Presiding Elder. Ray City—J. F. Carter. Beasley Mission—W. W. Horner. Belleville—G. Z. Sadler. Brenham Station—E. G. Cooke. Brookshire—T. W. St. John. Caldwell Station—L. J. Power. Chappell Hill—R. E. Ledbetter. Giddings—G. C. Cravy. Hempstead—Geo. F. Kemp. Lexington—F. O. Fyfe. Lyons Circuit—S. W. Stokely. Matagorda and Lane City—T. S. Wilford. Richmond Station—A. A. Tharp. Rockdale Station—H. B. Smith. Rosenberg—H. A. Matney. Sealy Circuit—E. Binford. Somersville—C. M. Myers. Tanglewood Mission—H. B. Daily, supply. Thordale—B. T. Bell. Waller Circuit—L. L. Weatherly. Wallis and Fulshear—L. H. Bradford. Wharton Station—L. L. Lloyd. President Powell Training School, Dallas—Nathan Powell, Brenham O. C. District Commissioner of Education—J. F. Carter.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

R. W. Adams, Presiding Elder. Alvin Station—Allen Troke. Angleton—A. W. Gordon. Brazoria—H. A. Abney, supply. Cedar Bayou—I. B. Manly. Columbia and Velasco—C. J. Atkinson. Galveston, First Church—E. G. Garland. Thirty-Third Street—C. S. Harkey. Harrisburg—D. S. Hotchkiss. Houston, Brunner—H. K. M. Seabold. First Church—F. M. Boyles. Grace—W. M. Sherrill. McAdam—H. G. Cooke. St. Paul—J. W. Mills. Seth Ward Memorial—W. F. Davis. Tabernacle—G. L. Taylor. Washington Avenue—C. E. Houck. Woodland Heights—J. D. F. Clark. Humble—A. B. Chapman. Iowa Colony—To be supplied. Katy—C. E. W. Smith. League City—D. B. Boddie. Seabrook and Pasadena—K. C. Barnhart. Texas City—H. V. Watts. General Missionary Evangelist—J. E. Green. St. Paul O. C. Professor Southern Methodist University—Jas. Kilgore, St. Paul O. C. Vice-President Southern Methodist University—C. S. Wright, First Church (Houston) O. C. Conference Sunday School Field Secretary—W. G. Harbin, Grace O. C. District Commissioner of Education—F. M. Boyles. Conference Secretary of Education—Jas. Kilgore. Port Mission U. S. Immigrant Station—J. E. Reichenleider, League City O. C. Student Northwestern University—T. S. Ogle.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

I. F. Betts, Presiding Elder. Alto Circuit—L. W. Nichols, supply. Alto Station—T. R. Morehead. Athens Station—C. A. Towser. Cushing Circuit—J. M. Cochran. Elkhart Circuit—Preston Florence. Eustace Circuit—A. G. Coleman. Frankston and LaRue—C. B. Fuller. Gallatin Circuit—M. J. Bigger. Jacksonville Circuit—W. R. Moon. Jacksonville Station—P. T. Ramsey; B. R. Bolton, supernumerary. Keltys Circuit—J. R. Murray. Malakoff Circuit—C. M. Kennedy. Montalba Circuit—A. H. Callaway, supply. Neches and Brushy Creek—J. T. Hooks. Overton and Arp—Leo Hawkins. Palestine Circuit—L. F. Hardy. Palestine, Grace—L. B. Savon. Centenary—D. H. Hotchkiss. Rusk Circuit—R. B. Moon, supply. Rusk Station—J. C. Carr. Troup Station—L. H. McGee. Transcader Circuit—D. F. Pulley, supply. Conference Evangelist—C. E. Mock, Jacksonville O. C. Secretary V. M. C. A., Peru, Indiana—H. H. Davis, Palestine, Centenary O. C. Financial Agent C. L.—J. W. Treadwell, Jacksonville O. C. President A. C. I.—W. K. Strother, Jacksonville O. C. Agent Washington City, D. C., Representative Church—S. S. McKenney, Jacksonville O. C. District Commissioner of Education—P. T. Ramsey.

MARLIN DISTRICT.

Geo. W. Davis, Presiding Elder. Brenon—C. E. Garrett. Ruckholts Circuit—J. M. Gordon.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.
J. B. Turrentine, Presiding Elder.
Beckville Circuit—R. E. Beaird, Bethany Circuit—B. L. Owens, Church Hill Circuit—Frank Platt, Gilmer Station—H. M. Timmons, Hallville Circuit—I. F. Pace, Harleton Circuit—L. F. Jewell, Harrison Circuit—E. G. Downs, Henderson Circuit—J. Waggoner, supply, Henderson Station—E. L. Ingram, Jefferson Station—L. F. Brothers, Kelleyville Circuit—J. M. Smith, Kilgore Circuit—A. J. McCary, Laneville Circuit—W. L. Cannon, Longview Station—W. D. White, Marshall, First Church—E. W. Solomon, Summit Street—J. W. Campbell, Ogburn Circuit—J. S. Wilson, supply, Rosewood Circuit—W. H. Earls, Student Southwestern University—L. Conner, District Commissioner of Education—E. L. Ingram.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.
E. L. Shettles, Presiding Elder.
Anderson Circuit—W. L. Pate, Beloit Circuit—Ed Prather, supply, Brazos County Mission—Jesse C. Thompson, Bryan Station—C. T. Tally, Cleveland and Fostoria—D. S. Burke, Cold Springs Circuit—E. E. Few, Conroe Station—J. F. Key; A. L. Carnes, superannuated, Crockett Station—C. U. McLarty, Dodge and Oakhurst—J. L. Webb, supply, Grapeland and Lovelady—B. C. Ansley, Groveton Station—S. D. Harger, Huntsville Station—E. W. Potter, Madisonville Station—J. E. Morgan, Midway—W. A. Allen, Milican Circuit—G. W. Riley, Montgomery Circuit—W. T. Ayers, Navasota Station—J. L. Massey, Onalaska—To be supplied, Porter Springs—R. F. Hodges, supply, Shiro—D. W. Gardner, Trinity Station—A. A. Wagon, Walker County Mission—J. Frick, supply, Willis Circuit—J. E. Buttrill, Chaplain State Penitentiary—W. T. McDonald, Huntsville O. C., Chaplain U. S. Army—E. P. Newson, Huntsville O. C., Bohemian Mission—Joseph Dolos, Bryan O. C. Conference Evangelist—C. C. Bell, Navasota O. C., District Commissioner of Education—C. T. Tally.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.
J. W. Bergin, Presiding Elder.
Alanta Station—C. T. Cummings, Boston Circuit—R. J. Deets, supply, Cason Circuit—M. I. Brown, Cornett Circuit—J. W. Ussery, Daingerfield—C. H. Adams, Dalby Springs Circuit—J. G. Jones, supply, Douglasville Circuit—J. S. Hodgeson, Hughes Springs and Avinger—J. L. Red, Linden Circuit—L. O. Dent, Mt. Pleasant Station—A. A. Kidd, Naples and Omaha—B. C. Anderson, Nash Circuit—J. E. White, Near Houston and DeKalb—M. N. Terrell, Pittsburg Circuit—D. A. Williams, Pittsburg Station—W. H. Vance, Queen City Circuit—W. L. Russell, Redwater Circuit—J. H. Westmoreland, supply, Tescarkia, First Church—W. F. Andrews, Hardy Memorial—Jesse Lee, Winfield Circuit—T. C. Sharp, Wimsboro Circuit—J. H. Carlin, District Commissioner of Education—W. H. Vance.

TIMPSON DISTRICT.
L. B. Eldred, Presiding Elder.
Appleby Mission—W. R. Crawford, supply, Burke and Dilwit—Charles Deak, Carthage Station—J. W. Goodwin, Center Circuit—R. B. Jones, Center Station—E. D. Watson, Corrigan Circuit—C. E. Thomas, supply, Garrison Station—J. W. Bridges, Gary Circuit—W. W. Thomas, Geneva—M. G. Taylor, supply, Hemphill and Bronson—J. B. Luker, Huntington and Manning—L. F. Smith, supply, Kennard Circuit—Benjamin C. Callaway, Livingston Station—J. F. Kidd, Livingston Mission—A. E. Rider, Lufkin Station—C. B. Garrett, Melrose Circuit—To be supplied, Mt. Enterprise and Caro—L. H. Mathison, Nacogdoches Station—O. T. Hotchkiss, Pine Hill Circuit—A. A. Rider, San Augustine Station—W. W. Gollighugh, Shelbyville Circuit—J. L. Ross, Tenaha—A. G. Hall, Timpon Station—A. T. Walker, Student Southwestern University—Walter Day, Nacogdoches O. C., District Commissioner of Education—O. T. Hotchkiss.

TYLER DISTRICT.
J. T. Smith, Presiding Elder.
Alba Circuit—E. P. Swindall, Big Sandy Circuit—T. D. McCrary, Canton—W. A. Belcher, Chandler and Brownsboro—C. R. Thompson, Colfax—J. I. Weatherly, Edgewood—W. H. Edwards, Edom—P. I. Milton, Emory Mission—G. B. Hubbard, supply, Emory and Point—W. S. Easterling, Grand Saline—W. F. Smith, Lindale Circuit—W. M. Bass, Lindale Station—J. M. Fuller, Mineola Circuit—R. C. Greer, Mineola Station—C. W. Hughes, Murchison—To be supplied, Quitman Circuit—J. C. Calhoun, supply, Tyler, Cedar Street—J. R. Ritchie, Tyler Circuit—W. A. Pounds.

Tyler, Marvin—G. M. Gibson, Whitehouse—J. S. Hendrick, Wills Point Circuit—G. M. Fletcher, supply, Wills Point Station—F. E. Luker, District Commissioner of Education—G. M. Gibson.

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J. C. Marshall	25.00
I. E. White	25.00
N. A. Pulley	25.00
N. A. Griffin	25.00
W. T. Ayres	22.00
Mrs. H. M. Sears	100.00
Total	\$13,272.45

A WONDERFUL CAMPAIGN.
Some weeks ago it was announced that Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the Texas Woman's College, would inaugurate a campaign to secure \$100,000 for his college. The campaign is now at its height. The amount secured as we go to press is \$86,500. Mrs. Ann Waggoner has given \$25,000. We will speak of this achievement more fully next week. Heartly congratulations to Mrs. Waggoner, Fort Worth, Texas Woman's College and its great President, Dr. H. A. Boaz.

BELL COUNTY GOES DRY.
After a hot contest, in which the Governor of Texas took a hand, Bell County went dry at the election of last Saturday. The pro majority was substantial, being slightly above 450. Governor Ferguson was the champion of the Bell County saloons. Let us hope that Texas will never have another Governor who can be persuaded to compromise the dignity of his office in the championship of the worst foe of society and civilization.

CHURCH DEDICATION.
Our church at Lewisville, Rev. N. R. Stone, pastor, will be dedicated Sunday morning, November 21. The editor of the Advocate will preach the sermon. Former pastors are cordially invited.

Lost—At the conference at Clarendon a pair of spectacles in case. Finder please return same to Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas, and receive reward.

Rev. J. H. Groseclose has with his usual neatness and dispatch issued the West Texas Conference Journal, a copy of which lies on our table.

ADVOCATE HONOR ROLL, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, Buckholts, Marlin District.
Rev. R. E. Ledbetter, Lexington Mission, Brenham District.

To Rev. W. H. Vance, of Pittsburg, belongs the honor of bringing up the largest report on the Advocate. He had added several new subscribers to his list this year and collected from all but two or three on his charge, including arrearages.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, of Jacksonville, had the second largest report for the Advocate. He has been a very busy man and away from his charge much of the time the last month, but he found time to look after the Advocate.

Rev. A. S. Whitehurst, of Teague, after rounding up his conference claims, Advocate collections and all other matters, had a day to spare. He devoted it to a canvass for new subscribers to the Advocate and added ten to the list. He had already sent several during the year. Brother Whitehurst considers it a day well spent and so do we. Cannot several other pastors take a day off?

Rev. W. J. Johnson, of Beaumont, and Rev. C. T. Tally, of Bryan, ran a close race with Brothers Vance and McKenney in their work for the Advocate. Both brought up almost every account, including some large arrears.

Rev. A. J. McCary, of Kilgore, made an almost full report on the Advocate.

To W. W. Watts, Jr., the thanks of the Advocate are due for the good Advocate report from Orange. He is thirteen years old, is a hustler and has a good business head.

