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## Another Message From The German Protestants

**T**HE Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has received another pronouncement from Germany, entitled "Another Word to the Protestant Christians Abroad."

It is a reply to the document promulgated by English Church leaders in rejoinder to the first communication sent by the German leaders, and is signed by K. Axenfeld of Berlin, Director of Missions; Dr. H. von Bezzell of Munich, President of the Chief Consistory; Professor A. Deissmann of Berlin; Dr. E. Dryander, the Chief Court Preacher; Professor Rudolf Eucken; Professor Harnack; Professor Friedrich Loofs; Baron deNeufville; Dr. C. Paul, Director of Missions at Liepzig; A. W. Schreiber, Director of German Evangelical Missions, Berlin; Pastor Leseur, Berlin; Joh. Spiecker, Director of Missions; Dr. J. Warneck, Inspector of Missions; and about as many more leading churchmen, many of whom have lectured in America and most of whom were associated with the Edinburgh Missionary Conference.

The document is long and, while argumentative, has at the same time a conciliatory temper.

The writers express the wish that they could "avoid in this hour, when God speaks so earnestly to us all, further public discussions between the Christians of

the warring countries." They believe that their English brethren "are not quite easy at the thought that their people are in league with assassins, that Asiatic and African hordes are brought and, comrades in arms, led against the white race upon European soil, and that they have, by drawing Japan into the war, dissolved the historic solidarity of the culture nations of the west."

The main contention of this pronouncement is that Germany is not responsible. The primary responsibility is with Russia, who, however, was supported by Great Britain. "It has become the doom of Europe that the British Government, while asserting before her Parliament and the world her political and military independence, has, for years, in order to overcome an uncomfortable successful competitor, abetted the policy of two Great Powers, who could not accomplish their purpose without an European war, and has carried on with them intimate preparations for war. In this unfortunate course of British policy there lies the actual cause of the war—not in the question of Belgium's neutrality."

The latter was only a pretext. "Belgium herself broke the neutrality on which her political existence was dependent and for-

feited all rights accruing to her therefrom."

"Further unquestionable documents expose a system of espionage on the part of England and Belgium, which has been directed against Germany for a long time."

The German churchmen assert that Bernhardt's book was little known in Germany, and that similar books have been written by English writers. "There was amongst the German people a deep-felt need of peace." The "militarism" of Germany was equalled by the "navyism" of England, and Germany's universal military service was for the purpose of protection.

Speaking of the government, they say: "No one has taught us more emphatically that even the Government exists under Divine authority and must justify its power by the pursuance of moral purposes, than has Heinrich von Treitschke; no one has condemned more than he the wanton breach of treaty or unscrupulous carrying on of war. The present war would never have arisen had England's politics been carried on in the spirit of Treitschke. In spite of the reply received from the forty-two gentlemen, we do not abandon the confident hope that a day will come when the English Christians will make earnest efforts that their Government no

longer follows the path which has led to this war."

The statement concludes by deploring the misery of the war, "especially in Belgium." "It was from the very beginning, and is still, the resolution of our people to carry on warfare with conscientious self-discipline and in the spirit of Christian tolerance."

"In the hardships of this war, we recognize the just judgment of the holy God upon the Christian peoples and we will not close our hearts to His sacred voice. Let it be our earnest prayer that the day may be granted in which a purified and renewed Christianity may again live in honorable peace; the wounds of the war healed, and that we may be allowed by humble service, to overcome the scandals and wrongs, now being practiced against that duty placed by God upon us all, toward non-Christian humanity. He can and will, if we allow this chastisement to bring us to repentance, employ the same to further the coming of His Kingdom."

The General Secretary of the Federal Council, Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, was requested by the Federal Council's special correspondent in Berlin, to convey this message to the Protestant Christians in America. In giving out this statement Dr. Macfarland said that this communication seemed to him to show a much gentler spirit than the first one which came near the beginning of the war.

## THE IMPERFECT IDEALS OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD

**T**HERE is no law of God or law of man found in the Bible or in the statute books requiring a greater degree of social purity upon the part of

a woman than upon the part of a man. The Bible has but one standard for both sexes and the laws of the land know but one standard. This is just as it should be; and we will never reach that approximate state of virtue and social purity until this single standard applies in full force.

But we have an unwritten law, we are sorry to say, the well-nigh universal prevalence of which is directly antagonistic to the law of God and the statutory laws of the State. This law has one standard for the woman and it is an exceedingly high one; but an altogether different law for the man, and it is an exceedingly low one. If a woman violates this law she is consigned to social ostracism and she is well-nigh beyond redemption. But a man can descend to the lowest depths of social and moral impurity and there is held out to him inducements for recovery; and the moment he professes regeneration, the doors of society are thrown open to him. Sad to say, even before some of them ever dream of repentance or reformation, they hold up their heads, find welcome in our homes, stand high in the

social circle and even become the husbands of our pure daughters.

But not so with the woman, young or old. Just let her go beyond the bounds of the unwritten law and she is doomed. Ichabod is written upon her character and hope takes its departure. Men may pity her and now and then throw her a crumb of encouragement; but good women will, for the most part, loathe her and make haste to brand her with the odium of social banishment. She is forced to seek her abode among the abandoned and the outcast and go into further depths of degradation, unless some humane institution goes to her relief and offers her a temporary asylum. The cold world, yes the religious world, for the most part, gives her to understand that her lost standing is beyond all hope of recovery. Even if, despite her disgrace, she tries to hold up her head and live thereafter the right sort of life, she meets with rebuff and with cruel discouragement.

We do not hesitate to say that this social discrimination in favor of an unclean man and against the unclean woman is unjust and un-Christlike. If the one is recognized so ought the other to be recognized; but if the one is stamped with

disgrace and forever banished from the walks of social life, so ought the other to be also. If this rule were in effect, there would be fewer impure men than we have today, and there would be fewer diseases and hereditary infections prevalent in our social and domestic life. Innocent children born into this world under physical handicap would not be so numerous and so common. "I will visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me," says the Word of God, and as long as this double standard of morals prevails, children will continue to be the victims of ancestral wrongs.

Not a great while ago, a society woman was told of the impurity of a public man whom she admired for his talents and gifts, and she tossed her head with a frivolous air and said, "Oh, if that is all, I will continue to admire him. He is otherwise all right." Suppose that man had been a talented woman and then what? When good women have such low standards for men in high or low positions, it bodes no good for the moral cleanliness of society. A man with a depraved nature, indulging his brutal passions under the cover of night, has no right to expect recognition

in the broad open light of day. He is just as much under obligation to be a pure and a virtuous man as is his mother, his sister or his wife. Away with this horrible double standard now in vogue in the social ethics of our day and generation!

The fish would die in the open air and the bird would drown in the water. Each must live in its own element. So the devout man must live and breathe in the atmosphere of Christ. The elements of the world are destructive to his peace of mind and purity of character.

On the bed of affliction we often find the richest exhibitions of Christian patience and submission. Just here is one of God's methods of developing character and perfecting life. Out of the pain, the groan and the tear come faith and hope and love.

Thunders and splendors have their birth in the abysses of nature; and when we listen to the explosions and look upon the brilliant afterglow, we often lose sight of the fact that hidden power was called into play to produce them, of sufficient potentiality to shake the universe. All exhibitions of strength and beauty come at the expenditure of untold resources.

# The European War And Christianity as Viewed from Japan

## Buddhism and the War

Arranged by S. H. Wainwright, Fukuoka, Japan, in the Japan Evangelist.

### The European War and Christianity.

The editor of the Gokyo (Meth.) in a current number of that organ discusses the bearing of the war upon Christianity. The translation has been made by Rev. H. Pedley and is as follows:

#### The Translation.

When the Hibbert Journal, whose speciality is the discussion of religious, theological and philosophical topics, devotes more than half of its pages in the October issue to the European conflict, it is an indication that the great interest of the world at large is, at present, concerned with war.

The other day, the editor of a prominent magazine in Tokyo said to me that he really couldn't understand why Christian lands should be at war, and requested me to express my opinion on the attitude of Christianity to the present turmoil. I sent him a reply to his request and feeling that not only non-Christians but Christians also may be puzzled over the proper reply to such a question, I venture here to set forth my own view.

Is Christianity responsible for this conflict? It is true that the warring nations are Christian so-called, that the rulers and majority of the people profess Christianity and call the civilization of today Christian. It is not strange then that the world at large should see a very intimate connection between the war and Christianity. In the truest sense, however, none of the nations involved can be called Christian. We are bound to say of the so-called Christian countries of today, what the ancient people said of the people of Israel: "For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles." They are but wearing the mask and misusing the name of Christianity. Their civilization, Christian in name, is far removed from the Christian ideal.

It is true that since its beginning Christianity has contributed greatly to the civilization of mankind, but for three hundred years the keynote of civilization has been materialism and self-interest, while during the 19th century it would seem as if a spirit antagonistic to Christianity had reached its highest point. The special feature of that century was the development of material science of which our civilization of today is a result. Unfortunately in the realm of religion and morals, this development has effected nothing good—a fact apparent in many ways. For example, nature has been subjugated and material happiness has increased. This has led to a serious interference with religious activity which formerly had its motive power in the antagonism between the real and the ideal. Again, man was formerly regarded as central, all other creatures ministering to his wants, but in the face of material science this belief has been unshakable to maintain. Evolution has insisted that the only difference between man and the other animals is in the degree of development. They are both alike subject to natural and necessary force. Thus doubt has been thrown on the necessity of God's sending his Son to save man. Happiness is a fleeting dream so let men enjoy it while they can. Let them live naturally, not bound by religion and morality. It is enough to seek material comfort and the satisfaction of natural desires. Theories of another world are unprovable and the spiritual life is a cramped one, so no need to worry over these. Thus in its lower valuation of human life and minimizing of the need of salvation, natural science has given to men's minds a twist against Christian teaching.

Once more, since living creatures must depend for their existence on themselves, competition is inevitable and the best must win. Self preservation becomes man's first instinct, the strong are to have authority, the weak to be sacrificed; the survival of the fittest is made a law of nature. Today we see the influence of such ideas in an extreme individuality, and a wonderfully developed self-interest. We see individuals pitted against individuals, class against class, caste against caste and nation against nation. Human society has become a shambles, morality has conspicuously weakened, and all this has affected disadvantageously the altruism and the humanity of Christianity.

Now natural science does not neces-

sarily conflict with religion and morality, evolution does not contradict Christian thought, not all of modern civilization is to be condemned, nor has Christianity altogether surrendered its claims. Present civilization, however, is materialistic and self-centered, and not to be called Christian. Nietzsche is the best exponent of its spirit (can we believe that Nietzsche is the best exponent of a civilization unequalled by any other in philanthropy and missions?—S. H. W.) and his "superman" is one who acts according to his own sweet will—the strong man in whom self is developed to the extreme. He says "life has not a particle of sympathy with his fellows, nor listens to the cry of another, but purposely indulges in the most brutal conduct, he is the glorious man. Men say that a good purpose sanctifies war of any kind, but I say that good fighting sanctifies the purpose whatsoever it may be. The great man of the future must, in order to self-expression inflict calamity upon mankind, to accomplish his purpose he must sacrifice men."

This principle of self-interest accounts for the so-called Pan-Germanism. The Kaiser boasts that he is Nietzsche's "superman," and has been planning to make Germany the "super Nation." Thus Germany has come to represent most fully the spirit of modern civilization, and other nations have followed suit. The difference is one of degree only. Material prosperity, self-interest of natural advantage, has been the ideal, and to realize this, all have rushed into military expansion. The so-called "Armed Peace" is but a hypothetical nickname for militarism, an excuse for extending war preparations. So the present strife, although seemingly accidental has come after long preparation; the mask has disappeared and the real original has come to light. In other words, materialism and self-interest have produced their results, certainly not those of a Christian character, and for which, therefore Christianity cannot be held responsible. They are, moreover, opposed to Christianity and represent simply the failure of materialism.

