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WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The West Oklahoma Conference convened in its sixth annual session at Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Wednesday morning, November 1. Promptly at 9 o'clock Bishop Morrison announced Hymn 560, read and commented upon Romans 14, "For none of us liveth unto himself." No man is without his influence. It is a solemn thing to live. The Judgment Day has nothing to do with my destiny, but today has. The Judgment Day is God's day. "No man dieth unto himself." We continue to make men better or worse even after we are dead. It would be an awful thought if I can do my work only while I tabernacle in this flesh. The great men are living yet. There is no death to a good life. Death is only the breaking of the alabaster box which liberates the broader life. Fifty years ago Washington lived in the hearts of fifty millions, today he lives in the hearts of one hundred millions. "Brethren, the most horrible thought is to die absolutely, to go out of the thought and sentiment of men." God has made his investment in us. What per cent is he realizing? "Why dost thou judge thy brother?" The easiest thing in the world is to form an ugly judgment of your brother. "Every one of you shall give an account of himself to God." We are judged severely alone. Let us try so to live that we shall be willing to have God's eye look us through and through. After these earnest words by the Bishop the Conference sang. Bishop Morrison led in a fervent prayer which elicited many hearty amens. Eighteen years ago Bishop Morrison presided over the Indian Mission Conference, of which the West Oklahoma Conference was a part.

R. S. Satterfield, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll and the following answered present.

- CONFERENCE ROLL. Allgood, S. Y. Mossey, J. D. Allen, M. T. Miller, A. M. Anderson, W. L. Michell, C. F. Armstrong, Chas. H. Morgan, R. E. L. Armstrong, I. W. Morris, J. C. Barnhardt, C. C. Miller, F. M. Blackwood, J. G. McBride, J. T. Brooks, J. R. McCombs, J. B. Butler, M. L. Neal, T. E. Buttrill, C. M. Nelson, B. M. Brown, J. T. Owenbey, R. L. Barrett, J. Frank Peterson, J. O. Callahan, R. O. Perry, B. C. Canter, C. L. Phillips, N. A. Carson, A. B. Peterson, T. G. Crosby, R. A. Roper, W. H. Crumpton, Jesse Salter, J. D. Cannon, J. W. Satterfield, R. S. Denny, R. H. Scivally, J. C. Douglass, W. B. Shelton, H. L. Driskill, W. C. Sims, J. W. Cohen, L. L., Jr. Snodgrass, H. E. Graham, T. E. Steele, T. C. Freeman, W. T. Stewart, W. J. Fulgim, L. H. Stout, N. U. Gage, J. L. Stroud, H. A. Govett, W. A. Sullivan, M. F. Giles, F. L. Taylor, T. J. Grimes, E. E. Trevette, J. W. German, C. A. Throgmorton, J. C. Hendrey, J. F. Ward, T. H. Henson, J. L. Waldrip, A. B. Hooper, G. W. Weaver, Moss Webb, E. C. Humphreys, W. E. Welch, E. R. Johnson, T. S. Williamson, C. C. Kidd, J. D. Wilton, W. M. Kendall, Wilmore Wilson, H. B. Lamar, J. S. Witt, W. U. Lannom, B. T. Wright, G. R. Lewis, G. W. York, D. V. Matthews, W. D.

The following lay delegates were present:

- W. S. Wolverton, Ardmore. S. D. Williams, Wynnewood. D. Baker, Waurika. C. L. Purnance, Ryan. Charles Sellars, Hooker. Tom Dorsey, Manitou. J. L. Carpenter, Mangum. G. S. Whicker, Olustee. W. T. Singley, Willow. A. C. Rippey, Oklahoma City. W. L. Clarke, Oklahoma City.

R. S. Satterfield was elected Secretary. Assistant Secretaries: R. L. Ownbey, M. F. Sullivan, W. L. Clarke.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed and the main auditorium was made the bar of the Conference.

The presiding elders nominated the Conference Committees as follows:

- STANDING COMMITTEES. PUBLIC WORSHIP. J. D. Salter B. T. Lannom S. D. Williams. ADMISSION. C. H. Armstrong J. T. McBride J. O. Peterson G. W. Lewis H. B. Wilson Wilmore Kendall. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. W. T. Freeman W. S. Wolverton L. L. Cohen, Jr. C. L. Purnance S. Y. Allgood W. J. Ohara W. B. Douglas J. N. Oliver C. A. German G. S. Whicker C. C. Barnhardt W. A. Beeson. SABBATH OBSERVANCE. L. H. Fullingim W. N. Lewis A. B. Waldrip R. A. Thompson T. C. Steele C. M. Hoover H. L. Shelton S. L. Rippey H. A. Stroud W. T. Singley J. S. Lamar J. Y. Callahan. SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH. B. T. Lannom J. A. Bass J. L. Henson D. Baker J. H. Bridges Chas. Sellars J. W. Sims Tom Dorsey W. U. Witt J. S. Sessums. TEMPERANCE. I. W. Armstrong T. G. Peterson J. C. Throgmorton J. R. Brooks T. E. Neal. CONFERENCE RELATIONS. E. R. Welch W. E. Humphreys R. O. Callahan J. C. Scivally T. C. Taylor H. E. Snodgrass. DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS. S. D. Williams C. T. Davis T. H. Ward E. E. Grimes J. J. Shaw A. C. Rippey. MEMOIRS. R. P. Witt W. M. Rippey F. C. Mayberry J. T. McBride J. K. Florence. AUDITING COMMITTEE. E. H. Driskill L. D. Hawkins T. H. Ward C. L. Canter N. A. Phillips W. L. Clark. VACANCIES. BOARD OF EDUCATION. Frank Barrett (vice) C. K. Proctor. S. D. Williams (vice) G. B. Grumbine. EPWORTH LEAGUE. J. W. Trevette (vice) H. B. Ellis. JOINT BOARD. C. F. Mitchell (vice) J. A. Old. LAY ACTIVITIES. O. H. Searcy L. D. Williams R. E. Schoolfield W. E. Bradshaw W. J. Kooz J. Y. Callahan.

W. D. Matthews offered a resolution concerning the standing rules of the Conference, providing that the appointment of a member of the Conference Boards to the presiding eldership automatically removes him from membership on the boards. J. W. Sims, E. R. Welch, Moss Weaver, J. S. Lamar and T. C. Johnson spoke to the resolution. The resolution was lost. The usual communications were referred to appropriate committees. The report from the Educational Commission was read to the Conference. C.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Promptly at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, in Wesley Church, Greenville, Texas, Bishop James Henry McCoy, of Birmingham, Alabama, called to order the Fiftieth Session of the North Texas Conference.

The Bishop announced as the opening hymn number 309:

"Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound!) That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see."

This grand old hymn was sung with all the fervor of a Methodist Annual Conference.

The Apostles' Creed was repeated in concert after which the Bishop led the Conference in a prayer of great depth, tenderness and unction.

The one hundred twenty-first Psalm was read as the morning lesson. We have sat in many of these annual gatherings. We have heard many lessons expounded by the presiding Bishops. We shall reserve a place in our "Notes" for a fuller statement of the great truths brought forth from this beautiful Psalm. Suffice it to say that Bishop McCoy was at his best. His great heart was stirred as he recounted the evidences of God's sustaining grace. In their contemplation the Spirit descended and the audience sat in holy places.

After he had closed his exposition, Rev. John H. Reynolds, of Sherman, led in a prayer of great unction.

The roll was called for. At the request of Rev. C. I. McWhirter, now a useful local preacher, and for nine consecutive years the Secretary of this body, the Conference accorded him the privilege of calling the roll. Their names were called, one by one, and out of a list of 253 enrolled, 197 answered present; 56 were absent. A hush of sorrow fell upon the brethren when the names of J. M. Binkley, R. N. Brown, I. W. Clark and W. H. Hughes were called—for they had answered the roll call in the Church of the Firstborn.

The names of those present are as follows:

- CONFERENCE ROLL. Ashburn, I. S. Johnston, M. B. Archer, J. F. Johnson, J. L. Alderson, E. W. Jones, G. F. Aderson, J. F. Jones, E. M. Adair, J. B. Johnson, W. J. Adams, G. H. Kerr, R. S. Atchley, J. R. Kirk, T. M. Agee, H. K. Kiker, Ira C. Aston, D. H. Kavanaugh, C. W. Andrews, A. L. Lovell, T. W. Anderson, H. E. Little, N. C. Adams, F. C. Lehnoff, G. A. Barnes, S. A. Long, C. A. Bryant, R. F. Leath, J. O. Bludworth, W. J. McLean, J. H. Bludworth, J. T. McDougal, James Buck, R. P. Miller, F. O. Burgin, S. H. C. Miller, S. W. Beckham, J. W. Mountcastle, W. D. Beckham, T. J. Maness, E. A. Burk, L. A. Morris, J. L. Byars, W. B. Morris, T. H. Barcus, J. Sam Mood, R. G. Bounds, C. L. Moore, John M. Bounds, Minor Moreland, R. B. Black, S. M. Moreland, O. E. Brown, E. F. Martin, W. B. Beck, J. W. Montgomery, C. D. Baughman, J. W. McKinney, C. F. Bowen, C. L. Naugle, L. L. Bridges, A. T. Nash, A. R. Brown, W. H. Ownby, S. M. Barber, W. E. Oliver, N. W. Barnett, W. W. Porter, D. K.

- Brown, J. W. Pierce, J. L. Bradford, A. P. Pierce, J. F. Cole, E. V. Porter, R. E. Crutchfield, I. N. Pritchett, W. A. Crutchfield, F. A. Preston, T. W. Combs, C. P. Pirtle, H. M. Cosby, H. M. Perry, L. C. Childress, C. C. Rodgers, J. P. Coppedge, W. A. Roach, J. E. Ccnkin, I. E. Reynolds, J. H. Coburn, E. H. Riddle, S. C. Clifton, J. W. Read, M. H. Chambers, H. B. Rogers, O. T. Cowling, H. M. Rea, J. Leonard Russell, C. H. Carter, G. B. Richardson, F. M. Clark, C. M. Sauls, W. D. Curry, R. B. Short, J. E. Cooper, J. J. Silliman, E. L. Davis, J. V. Smith, L. P. Davis, J. B. Smith, C. N. Dennis, C. W. Stuckey, W. A. Dobbs, M. C. Simpson, Claude M. Dale, W. E. Sweeton, J. M. Ely, R. L. Spragins, C. A. Egger, E. L. Spurlock, E. L. Fladger, C. B. Sherwood, J. F. Fuller, D. F. Sanders, Lee French, G. C. Sullivan, J. L. Golsen, C. B. Stone, N. R. Gilson, A. W. Slagle, J. W. Goyer, J. B. Sawyer, L. D. Gibson, G. M. Scrimshire, J. H. Hay, S. R. Sterling, A. C. Howell, W. C. Shugart, C. O. Hill, J. W. Sensabaugh, O. F. Hendrix, A. F. Sooter, M. C. Hunter, J. N. Slagle, G. R. Harless, C. M. Thomas, O. S. Hanson, L. A. Thomas, J. D. Hudgins, J. D. Thompson, E. B. Hayes, B. T. Thompson, W. D. Hamilton, M. L. Tincher, J. W. Humphreys, J. P. Tannery, L. F. Hightower, A. P. Tittle, W. L. Vernon, W. N. Holmes, J. F. Vinson, J. E. Harris, E. L. Wages, J. R. Habern, S. L. Whitehead, J. D. Hines, M. P. Wright, W. H. Hall, B. B. Whiteside, W. T. Hicks, R. C. Whisler, G. W. Hubbard, Alex. Wheeler, F. B. Huckabee, R. N. Wheeler, J. A. Huffstutler, T. L. Wright, E. L. Hand, H. C. Wilson, W. J. Harris, E. J. Whitten, T. G. Isbell, K. R. Young, C. C. Johnson, H. B.

UNDERGRADUATES. Satterfield, C. L. Babar, W. H. Farler, S. P. Rentro, G. W. Drew, E. A. Wilkinsen, Frank Bain, P. H. Brown, George H. Pritchett, S. E. Simmons, William B. Irwin, Gilbert Stuckey, Lewis N. Hood, Andrew O.

R. G. Mood, Secretary of the last session, called the roll of lay delegates district by district. They answered present as follows:

- BONHAM DISTRICT. E. S. Via. DECATUR DISTRICT. J. R. Bourland T. B. Clayton. GAINESVILLE DISTRICT. C. W. Alcorn W. C. Brown. GREENVILLE DISTRICT. J. Riley Green R. C. Dial T. C. Foster H. D. Wolfe. MCKINNEY DISTRICT. Roy Markham. PARIS DISTRICT. C. E. Duncan. SHERMAN DISTRICT. Rev. W. A. Fleming J. S. Elkins J. W. Kennedy. SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT. C. H. Morris Rev. R. F. Russell. TERRELL DISTRICT. W. A. Terrell.

Without opposition, R. G. Mood was elected Secretary of the Conference. He named C. W. Dennis, S. M. Black and J. F. Archer as Assistant Secretaries; J. W. Beck, W. C. Howell, H. E. Anderson and W. B. Byars as Statistical Secretaries.

T. H. Morris, pastor at Wesley Church, moved that the hours of from 9 to 12 be the hours of meeting and adjournment, and it was so ordered.

The entire auditorium was created as the bar of the Conference.

O. E. Moreland was named as Conference postmaster. C. W. Dennis read the report of

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S. Wright presented the report from Southern Methodist University.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: C. S. Wright, Willis D. Blaylock, W. D. Bradfield, G. A. Cline, W. A. Shelton.

A resolution by R. E. L. Morgan was offered, requesting the Southern Methodist University to conduct a campaign within the territory of the Conference. The resolution was referred to the Board of Education.

Under Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the Bishop called the names of the supernumeraries, and they were referred for the same relation: H. L. Mauldin, W. A. Dickey, D. E. Shaffer and W. A. Randle.

The names of the superannuates were called: A. C. Briggs, H. J. Brown, J. K. Florence, R. H. Grimstead, H. C. Gullledge, J. T. Hall, J. W. Kizziah, M. D. Long, F. C. Mayberry, P. T. McWhorter, J. J. Methvin, W. M. P. Rippey, J. A. Rowan, W. M. Spain, W. P. Meador and R. P. Witt. Their characters were passed, their names referred to the committee for the same relation.

Continuing the call of Question 22 the following made their reports and their characters were passed:

J. D. Salter, presiding elder Ardmore District: Excellent year, salaries and collections almost in hand, 15 charges paid salaries in full, a number of churches built and dedicated, excellent revivals, membership materially increased.

E. R. Welch, of Broadway, Ardmore: 127 accessions, total budget \$10,600, handsome pipe organ paid for, debt on Sunday School paid. Character passed.

W. T. Freeman, Carter Avenue, Ardmore: Church quarters outgrown, 40 accessions, conference collections 60 per cent paid.

R. I. Graham, of Mission, presiding elder, reported most excellent year.

C. C. Wilson, of Berwyn Circuit: Moderately good year.

E. H. Driskill, of Davis: Good year. E. R. Powers, of Durwood Mission: Good year.

L. R. Jones, of Elmore Circuit: Good revivals.

E. D. Farris, of Hickory Circuit: Report by presiding elder, good year.

J. W. Williams, of Joiner Circuit: Splendid year, 55 conversions, 30 additions, salaries in full, conference collections 60 per cent paid.

F. L. Giles, of Leon Circuit: 49 conversions, 54 additions, salary in full, collections 90 per cent paid.

R. E. Regan, of Lone Grove and Wilson: Good year.

R. A. Crosby, of Marietta: Good year, salary in full.

H. P. Robertson, of Overbrook Circuit: 64 conversions, 47 accessions, salaries in full.

J. M. Kemp, of Ringling and Loco: Presiding elder reported that he is in Texas, sick at Carlsbad, collection was taken amounting to \$90.27.

Rev. J. C. Weaver, North Texas Conference, was introduced to the Conference; Thos. E. Graham, a transfer from the Denver; L. L. Cohen, Jr., transfer from North Texas, were introduced.

J. G. Blackwood, of Stratford and Byers: Twelve conversions, salaries and collections short, church at Stratford demolished by storm, now rebuilt, church at Byers damaged.

W. A. Govett, First Church, Sulphur: 15 conversions, new sidewalks, salaries in full, collections 75 per cent paid, new baby at parsonage.

C. H. Armstrong, of Venita Street, Sulphur: 100 conversions, salaries in full.

L. H. Fullingim, of Thackerville Circuit: 100 conversions, salaries 85 per cent paid, conference collections 60 per cent paid.

Charles Mann, of Woodford Circuit: Good revivals, salaries in full.

B. T. Lannon, of Wynnewood: Noble people, good prayer meetings, church enlarged, \$2700 spent on improvement, salaries in full, collections overpaid.

T. S. Johnson, Conference Missionary Evangelist: Best year in life, many conversions, started with no salary everything in full.

M. L. Butler, of Norman: Five conversions, 300 Methodist students at State University in Norman, wife sustained broken hip during the year.

The Bishop at this juncture announced one stanza of "All Hail the Power," and the Conference stood and sang.

G. M. Boone, in place of T. M. Robertson, as lay delegate was announced.

C. F. Mitchel, presiding elder Chickasha District: Paid some debts, 800 accessions, 15 charges paid salaries in full, built a number of parsonages, preachers faithful.

I. W. Armstrong of Anadarko: Many members moved from charge, net decrease of 12, salary paid as last year, benevolences 90 per cent paid, improvements on church and parsonage, a new girl in parsonage.

J. D. Kidd, of Alex: Presiding elder reported fine year, salaries and collections in full, 50 accessions.

A. A. McClesky, of Alfalfa: 50 conversions, salaries and collections in full.

J. J. Beardon, of Binger: Good year, 3 revivals, 1 Church organized, salary and collections short.

A. M. Miller, of Carnegie: Presiding elder reported good year.

W. C. Fleetwood, of Cement, surrendered his credentials.

L. L. Cohen, Jr., of Chickasha: 135 accessions, everything in full.

A. B. Waldrip, of Chickasha Mission: 102 accessions, claims in full on two points of work, bought parsonage, \$3518 total raised.

J. C. Throgmorton, of Comanche: 24 accessions, net gain 4, financial condition best in history of Church, salaries in full.

T. H. Ward, of Corum: Good revivals, 68 conversions, salaries in full, collections in full.

R. O. Callahan, of Duncan: Finances in full, good revival, 150 conversions, 112 accessions, pool hall vote out.

A. L. Barrett, of Erin Springs: Presiding elder reported fine year.

G. R. Wright, of Lindsay: 20 conversions, \$800 Church debt paid, salaries and collections in full.

J. L. Henson, of Marlow: Wife sick during year, but better, salary in full, collections 75 per cent paid, \$300 paid on improvements, 20 accessions.

J. C. Calhoun, of Marlow Mission: Presiding elder reported good year.

O. A. Morris, of Maysville: Good year, 40 conversions, 35 accessions, net increase 26.

H. K. Monroe, of Mountain View: Presiding elder reported good year.

G. W. Hooper, of Rush Springs: Good year.

M. T. Allen, of Ryan: 50 conversions, finances in full.

C. C. Williamson, of Terral: Good year, 35 conversions, 24 additions.

F. M. Miller, of Tuttle: Nearly 100 conversions, finances little behind.

J. O. Peterson, of Waurika: 46 additions, salaries in full, collections paid.

C. S. Walker, at Yale University.

J. T. Armstrong, District Evangelist: Presiding elder reported good year.

W. P. Stewart, presiding elder Clinton District: 1000 conversions, 700 additions, 19 charges paid salary in full, 17 paid collections in full, many debts paid, 2 or 3 churches built, perfect harmony.

J. W. Bruce, of Arnett: Fine year.

G. D. Grover, of Berlin: Good year.

C. L. Cole, of Bethel: 60 conversions, 43 accessions, everything in full, \$1306 raised.

T. C. Steele, of Boise: Two good revivals, finances in full.

J. H. Bridges, of Butler: 100 conversions, salaries and collections in full.

W. B. Gilliam, of Cheyenne: 115 conversions, claims paid, 95 per cent pastors' salary paid.

N. A. Phillips, of Clinton: 60 additions, finances in full, debt being paid.

E. C. Webb, of Custer City: Finances in full, loyal people.

J. J. Shaw, of Elk City: Collections in full, 42 accessions. The Bishop announced his transfer to the Conference.

T. J. Melton, of Erick: 18 conversions, 30 accessions, everything in full.

S. Y. Allgood, of Foss: Good year.

W. E. French, of Goodwell: Everything in full.

J. D. Z. Munsey, of Grand Valley: Presiding elder reported great year.

T. E. Neal, of Guyton and Texoma: Church organized, 134 accessions, 10 infants baptized, \$2500 expended.

T. C. De Pew, of Hammon: 60 accessions, collections in full.

H. B. Wilson, of Hooker: Many accessions, finances in full.

the Nominating Committee. It follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC WORSHIP. C. M. Harless, T. H. Morris, C. A. Spragins, C. C. Childress, C. A. Leddy, R. C. Dial, L. N. Byrd

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

O. T. Rogers, J. W. Preston, S. L. Habern, W. J. Bludworth, T. J. Beckham, B. M. Burgher, C. D. Montgomery, J. P. Rodgers, C. C. Childress, R. C. Hicks, J. T. Bludworth, C. B. Gosson

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

J. S. Elkins, M. C. Dobbs, J. B. Little, M. K. T. Davis, N. W. Oliver, H. D. Wolfe, W. E. Dale, J. R. Atchley, C. L. Miller, W. A. Terrell, W. H. Brigham

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

P. C. Archer, S. H. C. Burgin, E. V. Cole, M. P. Hines, W. B. Byars, C. I. Bounds, C. W. Glanville, J. E. Short, Minor Bounds, R. E. Porter, N. R. Stone, W. C. Everett

TEMPERANCE.

J. F. Holmes, M. C. Sooter, D. F. Fuller, W. J. Johnson, W. A. Fleming, L. E. Conkin, J. R. Wages, T. C. Foster, M. H. Read, J. L. Sullivan, W. D. Mountcastle, E. G. Knight

ORPHANAGE.

R. B. Moreland, W. H. Wright, H. M. Conkling, C. C. Young, C. L. Bowen, G. M. Gibson, J. W. Kennedy, W. D. Sauls, H. B. Chambers, J. Riley Green, W. D. Thompson, L. L. Jester

MEMOIRS.

O. S. Thomas, J. F. Pierce, R. G. Mood, D. F. Fuller, J. A. Old, J. H. McLean, S. C. Kiddle, J. L. Pierce, W. H. Wright

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

G. B. Carter, R. P. Buck, J. W. Clifton, W. R. McCarter, J. D. Hudgins, Alex Hubbard, C. B. Fladger, A. F. Hendrix, F. O. Miller, L. A. Burke, C. L. Combs

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" was called, J. A. Old, an elder from the West Oklahoma Conference; R. P. Shuler, O. T. Cooper, E. H. Crandall and A. A. Kidd, elders from the West Texas Conference.