To mention all those in the Texas Conference who put in good work for the Advocate would be to publish almost the entire roll of the conference. The Advocate was not neglected, and that all the subscriptions were not brought up was not the fault of the preachers, but of the conditions. The Advocate is appreciated and the preachers realize thoroughly their duty to the paper.

Dr. O. E. Goddard, of First Church, Galveston, was not daunted by the destructive storm, but brought up a fine report. He had received on profession of faith 108, by letter 110. Total finances raised were over \$12,000, a fifty per cent advance over the former year. He added seventeen new subscribers to an already good Advocate list (he had added a large number of years before and promises another big list of new subscribers immediately after conference. A number of new stewards were added to his Board and all of those he says must, of course, have the Advocate.

THE RACE SET BEFORE THEM.

I am resolved to work at the Advocate business this year as I never have before. Brother Stutts, of Ovalo, and I have started out to run a race this year on Advocate subscriptions. We are praying for much success and feel sure that the Advocate will do our people good.
E. L. YEATS, P. C.
Tuscola, Texas.

WICHITA FALLS 100 PER CENT.

Dr. A. L. Andrews, pastor at Wichita Falls, proudly announces that every official, thirty-eight in number, take the Advocate. He also adds: "We passed the 500 mark for additions yesterday."

You are sending out a great Church paper. It should be in the hands of every Methodist.
CHAMP R. TRAYLOR,
Plemons, Texas, Nov. 9.

The Advocate is in receipt of the Journal of the New Mexico Conference, of which Rev. W. S. Huggett is editor. The minutes are full and complete as to Methodism in that section, containing also a full report of the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

Bishop A. W. Wilson, our beloved senior Bishop, suffered a serious collapse last Thursday while addressing the North Georgia Conference at Rome, Georgia. His family at Baltimore was advised of his condition and his daughter immediately left for Rome to be with the aged Bishop. The Advocate prays for his speedy restoration to health.

THE EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

(Continued from page 5)

R. M. C. Hill, Asher, Holdenville District: Thirty conversions, 33 additions; good prayer meeting; Bible class does the work of Epworth League; Oak Grove built \$1500 church in place of one that burned; collections and salaries in full. First year.

J. R. Abernathy, Okmulgee, Tulsa District: Cut church debt of \$12,192 down to \$8000; good Sunday School and Epworth League; many men inquiring about the welfare of their souls; am not restless about my work over at Okmulgee. First year.

The United States Government is just completing in Muskogee a handsome Federal Building which would do credit to any city. It is massive and ornate in its fine proportions, and was built at a cost of \$500,000. They hope to occupy it by the first of the year.

W. M. Grose, Wainwright Circuit, Muskogee: Being out on committee work, his presiding elder, Chas. L. Brooks, stated that Brother Grose had more conversions and accessions than any other man in the Muskogee District. The charge was reported in fine condition. Second year.

When the name of J. C. Sampley was called, the Bishop desired his full name. It is Jefferson Cleveland Sampley. "That's a sure enough Democratic name," said the Bishop, "and I hope when he has a boy he will name him Woodrow Wilson"—and the conference broke loose.

When H. P. Clarke reported the Stigler charge, Brother Holloman, a consecrated layman and delegate from the Muskogee District, also spoke concerning Stigler. "Well," said the Bishop, "we'll just pass your character, too, while we're at that sort of business."

Orva S. Snell, Fairland Circuit, Vinita District: Recent fire destroyed parsonage; 29 additions, but loss in membership of 93 due to revising roll and otherwise; collections in full, salaries about 50 per cent; \$200 on debts and improvements; 2 Sunday Schools with enrollment of 210. First year.

D. A. Gregg, of the Wanette and Mount Zion Charge, in the Holdenville District, had every dollar of his conference collections in the hands of the Teller by February 4 of this year. We learn this is a habit with Bro. Gregg. Why should it not be the habit of all the pastors?

D. A. Gregg, Wanette and Mount Zion, Holdenville District: Great revival, 58 additions; small decrease on account of purging rolls; Sunday School at every point, good Mission Society and Epworth League; collections and salaries in full; \$1100 paid on church debts. First year.

When Tulsa was called the vision of the sainted Bishop Tigert passed before us. A holy hush fell upon us as we gazed once more upon his transfigured face. Here it was he died in 1906 while holding the Annual Conference which was completed by Bishop Key.

Bishop Mouzon said: "Great men are quiet, small men are noisy. President Lincoln never said much, Woodrow Wilson is quiet; but Teddy Roosevelt talks all the time." And the conference cheered wildly and laughed. "What you laughing at?" said the Bishop.

T. O. Shanks, Vian and Bragga, Muskogee District: 160 conversions, 85 additions; 172 at prayer meeting in town of 750; in Sunday School 312; piano bought; salaries paid, collections 49 per cent; mission territory; 300 per cent in advance of last year. Second year.

S. X. Swimme, Talhina and Le Flore, Hugo District: We were in the stormbelt, had 3 distinct and separate floods; collections and salaries suffered; impossible to say we have had gain or loss owing to change in charge; 2 good Sunday Schools 2 Epworth Leagues; \$250 expended on church and parsonage. First year.

Bishop Mouzon is cetrainly injecting new blood into the Episcopal way of doing things. When the class was admitted into full connection he called for a song and asked the conference to "extend the right hand of fellowship." It was a season of great blessing. We would like to see another occasion just like that.

F. H. Creasy, Bristow, Tulsa District: Had success under great dif-

ficulty; most of our members from M. E. Church; collections not quite full, but big increase over last year; fine parsonage and \$450 paid on debt. The owner of the note gave it to us; pastor overpaid, presiding elder in full; new church on foot. Second year.

J. W. White, Howe and Hodgson, McAlester District: preached 244 times in own work; advance in assessments over last year of 190 per cent; paid on salaries and collections 70 per cent; 40 additions; old debts paid; found 113 members, left 151; found 1 Sunday School of 49, left 5 well organized. First year.

J. A. Parks, McAlester, Phillips Memorial, McAlester District: 14 additions by profession, 52 otherwise; total 66. "And," said the presiding elder, J. M. Peterson, "Bro. Parks doubled his working capacity in four months after he got on the work. He married a wife." First year for Bro. Parks.

L. S. Barton, Boston Avenue, Tulsa District: Net gain of 89; collections and salaries in full; men outside of Church have greatly helped in our finances; many, not Church members, are coming to Church; raised for all purposes about \$12,000; reduced church debt of \$11,000 down to a little over \$3000. First year.

God, in his providence, greatly blessed the gatherings of Oklahoma Methodism this year. Both the West and the East Oklahoma Conferences enjoyed the most ideal weather. During the session at Muskogee, the crisp November air put snap and life into everyone. The brethren could not ask for a more delightful season.

For three years C. L. Brooks has made the conference a most efficient Secretary. During that period he has deposited in the archives of the East Oklahoma Conference a complete set of Quarterly Conference records reaching back to 1836. Eighty years of unbroken history! An invaluable asset, to be sure.

E. T. Campbell, Durant, First Church, Madill District: 17 conversions, 85 additions; decrease account Church Conference; collections full; \$700 on old debt; salaries 25 per cent short account borrowing last year; supporting missionary in China and one in Korea; no notes left behind. First year. "You're a better financier than your stewards."—The Bishop.

A. A. Puckett, Fort Towson, Hugo District: Thirty-four additions; loss of \$1, caused by cleaning roll which had not been revised in four years; 12 infants baptized; Sunday School attendance averages 90; paid \$100 debt on parsonage and improved it \$100; bought new piano; about 40 per cent of collections; salary not in full. First year.

It appears that T. F. Roberts is not only the presiding elder of the Creek District, but he is also pastor of Seminole Station, in the Holdenville District. When that fact was made known the Bishop said, "Well, I've heard of hyphenated Americans and hyphenated Germans, but that's the first time I ever heard of a hyphenated presiding elder."

That was an extremely sweet movement when Bishop Mouzon stood two little tots on his table and introduced them to the East Oklahoma Conference. The first one was little Ada Brooks, daughter of Rev. C. L. Brooks and wife of Muskogee. Just one year ago she was born during the session of the conference at Ada—and they named her Ada. The other was little Joe McConnell, of the third generation, and grandson of Dr. T. F. Brewer. The Bishop called him a real little Indian, for he was born in India.

Ours is the jolliest crowd in town. Last night her thought was on Senaubaugh or Barton, we knew not which. The poor thing did some Capers and we could not Turner. We all well knew she would wander down some Keedy places for she had determined to Kilpatrick. Oeh got en Hamill! Notwithstanding we offered her some Nichols not to do it, she was raving happy when she found Blaylock gazing at a funny Hightower alongside one of the Rhodes. And the poor thing would not come home.

Under the call of Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" the Bishop stressed the educational requirements of the new law. In every case, and where the candidate did not meet the conditions, he demanded a two-thirds vote of the conference. We have not seen this before, but it is the thing to do in this age of schools and books.

A. N. Averyt, Sr., Broken Bow Station, Hugo District: Small decrease in (Continued on page 13.)

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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

Our Church year is coming to a close. The summing up of the year's activities and the final gatherings for reports and reassignments are being held in our various conferences.

West Texas Conference reports 141 Leagues, which is an addition of two over last year. These Leagues have a membership of 4727, or one Leaguer to every 8.4 members of the conference.

Northwest Texas Conference reports eighty chapters with a membership of 2875, or one member for every thirteen members of the conference.

West Oklahoma Conference reports 160 chapters with a membership of 2861, or one Leaguer for every ten members.

Among the list of transfers we notice that of Brother A. J. Weeks, who is moving from the West Texas Conference to the Northwest. Brother Weeks is one of the old-timers at the Encampment and the meetings would not seem complete without him.

A CORRECTION.

In last week's issue of the Advocate I was quoted as saying that I am "always entertained in a Mexican home." Now, this is a mistake. I have said on several occasions that when I was entertained in a Mexican home I had been well cared for and made comfortable. But due to the fact that dozens of American homes have been opened to me all over the State and the hospitality of these homes has been so cordial, I cannot let this statement pass without correcting it.

OKLAHOMA, ATTENTION!

Where have these two thousand eight hundred and sixty-one Epworth Leaguers of the West Oklahoma Conference been all the past year? We have asked repeatedly for reports of League work in Oklahoma, but have been unable to get in touch with any one on whom we could depend for news.

THE ASBURY CENTENARY OF 1916

Progress of the Movement. By H. K. Carroll, Secretary.

The Methodist Church of Canada has taken action, through its General Conference Executive Committee, in approval of the observance of the Centenary of Bishop Asbury's death in 1916. In resolutions just adopted it recommends (1) that a place be given in the program of each Annual Conference at its session next year in honor of the labors and achievements of Asbury and his collaborators; (2) that on Sunday, March 26, 1916, a sermon be preached in every Methodist pulpit on the devotion, privation and sacrifices of the founders of American Methodism; (3) and that the press of the Church give the fullest possible publicity to articles covering all phases of the subject.

The Executive Committee of the Free Methodist Church at its meeting in October declared its hearty indorsement and approval of the proposed Asbury Centenary, recommending that every Annual Conference make provision for an Asbury program in 1916, that Free Methodist societies and preachers observe the anniversary by suitable services and that at each centenary service a voluntary offering be taken for a bronze commemorative statue of Asbury in the City of Washington, D. C.

looking for news of doings there. May we not hear from you at once? If you will appoint an Epworth League editor we will gladly give part space or will receive news from him and use it as directed. What about it?

RUBY KENDRICK COUNCIL.

The Ruby Kendrick Council of Missions held its semi-annual meeting in Dallas October 29, 30 and 31.

On Friday, at 8 p. m., it met with the Dallas District Epworth League Union at the City Hall Auditorium and enjoyed a great illustrated lecture by Bishop W. R. Lambuth on "Eight Hundred Miles Afoot in Africa." The pictures thrown on the screen were taken by Bishop Lambuth during his visit to the mission fields in Africa in 1913.

To listen to a recital of such wonderful deeds accomplished by heroic men, such as are the missionaries there, under gigantic difficulties, is enough to inspire the faintest heart to renewed zeal and greater labor.

Saturday, at 9 a. m., the commissioners met at the Methodist Publishing House and were taken in automobiles for a sight-seeing trip over the great city of Dallas.

We visited S. M. U. at 10:15 and enjoyed chapel exercises.

At 1 p. m. about thirty Dallas Leaguers and visitors gathered at the Chamber of Commerce building, where we were served to a delightful luncheon, Miss Mary Capers, of Dallas, our most worthy President of the R. K. C. of M., presiding.