While it is true that Christianity does not belittle material civilization nor deny nationality, its aim is to purify the former, and to use material prosperity as a means for promoting man's spiritual happiness. The Christian ideal is the establishing of God's kingdom upon the earth, i. e., a society enjoying spiritual happiness, and Christianity insists upon the realization of this ideal as the proper aim of both the individual and the nation. The national ideal is to contribute to the civilization of mankind, and only as this is realized has a nation a reason for existence. To the realization of this it is not necessary to weaken, impoverish or destroy another nation. From the first, mankind has been one and its units are the members of one great body. All reflect and rejoice together. If one suffers all suffer and the rejoicing of one is that of all. Countries today which are under the sway of militarism by plotting to weaken and destroy others to benefit themselves, not only oppose the Christian spirit but also natural law. Is it not indeed true that history is full of such examples as that of Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Greece, Rome, etc., which countries by reason of their militarism have ultimately come to destruction? Whether, as a result of the present conflict, Germany will perish or not perish, we cannot tell, but it is true that to Germany or to any other land can be applied the truth of the saying that "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword."

In short, the present war is not because the warring nations have made use of Christianity, but under the mask of Christianity, they have utilized a spirit entirely antagonistic. During the 19th century Christian civilization was in the germ stage only. It remains for the 20th and succeeding centuries to perfect its development. In other words, the mission of Christianity is to purify modern civilization, and it is far as Christians to strive that this mission may be fulfilled.

#### Buddhism and the War.

In the November number of the Keisei (Bud.) Dr. Sensei Murakami, Professor in the Imperial University and a well-known Buddhist, gives expression to the Buddhist view of war. The two-fold point of view from which Buddhists are in the habit of looking at a problem, and of thereby escaping

its difficulties, is very apparent in Dr. Murakami's discussion.

"The present disturbance in Europe," says Dr. Murakami, "is unprecedented and by it the whole world has been plunged into a whirlpool of calamity. At such a time it is natural that religionists, educators and statesmen should from their various points of view study the present situation. It may not be without profit, therefore, if we consider the war as judged by our standards as a Buddhist.

"Whether war is right or wrong or good or evil is a fundamental question. Ten years ago, at the time of the Russo-Japanese War, some opposition was manifested to the war. It was found, however, that the promoters of the opposition were certain Christians. It is somewhat strange to see Christians opposing war while they have had so much of it in their past history. Nevertheless, it is the duty of religious leaders to disapprove of war. War is indeed a great calamity and is the occasion of loss to many human lives. The destructiveness of war in every way is an indisputable fact.

"In considering the present European disturbance from the viewpoint of Buddhism, it is desirable to treat the subject in the first place from the viewpoint of Buddha's teaching, and in the second place from the viewpoint of an ordinary person. The first point of view is that of the absolute (Byodo), while the second point of view is from the side of relativity (Sabetsu). Looked at with the eyes of the benevolent Buddha, war appears to be a quarrel among children. His feeling is that of fatherly compassion shown toward children. He regards with indifference the appeal of this brother and that, as an earthly father does when two of his sons engage in a quarrel. The elder brother may say that his hand was struck while the younger brother will declare that his foot was trampled upon. Each thus finds fault with the other, but the father will not give heed to such appeals. In the same way Buddha would ignore the reasons or excuses put forth by hostile countries in justification of their respective hostilities. Buddha looks upon an international quarrel as a father does upon that of his children who soon forget their ill feeling and become good friends. The relation between Japan and Russia proves this to be a correct view. At present, Japan is busily engaged in sending presents for the soldiers and nurses for the sick and wounded, over to Russia. Ten years ago these two countries were dread enemies. Now we see that there was no reason for the hostilities by which many precious lives were sacrificed. This, to the eyes of Buddha, is as simple and innocent as a spat between children, and he entertains no feeling towards those engaged in war except that of pity for them.

"Is then war," continues Dr. Murakami, "an absolute evil? Is it altogether wrong? Looked at from the point of view of relativity, the war is not necessarily evil, nor is it altogether wrong. We are unable, for example, to do away with rain, though rain is very disagreeable to us. Just so it is impossible to abolish war, though war is very distasteful. Rain, though disagreeable, is necessary as a means of growth to plants and vegetables. Just so war is indispensable to the development of a nation. We do not like rain, neither do we welcome war. We wish to escape if possible from both alike. But as we cannot escape from the falling of the rain, it being necessary to the growth of vegetation, so neither can we become free from the abomination of war. For war is necessary to maintain the independence and self-respect of a nation. A state cannot advance without war any more than vegetables can grow without rain, under the present conditions of human society."

One who is familiar with Buddhist writings will not be puzzled by the two-fold point of view to which expression is given by Dr. Murakami in the preceding sentences. It is certainly a very convenient philosophy that enables one to take two sides of the question at the same time or to pass indiscriminately, at will, from one side of the question to the opposite side. But such is the traditional way of approaching a subject by those who have been trained in Buddhist philosophy. From the absolute point of view war is wholly an evil, but from the relative point of view it is a necessity and a means of human advance.

Dr. Murakami elaborates on the doctrine of relativity by referring to the teaching of Nagarjuna, the founder of the Mahayana school. "Ryuju," (the Japanese name for Nagarjuna) says Dr. Murakami, "found as the result of his investigations that Buddha, while on earth, nearly always preached at one of two places, at Osanajo or Shayefjo. On looking into the reasons for this, Ryuju found that its was

because these places were near Buddha's birthplace. In order to keep in mind his debt to earth which Sakya owed to his birthplace, he chose places nearby from which to promulgate doctrines. This seems strange to some and scarcely in harmony with Buddha's doctrine of absolutism (Byodo no Shinri). Such a question arises from a confusion of absolutism and relativity. From the standpoint of absolutism, it is of course, improper to be attached to particular things or places. But looked at from the standpoint of relativity, even Sakya, inasmuch as he had been born on earth, could not separate himself from earthly relationships. It is impossible in this world to escape relationships. In illustration, take the seed which must be sown on a particular piece of land, ever after which the connection between this particular seed and the particular ground on which it was sown is an inseparable one. For example, there is a lesson for us here. Our lives were sown in the land of Japan and we should never forget what we owe to this land. Should anyone cast reproach upon or seek to bring harm to our land, we should at once draw the sword and destroy such an enemy at the risk of our own lives. This is the only way we can give expression to the debt we owe to our native land. At the same time, we should be loyal to our ruler, the monarch of our country. It is a thankful return to make to our emperor to whom we are indebted for peace and security. We Buddhists are indebted to His Imperial Majesty for our daily welfare and for the showers of blessing falling upon us from the Buddhist law. Sakya, himself, expressly said that after his death Buddhism would enjoy the protection of rulers and saints."

After this glimpse at relativism presented to his readers by Dr. Murakami, he reverts to the point of view of absolutism. It would not do to dwell too long on the side of relativity. It is well for the curtain to fall and the audience to be given a look at the absolute aspect of things. "There is no distinction of races," says Dr. Murakami, "to the eyes of Sakya Muni, whether they be white or colored, Japanese or German. Among races there is not the slightest difference to him. He looks upon all with benevolence and is therefore opposed to war."

But on the other hand, to shift the scene again, Dr. Murakami declares, namely from the point of view of the independence and self-maintenance of the state, "we are compelled to show our appreciation of what we owe to the fatherland. We should offer up a heartfelt devotion to our country when it is threatened with danger. If it be a war of righteousness and humanity, we should fight with all our strength, for the protection of the state. We thereby fulfill our duty to our country."

#### TEXAS VETERAN OF EARLY DAYS.

H. G. H.

Mitchell County, Texas, was named for Asa and Eli Mitchell, brothers, who came to Texas in 1822. Another brother, James, came later, in whose house, on the banks of the Sabine, Martin Ruter preached the first sermon he delivered in Texas. Asa was born in Pennsylvania in 1786 and was married in 1816. He lived a while in Kentucky, then went to New Orleans, where he met Stephen F. Austin and came to Texas in 1822 as one of Austin's original 309 colonists. His wife died in 1834. In 1835 he was a member of the consultation and in 1836 a member of the Constitutional Convention at old Washington on the Brazos and a signer of the Declaration of independence. After adjournment of the convention he joined Sam Houston's army and was in the battle of San Jacinto with his son, Nat. For a while he lived at Velasco, then at Columbia, and from there to Washington County. While at Velasco he established the first tan yard ever seen in Texas. In 1847 he removed to the Medina in Bexar County, then to San Antonio later on, where he died in 1865. Eli Mitchell is buried in Gonzales and James Mitchell at Oak Island, Medina County. Asa Mitchell was not only a member of Austin's original colony of 300, but he was a strikingly original character. He was an old-fashioned Methodist, and it was my honor to be his pastor in San Antonio in 1862 and 1865. He acquired a large estate and was accounted wealthy. When Dr. Jesse Boring and I arrived in San Antonio in December, 1858, we took Christmas dinner at Asa Mitchell's house just in front of the old Convent. He was then the leader in the old Solidad Street Methodist Church, Paine Chapel. He bought me a saddle and pair of saddlebags for my far-away trip to the West and strapped a big six-shooter

around my waist. He was the class leader in the Methodist Church. He told me he did not want me to get scalped the first year I was in Texas. He told me if I could not escape by running I must fight and not stop to say prayers. That was more than fifty-six years ago. Asa Mitchell helped me organize the first negro Sunday School ever started in San Antonio in 1862. While he was a Northern man by birth he was a hot secessionist. Dr. Boring was making a secession speech in Alamo Plaza in 1860 when a Union man rushed at him with a heavy cane. Asa Mitchell dashed in front of Boring and quickly drew a keen sword out of a cane and said to the Union man: "A step further and I'll run you through." The trouble was over in a moment and the Doctor proceeded with his speech. Asa Mitchell was chairman of the Vigilance Committee in San Antonio in 1860 and 1861. Old Sam Maverick was his right hand man. In 1865 I prayed with him on his deathbed. He was built for stern times and prayed as he fought for the right. He stood for Methodism, the South, and pre-eminently for Texas. He helped to plant Methodism in San Antonio, where it now flourishes like a green bay tree. He stood by me when I preached to the negroes. He helped to receive the noted Antonio Navarro into the Methodist Church and stood by Methodist preachers as they fought the devil in the old Alamo City.

#### LECTURE ON PROFANITY.

Text: "Cussin'."

The writer got the text from a motto hung in a livery stable twenty-five years ago, in the town of Winnsboro, Texas, as he was waiting for a horse to be saddled for a twelve mile trip to be made in three hours to catch the next train. His eyes fell on the motto which read "No cussin' allowed in this Stable." The trip was made on time; the following night was spent seventy-five miles away, and as the lobby of the hotel was somewhat crowded with traveling men, some of whom were very profane and vulgar, he wrote this note to the Greenville Banner, a paper he represented at that time, referring to the motto, and added: "Would to God a like motto could be hung in every hotel and railroad station where clean and high-bred people are forced to tarry, that they might be protected from the ravages of such filth." Cussin' is pure English, derived from the word cursing, as used many times in the Word of God, and denounced as sin. Ex. 20:7.