At this juncture, Hon. C. A. Leddy, of Greenville, delivered the address of welcome. Not only is he a citizen of high moral worth, but he is a magnetic speaker. The Conference greatly enjoyed his effort and cheered him to the echo. Bishop McCoy, without previous notice, called on Dr. S. R. Hay, of First Church, Dallas, to make the response. He was at his best, as was seen in its effect on the Conference and the citizenship present.

Various official communications were offered and referred to appropriate committees without reading.

A communication touching our new educational movements was read by the Secretary, at the request of Bishop Candier, and referred to the Board of Education.

Rev. H. C. Tucker, D.D., our own American Bible Society Superintendent in Brazil, was introduced and spoke on the Bible and the work of that society in Brazil.

A paper on The Centenary of Texas Methodism was read and ordered printed in the Journal and the Texas Christian Advocate.

Dr. John H. McLean, W. C. Everett and R. G. Mood (advisory) were named as an Executive Committee, charged with all matters relating to The Centenary of Texas Methodism.

Transfers to the North Texas Conference, the visiting brethren from neighboring conferences and the connectional brethren were introduced and recognized. More than the usual number were presented, and we will not undertake to name them one by one.

After some announcements, Dr. McLean presented the question ordered in a resolution passed by the last session of the "One Hundredth Anniversary of the Death of Francis Asbury." The hour was set for three o'clock in the afternoon, and Dr. H. M. DuBose, of Nashville, and by special invitation, was announced to deliver his famous address on Francis Asbury.

The Chair announced that he would not ask the preachers, one by one, to report their charges, but that under the passage of character of each presiding elder he would report for his district. (These several reports will be found among the "Notes.")

The Bishop called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The name of C. M. Harless was called, character passed, and he reported for

himself and the preachers of the Greenville District.

Because of the magnificent showing made by Greenville District, and on motion of John M. Moore, the Bishop called before the bar of the Conference C. M. Harless, the pastors and lay delegates of the district and J. B. Gober, and tendered to them the thanks of the Conference for heroic and faithful service.

The Chair called forward and introduced to the body Dr. Jas. A. Bray, of Birmingham, Alabama, who is Secretary of Education of the Colored M. E. Church, and announced him to speak at a later date.

After various announcements, the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction by Rev. R. H. Bennett, D.D., Secretary of the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training, Atlanta, Georgia.

SECOND DAY.

Bishop McCoy called the Conference to order promptly at the hour appointed, nine o'clock, Thursday morning, November 2, 1916.

The Conference joined heartily in singing the old hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King."

Dr. A. L. Andrews, of Wichita Falls, after an earnest prayer, read one of Paul's great messages in the New Testament.

The Secretary then called the names of all those present not at first roll call, and they were noted, one by one.

J. L. Greenfield, an alternate from Dallas District; H. D. Humphreys, an alternate from Terrell District; W. C. Brown, an alternate from Gainesville District, were announced to take the place of the principals from their respective districts.

S. M. Black, Assistant Secretary, read the minutes of the previous session, and they were approved.

J. E. Roach was elected to take the place of W. A. Stuckey as a member of the Board of Missions.

The Bishop called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" E. W. Alderson was called, character passed, and he made his report for Bonham District; O. F. Sensabaugh, character passed, and he made his report for Dallas District. The latter report was supplemented by statements made by S. R. Hay and S. H. C. Burgin concerning what is known as "The Dallas Merger."

W. H. Vance, presiding elder of Pittsburg District, Texas Conference, was introduced and recognized.

At this juncture, being President of the Board, Bishop McCoy introduced Dr. John Wesley Gilbert, President of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, and endorsed him in the highest terms.

Question 22 was resumed. The name of W. A. Stuckey was called, character passed, and he made his report for Decatur District.

J. R. Bourland was elected to take the place of John C. Harris as a member of the Board of Church Extension.

Under call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the following names were called: D. K. Porter, character passed, and he made his report for the Gainesville District; C. W. Dennis, character passed, reported for McKinney District; J. L. Morris, character passed, reported for Paris District; R. G. Mood, character passed, reported for Sherman District; R. F. Bryant, character passed, reported for Sulphur Springs District; E. L. Egger, character passed, reported for Terrell District; J. Sam Barcus, character passed, reported for Wichita Falls District.

Here Rev. H. M. DuBose, D.D., Book Editor and Editor Quarterly Review, addressed the Conference as to the conduct and purposes of his office.

George C. French, for the instruction of the Conference, read a paper in the hands of the Board of Education.

After the usual announcements the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Bishop McCoy called the third session of the Conference to order at nine o'clock, Friday morning, November 3. The old hymn, "Think of Our Fathers Still," was sung, after which the Bishop, without comment, read the Parable of the Virgins, as recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew. Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, led in a fervent prayer. Rev. G. S. Sexton, D. D., pastor of

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F. C. Harrell, of Lakemp: Collections 78 per cent paid. T. Y. Hearne, of Leedy: Salaries and claims in arrears, 25 conversions, 10 accessions. R. P. Davis, of Mutual and Tologa: 18 conversions, salaries in full. T. J. Taylor, of Sayre: 46 accessions, salary in full, collections little behind. J. T. Brown, of Tangier and Woodward: transferred to Tennessee Conference. M. F. Sullivan, of Tyrone: 50 conversions, 60 accessions, finances in full. The time for adjournment having arrived, the usual announcements were made. C. S. Wright and W. A. Shelton were announced to speak at the Anniversary of the Board of Education at 3 p. m. Dr. W. F. McMurry was announced to preach at 7:30 p. m. The Conference sang the doxology and the benediction was pronounced by W. W. Graham.

SECOND DAY.

The proceedings of the second day began with a half hour's service of prayer. At 9:10 Thursday morning, November 2, the Bishop rapped for order and the Secretary of the Conference called the roll of absentees. The following answered: Clerical: H. C. Gullidge, C. T. Davis, A. M. Miller, O. W. Stewart. Lay: R. A. Thompson, J. C. Jones, O. H. Searcy, S. L. Ripley, J. Y. Callahan, T. F. Gafford.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. Dr. W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary of Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He reported last year to be the best in the history of the Board. Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of Education; Rev. E. Hightower, Divisional Sunday School Secretary, were introduced.

R. E. L. Morgan read report No. 1 of the Board of Education, recommending co-operation with the East Oklahoma Conference in raising \$60,000 for the endowment of a Chair in the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, recommending an assessment of \$1000 for the School of Theology and the observance of second Sunday in March as Christian Education Day, the collections on that day to be devoted to the establishment of a Chair of Pedagogy in the School of Theology. C. S. Wright, Vice-President of the University, pending the adoption of the resolutions, addressed the Conference. W. D. Bradfield, E. Hightower, Moss Weaver, H. J. Brown, E. R. Welch, W. D. Matthews, spoke. The report was adopted.

Under call of Question 22 the following made their reports and their characters were passed:

W. H. Roper, presiding elder Lawton District: 1000 conversions and additions to Church, a year of debt paying, 75 per cent charges overpaid on salaries, 75 per cent paid salaries.

J. B. Parr, of Cloud Chief: 40 conversions, 18 accessions, Church debt paid, \$2000 raised.

C. T. Davis, of Cordell: Some improvements, good revivals, 63 baptized, 45 received.

H. L. Shelton, of Davidson: Everything in full, 35 conversions.

W. B. Douglass, of Frederick: Some debts paid, collections paid.

J. W. Trevette, of Gotebo: Splendid year, 21 additions, collections and salaries in full.

W. J. Richards, of Grandfield: 23 additions, salaries and collections in full.

L. D. Hawkins, of Hastings: Presiding elder reported good year.

H. B. Ellis, of Hobart: Transferred to New Mexico Conference, T. E. Graham serving charge, good year, 64 accessions, salaries in full, 76 1/2 per cent collections paid.

H. A. Doty, of Wanoka, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He brought greetings from his Church. Bishop Morrison responded happily on behalf of the Conference.

A motion was made by C. F. Mitchell and R. S. Satterfield that the Bishop appoint a fraternal delegate to the Oklahoma Conference of the M. E. Church. The resolution was adopted.

C. C. Barnhardt read a paper on Methodist Unification. Motion to recommend and abridge prevailed.

Resuming the call of Question 22 the following made their reports and their characters were passed:

R. M. Templeton, Indian work: 11 accessions, collections in full.

J. W. Sims, of Lawton: Salaries and collections in full, 69 on professions, 129 accessions, Advocate put into hands of Official Board, \$2000 addition to church.

Cleveland Regan, of Loveland Circuit: 44 additions, 90 per cent collections paid.

F. M. Sweet, of Manitou: 27 additions, \$1749 raised, dedicated 1 church.

G. P. Rice, of Mountain Park: Presiding elder reported good year.

J. W. Cannon, of Randlett: 235 conversions, salaries and collections paid.

J. C. Sampley, of Rocky: Salaries paid.

C. M. Buttrill, of Snyder: 50 conversions, salaries in full.

J. T. McBride, of Temple: Finances in full.

W. E. Humphreys, of Tipton: Good year, 81 conversions, 51 additions.

S. E. Henderson, of Walter Circuit: 60 per cent collections paid, 42 additions.

E. M. Myers, District Evangelist: Good year.

Moss Weaver, presiding elder Mangum District: 1200 conversions, 18 charges paid salaries in full, good year.

W. U. Witt, of Altus: 50 conversions, 100 additions, finances full, \$17,000 subscription on new church.

Jesse Crumpton, of Blair: Finances in full.

N. U. Stout, of Brinkman: Good year, debt paid, assessments in full, 34 additions.

B. M. Nelson, of Walter: 40 conversions, 60 accessions, finances in full.

J. B. McCombs, of Carter: 15 conversions and additions to the Church.

Clarence Bounds, of Dryden: 45 conversion, 30 additions, debts paid, 95 per cent salary paid.

J. R. Brooks, of Duke and Red Hill: 50 conversions, 40 accessions, finances in full.

Wm. Harp, of Delhi: Good year, Church debt paid, 22 conversions and 40 accessions, claims in full.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung at this juncture, the Conference standing.

J. L. Gage, of Eldorado: 12 conversions, 23 accessions, salaries in full, claims slightly behind.

B. F. Taylor, of Elmer: Good year.

J. F. Hendry, of Granite and Willow: 25 additions, \$435 Church debt paid, salaries in full.

K. L. Rudolph, of Hedrick: 22 accessions, finances in full.

G. W. Lewis, of Hollis: Salaries in full.

J. B. McCance, of Lone Wolf: 100 conversions, 50 additions.

R. E. L. Morgan, of Mangum: 125 conversions, 98 additions, finances in full, \$10,222 raised for all purposes.

E. E. Grimes, of Mangum Circuit: Good year.

C. L. Canter, of Martha: Good year.

H. A. Stroud, of Olustee: 24 accessions, collections in full.

J. C. Morris, of Pleasant Hill: 35 additions, \$1700 raised for all purposes.

J. W. Martin, of Prairie Hill: 13 additions, finances in full.

C. A. Germany, of Sentinel and Port: 50 conversions, 46 additions, salaries and collections in full, 40 subscriptions to Texas Christian Advocate.

J. C. Scivally, of Vinson Circuit: Good year, 160 conversions.

I. F. Harmon, of Elk City Circuit: Gone to M. E. Church.

O. W. Stewart, President State School for Blind: Five years in this position, 21 years in work for blind, half million dollars invested, 104 blind boys and girls in the school, first graduating class this year.

D. V. York, Conference Missionary Evangelist: 540 sermons, 900 conversions.

W. M. Wilson, presiding elder Oklahoma City District: 18 charges paid salaries in full, few charges behind, fine Sunday Schools, League making progress, 800 additions, 1000 conversions.

The class of the second year was called and the following, having stood approved examinations, were elected to deacon's orders: S. E. Henderson, W. B. Gilliam, C. P. D. Mann, W. J. Richards, F. M. Sweet, Cleveland Regan, C. L. Cole, R. E. Regan, J. S. Sessums and C. C. Wilson.

J. H. Bridges and O. A. Morris passed approved examinations, but were already deacons. H. B. Ellis was not before the committee and was continued in the class of the second year.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" No one.

our Church at Shreveport, La., and Rev. S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Memorial Church, Rev. Fitzgerald S. Parker; General Secretary of Epworth Leagues; also Revs. J. O. Coppedge, E. R. Wallace and Dr. Hervey, visiting brethren, were introduced and recognized.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Bishop then called Question 1: "Who are admitted on trial?" Cicero B. Fielder, from Dallas District; Luther M. Manning and Robert E. Clifton, from Greenville District; Henry G. May, from Sherman District; Homer C. Minnis, from Sulphur Springs District; William F. Gilmore, from Wichita Falls District; Henry H. Breedlove, from Bonham District; Robert H. Jarrell and Royal L. Patton, from Decatur District.

Rev. E. R. Barcus, pastor Kelly Memorial, Tyler, was introduced and recognized.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" The names of the following were called, characters passed and, having stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the second year: W. H. Baker, G. W. Renfro, Frank Wilkinson, Geo. H. Brown, W. B. Simmons, Lewis N. Stuckey, Andrew O. Hood.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" No one.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" The names of the following were called, characters passed and, having stood approved examinations, were elected to deacon's orders: A. Wall, A. F. Smith, S. P. Farler, E. A. Drew, S. E. Pritchett, Gilbert Irwin. Names of W. H. Vail and H. H. Bain were called, characters passed and, not having been before the committee, were continued in the class of the second year. C. L. Satterfield's character passed, examination approved, but being already a deacon, was advanced to the class of the third year.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" The following were called, characters passed, examinations approved, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year: C. H. Russell, E. F. Lancaster, F. C. Adams, R. T. Breedlove, F. M. Richardson, J. J. Cooper, H. C. Hand, Geo. R. Slagle. Names of W. W. Johnson, J. W. Brown and L. F. Tannery were called, characters passed and, not having been before the committee, they remain in the class of the third year.

Under Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The name of H. L. White was called, character passed, and was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The names of the following were called, character passed, examinations approved, and they were elected to elder's orders: R. N. Huckabee, R. B. Curry, Guy F. Jones, Earl M. Jones, M. A. Stout, W. E. Barberee, E. L. Hufstutler, M. C. Sooter, W. F. Davis, E. J. Harris. The names of W. W. Barnett, C. M. Clark, W. E. Dale, W. B. Martin and R. W. Fischer were called, characters passed and, not having been before the committee, they remain in the class of the fourth year.

On motion of J. W. Hill, the hour of eleven o'clock was set as the time to select the place for the meeting of the next session of the Annual Conference.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Hubbard L. Sone and Chester Q. Smith from Dallas District; William H. Baker, from Greenville District; Lewis N. Stuckey and Martin L. Beck, from McKinney District; Isaac M. Payne, from Sherman District; Reginald J. Kiker, from Sherman District.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The following names were called, one by one, and their characters passed: A. P. Bradford, G. A. Lehnhoff, H. B. Chambers, T. G. Whitten, J. A. Wheeler, Rex B. Wilkes, W. R. McCarter, J. M. Sweeton, J. R. Wages, O. T. Rogers, H. K. Agee, A. T. Bridges, W. B. Byars, M. C. Dobbs, D. B. Doak, S. A. Barnes, S. R. Hay, W. J. Johnson, L. L. Cohen, G. M. Gibson, C. M. Simpson, O. S. Thomas, C. D. Montgomery, S. H. C. Burgin, C. O. Shugart, C. P. Combs, John M. Moore, J. J. Morgan, W. H. Brown, G. M. Maiden, I. S. Ashburn, L. F. Tannery, W. L. Tittle, M. R. T. Davis, G. B. Carter, C. B. Golson, L. E. Conkin, F. A. Crutchfield, P. S. Warren, H. M. Cosby, F. B. Wheeler, W. D. Sauls, A.

L. Andrews, M. P. Hines, G. W. Whisler, T. M. Kirk, J. W. Brown, A. P. Hightower, R. E. Porter, T. W. Preston, J. P. Humphreys, E. H. Casey, E. G. Roberts, E. L. Wright, E. B. Jackson, J. F. Holmes, C. B. Fladger, H. M. Cowling, G. C. French, L. C. Perry, C. W. Glanville, S. M. Black, J. H. Scrimshire, R. S. Kerr, N. W. Oliver, M. H. Read, S. L. Habern, C. W. Kavanaugh, W. D. Thompson, J. E. Roach, Alex Hubbard, C. N. Smith, R. P. Buck, A. F. Watkins, J. P. Rodgers, E. V. Cole, J. L. Johnson, E. A. Maness, J. F. Pierce, L. D. Shawer, P. R. Knickerbocker, W. C. Howell, J. F. Archer, A. R. Nash, J. O. Leath, J. B. Davis, A. F. Hendrix, R. C. Hicks, Minor Bounds, J. D. Thomas, W. H. Wright, W. T. Whiteside, M. L. Hamilton, J. W. Beckham, C. F. McKinney, K. R. Isbell, W. A. Pritchett.

Under the call of this question, the characters of L. P. Smith and W. D. Mountcastle were called and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary relation. H. A. Bourland's character was passed and his name referred to the same committee for the superannuated relation. The name of J. J. M. Binkley was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" No one.

Question 18, "Who are located this year?" P. S. Warren, at his own request.

Question 22 was again resumed. The characters of the following were passed and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation: S. L. Ball, H. M. Pirtle, J. A. Stafford, A. W. Gibson, G. H. Adams, J. R. Allen, G. F. Boyd, S. Crutchfield, I. N. Crutchfield, W. A. Coppedge, W. F. Clark, W. A. Edwards, R. S. Gorsline, L. W. Harrison, B. T. Hayes, J. N. Hunter, M. B. Johnston, J. A. Kerr, C. E. Lamb, Jas. McDougal, J. B. Minnis, S. W. Miller, J. H. Hunter, J. W. Murphy, John Moore, L. F. Palmer, J. H. Reynolds.

The names of R. N. Brown, I. W. Clark and W. H. Hughes were referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

Rev. S. S. McKenney and Dr. John M. Moore presented the cause of the Memorial Church at Washington.

A paper from the Virginia K. Johnson Home, at Dallas, Texas, was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Social Service.

Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" Sulphur Springs.

Dr. James A. Bray, Secretary of Education of the Colored Methodist Church, presented his cause to the Conference.

Revs. John A. Old and T. W. Lovell were elected to fill vacancies on the Joint Board of Finance.

It was announced that Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, would deliver an address on "Christian Citizenship" at three o'clock in Wesley Church.

Also that at the evening service the Educational Anniversary would be held, addressed by Bishop J. H. McCoy, Dr. R. H. Bennett and Dr. A. L. Andrews.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. S. McKenney.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

Bishop McCoy announced "A Charge to Keep I Have" as the opening hymn promptly at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, November 4. After singing, the Bishop read a part of the third chapter of Ephesians and Claude M. Simpson led in prayer. The Conference then sang "O for a heart to praise my God."

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

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was called one by one, characters passed, and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation: J. F. Sherwood, Lee Sanders, H. E. Smith, J. E. Vinson, J. C. Weaver, E. S. Williams, B. H. Webster, E. B. Thompson, C. C. Williams, F. A. Rosser, J. H. McLean, J. F. Alderson, I. A. Thomas, I. M. Woodward, J. W. Tincher, W. B. Martin.

Upon announcement of J. B. Gober that the collection raised by Bishop McCoy for Wesley College, at the Educational Anniversary Friday evening, amounted to \$4631, immediately increased the subscription to \$5500.

Just at this juncture Bishop E. E. Hoss unexpectedly appeared in the

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The Bishop resumed the call of Question 22 and the following made their reports and their characters were passed:

W. C. Driskill, of Geary: Good year. T. J. Durham, of Arcadia: Good year, everything in full. W. L. Anderson, of El Reno: Everything in full, debts paid. B. C. Perry, of Blanchard: 34 additions, 60 conversions, salaries in full. R. A. Brigham, of Franklin: Good year. C. K. Proctor, of Guthrie: Transferred. J. S. Sessums, of Lexington: Salary 91 per cent paid, collections paid, 12 additions. F. L. Einsel, of Minco: Good year. A. B. Carson, of Noble: 16 additions, finances in full. H. E. Snodgrass, of Norman: Served Norman part of year, reported some remarkable conversions, at St. Jones rest of year, 50 additions, finances in full. C. T. Sheppard, of Cave, Oklahoma City: Transferred. C. C. Barnhardt, of Epworth, Oklahoma City: Sunday School fine, 178 average attendance, 53 additions, finances in full. R. L. Ownbey, of St. John's, Oklahoma City: Salaries in full, net loss in membership 6, 25 received into Church. Frank Barrett, St. Luke's, Oklahoma City: 225 accessions, finances in full, invites the Conference to St. Luke. A. L. Williams, of Paoli: 33 additions, finances in full. R. S. Satterfield, of Paul's Valley: 20 conversions, 41 accessions. J. D. Massey, of Perry: Everything in full. R. H. Denny, of Piedmont: Salaries in full, collections in arrears, additions 35. T. G. Peterson, of Purcell: 58 members from M. E. Church, good year, 71 additions in all. J. S. Lamar, of Stillwater: Small membership, salary in full, 85 per cent collections paid, \$2900 in subscriptions for new church. Wilmore Kendall, of Weatherford: 70 additions, finances in full, good year. W. T. Currie, of Wheatland: Served charge part of the year. W. A. Shelton, Professor in Emory University: 15 months in Chicago, now at Emory, serious sickness in family during year, 80 now in attendance at Candler School of Theology, 1127 enrollment for year. W. D. Matthews, State Commissioner of Charity and Correction: Laborious year, has supervision over every eleemosynary and penal institution in State, Socialists 54,000 strong in Oklahoma. Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Clarence Bounds. The name of J. D. Massey was referred for the supernumary relation, on motion of W. M. Wilson. The hour for adjournment having arrived, the usual announcements were made. Dr. W. A. Shelton was announced to preach at 7:15 p. m. After the singing of the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by H. A. Doty.

THIRD DAY.

After the service of prayer, Bishop Morrison called the Conference to order at 9 o'clock Friday morning, November 3.

The Secretary of the Conference read the minutes of yesterday's session, and, after minor corrections, they were approved.