Immediately after lunch the officers and commissioners adjourned to the First Methodist Church, where the business session was held. This meeting showed that the financial condition of the North Texas Conference Epworth League was in better shape than ever before.

A report was given from each district and several new pledges announced.

Committees were appointed and plans laid for greater work to be done before the next meeting, which will be in Gainesville in June, 1916.

The meeting closed with prayer, and the members went to their respective homes, feeling a greater inspiration to work for the Master.

On Sunday evening, before the regular League hour, a social meeting was held at Grace Church. Delicious refreshments were served. The visitors were made to feel that there were no strangers present, but that we were all one great family enjoying a reunion.

The memory will linger ever in our hearts as the breath of a fragrant flower.

At 6:45 in the League services at the respective churches of the city a commissioner from some district spoke on "Why Have a Definite Missionary Policy in the Epworth League?"

Many interesting and instructive talks were made and only time can tell the results.

In behalf of the commissioners and other visitors I want to thank the Dallas Leaguers for their courtesy and kindness shown us and for the hospitality of the many homes opened to receive us. META MEADOW, Vice-President R. K. C. of M.

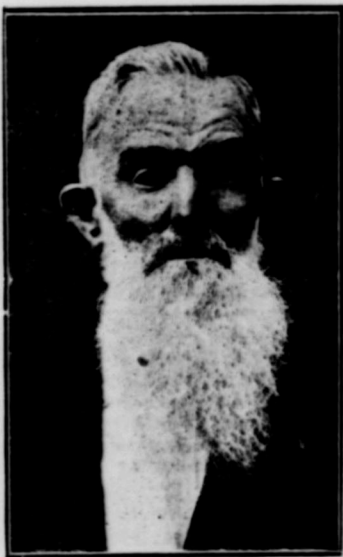
The Executive Committee also suggested that the district elders in the several conferences act in advance as a committee to prepare a program for the conference celebration.

Wide preparations have been made for the Annual Conference celebrations in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Protestant, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, and now the Free Methodist Church and the Methodist Church of Canada have joined heartily in approving the plan of celebration, which comprises these features:

1. A program by every Annual Conference in America at its session in 1916 in honor of the labors and achievements of Asbury and his collaborators and the mighty results that have come from their heroic endeavors.

2. On the Sunday nearest the date of the anniversary of his death, March 26, or Sunday, June 4, 1916, a sermon from every Methodist pulpit designed to call to the minds of the prosperous Methodists of today how great was the investment of endeavor and devotion, privation and sacrifice made by the preachers and members of the first half century of American Methodism.

3. A wide circulation of literature



J. F. COWSER.

J. F. (Uncle Doc) Cowser was born in Ray County, Mo., Nov. 28, 1834; came to Kimble County, Texas, 1883, and has resided there continuously since. He united with the Methodist Church in 1885 and for thirty years has been a consistent follower of Jesus Christ and John Wesley. He has filled every position of honor and trust in the local Church, and is at present chairman of the Board of Stewards at Junction. He has been District Steward for several years, and has been four times a delegate from the San Angelo District to the Annual Conference. He is a liberal contributor to every obligation of his Church, and is the pastor's right-hand man in all Church enterprises. He is well preserved physically, and bears his eighty-one years like a man of fifty. He reads a great deal, keeps up with the times and is interested in every progressive movement in behalf of the Church. He served his county four years as Commissioner and has always been a staunch supporter of law and order. His home life has been a success. He has had two companions, both of whom have preceded him to the better land. His children are all members of the Church and are honorable and respected citizens of the community. When the roll of the Church's heroes is called, Uncle Doc Cowser will be among the number. COKE R. STEVENSON.

relating to the men and events of that period that the appreciation and gratitude of Methodists of the twentieth century may be evoked for the fathers of the eighteenth century.

4. The erection of a bronze equestrian statue of Bishop Asbury in the City of Washington from the voluntary contributions of American Methodist Churches. Such a statue of this devoted man would surely not be out of place among the statues of those who have served their country as warriors, statesmen and pioneers, inasmuch as his labors helped mightily in laying religious, moral and social foundations for an enduring Republic.

A STORY HARD TO BELIEVE.

H. G. H.

The preachers at the San Angelo Conference had a high old time. What with the brass band, 100 autos, clouds of dust and exhilarating atmosphere, they went sailing through town, and Capt. Walsh ahead of them sweet as the Rose of Sharon; but, to add to it, the chicken feathers began to fly and the turkey wings to come off. J. S. Bowles wrote me he could not find; no money, but there he was, fat and sassy, with all the troubles of Brownsville forgotten. Old man Hill was there, gray as a badger, pretending he could walk about with ease. Why, this writer had received twenty spankings before Hill was born! And Carper Williamson, moving about like he was hunting a place to die, but the chickens entered the ministry in his case rapidly. As to Billy Biggs, we must wait awhile for age to strike him—and in a few moments we will repeat an audacious yarn he told on some of his brethren. Joe Webb was as lively as a jumping-jack trying to answer twenty telephone calls every hour and take care of 250 preachers at the same time. His wife deserves to be canonized as a saint. Buchanan tried to keep a few stray hairs on his head, but it was no go. Dr. Bradford sat in the midst and took a world of notes. There were so many other speakers on and off the floor Shuler only got in a few short words. Long spoke short, but wanted not another straw on the camel's back. "Gulliver" was too modest for anything. We had it when Anderson opened up. What was that grouchy brother behind the door thinking about? Crutchfield

towered, but it was in silence. Walter Dibrell and pretty Eugenia awaited their fate smiling, the time for tears not having come yet. Everybody wanted to be sent to San Angelo, but Webb said: "Not yet." Draper sparkled with the freshest and most brilliant speech on superannuate homes. An old lady said to me: "I used to shout in your meetings fifty-six years ago." Where was Gillett and Joyce and Keith and Nolan? Slowly going the way of all the living.

But that yarn told by Billy Biggs just before the Bishop read him out to a hard appointment. Here it is: Once upon a time J. G. Walker was holding a quarterly meeting at Corpus Christi. O. M. Rodgers was preacher in charge. Mark A. Black, of Rockport, and Tom Stewart, of that town, had come over to attend the quarterly meeting. It was Saturday morning. Nobody there but the four preachers. Walker called on Stewart to preach. Stewart hesitated a moment. Walker said: "Come, Brother Stewart, you must preach for us." Stewart arose, entered the pulpit, knelt and prayed a long, silent prayer; arose and read a long hymn, lining it out; prayed a long prayer; read a long scripture; lined out another long hymn; then took for his text: "Ye generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee the wrath to come?" The sermon was over an hour in length and skinned the other three preachers from crown to toe, standing them before the bar of God with the wrath yet to come. Brother Biggs had a subdued look as he struck out for McDade, and it will never do to ruffle that subdued look by disbelieving this yarn. The last we saw of high old San Angelo the dust was flying and Joe Webb was waving his hand. His look said: "Gone are the brethren—gone are the chickens—gone are the turkeys—but, thank goodness, we stand pat!"

THE GREAT MEMORIAL.

By Charles C. Sealeman, Los Angeles, California.

Benjamin Franklin once remarked that if a man would be remembered after he is dead he must either write things worth doing or do things worth writing.

In the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral lies the body of St. Christopher Wren. Upon a marble slab surmounting his tomb are inscribed these words: "If you seek a monument, look around." This great cathedral, standing in the midst of a great populous city, is an enduring monument to the genius of this great architect. Wellington and Lord Nelson also lie buried in St. Paul's. On the morn of the battle of Trafalgar Nelson exclaimed, "This will mean death or Westminster Abbey." But the body of England's hero lies not with the host of royalty and literature that slumber in the Westminster. Here, too, is Wellington's funeral car, the wheels of which were moulded from the cannon captured upon historic battlefields. This car was made in eight days immediately following the death of the great Iron Duke. It was drawn by sixteen horses through the streets of London, bearing the body of the man who mastered the mighty Corsican. Afterward it was taken down and set up again in the crypt of St. Paul's.

As one walks down the aisles and through the transepts of Westminster he is all but overpowered by a sense of history. The tombs of kings, poets, philosophers, scientists, orators and statesmen are on the right hand and on the left. What means all this if it is not humanity's expression of a passionate desire to be remembered! This same human desire expressed itself through the lips of Jesus when with tender hand he pressed the wine to the lips of his devoted followers and said, "Do this as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me." Other men have carved their names upon marble shafts. Other heroes have builded temples of fame, but Jesus rests his claim to be remembered upon the simple yet ardent affection of a few devoted followers. The institution of the Lord's Supper is the simplest, yet grandest memorial in all the history of the world. It stands as the world's highest expression of self-abasement for the good of others; of absolute abandonment to the cause of human redemption. And the memory of his sublime self-sacrifice serves to beget in the hearts of men a like spirit of unselfishness. In this spirit missionaries go forth into loneliness and darkness of heathen kingdoms, rejoicing that they are counted worthy to suffer for "His name's sake." In this spirit obscure laborers in the Master's vineyard toil patiently on, ever rejoicing at the prospect of one day looking upon his glorious face. It is this spirit of unselfishness, of altruism that is gripping the world today and drawing it back to God.

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Whereas, His godly life, spiritual sermons and the every day manifestations of his Christian character has been as a heavenly benediction to us all and the citizenship of Wagoner, generally; and,

Whereas, We feel that his labors, augmented by the untiring efforts of his good wife during these last four years, will continue to bear fruit through the annals of time; and,

Whereas, We feel this an opportune time for us as a Church and the friends of Brother and Sister Brewer present to express to them the high esteem in which we hold them; therefore be it

Resolved, That we as members of his Church and his friends here assembled recognize in Brother Brewer a fine, godly man, an able preacher, fully consecrated to the service of his Master. Be it further

Resolved, That each and all of us hold in sacred memory the holy Christian characters of Brother and Sister Brewer and that we will strive to heed their holy advice and Christian influence. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Stewards, be furnished Brother and Sister Brewer and a copy sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Unanimously adopted.

W. S. BRITE, President Board of Stewards. H. C. SNYDER, Secretary Board of Stewards.

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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.

CHAPPELL HILL.

On October 6 the ladies of the town gathered at the parsonage at 3 o'clock and for two hours this writer was both guest and hostess. It was a "surprise party," which had been planned by two members of the Missionary Society. Sweet music and cheerful conversations were followed by a short address by one of our most gifted women, who presented to me a sealed envelope marked, "A Gift of Love." It contained \$23 and a list of the names of those who had made the donation. Soon some of the ladies left the room and in a few moments returned, bringing delicious cake and hot chocolate. It is said, "Sweet recollections are a fortune not affected by the fluctuations of the stock market," and I am glad this is true, and I will keep the pleasure of this occasion in memory's casket and often recall it with others which have been given me.

Our auxiliary sent a box of nice clothes to Holding Institute at Laredo in October.

(MRS.) F. O. FAYRE.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF W. M. S., NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The officers of the W. M. S. of the North Texas Conference met in executive session October 27 at the Methodist Publishing House, Dallas. All the officers except Mrs. W. W. Williams, Superintendent of Supplies, were present.

The following changes in officers since the annual meeting were announced: Mrs. James R. Adams, Plano, Secretary of McKinney District, instead of Mrs. Wesley Neathery; Mrs. J. T. Young, Sulphur Springs, Secretary of Sulphur Springs District, instead of Mrs. R. C. Hicks, and Mrs. S. A. Barnes, Dallas, First Vice-President, instead of Mrs. J. Wesley Reed. Mrs. Reed had recently resigned and a letter was directed to be sent her expressing appreciation of her faithful services.

Reports of officers were called for. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Saunders Fulton, reported that all district meetings except Sulphur Springs and McKinney had been held and great enthusiasm had been manifested along all lines.

The Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. Scott Fulton, reported fine district meetings and that Mission Study classes were being organized.

The time for holding district meetings and better planning so that time and money may be conserved in the representing of the work by conference officers were discussed.

The Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. Wm. Bacon, reported a lack of comprehension on the part of the women of the true idea of social service. She was requested to prepare a leaflet and a program on Social Service to be read by the auxiliaries. Copies of these are to be furnished to the Social Service Department of the Federated Clubs to be adapted to their use and to give them information as to the relation existing between social service and the Church.

The Superintendent of Home Guards, Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, presented for approval a report blank she had prepared.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Bennett, reported that collections on the pledge would have to be greatly increased during the last quarter to meet our obligations.