Whatever is sin is coarse, indecent, not suitable language to use in the presence of ladies and unbecoming in any refined society. It is said (and truly) that the devil has a bait for every sin but "cussin'." It is also said that the fisherman has a bait for all the different kinds of fish in the sea except the mullet, which is easily caught without bait, the only fish without brains in his head. "Cussin'" is not an exhibition of education, nor of good breeding. Any little, black, dirty, thick-lipped, flat-footed negro can cuss just as loud, as grammatically, and as scientifically as a sage. J. M. HOLT.

Denison, Texas.

#### A NEUTRAL ZONE.

Though the efforts of the Pan-American Union to consider the possibility of establishing a neutral zone in Western waters have somewhat dropped out of sight, the plan is worthy of attention. If the desired result cannot be accomplished now it may be brought about in a less tumultuous period. The plan is to extend the three-mile limit some two hundred miles out to sea, thus safeguarding coastwise shipping of the American Republics and also to a great extent, the foreign trade of European belligerents. For England and Germany to agree to such a request now, would be for them to grant a favor and it would, of course, be impossible for one nation to agree without the other. Such an arrangement would be a great step toward the ideal of forcing warring nations to confine their molestation to each other. It would also greatly enlarge the rights of neutral commerce. And further, it would be a tremendous boon to the Western world just at the time when there is need of enlarging the commercial exchanges between North and South America.

#### SAD.

The most terrific war cartoon thus far coming within our vision was one entitled "Old Iron, Old Bones," while men were piling the scraps of cannon and the skeletons of the dead into a mighty heap. All of Europe will be one giant scrap-heap when this fiendish spasm is over.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

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## The Conferences

1. German Mission Conference—Forty-first session held at San Antonio, Texas, beginning October 1, 1914, ending October 4, 1914, Bishop R. G. Waterhouse presiding. Rev. F. W. Radetzky, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, 807 McKinney Avenue, Houston, Texas.
2. New Mexico Conference—Twenty-fifth session held at Pecos, Texas, beginning October 24, 1914, ending October 19, 1914, Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding. Rev. A. N. Evans, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Tucumcari, New Mexico.
3. West Texas Conference—Fifty-sixth session held at First Church, Austin, Texas, beginning October 21, 1914, ending October 26, 1914, Bishop J. H. McCoy presiding. Rev. Sterling Fisher, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, San Marcos, Texas.
4. Central Texas Conference—Fifth session held at First Church, Hillsboro, Texas, beginning November 11, 1914, ending November 16, 1914, Bishop J. H. McCoy presiding. Rev. A. D. Porter, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Cleburne, Texas.
5. East Oklahoma Conference—Sixty-ninth session held at Ada, Oklahoma, beginning November 12, 1914, ending November 16, 1914, Bishop W. B. Murrah presiding. Rev. Chas. L. Brooks, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
6. West Oklahoma Conference—Fourth session held at Chickasha, Oklahoma, beginning November 18, 1914, ending November 22, 1914, Bishop W. B. Murrah presiding. Rev. R. S. Satterfield, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.
7. Texas Conference—Seventy-fifth session held at Ray City, Texas, beginning November 18, 1914, ending November 23, 1914, Bishop J. H. McCoy presiding. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Pittsburg, Texas.
8. North Texas Conference—Forty-eighth session held at Waples Memorial Church, Denison, Texas, beginning December 2, 1914, ending December 7, 1914, Bishop J. H. McCoy presiding. Rev. K. G. Mead, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Sherman, Texas.
9. Northwest Texas Conference—Fifth session held at Sweetwater, Texas, beginning December 9, 1914, ending December 13, 1914, Bishop J. H. McCoy presiding. Rev. A. L. Moore, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Big Spring, Texas.

## Our Texas Territory

Almost beyond thought is the field of operations for Texas Methodism. If Methodism does what she ought to do, a few more years will make Texas Methodism the balance wheel of the Connection. The bigness of the Lone Star State is already a staggering thought in both Church and State. When her influence is to be thrown in a given direction, men have learned that she is to be reckoned with very seriously. "What will Texas do?" is heard on every hand in the big gatherings. And why not? Is not Texas an empire within herself, and become each year a vast dominion within her own boundaries?

The scope of territory within Texas' bounds is almost unthinkable. Texas has 33,414 more square miles than the Austro-Hungarian Empire; larger than the German Empire by 62,365 square miles, and is more than one-third larger than France. You could put the population of the United States on Texas soil, and then crowd them as much as they are in New Jersey. With the growth of population, and if Methodism could but keep up, what will be in the days of the coming generations?

Organic Methodism in Texas is the progeny of missionary zeal in the Mississippi Conference. Missionaries were sent to the Republic of Texas late in the fall of 1837, having no definite field assigned them. As a result of the work, in 1838 they reported 450 members. Three Church buildings were erected—one at San Augustine, one in the McMahon settlement on the Polygooch, and another in Washington, on the Brazos. At the Mississippi Conference, held in Granada, Mississippi, December 3, 1838, the Texas territory was formed into the Texas Mission. Littleton Fowler was made presiding elder. Jesse Hord, S. A. Williams, J. P. Sneed and J. L. G. Strickland were sent as missionary itinerants.

At the General Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland, in May, 1840, the Texas Mission was constituted as the Texas Conference. It took organic form at Rutledge, Texas. At its organization it had seventeen itinerants, twenty-five local preachers and 1623 members. At the General Conference of 1844, the Texas Conference, together with the Red River Mission territory, became the Texas and East Texas Conferences. At Marshall, in 1845, the East Texas Conference was organized, with thirty itinerants, forty-eight local preachers and 3625 members. At the General Conference of 1866, the Trinity Conference was set apart out of the territory in North and East Texas. It was organized at Sulphur Springs, in 1867, with forty-six itinerants, twenty-eight local preachers and 7495 members. At the General Conference of 1874 the name "Trinity" was changed to "North Texas," as it now stands. The General Conference of 1866 created the Northwest Texas Conference, which was organized by Bishop Marvin, at Waxahatchie, in September, 1866, with nine itinerants, eighty-five local preachers and 3870 members. The General Conference of 1888 formed the Rio Grande, now West Texas, Conference. It embraced the territory west of the Guadalupe River, large in extent, but thinly populated. It was organized at Goliad, November 9, 1889, with twenty-eight itinerants, twenty-three local preachers and 1634 members. In 1874 the German Mission Conference was set apart to take care of that movement which had its rise in the German Mission enterprise at Galveston, consequent upon the great German influx of annexation year, 1846. Successive General Conferences have made many radical changes in the boundaries of the Texas Conferences. This paper will deal only with the very latest reports of those bodies as they now stand: German Mission, New Mexico, West Texas, Central Texas, Northwest Texas, North Texas, East Oklahoma, and West Oklahoma Conferences.

## Some Beginnings

Philip Embury, a local preacher from Ireland—and a carpenter—settled in New York and held the first Methodist service in that city in 1766. This was the first of the kind in the New World. He organized a Society, first preaching in his own house, then in a hired house, afterwards in the "Rigging Loft," known as the birthplace of American Methodism. Embury surrendered his work to the first missionaries sent from England by Mr. Wesley. These missionaries, Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor, landed in Philadelphia in the autumn of 1769. Two months before their coming they were preceded by Robert Williams, the first itinerant preacher to reach America. Williams was a volunteer

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and not appointed by Wesley. He was the apostle of Methodism in Virginia and North Carolina.

Robert Strawbridge, another Irish immigrant, began to preach in Maryland about the time Embury began in New York. He settled on Sam's Creek, in Frederick County. There he built what is known in Methodist history as the Log Meetinghouse. In point of time, so close were the efforts of Embury and Strawbridge together, that it is a mooted question which was first built in America—John Street Church in New York, or the Log Meetinghouse on Sam's Creek in Maryland.

Francis Asbury was the apostle of American Methodism. With Richard Wright as a companion, he was commissioned as a missionary to America. He landed in Philadelphia, October 27, 1771, and the next year Wesley appointed him General Assistant in America.

The first conference of Methodism held on American soil convened in Philadelphia, July 4, 1773. Thomas Rankin presided. The members "in Society" numbered 116.

The Societies were widely scattered throughout the Union except the New England States. At that time nearly nine-tenths of the members lived south of Mason and Dixon's line. At the close of the Revolution not one of Mr. Wesley's missionaries was left in America, except Mr. Asbury.

The independence of the Colonies found the Methodist missionaries returned to England and the country deserted by the clergy of the Established Church. The people were entirely without the sacraments, and the Methodists set to clamor. Thousands of children were growing up without baptism, and flaming evangelists were in the pulpits, yet themselves never having partaken of the sacrament.

Dr. Coke was ordained Bishop by Wesley, and at the same time Vasey and Whatcoat were ordained elders. These men were sent to America to organize the Methodists into a separate Church, and to ordain Asbury "joint Superintendent with Coke." They sailed from England September 18, 1784, and landed in New York in November. At 10 o'clock Friday morning, December 24, 1784, began the first General Conference of American Methodism. It is known as the "Christmas Conference," and was held in Lovely Lane Chapel, in Baltimore, Maryland. Bishop Coke presided, and on taking the chair he presented the letter signed by John Wesley—and organic Methodism in North America was born.

Nearly every division in Methodism has been over a question of polity; and not of doctrine. Of course the separation of Wesley and Whitefield in 1741, which resulted in Calvinistic Methodists, is to be excepted. But this split came about before American Methodism was fairly established. From the planting of Methodism in America until the General Conference of 1844—a period of more than seventy-five years—nothing like a division had occurred. Our readers are all familiar with the great question that arose in the General Conference of 1844 touching slavery. The story of Francis A. Harding, of the Baltimore Conference, and of Bishop Andrew Reid need not be repeated here. Out of all that stormy discussion came the Plan of Separation, and the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Bishops Soule and Andrews were recognized as general superintendents, and the General Conference was held in Petersburg, Virginia, May, 1846. Thus began Southern Methodism in the United States.

## General Facts

Many things are brought out in this study of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Methodism which bring a pang to the heart of every aggressive, loyal Methodist. Our gains are not in keeping with our victories, in former years. All these figures, from which the many conclusions are drawn, have been audited again and again. If the several Conference reports are accurate, then the conclusions are inevitable, however painful they may be. It is to be hoped that this year we may address ourselves to larger conquests, and that God may revisit his Zion in yet larger measure. Our small gains and our many losses are not alone peculiar to our particular territory. Dr. Ivey, author of the Southern Methodist Handbook for 1915, declares that the year just closed was not one of substantial gains in all departments of our Church's work—in fact, in some instances there were losses as compared with 1913.

The total number of traveling preachers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is 7274. This is an increase of 71. The actual increase is evidently larger, for there were admitted on trial, readmitted, and received from other Churches 386; and the number of local preachers and 3870 members. The General Conference of 1888 formed the Rio Grande, now West Texas, Conference. It embraced the territory west of the Guadalupe River, large in extent, but thinly populated. It was organized at Goliad, November 9, 1889, with twenty-eight itinerants, twenty-three local preachers and 1634 members. In 1874 the German Mission Conference was set apart to take care of that movement which had its rise in the German Mission enterprise at Galveston, consequent upon the great German influx of annexation year, 1846. Successive General Conferences have made many radical changes in the boundaries of the Texas Conferences. This paper will deal only with the very latest reports of those bodies as they now stand: German Mission, New Mexico, West Texas, Central Texas, Northwest Texas, North Texas, East Oklahoma, and West Oklahoma Conferences.