Under Question 22 the names of the following were called. They made their reports and their characters were passed: J. Ward Nelson, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, St. Louis; 83 conversions at meetings, 63 accessions to various Churches. M. M. Monk, Chaplain Masonic Home, asked for some appointment. W. J. Moore, Sunday School Field Secretary: Good year. Dr. H. C. Tucker, Brazil; C. W. Myatt, C. A. Clark, E. A. Dawson, James Lambert, East Oklahoma Conference; J. E. Matlock and C. E. Statham, Central Texas Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

R. E. L. Morgan introduced a resolution concerning an educational campaign in Oklahoma in behalf of the Wesleyan College. The resolution was adopted.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" Francis D. Grover and Edgar L. Young, Clinton District; C. M. Armstrong, Mangum District. Question, 2 "Who remain on

trial?" The following, who have stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the second year: Clarence Bounds, Robert A. Brigham, Robert H. Davis, Thos. J. Durham, L. F. Einsel, W. E. French, I. R. Graham, F. C. Harrell, Alvin E. McClesky, T. J. Melton, R. E. Powers, J. M. Kemp, A. L. Williams, R. M. Templeton and J. C. Stampiey. R. E. Meggs and G. P. Rice, having failed to pass approved examinations, were continued in the class of the first year. Question 3, "Who are discontinued?" C. L. Cole. The class of the third year was called and the following, having stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the fourth year: C. M. Buttrill, F. M. Miller, M. M. Monk, E. E. Grimes, J. B. McCombs and F. L. Giles. The following, having failed to pass approved examinations, were continued in the class of the third year: B. C. Perry, K. L. Rudolph and K. C. Proctor. The class of the fourth year was called and the following having passed approved examinations, were elected to elder's orders: A. F. Carson, C. A. German, W. C. Webb, J. D. Kidd, N. U. Stout, J. W. Cannon and F. C. Steele. The following, having failed to pass approved examinations, were continued in the class of the fourth year: T. E. Neal and E. H. Driskill. Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" R. M. Templeton, J. M. Woodbridge. Dr. H. M. DuBose, Book Editor, was introduced and addressed the Conference, outlining vigorously the mission of the Review. Rev. H. C. Tucker, thirty years in Brazil, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He spoke of our two Annual Conferences in Brazil. He spoke specifically on the work of the American Bible Society in Brazil. He spoke also of the need of Bibles among our soldiers on the Mexican border. The Bishop announced "All Hail the Power." The Conference stood and sang. Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He spoke strongly of the educational requirements for entrance into our ministry, of the educational loan fund and of ministerial supply and training. He urged the raising of \$60,000 for Chair in Southern Methodist University. R. E. L. Morgan offered a resolution touching the establishment of a Methodist Orphanage in Oklahoma. Pending the adoption of the resolution, C. A. Clark, of the East Oklahoma Conference, addressed the Conference. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote. The usual announcements were made. The Anniversary of the Board of Missions was announced for 3 p. m. Dr. Ed F. Cook was announced to preach at 7 p. m. and was introduced to the Conference. Dr. H. M. DuBose was announced to speak on Asbury, Saturday, 7 p. m. The doxology was sung and Dr. H. M. DuBose pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Bishop Morrison read Psa. 15 as the devotional lesson Saturday morning and C. F. Mitchell, presiding elder Chickasha District, led in prayer. The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday's session and they were approved. G. S. Brown, in place of M. A. Beeson, was announced present from the Oklahoma City District. Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" Wm. J. Land. Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" E. Binford (Texas Conference), T. R. Clendenning and G. L. Gilbert (Tennessee Conference), T. E. Cannon (North Texas Conference).

Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" No one. Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" J. F. Graham, from Freewill Baptist Church. Question 9, "Who are deacons of one year?" F. M. Miller, E. E. Grimes, J. B. McCombs, F. L. Giles, C. M. Buttrill, M. M. Monk. Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Clarence Bounds. Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" J. D. Kidd, N. N. Stout, E. C. Cole, T. C.

Conference room. He was escorted to the rostrum and was received with an ovation. Question 22 was resumed. The name of H. B. Johnson was called and character passed. Question 18, "Who are located this year?" H. B. Johnson at his own request. The Conference ordered that the assessment for printing the Journal be so increased as to include the stenographic expense in the trial of H. B. Johnson. Resuming Question 22, the character of S. M. Ownby was passed and his name referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumary relation. The character of E. L. Spurlock was passed and his name referred to the same committee for the supernumary relation. The name of J. W. O'Bryant was called, character passed, and was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church. Under Rule 11 the report of the Board of Education was read and laid on the table. Motion prevailed that when the Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 2:15 p. m. Resolution offered by O. S. Thomas prevailed relative to when and where to send moneys raised for the benevolences. Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" Arthur S. Eggner, recommended by the Terrell District Conference, and having certified to his accord with the doctrines and polity of the M. E. Church, South, was by vote admitted from the Presbyterian Church of the United States. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, and H. A. Boaz, President of Texas Woman's College, were presented and addressed the Conference. Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was called. C. L. Satterfield, A. Wall, S. P. Farler, E. A. Drew and Gilbert Irwin were called before the bar of the Conference and, having answered satisfactorily the disciplinary questions, they were unanimously admitted into full connection. The Conference sang one verse of "Blest be the tie that binds," while the Bishop extended the right hand of fellowship in the name of the Conference. Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" E. L. Naugle. Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" B. A. Moores, an elder from the Church of the Nazarenes. Report No. 1 of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read by S. H. C. Burgin. To this report L. Blaylock, S. H. C. Burgin and W. C. Everett spoke. Report of the Joint Board of Finance was read by T. L. Huffstutler and, under Rule 11, laid on the table. Among other announcements made, it was announced that J. H. McLean would lead the Love Feast on Sunday morning; also, that S. C. Riddle would preside at the Memorial Service. The doxology was sung and the Conference stood adjourned with benediction by J. H. McLean.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 2:15 p. m., John M. Moore in the chair by the appointment by the Bishop. "Come thou fount of every blessing" was sung and L. P. Smith led in prayer. The appointed hour having arrived, Geo. C. French read Report No. 2 of Board of Education and, under Rule 11, was laid on the table. As a matter for filing with this report, W. T. Whiteside read report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Report No. 2 of the Board of Education was adopted item by item. Under its consideration, the Conference heard Caspar S. Wright, Vice-President Southern Methodist University, who presented the cause of S. M. U. G. M. Gibson read report of the Committee on Social Service, which was adopted. The name of H. S. Cosby was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumary relation. At this juncture Bishop McCoy took the chair. The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read and adopted. R. A. Burroughs, Superintendent of the Orphanage at Waco, spoke to the report. E. W. Alderson made a touching

statement concerning H. K. Agee's inability to move to a point in the West Texas, where he was transferred on account of his wife's health. The Conference paused in its proceedings long enough to lay \$128.55 on the table. J. F. Pierce was elected to fill vacancy on the Board of Missions. Report of Committee on Conference Relations was read and adopted. (See Questions 19 and 20 Condensed Minutes.) G. M. Gibson read a resolution on Church Unification and it was adopted. In the name of the preachers of the Sherman District, J. F. Archer presented R. G. Mood, the retiring presiding elder, with a handsome Bible. Brother Mood responded in tender words. Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet in business session at 7:15 and in Memorial Session at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon. After announcements were made, the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction by T. G. Whitten.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and prayer by J. F. Alderson, Bishop McCoy called the Conference to order. The question changing the Constitution so as to make district and conference lay leaders ex-officio members of the Annual Conference was submitted by Bishop McCoy. On the question as to how the vote should be taken, on suggestion of D. F. Fuller, and by common consent a "yea and nay vote" was ordered. The debate was spirited and sharp. Among those taking part were J. H. McLean, C. M. Harless, R. C. Dial, A. C. Andrews, John M. Moore, Geo. C. French, C. L. Bounds, J. W. Hill and C. A. Spragins. In order that he might have the right to vote, the Bishop called Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Paul A. Kern, an elder from the Tennessee Conference. On the call for a vote, and upon the call of the roll, name by name, the result was as follows: Yea, 70; nay, 93. Thus, by a majority of 23, the North Texas Conference entered its protest against this change in the Constitution. The needs of J. D. Whitehead were stated to the Conference by R. G. Mood and a collection taken, amounting to \$55. A. D. Porter made his report as Agent for the Bible Chair in the State University. The Committee on Temperance submitted its report and it was adopted. The Board of Church Extension submitted its report and it was adopted. After announcements, and on motion, the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction by J. H. McLean.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

It is a happy coincidence—two of the great Texas Conferences will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary this month. The Central Texas Conference will hold its great jubilee session in Waxahachie, and now the North Texas has rounded out her full fifty years. They have been years of toil and sacrifice, out of which has come to us an heritage rich in the glories of the past. During all these fifty years the North Texas Conference has had only nine Secretaries. Rev. W. C. Young, now an honored local preacher in Dallas, was the first, having served in that capacity for five consecutive years—1867-71. A good Providence has spared his life, and he is present at this session. We wonder if the like can be found in all Methodism! The North Texas, since the days when it was the old Trinity (1867), has been blessed with the visitation of great Bishops. McTyeire four times, Doggett twice, Wightman twice, Marvin twice, Keener three times, Kavanaugh twice, Pierce twice, Parker twice, Hargrove four times, Galloway twice, Wilson three times, Key three times, Haygood once, Hendrix twice, Duncan twice, Granbery once, Candler three times, Hoss three times, Murrar once, Mouzon three times, and McCoy three times. Of these twenty-one Bishops only seven are living—Wilson, Key, Hendrix,

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Steele, J. W. Cannon, A. B. Carson, C. A. German.

Question 16. "What local preachers are elected elders?" R. M. Templeton, J. M. Woodridge.

Question 19. "Who are supernumerary?" W. A. Dickey, W. A. Randle and D. E. Shaffer.

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

Question 21. "What preachers have died during the year?" Walter Scott Burns.

Question 22. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" M. M. Monk, Chaplain Masonic Home; 70 conversions, 70 accessions to Churches. Character passed.

Question 1. "Who are admitted on trial?" Lee Roy Matlock, Wm. Clyde Rhea.

The Bishop called Questions 23-52 and they were answered as follows:

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 130; members, 29,347.

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?

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?

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 385.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1648.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 92.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2676.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 243.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2214.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 26,840.

33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of preachers? \$6057.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4800.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5967; Home, \$7380.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$3529.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$1722.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$248.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$14,710; preachers in charge, \$86,390.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1130.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Societies, 333; houses, 200.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$617,849; indebtedness, \$86,050.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Charges, 130; parsonages, 116.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$124,660; debt, \$8666.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Districts, 5.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness?

47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storms, and what was the amount of damage? Number, 15; amount, \$4380.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$420,618; losses sustained, \$4380; premiums paid, \$2811; losses collected, \$4045.

49. What are the educational statistics?

50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 250; Conference Organ, 1323.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? Leader, G. S. Whicker.

52. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Clinton.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

W. L. Clark read the report of the Committee on Lay Activities, nominating G. S. Whicker, of Olustee, as Conference Lay Leader. The report was adopted.

Question 18. "Who are located this year?" J. N. Tinkle, H. L. Mauldin.

T. Edgar Neal read the report of the Committee on Temperance, reciting the remarkable prohibition progress throughout the whole world. Pending the adoption of the report Judge Laughbaum, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the Conference. The report was adopted unanimously.

At this juncture a collection was taken for J. D. Massey, who was superannuated at this session of the Conference.

C. C. Barnhardt read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, endorsing the Publishers' Jubilee Campaign for the Texas Christian Advocate, goal 1323 new subscribers. Pending the adoption of the report Bishop H. C. Morrison and W. D. Bradfield addressed the Conference. The report was adopted.

The class for admission into full connection was called to the chancel, as follows: J. H. Bridges, S. E. Henderson, W. B. Gilliam, C. P. D. Mann, W. J. Richards, F. M. Sweet, Cleveland Regan, C. L. Cole, L. D. Hawkins, R. E. Regan, J. S. Sessums, C. C. Wilson and O. A. Morris.

Bishop Morrison addressed the class. Be sure you are called of God and, having put your case in the hands of God, take your hands off. Learn to preach and you will not learn that by reading sermons. Your individuality is the basis upon which you must do your work. Don't undertake to preach like somebody else. Be yourself. You will learn to preach by getting close to God and using the Bible as it is. Get, if you can, a knowledge of the Hebrew and the Greek, but don't tell the folks about it. Learn to preach. Determine the subject upon which you are to preach. go to the Bible and to God for help. You can't preach unless you keep close to God. Without God we can do nothing, and we have preachers in our pulpits who spend their time doing nothing just for this reason. Get the best commentaries. Above all, keep close to God. In honor prefer one another. Don't get uneasy for fear you and your children are going to starve. God will not call a man to go where he himself will not go. Daniel in the lion's den slept better than the king. Go to your work to do something, not to leave it as you found it. "I do not believe God ever called to me to go and call somebody else to do my work." The evangelist often leaves a gulf between you and the people. After this strong address the Conference voted the class into full connection.

Professor John Wesley Gilbert, of Paine College, was introduced and addressed the Conference. "I am your black sheep," he said. He spoke of the splendid co-operation between the blacks and the whites in the South. He paid a beautiful tribute to Bishop Capers, founder of missions to the slaves. Paine College has graduated more than 500 negroes. Not a graduate of Paine College has ever been convicted of crime. He brought tears to many eyes as he told of his journey with Bishop Lambuth to Africa. A collection was taken for Paine College, \$63.75.

N. A. Phillips read the report of the Board of Church Extension. W. M. Wilson offered an amendment providing for the appropriation of \$2500 toward the building of a church at Stillwater.

At this juncture a motion was made to have an afternoon session at 2:30 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

The usual announcements were made. Dr. H. M. DpBose was announced to speak at the school building at 7:15 p. m. The pastor announced the Sunday services. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Morrison.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened at 2:30 o'clock, R. E. L. Morgan in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. The Conference sang "All Hail the Power" and C. H. Armstrong led in prayer.

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

Discussion of the pending question

Candler, Hoss, Murrah, Mouzon and McCoy.

Though only in his seventh year in the episcopacy, Bishop McCoy comes to the North Texas Conference for the third, and these years consecutive. Denison in 1914, Bonham in 1915, and Greenville in 1916. On every hand there are evidences that no Bishop could be received with greater joy.

In the fifty years' history of the Conference eighteen places have been the host. Jefferson, Longview, Texarkana, Bowie and Clarksville one time each; Denton, McKinney, Honey Grove, Denison and Wichita Falls two times each; Terrell and Gainesville three times each; Sulphur Springs, Sherman and Bonham four times each; Paris and Greenville five times each; Dallas seven times. But the air up here is freighted with the general expression—Greenville is the best ever!

This goodly metropolis of Hunt County has entertained the North Texas Conference five times. In 1881, Bishop Kavanaugh President, H. A. Bourland Secretary; 1889, Bishop Key President, C. I. McWhirter Secretary; 1898, Bishop Galloway President, J. Marvin Nichols Secretary; 1908, Bishop Candler President, R. G. Mood Secretary; 1916, Bishop McCoy President, R. G. Mood Secretary.

For a half century the roll has been called. In all these years only nine different Secretaries have called that roll. They are: W. C. Young five times, W. A. Shook seven times, S. J. Hawkins twice, H. A. Bourland three times, E. C. DeJarnett five times, C. I. McWhirter nine times, J. Marvin Nichols four times, J. E. Roach once, and R. G. Mood fourteen times. In all these years of faithful service North Texas never had one more capable and painstaking than Robert Gibbs Mood. Fourteen years are the witness. He seems to be a fixture in this important and oftentimes thankless job. But he is appreciated—and deservedly so.

It is of interest to North Texas in particular, and to Texas Methodism in general, to note just now that Bishop James Henry McCoy, D. D., was born in Blount County, Alabama, August 6, 1868. He was, therefore, in his forty-ninth year. He is a son of the late Rev. W. C. McCoy, D. D., who was a member of the North Alabama Conference from its organization until twenty years ago. He graduated from Southern University in 1889, taking the degree of Master of Arts. That fall he joined the North Alabama Conference and was in the pastorate fifteen years; afterwards President of Birmingham College; then editor of the Alabama Advocate. He was elevated to the Episcopacy at the General Conference which met in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1910. On December 31, 1895, he was happily married to Miss Annie Bradley. Bishop McCoy comes to this Conference under the shadow but triumphant translation of this great and good woman. He makes his home in Birmingham, Alabama.

In the natural process of the time-limit, three new presiding elders are to get a new robe and shoes on their feet. It will be at the killing of the fatted calf. At the Conference held in Denton, in 1900, Bishop Candler presided. He announced that no four-year presiding elder would get a district. There were many cuts to the pie that year. At the love feast on Sunday dear old Brother Binkley, a presiding elder, set the phrase-pace that morning. Seeing the things set before him, he said: "I'm glad I've got a home in heaven." Sensabaugh, Hood and Harless must go this time. And whose shall these things be?

R. G. Mood, retiring presiding elder of Sherman District, reports as follows: Five hundred and seventy conversions, six hundred and sixty-six additions, but figures show a net loss of about twenty-five owing to the fact that several Church rolls have been straightened up, two Churches alone dropping 347 names which ought to have been taken off the roll some years ago. Present membership in the district is about 7000. Two new churches, much indebtedness paid. Property in the district worth about \$265,000 with about \$30,000 indebtedness. There are about fifteen specials for missions carried in the district. Salaries nearly all out, conference collections about 75 or 80 per cent paid,

far better showing in all financial lines than last year, total raised for all purposes \$57,141. Work of Sunday Schools, Leagues and Women's Societies have made splendid progress. The district was awarded a loving cup by Southern Methodist University for having raised the largest per cent of subscriptions of any district in the State. The preachers have all done hard and faithful work and have shown me the keenest sympathy and heartiest co-operation. I turn the district back to the Conference, I hope, in as good shape as it came into my hands.

Wednesday morning, just before the convening of the Conference, the Commerce Brass Band was "all unbeknowns" stationed in front of the church. They did, then and there, and for reasons sufficient, render music for the delectation of the brethren and sisters from the forks of the creek. It is generally conceded that the coming of this brass band, just at this particular time, is Gulliver's opening wedge in his strenuous campaign for nomination as clerical delegate to the coming General Conference. This election will take place at the session of 1917. Rumor has it that the said Gulliver proposes to "toot his own horn." And it was some toot! And while the sweet strains regaled our ears, Gulliver paraded. And it was some pee-rade!

Tuesday evening, at 7:30, the Conference met to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the North Texas Conference, Dr. John H. McLean presiding. It was a joyous and reminiscient occasion. After singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," Rev. W. C. Young, Secretary of this Conference just fifty years ago, led in a fervent prayer. R. G. Mood then read a short sketch of all the charter members at the organization of 1867. Dr. McLean was the speaker of the hour. The "Grand Old Man" was at his best, and plainly revealed that his bow yet abides in strength.

That was a happy impromptu response made by Dr. Sam A. Hay to the address of welcome. During his racy speech he related an incident between his colored janitor and himself. Dr. Hay was a little piqued over the fact that the Advocate had not published his news item when a generous Fort Worth party gave \$10,000 to Dr. McMurry's Loan Fund. And he so told the janitor. "Lookie heah," said the good old darkey, "don you go an blame Dr. Bradfield for not foolin wid a little thing like dat. He sho am settlin wurl questions." And the Conference roared—for they had caught the vision.

The reports made by the presiding elders indicate advancement along all lines of activity in the Conference. Looking at the results from any angle, throughout the eleven districts, it has been a year of refreshing and remarkable growth.

O. F. Sensabaugh gave the following facts concerning Dallas District: Members received, 1655; total in four years, 6933. Total paid pastors, \$27,772; net increase in four years, \$10,182; average salary, \$1621; average per member, \$14.80. Total for all purposes, \$121,261; total for all four years \$536,795. All leading Churches out in full. Four new parsonages bought or built. Church and parsonage debts either paid or provided for. New churches built: Oak Lawn, Oak Cliff, Cockrell Hill, Wheatland and Munger. "The Dallas Merger" agreed upon.

L. E. Birdsong, the efficient Teller of the Conference, announces: Total amount collected in 1915 was \$56,000. Total amount collected in 1916 was \$68,385.05. This presents an increase of \$12,385.05. Truly old North Texas has done herself honor this year!

W. J. Blutworth, Nevada, says: A gracious revival, 74 conversions and reclamations. A full Sunday School, and salaries all paid in full, an awakening throughout the whole Church.

We are greatly indebted to Miss Florence Dial, Mrs. Asbury Hamilton, DeJarnett Uphergrove and "Uncle Jim" Anderson for this bit of Greenville Methodist history: "In 1848 a lone horseback rider came to the log cabin of Ben Anderson, about four miles northeast of Greenville. He had tied to his saddle two long pistols of the pattern of that early day, and thrown across his horse was saddle-

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was made the special order for 3 o'clock.

C. T. Davis read report No. 2 of the Board of Education. Pending the adoption of the report Professors G. H. Smith, of the State University, was introduced and addressed the Conference. After much discussion the report was adopted.

Discussion of the amendment to the report of the Board of Church Extension was resumed. J. S. Lamar spoke to the situation at Stillwater, where we have a congregation of ninety members and the M. E. Church a membership of some 500. J. Y. Callahan urged that our people go ahead with their enterprises without reference to the outcome of the movement for unification. T. S. DeArman, a member of the Board of Church Extension, was extended the courtesies of the floor and addressed the Conference. He thought our Church should withdraw from Stillwater. W. J. Moore moved the previous question and it was ordered. The amendment was lost by a vote of 38 to 52. The report was adopted.

E. R. Welch read the report of the Sunday School Board, recommending that the second Sunday in March be set apart for collections in the Sunday Schools for the establishment of a Chair of Pedagogy in the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University. The report was ordered abbreviated.

J. G. Blackwood read the report of the Joint Board of Finance. The report carried a resolution authorizing a campaign for the superannuate members of the Conference. The report was adopted.

A motion to adjourn prevailed. After announcements the Conference sang the doxology and W. D. Bradford pronounced the benediction.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS ON UNIFICATION.

Whereas, Our General Conference of 1910 instructed its Commission on Federation to "further, as far as consistent and practicable, a closer relation between ourselves and the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and other Methodist bodies;" and,

Whereas, Acting upon this instruction, the Commission, after long and prayerful conference with representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church, brought to the General Conference in 1914, at Oklahoma City, a plan for the Unification of American Methodism by reorganization; and,

Whereas, The General Conference of 1914 declared by unanimous vote its belief that unification upon the basis of the suggestions offered in this plan is both feasible and desirable and made provision for further negotiations with representatives of the Methodist

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Episcopal Church looking to the perfecting and carrying out of the plan; and,

Whereas, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Saratoga, N. Y., in May last also took action declaring its belief in the feasibility and desirability of unification suggesting, however, a somewhat different plan to that proposed by the Joint Commission; and,

Whereas, the said Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church appointed a Commission of twenty-five to act with a like Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with a view of bringing about unification upon some basis; and,

Whereas, Our Commission on Federation has responded to this action by appointing a Commission of twenty-five to confer with the Commission appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and,

Whereas, This Joint Commission is called to meet in Baltimore December 28, 1916, for the consideration of the important matters committed to it, therefore be it resolved,

1. That we note with pleasure the friendly feeling existing among the different bodies of Methodists in Oklahoma, which is manifesting itself in suspension of some church enterprises in all representative bodies.

2. That we shall most heartily welcome such Unification of Methodism as will conserve all vital interests of our Church and redound to the glory of God and promote American Methodism in this new State.

3. That we recognize with devout gratitude the growing spirit of fraternity among the various branches of Methodism throughout the United States and the increasing desire for a closer fellowship and more vital and effective co-operation.