The time for the annual meeting at Paris was set for February 6-9. A program was outlined and the following committee appointed to work it out in detail: Miss Flora Thomas, Mrs. S. A. Barnes, Mrs. Arthur W. Shaw.

The committee adjourned to accept an invitation from the Mothers' Congress to attend their meeting in a body.

FORA THOMAS, Rec. Sec.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. L. Canter, Martha, Superintendent Study-Publicity.

Woman's Meeting.

One afternoon during the Annual Conference, which recently convened at Altus, was devoted to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. The meeting was opened with a most interesting talk on "Christian Stewardship," given by our President, Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Bobo's subject was "Some Things that Have Been Done, Some Things that May Be

Done," and was presented in a helpful way.

The work of the Young People, Children, Social Service, Supplies and Publicity and Mission Study was well presented by the conference officers who have this work in trust.

Mrs. M. H. Dodson, Secretary of Mangum District, talked on the "Funds of the Woman's Missionary Society." "Problems of the District Secretary" was presented by Mrs. Moss Weaver, Secretary of Chickasha District.

This meeting was well attended and we trust it may bear much fruit. The Woman's Missionary Society is one of the strong arms of the Church, and if we would accomplish the work that should be done through this channel there must be co-operation between the pastor and the women of the Church. We feel that our pastors are interested in the work of the women and we covet their support.

Change of Address.

As some of the conference officers and District Secretaries are wives of ministers the following changes of address were made at the Annual Conference: The address of Mrs. G. R. Wright was changed from Heald to Lindsay; Mrs. Moss Weaver from Chickasha to Mangum; Mrs. C. L. Canter from Olustee to Martha. Those who are in correspondence with these officers will please note the change of address.

Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee planned for the annual meeting and discussed the time. The meeting will be held at Norman and will probably be about the third week in January.

Miss Welch Married.

Miss Maude Welch, who for years was missionary to the Indians, was married at her sister's home in Mangum on Monday, November 8, to Rev. R. M. Templeton. The conference appointed Brother Templeton to the Indian work and they will be at home at the parsonage provided for them at Anadarko. Knowing Miss Welch personally, we do most heartily congratulate Brother Templeton in his choice of a companion. They have our good wishes and may God abundantly bless their labors and give them souls for their harvest.

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

The Woman's Missionary Meeting of the McKinney District was held in Plano November 4-5.

The meeting was opened at 10:30 by words of welcome from our District Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Adams, who is a member of the Plano Auxiliary.

The devotional service was led by Miss Norwood Wynn, one of our beloved missionaries from Mexico. Her presence and talk were an inspiration and will long be remembered by our women.

Mrs. Adams took charge of the business session.

Mrs. Don Ratton, of Anna, was elected Secretary.

In making her report, Mrs. Adams said most all the auxiliaries were doing splendid work. There are sixteen auxiliaries in the district. McKinney District ranked second among

those districts in this conference that increased their membership this year. Mrs. Adams made an earnest appeal that each auxiliary bring up its pledge in full and if possible increase their pledges, as our district must not fall below its prorated amount.

The delegates were enrolled and reports read.

Plano Auxiliary is the only one in the district having young people's and children's auxiliaries.

McKinney Auxiliary was awarded the banner for general excellence.

The noon Bible hour was conducted by Mrs. S. M. Harrington, President of Plano Auxiliary. She very graciously welcomed the visitors and delegates, then gave us a very helpful talk on "Improving the One Talent." She then invited us into the Sunday School room, where a very sumptuous dinner was served.

Mrs. Fannie Harrington very ably conducted the devotional for the afternoon session.

The Workers' Conference, led by Mrs. J. S. Fulton, was very instructive. Each department was freely discussed and the duties made clear and impressive.

In the evening Brother Weeks, pastor of the Plano Church, gave us a very spiritual talk on the Beatitudes. Brother Dennis, our highly esteemed presiding elder, spoke on the "Relation of Presiding Elder to the Woman's Missionary Society." Some valuable and necessary information was derived from his talk.

Mrs. J. S. Fulton then addressed us on "What Are We Doing for Missions and What is Our Aim?" She spoke in a very interesting manner and made us clearly see that we must be up and doing; that now is the opportune time to do things.

Friday morning the devotional was led by Brother Weeks. Mrs. Frank Bennett then gave us a very instructive talk on "Finance."

"Plans for a Membership Campaign" were very entertainingly discussed by Mrs. Tidwell, the delegate from Celina.

Suggestions and helps on the work of Study and Publicity Superintendent were given by Mrs. Scott Fulton. The little playette on "Internal Revenue," given by the Ruth Russell Auxiliary, was very entertaining and much enjoyed.

The noon Bible hour was led by Mrs. Rudolph in her own sweet way. We were adjourned and another bountiful dinner awaited us.

At the afternoon session the young people's work was discussed by Mrs. Barnes and some very excellent ideas were given.

Mrs. Wm. Bacon told us of the importance of the Social Service work and especially the negro question.

A very splendid paper on "The Duties of Districts to District Parsonages" was read by Mrs. E. L. Burton, President of McKinney Auxiliary.

Mrs. Rudolph gave an instructive and amusing "Campaign Demonstration."

The splendid entertainment furnished by the musical talent of the Church was much enjoyed.

We appreciate the help and instruction given by our conference officers and the untiring and enthusiastic work of our District Secretary.

The women of Plano Auxiliary have endeared themselves to all in attendance by their many courtesies and generous hospitality.

MRS. SID H. BROWN. McKinney, Texas.

FIRST JOHN 3:9.

Sin is the only thing in the universe of God that will damn a soul. Sin is the only thing in the universe of God that will keep a soul out of heaven. If a soul is saved from hell and saved in heaven, it must be saved from sin.

There was but one purpose in the mind of God, the Father, in sending his Son, Jesus Christ, into this world, in giving him to die upon the cross, in shedding his own precious blood, and that was to save his people from their sins.

I raise the question, Has God the power and Jesus Christ the grace to accomplish this one purpose of God with mankind? I affirm that he has—that he is all-sufficient. To admit that God has not the power to save his people from their sins is to admit that the devil is more powerful than God, and that sin is more powerful than grace, and that the blood of Jesus Christ has in it no efficiency—that there is no balm in Gilead and no physician there. To make these admissions is to tear up your Bible and dethrone God and his power and actually do away with the atonement Christ has made for the world. Now, either of these propositions is true—they can't both be true, they are as opposite as the poles. Now, I raise the question, Which is true? I shall undertake to prove by reason, by logic, by common sense, and especially by the Word of God, that God has power

to save his people from their sins. I rely upon the Bible. I believe the Bible when fairly and consistently interpreted, with reference to the character of God, and right here at this point lies all of our trouble and misunderstanding or controversy. I have three rules for the interpretation of God's Word, for which I am indebted to A. Wilford Hall:

First: The Scriptures must so be interpreted as never to reflect upon the character or attributes of Deity, for if you bring God into disrepute by your interpretation of his Word, you destroy God and all is lost.

Second: You must so interpret the Word of God always as not to contradict it. If the Bible is God's Word, God is too wise to contradict himself.

Third: Every threat and every promise in the Bible that God makes to his children or the sinner is conditional and is always implied in the threat or in the promise, whether expressed in the passage or not.

With an honest heart and a prayer for wisdom, and with these three rules to guide, I may understand and comprehend the will of God concerning my salvation plainly.

For the plan of salvation is so plain that the fool or the wayfaring man may not err therein.

It is our prejudice or love for a theory that gets us into trouble.

Now, with this foundation, I raise another point: The Arminians say that all men are in sin and that when the sinner repents and believes in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior that God saves him from all sin, and if he uses the means of grace he may continue to be saved from all sin, and that this is possible and the truth of God as taught in his Word no sane man can doubt, if he will take the first rule of interpretation as his guide, for my text says (and hundreds of others that are just as positive), "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin."

Our Calvinistic friends say a certain part is to be saved and a certain part is to be lost, and that this is fixed in the mind of God without consulting the will of man.

Now, by my first rule, this theory destroys God, because it makes God unjust and also partial. Then, they teach again: After a man is born of God that his soul cannot sin, but that his body sins and sins continually every day, every hour.

It is astonishing beyond comprehension that such a theory could ever find its way to the heart of man, and yet this theory is preached from pulpits all over this land of ours; indeed, they quote the Scriptures in proof of their theory, 1 John 1:8.

Then, they rely upon Romans 3, from 10th verse to 18th. Then, again, Eccl. 7:20: "For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not." Many other passages they refer to as proof: Job 15:14-17; Job 15:14, 15, 16.

I affirm this last passage is not inspiration. Only recorded here as history. Who spoke this language? One of three pretended friends of Job. If he refers to the Christian it is not the truth. It is true if he refers to the sinner. The clause, "the heavens are not clean in his sight," I deny. God made them and they are clean. Now, Job 25:4, 5, 6. Now, who is the author of this language? Another one of Job's pretended friends, Bildad. He says the moon shineth not, the stars are not clean in his sight. In which there is not a word of truth, but is a reflection on God. These three friends were trying to make Job believe he was a sinner because he was so much

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afflicted. There is no truth in their assertions. Now, take Job's answer to their allegations: Job 27:4, 5, 6. Here is inspiration, Job speaking under the influence of the Holy Ghost.

This must be astonishing to these Bildad preachers over our Texas land that here was a just and a perfect man and a righteous man who did not commit sin long before the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, and if Christ could save his people from their sins before he shed his blood upon the cross, can he not do so now after that blood has been shed, and under the light and influence of the Gospel dispensation, the reign of the Holy Spirit? Does the description which Paul gives in Rom. 3:10, 18 refer to God's regenerated children? If he does, then black is white and sin is righteousness and God is the devil. I speak reverently.

But God says, What concord hath God with Belial, or darkness with light? Jesus Christ said an evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit, neither can a good tree bring forth evil fruit. God says the pure in heart shall see God.

Opposed to this, the impure in heart shall see the devil.

No man can serve two masters (at the same time), and this is exactly the true interpretation of my text.

Who is able to reconcile the foregoing passages of Scriptures that Calvinist refer to to prove that a man cannot live without sin? Now, I affirm that no one but an Arminian, or a Wesleyan adherent, can reconcile these quotations I have given with the following Scriptures, without positively and emphatically contradicting the Word of God. I now refer to Matt. 5:8, Matt. 5:48, Heb. 12:14, 1 John 5:18, 1 John 3:9. These Scriptures all demand purity of heart and life, freedom from sin. "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law, but under grace."—Rom. 6:14. There is but one interpretation of these Scriptures without contradicting God's Word or bringing God's character into disrepute.

The passages taken as proof-texts (Continued on page 15)

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THE EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

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FIFTH DAY.

Memorial Session.

Conference met in Memorial Session, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, November 14, 1915, Rev. T. F. Brewer in the chair.

S. H. Babcock announced the old song, "Children of the Heavenly King," after which he read the twenty-second chapter of Revelation.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung and prayer was offered by S. H. Babcock. The conference then sang the old hymn, "O Think of the Home Over There."

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on Memoirs, answering Question 21, "What preachers have died during the year?" Answer: G. W. Paman, a superannuate living at Stillwell, Mrs. Chambers, wife of S. F. Chambers, a superannuate living at Wetumka; Mrs. Gregg, wife of D. A. Gregg, pastor of Wanette and Mount Zion charges, Holdenville District.

Loving tributes were paid their memories by Bros. Brewer, Williams, Stewart, Creasy, Myatt, Snell, Clarke, Cassidy, Gross, Shanks, Swimme, and others. The fragrance of their lives abide.

After singing, the conference stood adjourned with the benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

Morning Session.

At 9 o'clock, Monday, November 15, 1915, Bishop Mouzon called the conference to order.

J. C. Curry announced Hymn 556, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," after which A. B. L. Hunkapillar led in prayer.

Bishop Mouzon announced for the morning lesson the third chapter of James, upon which he made some apt and helpful remarks, exactly suiting the message to some peculiar conditions existing in the East Oklahoma Conference.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved; as were also the minutes of the Memorial Session held Sunday afternoon.

Under Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" the name of J. D. Cunningham was called character passed, admitted into full connection, and advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" The names of J. G. Frazier, E. A. Jacob, Griggs Duvant, A. S. Williams, Zadoe Anderson, S. J. Cheeota, J. Y. Bryce, H. B. Chancellor, R. C. Greer, J. B. Ritchie, A. T. Wynn, M. W. Dunaway, H. R. Morris, W. L. French and T. L. Porter were called one by one, their characters passed, and advanced to the class of the second year. The character of J. E. Tiger was passed and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year. The characters of J. P. Butler and R. M. Templeton were passed and they remain in the class of the first year.