The number of Church members is 2,027,735. Including traveling and local preachers, the total is 2,040,283, an increase of 36,530. This is nearly 10,000 below the increase of 1913 and below the average for the past quadrennium. A gain of less than two per cent should not be counted a satisfactory showing for our Church. The Conferences showing gains of more than 2000 were: Holston, Little Rock, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, Memphis, Western North Carolina, and Louisville. Sixteen Conferences throughout the Church reported a decrease in number of members. If the ratio of two per cent had held throughout the Methodism in our territory we would have at best gained only 6041 members during the last year. It is to our shame that the number was even less than that.

The Sunday School figures for the entire Church make a much better showing than do the Church membership statistics. Number of Sunday School officers and teachers, 139,801, a gain of 4871; number of scholars, 1,575,845, an increase of 95,868. Total Sunday School membership gain is 100,739. The Sunday School enrollment is now 84 per cent of the Church membership, whereas ten years ago it was 70 per cent. In our own territory we have 2657 Sunday Schools with a total membership of 323,064. Our Sunday School enrollment is now a fraction above 89 per cent.

The Church membership in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma exceeds that of the Sunday School by only 39,712. This is indeed gratifying. While in Texas and New Mexico (the increase or decrease in East and West Oklahoma Conferences not being at hand), we had a decrease of 73 Sunday Schools, yet we had an increase of 18,640 in enrollment. This is doubtless due to the increased efficiency in organization.

The number of Epworth League members throughout all Methodism is 123,662, a decrease of 9717 for the year. We have 947 Epworth Leagues with a total membership of 26,192. Texas and New Mexico suffered a loss of 90 League Chapters and a decrease in membership of 3881.

As was expected, the financial statistics show losses as compared with the figures of 1913. This came as the inevitable result of the financial stringency occasioned by the terrible war in European countries. In contributions for the support of pastors alone there was an increase, and in that case only a little more than one-third of the usual increase. For the support of Bishops there was a decrease of \$5046; for presiding elders, a decrease of \$885; for pastors, an increase of \$68,187; for Conference Claimants, a decrease of \$18,117; for Foreign Missions, \$37,292; for Home and Conference Missions, \$9449; Specials for Missions, a decrease of \$33,222; for Church Extension, a decrease of \$13,003. (This does not include "Specials for Church Extension"). Paid for Education, \$235,400. This item has not heretofore appeared in the general statistics, but the decrease is approximately \$20,000.

The gain in number of houses of worship is 62, with an increased valuation of nearly \$4,000,000. The number of parsonages (including district parsonages), is 13 more than in 1913, and the increased valuation is \$12,003. This shows an increased valuation of Church property to the amount of \$4,112,000.

## Comparisons—Per Cents

Throughout the whole world, Southern Methodism is under the jurisdiction of 59 Annual Conferences. According to present membership (1914) Texas Methodism is divided as follows: German Mission, 1828; New Mexico, 7457; West Texas, 38,700; Central Texas, 78,582; Texas, 75,594; North Texas, 66,997; Northwest Oklahoma, 34,569; Grand Total, 303,727. These figures include, as will be observed, all the membership of the New Mexico Conference. These are given on account of so much of that territory lying within the Texas borders. Under a late action, the Texas Christian Advocate is not only the Official Organ of the five English-speaking Conferences in Texas, the German Mission, and the New Mexico Conference, but of the East and the West Oklahoma as well. Thus the Advocate now serves a total membership of 362,776. The statistics of the world, in 1914, gave Southern Methodism the total of 2,040,283. This includes our traveling and local preachers, Texas and Oklahoma have 362,776 members, or over 17 1/2 per cent of the entire Church. Thus it is easily seen what a vast constituency the Advocate has, and how immense are the opportunities afforded for good.

The Church's total outlay of property is \$69,880,753. That of Texas and Oklahoma is \$12,149,432. (These figures do not include the valuation of school plants; only houses of worship and parsonages). Our territory, therefore, controls nearly 17 1/2 per cent of the entire valuation. Southern Methodism has 17,068 houses of worship; Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, 2543, or nearly 15 per cent. The entire Church has 5603 parsonages; Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, 1226, or nearly 22 per cent.

The world's Methodism paid for Missions \$914,734; Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, \$138,280, or over 15 per cent. Entire Methodism paid for Church Extension (not including Specials), \$196,111; Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, \$41,975, or over 21 per cent. Methodism paid her Conference Claimants \$280,089; Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma \$50,955, or over 18 per cent. Methodism paid for the support of the ministry (Bishops, presiding elders and preachers in charge), \$5,493,977; Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, \$1,181,675, or 21 1/2 per cent.

One of the most important steps taken by our last General Conference (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1914), relative to Texas Methodism, was the organization of the Texas Mexican Mission, in November 18, 1914, at Texas, Mission, which was created by the last General Conference and includes all the Mexican work in Texas east of the Pecos River, was held in Austin by Bishop Lambuth. It will be remembered that this section of the Mexican work is now under the Department of Home Missions, having been set off from the foreign work by the General Conference. Rev. F. S. Onderdonk was made superintendent; Miss Norwood Wynn will do general missionary work in the territory; Revs. D. W. Carter, J. A. Phillips and D. Macune will supervise large circuits, centering respectively at Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi. There are thirteen circuits and as many Mexican preachers. Upon this organization is levied a large responsibility, since it is to look after the spiritual welfare of over 400,000 Mexicans in the State of Texas.

## Deductions

All of Southern Methodism has 17,068 houses of worship, valued at \$57,677,908, which is an average value of \$3379.30. Our territory has 2543 houses, valued at \$9,823,095, which is an average of \$3901.73. Of our 3648 societies 1105 are without houses of worship.

Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma paid for Missions the sum of \$138,280.18, or an average of a little over .38 per member. Beginning with the greatest per capita the Conferences in this territory rank as follows: German Mission, \$1.07; West Texas, .64; Northwest Texas, .46; New Mexico, .37; Central Texas, .36; West Oklahoma, .36; North Texas, .34; Texas, .30; East Oklahoma, .30. These Conferences may be itemized as fol-

lows: German Mission, members 1828, paid \$1956.27, per capita \$1.07; West Texas, members 38,700, paid \$24,068, per capita .64; Northwest Texas, members 34,569, paid \$15,819, per capita .46; New Mexico, members 7457, paid \$2751, per capita .37; Central Texas, members 78,582, paid \$28,320, per capita .36; West Oklahoma, members 26,800, paid \$9625, per capita .36; North Texas, members 66,997, paid \$23,035, per capita .34; Texas, members 75,594, paid \$22,569.91, per capita .30; East Oklahoma, members 32,249, paid \$9536, per capita .30. All of Southern Methodism paid to Missions (Foreign, Home and Conference, and Specials) the sum of \$914,734. Having a membership of 2,040,283 this made a per capita of nearly .45.

In our territory 3 were received as local preachers, and 5 as traveling preachers—a total of 8. The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene furnished 1; Methodist Episcopal Church, 4; Congregational Church, 1; Methodist Protestant Church, 2; and a Church not specified in the report, 1—a total of 8.

In all of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma we have 1313 pastors (counting supplies), and 71 presiding elders—a total of 1384. Of this number we had a loss of only 42. No body of a like number of men on the face of the earth can show a like favorable ratio. This is barely over 3 per cent. This loss in the ministry is distributed as follows: Discontinued at own request, 4; discontinued by Conference, 2; located at own request, 10; located by Conference, 1; loss by death, 17; by expiration, 2; by withdrawal, 6; total, 42. Of this number it will be noted that 17 died during the year. This makes the actual loss by Conference action only 25.

With a membership of 2,040,283 Southern Methodism has a property valuation of \$69,880,753, or a per capita of \$34.25. The Methodists of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, numbers 362,776 and has property to the amount of \$12,149,432, a per capita of \$33.49.

Our membership paid the following for the support of the ministry: Bishops, \$12,255.30, a per capita of .0313; presiding elders, \$109,639.62, a per capita of .4112; preachers in charge, \$1,008,779.80, a per capita of \$2.78. Total amount paid for ministerial support, \$1,131,674.62, a per capita of \$3.2544. All of Southern Methodism paid for the ministry, \$5,493,977, a per capita of \$2.6934. Thus our average is in excess per capita of .5612.

And now we come to another living shame! Our territory failed in the amount promised the American Bible Society by \$97,318. This barely goes beyond a per capita of one cent. And yet how could we push our great missionary operations at home and abroad without this great force in the evangelization of the world?

The whole Church paid to Education last year \$235,400, a per capita of .1152. Our territory paid \$49,176.43, a per capita of .1312, an excess of .02 per capita.

Methodism paid \$196,411 to Church Extension, a per capita of .0952. Our territory paid \$41,974.81, a per capita of .1112, and an excess of .02.

Figures do not have to be juggled to show that our Methodism is far short of its duty in the evangelization of the world. It is a shame that the Church in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma only paid to Missions last year \$138,280.18. Think of it—and then be amazed at the very thought! If our membership had put aside one copper cent each week the missionary coffers would have had \$185,643.52. Wonder if our men could not have spared a five-cent cigar each week, our women spared the price of a soda or a package of chewing gum, or our young folks the price of one weekly admittance to a picture theater! What if they had slipped just five cents into the missionary treasury each week? The territory covered by the Texas Advocate alone would have turned over the magnificent sum of \$942,553.60 for the evangelization of the nation of the world.

We paid 1313 pastors \$1,008,779.80, an average of \$768.45. We paid 71 presiding elders \$109,639.62, an average of \$2262.53. The figures show that the presiding elders receive an average of about three times more than the pastors. We paid to the support of our 4 Bishops \$12,255.30, an average of \$875.32. The total amount paid for the support of our ministry was \$1,181,674.62, or a per capita of \$3.26.

Of course, each Conference has many more claimants than those who come under the head of "superannuates." To add the "widows and orphans of preachers" in this computation would make the individual average so ridiculously small that the whole world would be ashamed of us. The average is based on "superannuates" alone. Even if there had been no other claimants the amount is small enough to be almost a starvation proposition. In this day of advanced prices, and notwithstanding

ing some are furnished homes thereby saving house rent, it is a disgrace how we treat these old heroes of the cross. In Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma we have 203 superannuates. The amount raised for all the Conference Claimants was \$50,954.75. We repeat it, that if all other claimants were not considered (and they are far in the majority), our old veterans would have each received barely over \$251. It is mean to remotely suggest introversion and mismanagement in their former years. Like Gladstone, they may have been too busy to make money. Suffice it to say the vastness of our inheritance was made possible by their thought, their devotion, their tears and their sacrifice. Will God forgive us when we offer a mere crumb to the man who has set for us a table groaning under the weight of every luxury? Our treatment of the old veteran is a blotch on the Methodist escutcheon.

In our territory we have 40 supernumeraries, 203 superannuates, 1313 preachers in charge of pastorates, and 71 presiding elders. This makes a total of 1627. These figures do not include the schoolmen who are appointed by the Bishop and his Cabinet.

## Our Gain And Loss

(Note—Herein is shown our Gain or Loss over 1913 on every item considered in an Annual Conference. This does not take into account either the East or the West Oklahoma Conferences.)

### Our Gains.

- Increase of 27 remaining on trial.
- Increase of 13 admitted into full connection.
- Increase of 1 received on trial.
- Increase of 7 received by transfer from other Conferences.
- Increase of 4 received from other Churches as traveling preachers.
- Increase of 7 traveling preachers elected deacons.
- Increase of 8 traveling preachers ordained deacons.
- Increase of 10 superannuates.
- Increase of 6 deaths among the preachers.
- Increase in local preachers, 203. (This large showing is caused by more accurate reports on the part of pastors.)
- Increase in membership, 1658. (This does not estimate gain or loss in East and West Oklahoma Conferences.)
- Increase of 1449 adult baptisms.
- Increase of 452 officers and teachers in the Sunday Schools.
- Increase of 18,188 Sunday School scholars.
- Increase of \$50,925.25 in assessments for Conference Claimants.
- Increase of \$635,385 in value of houses of worship.
- Increase of \$322.78 in the average value of houses of worship.
- Increase of 111,601 in indebtedness on houses of worship.
- Increase of \$6582 in value of parsonages.
- Increase of \$51.18 in average value of parsonages.
- Increase of \$9457 in indebtedness on parsonages.
- Increase of 3 district parsonages.
- Increase in loss by fire, \$657.45.