4. That we agree with our General Conference that unification upon the basis of the plan proposed by the Commission on Federation is both feasible and desirable. We recognize the fact that serious difficulties have been injected into the problem of unification; but in view of the vast importance of the issues involved we do not think these difficulties should be pronounced insuperable until everything possible has been done to overcome them, and to find terms of agreement that will command the hearty approval of the membership of all the branches of Methodism in the United States.

5. That we remind our people that our interests are in the hands of twenty-five loyal Southern Methodists, among whom are Bishops, ministers and laymen; and that our General Conference and our Annual Conferences must by legal majorities ratify the action of the Joint Commission before they can become effective; and that we exhort them to wait with calmness and confidence the final issue, not permitting themselves to be disturbed by needless fears or driven to hasty action or uncharitable conclusions.

6. That we are profoundly convinced that neither party to the pending negotiations desires unification for any selfish motive or in order to further any scheme of ecclesiastical ambition, but that each is promoted solely by interest in the great cause to which all are devoted. Each respects the others, and it is inconceivable that either should desire in any way to harm or dishonor or seek the advantage of the others. Each is seeking Divine guidance in its efforts to bring about, if possible, such an adjustment of relations as shall make American Methodism a more efficient agency in building up the Kingdom of God; and whatever may be the outcome, only good can result from our negotiations if we fail not in Christian charity.

7. That we pledge ourselves to unite with Nation-wide Methodism in earnest prayer that the members of the Joint Commission, being purged of every unworthy motive and desiring only that which is well pleasing to our Heavenly Father, may be so guided by the Holy Spirit that they shall reach conclusions that will command Divine approval.

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THE GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

The twenty-third session of the German Mission Conference convened at East Bernard, Texas, October 18, 1916. Promptly at 9 o'clock the Hymn No. 209 in "Crowns" was sung and Rev. Robt. Moerner, presiding elder of the Eastern District, led in prayer. Bishop H. C. Morrison announced Hymn No. 230, "How Firm a Foundation," and led in prayer. He then read Psalm 103 and made some very appropriate and instructive comments.

F. W. Radetzky, Secretary of the last conference, called the roll, and most of the preachers of the conference answered to their names.

F. W. Radetzky was elected Secretary and R. Gammenthaler as Statistical Secretary.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were set from 9 a. m. to 10:45 a. m., and the bar of the conference was fixed.

The committees, on recommendation of the presiding elders, were elected.

Communications from the Board of Church Extension, Board of Education, Corresponding School of Theology, Sunday School Board and Epworth League Board were referred to the appropriate committees.

The report of the Educational Committee was read to the conference and referred to the Board of Education.

The Bishop called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The presiding elders made their reports, their characters passed. The Bishop asked the presiding elders if there were any complaints against any member of the conference. There being none, the characters of the preachers were passed.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the conference was dismissed by the benediction.

At 11 o'clock Brother F. Mumme, a superannuate, preached a fine sermon, and at night Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, delivered a deep and interesting sermon.

SECOND DAY.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Rev. H. W. Weise read the twenty-third Psalm and led in prayer. Bishop Morrison announced Hymn No. 623 and led in a fervent prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of Wednesday's session and they were approved. Several communications were referred to the appropriate committees.

Dr. T. N. Ivey was introduced and addressed the conference on "Christian Literature."

Dr. R. H. Bennett was introduced and spoke on "Ministerial Support and Training."

The "Anniversary of the Mission Board," to be addressed by Dr. W. W. Pinson, was announced for 7:30 p. m. He took for his theme, "Methodism and Missions." It was a thrilling address, plain and simple, so that even the Germans who were present were able to understand him.

The Bishop submitted at this time the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the ex-officio membership of the Conference Lay Leader and District Leader in the Annual Conference. The vote was unanimous in favor of the amendment.

Several announcements were made and Dr. Ivey pronounced the benediction.

At 11 a. m. Rev. H. O. Lausch preached a very inspiring sermon.

bags which contained his Bible. He was clothed in buckskin, and is said to have presented a most picturesque figure. Then there were only eleven families in Hunt County, and never a sermon had been preached in its borders. But this man proved to be a Methodist circuit rider, Ben Graves by name, and during that visit he preached in the Ben Anderson cabin the first sermon ever delivered in this county, and at the same time organized a Methodist class of four, of whom Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were half of the number."

Rev. J. F. Pierce, Travis Street, Sherman, says of his year's work: Good revival, 105 additions. All claims paid in full, with two specials for missions. Amount raised during year, \$17,500. Sunday School enrollment, 890; raised in Sunday School, \$796.75. Women's Societies (2) 143 members, amount collected \$2025.60. Two Leagues, with 101 members, contributed \$175 to missions.

Who in all North Texas does not know "Charlie" McWhirter? And who does not love him—and who could not but love him? Religious through and through, accurate in detail—a great, big sunny soul. He will double s die shouting. He is a familiar figure among the brethren. We snatched this from his diary: 1874—Joined by certificate and elected steward, paid \$40 for support of the ministry and \$10 for conference collections annually. July 10, 1876—Licensed to preach (forty years ago) and preached first sermon July 14, 1876 in Wesley Church, T. E. Sherwood, presiding elder. 1889—Elected Annual Conference Secretary, Bishop Key presiding. 1898—Released from the position of Secretary by request, no opponent for nine years and no vote against re-election. Since 1899—As local elder and at one time held the official position of Steward, Recording Secretary and Church Secretary, now trustee. And we add: He is an honored and useful local preacher in the Greenville District. When he goes to glory, hundreds will be waiting at the Beautiful Gate.

J. L. Morris thus reported Paris District: Conversions, 962; additions, 751; total amount expended, \$42,882. There are 18 charges; 9 paid everything in full; 14 paid salaries in full. Eighty per cent of the collections paid.

C. M. Harless, retiring presiding elder of the Greenville District, had by far the banner report. He said: Conversions, 900; additions, 1088. Leagues, 30; raised by Leagues, \$1109.50; raised by Sunday Schools, \$3426; raised by Woman's Societies, \$5678. Raised for repairing church buildings, \$9342; repairing parsonages, \$684; for S. M. U., \$1500; for T. W. C., \$3317. For pastors, \$17,040; presiding elder, \$2840; other purposes, \$17,075.60. A grand total of \$61,523.35.

The Conference is fortunate in being held in Greenville—a hustling, progressive little city of some fourteen thousand souls. And it looks like they are all boosters! When a conference bumps into a Greenvilleite he begins on the spot to boost the town, the county—he wants to talk about the Churches, the schools, the stores, the black land, the moral atmosphere. And Greenville is delightfully situated. The genial Chamber of Commerce told us that the city is located on the divide between the fertile black waxy land which extends west some forty miles and the alluvial black loam to the east. The country surrounding and tributary to Greenville is unquestionably the most fertile "spot" in the great Lone Star State. It is always a question of tributary lands. The farms are the great and abiding support of the cities and towns. Here is a "black country" of the richest kind, great in area, in diversity of resources, and in charm of climate; it needs nothing save to be better known in order to attract population. Possibly no city in the State spends more time or money for the betterment of the surroundings, agricultural condition and the encouragement of the farmer than does Greenville. No wonder these are a happy people and their hospitality boundless!

In the name of the lay delegates and pastors of Greenville District, C. A. Spragins, in a delightful speech, presented C. M. Harless a splendid overcoat. Brother Harless has spent

four year on the district, each better than the one before, until she stands at the head of the list. He responded in words of deep tenderness. R. C. Dial offered a resolution highly commending the labors and victories of Brother Harless.

In one of his morning talks Bishop McCoy made much of the phrase, "Threshold Religion." That is to say, when we meet a man in the big outside world we want to find that same man when we go into his home. The very thought ought to bring us to a sudden pause.

When C. M. Harless, the retiring presiding elder of Greenville District, made his report, he mentioned each pastor, name by name, and presented them with a handsomely bound volume of the Hymnal. He also presented one to Bishop McCoy. Greenville District holds the record—out in full on everything in every charge.

F. C. Adams, Emberson Circuit: 140 conversions, 108 additions, all assessments paid, one church repaired and one projected.

Rev. L. S. Barton, of Boston Avenue, Tulsa, Okla., spent a few days among the brethren. He has had a fine year and all North Texas loves old man Barton.

J. Sam Barcus, in making his report of the Wichita Falls District, said that they had 700 conversions. Growth in League, Sunday Schools and Woman's Missionary Work. Nearly all church debts paid. Four churches dedicated, one on the Electra Circuit at Barwise, Rev. Gilbert Irwin, pastor; two on the Wichita Circuit, Rev. M. P. Hines pastor, and one at Iowa Park, Rev. P. S. Warren, pastor. A \$20,000 church begun at Henrietta under the leadership of F. A. Crutchfield. A new parsonage procured for the Electra Station and for the Electra Mission. A district parsonage purchased in Wichita Falls. Fifteen pastoral charges with salaries in full and a splendid increase in conference collections. Two men licensed to preach, one to exhort, and one young woman in Scarritt Training School. Peace and harmony prevail everywhere and a determination to make next year the best yet.

Greenville is fast becoming an educational center. The city of Greenville has four modern brick ward school and a new \$100,000 High School, with the latest modern equipments and departments of education, and is said to be one of the most modern High Schools in the State. In addition to these public schools Greenville has the Wesley College located in the southern part of the city, and its dormitories and other buildings attract such local attention that it is fast becoming a most desirable residential suburb. Burleson (Baptist) College, located on the western side of the city, has enjoyed such a successful enrollment for the many years past that it has become a fixed enterprise among the educational institutions. Peniel (Holiness) University, with its complete surroundings, forms the suburb on the northern edge of the city, linked with the city by regular street car service.

Everybody knows Florence Dial. Splendidly, not missing a service, did she report the Conference for the local daily press. She knows the art. The truth is, Miss Florence isn't happy unless she's where Methodism is on the go. All the Leagues in Texas know her. She is an '11 graduate of the School of Expression in Clarendon College, and a '16 Home Mission Course graduate of Scarritt Bible and Training School. Has much experience as pastor's helper, and evangelistic helper in fifteen revivals. For two years she was Second Vice-President of the N. T. C. E. L. This consecrated girl is the oldest daughter of R. C. Dial and wife of Greenville. Who does not love Florence Dial?

The Chamber of Commerce told us that Greenville has the largest cotton compress in the world, the largest refinery in the South, and one of the largest oil mills in Texas. That's going some for a little city of fourteen thousand!

Commerce Station: M. D. Abernathy, President of the Board of Stewards, tells us that at the beginning of the conference year the stewards set a high mark and have worked to it in season and out of season. The first thing they did was to in-

THE GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

His text was from John 8:12, "I am the Light of the World." Thursday was given entirely to the Laymen's Movement. Promptly at 9 o'clock Rev. H. F. Vordenbaumen opened the exercises of the day with a prayer and praise service.

At 9:30 Brother J. H. Bohmfalk took the chair. An interesting and appropriate program was rendered. Quite a number of laymen and one laywoman addressed the congregation. The Laymen's Movement is doing fine work in the conference.

Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" was called. Rev. F. W. Radetzky nominated (Bering Memorial) Houston, and W. D. Wiemers nominated Mason. Mason was chosen. Rev. C. A. Lehmborg moved that Mason be made unanimous, and the motion prevailed.

Revs. H. P. Hensch and H. Hempel, directors of the Waco Orphanage, handed in their resignations. Rev. P. H. Hensch asked the conference that W. D. Wiemers and C. H. Hempel be elected to fill the vacancies. The conference accepted their resignations and granted the request.

Brother John H. Bohmfalk was elected Conference Leader. Rev. E. Hightower addressed the conference on "Sunday School Teachers' Training," etc.

Rev. W. T. Gray spoke in behalf of

Waco Orphanage. Dr. R. H. Bennett addressed the conference on "Ministerial Support and Training." Prof. Rudolph Cleberg spoke in behalf of Southwestern University. Dr. H. M. Whaling delivered an address on "Southern Methodist University."

Rev. C. A. Lehmborg moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to 4 p. m. The motion prevailed. After various announcements the conference was dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Whaling.

Promptly at 4 p. m. Bishop Morrison announced a hymn, and, after singing, he led in prayer.

The question that had not been asked during previous sessions, except the 53 questions, were now asked and answered by the Statistical Secretary.

The different boards and committees read their reports and they were adopted as read.

F. A. Grote, a member of the Board of the Preachers' Aid Fund, handed in his resignation. It was accepted. Charles Grote was elected to fill his place.

The conference adjourned until 7:30 p. m. and was dismissed by the benediction.

At the appointed time Rev. J. C. Reifschneider read the Scripture, announced a hymn, and, after singing, led in prayer. He then addressed a large audience. He spoke of the Immigration Station at Galveston and the mission work carried on there.

Bishop Morrison introduced Rev. Hawk, who delivered a strong address on "Prohibition."

The Bishop called the conference to order. F. W. Radetzky read the minutes of the afternoon session and were approved. After a short talk, Bishop Morrison called Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" He then read the appointments of the preachers.

Sunday morning Bishop Morrison preached an inspiring sermon. His theme was "Prayer."

At 3 p. m. Rev. J. A. G. Rabe preached in German. At night Rev. E. A. Konken delivered a strong sermon.

During the conference session a Conference Epworth League and a Woman's Home Mission Society were organized.

W. D. WIEMERS, Reporter.

PRAYER VS. ARGUMENT.

Mr. Wesley wrote one of his faithful preachers that he had given much valuable time to argument which should have been given to prayer.

We need the exhortation repeated in this day. What we call our "problems" become more acute and come to be incapable of solution in the heat of mere debate, but readily yield themselves to easy solution amid the prayer life of a Church contingent claiming as its only right the high privilege of knowing the will of God.

We, who are appointed shepherds of the flock of God, will do well to keep ourselves in the apostolic succession by daily striking the high note of Paul's ministry as indicated in the following: "For this cause we also, since the the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness, giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins," etc.

If a happy solution of some serious questions is to be accomplished we shall need to pray much and argue little.

Good men differ in their conclusions, not because they have a different understanding of the premises upon which the argument is to be grounded, not because one is a better logician than another, but for the reason the viewpoint of the one differs from that of the other.

How much mere argument will it require to bring into agreement the German and the Briton burrowed deep in the trenches of modern war? Only prayer is left. That soldiers and others praying seems to be Europe's

hope of peace this side of sheer exhaustion.

How many dissertations written touching the decisions of supreme courts will it require to bring into fellowship those who rejoiced on account of the Vanderbilt decision and those who regretted that ruling of the court of last resort?

Good men differ about this matter and heated argument now can only result in widening the breach in Christian fellowship and rendering less efficient the service of those who give themselves to it. It carries with it as well the possibility of a wide disturbance among our people such as shall make most difficult the constructive and promising tasks to which the Church has set itself.

It would be a pity for Satan to make off with the kernel while we are contending about the shell. The shell is important. It encases the kernel. It protects it from frost and vermin and hence sustains a very vital and necessary relation to it, but he who holds an empty shell can never feed a starving man.

The same principle may be applied to the problem of "union" now so prominent in the mind of millions of Methodists.

It is indeed gratifying to read from the pen of our own editor, Dr. Ivey, of the Christian Advocate (Nashville), this statement about the Saratoga Conference, which recently passed the "Unification Resolution," "The spirituality of the conference impressed me."

But for that the resolutions never could have passed with such unanimity. We have only entered upon the beginning of the deliberation necessary to any sort of agreeable union of the two Episcopal Methodisms of the world. By prayer, and not by argument, we may hope to proceed.

If we are to debate the question, one will boldly assert that the things which divided us are no more; another will join you, Mr. Editor, in the belief that "the seventy-two intervening years have in no measure obliterated the differences which divided us in 1844." (Advocate, June 1, page 8).

If we are to debate the differences of the past rather than prayerfully determine the possibility of more efficient service of the kingdom of God

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

You Joint Board of Finance has received for the benefit of our conference claimants the following amounts: From Texas Christian Advocate... \$153.00 From Publishing House... 488.00 Income from Linn Fund... 800.00 Interest from Superannuate Endowment Fund... 407.00 From Colvin Fund... 20.00 Total... \$1313.00

Leaves to be appropriated among the claimants \$1819.72 Which amount we appropriate as follows: Rev. G. H. Adams... \$250.00 Mrs. R. N. Brown... 200.00 Mrs. D. T. Brown... 150.00 Mrs. M. A. Black... 100.00 Mrs. U. B. Bayless... 150.00 Rev. G. F. Boyd... 150.00 Mrs. J. W. Blackburn... 150.00 Rev. I. N. Crutchfield... 275.00 Mrs. S. S. Cobb... 75.00 Rev. W. F. Clark... 285.00 Rev. W. A. Coppedge... 250.00 Mrs. I. W. Clark... 150.00 Rev. S. Crutchfield... 25.00 Mrs. W. R. Davis... 100.00 Rev. W. A. Edwards... 225.00 Rev. R. S. Gorsline... 175.00 J. H. Hunter... 100.00 J. N. Hunter... 25.00 Mrs. Emma Hawkins... 100.00 Mrs. Ana Haislip... 100.00 Rev. B. T. Hays... 275.00 Rev. I. W. Harrison... 125.00 Rev. M. B. Johnson... 275.00 Mrs. W. R. Jacobs... 100.00 Rev. J. A. Kerr... 60.00 Mrs. M. A. Lewis... 130.00 Rev. I. W. Murphy... 50.00 Rev. John Moore... 150.00 Mrs. W. S. May... 150.00 Rev. J. E. Mims... 284.00 C. Moore's Children... 150.00 Rev. J. A. Stafford... 150.00 Rev. S. W. Miller... 250.00 Mrs. T. L. Miller... 100.00 Rev. James McDougald... 225.00 Rev. C. E. Lamb... 275.00 Rev. L. F. Palmer... 275.00 Mrs. Geo. T. Nichols... 50.00 Mrs. Sallie Peel... 125.00 Mrs. T. R. Pierce... 200.00 Rev. H. M. Pirle... 150.00 Mrs. J. R. Randall... 150.00 Rev. F. A. Rosser... 300.00 Mrs. J. C. Simpson... 125.00 Mrs. Mattie Smith... 200.00 Mrs. T. E. Sherwood... 150.00 Mrs. W. A. Stephenson... 100.00 Rev. Lee Saunders... 250.00 Mrs. A. T. Safford... 125.00 Mrs. F. M. Sherwood... 150.00 Mrs. W. M. Robbins... 125.00 Miss Henrietta Read... 150.00 Miss Lula Weaver... 150.00 Mrs. H. H. Vaughn... 150.00 Rev. I. C. Weaver... 200.00 Mrs. Ino. S. Davis... 150.00 Rev. J. E. Vinson... 250.00 Rev. W. B. Martin... 150.00 Rev. J. H. McLean... 300.00 Rev. J. F. Alderson... 300.00 Mrs. G. C. Rankin... 175.00 Rev. S. L. Ball... 100.00 Rev. H. E. Smith... 50.00

Total \$11,819.00 Contingent Fund \$1313.30 Rev. J. D. Whitehead \$275.00 Rev. B. M. Ownby 275.00 \$ 550.00 Balance in Reserve Fund \$763.30

E. W. Alderson, Bonham District. Good meetings and good reports, finances in full except the benevolences, 90 per cent up; advance of \$1000 in salaries in the entire district; Leagues, Missionary Societies and Sunday School interests in good condition.

D. K. Porter, Gainesville District. Organization of work in splendid condition; accessions 687, splendid revivals, six new Leagues, six men licensed to preach, \$605 Sunday School special to missions, salaries almost in full, 51 Sunday Schools.

A handsome traveling bag was presented to O. F. Sensabaugh by the pastors of Dallas District and its laymen present as a token of appreciation for his four years' work in Dallas District. Sam R. Hay, in his own inimitable manner, made the presentation speech. Dr. Sensabaugh's expression of thanks showed his tender regard for his co-laborers.

L. E. Conkin, of Electra, perhaps holds the record. He held six revivals and reported 751 conversions.

J. W. Clifton wins the banner. We doubt if Greenville Mission has a parallel—five flourishing Leagues, and all in the country. Old "J. W." is a worthy son in the house of "Uncle Wash," of blessed memory in these parts.

SEE ELSEWHERE FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

by the union of the continued separation of the Churches, what fellowship may we hope to have either in the processes of argument or any so-called agreement that may be reached?

I am aware that we of the South must forgive much. I preached my first sermon near the spot upon which one of our most consecrated men was mercilessly beaten and left for dead. Indeed he never again could speak in audible notes. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," is the solvent for that ill.

Let us raise no suspicion that our Northern brethren bring with them some notion of the powers of the General Conference to which we believe they are bound by a chord so strong as to permit of no agreement twist them and ourselves.

Let us be led by the Spirit, as our chief editor believes the brethren at Saratoga were led, and whether we have "union" or no, we may all continue "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

To those who pray, rather than to those who argue, is this unity and this peace possible.

D. EMORY HAWK. San Marcos, Texas.

UNEARTHING SECRETS OF BURIED CITIES.

There were apartment houses in Imperial Rome. One of these buildings was discovered during the past year at Ostia, according to reports presented before the Boston Society of the Archeological Institute of America. The house was built around an interior court and had at least

three stories, the upper floors being reached by means of outside stairways. The archeological discoveries of the past year have been remarkable. In the fifth campaign of Americans at Sardis, in Asia Minor, the foundation wall of a long stoa which bounded the sacred precinct around the Temple of Artemis was brought to light, and near it, undisturbed Lydian layers which go back to the ninth century B. C. At Corinth some well preserved statues of great interest were discovered, two of them having been identified as portraits of Gaius and Lucius Caesar, the grandsons and adopted sons of Augustus. The work of the excavators at Jerusalem has been closed for the present, as it has been deemed wise that all Americans leave the country, so that doubtless little will come to light for some time from early Biblical scenes. The excavators at work at Pompeii have been restoring the facades of houses already cleared, although a number of new houses have been partially brought to light also. The most striking of the latter was a house with an extensive cryptoporticus. The walls of it were stuccoed, and decorated with scenes from the "Iliad" and the "Aethiopis." There has been unusually activity during the year in Central America, most extensive work being undertaken in the southwest to investigate the Pueblo of Pecos. Gradually, through these devoted and skillful archeologists, in various parts of the world the early history of mankind, long lost, is being rewritten. There are no more fascinating pages than those that come out of the archeological discoveries.—Zion's Herald.



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WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

See Elsewhere for Further Proceedings of West Oklahoma Conference.

SIXTH DAY.

The Conference convened Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Bishop Morrison read the twenty-third Psalm after a season of song and prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Saturday afternoon session and of the Memorial Session and, after minor corrections, they were approved.

Question 11, "What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?" Chas. Lee Cole, Sidney Earl Henderson, William Gilliam, Cleveland Regan, William Jay Richard, Robert Emmett Regan, Jacob Solomon Sessums, Frank Mott Sweet, Clinton Chas. Wilson.

Question 15, "What traveling preachers are ordained elders?" Jesse Warren Cannon, Charles Albert German, Joshua Dodd Kidd, Alfred Burns Carson, Nathan Uarda Stout, Earnest Cecil Webb, Thomas Cullen Steele.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Clarence Bounds.