Question 18, "Who are located this year?" Answer: H. C. Eubanks, discontinued on account of ill health.

Under Question 22, R. C. Dell was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Answer: The names of J. M. Ball, W. A. Frazier, W. E. Garrison, J. A. Grimes, R. M. C. Hill and A. A. Puckett were called one by one, their characters passed, and advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" Answer: M. C. Hays, G. L. Crow, W. W. Williams, E. T. Campbell, James Lambert, W. C. House and A. G. White were called one by one and their characters passed.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Answer: C. A. Clark, an elder from Northwest Texas Conference; C. B. Cross, an elder from West Texas Conference; O. L. Adams, an elder from Southwest Missouri Conference; A. N. Goforth, an elder from West Oklahoma Conference; J. S. Johnson, in class of first year, from Denver Conference; T. L. Porter, in class of second year, from North Mississippi Conference.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. The names of C. A. Clark, M. B. McKinney, T. R. Houghton, J. H. Rogers, J. D. Rogers, J. C. Fowler, W. A. Lewis, C. M. Keith, O. C. Fontaine, J. J. Shaw, J. E. Vick, W. B. Teer, T. G. Peterson, J. W. White, L. M. Daily, J. A. Parks, I. R. Hann, L. C. Craig, R. E. Stevenson and Frank Naylor were

called one by one and their characters passed.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" Answer: H. T. Breece, T. J. Grose, J. C. Crowson, M. M. Dupree, T. M. Moore and J. D. Cunningham, after having answered the questions propounded by the Bishop, were admitted into full connection in the East Oklahoma Conference.

Resolution was adopted changing Standing Rule 13, which refers to the basis of apportionment, and the basis is the amount assessed for preachers in charge.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" Answer: William Robert Rosser, recommended by the Hugo District.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. The names of E. A. Townsend, F. H. Creasy, N. G. Reynolds, R. O. Stewart, G. M. Evers, A. M. Belcher, J. R. Abernathy, J. M. Cantrell, L. S. Barton, J. E. McConnell, M. M. Dupree and A. M. Brannon were called, one by one and their characters passed.

Under Question 18, "Who are located this year?" A. M. Brannon was granted an honorable location at his own request.

Resuming Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the names of T. F. Brewer and R. C. Taylor were called, one by one, and characters passed.

Motion prevailed that when conference adjourned it do so to meet at 7:30 p. m., in business session.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. The names of J. D. Edwards, J. C. Cooper, D. M. Geddie, E. S. Harris, Orlando Shay, G. W. Martin, Cornelius Puzlev, C. B. Cross, J. E. Carpenter, E. C. Wallace, H. P. Clarke, R. C. Alexander, T. O. Shanks, R. E. Hickman, A. B. L. Hunkapillar, L. R. Jones, J. C. Jeter and A. C. Miller were called, one by one, and their characters passed.

When the name of H. P. Clarke, of Stigler Muskoogee District, was called it was announced that he was called, his baby having died during the night. The conference instructed the Secretary to send a telegram of sympathy and condolence.

Under Question 22, M. C. Rowland was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church.

After various announcements, the conference stood adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Mouzon.

SIXTH DAY—SEVENTH SESSION.

Night Session.

The seventh session was called to order at 7:30 p. m., Monday, November 15, 1915, Bishop Mouzon presiding. Hymn 386, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," was sung, after which E. S. Harris led in prayer.

The Bishop read as a lesson, and without comment, the second chapter of Second Timothy.

Minutes of the morning session were read and, after correction, were approved.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was called. Answer: James Burgess.

Resolution highly commendatory of the presidency of Bishop Mouzon was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Bishop then requested the Secretary to call the list of those to be ordained deacons, and the list of those to be ordained elders.

After propounding the disciplinary questions, and after each answering in the affirmative, they were ordained—first the deacons, and then the elders.

In this solemn service, Bishop Mouzon, in both classes, was assisted by J. M. Peterson, of the East Oklahoma Conference and Simeon Shaw, of the Northwest Texas Conference. Reports of various committees and boards were called for. The following were read and adopted without debate:

Joint Board of Finance. Committee on Conference Relations. Board of Church Extension.

At this juncture, a collection was taken for C. W. Myatt and P. C. Atkins, to be equally divided between them. It amounted to \$113.42, giving to each the sum of \$56.71.

The call for reports was resumed. The following were read and adopted without debate:

Committee on Sabbath Observance. Sunday School Board.

At this juncture Bishop Mouzon called the presiding elders in Cabinet session. By request of the Bishop, S. H. Babcock took the chair.

On resuming the call, the following reports were read and adopted without debate:

Committee on Spiritual State of the Church. Report of American Bible Society.

District Conference Records. The conference then stood adjourned with the doxology and the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.

The conference was called to order by Bishop Mouzon at 9 o'clock a. m., November 16, 1915. The congregation sang Hymn 429, "True Hearted, Whole Hearted." The 103rd Psalm was read responsively, after which Brother C. H. Buchanan led in prayer.

The minutes of Monday evening's session were read and approved.

On motion by A. C. Pickens, the report of the Joint Board of Finance was recommended for consideration of needs of C. W. Myatt and P. C. Atkins out of their contingent fund.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read and adopted.

Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" Answer, M. M. Dunn, an elder, from the Missionary Baptist Church. After answering the questions propounded by the Bishop he was received without the imposition of hands.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

Dr. Meies, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muskogee, was introduced to the conference.

The report of the Board of Missions was read and adopted.

Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" First M. E. Church, South, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Joint Board of Finance brought in their resubmitted report, which was adopted.

Board of Education read their report, which was adopted after much discussion. On motion the report of Board of Education was reconsidered.

M. B. McKinney was granted a leave of absence from the conference.

Item No. 2 of report of Board of Education was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.

J. D. Rogers name was referred to committee for superannuated relation.

Question 51, "Who is elected conference Lay Leader?" C. W. Miller.

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that J. D. Rogers be placed in the superannuated relation. By vote of the conference he is superannuated.

The Bishop called for statistical report, which was read by Statistical Secretary.

The Bishop called S. H. Babcock to the chair and he retired from the conference room with the presiding elders.

A collection was taken for J. D. Rogers amounting to \$31.60.

J. R. Abernathy was elected trustee of our assembly property at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

A resolution of thanks to the people of Muskogee for their hospitality was adopted.

Joint Board of Finance made their report No. 3, which was adopted.

T. J. Gross was elected Statistical Secretary for the next Annual Conference.

Question 18, "Who are located this year?" J. F. Russell, and his presiding elder was granted permission to use him as supply.

L. S. Barton was made Commissioner of Education for S. M. U.

The congregation sang "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Bishop Mouzon led in prayer and read a Scripture lesson from sixth chapter of Isaiah.

The Bishop called Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" See list of appointments.

MINUTES

Of the Seventieth Session of the East Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at St. Paul's, Muskogee, Oklahoma, beginning November 16, 1915, ending November 16, 1915, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, President; W. L. Broome, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Bristow, Oklahoma.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Norman T. Peak, Carl P. Broome, Peter M. LucRutz, Joseph P. Palmer, George Edwin Ryan, J. P. Atkins, Chas. P. Hollin, Jefferson C. Samsley.

2. Who remain on trial? J. P. Butler, R. M. Templeton (in class of first year), S. J. Cheeota, J. Y. Bryce, H. B. Chancellor, R. C. Greer, J. B. Ritchie, A. T. Wynn, M. W. Dunaway, R. H. Morris, W. L. French, T. L. Porter, E. H. Winger.

3. Who are discontinued? F. C. Carpenter, H. P. Hughbanks, on account of ill health.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? H. T. Breece, T. J. Grose, J. C. Crowson, Melton M. Dupree, Thornton M. Moore, J. D. Cunningham.

5. Who are readmitted? William R. Rosser, in class of fourth year.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? A. C. Clark, an elder, from Northwest Texas Conference; O. L. Adams, an elder, from Southwest Missouri Conference; A. N. Goforth, an elder, from West Oklahoma Conference; J. S. Johnson, class of second year, Denver Conference; T. L. Porter, class of first year, North Mississippi Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? J. D. Clarkson, local elder, Protestant Methodist Church.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Samuel S. Holcomb, an elder, Methodist Episcopal Church; Howard A. Detmers, class of first year, Methodist Episcopal Church; M. M. Dunn, an elder, from the Missionary Baptist Church.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. E.

Tiger, J. M. Ball, W. A. Frazier, W. E. Garrison, J. A. Grimes, R. M. C. Hill, A. A. Puckett.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? H. T. Breece, T. J. Grose, J. C. Crowson, Melton M. Dupree, Thornton M. Moore, Ezekiel H. Winger.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? H. T. Breece, T. J. Grose, J. C. Crowson, Melton M. Dupree, Thornton M. Moore, Ezekiel H. Winger.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? John Cooper, Chapley Varbola, Buckner McGirt, Alex Thompson, Daniel Cook.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John Cooper, Chapley Varbola, Buckner McGirt, Alex Thompson, Daniel Cook.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. C. Curry, D. A. Dawson, W. M. Grose, L. N. Ishomer, M. L. Sims, Wiley H. Smith, Orva S. Snell, R. O. Stewart, S. N. Swimme.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. C. Curry, D. A. Dawson, W. M. Grose, L. N. Ishomer, M. L. Sims, Wiley H. Smith, Orva S. Snell, R. O. Stewart, S. N. Swimme.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? William R. Rosser, J. C. Sampley.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? William R. Rosser, J. C. Sampley.

18. Who are located this year? A. M. Brannon and J. F. Russell, at their own request.

19. Who are superannuated? C. W. Clay, W. S. Derrick, P. R. Eaglebarger.

20. Who are superannuated? J. B. Blackwell, S. F. Chambers, L. W. Cobb, A. K. Miller, W. P. Pipkin, J. M. Russell, H. B. Secrest, Miles Stinson, J. F. Thompson, Gilson Grayson, C. W. Myatt, P. C. Atkins, J. D. Rogers.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? G. W. Daman.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and characters passed, except R. C. Dell and M. C. Rowland, who had withdrawn from membership and ministry in the M. E. Church, South.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 220; members, 29,341.

24. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? No report.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? No report.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 529.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1439.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 123.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3602.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 292.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2317.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 26,501.

33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Conference claims, \$3786; superannuate endowment fund, \$3786.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$3370.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$4976; Home and Conference, \$6666; Special Foreign, \$897; Special Home and Conference, \$355.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? Assessment, \$2599; Special \$61.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$1074.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$219.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders \$14,329; preachers in charge, \$88,132.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$847.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number societies, 426; number of houses of worship, 273.

42. What is the value of houses of worship and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$742,947; indebtedness, \$67,212.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 169; number of parsonages, 130.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$162,361; indebtedness, \$13,399.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? No report.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? No report.

47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 7; amount of damage, \$2439.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$454,550; losses sustained, no report; premiums paid, \$3099; collections on losses, \$14,729.

49. What are the educational statistics? No report.

50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 139; Conference Organ, 1091.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? C. W. Miller, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? First Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT.

A. C. Pickens, Presiding Elder. John J. Baker, Interpreter. Iabel Circuit—Zadoe Anderson. Rufe Circuit—L. N. Ishomer. Boktuko Circuit—A. S. Williams. Hugo and Bennington Circuit—L. W. Cobb, supply. Antlers Circuit—J. I. McElroy, supply. LeFlore Circuit—C. B. Wade, supply. McClurtain Circuit—Griggs Durant. Bruno Circuit—E. A. Jacob. Chickasaw Circuit—Robert Imotichey. Jessie Circuit—Alexander Peter, supply. Washita Circuit—Jas. G. Frazier.

CREEK DISTRICT.

T. F. Roberts, Presiding Elder. J. E. Tiger, Interpreter. Broken Arrow Circuit—Sam. J. Cheeota; W. T. Alexander, junior pastor. Honey Creek Circuit—Noah G. Gregory. Honey Creek Circuit—Cannuk Lowe, supply. Okmulgee Circuit—Louis McHenry, supply. Harrison Circuit—Berryhill. Sapulpa Circuit—Sam. J. Haynes, supply. Seminole Circuit—Wm. Hill. Wewoka Circuit—Jas. Scott, supply.

HUGO DISTRICT.