### Our Losses.

- Decrease of 9 in admissions on trial.
- Decrease of 1 in discontinuances.
- Decrease of 3 in those received from other Churches as local preachers.
- Decrease of 13 in deacons of one year.
- Decrease of 2 local preachers elected deacons.
- Decrease of 3 local preachers ordained deacons.
- Decrease of 10 traveling preachers elected elders.
- Decrease of 8 traveling preachers ordained elders.
- Decrease of 7 local preachers elected elders.
- Decrease of 6 local preachers ordained elders.
- Decrease of 10 located this year.
- Decrease of 7 supernumeraries.
- Decrease of 1 over last year of all our preachers found not blameless.
- Decrease of 51 infants baptized.
- Decrease of 60 Epworth League members.
- Decrease of 2881 Epworth League members.
- Decrease of 73 Sunday Schools.
- Decrease of \$1280.37 collected on assessment for Conference Claimants.
- Decrease of \$8173.56 contributed for Missions. Of this amount there was a deficit of \$772.32 in Foreign, and of \$401.24 in Home and Conference accounts.
- Decrease of \$4011.90 contributed for Church Extension.
- Decrease of \$973.18 contributed for American Bible Society.
- Decrease of \$1436.57 paid presiding elders.
- Decrease of \$140,670.46 paid preachers in charge.
- Decrease of \$1232.99 contributed for support of Bishops.
- Decrease of societies, 75.
- Decrease of houses of worship, 10.
- Decrease in number of societies without houses of worship, 65. (This is really a gain, for it shows 65 churches having been built.)
- Decrease of 24 in the number of pastoral charges.
- Decrease of 17 parsonages owned by pastoral charges.
- Decrease of 7 pastoral charges that are without parsonages. (This is really a gain, for it shows, on the face of the figures, that 7 were built.)
- Decrease of 1 district.
- Decrease of 4 districts without parsonages. (This is really a gain, for it shows that 4 district parsonages were built.)
- Decrease of 11 churches damaged by fire or storm.
- Decrease of \$8686 damage to churches by fire or storm.
- Decrease of \$1,302,018.50 in insurance carried.
- Decrease of \$1730.89 in premiums paid on insurance.
- Decrease of \$10,023.45 in collections on insurance losses.

# The Minutes

(Note—The following Questions and Answers cover all those asked in 1914, at the sessions of the German Mission (October 1), New Mexico (October 14), West Texas (October 21), Central Texas (November 11), East Oklahoma (November 12), West Oklahoma (November 18), Texas (November 18), North Texas (December 2), and the Northwest Texas (December 9), Conferences. Of all this vast territory the Texas Christian Advocate is the Official Organ. The items of "Increase" or "Decrease" are comparisons made from the reports of those bodies for 1913, but do not include the 1913 reports from the East and West Oklahoma Conferences. Those enter only into the "Grand Totals" appended at the end of each Question.)

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? German Mission, 1; New Mexico, 3; West Texas, 12; Central Texas, 12; Texas, 12;

North Texas, 10; Northwest Texas, 10; total, 60; 1913, 69; decrease, 9. East Oklahoma, 10; West Oklahoma, 9; grand total, 79.

2. Who remain on trial? German Mission, 2; New Mexico, 3; West Texas, 10; Central Texas, 24; Texas, 15; North Texas, 8; Northwest Texas, 16; total, 78; 1913, 51; increase, 27. East Oklahoma, 11; West Oklahoma, 9; grand total, 98.

3. Who are discontinued? German Mission, none; New Mexico, none; West Texas, at own request, 1; Central Texas, at own request, 2; Texas, none; North Texas, none; Northwest Texas, by Conference, 2; total, at own request, 3; by Conference, 2; grand total, 5. 1913, 6; decrease, 1. East Oklahoma, none; West Oklahoma, at own request, 1. Grand total, at own request, 4; by Conference, 2; total, 6.

# Notes from The Field

### Burk Burnett Mission.

The work of Burk Burnett Mission is moving along nicely. One month from the day we arrived at our new home we were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Irwin's father. I am hoping to add a new list of subscribers for Advocate soon.—Gilbert Irwin.

### Masonic Home, Darlington, Okla.

I was glad when notified that after January 1 the Texas Advocate would come to us as our organ. I would have said "howdy-do" long time ago, but have been ill. Just out of the hospital, Oklahoma City. Had two operations. Guess I'll be all right now.—W. W. Robinson, Chaplain.

### Spiro, Okla.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held Saturday night, and our new presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Peterson, preached an excellent sermon for us Sunday morning. We were all very much pleased with Dr. Peterson in the choir, in the pulpit and in the social circle, and he seemed very much pleased with the progress of our Church. We are seeking to make this a missionary Church. Every department is being organized with missionary study class and Bible study. Our Sunday School is one of the banner schools of the conference and the Missionary Society and Epworth Leagues are growing in interest. We have been pounded almost daily since conference. I sincerely trust we may have steady development along all spiritual lines. We are well pleased with the new Conference Organ.—L. C. Craig, P. C.

### Celeste Circuit.

I'm back on the firing line again. Just closed out a gracious revival at Orange Grove. I began the first Sunday and preached until Brother L. E. Conkin came. By the time he got to me the few Christian workers were ready to enter the battle. The revival was a sweeping victory for the Church and our Lord. Conkin did not spare strength or talent in the conflict. There were twenty-seven conversions and twenty-four accessions to our Church. Most all the converts were heads of families. Eleven men who were heads of families were converted and joined the Church. At the close of the meeting the brethren made the pastor a present of \$100 in cash. This alone shows that men were converted. All the praise shall be given to our Heavenly Father.—H. M. Cosby, P. C.

### Wagner, Okla.

We like the appearance of the Advocate very much and shall help to boost it as it deserves. We are having some good meetings. Just closed at Grandview, Oklahoma, a good meeting. Some thirty or more professions and dedications and the whole membership revived. Brother John Haggard is the pastor—a noble man doing a fine work. No man ever went through more refining fire than he did last year, yet he has come out of it all as happy as if he had trusted his Lord through it all and at the same time realized that the smiles of God were upon him and upon his work. This is his second year, and his people are devoted to him. At Grandview he is the salt of the earth. I am Conference Evangelist of East Oklahoma Conference, but if any of the brethren in Texas want me and I can arrange a date for them I shall be glad to do so.—J. D. Edwards.

### Victoria.

Our work moves victoriously on. A big-hearted, gracious people have shown us all the usual kindnesses that make a pastor and his family feel at home even in a strange country. We have been pounded and repounded. Our people have also made large provision for poorer families in the city. Good audiences have awaited us at all hours of public worship. The presiding elder, Rev. A. W. Wilson, is in great favor with our people, a few of whom remember him as the young man, their pastor. Though it has rained most of the time since conference, we have worked as if the sun were shining all the while. Twenty new members have been received. Two hundred pastoral calls have been made through mud and showers. Our aggregate expenditure to date for all objects has been two thousand dollars.—Wallace M. Crutchfield, P. C., Jan. 22.

### Blossom.

I rejoice to learn that the Advocate is swelling its borders and that the two Oklahoma Conferences have opened their doors for the grand reception of the Advocate as their Official Organ. In all our religious enterprises, I care not what their character is, if we will follow the example left on record for our guidance we are sure to prosper. Hence the Advocate hews to the line, let the chips fly where they will. It is grand to have an Official Organ. As this is my second day in my 81st year, and still fleet on foot, I feel so thankful for the continual blessings bestowed. Our Church services have been crippled to some extent by the inclemency of the weather, yet our fat and chubby beloved pastor is as spry as if he were only sweet 16. We and the Church have begun devising and planning for a revival season. Heretofore we denominated such as protracted service. This year we propose to discard the latter and accept the former. May success crown our efforts. There is an auxiliary belonging to our Church known as the Ladies' Aid So-

ciety. Owing to their usefulness and Christian fortitude a word should appear in this article commending them as one of our pastor's great helpers. They are always ready to comply (if possible) to any request made upon them by their worthy pastor. Their presence is prominent at Sabbath School, prayer meeting and Church. Therefore we are proud of our Ladies' Aid Society.—J. N. Daniel.

### Ryan, Okla.

We have been here two months, so I will make a brief report of our work. We received a splendid reception and a very nice pounding. We have some very excellent people and they are standing by the work. Our Sunday School, under the efficient leadership of Brother C. L. Purviance, is doing fine and getting better. Have a real live Woman's Missionary Society. We have just organized both Senior and Junior Leagues with forty-five in Senior and twenty-eight in the Junior, and we are expecting great things of them. We are preparing for a great revival this year. We are looking forward to our Missionary Rally at Mangum, and I am expecting great things from it. I certainly hope every pastor and many of our laymen will be on hand at the first service and remain to the last. We have a feast for all who will come.—M. T. Allen, Jan. 25.

### First Church, Bonham.

To a stranger coming into the city, a service like the one held at the First Methodist Church last night was a revelation. In addition to the pipe organ and piano, which are tuned in harmony, there were three cornets, two violins and a flute and a great chorus choir composed of about thirty voices. A program about thirty minutes in length was rendered by this splendid aggregation and then a very interesting and appropriate sermon from the congregation made up largely of young people, was preached by the pastor, Rev. J. Sam Borens. After announcing the reception of members the congregation was dismissed. It was learned that this is but a typical service for the Sunday night occasions. Each Sunday evening at 6:30 the choir and orchestra assemble and begin the program. At seven o'clock the house is filled with worshippers and the pastor takes charge. This Church is in a campaign for one hundred new members by the first Sunday in April—Easter Sunday. Here is hoping they will attain their ideal.—Bonham Daily Favorite.

### Whitesboro.

We left Celina the next Saturday after conference in a downpour of rain and with a cold norther at Whitesboro, but the brethren took us at once to the good home of Brother C. L. Simpson, who showed us much kindness. Good things began at once to find their way into the parsonage and have continued almost to this good hour. Surely "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." The pounding? Well, I should say! It came in "an old-fashioned way." The good women have "done what they could" to make us comfortable. They have put in the parsonage about \$75 worth of furnishings, including lights, rugs, rockers, curtains and a gas cook stove. Last Sunday was our first Quarterly Conference. Brother Mood, our presiding elder, was on hand and looked carefully after all departments of the work. Though small of stature, he holds a very large place in the love and confidence of our people. His sermon Sunday night was strong and helpful. We are looking hopefully to the future and praying earnestly for a Holy Ghost revival.—J. F. Archer.

### Ovilla.

Well, I was a little surprised when read out for Ovilla, but was on the ground the first Sunday after conference. Have not missed an appointment, notwithstanding the rain and mud. Have been very kindly received all over the charge. On arrival we were met at the parsonage by a band of elect ladies who had prepared for us a very fine supper. Tokens of appreciation have been received almost every day and on Wednesday afternoon, January 13, we were given a nice pounding. For all of these kindnesses we are indeed very grateful and we are determined to try to prove ourselves worthy of the confidence and esteem of these noble people. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Ovilla January 9, 10. Brother Bishop, our new presiding elder, came and won all our hearts. He gave us two very fine sermons. The Quarterly Conference was harmonious, the attendance was fine, twenty-one of the twenty-four stewards being present. They very cheerfully made up an assessment of \$1200 for the pastor's support. We are praying for and confidently expecting a great year.—Frank Hughes, P. C., Jan. 20.