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" Robert Marten Templeton, John Marshall Woolridge.

Bishop Morrison recalled to the chancel the class to be admitted into full connection and propounded to them the Disciplinary questions, which inadvertently were omitted at the time of their admission.

E. R. Welch presented the abbreviated report of the Sunday School Board and it was adopted.

E. R. Welch introduced a resolution commending the Texas Woman's College and asking that the pastors co-operate with this college. Pending the adoption of this resolution H. K. Taylor addressed the Conference. The resolution was adopted.

W. H. Roper read the report of the Committee on Nominations. The report was adopted.

E. M. Meyers was located for inefficiency by vote of the Conference.

E. R. Welch introduced a resolution expressing sympathy for Sister J. D. Salter in the loss of her father. The resolution was adopted by rising vote of the Conference.

L. H. Fullingim read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The report was adopted.

C. T. Davis read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. The report was adopted.

A. M. Miller read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society, recommending that on Sunday, December 10, sermons be preached in commemoration of the one hundredth Anniversary of the Society. The report was adopted.

L. U. Stout read the report of the Committee on Epworth Leagues. The report was adopted.

T. S. Johnson moved the reconsideration of the amendment to the Church Extension report whereby it was voted that the new enterprise at Stillwater be not undertaken. Bishop Morrison spoke to the question and the amendment was reconsidered. T. S. Johnson, W. D. Matthews, A. M. Miller, W. T. Freeman, Wilmoore Kendall.

The previous question was moved and the previous question was carried.

W. M. Wilson, speaking for the Chairman of the Board, closed the debate. The amendment was adopted.

N. A. Phillips introduced a resolution concerning the Washington City Church. The resolution provides a subscription of \$2000 for that Church. Pending the adoption of the resolution Rev. S. S. McKenney, representing the Washington City Church, addressed the Conference. The resolution was adopted.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" S.

E. Matlock, an elder from the Central Texas Conference.

Bishop Morrison submitted the proposed amendment concerning the ex-officio membership of lay leaders in the Annual Conferences. The vote stood: For, 96; against, 3.

J. L. Gage read the report of the Board of Missions, showing a total raised for missions last year \$13,932.39. The total assessed for missions for the coming year \$18,994. The report was adopted.

C. C. Schlotterbeck read the report of the Board of Trustees of Superannuate Homes. The report was adopted.

Wilmoore Kendall read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. The report was adopted. It was a remarkable report.

W. L. Anderson tendered his resignation as Conference Teller. It was accepted.

H. E. Snodgrass, W. B. Douglas, L. L. Cohen, C. H. Armstrong, M. T. Allen, S. Y. Algood, W. H. Roper were appointed Commissioners for the Washington City Church.

C. F. Mitchell nominated C. C. Barnhardt as Conference Teller. M. F. Sullivan was nominated by G. W. Lewis. M. F. Sullivan was elected.

W. J. Moore offered the Conference Resolutions of Thanks. The preachers' wives present offered a resolution of thanks also. The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

After a motion was passed to adjourn sine die, the Secretary read the minutes of the morning session and, after minor corrections, they were approved.

Bishop Morrison spoke appropriate words. "Mouth-shutting grace is one of the chief graces." "When I go into the chair I am a Bishop, because I am obliged to be; when I get out of the chair I am a Methodist preacher because I want to be." "When you quit, quit," said he to the outgoing pastors. "God has allowed me to see 8000 conversions in my pastorate and gives me an occasional conversion now."

The Conference sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" and Wilmoore Kendall led in a fervent prayer.

Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?"

MINUTES

Of the Sixth Session of the West Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Beginning November 1, 1916, Ending November 6, 1916. Bishop H. C. Morrison, President; R. S. Satterfield, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Lawton, Oklahoma.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Delett Francis Grover, Edgar L. Young, Corbett Manfree Armstrong, Leroy Matlock, William Clyde Rhea.

2. Who remain on trial? J. M. Kemp, R. E. Meigs, G. P. Rice, Clarence Bounds, R. A. Brigham, R. P. Davis, I. T. Durham, F. L. Einsel, W. E. French, R. S. Graham, F. C. Harrell, A. A. McClesky, T. J. Melton, E. R. Powers, A. L. Williams, R. M. Templeton, J. C. Sampley.

3. Who are discontinued? No one.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? J. H. Bridges, C. L. Cole, W. B. Gilliam, S. E. Henderson, C. P. D. Mann, O. A. Morris, Cleveland Regan, R. E. Regan, W. J. Richards, J. S. Sessums, T. M. Sweet, C. C. Wilson.

5. Who are readmitted? William Jay Land.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? Eugene Bernford, elder; T. R. Clendenin, elder; G. L. Gilbert, deacon in fourth year; T. E. Cannon, elder.

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

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? J. F. Graham, elder, from Freewill Baptist Church.

9. Who are deacons of one year? C. M. Buttrill, F. L. Giles, E. E. Grimes, J. B. McCombs, F. M. Miller, M. M. Monk and B. C. Perry who remains in the class.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Chas. L. Cole, Sidney E. Henderson, Cleveland Regan, Robert E. Regan, W. J. Richards, J. S. Sessums, Frank M. Sweet, Clinton C. Wilson, William B. Gilliam.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Chas. Lee Cole, Sidney E. Henderson, Cleveland Regan, Robert E. Regan, W. J. Richards, J. S. Sessums, Frank M. Sweet, Charlton C. Wilson, William B. Gilliam.

12. What local preacher are elected deacons? Clarence Bounds.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? No one.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. W. Common, A. B. Carson, C. A. German, J. F. Kidd, N. U. Stout, E. C. Webb, T. C. Steele.

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16. What local preachers are elected elders? R. M. Templeton, J. M. Woolridge.

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

18. Who are located this year? C. L. Cole, J. N. Tinkle, H. L. Mauldin.

19. Who are supernumerary? W. A. Dickey, W. A. Randle, D. E. Shaffer, H. J. Brown, J. K. Florence, R. H. Grinstead, J. T. Hall, J. W. Kizziah, M. D. Long, J. D. Massey, F. C. Mayberry, P. T. McWhorter, W. P. Meador, J. I. Methvin, W. M. P. Rippey, J. A. Rowan, W. M. Spain, R. P. Witt.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? Walter Scott Burns, deacon on trial in the second year.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? See list.

23. What is the number of local preachers

and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 130; members, 29,347.

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? Not answered.

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? Not answered.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 385.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1648.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 92.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2676.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 243.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2214.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 26,840.

33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6057.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4800.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5967; home and conference, \$7380.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$3529.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$1722.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$248.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$14,710; preachers in charge, \$86,390.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1130.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 333; number of houses of worship, 200.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$617,847; indebtedness, \$86,050.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 130; number of parsonages, 116.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$124,660; indebtedness, \$8666.

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

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Not answered.

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, 15; amount of damages, \$4380.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$420,618; losses sustained not answered; premiums paid not answered; collections on losses not answered.

49. What are the educational statistics? Not answered.

50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? Not answered.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? G. S. Whicker, Olustee, Okla.

52. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Clinton, Okla.

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

ARDMORE DISTRICT.

J. D. Salter, Presiding Elder. Ardmore, Broadway—R. E. L. Morgan. Carter Avenue—W. T. Freeman. Mission—R. I. Graham. Berwyn Circuit—W. M. Rhea. Davis—R. E. Regan. Elmore Circuit—J. F. Hendrey. Hickory Circuit—Eugene Binford. Joiner Circuit—L. R. Jones. Leon Circuit—Frank Graham. Lone Grove and Wilson—F. L. Giles. Marietta—W. W. Armstrong. Overbrook Circuit—H. P. Robinson, supply. Pauls Valley—C. F. Mitchell. Ringling and Loco—J. J. Shaw. Stratford-Byers—J. G. Blackwood. Sulphur, First Church—W. A. Govett. Vinita Avenue—C. H. Armstrong. Thackerville Circuit—E. R. Powers. Whitehead—Charles Mann. Woodford Circuit—L. H. Fullingim. Wynnewood—B. T. Lannon.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

R. L. Ownbey, Presiding Elder. Alex—J. D. Kidd. Chickasha Mission—J. J. Bearden. Chickasha—L. L. Cohen, Jr. Comanche—C. Throgmorton. Corum—T. H. Ward. Ducean—W. M. Wilson. Erin Springs—A. L. Barrett, supply. Lindsay—C. M. Buttrill. Marlow—O. A. Morris. Maysville—E. H. Driskill. Minco—F. L. Einsel. Rush Springs—J. W. Cannon. Ryan—C. A. German. Terral—Clarence Bounds. Tuttle—C. C. Williamson. Verdun and Pocatote—A. B. Waldrep. Waurika—J. L. Gage. Woodlawn Circuit—J. C. Calhoun. Student in Yale University—C. S. Walker. District Evangelist—J. T. Armstrong, supply.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

W. L. Anderson, Presiding Elder. Arnett—Cleveland Regan. Berlin—F. D. Grover. Bethel—G. A. Gilbert. Butler—F. M. Miller. Port—T. C. Cannon. Cheyenne—W. B. Gilliam. Clinton—N. A. Phillips. Cloud Chief—W. C. Driskill. Cordell—C. T. Davis. Custer City—W. J. Stewart. Elk City—M. T. Allen. Erick—T. R. Clendenin. Foss—E. L. Young. Hammon—T. C. DePew. Leedy—W. J. Land. Rocky—J. C. Sampley. Sayre—T. C. Steele. Sentinel—E. C. Webb. Tangier—R. P. Davis. Weatherford—Wilmoore Kendall; W. A. Randle, supernumerary.

HOOKER DISTRICT.

H. B. Wilson, Presiding Elder. Boise—H. B. Henderson. Texhoma—T. E. Neal. Goodwell—W. E. French. Hooker—S. Y. Allgood. Tyrone—T. J. Taylor. Liberty—C. M. Armstrong. La Kemp—F. C. Harrell. New Hope—R. E. Meigs.

LAWTON DISTRICT.

J. W. Sims, Presiding Elder. Alfalfa—A. A. McClesky. Altus—W. U. Witt. Anadarko—J. S. Sessums. Binger—J. W. Williams, supply. Cement—L. D. Hawkins. Davidson—M. F. Sullivan. Elmer—G. P. Rice. Frederick—W. B. Douglass. Grandfield—J. H. Bridges. Hastings—F. M. Sweet. Headrick—N. U. Stout. Indian Work—R. M. Templeton. Lawton—R. S. Satterfield. Manitou—T. J. Melton. Mountain Park—J. B. Parr. Randlett—G. W. Hooper. Snyder—G. R. Wright. Temple—J. T. McBride. Tipton—W. E. Humphreys. Walter—B. M. Nelson. Conference Missionary Secretary—J. W. Sims. Interpreters—Kicking Bird, Delos Lonewolf, Clyde Cocoa. Student Yale University—A. L. Scales, Lawton O. C. District Evangelist—E. M. Myers.

MANGUM DISTRICT.

J. S. Lamar, Presiding Elder. Blair—Jesse Crumpton. Brinkman and Deer Creek—J. C. Scivally. Carnegie—C. C. Wilson. Carter—H. L. Shelton. Dryden—Wm. Hart, supply. Duke and Red Hill—J. B. Matlock. Eldorado—G. W. Lewis. Gotebo—J. W. Trevette. Granite and Willow—J. R. Brooks. Hobart—T. E. Graham. Hollis—J. O. Peterson. Lonewolf—J. B. McCombs. Mangum—W. H. Roper. Mangum Circuit—J. W. Martin. Mountain View—J. B. McCance. Olustee—H. A. Stroud; W. A. Dickey, supernumerary. Pleasant Hill and Bethel—J. C. Morris. Prairie Hill and Vickery—E. E. Grimes. Vinson Circuit—H. C. Gulledege. Martha—C. L. Canter. President School for the Blind, Muskogee—O. W. Stewart. Conference Missionary Evangelist—D. V. York, Eldorado.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

M. L. Butler, Presiding Elder. Arcadia and Wheatland—R. A. Brigham. Blanchard and Washington—R. H. Denny. El Reno—Moss Weaver. Franklin—B. C. Perry. Guthrie—R. A. Crosby. Lexington—R. O. Callahan. Noble—A. B. Carson. Norman—E. R. Welch. Oklahoma City, C Avenue—W. J. Richards. Epworth—J. L. Henson. St. Johns—T. G. Peterson. St. James—A. M. Miller. St. Luke's—Frank Barrett. Paoli—A. L. Williams. Piedmont and Geary—T. J. Durham. Purcell—H. E. Snodgrass. Stillwater—C. C. Barnhardt. State Commissioner Charities and Corrections—W. D. Matthews. Sunday School Field Secretary—W. J. Moore. Professor Emory University, Atlanta—W. A. Shelton. Y. M. C. A. Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.—J. Ward Nelson. Chaplain Masonic Home, Darlington, Okla.—M. M. Monk.

ORPHANAGE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the State of Oklahoma has no Orphanage, and

Whereas, The ever-increasing number of orphan children in the State demands that the Church recognize and assume its obligations to help provide for these unfortunate children; therefore be it resolved:

First: That we believe the time has now come when we can no longer, with credit to ourselves, and in justice to those having claims upon us as a Church, postpone some effort to provide for the establishment of a Methodist Orphanage in the State of Oklahoma.

Second: That a Board of Trustees, composed of five members of this conference be appointed, on the nomination of the presiding elders, to inaugurate plans and secure funds for the establishment and maintenance of a Methodist Orphanage in Oklahoma, and to hold in trust any and all gifts, bequests or donations of money or property that may be secured for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therewith such Methodist Orphanage.

Third: That the aforesaid Board of Trustees be and are hereby appointed as a Commission to meet with a similar Commission of the East Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to consider, as a joint commission, the question of the establishment and maintenance of an Orphanage under the joint supervision and control of the East and West Oklahoma Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Fourth: That the said Board of Trustees, acting as a Commission, is hereby authorized and empowered to represent and act for this conference in any plans that may be agreed upon by the said joint commission for the establishment of the said Methodist Orphanage.

Provided, That no debt shall be created herein by this conference by any act of said Commission nor any assessment levied against it, except as the conference may authorize. (Signed) FRANK BARRETT R. E. L. MORGAN.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

See Elsewhere for Further Proceedings of North Texas Conference.

FIFTH DAY.

The Conference Love Feast began Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, led by Dr. J. H. McLean. The day came in without a cloud and the air was as balmy as in the springtime. No wonder, then, that from start to finish the spirit of the hour was great. It has been many years since we have seen spiritual fervor at such high tide. It pitched enthusiasm on a high key.

The vast audience sang the old song, "A Charge to Keep I Have," after which the venerable W. C. Young led in a prayer of great power. After singing "Children of the Heavenly King," Dr. McLean read the latter part of Jude as a lesson. The congregation was then served with bread and water. Then began a blessed series of the most remarkable testimonies we have heard in years. This delightful season was closed with prayer by that saintly and much loved man, J. F. Sherwood.

At 11 o'clock, Bishop McCoy preached from the text found in Isa. 40:31. We are accustomed to hearing Bishop McCoy preach great sermons, but this was greater than them all. He swayed the congregation with the hand of a master. It was an hour of sweet and holy manifestation of the divine Presence.

After the sermon, the Bishop ordained the following to deacon's orders: A. Wall, S. P. Farler, E. A. Drew, W. H. Baker, L. N. Stuckey, M. L. Beck, I. M. Payne and E. L. Naugle.

MEMORIAL SESSION.

Promptly, at 3 p. m., the Conference was called to order in Memorial Session, S. C. Riddle in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop. Among the oldest members such a long list of translated brothers and sisters is not remembered. And it is a remarkable fact that none of them were under seventy years of age.

Question 21 was called, "What preachers have died during the year?" J. M. Binkley, R. N. Brown, I. W. Clark and W. H. Hughes. As is the custom of the North Texas Conference the deaths of preachers' wives was called for. They are: Mrs. L. A. Kidd-Key, Mrs. R. G. Rainey and Mrs. Samuel Weaver.

After singing "Amazing Grace," D. F. Fuller led in prayer. J. F. Pierce read the ninetieth Psalm; P. C. Arner, the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians. The Memorial Hymn, "Servant of God, well done," was read by W. D. Mountcastle. Appropriate and prepared memoirs were read in each case and many personal tributes offered.

Sunday evening, Brother Harrison Baker, a theologian in Southern Methodist University, conducted an interesting League in which many took part. R. G. Mood, the preacher for the hour, announced Hymn 437, after which M. L. Hamilton led in prayer. A solo, "In That Bright City," was rendered by R. E. Huston, and had great effect on the congregation. Brother Mood preached an effective sermon, using as a text Gen. 12:1, 2, which was followed by the ordination of elders. J. F. Pierce read the Epistle; M. L. Hamilton, the Gospel. The Bishop, assisted by W. D. Mountcastle, J. H. Reynolds and O. S. Thomas in the imposition of hands, ordained the following elders: R. N. Huckabay, R. B. Curry, G. F. Jones, E. M. Jones, M. A. Stout, W. E. Barbaree, T. L. Huffstutler, M. C. Sooter, W. F. Davis and E. J. Harris.

SIXTH DAY.

The Conference was called to order Monday at 9 a. m., November 6. A. L. Andrews in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop. "Jesus, lover of my soul," was sung, after which W. D. Mountcastle led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the four previous sessions which, after corrections, were adopted.

Rex B. Wilkes read the report of the Epworth League Board, which was followed with a speech by Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary.

Geo. C. French introduced a resolution condemning promiscuous bathing at the Texas Methodist Assembly, which was adopted.

W. T. Whiteside was put in the place of T. H. Morris, one of the Commissioners for North Texas Female College.

O. S. Thomas stated the afflictions of C. L. Crowson and family and a collection of \$81.60 was taken to relieve them.

Reports on Sabbath Observance.

Lay Activities, Superannuate Endowment Fund, the Washington City Memorial Church, American Bible Society, Sunday School Board, District Conference Records, and a Resolution of Thanks were read and adopted.

L. Blaylock and C. A. Spragins were elected as Commissioners of the Million Dollar Superannuate Endowment Campaign in Texas. E. W. Alderson was elected to take the place of A. L. Andrews as examiner of the class of the third year and director of the Summer School of Theology. S. H. C. Burgin was elected to take the place of D. H. Aston on the Board of Education.

The chair called for answers to Questions 23-50 which were given by the Statistical Secretary. (See Condensed Minutes.)

After singing "Children of the Heavenly King," and an earnest prayer by J. H. McLean, the Bishop called Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" (See Appointments.)

And thus passed into history one of the happiest, the most prosperous, and the most spiritual sessions of the North Texas Conference held in years.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

(See elsewhere for Additional Notes.)

While no publicity was given to it, yet we chance to know that Rev. C. L. Bowen, of Richardson Circuit, presented to Bishop McCoy a gavel of great historic interest. Last summer Mrs. John Rowland, of Richardson, visited the old home country. She brought back with her a block taken from one of the old pillars that supported the balcony in the old Rehobeth Church, in Union County, West Virginia. It was built in 1785, and was dedicated by Bishop Asbury in 1786. The "Prophet of the Long Road" rode 160 miles on horseback, from Georgia to West Virginia, to meet that engagement. The gavel was turned out of the ancient block by Chas. Trapagan, of Richardson. We had the gavel in our hands and felt a sacred awe in its presence.

R. B. Bryant, Sulphur Springs District: Built three churches and three parsonages. Have had 1500 conversions and 1000 additions. Seventeen young men have surrendered to a call to preach. Ten charges paid salaries in full, and five charges the collections in full.

E. H. Crandall, Renner Circuit: Served this charge last three months of the year in place of E. H. Coburn, who had to resign on account of sickness. Conference collections paid and salaries overpaid.

J. D. Thomas, Howland: 61 conversions, 36 additions. Everything in full, with an excess in salaries.

H. H. Bain, Rely Springs Circuit: 165 conversions, 168 additions, one new church building, conference claims short, but pastor's salary paid. Pastor and wife remembered with new suit.

Under great disadvantages—drouth, and other and greater hindrances—Rev. J. L. Sullivan and his people, on the Bryson and Jermyn Charge, Decatur District, have had a remarkably good year; good meetings, repairs, furnishings, etc. While all assessments are far from "in full," more than \$2200 is reported for all purposes.

J. P. Rodgers, Pottsboro and Preston: Built church at Preston worth \$1500 in two months and paid for it and had left in treasure \$65. Furnished church at Pottsboro begun last year. Collections in full and salary only \$50 short.

During the conference the big-hearted citizens treated the preachers and delegates to a sight-seeing trip over Greenville. Over one hundred automobiles were at the church Thursday to take the visitors to Wesley College where President Green and the faculty were keeping open house. About 500 men and women availed themselves of this opportunity to meet the teachers and see the students and property. All three buildings were thrown open for inspection, the senior class acting as ushers. In the reception hall Misses Phelps and Mann welcomed the guests, and boys and girls in the halls answered questions. Every visitor seemed delighted at the conditions and conduct of the school. President and Mrs. Green were host and hostess for Wesley College the

same evening to the Board of Education, presiding elders of the conference and Methodist pastors of the city at a six o'clock dinner, which was one of the delightful occasions of the conference. Covers were laid for the faculty and students and fifty guests. After dinner speeches were made by Dr. E. W. Alderson, Revs. R. F. Bryant, W. A. Stuckey, Dr. Bennett, of Georgia, Dr. Boaz of Texas Woman's College, Dr. Bishop of Southwestern University, Rev. J. O. Leath of Kidd-Key College, Prof. Williams of the College of Industrial Arts, Hon. C. A. Leddy and Dr. A. L. Andrews. The keynotes of the speeches were the conference campaign to be conducted for Wesley, the great opportunity of the student body, and greetings from other bodies, all interspersed with wit and humor. The student body lived the early moments by yells for the conference.

O. T. Rogers, Trenton Circuit: The past year has been a successful one on this charge. Rev. J. K. McMillan has rendered faithful service as junior preacher this year. A new church building is projected for Blanton Chapel. The church at Trenton has been beautified within and without with electric lights, new paper, velvet carpets, at an expense of \$312. Salaries in full and all assessments in full with \$117 in specials for Foreign Missions and \$169 in specials for education.

W. B. Simmons, Annona Charge, in the two years' service has received 12 whole families, almost 30 heads of families and increased the membership of the Church almost fifty per cent.

Rev. Warren T. Whiteside, who has served Lamar Church, Paris, three years, came to conference with a report that does honor to a fine Christian congregation that has manifested a loyal spirit of appreciation both to the Church and their able pastor whose heart pulsates with in unison and with deep love for his flock. This mutual appreciation of pastor and flock is reflected in the splendid report he makes, showing that in spite of the great fire, general financial depressions and other causes that so often militate against church collections, he reported \$1018 raised for benevolences and all other Church and conference assessments paid in full, and a net increase in the membership of his Church and Sunday School. He possesses in a considerable degree some of the elements advocated by early day Methodism, especially those of study and industry, and his congregation appreciating these attributes in their pastor were encouraged and stood back of him and were ready to co-operate with him in the cultivation of the "Master's vineyard."