R. T. Blackburn, Presiding Elder. Antlers Station—H. E. Darrow. Broken Bow—T. S. Stratton. Bismarck and Valliant—T. J. Gross. Remington and Bolchito—W. S. Lee. Roswell and Super Circuit—A. A. Puckett. Fort Towson—A. N. Averyt, Sr. Cameron Circuit—E. G. Kilgore, supply. Garvin—W. R. Rosser. Grant—J. M. Hively. Hugo Station—W. W. Armstrong. Hugo Circuit—J. H. Neighbors, supply. Idabel—A. S. Cameron. Ida Mission—E. R. Large, supply. Kemp—W. L. Stevens, supply. Tallahassee—S. K. Swimme. Muskogee Circuit—W. P. Pipkin, supply. Heavener Station—D. A. Greck. Howe Circuit—L. R. Hann. Poteau Station—W. A. Frazier. Wister and Red Oak—H. R. Morris. District Missionary—M. M. Dunn. Student, Southwestern University—A. N. Averyt, Jr. Fort Towson Q. C. Conference Evangelist—F. E. Shanks, Hugo Q. C.

MADILL DISTRICT.

N. L. Linebaugh, Presiding Elder. Ada, First Church—Luther Roberts. Ashby Circuit—B. F. Stegall. Holdenville Station—L. B. Ellis. Holdenville Circuit—A. T. Winn. Aylesworth—J. S. Moore, supply. Colbert and Calera—J. Y. Bryce. Durant, First Church—E. T. Campbell. Grace Church—Jas. Lambert. Kingston and Cooville—V. T. Ready. Lebanon Circuit—To be supplied. Madill—W. C. House; W. S. Derrick and C. W. Clay, superannuates. Mansville and Kayia—A. G. White. Millburn Circuit—O. S. Snell. Pontotoc Circuit—Wiley H. Smith. Roff and Mill Creek—M. C. Hays. Stonewall and Tupelo—M. B. McKinney. Tishomingo Station—J. C. Fowler. Vanoss Circuit—J. L. Robertson, supply. Wapanucka, Kenefick and Coleman—A. M. Belcher. Troy Mission—C. B. Holland. Conference Evangelist—O. C. Fontaine, First Church, Durant, Q. C. Conference Evangelist—M. A. Cassidy, Ada Q. C. Conference Evangelist—Samuel T. Holcomb, Ada Q. C.

MCALISTER DISTRICT.

J. M. Peterson, Presiding Elder. Allen—G. L. Crow. Ashland Circuit—Joe H. Miller, supply. Atoka—J. C. Curry. Braden Circuit—L. H. Miller, supply. Cablo—A. P. Johnson. Calvin Circuit—D. B. Cunningham. Caney Circuit—C. R. Davis, supply. Canadian Circuit—J. B. Ritchie. Checotah—W. L. Blackburn. Coalgate—M. L. Sims. Dustin—J. E. Vick. Enfaun—T. F. Brewer. Hartshorne—R. M. C. Hill. Keota Circuit—Orlando Gray. Kiowa and Savannah—G. W. Martin. Lenna Circuit—W. H. Aston, supply. McAlester, Barnett Memorial—Frank Naylor. Phillips Memorial—J. A. Parks. Pittsburg Circuit—J. E. Grimes, supply. Quanton Circuit—J. A. Grimes. Spiro—L. C. Craig. Stuart and Alderson—J. M. Ball. Willbonton—J. W. White.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

C. L. Brooks, Presiding Elder. Boynton and Morris—R. E. Hickman. Braggs and Gore—T. R. Houghton. Fort Gibson—J. C. Cooper. Hanson Circuit—W. M. Trent, supply. Mulrow—W. A. Lewis. Muskogee Circuit—H. T. Breece. Muskogee, First Church—C. B. Cross. St. Paul's—J. E. Carpenter. Park Hill and Hulbert—J. P. Palmer. Porum Circuit—P. M. LucRutz. Salasay—J. C. Hooks. Stillwell Circuit—G. M. Byers. Stigler—H. P. Clarke. Tallegnah—R. C. Alexander. Tamaha Circuit—E. L. Powell, supply. Vian—T. O. Shanks. Wainwright Circuit—W. M. Grose. Warner and Webber's Falls—E. H. Winger. Westville Circuit—A. B. L. Hunkapillar. Whitefield Circuit—J. P. Atkins. District Missionary—W. H. Cartwright, supply. Hoffman—T. F. Roberts. Conference Evangelist—J. C. Jeter, First Church Q. C.

SHAWNEE DISTRICT.

T. P. Turner, Presiding Elder. Asher Circuit—M. T. Peak. Bearden Circuit—C. F. Dowell, supply. Konawa—W. V. Teer. Mound—W. W. Williams. McCloud and Earlsboro—C. P. Broome. Okelma Station—D. A. Dawson. Okelma Circuit—W. A. Lowry, supply. Paden Circuit—H. B. Chancellor. Shawnee, First Church—S. H. Babcock. Shawnee Circuit—J. C. Crowson. Seminole—E. A. Townsend. Sparks Circuit—J. A. Trickey, supply. Tecumseh—E. H. Creasy. Union Chapel Circuit—W. L. French. Wanette—L. M. Dohy. Weleetka—R. L. Williams. Wotukka—J. A. Kenney. Wotukka—C. A. Clark. President and Business Manager Oklahoma Woman's College—S. H. Babcock.

TULSA DISTRICT.

J. H. Ball, Presiding Elder. Bald Hill Circuit—A. E. Lounsbury, supply. Beggs Station—O. L. Adams. Bristow—W. L. Broome. Broken Arrow—U. G. Reynolds. Cawata—R. O. Stewart. Haskell—J. R. Hardin. Fishy and Leonard—H. A. Detmers. Henryetta—C. H. Buchanan. Henryetta Circuit—J. K. Davidson, supply. Okmulgee—J. R. Abernathy. Pasco Mission—W. Eastham, supply. Sapulpa—J. M. Cantrell. Stroud—A. M. Dupree. Dewey—G. E. Ryan. Red Fork and Mounds—T. M. Moore. Tulsa, Boston Avenue—L. S. Barton. Tigert Memorial—J. E. McConnell. Conference Missionary Secretary—J. M. Cantrell.

VINITA DISTRICT.

Jas. W. Rogers, Presiding Elder. Adair and Pensacola—J. S. Johnson. Afton Station—E. C. Wallace. Bernice and Ketchum—John Hatfield, supply. Blue Jacket Circuit—M. M. Dupree. Centralia Circuit—M. W. Dunaway. Chapel Circuit—W. M. Leatherwood, supply. Chebea and Alluwe—L. H. Rogers. Cherokee Circuit—A. H. Butler, supply; Eli Snell, junior preacher, supply. Choteau and Big Cabin—S. C. Nunley. Claremore—G. W. Griner.

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FIRST JOHN 3:9.

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by the Calvinists all refer to the depravity of the human heart and describe only the unregenerated. The last Scriptures quoted refer to and describe the regenerated, the child of God, and has no reference to the sinner, and I reaffirm that no other interpretation can be given to the Bible without a positive contradiction.

This has been a vexed question in the Church and in the world. It has done much damage. But this interpretation does no violence to the character of God or his Word. I now raise the point, Can the body sin? It is the business of the Calvinists to prove their unscriptural and silly theories either by logic or reason or by the Word of God interpreted by our three rules. This they have not undertaken to do as far as I know, except in the case of one Mr. Finney, a Missionary Baptist evangelist. In a pamphlet on this subject he quotes Phil. 3:21, undertaking to prove that the body of a regenerated person was the sinner. Mr. Finney ought to have known that the Apostle Paul in this passage of Scripture refers to the vile-ness of the body as subject to disease, affliction and death and that after the resurrection of the body it will no more be called vile, because not subject to disease or decay. Paul had no reference on earth to the body committing sin. I affirm that the body has no power to sin within itself without control of the inner man, that it is no more capable of breaking God's law than a stone. The body has no power to raise an arm, to walk one step or to speak one word until the inner man wills it so to do. The soul or will of man determines its every act. Where will you locate sin in the body? In the hair of the head? If so, I would have fewer sins than the most of men.

Will you locate it in the finger nail? I could take a penknife and pare off a part of my sins. Will you locate it in the blood? I could cord my arm and lance it get rid of my sins. A man cannot start to reason upon such a silly theory. How man ever came to conceive such a thought that the body sins and that the soul is left as innocent as a newborn babe after a man is regenerated is a wonder beyond my comprehension. Now, I appeal to the Word of God. 1 Cor. 3:16, 17, the apostle says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" "If any man defile the temple of God him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Paul affirms first that the believer is the temple of God; second, that the Spirit of God is within the believer; third, if any man defile this temple God will destroy him. Mark this point, if any man defile this temple. Not if the temple defile itself, because that is impossible; fourth, the apostle affirms positively that the temple is holy. Now, I affirm that he calls the body the temple of God. See 1 Cor. 6:19. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

This proves positively that he calls the body the temple of the Holy Ghost. This settles it. In 1 Cor. 6:15, 16: "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid."

"What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh." The soul can disobey God and sin by joining the temple of God to an harlot. But the temple of God, or the body, has no power to commit this sin within itself.

Now, I come to prove positively and emphatically that the body has no power to sin, by quoting Brother Hicks' text, 1 Cor. 6:18: "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

This forever settles it. Had you ever stopped to consider the consequences of this theory, that the body sins after regeneration and the soul free from sin? Then a Calvinistic preacher can go into his pulpit, preach the Gospel, go home with a good man for dinner, debauch the

pure life of a sweet girl, lay his sin on his old body, his soul being as pure and innocent as a baby, go back and preach at night the power of God's grace to save from sin; or he can steal, or lie, or commit murder, and preach that God is a partial God, that he will not condemn the regenerated.

Oh, how is it possible for God's kingdom to progress and bring the world to Jesus Christ under such preaching! One more point: I seem to hear some Calvinist say, Woodward, in trying to sustain the doctrine that God has all power to save the soul and body from sin, you have annihilated one doctrine the Methodists believe, for your text reads, "His seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Well, I am not trying to establish Methodist doctrine, but the true interpretation of the truth of God, consistent with the character and attributes of Deity and the Word of God. In other words, if the truth of God, or his Word, kills or destroys Methodism, let it die. But the truth is, it does not hurt Methodism or Arminian theology.

Let us see: The apostle affirms that his seed remaineth in his children and that they cannot sin, then gives the reason, because they are born of God. Is this inconsistent with Methodist theology? Nay, verily—it confirms it. The Savior said a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit. Was he inconsistent, or contradictory of his own Gospel? Let's let the Apostle John explain himself. 1 John 3:6: "Who-soever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him."

Here is the key that unlocks the whole thing: As long as I abide in Jesus Christ I cannot sin, but when I cease to abide in him I can sin and be lost, for I am still a free moral agent after regeneration.

But, you say, I am putting words into the apostle's mouth. Did he not say his seed remain in me and I cannot sin? Now, I refer you to the 15th chapter of the Gospel of John, 2nd verse: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word I have spoken unto you." Now, listen, ye Bildad preachers, 4th verse: "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." Is the apostle inconsistent now? Or does he contradict himself and the Word of God by teaching that a man can fail to abide in Christ, or, in other words, fall from grace? Now, listen once more to the 6th verse: "If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned." This is the language of Jesus Christ himself, quoted by the Apostle John, perfectly consistent with the character of God and his Word, and also with my text, and teaches, first, that Christ, through the atonement has divine power to save his people from their sins and to keep them forever saved by the power of God through faith unto salvation if they will abide in him.

I. M. WOODWARD, Summer, Texas.

Sunday, October 31, was the opening for the new conference year at Trinity Auditorium, Los Angeles, Cal. upon which occasion three great sermons were preached, not, however, by Bro. Selecman, who is entering upon his third year there, but by three Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Luther B. Wilson in the morning, Wm. F. McDowell in the afternoon, and W. F. Warner, of India at night. These men were attending the forty-sixth annual session of the General Executive Committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of that Church held at Trinity from October 28 to November 4.

"In one of the battles of the great civil war, an officer in command told the color-bearer to bring back the flag; he was too far ahead of the line. 'Bring the men up to the colors!' was the reply shouted back through the din. The color-bearer was right. Let the Church keep step with God's most sprightly leaders."

NEW MEXICO

- Albuquerque District—First Round. Tucumcari, Nov. 20, 21. Carrizozo, Nov. 27, 28. Vaughn Cir., Stanley, Dec. 4, 5. Watrous Cir., Cerrillos, Dec. 8. Melrose Cir., Melrose, Dec. 11, 12. Magdalena, Dec. 18, 19. San Marcial, Dec. 25, 26. Albuquerque, Jan. 1, 2. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E. El Paso District—First Round. Buena Vista, at Grand Falls, Dec. 5, 6. Toyah, Dec. 8. Van Horn, Dec. 10. Clint, Dec. 11, 12. East El Paso, Dec. 12, 13. Tularosa, Dec. 19.