### Ardmore Mission.

I just want to say that the dear old Advocate just suits me. It had been so long since I have seen a copy of it, my heart rejoices. I am glad that the brethren decided as they did. For twenty-five years I read the dear old Advocate. I was then living in Cooke County. It was always a welcome visitor to our home. Since it has been made the Church organ of Texas and the West Oklahoma Conferences I have read its columns with delight. Looking to see if I could find any names of the preachers that I

knew twenty-five years ago in the North Texas Conference and the West Texas Conference I would like to know the whereabouts of Rev. F. M. Jackson and Brother Walker (I don't remember the latter's initials). I would like to hear from them. Well, thank God, I am still in the service of my Master, pressing the battle against sin and the devil, trusting that this may be the best year of my life. I am now in the midst of a revival at Lawrence Chapel, in Ardmore, on the Ardmore Mission. Two conversions up to this writing, and looks very promising. I will close by saying, God bless the dear old Advocate and its readers.—J. W. Williams, P. C.

### Cheyenne Charge.

The Annual Conference saw fit to send me to Cheyenne charge in Clinton District. We moved in a hurry to get on the job, and have been on the job ever since. There are two points on the work, Cheyenne and Durham. Cheyenne is a county seat town of about 600 inhabitants. There are good people here. My other appointment is thirty-two miles away, and have to drive over in a buggy, taking me some time to drive. I am on the road three days to make the trip; but when the preacher gets there everybody is glad to see him. The house is full every time, and that is what makes the preacher feel good—to preach to faces instead of empty benches. It is an old-time Church congregation. Everybody has to ask you to go home with him and makes a fellow feel at home. This is my first year in the itineracy and my first voyage of twenty summers; but if God sees fit I will continue in his work the rest of my days. Only a boy just starting. Pray for me and my fellow laborers.—Clinton C. Wilson, P. C.

### Telephone.

We were well pleased when Bishop McCoy read us out to return to the Telephone Mission, and it was with the liveliest anticipations of a pleasant and profitable year's work that we came back and began the preparations for the new campaign. We have some of the most loyal and faithful officials and members that we have ever seen. They, the officials, stood by us handsomely last year, collected the salary in full and enabled us to make a report as good as the average at conference. Last September, just after the preacher had returned from his wedding trip, the people gave us a splendid old-fashioned pounding, the effects of which have not worn off yet, for some of the good things still last. We had a great meeting last year, a good number of accessions to the Church, and the whole line of the Christian people of the several communities advanced. Things, in spite of the financial stringency, look hopeful for a good year, and it is in good hope and spirits that we are beginning it. Our first Quarterly Conference has not been held, but we hear good reports of Brother Young, our new presiding elder. The Advocate is fairly well represented, but not so well as it should be, for it is to be in every Methodist home—and a lot of others. We hope to send in a goodly number of subscriptions to it this year. We feel that God has blessed us during our stay there and we are looking to him for the best year we have ever had.—Ralph T. Breedlove, P. C.

### Hempstead.

Three days after the Texas Conference appointments were read out we landed in our new field. At the depot we were met by Brother Piarr, a dear old superannuated brother, and some of the members of the Mission Society. Arriving at the parsonage we found it swept and garnished and in apple pie order. Other women were here to welcome and make us feel at home. Did you mention pounding? Well, if you could have peeped into our kitchen that question would never have been asked. There was everything that was needed to begin house-keeping with and in quantities—flour, potatoes, both sweet and Irish, bacon, eggs, lard, molasses, honey, all kinds of spices and seven pounds of butter, and a hundred other things. Our dinner had been or-

dered from the restaurant, but I confess not much of it was eaten. Our hearts were too full with gratitude to God for sending us among such loyal people. We found a splendid Sunday School and a fine Woman's Mission Society. We have resurrected the prayer meeting and have it going splendidly. We are praying that we will be able to have a gracious revival in the spring, not that we are doing nothing now, for we make each Sunday evening service evangelistic, but we need the revival to reach out farther than we are able to do. Courtney and Lynn Grove were added to this charge this year. I found two splendid congregations, though small, at each of these places, and here, too, is a splendid opportunity for reaping a large harvest for the Master.—Geo. E. Kemp.

### League City.

On the third Sunday of this month I closed my revival at Genoa, Texas, a little town on the Houston-Galveston electric car line. This was one of the best meetings that I have ever had in my charge anywhere. Uncle John Stevens was with us and helped preach, and I want to say that he is a splendid helper in a meeting. I held the day services and we discussed the Church work and its problems and my folks realized that the main difficulty in moving on towards progress was the lack of information concerning our doctrine and polity. After a week's work and prayer we closed out with four new subscribers to the Advocate, seven new Disciples placed in homes, fifty Disciples in the Church, six accessions to the Church, the Cradle Roll and Home Department in the Sunday School, a mid-week prayer meeting. We are now in our meeting at League City. We were very fortunate in securing the leadership of our Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Walter G. Harbin. He is holding us a very helpful meeting, as he is running the two works—evangelism and Sunday School—in one. We have large congregations both day and night, and between times he is talking the Sunday School work to my folks, and I find this the best scheme that I have ever seen, for we are all down to real work and letting no moments be idle. I believe I will have one of the best trained lot of officers and teachers that you can find anywhere. We are also having conversions and accessions to the Church all along the way. We are going to hold next week a Sunday School Institute for the benefit of my whole charge. I will write you later the results.—D. B. Riddie, P. C.

### Ringgold.

We were returned to Ringgold charge for the second year and willingly so on our part, and if there was any objection on the part of the Church we have not heard of it yet and trust we shall not, for it never helps a preacher to hear that there were some that wanted a change. Last year was in some respects a test year for Ringgold charge, for in addition to the financial depression that existed everywhere our assessment for all purposes was one-third more than we had ever paid, but we lacked but very little meeting it. Our people did heroically last year, and the sacrifice they made in different ways has brought the pastor under renewed obligation to them, and we start upon the second year encouraged. The fact is, Ringgold charge knows the secret of encouraging a preacher. The night before the North Texas Conference convened a young man presented the pastor with a nice suit of clothes, compliments of thirty-two men, the majority of whom are not religious, and a few nights ago the Ringgold people gave us a substantial pounding. I use the word "substantial" because everything they brought us enough to last two or three weeks, and we still have five other points to hear from. So you see Ringgold charge is a large, nice charge. I do not hesitate to say that Bowie District has the most accommodative and wide-awake presiding elder in the North Texas Conference when it comes to taking care of his preachers. At least the writer has found this to be true in his case. When living goes higher, or another member is added to the family, he adds another appointment

to my charge to give me a better support (so he says). I now have the northwest fourth of Moutagne County and a small slice of Clay County, but I don't think he means to add any more this year, at least I have not heard of it yet. But I do not mean to make the impression that I am complaining, for, after all, we serve a good people and have always served that kind. We have a great Church, a great polity and a great doctrine, and with all these good things we can go forward with faith in God.—P. S. Warren, P. C.

### Midway Charge.

Bishop McCoy read us out for Midway charge for the second year and we were glad, for we had made many friends, and they have kindly received us again and have shown many expressions of kindness since our return. Three new appointments have been added to the work, and these have given us a kind reception. The weather has been so very bad that the work has been greatly hindered, but we are looking forward to great things this year. We have only missed a few appointments, and when the weather moderates and the roads get good, we expect to visit our members, and in doing this we shall make a special effort to place the Advocate in their homes. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held and the places represented made very good reports, and the work starts off with very encouraging signs ahead. Rev. T. S. Armstrong, the presiding elder, was on hand and, as is his custom, he sounded a hopeful note and gave wholesome advice in planning the work. He never overlooks any part of the work, and he knows how to plan and help bring things to pass. This district has the best presiding elder in the conference, and he's not "for sale." Our people have been hit hard by the cotton situation, but they are heroic, and with everything considered, the condition of our work is better than this time last year. With faith and courage we press forward and pray the Great Head of the Church to give us victory in the saving of souls and the upbuilding of his kingdom. Pray for us.—J. M. Fryar, Pastor.

### Gageby.

Gageby is a town of unlimited possibilities, as it is about all to build yet. This is the first year of the existence of a pastoral charge by this name. Rev. L. B. Smallwood has wrought well here for the past three years. Before I came to the charge I asked the presiding elder if there were resources here to develop, and he replied in the affirmative. After all I think that is about all a preacher need to know about a charge. "Are there resources and elbow room?" If a preacher has the elements about him that it takes to make a success he can take the two and work them together and come out O. K. I find that cotton is not king in this part of the Panhandle, but my impression is that the people are more prosperous than thousands of the subjects of King Cotton that I have met in other parts. We have here the three kings—King Corn, King Saine and King White Face—with three other kings—Wheat, Kafir and Maize—following close in the rear. One neighbor has just finished husking his corn crop, which amounted to twelve thousand bushels, after feeding on it until husking time, besides thousands of bushels of other grain. That is the way they raise corn in Wheeler and Hemphill Counties. Tens of thousands of acres of such land (cheap) is waiting for the farmer's plow. My prediction is that a few more cotton years like the past will turn these vast prairies into corn and wheat fields. Another marked difference I find between this and a cotton-growing country is here—the farmers' children are in school nine months in the year, but where cotton is grown, from three to six months, and possibly not half so much.—C. G. Shutt.

### Oglesby.

We have been at our new place two months. The continued wet and wintry weather has prevented us from doing much up to the present time. The mud has been so bad here that it made it impossible to have services but a very few times since conference. We could do nothing but build fires and stay by them. But while it has been bad weather on the outside we have been putting in good time reading. Have read several good books when we could do nothing else. We have a most beautiful country in the black lands—as fine as there is in Texas. The brethren who know our little town accuse me of being "stuck up" since coming to Oglesby. There may be more truth than poetry in the accusation. If such fine country and people wouldn't cause a pastor to be "stuck up" I would judge he had lost all sense of pride. His would be a hopeless case. This mud will dry up after awhile and then we will have the prettiest country in the world, or at least some of it. Well, we have had our first Quarterly Conference, and had a pleasant and profitable visit from our new presiding elder. We are very much pleased with him. He handles district matters as though he was an old hand at the business. We Gatesville District preachers are sure we have as good presiding elder as our conference can furnish. He has a firm grasp on the affections of his preachers and laymen, and a strong hold on the work of his district. We were much delighted with his visit to Oglesby. Then, too, we had a pleasant visit from our Gatesville District Secretary of the Home Mission Society—Mrs. Jesse Brown, of McGregor. She came and installed the officers of our society. Her visit was quite an inspiration to our ladies. Our Home Mission Society has done a good work for the parsonage since we came here, notwithstanding the bad weather. They have bought linoleum for our family room and hall and pastor's study, and are planning to do



VERNON AND GEORGE QUILLIAN.

These are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Quillian, of Wesley's Chapel, Aquilla Circuit. George, the one standing, has not missed being at Sunday School a voluntary time for six years. Vernon, the one seated, has missed but two, and then he was sick. This is a remarkable record, considering the fact that these two boys go two miles to get to Sunday School.