The Missionary Anniversary was a great occasion and many were turned away from the church which was full before the hour. The song service was inspiring and included a solo by R. E. Huston, song evangelist. Dr. John M. Moore, President of the Conference Board of Missions, presided and introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, Secretary of the General Board of Missions, whose address was on "Methodism and Missions," a history of the inseparable connection of missionary activity and Methodism.

That was a beautiful incident when Rev. C. A. Spragins called Bro. J. J. M. Harper, of Prosper, to the bar of the conference. In a touching speech he presented him, in the name of the McKinney District pastors and lay delegates, a handsome Bible. This old veteran has been a Recording Steward continuously for fifty years. We doubt if there is a like record. Brother Harper responded tenderly out of an experience of sixty-one years in the Church. They all love him.

L. D. Shavner, Trinity, Denison, has had a great year, 50 additions to the Church, Sunday School has outgrown the Church. Carpenters are at work overhauling the old parsonage which, when finished, will be one of the modern parsonages of the conference.

We scarcely remember when a conference had so many notable visitors. They did not all come loaded to the muzzle, but many of them simply could not resist the impulse to see the boys of old North Texas. Among the many were Bishop Hoss, on his way to Shreveport; John R. Nelson, of Fort Worth District; Drs. Boaz and Young, of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth; Dr. Hyer, Wilson and Kern,

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of S. M. U., Dallas; Dr. Bishop and Dee Simpson, of S. W. U., Georgetown; Drs. DuBose, Pinson, Bulla, McMurry and Parker, connectional magnets from Nashville; Drs. Linebaugh and Barton, of East Oklahoma Conference; Dr. Sexton, of Shreveport; Dr. McKenney, of Washington City Memorial Church; H. C. Tucker, for thirty years in Brazil, and many others.

W. H. Wright, Bonham Street: Best year in history of the charge. Everything in full. Five Epworth Leagues; 68 additions to Church.

Rev. J. Leonard Rea, Jones-Bethel and Wesley Chapel: Had a great year—200 conversions, 178 additions to Church, all finances full and over. Raised over \$4000 for all purposes.

Dr. Bulla, in his speech, told this story: A gentleman entered the study of a certain friend and noticed a brick bat and a beautiful rose under the same glass case. It was a strange sight. "What's that brick bat under that case for?" "You see this big dent in my forehead," said the friend as he lay his finger upon an ugly scar. "That was thrown at me by a saloon man." "But why the rose alongside of it?" "Oh," said the friend, "that rose came off the coffin of the fellow who threw the brick bat."

Dr. Bishop, in his report on Southwestern University, declared that the thirteen teachers in the Academic Department (twelve men and one woman) are all the children of Methodist parsonages. Only twenty-three of the entire student body are not members of some Church. That's great!

We were surprised to greet again Mrs. A. L. Scales, now of New Haven, Connecticut. Brother Scales filled prominent places in North Texas Conference and is now in New England doing post graduate work. Mrs. Scales, on a visit to her parents in Texas, spent several days attending the conference. She was at home and the conference appreciated the visit—for how could "Miss Emma" keep out of a Methodist meeting? Her singing was a benediction. We listen to the voices of the heavenly choir when a woman consecrates her voice to the glory of God. The brethren rejoiced in tears and were glad she passed their way.

President J. W. Gilbert, of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, made another one of his splendid speeches before the conference—and they laid in his hands \$403.95. Though a colored man, he stands high among us. His hardships on the long journey through Africa with Bishop Lambuth is enough to immortalize any man—white or black.

MINUTES

Of the Fiftieth Session of the North Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Wesley Church, Greenville, Texas, Beginning November 1, 1916; Ending November 6, 1916. Bishop J. H. McCoy, President; R. G. Mood, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Denton, Texas.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial? C. B. Fielder, L. M. Manning, R. E. Clifton, H. G. May, H. C. Minnis, W. F. Gilmore, H. H. Breedlove, R. H. Jarrell, R. L. Patton.

2. Who remain on trial? W. H. Baker, G. W. Renfro, Frank Wilkinson, G. H. Brown, W. B. Simmond, A. O. Hood, L. N. Stuckey, H. H. Bain, S. E. Pritchett.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? C. L. Satterfield, A. Wall, S. P. Farler, E. A. Drew, Gilbert Irwin.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? E. L. Edgar, elder from West Texas Conference; Nathan Powell, elder from Texas Conference; J. A. Old, elder from West

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPT.

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

Topic for November 12: How to be Strong. Heb. 11:32-40; Heb. 12:1-4

AFRICA CALLS.

One hundred and thirty million people. Forty million Mohammedans. Eighty million without an alphabet. Less than one million Christians. The Church is counting on her Epworth Leagues to take care of her Congo Mission. Last year the Leagues raised \$10,682 for Africa. Shall we make it \$15,000 this year? We need that much. Will your chapter help? Pledge now! W. R. LAMBUTH, Bishop in Charge of the Congo Mission.

BROWNWOOD.

Officers of the Brownwood Epworth League: President, G. W. Glover; Vice-President, Miss Gail Maedgen; Secretary, Miss Marjorie Prentice; Treasurer, Elmer Watson; Epworth Era Agent, S. R. McDermott; Superintendent of Spiritual Work, Miss Gail Maedgen; Superintendent of Department of Social Service, Miss Dollie M. Glover; Superintendent of Recreation and Culture, Roy McKinney; Superintendent of Department of Missions, Miss Addie Lee Bowden. We have had several real good programs and each member seems to be enthusiastic. We have obtained our charter and our chapter is No. 448. We organized our Mission Study Class last Sunday. We have selected for our first book, "South American Neighbors." We hope to do some effective work in this department. The other departments are perfecting their plans and will be active soon. G. W. GLOVER.

FROM MEXICO IN TEXAS.

649 W. Ga. Ave., San Antonio. I am glad to see such interest in Texas Mexican Mission work shown in the Texas Christian Advocate. The young people in Texas are the hope for home mission work, or rather for foreign mission work at home. We need a great army of teachers for Mexican schools and it will take the Christian impulse to move them to enter that field. A great deal of good can be done in various localities where the Americans take hold of Church work among the Mexicans. This has been demonstrated. Our Wesley House work in San Antonio is doing some good solid work. You may be interested to know that we are arranging to translate "Roman Catholicism Analyzed" into the Spanish, that it is used in Scarritt for prospective missionaries to Catholic countries and that Dr. M. C. Wilcox, returned missionary of the M. E. Church, from China is now putting it into the Chinese language. We must reckon with the Roman Catholic religion and I insist, contrary to the opinions of several of my brethren, that it is not intolerance nor persecution to study and understand Roman Catholicism. I hope that we will see a great harvest as the result of labors of our young people among the foreigners in Texas. J. A. PHILLIPS.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE ORGANIZEL.

The Northwest Texas Conference Epworth League met on June 5-7, in the Methodist Church, Vernon. The devotionals of the first evening were led by Rev. R. A. Stewart, Snyder, to whom the Journal of the Conference is dedicated. Rev. M. M. Beavers, Chillicothe, preached the convention sermon on the subject, "The Appeal of Christ to the Young Life of Today." Tuesday morning, after the Morning Watch, the business session was called to order at 9 o'clock and reports were heard from the local chapters. Clarendon reported a flourishing League with an enrollment of ninety; Tolbert, recently organized but growing; Fargo, strong and enthusiastic; Haskell, recently organized with an enrollment of thirty-five; a new League at Sylvester; Spur organized in April with sixteen enrolled, represented at Conference by three delegates; Snyder, organized with an enrollment of twenty-seven; Childress has two chapters; Estelline has two chapters, one of them being a Junior League with twenty-nine enrolled and an attendance of 100 per cent; Zylbach has a live Senior and a good Junior chapter; Sweetwater has recently helped organize two new Leagues in the country; Hale Center and Dalhart both reported good organizations. The Hereford League was reported as growing in enthusiasm and doing fine work. One of their members is a missionary in Korea. Stamford reported two chapters, Ward Memorial having a membership of 100 and an attendance of 50 to 60, and has paid \$10 to the Africa Special. Crowell has an Intermediate League with a membership of 54 and an attendance of 75 per cent. This chapter publishes an Annual Journal, is well organized and is doing fine work. The Junior League of Crowell supplies clothing for a boy in the Orphanage and has spent \$17 on local work. The Tuesday afternoon program was given over to institute work by Mr. Culbreth. This was handled in the efficient way in which all Mr. Culbreth's work is done. The topic, "Things Essential to Efficiency," was discussed under the headings, Tools, Machinery, Methods. Tuesday evening Mr. Culbreth addressed the conference on the subject, "The Training of the Heart." Between the sessions illustrated lectures and motion pictures were shown at Moore's Theater. Wednesday morning was taken up with business. During the sessions of the conference talks were made in behalf of Epworth-by-the-Sea, by our State Traveling Secretary, Mr. Carter; Texas Woman's College and

Clarendon College. The conference adjourned singing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Recommendations made by various committees and adopted by the conference were as follows: That the budget include \$800 for the African Boat Special and \$150 for a Divisional Field Secretary, along with other amounts to the total of \$1080; that every chapter be expected to observe Anniversary Day and Epworth Era Day and that proper collections be taken. "We especially recommend that every chapter in this conference be given to tithing, a convenient and systematic way of giving to the support of missions and the various enterprises of the Church." The first paragraph of the report of the Epworth League Board of the Northwest Texas Conference, 1915, reads: "We rejoice at the continued prosperity of the Epworth League in our Church. The past year has brought encouragement in League work. The League is rendering a distinct service in the Church in conserving the spiritual life of our young people, and is in reality a training school for Christian workers in our fields of service. A member of the Examining Board from the Board of Missions reports that a large majority of the Missionaries and Deaconesses attribute their calls to the inspiration of their Epworth League work."

THE VALUE OF STAYING POWER.

In a word on sheep-raising, a Scottish authority mentions a singular method in use among shepherds in Scotland in order that the best choice may be made from a litter of dogs. The puppies are carried into a room apart from the mother, and kept there some time until she becomes anxious and frightened. When the door is opened, and she is allowed to come to them, the dog which she first carries out is invariably the best. One shepherd made this experiment with a litter of shepherd dogs. The one chosen was the smallest and weakest of the lot. The mother instinct, it seems to the authority quoted, this time fell short, and he so expressed himself to the shepherd. "No, sir," the latter replied. "It's no big bones nor bark ye want, but stayin' power." Time proved that the mother dog and the shepherd were right.—Exchange.

THE PREPARATION THAT COUNTS.

Some years since a party of Americans were about to leave Cairo for a journey across the desert. Before setting out, they bought vessels in which to carry water. Each one chose the kind of vessel that pleased him. One found jars of brass, whose fine designs attracted him. Another purchased porcelain vessels of rare beauty. A third, however, took some plain earthenware bottles. The way across the desert was long and wearisome. The heat was intense. Every drop of water was of value. The brass vessels heated, and the water was made impure and unfit for use. The costly porcelain jugs cracked in the heat and the water was lost. But the plain earthenware bottles kept the water pure and sweet until the journey was ended. We go out every morning to trudge

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over desert paths. We should be or from studying works of art. But sure that on the Sabbath we make if we turn our faces to God's house preparation that shall not fail us on him, filling our earthenware vessels of faith and love with the water of life, we shall not faint by the way. —J. R. Miller.

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The Christian Herald Bible Picture Study, recently ended, was a tremendous success. Thousands of people were led to read the Bible who might never have been induced to do so by other means. Thousands of others renewed their acquaintance with the Old Book, having expressed heart-felt appreciation because of the opportunity thus presented. There were 419 rewards; first reward, \$1,250.00; second reward, \$625; third reward, \$350, and so on down the list. Innumerable letters were received, expressing thanks for this new way of bringing the Bible to the direct attention of the people. The Christian Herald announces a new Study. Over 500 rewards will be allotted. Every reader of the Christian Herald may have an opportunity to gain one of these rewards. All you have to do is to fit appropriate Bible verses to pictures which will be published each week in the Christian Herald. You may obtain a list of Bible verses from which the acceptable verses may be selected. Write at once for particulars. OVER ONE MILLION PERSONS READ THE CHRISTIAN HERALD EVERY WEEK If so many people like it better than any other paper there must be a convincing reason that should impel you to read it. If you subscribe at once you will be able to read the continued narrative of "The Wicked John Goode," a true story of a real man who, in his boyhood was incorrigible, in his youth a thief, in his manhood a burglar and grafter. He spent years of his life in jail. It is a terrible picture of degeneration, but the bright side comes when, having been brought to Christ, he is devoting his life to the regeneration of the underworld to which he once belonged. We have just secured a splendid serial story, the heroine of which is that sterling character, Janice Day. It is the story of her strenuous efforts to stamp out the drink evil from the small town. How she did it is an example which might well be followed by women in many other small towns. The Church and Present-Day Problems: This will be a series devoted to the study of the church in looking after the material well-being as well as the spiritual uplift of the people. The Future of Christianity will deal with the effect which the great war in Europe will have upon religion. The Church in the Rural Community will be a series of articles which should be of tremendous interest to all who have the welfare of the out-of-town church at heart. Are We Nearing the End of the Religious Age? This will be a splendid article, which will contain information of tremendous interest to all religious people. There will be articles on the relation of children to church work; the Church and Socialism; the Rising Cost of Living; a review of the progress of all religious denominations during the past year; an article on Memory, and How to Improve It, will be especially instructive. That gifted young writer, Maynard Owen Williams, is now out on a trip through the Far East especially for the Christian Herald. He will visit the mission stations of Japan, China and other places in the Orient. His Japan letters, already received, make fascinating reading. This is one of the most entertaining and instructive features of the Christian Herald. Dr. Jowett will continue his Daily Meditations. There will be the Young People's Departments; the news of the day, secular as well as religious; short stories; poems and thousands of illustrations during the coming year. Subscribe NOW. Subscription Price, \$2.00 per year. THE CHRISTIAN HERALD - 820 Bible House - NEW YORK

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THE COUNTRY AND THE CITY.

Elsie Malone McCollum.
I love the craggy mountain side.
Also the woody dell.
I love the waters deep and wide;
The babbling brook as well;
For when with Nature I commune,
She speaks with voice so clear
That with pure thoughts my heart's
in tune
And God seems ever near.
But dearer still, the crowded street—
The city's throbbing heart—
Where wealth and squalor daily meet,
And nature yields to art.
For O it makes my heart rejoice
With human souls to dwell,
Where we not only hear God's voice
But may work for Him as well.
McCauley, Texas.

A LETTER.

Somewhere in Georgia.

Dear Texas Advocate Folks:
"Miss Sara" and I didn't intend for our subscription to expire. Got to fooling round in big meetings, between laying by and fodder pulling, with these Georgia Crackers, and let the thing slip.

We still do sure love you Texas folks. Don't go much on the prairies, but go powerful on the people. Can see where you are going to long before you get there and both sides of the road look just the same.

Did you ever hear about the fellow traveling on horseback through Georgia? At one place he got to galloping up and down the road a woman came out of the house and wanted to know if he was crazy. "No, ma'am, this is the first level stretch I have struck and I thought I would enjoy it. Git up, horse!" But doubtless it is not so monotonous now since we have automobiles, and "the little old things just ramble right along," as when from break day the bronco jogged his way till the setting of the sun.

These autumn days with golden leaves and just that stimulant in the air, fondly turns our hearts toward the land where the Nueces flows. We so often drove through the country to conference with the friends and our friends camping out along the way.

I hope heaven will be what a fellow loves best. Well, the Lord needn't bother about crowns and wings and mansions for me. Just give me a cabin off in the woods somewhere with a few hound dogs and I will be all right.

Our Texas boy will soon be eighteen, with his number nines, and the two Georgia girls big enough to think about sweethearts and "Miss Sara" still looking young enough and good enough to marry again, should I go to heaven prematurely.

We are thinking about making a trip next summer around through the Rockies and down across the plains in our "Circuit Rider." I tell you, right now, folks if we do, we got to have one of those barbecue meetings. Out here in Georgia, you know, we have all-day dinner and meeting on the ground. Fried chicken to waste and skyscraper pies, many stories high, etc., and so on. In Texas we used to meet at some fellow's good well or waterhole, sing and pray and preach, and when his Angoras came in to drink, the herder would go off with about two less fat kids to bother with. Then came barbecuing time. The Mexicans would bring us in some chili con carne and hot tamales. Go way, chillun!

Start us off with the West Texas Conference issue. We want to see what the old boys and new boys are doing. We get letters from out that way once in a while and rejoice in your general prosperity.

Things are going fine in dear old Georgia. The old red hills, whose wealth we thought was washed away, is being built back again by scientific farming and yielding a bale of cotton or a hundred bushels of corn to the acre.

Prohibition "do prohibit," and you seldom see a drunk man now. Industry, confidence and co-operation is the song the reapers sing.

My father, whom I came to Georgia to be near in his feebleness, is now eighty, and enjoying pretty good health.

Thanks to the good roads and automobiles, we can run down to see him pretty often.

As to this step-ma business, we have one of the best ones ever was. "Sorter" to say I would see some of you fellows in Atlanta next year at the General Conference, but come to think of it, that's not till 1918. Well, I am expecting to be there in the gallery and will look down on you. Lots of love.

NATH THOMPSON.

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS.

There are in this world and in the universe of God vast storehouses of mysterious things. We cannot comprehend, much less explain them, yet, reasoning from the few things that we do understand we should be willing to regard this world in the same light as the finished product was viewed by its Maker when he said that it was "very good," that is, that it was good in the superlative degree. When we give different explanations of certain phenomena it indicates that various minds are seeking the light, each in its own way. There is but slight difference among us so long as we can gaze upon the banner of peace and happiness floating over the world, but when we turn to the appalling spectre of suffering and death, discordant notes are so forcibly injected that the beauty of the sublime song is almost hidden from the multitude. All are willing to confess that the law-breaker should pay the penalty of disobedience, but when the grim monster spreads suffering and sorrow in the home of innocence, Oh, what a protest from legions of rebellious hearts! Sometimes it would be like casting pearls before swine if one should ask: "Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Even with some who are willing to answer this interrogation in the affirmative there is, deep down in the heart, a feeling of inquiry expressed by saying: "If suffering is punishment, why do the innocent suffer?"

Perhaps a completely satisfactory answer has never yet been given and the very best that any one can do is to give the answer which satisfies his own mind. My answer would be there is a violation of law to account for every pain of the body or pang of the soul. I wish, however, to call attention to the fact that the spheres are two, namely, the physical and the spiritual. Physical pain comes as a punishment for the breaking of natural law, the agony of the soul is punishment for a violation of spiritual law. Pain of the body is the price paid for temporal life. The laws which govern the physical world may be broken by the individual himself, or by another for him. It is different in the spiritual world, "the soul that sinneth it shall die."

Not only do infants suffer but the beasts of the field, which cannot be subject to moral law, are great sufferers under natural law. Even now the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together. Men are thankful for life and are everywhere willing to bear its burdens for the sake of its abundant pleasures. Beasts seem to be no exception to this rule, for they secrete themselves from dangers and will contend even to the last drop of blood to maintain the life which God has given them. Since it is a fact that all mature living beings are more than willing to accept the conditions upon which life may be prolonged the great majority of reasonable men would acknowledge that creation was an act of infinite benevolence.

In the material world it was said that the crimes of parents were visited upon their offspring to the third and fourth generation. The act of the parent may diminish or amplify the physical development of the child and thus modify its intellectual or moral powers, but cannot make it spiritually good or bad. It is self-evident that the child does not suffer mental uneasiness till such time as the mind becomes capable of comprehending something of its surroundings. Till such time there is no moral law that it could obey or disobey by which it would become either better or worse. What then is the condition? In Adam all die, in Christ all are made alive. All were by nature the children of wrath but by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

As I view it the child is not dead in trespasses and in sins, but is alive to God. The first man transmitted to his offspring the evils of a transgressor, the Second Man gave to a needy world the benefits of the great atonement. The suffering and death of the infant is a result of the violation of natural law, but as Christ has paid in full the penalty of the broken spiritual law every human being coming into the world enters it alive to God and does not require regeneration until by his own transgression he becomes dead in trespasses and in sins. Paul in speaking of this condition said: "I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." I am aware of the controversy over this especial view, and of the harsh language sometimes used against those holding it, but it is in my opinion the most reasonable and God-honoring of many conflicting opin-

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ions. I once heard a minister who was baptising a child say: "This little babe is morally corrupt." I could not avoid the thought: "Then except we repent and become morally corrupt we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, for Christ said that we must become as the little child." Christ did not mean that the child was holy, for holiness is obedience to the law, the exact opposite of sin which is a transgression of the law. He did not mean that the child had no hereditary or latent tendency toward evil. He simply meant that by the pardon of sins we must become innocent in the sight of God, so that if immediately claimed by death nothing more would be required for our eternal salvation. There would be no sin hanging to us, the only thing that could possibly drag us down to death and ruin.
DR. G. B. ARMSTRONG.
Tangier, Okla.

RULES FOR RIGHT GIVING.
Some do not like rules; consider that they hamper freedom and stifle spontaneity. But as we look at it, used rightly they are a help. They need not fetter and cramp. They may guide and guard. If we supply, then, half a dozen rules for right giving, very briefly, leaving the expansion to our readers, we trust they will find some profit in them.
1. Give without ostentation. This our Savior clearly taught when warning his disciples against the self-display of the Pharisees. Let there be no flourish of trumpets, no pomposity, no seeking of praise. That spoils the gift.
2. Give so as to stimulate others to give. Christ never meant to enjoin a foolish and impossible secrecy that would destroy all the beneficent effect of the example we might set or the influence we might exert. So to interpret his vigorous figure of speech is to misunderstand it.
3. Give till you feel it. If the largess is tossed out carelessly from our superabundance, what good do we get from it? It is only as we make some sacrifice that we make inward gain.
4. Give so as to make God your debtor. That is, give to those who can not themselves repay, for in that case we lay God under obligation, and if he takes up the case we shall be enriched indeed.
5. Give most to the most deserving. Indiscriminate charity is harmful. It is very apt to encourage vice and indolence. There are the Lord's poor, and the devil's poor. To support the latter is to try to remove the penalty for wrong-doing which God has imposed in the hope of their doing better.
6. Give so as to awaken and develop industry. It is a mistake to pauperize people and lead them to lean

when they ought to stand straight and work. We do them the best service when we give them a chance to help themselves and respect themselves.—Exchange.
It is said that after Whitefield had preached more than 300 times a sermon on the text "Ye must be born again," he was asked why he preached on that text so often. His reply was, "Because ye must be born again."