- Trinity, Dec. 21. Leidsburg, Dec. 26, 27. Derrin, Dec. 28. HUBERT M. SMITH, P. E. 1107 E. Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

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

WEST TEXAS

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

- Beeville District—First Round. Nov. 22, Sinton, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 24, Floresville, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 25, Karnes City, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 26, Kennedy, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 28, Skidmore, 11 a. m. Nov. 28, Fallisias, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 1, Mathis, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 1, Berclair, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 4, Alice, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 5, Alice Circuit, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 8, Bishop, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 9, Corpus Christi, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 10, Corpus Mission, at Corpus, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 11, Calallen, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 12, Robstown, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 13, Beeville. Dec. 15, Oakville. Dec. 19, Beeville Circuit. T. F. SESSIONS, P. E.

- Cuero District—First Round. Yoakum, Nov. 22. Ganado and Louise, at Louise, Nov. 27, 28. El Campo, Nov. 28, 29. Edna, Dec. 1. Lueders, Dec. 2. Midfield, at Midfield, Dec. 4, 5. Nursery, at Thomaston, Dec. 8. Stockdale, at Stockdale, Dec. 11, 12. Laveria, at Laveria, Dec. 13, 14. Nixon, Dec. 15. Slaton, at Slaton, Dec. 16. Pandora, at Pandora, Dec. 18, 19. Renge, Dec. 22. Cuero, Dec. 25, 26. Port Lavaca, at Port Lavaca, Jan. 1, 2. The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Cuero, on Tuesday, November 16, at 7:30 p. m. A. W. WILSON, P. E.

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

- San Marcos District—First Round. Nov. 27, 28, Kyle and Buda, at Buda. Nov. 29, Manchaca. Nov. 30, Staples. Dec. 1, Martindale. Dec. 4, 5, Leesville. Dec. 6, Belmont. Dec. 7, Luling. Dec. 8, Woodruff. Dec. 9, Harwood. Dec. 11, Lockhart. Dec. 11, 12, Union Springs. Dec. 14, San Marcos. Dec. 15, Livingston Springs. Dec. 17, Seguin. Dec. 18, 19, Gonzales. Dec. 22, Blanco. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

- San Angelo District—First Round. Big Lake, at Rankin, Nov. 13, 14. Midland, Nov. 20, 21. Sterling City, at Sterling, Nov. 27, 28. Miles, Dec. 4, 5. Sherwood, at Sherwood, Dec. 11, 12. Paint Rock, at Paint Rock, Dec. 18, 19. First Church, S. A., Dec. 26. Cladbourne Sta., S. A., Jan. 2. Elen, at Eden, Jan. 7. Rochelle, at Lohn, Q. C., Jan. 8, 3 p. m., preaching, Jan. 9, 11 a. m. Brady, Q. C., Jan. 8, 8 p. m., preaching, Jan. 9, 10 p. m. Sonora, Jan. 15, 16. Eldorado and Christoval, at E., Jan. 22, 23. Junction, at Junction, Jan. 29, 30, 11 a. m. Menard, at Menard, Jan. 30, 8 p. m. Ozona, Feb. 5, 6. Eola, at Mullen, Feb. 9. Water Valley, at W. V., Feb. 12, 13. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

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

WEST OKLAHOMA

- Chickasha District—First Round. Rush Springs, at Wood Lawn, Nov. 27, 28. Waurika, Nov. 28, 29. Ryan, Dec. 4, 5. Terral, at T., Dec. 5, 6. Eran Springs, at E., Dec. 11, 12. Elick, at E., Dec. 12, 13. Corum, at C., Dec. 18, 19. Comanche, Dec. 19, 20. Chickasha Mis., at V., Dec. 26, 27. Anadarko, Dec. 26, 27. Lindsay, Jan. 1, 2. Mayssle, at M., Jan. 2, 3. Duncan, 7 p. m., Jan. 12. Matlow M.S., at O. L., Jan. 15, 16. Matlow, Jan. 16, 17. Cement Cir., at Cyril, Jan. 22, 23. Teds, at T., Jan. 23, 24. Allamore, at Boss, Jan. 29, 30. Cornezie, Jan. 30, 31. Chickasha, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 31. Binger Cir., at Valley V., Feb. 5, 6. Mountain View and Ft. Cobb, Feb. 6, 7. C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

- Mangum District—First Round. Lone Wolf Circuit, Nov. 20, 21. Elmer Cir., Nov. 27, 28. Olustee, Nov. 28, 29. Elk City Cir., Dec. 4, 5. Carter Cir., Dec. 5, 6. Seminole Cir., Dec. 11, 12. Granite and Willow, Dec. 18, 19. Martha Sta., Dec. 19, 20. Delhi Cir., at Center Point, Dec. 22. Mangum Cir., Dec. 25, 26. Mangum Sta., Dec. 26, 27. Helix, Dec. 29. Pleasant Hill and Bethel, Jan. 1, 2. Vinson Cir., at V., Jan. 8, 9. Brinkman and Deer Creek, Jan. 12. Eldon and Hester, Jan. 15, 16. Eldorado and Midway, Jan. 22, 23. Eldorado, Jan. 23, 24. Alus, Jan. 26. Dule and Red Hill, Jan. 27. Dryden and Red Hill, Jan. 29, 30. Prairie Hill and Victory, at P., Jan. 31. MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

- Oklahoma City District—First Round. Epworth, Nov. 21. Guthrie, Nov. 21. Paul's Valley, Nov. 28. Purcell, Nov. 28. Mirco, Dec. 1. Pechmont, Dec. 5. El Reno, Dec. 5. Stillwater, Dec. 12. Perry, Dec. 13, 14. Norman, Dec. 15. Paoli, Dec. 18, 19. Lexington, Dec. 19. Nolle, Dec. 20. St. Luke's, Dec. 26. C. Avenue, Dec. 26. Blanchard, Jan. 1, 2. Arcadia, Jan. 9. St. John's, Jan. 9. Moore, Feb. 5, 6. Jerry, Jan. 10. Weatherford, Jan. 11. Franklin, Jan. 15, 16. Wheatland, Jan. 16. W. M. WILSON, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS

- Big Spring District—First Round. Andrews, at Andrews, Nov. 27, 28. Seminole, at Seminole, Dec. 4, 5. Lamesa Miss., at Liberty, Dec. 11, 12. Lamesa Sta., Dec. 12, 13. Goli, at Goli, Dec. 18, 19. Stanton Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Goodland, at B., Jan. 8, 9. Wilson Miss., at Tahoka, Jan. 15, 16. Tahoka Sta., Jan. 16, 17. O'Donnell Miss., at O'D., Jan. 22, 23. Slaton Sta., Jan. 29, 30. Big Spring Miss., at Moore, Feb. 5, 6. Big Spring Sta., Feb. 6, 7. Coalbama, Feb. 12, 13. W. E. LYON, P. E.

- Clinton District—First Round. Arnett, at Tiel's Chapel, Nov. 20, 21. Langston and Woodward, at Tanger (night) Nov. 21, 22. Mutual and Taloga, at Mutual (night) Nov. 23. Bethel, at Mt. Zion (night) Nov. 25. Custer, at Mt. Hope (Sunday at 11 a. m.) Nov. 27, 28. Clinton (night), Nov. 28. Foss, at Foss (night), Dec. 1. Butler, at Butler, Dec. 4, 5. Hammon, at Hammon (night), Dec. 5, 6. Leedey, at Leedey (night), Dec. 8. Cheyenne, Cheyenne (night), Dec. 8. Berlin, at Berlin (night), Dec. 9. Elk City, Dec. 11, 12. District Stewards' Meeting, at Elk City, Dec. 13. All pastors and District Stewards expected. Snyre (night), Dec. 14. Erick, at Erick (night), Dec. 15. Tyrone, at Tyrone (Sunday at 11 a. m.) Dec. 18, 19. Hooker (night), Dec. 19, 20. Boice, at Union Chapel, Jan. 1, 2. LaKemp (Sunday at 11 o'clock), Jan. 8, 9. Grand Valley, at Range (night), Jan. 9. Guyton and Texhoma, at Guyton, Jan. 12. Goodwell, at Goodwell, Jan. 15, 16. W. J. STEWART, P. E.

- Hamlin District—First Round. Knox City, Nov. 28, 29. Rochester, Nov. 28, 29. Spur, Dec. 4, 5. Clairmont, at Girard, Dec. 5, 6. Vera, at Vera, Dec. 11, 12. Aspermont Miss., at Brazos Valley, Dec. 18, 19. Aspermont Sta., Dec. 19, 20. Rotan, Dec. 26, 27. Roby, Jan. 1, 2. Hamlin, Jan. 2, 3. Margaret, at Rayland, Jan. 8, 9. Crossell, Jan. 9, 10. McCauley, at McCauley, Jan. 11. Roaring Springs, at R. S., Jan. 15, 16. Matador, at Matador, Jan. 16, 17. Rule, at Rule, Jan. 22, 23. Tuxedo, at Leigler's Chapel, Jan. 29, 30. Jayton, at Jayton, Feb. 6, 7. B. W. DODSON, P. E.

- Stamford District—First Round. Ward Memorial and Bethel, at Bethel, Nov. 20, 21. Avoca Sta., Nov. 30. Munday Cir., Nov. 26. Munday Sta., Nov. 27, 28. Throckmorton Miss., Dec. 3. Throckmorton Sta., Dec. 3, at 7:30 p. m. Woodson, at Woodson, Dec. 4, 5. Wrennet, at Wrennet, Dec. 10. Bonarton, at Bonarton, Dec. 11. Goree Sta., Dec. 11, 12. Stamford Miss., at Ketrion, Dec. 17. Seymour Miss., at Seymour, Dec. 30, 11 a. m. Westover, at Rendham, Jan. 1, 2. Lunders and Nugent, at Lunders, Jan. 8, 9. Albany Sta., Jan. 22, 23. St. John's, Stamford, Jan. 23, 24. Haskell Sta., Jan. 30, 31. District Stewards will meet at Stamford, Wednesday, November 24, at 7:30 p. m., St. John's Methodist Church. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

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- Sweetwater District—First Round. Post Miss., Nov. 27. Post Sta., Nov. 28, 29. Ira and Crowder, at Ira, Dec. 4. Snyder Sta., Dec. 5, 6. Fhvanna, at Fhvanna, Dec. 11, 12. Dunn, at Dunn, Dec. 12, 13. Camp Springs, at Camp Springs, Dec. 18, 19. Hermligh, at Hermligh, Dec. 19, 20. Sweetwater Miss., at Sweetwater, Dec. 23. Sweetwater Sta., Dec. 26, 27. Blackwell, at Blackwell, Jan. 1, 2. Merkel, Jan. 8, 9. Trent, at Trent, Jan. 15, 16. Westbrook, at Westbrook, Jan. 21. Louame, Jan. 22, 23. Sylvester, at Sylvester, Jan. 29, 30. Ro-coe, Feb. 5, 6. Colorado Sta., Feb. 12, 13. The District Stewards will meet at the District Parsonage, Dec. 2, at 2 p. m. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

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BIGHILL.

On last Saturday night the good people of Bighill stormed the parsonage, fully 100 of them being present, and gave us a real old-time Methodist pounding. Then for more than an hour we had an enjoyable time, old folks talking and young ones playing games. This is the second time this year that this has happened, but we never grow tired of the like. We will have a real good report at conference. Because of a mission point on the work salary will not be in full. Bighill itself will pay every cent against it and more. Besides incidentals and repairs, Bighill and Odds average \$19.54 per member, including the children. That is, for conference collections and salary. This has been the most pleasant year of my ministry. Success to one and all.—T. H. Burton, P. C.

ROBERT LEE.

We are rounding out a good year on the Robert Lee charge. We have had quite a number of conversions on the charge, with thirty-six accessions to our Church. We have bought (and paid for) the lumber to improve one of our churches. We will double the seating capacity and will have three extra Sunday School rooms. We have the largest and the best rural Sunday Schools at this place (Sanco) I ever saw. We have three points on our work and have a good Sunday School at each place. We have two Missionary Societies on the charge, and they have done a fine year's work. Everything in full is our aim. Our salary is already paid in full with about \$10 excess. We have a good report to make to the Advocate. We have a large subscription list with all paid. We have had an enjoyable year with these good people. They have been so good to us. The Lord's work has prospered, for which we give him all the praise.—James C. Mayhew, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, CORSICANA.