L. L. EVANS, Pastor.

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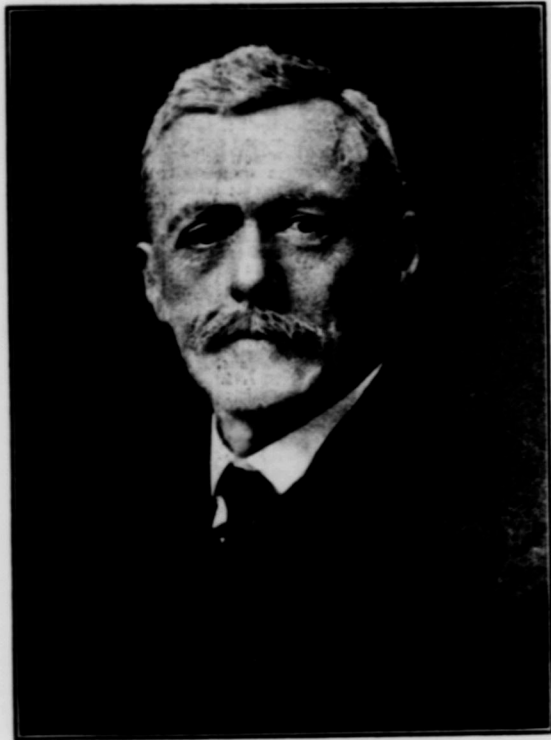
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Dean Cody's Thirty-Sixth Anniversary at Southwestern University Celebration

Thirty six years ago today a young man from North Georgia by the name of Claud Carr Cody came to Georgetown to be a professor in Southwestern University...

Thirty six years ago the plant of the school consisted of what is now the old Prep building, the student body was then in the neighborhood of 100. The value of the University's property only one-twentieth of its value now...

Under the providence of Almighty God, says President Bishop, Mr. Claud Carr Cody was invited early in January to be a professor in the new school. Today, the 22nd of the month, marks his thirty-six anniversary in this institution.

Thirty-six years of his life, the great working period of a man's life, has been spent here in touch with every boy and girl that has passed under the direction of the school

for this period of time. Not only has Dean Cody been in touch with these multiplied thousands of men and women, but he has been a particular friend to all.

Since that date the great educational system has entirely been worked out, the influence of college education has been widened since that time, before then a college man was a rare thing. Of the great men to bring about this ideal of education in our great State our beloved Dr. and Dean Cody stands among the high.

Southwestern at the present time has the third largest student body of any secular school in the South. Forty-two years ago the school was founded by Dr. Mood. Next to this great man Southwestern owes most to the thirty-six years of labor by Dr. C. C. Cody, a man who stands with the great founder. Following the President's speech there were given fifteen hearty college expressions of gratitude and love to our beloved Dean Cody—fifteen rhaps led by Leaders Carter and James.

A most elaborate token of love and appreciation has been ordered by the faculty and student body, but has not yet arrived.

ROBT. E. BROWN, Publicity Department S. U. Georgetown, Tex., Jan. 22.

more for the comfort of the pastor and family. The continued bad weather has paralyzed our Sunday School work. We have had but few sessions of the Sunday School for the two months we have been here. But we are hoping for greater and better things in the near future. Notwithstanding the mud and bad weather we have fallen very much in love with our folks and our fine country. Our people at Oglesby stormed the parsonage one night since we came and left the pastor and family very much rejoiced by their visit and the material blessings they left behind. We are very much pleased to be pastor of such good and lovely folks. We are expecting to have a profitable year.—J. F. Clark, Pastor.

Plainview.

Possibly some will be interested to know that I am yet in the land of the living and fighting sin to the best of my ability in my station (superannuation). I am fully persuaded that when God calls a man to preach he must preach; nor will teaching a class in Sunday School satisfy the soul. Hungry? Yes, I am hungry to preach the Gospel and lead men to Christ. I am striving to be cheerful in my station, but the seriousness of life robs of much of its sweets. I am longing for opportunities to assist my brethren in meetings and am ready to go anywhere at their call to help them to score victories for our Lord. I am glad, indeed, that our great Texas Christian Advocate is become the Organ of the two Oklahoma Conferences. What could have been done that would have meant more for those conferences or for the Texas Christian Advocate? The thought in my mind is, why was not that done long ago? In the six years that I labored in those fields the worry of the conference was, "How can we maintain our Conference Organ?" But at last they have reached the goal, and now our conferences are tied together "by a stronger tie," and we will help each other yet more than ever. A truer or nobler set of men is not to be found than fight God's battles in those fields. Plainview Church surely faces a bright future under the spiritual preaching and consecrated leadership of Rev. J. W. Story. Surely everybody is in love with him, and anyone who predicts anything but the greatest success will surely suffer sore disappointment. Old Seth Ward College, though hampered for room, is merging forward under her present president and her faculty. Seth Ward faces a bright future.—M. D. Hill.

Chickasha, Okla.

I have no monopoly on heartfelt appreciation that the Texas Christian Advocate has become the Conference Organ of the West

Oklahoma Conference. I find this sentiment general. You know, of course, that I am glad. Nothing has given me such a home feeling. Chickasha is one of the nicest and best town in Oklahoma, and our Church is to the front here. We have a splendid and commodious house of worship. Our parsonage is comfortable and in every way adequate for a preacher's home. The membership is large, intelligent and loyal. There is no reason why this Church should not make great progress and contribute largely to success of the kingdom of Christ. If I have not misjudged it, it will yield readily to wise leadership. I trust for that wisdom which is from above that I may become such a leader. I have just had a message from Frederick, bringing me the information that W. B. Douglas is "fitting the bill" entirely in that important pastorate. This will be no surprise to those who know him. I have had very kind treatment at the hands of my brethren over here. We have many very efficient and capable men in this field. They are able to do the work committed to them. This conference has a great future. It is a better conference now than the North Texas was seventeen years ago when I joined it. It has some great problems, but every field has its pressing problems. The coming of the Texas Advocate into this field serves to give us a much better equipment for our work. This field has long needed just such a force at work with its problems. I think that the Advocate's coming marks a new epoch in our history.—J. A. Old.

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Last Sunday and Monday was the time for our first quarterly meeting. The presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, was on hand and preached and conducted the conference to the delight and edification of all who attended the meeting, of whom there was a goodly number. The elder is a very delightful man every way: his deep spirituality, his witty sayings and then his sledge-hammer truths fall in the heart and mind, to remain, in blessing. I entered on my work here soon after conference and find a very delightful charge. In the midst of a downpour of rain we were met at the station by the brethren, who sent us by cab to the parsonage, where there were about a dozen ladies awaiting us, with a splendid dinner and a hearty welcome. Dear Advocate, I'll tell you it makes a man feel mighty good to get into the parsonage, where he can have Missionary Society, Board of Stewards, and so forth, to support him in his work. The presiding eldership is a great honor, but it is the most lonesome job a man can find. I have as good a Board of Stew-

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S Building and Endowment Campaign

The Annual Conferences

The five Texas Conferences, which have just met, without exception showed their loyalty to Southwestern University, the oldest Methodist school in the State. At each conference, beginning with the West Texas Conference, which met at Austin October 21, following with the Central Texas Conference at Hillsboro November 11; the Texas Conference at Paly City November 18; the North Texas Conference at Denison December 2, and winding up with the Northwest Texas Conference at Sweetwater December 9, there was ample evidence that in so far as the Methodist preachers of Texas are concerned, they have made up their minds to endow and equip Southwestern without further loss of time. Each Conference Board of Education gave us splendid assessments for maintenance and all urged the vigorous prosecution of our campaign until the full amount of \$300,000 has been secured. It is clear that each Conference has it in mind to carry out, to the letter, the resolution adopted by the Commission on Education at Austin, Texas, January 19, 1910, which in effect is as follows: "That we commend the work done by the Southwestern University at Georgetown and declare our purpose to continue it as an 'A class' college and pledge our continued support to that institution."

In addition to the above the West Texas and Texas Conferences adopted the following amendment: "It is hereby expressly stated that we endorse the work that is being done in the Southwestern University at Georgetown and instruct said Commissioners to make provision for its continuance with the present equipment, and as far as practicable, provide for the enlargement of the same in the future."

Under ordinary conditions it will be very easy for us to finish the work this year because our campaign has the hearty official endorsement of all five of the Texas Conferences and Bishop McCoy has promised to give us some of his valuable time and his work will undoubtedly bring splendid results. In all his public utterances he has indicated that his heart is in this work to build up Southwestern.

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ards as I have found anywhere: Sunday School superintendent and faculty wide-awake and aggressive. We have had an average attendance in Sunday School of 160 this winter, notwithstanding the worst black mud you ever saw. Woman's Missionary Society is doing splendid work; prayer meetings well attended and growing, congregations at preaching fine. We have planned our work and are now working our plans. We are confidently expecting a profitable year in His name.—C. E. Lindsey.

Vian, Okla.

We are in the midst of a most gracious revival here. Six men were happily converted last night. Several others have been saved since the meeting began. Rev. M. A. Cassidy, conference evangelist, is doing the preaching to the delight of large and attentive congregations. We are hoping and praying for a large ingathering of souls into the kingdom. Pray for us.—T. O. Shanks, Jan. 25.

Wheeler.

Well, we are back at Wheeler for another year, and in the midst of a very fine revival. Brother F. M. Neal, our conference evangelist, is with us. I don't think I ever saw a brighter prospect for a sweeping revival. Bro. Neal is a very fine preacher. He reaches both young and old, high and low. Some of us were afraid to try a winter meeting, but I find that this is the time to have meetings in town. Brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference, let's keep Brother Neal busy. We never were pounded as we have been for the past three weeks. We are happy on our way. I will come again soon.—A. V. Hendrix, P. C.

Tipton, Okla.

Tipton is a town of six hundred people, surrounded by some of the most fertile and productive farming land in the State. It is located on the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railroad, midway between Frederick and Altus. The people are mostly from Texas, and they know how to make a person feel

BISHOP MOUZON SAYS HE WILL HELP.

Bishop Mouzon, also, has indicated his desire that Southwestern's campaign for \$300,000 be completed at the earliest possible moment. In his able article published in the March issue of the Bulletin, urging the early completion of the campaign for a Greater Southwestern, he says:

"And now, in the opinion of the several Annual Conferences of the State, and in the judgment of the Methodist Educational Commission, the time has come for the carrying out of that part of our original plan which looks to the enlargement of our historic school at Georgetown. As Bishop in charge of the Texas and North Texas Conferences, I appointed Rev. J. E. Roach and Rev. C. T. Tally to undertake this work. Rev. Frank S. Onderdonk has also been appointed. The District Commissioners of the several conferences have been instructed to work toward this end. And so the whole machinery of the Church is at work at this time in the interest of Southwestern University as well as in the interest of Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

"I was pained to find a year or two ago that certain Methodist preachers and laymen had been filled with the fear that we Methodists of Texas were going to injure Southwestern. Those of us who have something to do with the direction of affairs knew perfectly what our plans were and were determined that the good name of the great Church we serve should be preserved sacred in all these matters. We are now making good our promises. Few things are more beautiful than the loyalty of a man to his Alma Mater. It stands second to a man's devotion to his mother. The time has now come for the loyal sons of Southwestern who have been waiting for an opportunity to prove their faith by their works, to show how great their love for old Southwestern is. The very 'fear' that I spoke of just now has intensified the loyalty of old students and alumni and parents. The good town of Georgetown and the people of Williamson County have risen up as one man with heroic liber-

at home in their midst. From the very first we have felt that we were in the hands of friends, and each day has strengthened and confirmed this impression. We have good church property, and a loyal and faithful membership. The Board of Stewards is composed of practical business men who believe in attending to the business of the Church with as much zeal and diligence as they would look after their own affairs. All departments of the Church are at work and doing effective service. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, congregations have been good, and there is a marked increase in attendance from Sunday to Sunday. Rev. W. M. Roper, our new presiding elder on the Lawton District, was with us last Sunday and Monday. Although he is a new man in the eldership, he moves among the brethren with the grace and dignity of a veteran in the service. His preaching was of a high order, full of instruction and inspiration, and those who heard him were strengthened and renewed in their spiritual life. The reports of the Quarterly Conference showed progress along all lines and the outlook for a gracious year is encouraging and hopeful. With God's help we mean to make this the best year that the Tipton charge has ever known. Remember us, brethren, in your prayers.—J. W. Trette, P. C.