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Oklahoma Conference: R. P. Shuler, elder, O. T. Cooper, elder, and E. H. Crandall, elder, from West Texas Conference; A. A. Kidd, elder from Texas Conference; Paul B. Kern, elder from Tennessee Conference; H. G. Cook, elder from Texas Conference; C. G. Chappell, elder from Central Texas Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? B. A. Moores.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Arthur S. Egner.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? E. F. Lancaster, F. C. Adams, R. T. Breedlove, F. M. Richardson, J. J. Cooper, H. C. Hand, W. W. Barrett, G. R. Slagle.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? A. Wall, S. P. Farler, E. A. Drew.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? A. Wall, S. P. Farler, E. A. Drew.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? H. L. Sone, C. O. Smith, W. H. Baker, L. N. Stuckey, M. L. Beck, I. M. Payne, E. L. Naugle.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? W. H. Baker, L. N. Stuckey, M. L. Beck, I. M. Payne, E. L. Naugle.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? R. N. Huckabee, R. B. Curry, G. F. Jones, E. M. Jones, M. A. Stout, W. E. Barberee, T. L. Huffstutler, M. C. Sooter, W. F. Davis, E. J. Harris.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? R. N. Huckabee, R. B. Curry, G. F. Jones, E. M. Jones, M. A. Stout, W. E. Barberee, T. L. Huffstutler, M. C. Sooter, W. F. Davis, E. J. Harris.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? R. J. Kiker.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? P. S. Warren, at his own request; H. B. Johnston, at his own request.
19. Who are supernumerary? S. L. Ball, H. M. Cosby, W. D. Mountcastle, H. A. Bourland, E. L. Spurlock.
20. Who are supernumerary? H. M. Pirtle, J. A. Stafford, A. W. Gibson, G. H. Adams, J. R. Allen, G. F. Boyd, S. Crutchfield, I. N. Crutchfield, W. A. Coppedge, W. F. Clark, W. A. Edwards, R. S. Gorsline, L. W. Harrison, B. F. Hayes, J. N. Hunter, M. B. Johnston, J. A. Kerr, C. E. Lamb, Jas. M. McDougal, J. B. Minnis, S. W. Miller, J. H. Hunter, J. W. Murphy, John Moore, L. F. Palmer, J. H. Reynolds, J. F. Sherwood, H. E. Smith, J. E. Vinson, J. C. Weaver, E. S. Williams, R. H. Webster, E. B. Thompson, C. C. Williams, F. A. Rosser, J. H. McLean, J. F. Alderson, I. A. Thomas, I. M. Woodward, J. W. Tincher, W. B. Martin, S. M. Ownby, J. D. Whitehead.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? J. M. Binkley, R. N. Brown, W. H. Hughes, I. W. Clark.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their character passed.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 299; members, 70,504.
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? 36. Yes.
25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 14. Yes.
26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 815.
27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2874.
28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 157.
29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 5719.
30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 448.
31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 4737.
32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 58,745.
33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$15,831.
34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$12,679. Applied to claimants.
35. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$15,062; home and conference, \$13,472.
36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$8302.
37. What has been contributed for Education? \$15,795.
38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$1154.
39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$31,082; preachers in charge, \$182,657.
40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2486.
41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 526; number of houses of worship, 422.
42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$2,025,235; indebtedness, \$147,201.
43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 196; number of parsonages, 187.
44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$354,075; indebtedness, \$26,252.
45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 11; number of district parsonages, 11.
46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$45,000; indebtedness, \$4250.
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, 4; amount of damages, \$6762.
48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$910,435; losses sustained, \$6762; premiums paid, \$5346; collections on losses, \$5254.
49. What are the educational statistics? (See report.)
50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 287; Conference Organ, 4174.
51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? R. C. Dial.
52. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Sulphur Springs.
53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

E. W. Alderson, Presiding Elder.
Bailey Circuit—C. B. Golson.
Bonham Station—W. L. Tittle.
South Bonham—J. R. Wages.
Brookston and High—H. B. Chambers.
Dodd Circuit—M. C. Sooter.
Ector Circuit—J. A. Wheeler.
Fannin Mission—To be supplied.
Honey Grove Station—Rex B. Wilkes.
Ladonia Station—K. R. Isbell.
Leonard Station—J. M. Sweeten.
Perry Circuit—L. F. Tannery.
Ravenna Mission—R. T. Breedlove.
Trinton Circuit—W. F. Davis.
Telephone Mission—E. I. Edgar.
Whitlock Circuit—A. T. Bridges.
Windom and Rock Point—W. B. Byars.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

S. R. Hay, Presiding Elder.
Cedar Hill—M. C. Dobbs.
Cochran—To be supplied.
Grand Prairie—I. C. Kiker.
Dallas—Brooklyn Avenue—W. W. Johnson.
Cole Avenue—To be supplied.
Ervey Street—G. C. French.
First Church—S. H. C. Burgin.
Forest Avenue—H. G. Cook.
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Highland Park—C. G. Chappell.
Munger Place—J. A. Old.
Maple Avenue—E. J. Harris.
Oak Cliff—G. M. Gibson.
Oak Lawn—C. M. Simpson.
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Tyler Street—C. O. Shugart.
Duncanville and Wheatland—C. P. Combs.
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Conference Secretary of Missions—L. P. Smith, Oak Cliff Q. C.

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W. A. Stuckey, Presiding Elder.
Alvord Station—J. P. Humphreys.
Bowie—G. A. Lehnhoff.
Bryson and Jernyn—E. H. Coburn.
Boyd Circuit—J. D. Hudgins.
Bridgeport Station—J. R. Atchley.
Craffton Mission—Riley H. Jarrell.
Chico Mission—E. F. Brown.
Decatur Station—R. B. Moreland.
Decatur Circuit—J. E. Short.
Greenwood Mission—C. M. Clark.
Roanoke and Argyle—E. M. Jones.
Jacksboro Mission—E. L. Harris.
Jacksboro Station—R. N. Huckabee.
Justin and Ponder—W. N. Vernon.
Krum and Shidell—C. W. Glanville.
Mt. Zion and Shiloh—G. F. Boyd, supply.
Paradise Mission—E. A. Drew.
Perrin and Barton—W. J. Wilson.
Sunset Circuit—W. W. Barnett.
Willow Point Mission—Roy F. Patton.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. M. Harless, Presiding Elder.
Aubrey Circuit—H. C. Hand.
Bonita Mission—C. W. Thomas, supply.
Denton Station—R. G. Meod.
Dexter Mission—L. M. Manning.
Era Circuit—M. A. Stout.
Gainesville—Denton Street—C. C. Young.
Whaley Memorial—C. A. Long.
Marysville Circuit—W. E. Barberee.
Montague Mission—R. L. Patterson, supply.
Myra and Hood—L. A. Burke.
Rosston Mission—To be supplied by A. B. Moores.
Pilot Point Circuit—A. S. Egner.
Sanger Station—T. W. Lovell.
Spanish Fort Circuit—R. A. Oaks, supply.
St. Jo Mission—S. E. Pritchett.
Valley View Station—J. W. Slagle.
Woodbine Circuit—H. B. Breedlove.
Lewisville Station—N. R. Stone.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

M. L. Hamilton, Presiding Elder.
Caddo Mills and Floyd—J. V. Davis.
Campbell Circuit—J. B. Adair.
Cash Mission—G. W. Renfro.
Celeste Station—J. Leonard Rea.
Celeste Circuit—W. H. Baker.
Commerce Station—J. W. Hill.
Fairlie Mission—L. L. Naugle.
Greenville—Kavanaugh—C. A. Spragins; E. L. Spurlock, supernumerary.
Lee Street—C. C. Childress.
Wesley—T. H. Morris.
Greenville Mission—J. W. Clifton.
Lone Oak Station—B. B. Hall.
Jones Bethel and Wesley Chapel—O. E. Moreland.
Merit Circuit—E. L. Silliman.
Quinlan—C. H. Russell.
Wolfe City Station—C. L. Bounds.
Commissioner for Wesley College—J. B. Gober, Kavanaugh Q. C.
Conference Evangelist—L. E. Conkin, Wesley Q. C.

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C. W. Dennis, Presiding Elder.
Allen and South McKinney Mission—J. W. Beck; Luther Beck, junior preacher supply.
Anna and Melissa—R. S. Kerr.
Blue Ridge Circuit—S. P. Farler.
Carrollton and Farmers' Branch Mission—L. N. Stuckey.
Celina Station—H. E. Anderson.
Farmersville Station—T. N. Weaks.
Frisco Station—E. H. Crandall.
Frisco Circuit—C. B. Fielder.
Josephine Circuit—E. F. Lancaster.
McKinney, First Church—W. T. Whitesides.
Nevada Station—W. J. Bindworth.
Plano Station—J. F. Hoimes.
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Cuthand Circuit—Frank Wilkerson.
Clarksville Station—R. C. Hicks.
Detroit—G. W. Whisler.
Depot Station—W. R. McCarter.
Emerson Circuit—F. C. Adams.
Howland Mission—J. D. Thomas.
Paris, Bonham Street—W. H. Wright.
Lamar Avenue—T. J. Beckham.
Centenary—R. P. Shuler; W. D. Mountcastle and H. M. Cosby, supernumeraries.
Paris Circuit—G. H. Brown.
Tattonville—A. P. Hightower.
Roxton—A. F. Hendrix.
White Rock and Williams Chapel—W. H. Vail.
Woodland Circuit—J. J. Cooper.

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Collinsville and Tioga—O. T. Rogers.
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Pilot Grove Circuit—W. E. Dale.
Pottshoro and Preston—C. F. McKinney.
Pilot Point Station—E. V. Cole.
Sodler and Gordonville—N. C. Little.
Sherman Circuit—J. L. Johnson.
Sherman, Key Memorial—A. A. Kidd.
Travis Street—J. F. Pierce.
Denison, Sherman and Denison Mission—R. E. Clifton.
Trinity—L. D. Shawver.
Waples Memorial—O. T. Cooper.
Van Abstyae Station—F. B. Wheeler.
Whitesboro Station—J. H. Scrimshire.
Whitewright Station—A. R. Nash.
Professor and Business Manager North Texas Female College—J. O. Leath, Travis Street Q. C.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

R. F. Bryant, Presiding Elder.
Brashear Mission—W. E. Kirby.
Cooper Station—S. M. Black.
Como and Forest Academy—J. F. Archer.
Cunby Circuit—J. L. Sullivan.
Klondike and Enloe—J. B. Rudworth.
Lake Creek Circuit—W. B. Simmons.
Mt. Vernon Station—N. W. Oliver.
Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin—M. H. Read.
Pickton Circuit—S. L. Habern.
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Sattillo Mission—H. C. Minnis.
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Sulphur Springs Mission—To be supplied by J. B. Culwell.
Winnshoro Station—J. E. Roach.
Yowell Mission—Alex Hubbard.

TERRELL DISTRICT.

E. L. Egger, Presiding Elder.
Chisholm Circuit—C. L. Satterfield.
College Mount and Poetry—H. G. May.
Crandall Circuit—T. M. Kirk.
Elmo Mission—A. C. Sterling.
Fate Circuit—J. P. Rodgers.

Forney Station—T. W. Preston.
Garland Station—R. E. Porter.
Hutchins and Wilmer—F. M. Richardson.
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J. Sam Barcus, Presiding Elder.
Archer City—L. S. Ashburn.
Bellevue Station—R. B. Curry.
Blue Grove Circuit—A. O. Hood.
Byers Circuit—G. B. Carter.
Burkburnet Station—T. L. Huffstutler.
Dundee Mission—W. F. Gilmore.
Electra Station—T. G. Whitten.
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Iowa Park Station—A. P. Bradford.
Megargel Mission—A. F. Watkins—H. M. Cosby, supernumerary.
Ringgold Circuit—M. R. T. Davis.
Nocona Station—Minor Bounds.
Petrolia Circuit—M. P. Hines.
Post Oak Mission—Lee Sanders.
Vashiti Mission—A. Wall.
Wichita Mission—W. D. Sauls.
Wichita Falls Station—S. A. Barnes.

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STRAWN.

This has been a good year for Strawn. This is our first year as a station and while the assessments for conference collections and salaries are doubled over last year, there is good prospect now that everything will be paid in full. Our new parsonage property was completed for occupancy about the first of June, costing, all told, about \$2250. It is one of the best and most commodious parsonages in the country. We expect to have it all paid for by the end of the year. The old parsonage has been turned into a primary building for Sunday School work and we have now one of the best equipped primary buildings and one of the best primary departments to be found anywhere. The pastor's wife is the efficient superintendent of this department. Our Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society have both done the best work in their history this year. We had a good revival in the spring and believe we have made some progress along all lines. Our people are kind, responsive and appreciative. We love them, and are hoping to be returned to this good charge for another year.—J. G. Pollard.

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My dear Doctor Bradfield:

After a conference with several of the Presidents of the various schools under the auspices of the Methodist Church in Texas, the undersigned have been instructed to issue a call for a meeting of all the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Deans of the College of Liberal Arts and Theological Departments of Class A Colleges, together with all the Presidents of Junior Colleges and Academies, and the Presidents of the various Boards of Trustees; also Presidents and Secretaries of the Conference Boards of Education. The meeting to be held in the city of Waxahachie, Texas, Thursday, November 16, at 4 p. m., at the First Methodist Church.

This meeting is called for the express purpose of discussing the advisability and practicability of organizing a Texas Methodist Educational Association. We therefore urge you to be present without fail at this meeting and give us the benefit of your counsel and advice on this matter. Kindly write Vice-President Young, Fort Worth, Texas, by return mail whether you may expect you and thereby make arrangements accordingly.

Thanking you for your prompt response, and hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you at the time and place indicated above, we remain,

Most cordially,
J. D. YOUNG,
Vice-President Texas Woman's College.
C. M. BISHOP,
President Southwestern University.

SUPERANNUATES NOTICE—A CORRECTION.

Meet Wednesday, at 2 o'clock p. m., November 15, to organize etc., instead of 3 p. m., Wednesday, November 15, as 3 p. m. is worship hour. Let every superannuate and widow of our preachers be present promptly at 2 p. m.

H. B. HENRY.

HARTSHORNE (OKLA.) WESLEY HOUSE OPENING.

The Wesley House, at Hartshorne, Oklahoma, will be given a formal opening, or house-warming, next Tuesday, November 14. Delegates are invited from every Auxiliary in the East Oklahoma Conference. The conference officers are expected. The Executive Board and the Hartshorne Auxiliary will assist Deaconess Harris and Deaconess Davis in the reception of the visitors.

PAINE COLLEGE.

President D. E. Atkins, of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, reports an unusually good opening of the College. Students were enrolled from Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Texas and Florida; nearly two hundred in all.

The Missionary Society, which has as its aim the fostering of interest in the African mission projected by Bishop Lambuth and Dr. John W. Gilbert (the latter a member of Paine College faculty), has again been organized and gives promise of good work. This Society provides in its constitution that one-half of all funds collected shall go to the African field and the other half be used as scholarships for students in training for foreign mission work.

President Atkins says a beautiful spirit of co-operation, mutual sympathy and helpfulness pervades the entire institution and he is looking forward to a good year of work and growth.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Your attention is called to the fact that the West Texas Conference in session at Uvalde adopted the Every-Member Canvass, as outlined by the Board of Lay Activities, as the official method of attending to the finances of the Church for the coming year, and set the first Sunday in November for the time to begin the month of preparation, and the first Sunday in December as the date for the Every-Member Canvass. The purpose is to have a simultaneous, conference-wide every-member canvass on that date, so that the magnitude of the canvass may be a source of inspiration in the local congregations. I trust that every pastor has secured the literature from the Board of Missions for distribution during the month of preparation, and that you will begin your series of sermons next Sunday, looking forward to the first Sunday in December to be one of the greatest days in the history of the West Texas Conference.

M. A. CHILDERS,
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OUR CONFERENCES.

Northwest Texas, Stamford, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, November 8.

Texas Conference, Lufkin, Bishop J. H. McCoy, November 8.

Central Texas Conference, Waxahachie, Bishop J. H. McCoy, November 15.

East Oklahoma Conference, Muskogee, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, November 22.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR—CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Committee and Class of the Third Year will meet at the Methodist Church in Waxahachie, Tuesday morning, November 14, at 9 o'clock. Let each member of the class report to the committee before the conference convenes on Wednesday morning.

J. A. RUFFNER, Chairman.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Board of Education of the Central Texas Conference is called to meet in the First Methodist Church, Waxahachie, November 14, at 7:30 p. m.

W. L. NELMS, President of Board.

PREACHERS OF WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

Preachers of the Weatherford District please turn in your statistical reports to Rev. J. N. McCain, District Statistical Secretary.

L. A. WEBB, P. E.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Having been appointed your Conference Evangelist, I am closing dates for the year. I want to be of the greatest possible service to you, and to that end let us co-operate. Begin now to plan your meetings and advise at once as to your possible dates.

Prof. A. A. Simpson will be associated with me in this work. He needs no introduction to you or recommendations as to his ability as a choir leader and general fitness for his work.

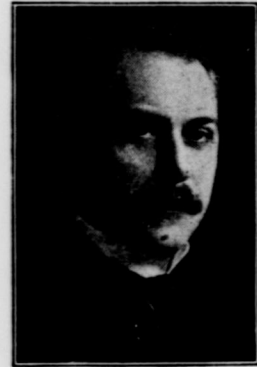
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- Gainesville District—First Round.**
- Aubrey Cir., Nov. 11, 12.
 - Oak Grove, 11 a. m., Saturday, Nov. 11.
 - Green Valley, Saturday night, Nov. 11.
 - Aubrey, 11 a. m., Sunday, Nov. 12.
 - Quarterly Conference.
 - Cooper, 3 p. m., Sunday, November 12.
 - Lewisville Sta., Sunday night, Nov. 12.
 - Woodbine Cir., Nov. 15-16.
 - Whaley's Chapel, Wednesday night, Nov. 15.
 - Friendship, Thursday night, Nov. 16.
 - Calisburg, Friday night, Nov. 17.
 - West View, 11 a. m., Saturday, Nov. 18.
 - Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 18.
 - Woodbine, Saturday night, Nov. 18, and 11 a. m., Sunday, Nov. 19.
 - Denton Street, Sunday night, Nov. 19.
 - Spanish Fort Mis., Nov. 22, 23.
 - Prairie Mound, Wednesday night, Nov. 22.
 - Roland, 11 a. m., Thursday, Nov. 23.
 - Liberty, Thursday night, Nov. 23.
 - Spanish Fort, 11 a. m., Friday, Nov. 24.
 - Bonita Mission, Nov. 24-26.
 - Illinois Bend, Friday night, Nov. 24.
 - Starkey's Chapel 11 a. m., Saturday, Nov. 25.
 - Bonita, Saturday night, Nov. 25.
 - Prairie View, 11 a. m., Sunday, Nov. 26.
 - Pilot Point Cir., Dec. 1-3.
 - Friendship, Friday night, Dec. 1.
 - Mustang, 11 a. m., Saturday, Dec. 2.
 - Wesley Chapel Saturday night, Dec. 2.
 - Bethel, 11 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 3.
 - Quarterly Conference at Bethel.
 - Denton Sta., Sunday night, Dec. 3.
 - Montague Mis., Dec. 8-10.
 - Barrell Springs, Friday night, Dec. 8.
 - Wye Mound, 11 a. m., Saturday, Dec. 9.
 - Quarterly Conference 3 p. m., Saturday, at Montague.
 - Montague, Saturday night, Dec. 9 and 11 a. m., Sunday, November 10.
 - St. Jo Sta., Sunday night, Dec. 10.
 - Rosston Mis., Dec. 11, 12.
 - Hardy, 11 a. m., Monday, Dec. 11.
 - Gladys, 3 p. m., Monday, Dec. 11.
 - Rosston, Monday night, Dec. 11.
 - Forestburg, 11 a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 12.
 - Quarterly Conference following preaching.
 - Dexter Mis., Dec. 15-17.
 - River Side, 11 a. m., Friday, Dec. 15.
 - Walnut Bend, Friday night, Dec. 15.
 - Black Jack, 11 a. m., Saturday, Dec. 16.
 - Dexter, 3 p. m., Saturday, Dec. 16.
 - Liberty Hill, Saturday night, Dec. 16.
 - Mt. Zion, 11 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 17, Quarterly Conference.
 - Whaley Memorial, Sunday night, Dec. 17.
 - Marysville Cir., Dec. 22, 23.
 - Sivells Bend, Friday night, Dec. 22.
 - Van Slyke, 11 a. m., Saturday, Dec. 23.
 - Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m., Saturday, Dec. 23.
 - Marysville, Saturday night, Dec. 23.
 - Myra and Hood.
 - Myra, 11 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 24.
 - Quarterly Conference 3 a. m.
 - Hood, Sunday night, Dec. 24.
 - Era Cir., Dec. 29, 30.
 - Boliver, Friday night, Dec. 29.
 - Lois, 11 a. m., Saturday, Dec. 30.
 - Quarterly Conference, 3 a. m.
 - Era, Saturday night, Dec. 30.
 - Valley View Sta., 11 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 31.
 - Spring Creek, 3 p. m., Sunday Dec. 31.
 - Sanger Sta., Sunday night, Dec. 31.
 - Preachers, charges, Lay Leaders and District Stewards will meet in Denton Street Church in Gainesville at 9 a. m., Tuesday, November 28, and remain through Wednesday.
 - C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

DUFFAU CHARGE.

The conference year draws near to a close, and with this realization in our minds the question arises, What have we done? Well, there seems to us some hard work has been done not only by the pastor, but by this good people and the help we have had. Our revivals were in some measure successful. Four have been held this summer. The first was at Duffau. We had with us here to do the preaching Rev. J. W. Hawkins, and it was ably done. Brother J. H. Childress, a faithful and consecrated man of God, did the singing, and, my! how he did sing! Brother Childress is one of the most spiritual singers it has ever been my lot to work with. The work of the new church building goes steadily forward at Duffau. Remember us in the closing days.—J. D. Ramsey.

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 - Princeton Cir., at Princeton, Nov. 18, 19.
 - Weston Cir., at Weston, Nov. 25, 26.
 - Blue Ridge Cir., at Blue Ridge, Dec. 2, 3.
 - Frisco Cir., at Lebanon, Dec. 9, 10.
 - Frisco Sta., Dec. 10, 11.
 - Anna and Melissa, at Anna, Dec. 16, 17.
 - Allen and South McKinney, at Allen, Dec. 17, 18.
 - Carrollton and Farmers Branch, at F. B., Dec. 23, 24.
 - Renner Cir., at Renner, Dec. 30, 31.
 - Piano Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
 - Prosper Cir., at Prosper, Jan. 6, 7.
 - Richardson Cir., at Richardson, Jan. 13, 14.
 - McKinney Sta., Jan. 14, 7 p. m.
 - Josephine Cir., at Josephine, Jan. 20, 21.
 - Nevada Sta., Jan. 21, 22.
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 - Nov. 22, Johnson City.
 - Nov. 24, Llano Circuit.
 - Nov. 25, 26, Llano.
 - Nov. 27, Cherokee.
 - Dec. 1, Lampasas.
 - Dec. 2, 3, Lometa.
 - Dec. 4, Starr.
 - Dec. 6, San Saba Cir., at Colony.
 - Dec. 7, Goldthwaite.
 - Dec. 8, Mullin.
 - Dec. 9, 10, Center City.
 - Dec. 11, 12, San Saba.
 - Dec. 13, Richland Springs.
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To soothe the sorely troubled human soul,
As does some cradle-song a fretful babe?
Oh, nay, methinks it cannot be. The love
Of gold has never yet been known to bring
Men peace. When Avarice dwells in the heart,
There is no room for sweet Contentment there,
And it becomes a very den of thieves,
Where every evil passion finds abode.
Here grasping Greed and Envy sit enthroned,
To lay the plans of mercenary men,
Whose sordid gloating o'er their worldly gains
Ne'er brings them peace of mind, nor rest,
nor joy!