Had the Greatest Year of our Ministry. Everything in full. Had a raise of two hundred dollars over last year on conference collections and they are paid in full. Collected the salaries through the envelopes, and after paying all expenses of the Church, including salaries, will have two hundred dollars to pay on street paving. New cement walks and steps costing seven hundred dollars have been put down at the church. The parsonage has been papered and painted inside, the ladies have added new furniture, and last of all, this afternoon this preacher was called down town and his measure taken for a new suit and it was done by dear friends in the Church. The chairman of the Board of Stewards remarked to the Official Board he did not know when the Church was ever in so good condition financially. We are ready for the conference, and expect to lay ourselves out to give the dear old boys the best time of their lives. Could say a great deal,

but must say for the new improvements we are indebted to Rev. Abe Mulkey and the good women who led in it. Thank God for his blessings upon us at First Church.—J. W. Fort.

HEWITT.

A review of this conference year would mean a succession of spiritual and intellectual feasts from our beloved pastor, Brother C. L. Browning. He has preached to us, prayed with us and has gone in and out of our homes with words of counsel and admonition, supplemented by encouragement and hope. At Spring Valley and at Hewitt we had reviving revivals, led by that inimitable pastor of Clay Street, Brother McGuire. That every person was not brought to a realization of his uncertain course was no fault of the preaching. The path was made very plain. Have you all read Brother Browning's articles with Stanford Chapel as a text? The favorable comments have made us hold up our heads with pride as we answer, "Yes, he is our pastor." He organized a Bible Class this fall, and we can but sympathize with those who cannot sit and listen to his teaching. Not only the members of his Church, but people of all Churches, or of no Church, join us in love and admiration for our preacher, pastor, poet, friend.—Anne B. Warren.

WALNUT SPRINGS

We are closing out our third year on this charge. These years have been spent in strenuous, active service. When we came here we found the membership discouraged on account of the removal of the railroad shops and crop failures. The charge had lost one hundred members on account of the removal of the shops, and a heavy debt of long standing was hanging over the parsonage, besides \$150 sundry other debts to be paid. The shops with a small force of men were reopened about a year later, but we did not get our lost membership back. While according to the records, we have received more members into the Church than was received during any other pastorate, we will go to the conference with about the same number in membership that we had when we came here. The old debts have been paid, a Sunday School has been organized in the country where we have a small membership and where we preach one Sunday afternoon in each month. The enrollment in the Sunday Schools is almost equal to the membership of the Church. We have a small, but faithful band of women who have been doing some things since I have been here, and who will continue to do things in the future. We are looking well after every interest of the Church and hope to make a good report at conference.—S. P. Nevill.

ELIASVILLE.

As this place has not been heard from this year, we beg the space to report how things have been moving out here. There are four appointments on this charge—Ivan, Murray, Eliasville and South Bend. There have been thirty-eight received into the Church at these places this year. Thirty-two have been upon profession of faith, the work beginning where we started our Win-One Campaign last March, resulting in three

excellent revivals and the other no failure at all, a total of forty-five conversions at the four revivals. One union meeting with the Presbyterians at Eliasville, Rev. J. W. Watson, of Woodson, doing the preaching and Rev. Tom Cunningham leading the singing. Rev. S. D. Cook at Ivan, Rev. J. Hall Bowman at Murray, and Revs. C. W. and Geo. J. Irvin at South Bend, all these men did most excellent preaching with results. One new Sunday School has been organized by our people at Ivan, making a good Sunday School at every appointment now. The three old Sunday Schools all observed Children's Day this year. We are now building a church at South Bend, which will cost more than a thousand dollars when completed. It is a modern rural church with gas lights. This makes a good church building at all the appointments except Ivan. Under the leadership of our much loved pastor, Rev. Marcus M. Chum, who came to us three years ago when just starting into the ministry a boy of nineteen, our Churches are on a much higher plane than when he came. Much to our regret he leaves us this year, as he is a candidate for S. M. U., but wherever his work may lie in the future our best wishes and prayers will be with him. He succeeded in building a much-needed church that has been tried for twenty or twenty-five years by different pastors. We can recommend him to any Church organization as a true man of God, always doing his duty and fighting sin in every form. He succeeded at almost everything he undertook except getting married. He failed in that as yet. The collections will be about to the top notch this year. We feel that the people have done well, considering the ravager of grasshoppers, bill weevils, etc. We feel that God is with us now, has been in the past and expect great things another year.—T. Marvin McBrayer.

GRAHAM STATION.

Nine years ago I grove up in front of the house I now occupy (the Graham parsonage) and asked the way to Farmer, my first charge in the conference. Five years later I came back here as the pastor and began preaching to folks who had been on my first work. All told I have served seven years in Young County and two days' ride away in Stevens. Now, after a pastorate of nine years in a territory all in a few hours' ride, I am winding up and ready to go back somewhere else. And this reminds me that we are out on a limb of the conference, and what we are and do is not known to the conference like the happenings of those further inland. This leads me to say that whoever comes to Graham, while he may not have heard much of the place, ought to, after appointment, go to the Bishop and thank him for sending him to Graham. You may be a little out of the ordinary paths of travel, and you may preach like Bishop or sing like a Sankey, and the brethren back East not know of the fact, yet your people here will know and will appreciate your efforts and will stay with you while you are their pastor. In material things we have a good brick church and a splendid, well-furnished parsonage. We have no especial financial problem. Whatever the assessment is, and it will be liberal, you will get. And, in addition, your Church will not let you go to conference with a cent's deficit. Our last Quarterly Conference was on October 31, and every claim was reported out. These last few days the pastor has had time to hunt a little and visit friends and get ready to move. As to the report along a spiritual line: We have had just as many additions on profession of faith this year as we had the preceding three years altogether. We have had more additions on profession of faith this year than in any year, save one, in the eleven years that I have the minutes for this Church. Our congregations have been better this year than any other year, and there is no reason why some good man cannot come here and go on for a quadrennium without a hitch. We had a successful "Win-One" campaign in the early spring. And in the fall Dr. McIntosh, of Mississippi, held for us a meeting that touched all the Churches and the entire town. No man makes a mistake who gets this preacher in a meeting. I know it is a trite saying to say the presiding elder is a success. But I do want to say that in L. A. Webb the right man was selected for this district at the time he was chosen. If all the Church could have seen this man as I have seen him in the still small hours of the morning as he wrestled with the problems of the district, they would be satisfied to rest their cases in his hand. Webb might make mistakes in judgment, and that is extraordinarily good, but he is not an elder that would inten-

tionally injure any preacher or Church that exists. For myself, I have such entire confidence in him that, though I have been here four years and know I have to move, I have not written a line or spoken to any other elder or the Bishop. In conclusion let the man who comes to Graham congratulate himself that he has been found worthy of the honor of serving this people. Paul told the Thessalonian Church that he was "taken from them in presence, not in heart." I go out like Abraham and "know not whither," but assure this Church that though absent in presence I will not be in heart.—J. Hall Bowman.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

It was my good fortune to be with my boyhood friends, Dr. A. L. Andrews and his charming wife, at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on the 4th instant at Wichita Falls, Texas. It was a most delightful occasion; the memory of it will abide as one of the most pleasant of my life. Every detail had been carefully arranged, even to the elaborate decorations and refreshments, by his devoted people. Everything seemed to conspire to make it a marked and joyous event in the social life of the city. The Sunday School rooms of the church were packed with a smiling and festive throng. Other pastors of the city, with members of their congregations, were there with congratulations and good wishes. There was an enjoyable program of splendid music and speeches. Everybody seemed to be happy and had a good time.

The presents were many and beautiful, coming from his friends in Wichita Falls and all over the State and some of them even in distant States. The chest of silver given by his Official Board was one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. His people did the handsome thing and did it cheerfully. They are devoted to Dr. Andrews and his good wife. I have never known a pastor more popular with his people, or one who has a stronger leadership among them. He is deservedly popular, for he has had a great year with them. Already he has received into the Church four hundred and eighty-one members, and he says he will make it five hundred before conference. His pastorate this year is an historic one. He has set a new standard.

F. P. CULVER.

Waco, Texas.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. E. Hightower, of Red Oak, was a pleasant caller last week.

Dr. M. M. Hart, of Vera, Knox County, was in attendance on the Medical Association convention last week and made a pleasant call at the Advocate office.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl M. Jones, of Paradise, Texas, announce the birth of a son, Earl Franklin Jones, on November 4, 1915. We congratulate the happy parents.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Ledbetter announce the arrival of Robert Edgar, Jr., on November 10, 1915, weight eight and one-half pounds. This charge has a junior preacher now. The Advocate extends congratulations.

Sunday was the last regular appointment of Rev. Kincheloe at Bardwell before conference, which meets at Corsicana. The congregation here have hopes of Rev. Kincheloe being returned to this charge.—Bardwell Herald, November 11.

Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Patterson have issued the following invitation: 1890-1915. Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Patterson request the pleasure of your presence at the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on the evening of Tuesday, November 23, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock, parsonage home, Salado, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Lane are preparing to move to Floydada, which place they will make their home the coming year. Brother Lane having been assigned that appointment from the conference at Clarendon. We regret to see these people go, but are glad to know that they will remain on the South Plains and not far from Lubbock.—Lubbock Avalanche, November 11.

Rev. J. T. McClure was in Dallas last week from his new appointment at Roswell, New Mexico. Brother McClure was a member of the North Texas Conference for many years, being at one time pastor of Ervay Street Church, from which charge he was appointed one of the Commissioners of Southern Methodist University.



DR. E. G. PATTON.

Dr. E. G. Patton died Thursday of last week in his home at Cockrell Hill Station, near Dallas. Dr. Patton was born in Troup County, Georgia, in 1838, and at the time of his demise was 77 years of age. His father was a Presbyterian preacher and educator. When a lad of sixteen years, Dr. Patton came to Texas and made his home with his brother, Rev. J. C. G. R. Patton, at Linden, where he studied medicine. With the assistance of his brother, the Rev. J. C. G. R. Patton, he attended the University of Louisiana, graduating with the class of 1858. He began the practice of medicine in Hopkins County, Texas, and remained in the general practice for eighteen years, afterwards establishing a drug store at Sulphur Springs, where he accumulated considerable property. He was an army surgeon during the entire time of the Civil War. Dr. Patton moved to Dallas in 1888. Later he established the wholesale drug business known as the Patton-Worsham Drug Company. He also established two medicine companies in Dallas. The Patton Institute, a well known school in Oak Cliff, several years ago, was established and fostered by Dr. Patton. He was married in Hopkins County to Miss Texana Boyd, who was born and reared in that county, and who died in 1901 in Dallas County. He never had any children. He was a great lover of education and educated forty-five young men and women. He was known as a philanthropist and on numerous occasions contributed liberally to worthy causes, such as education, religion and charity. He often said nothing gave him more pleasure than to help the deserving. He is survived by many relatives, including nieces and nephews in Dallas and in other places. The funeral took place last Friday, the interment being in Oak Cliff Cemetery, Rev. J. W. Hill, former pastor of first Methodist Church and for thirty-five years his warm personal friend, conducting the services.

Last year he transferred to the California Conference and was stationed at Berkeley. The Texas, or near Texas fever, however, developed and he transferred to the New Mexico Conference in order to get closer to his "first love." Brother McClure brought his daughter, Viola, to Dallas and placed her in Southern Methodist University. He was warmly greeted by his host of Dallas friends.

Rev. J. M. Perry, of Midland Station, is spending a week in Dallas with his Masonic brethren, taking the Scottish Rite degrees. His people very generously complimented him with the cost of the degrees. In addition to this, he rides in an automobile which was presented to him by the good people of Midland.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was a pleasant visitor to the Advocate office last week. In its issue of November 11, the Lubbock Avalanche says of Brother Kiker: "At the Annual Conference last week, Rev. O. P. Kiker was appointed as pastor of the Methodist Church at Lubbock. Rev. Kiker is not a stranger by any means, having been presiding elder of the Plainview District for two years, and visited and preached in Lubbock a number of times. We feel that Lubbock is well acquainted with him, and the announcement of his coming here as pastor was received with much pleasure, not only by the members of the Methodist Church, but by members of other Churches and friends of the Methodist Church in general."

"Loving everybody does not mean that we are to love everybody to the same extent, or in the same way, or to the utter neglect of self. What is impossible is not required of us."