BY THEIR SILENCE.

By their silence ye shall know them." Nothing is more characteristic of a well-poised man or woman than the power of delightful silence. Words are not held back by violent force, nor is theirs the silence of vacuity. But a well-poised spirit seems to wrap itself in a mantle of quiet, of rich imaginative, suggestive silence, that is like the evening dusk. There is something mystical in a beautiful silence. Nothing else so prepares the way for words that will be heard.
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"In quietness, possess ye your souls."—Stella Shurtleff.

BIG ON THE INSIDE.

Every young man should try to be greater than his position. That is the best way in which to deserve promotion finally to a post that will be greater than any man who can possibly occupy it. The faithful performance of trivial duties in a small way affords excellent proof that a workman can be trusted in larger spheres. The small position in no case need imply that its occupant is a small man. If a clerk or a student aspires to a position far too big for him, he will be like a small charge of powder which might conceivably fire a bullet out of a pistol, but would scarce make any report at all in the huge bore of a Krupp gun. The first thing to do, as a theological professor once said, is for a young man to make himself big on the inside—then the circumstantial setting of his life, whether in a narrower or a broader environment, will take care of itself. We are biggest when we are morally capacious, and we are happiest when we are contentedly busy.—Zion's Herald.

FOUR LITTLE GRIZZLIES.

Their mother was just an ordinary silvertip, loving the quiet life that all bears prefer, minding her own business and doing her duty by her family, asking no favors of any one excepting to let her alone. It was July before she took her remarkable family down the Little Piney to the Clay-bull and showed them what strawberries are and where to find them. Notwithstanding their mother's deep conviction, the cubs were not remarkably big or bright; yet they were a remarkable family, for there were four of them, and it is not often a grizzly mother can boast of more than two.

The woolly-coated little creatures were having a fine time and reveled in the lovely mountain summer and the abundance of good things. Their mother turned over each log and flat stone they came to. The moment it was lifted, they all rushed under it like a lot of little pigs to pick up the ants and grubs there hidden. It never occurred to them that mamma's strength might fall sometime and let



J. M. FRANKLIN, WIFE AND SON.

I am sending you herewith a sketch of my life. I am living at Olustee, Oklahoma, Route No. 4. I was born in Pike County, Georgia, October 21, 1846; am the son of James R. Franklin, a native of North Carolina. My father came to Mississippi in 1853. In the spring I enlisted in the army, Company C, Elisha Nunn, Captain; John Higgins, First Lieutenant; Frank Prince, Second Lieutenant; Orderly, John Simpson. I belonged to the Third Mississippi Battalion, commanded by Major A. D. Hardcastle. After the battle of Shiloh the Forty-Fifth Regiment was formed. Hardcastle was in command; Lieutenant Colonel, Charles H. Charlton, Captain Nunn was made Major. We belonged to Wood's Brigade, Polk's Division, Harde's Corps, was in battle of Perryville, where my brother was killed; was in the battle of Murfreesboro, Cumberland Gap. After the battle of Murfreesboro I was discharged and returned home. At the expiration of ninety days I returned and served during the rest of the war. My last siege was more severe than the first twelve months. We passed through Atlanta and back into Tennessee and then into North Carolina, where we surrendered. From Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, up to the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, was hard fighting. All the old boys will know what we went through with. I came home June 15, 1865. In the fall of 1866 father came to Texas and located in Kaufman County, near Poetry. In 1868 I married Margaret E. Dollar. October 18, 1868, I joined the M. E. Church, South, at Poetry. Have five girls and one boy; all married and all members of the M. E. Church, South. In the fall of 1873 I was made steward at Poetry and served as steward of that Church twenty-seven years, and during that time only missed four Quarterly Meetings. In November, 1900, we moved to Oklahoma, settled at Carmel. Through my labors and old Brother Carter's (a local preacher) we established Carmel Church, of which I am proud. Have acted as trustee and steward from the time I came here up to this good hour. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me through life.

On Saturday, at 1 o'clock, I made a covenant with God if he would spare me through that awful war I would give him the rest of my life. This occurred during the battle of Shiloh. I have endeavored to be faithful and God has brought me through these seventy-one years, and my work and toil will soon be done; but God has given me sufficient means to keep me and my faithful companion from want till he shall say, "Come up higher."

If any of the old boys in gray should read these lines I want them to know I have tried to fight a good fight, have kept the faith and am ready to answer the last roll call. I have read the Texas Christian Advocate since 1873. I. G. John, editor. J. M. FRANKLIN.

the great rock drop just as they went under it, nor would any one have thought so that might have chanced to see that huge arm and that huge shoulder sliding about under the great yellow robe she wore. No, no, that arm could never fail. The little ones were quite right. So they hustled and tumbled over one another at each fresh log in their haste to be first and squealed little squeals and growled little growls as if each were a pig, a pup, and a kitten all rolled into one. They were well acquainted with the common brown ants that harbor under logs in the uplands; but now they came for the first time on one of the hills of the great, fat, luscious woodland, and they all crowded around to lick up those that ran out. But they soon found out that they were licking up more cactus prickles and sand than ants, till their mother said in grizzly: "Let me show you how." She knocked off the top of the hill, then laid her great paw flat on it for a few moments; and as the angry ants swarmed to it, she licked them up with one lick and got a rich mouthful to crunch without a grain of sand or cactus stinger in it. The cubs soon learned. Each put his little brown paws so that there was a ring of paws all around the ant hill; and there they sat, like children playing, "hands," and each licked the right and then the left paw, or one cuffed his brother's ear for licking a paw that was not his own, till the ant hill was cleared out and they were ready for a change.—Ernest Seton-Thompson.


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LOST—A BOY.
Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and rouse a nation to frenzied searching. Were that the case, a hundred thousand men would rise to the rescue if need be. Unfortunately, the losing of the lad is without any dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real. The fact is that his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer trivial questions during the years when fathers are the great and only heroes of boys, he let go his hold upon him. Yes, his mother lost him. Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners, and club programs, she let the maid hear the boy say his prayers, and thus her grip slipped, and the boy was lost to his home. Aye, his Church lost him. Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the minister and elder were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew and made no provision in sermon or song or manly sport; and so many sad-hearted parents are looking for their lost boys.—Selected.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL.

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RESOLUTIONS REV. R. C. TAYLOR.

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the M. E. Church, South, Vinita, Oklahoma, on the night of October 30, 1916, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it, Resolved, That the Board go on record to the effect that the work of Rev. R. C. Taylor for the past two years as our pastor has been highly pleasing and satisfactory, both to the Board and practically the entire membership of the Church.

Be it further, Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Board that his return for another year will add greatly to the cause of Methodism in Vinita and will meet with the hearty approval of the Church as a whole; and on behalf of the congregation as well as on behalf of the Board itself his return is hereby requested.

Signed: Leonard C. Kropp, Chairman; Tom W. Smith, A. T. King, Secretary and Treasurer; D. F. Dial, N. D. Hancock, A. L. Mitchell, E. M. Probasco, J. F. Gaston, J. M. Darrough.

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He was converted and received into the Methodist Church. On November 27, 1894, when he was past forty-one years of age, he was happily married to Mrs. Mary Farmer, daughter of Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, of the West Texas Conference, and widow of Rev. Jeremiah Farmer, for sometime a member of this conference.

He served the following appointments: Lampasas Mission, 1881; San Saba Mission, 1882; Menard Mission, 1883; Yorktown Mission, 1884; Helena Mission, 1885; Gatesville Mission, 1886; Gatesville Circuit, 1887; Axtell Circuit, 1888; Fort Chadbourne Mission, 1889 and 1890; Colorado Mission, 1891; Finis Mission, 1892; Oak Glen Circuit, 1893; Seymour Mission, 1894; Hico Circuit, 1895.

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WRIGHT—Mrs. Julia A. Wright (nee Merrill) was born in Marion County, Missouri, July 2, 1840. Her parents moved to Texas in 1845 and settled in Dallas County, near where the city of Dallas now stands.

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SEAGO—Marvin Alexander, the little son of Will and Anna Seago, was born January 26, 1914, at Tell, Texas; died October 26, 1916, Quail, Texas. On the morning of October 16 he was badly burned in a fire started by the explosion of an oil can while lighting a fire with kerosene oil.

TRUITT—George A. Truitt died at his home, 109 East 17th Street, Ada, Oklahoma, Monday evening, July 31, 1916, at 10:45, after an illness of nearly a month.

DAVENPORT—John A. Davenport was born in Georgia December 20, 1832, and died at his home in Ranger, Texas, October 13, 1916. He was twice married—first to Miss Susan Redwine October, 1852, who died in March, 1865; and again to Caroline A. Lewis October 18, 1867, who died February 17, 1899.

BASS—Mrs. Ruth Bass was born in Ohio on November 23, 1862, and died in Waco, Texas, October 18, 1916. These dates mark the beginning and end of one of the most useful and faithful Christian women it has ever been the privilege of this writer to know.

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.

FROST AUXILIARY.

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meeting no matter how hot or how cold we are there. I want to tell a few things we have been doing in the past fifteen months. We have raised for local work nearly \$400. We have done so many things that I can't take space to tell them all, so will give a few.

MRS. ELLA JOHNSON.

ALL-DAY MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of Albany had an all-day meeting on Thursday, October 19.

The Auxiliaries from the neighboring towns were invited, but on account of the first snow north only four ladies came—but those four, with the local society, had a very helpful meeting.

The morning hour was devoted to the usual program, then came a most bountiful and delicious lunch, served in the Sunday School room by the young ladies of the Church.

MRS. R. C. MONTGOMERY, Secretary Stamford District, Haskell, Texas.

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The books of the Treasurer will close on the fifth of the month, after reports are due on the first. Please be prompt so your society may be credited properly.

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

The District Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Georgetown District met in the First Methodist Church, Temple, October 19, 20. The meeting was opened with devotion by Dr. J. W. Bergin, who made us a splendid talk on the universal need of Christ in the hearts of all classes of people, the rich and cultured as well as the poor and ignorant.

Mrs. H. M. Callaway, in a few well-chosen words, extended greeting to the delegates and visitors. The special music by Key, and Mrs. Stanford, of Rogers, was very much enjoyed by all. We were privileged in having with us Mrs. Lydia Ferguson, who has been five years in Brazil. The evening session was followed by a very much enjoyed social session in the basement of the beautiful new church.

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Mrs. R. F. Brown, of Waco, was present with her many posters and helped us to realize the possibilities of posters.

Mrs. R. L. Abbott, Secretary of Waco District, conducted a very helpful "Round Table" on subjects of general interest; Mrs. B. F. Ginther, of Taylor, discussed Bible and Mission Study in a very pleasing and forceful style. Mrs. Abbott read a very interesting paper on "Financing the Kingdom" from Mrs. W. L. Perry, of Waco, who was unable to be present.

The afternoon session was followed by a very delightful automobile drive over the city. The evening session of the second day was opened with devotion by Rev. K. A. Walker, of Temple. The main subject for the evening was the great sermon by Rev. J. E. Crawford, of Waco, the Conference Educational Missionary Secretary, on "The Coming of the Kingdom." It was a fitting climax to the meeting. Other special musical numbers throughout the program were solos by Mrs. Brooks and Miss Gladys Northington, an anthem by the choir and the illustration of the closing song each night by Miss Spencer.

Temple's entertainment of the guests was royal. Besides the delegates and visitors in the district we had with us Mrs. Jessie Brown, of McGregor, District Secretary of the Gatesville District, Rev. J. E. Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Brown and Mrs. Abbott, of Waco; Mrs. Tucker and Miss Lydia Ferguson, of Brazil. In all twenty-six out of town visitors and delegates.

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Rev. Minor Bounds, of Deport, lacked only one of reporting everything in full for the Advocate.

Rev. O. E. Moreland, of Sanger, brought up a big list of subscribers, lacking only one of collecting in full.

Rev. C. F. McKinney, of Pattonville, rode many miles looking after Advocate accounts and brought up a good report.

Rev. H. K. Agee, of Telephone, brought up nearly every subscriber a year in advance. This is very helpful to the Advocate.

Rev. C. R. Kidd, of Frisco, had every Advocate account in full, notwithstanding he had been on the charge only part of the year.

Rev. J. T. Holmes, of Rockwall, brought up a fine report for the Advocate and he gave the credit for it to his good wife who did the collecting.

Rev. L. L. Naugle, of Fairlie, and Rev. W. A. Pritchett, of Bogata, personally saw every Advocate subscriber and did their best for the paper.

Rev. Leonard Rea, as is his habit, had every Advocate account in full, including a big list of new ones. His report was sent in in September, too.

Rev. S. C. Riddle, of Farmersville, in spite of a broken hip, which laid him up for some time, brought up a good report from his work and did not forget the Advocate.

Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Leonard, had every Advocate subscription in full. Brother Sweeton looks after the Advocate as carefully as he does all other Church matters.

Rev. L. P. Smith, of Bridgeport, only served the charge part of the year, but took time to look after the Advocate, bringing up one of the best reports of the conference.

We are also indebted to the following brethren for the good reports for the Advocate: Revs. J. B. Adair, E. C. Adams, J. W. Baughman, J. W. Beck, A. T. Bridges, C. L. Bounds, E. F. Brown, G. H. Brown, W. B. Byars, J. J. Cooper, R. B. Curry, R. L. Ely, D. F. Fuller, E. M. Jones, Ralph Kerr, R. B. Moreland, W. A. Pritchett, E. G. Roberts, O. T. Rogers, C. L. Satterfield, E. L. Siliman, N. R. Stone, L. F. Tannery, W. D. Thompson.

The Advocate of this week has just come, contents noted.

My sober-minded friend from San Antonio, striving to get funny at my expense, reminds me of an incident in a newspaper office.

A man who thought himself an embryo poet came in and submitted to the editor the following lines in imitation of Tennyson:

"Under the Rose there was a Nose,
Above the Rose there was a Nose.
Nose. Rose. Rose. Nose.

"Under the Chin there was a Pin,
Above the Pin there was a Chin.
Chin, Pin. Pin. Chin."

The editor read it and wrote as follows:

"Under the Fool there was a Stool,
Above the Stool there was a Fool.
Fool. Stool. Stool. Fool."

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE BISHOP.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Price announce the marriage of their daughter, Allye, to Rev. R. O. Stewart, Monday, November 6, 1916, Ada, Oklahoma; at home after November 14, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Rev. L. A. Webb, presiding elder of Weatherford District, and Rev. W. L. Nelms, preacher in charge of Weatherford, called Monday. Both were happy and declared things were getting in fine shape for the Jubilee Conference at Waxahachie.

Invitations have been issued as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Powell request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Margaret, to Rev. John A. Sicheloff, on Wednesday evening, November 22, 1916, at 7 o'clock, Centenary Chapel, Fayette, Missouri."

Mrs. J. Sam Barcus sends us the following: "Rev. T. J. Ray, pastor of our Church at Kirkland, Vernon District, is in a sanitarium having undergone an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. He has been critically ill, but is on the road to recovery."

Rev. A. A. Wagon, fresh from the border where he has served the Second Texas Regiment as Chaplain, passed through Monday, en route to the Texas Conference. Brother Wagon was stationed at Madisonville when the Texas troops were ordered to the border, but his martial spirit yielded to the bugle call. He has resigned the Chaplaincy and will answer "Present" at the roll call in Lutkin.

Rev. R. P. Shuler gives the following item: "I have a nine-pound boy at my house named Robert Pierce Shuler, Jr., already dedicated to the Methodist ministry in the hope that he will love the Church and fight the Devil." "I have accepted the invitation to preach a series of six evangelistic sermons at the Louisiana Conference in the evening hours. Pray that God will bless me in these messages."

HARLINGEN.

We have landed in the valley in the most southern part of the West Texas Conference. We have been well received and panned; two most excellent services last Sunday. Quite a crowd of Uncle Sam's boys are here, so we feel safe in that respect. This is a rich country, though land is very high priced. The climate is ideal; for the present garden "sass" is galore in these parts. Hope and pray for a successful year in the Lord's work. —J. H. Stuckey.

ZYBACH.

Am finishing up my second year at Zybach. This is the outside row of Northwest Texas Conference. This is a delightful climate. My health has been completely restored during my stay here. New parsonage built, church relocated, means collected to build a new church, which is to be erected at once. Two Leagues organized, which are doing fine work. Sixty more in Sunday School than Church membership. We have one of the best Bible reading Sunday Schools at Zybach there is in Texas. Report shows more than one hundred thousand verses read during September and October. Have had a nice gain in Church membership. One Church doubled in membership. —C. G. Shutt.

HARPER.

As soon as we could get moved, we left San Antonio in our jitney for Harper, a nice little town nestling among the hills of Gillespie County. This is in the German Mission Conference, and Rev. R. Gammenthaler is the popular pastor and begins his fourth year with tokens of greater success than at any time during his pastorate. He is loved, respected and honored by all classes. His wife is as popular and as well fitted by training and nature as you can find in any parsonage home, to be an ideal helpmate to him who bears the burdens and shares in the joys of his people. Their home life is ideal and the future holds for them greater things, and no doubt some day they will be called to larger fields. The meeting opened the first evening after our arrival with a very good congregation and from the first interest has grown and the outlook for a greater meeting could not be better. Brother Simpson has lost no time in the organization of his choir and the people are delighted with the good work they are doing. As a soloist, Simpson has captured the crowd. —R. A. Waltrip, West Texas Conference Evangelist.

S. M. U. SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

Sunday saw the greatest attendance that the University Sunday School has ever had. In addition to a large per cent of the resident students there were a great number of new members from Highland Park and University vicinity. The school is so well provided with the very best of teachers that it can handle with ease any reasonable increase in membership. The music of the Sunday School is under the direction of Prof. Harold Hart Todd of the Fine Arts Department of the University. An orchestra number was the special music of Sunday. Prof. Todd has the Boys' Glee Club and the Girls' Choral Club to use as a basis for the choir and the music that is furnished is a great attraction. The closing service of the Sunday School was taken up by a report of the Sunday School representative sent to the Annual Conference sent to Greenville. The Sunday School representative found the conference a very interesting place and also reported that the people of North Texas as represented by their pastors are expecting very great things of Southern Methodist University in a religious way. Several classes in the Sunday School deserve special mention. Prof. Olin D. Wannamaker of the English Department is teaching an Adult Class for the mature. The course of

study is not the Sunday School lesson, but of the Bible direct, chapter after chapter being taken by groups of seven. This class furnishes a direct and intensive study of the Bible. The class of Mrs. Dr. R. W. Baird is another notable class. Its membership is comprised of young university men and numbers forty-five. The class purposes to follow out a social program in addition to the regular study of the Bible. O. W. Moerner teaches a large class composed of boys from Powell's University Training School. The members of the Powell School attend the Sunday School en masse. The classes of Dr. R. S. Hyer, Frank Reedy and R. A. Hearon are large, well attended and chiefly inspirational in their nature. Sam J. Smith, former Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Auburn College, was the speaker at the University Y. M. C. A. Sunday. He spoke in an intimate way on the "Fighting Spirit." He said that men to be real men must hit the line as hard as possible, must put their best in everything they do and most of all must have Christ in their lives. There were about 100 university men in attendance upon the service and the university quartette sang a special number. Dr. R. D. Bennet, Secretary of Ministerial Supply of the M. E. C. S., and member of the Virginia Conference, preached at Southern Methodist University both morning and evening. The morning theme was the shame of Christ which he endured for us, and the evening topic was Temptations. The evening service was attended by a large body of students and the sermon was a timely one.

The Outlook at Southern Methodist University

The thousands of friends who have invested in Southern Methodist University, who have not already learned through the press of the record of S. M. U., will rejoice in the following statement of facts:

The wisdom of founding the University was proven last year by the fact that instead of the 250 or 300 students who were expected by many of the most ardent friends of the institution, 706 individual college students (no duplicates) matriculated before June 15, 1916, and an additional 200 matriculated for the Summer School and Summer Normal, making a total of 907 during the year.

WISDOM OF FOUNDING THE UNIVERSITY

Some equally ardent friends of the University feared a reaction, thinking that many of the students who would attend the institution the first year were simply experimenting and expecting a lighter course of work than they would be called upon to do at other institutions. These fears have proven groundless. Just the opposite has happened. Only six weeks have passed since the opening of school and the matriculation has reached 705—just one less than the entire number matriculated last regular term—and over a 20 per cent increase over the matriculation at this same time last year.

ENLARGED FACILITIES

The budget for the teaching force is increased \$10,000.00 over the last year's budget, there now being 55 professors and instructors. Several thousand dollars worth of laboratory equipment has been added, \$5,000.00 worth of books and equipment has been placed in the library, and several thousand dollars have been expended on the improvement of the campus.

CAPACITY

Our friends need have no fear about our being overcrowded to the extent of discomfort in the dormitories, or inefficiency in the class room. The administration simply sent out the word when accommodations were all taken in the dormitories and notified patrons of the fact and of the homes under direct faculty supervision—near the campus—and thus prevented embarrassment or congestion.

FINANCES

Without lowering the standard in any respect and without congestion in the class rooms, the capacity of Dallas Hall (the magnificent gift of the citizens of Dallas) has been carefully measured and, in addition to the library and business offices now installed therein, there is ample room for 1000 students at simultaneous recitation.

Southern Methodist University also accomplished the unexpected in that it concluded the first year's work without any financial deficit. This speaks volumes for any institution in its first year. This was accomplished because of the assistance of the Conference Collections for the Academic and Theological Departments, and in the dormitories was made possible because of the facilities of Dallas for buying supplies to great advantage. We believe that without raising our prices and with the same collections from the Conference we will be able to complete this present year without a deficit.

OUR NEEDS

This statement means much when one considers the ever-increasing cost of supplies—the quality of instruction given here—and the fact that we charge very low rates for same. Some who have investigated conditions in a good many institutions say that ours is the lowest priced institution in the Southwest, of its rank and class.

Our need is increased endowment—money for more buildings in which to expand. These we must have if we would be permanent. The more students we have, the greater will be our expense—we must grow and in order to grow we must have the necessary endowment and the necessary equipment.

The first great step in our endowment is securing the balance of the conditional gift from the General Education Board—WE MUST HAVE THAT \$88,000.00—but to get it we must collect an equivalent of every dollar which has been subscribed to our various funds. ARE WE ALLOWING PROCRASTINATE TO STEAL AWAY OUR SMALL MARGIN OF TIME? THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MONTHS LEFT.



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