WACO METHODISM.

By this time the pastors of the city are getting well settled in their new charges and have the situation well in hand. The Sunday Schools, the Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries, the prayer meetings and the public congregations are all on the increase.

The special committees as laid down by the Discipline have been appointed and are at work. Missionary campaigns are being launched, and deep and well-laid plans are being made to increase the activities of the Church in every department.

Some special work has been taken up. One is that of employing a Mexican missionary to preach to and look after the large number of his race in and about the city. Brother

ality. In all the addresses I made on 'Christian Education' in various parts of the State, during the past three years, I was very careful to say that at the proper time my voice and pen should be used for Southwestern University and here we all are now, ready to put our shoulder to the wheel.

"Now let the friends of Southwestern University throughout the State show their faith by their works. You have been waiting somewhat impatiently these past three or four years. Now is the time. 'He who gives now, gives twice.' And this cause has one great advantage. It is not new. We do not have to agitate. We do not have to argue that Southwestern has claims upon you. You already know it. You yourselves have been affirming it. All you have been waiting for is the full assurance that the Methodist Church in Texas means to enlarge and better equip Southwestern. That assurance you now have. Every Annual Conference has spoken, all the machinery of the Church is in operation. The Church is abundantly able to do all that it is asked to do. We can do it and we will."

If the financial conditions improve and everything points that way, it will not be a hard matter, with the concentrated efforts of the whole Church, to finish the campaign at a reasonably early date. Just as soon as enough money is collected from the subscriptions, work will begin on the Science Building and this one thing alone will be a tremendous boost for the campaign.

In spite of the depressed financial conditions that have existed since August 1, caused by the war in Europe which closed the principal markets for our great Southern money crop, cotton, thus reducing the price to six cents a pound or less; in spite of floods and droughts that have visited many sections of our country, the campaign for new buildings and increased endowment has gone splendidly on. There has been raised to date more than \$111,000 in good subscriptions and it is not unreasonable to believe that with the united action of the whole Church in Texas the full amount will be secured at no far distant date.

Arroya is the name of this man, and he is doing a most splendid work, and will no doubt lead many of his people to the Lord. Already there have been several conversions in their services, which are being held in the basement of the Fifth Street Church every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Another matter of importance is that of launching a campaign in the city at some future day, not so far away, to raise funds to assist in the better equipment of our Orphans' Home, in order to take care of the number of orphan children making application for entrance into the Home.

Last, but not least, we are planning a union revival meeting to begin the first Sunday in April, to be conducted by Bishop J. C. Kilgo. All the pastors are entering enthusiastically into this campaign, and are beginning to get the necessary committees appointed, and all other things in readiness for the revival. Everyone who reads this will kindly pray that this may be a great soul-saving meeting.

The pastors in their regular Monday morning meetings are enjoying some spiritual and uplifting times. We look forward to this good fellowship with pleasure. Brother Whitehurst is busy meeting his appointments and is looking well after every interest in the district.

The future is bright and hopeful. R. F. BROWN, Secretary.

A GREAT DAY IN BARTLETT.

Last Sunday, January 17, Bishop McCoy preached for us two most excellent sermons. They were logical, thoughtful and inspiring. There was a spirit of pathos that permeated his discourse, which gave to it a power of attraction. Simplicity characterized his sermon from beginning to end. The learned and unlearned were able to understand the meaning of his statements. His power of presentation was remarkable and he had no difficulty in getting the attention of his audience. His illustrations were very unique and applicable. They clearly set forth the idea which he wished to convey. His conclusion was splendid

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47. What number of Churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Central Texas, 4; amount, \$1145. Texas, 2; amount, \$260. West Texas, 1; amount, \$35. Central Texas, 4; amount, \$1145. Texas, 4; amount, \$4240. North Texas, 6; amount, \$4726. Northwest Texas, 2; amount, \$2324.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$36,461.50; losses sustained, none; premiums paid, \$115.66; collection on losses, none.

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59. Who are superannuated? German Mission, 1; New Mexico, 4; West Texas, 20; Central Texas, 44; Texas, 37; North Texas, 46; Northwest Texas, 177; 1913, 167; increase, 10. East Oklahoma, 11; West Oklahoma, 15; grand total, 263.

60. What preachers have died during the year? German Mission, none; New Mexico, none; West Texas, 1; Central Texas, 3; Texas, 5; North Texas, 11; Northwest Texas, 4; total, 14; 1913, 18; decrease, 4. East Oklahoma, none; grand total, at own request, 10. By Conference, 1; total, 11.

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71. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during Conference year? German Mission, 2142; New Mexico, 6803; West Texas, 27,338; Central Texas, 64,073; Texas, 44,306; North Texas, 53,826; Northwest Texas, 29,444; total, 247,034; 1913, 228,846; increase, 18,188. East Oklahoma, 26,984; West Oklahoma, 23,677; grand total, 297,695.

72. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? German Mission, \$531.35; New Mexico, \$1235.2; West Texas, \$847.60; Central Texas, \$15,000; Texas, \$12,000; North Texas, \$152,832; Northwest Texas, \$6477; total, \$578,355; 1913, \$51,559; increase, \$501,935. East Oklahoma, \$531.7; West Oklahoma, \$5000; grand total, \$6,905.35.

73. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? German Missions, \$47,760; New Mexico, \$1049.44; West Texas, \$768.00; Central Texas, \$11,178.11; North Texas, \$9316.95; Texas, \$8959.50; Northwest Texas, \$5013; total, \$43,124.44; decrease, \$1290.74; total, \$41,833.70.

74. Who are located this year? German Mission, at own request, 1; New Mexico, none; West Texas, at own request, 1; Central Texas, at own request, 2; Texas, at own request, 1; North Texas, at own request, 1; total, at own request, 7. By Conference, 1; grand total, 8. 1913, 35; decrease, 27. East Oklahoma, at own request, 3; West Oklahoma, none; grand total, at own request, 10. By Conference, 1; total, 11.

75. Who are superannuated? German Mission, 1; New Mexico, 4; West Texas, 20; Central Texas, 44; Texas, 37; North Texas, 46; Northwest Texas, 177; 1913, 167; increase, 10. East Oklahoma, 11; West Oklahoma, 15; grand total, 263.

76. What preachers have died during the year? German Mission, none; New Mexico, none; West Texas, 1; Central Texas, 3; Texas, 5; North Texas, 11; Northwest Texas, 4; total, 14; 1913, 18; decrease, 4. East Oklahoma, none; grand total, at own request, 10. By Conference, 1; total, 11.

77. Who are located this year? German Mission, at own request, 1; New Mexico, none; West Texas, at own request, 1; Central Texas, at own request, 2; Texas, at own request, 1; North Texas, at own request, 1; total, at own request, 7. By Conference, 1; grand total, 8. 1913, 35; decrease, 27. East Oklahoma, at own request, 3; West Oklahoma, none; grand total, at own request, 10. By Conference, 1; total, 11.

78. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$276.60.

79. What has been contributed for Education? \$189.50.

80. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? German Mission, presiding elders, \$548.70; preachers in charge, \$6311.75; total, \$6860.45. New Mexico, presiding elders, \$21,550; preachers in charge, \$144,853; total, \$166,403. Central Texas, presiding elders, \$32,656; preachers in charge, \$193,163; total, \$225,819. Texas, presiding elders, \$25,766; preachers in charge, \$150,645; total, \$176,411. North Texas, presiding elders, \$28,993; preachers in charge, \$165,216; total, \$194,241. Northwest Texas, presiding elders, \$19,605; preachers in charge, \$107,455; total, \$127,060. Grand total, presiding elders, \$133,246.62; preachers in charge, \$844,490.80; total, \$977,737.42. 1913, presiding elders, \$134,686.19; preachers in charge, \$858,561.26; total, \$993,247.45. Decrease, presiding elders, \$1436.57; preachers in charge, \$14,070.46; total, \$15,507.03. East Oklahoma, presiding elders, \$14,903; preachers in charge, \$88,899; total, \$103,802. West Oklahoma, presiding elders, \$12,487; preachers in charge, \$75,350; total, \$87,837. Grand total, presiding elders, \$160,692; preachers in charge, \$1,008,729.80; total, \$1,169,421.82.

81. Who are located this year? German Mission, at own request, 1; New Mexico, none; West Texas, at own request, 1; Central Texas, at own request, 2; Texas, at own request, 1; North Texas, at own request, 1; total, at own request, 7. By Conference, 1; grand total, 8. 1913, 35; decrease, 27. East Oklahoma, at own request, 3; West Oklahoma, none; grand total, at own request, 10. By Conference, 1; total, 11.

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going account, and how has it been applied? \$1049.20. (See Report Joint Board of Finance.)
35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$639; Special, \$223; Home and Conference, \$1889.

and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$8453.
34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$7680.
35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$6014; Special, \$1183; Home and Conference, \$13,859; Special, \$2581.

F. M. Winburne, J. P. Mussett, E. T. Bates, J. J. Canafax, W. K. Simpson, Jerome Haralson, B. A. Snoddy, W. A. Gilleland, H. P. Shrader, G. W. Harris, I. F. Harris, C. E. Gallagher, D. C. Ellis, J. C. Carter, S. T. Cherry, E. F. Boone, E. B. Chenoweth, L. G. Rogers, D. C. Stark, S. W. Turner, V. J. Mills, M. C. Montgomery, M. H. Major, W. H. Crawford, J. M. McCarter, I. Z. T. Morris, R. B. McSwain, J. J. Calloway, E. A. Smith, R. L. Reese, C. G. Shutt.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? W. F. Lloyd, J. W. Downs, Neal W. Turner.

Arnold Cox, Joseph Oscar Haynes, Warner Eliphath Hassler, Jackson Ross Plant.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Frank Thomas Johnson, Joseph Barnett McReynolds, Frank Levi Meadow, Bryant Jackson Osborn, Ira Andrew Smith, James Washington Watson, Cal Columbus Wright.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Frank Thomas Johnson, Joseph Barnett McReynolds, Frank Levi Meadow, Bryant Jackson Osborn, Ira Andrew Smith, James Washington Watson, Cal Columbus Wright.

3. Who are discontinued? No one.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Geo. E. Kemp, Lawrence Howard Bradford, Robert Edgar Ledbetter, Howard Vance Watts, Benjamin Callaway, James White Cole, John Cockrell, John Lloyd Weatherly, Ed. James Harris, David Baker Boddie, Batty La Fayette Owens, Ferdinand Davis Dawson, Ben O. Hill.
5. Who are readmitted? Eugene A. Sample, Jos. W. Campbell.

WEST TEXAS.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

MINUTES

MINUTES

Of the Fifty-Sixth Session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at First Church, Austin, Texas, Beginning October 21, 1914, Ending October 26, 1914. Bishop, J. H. McCoy, President, Sterling Fisher, Secretary, Postoffice of Secretary, San Marcos, Texas.

Of the Fifth Session of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at First Church, Hillsboro, Texas, Beginning November 11, 1914; Ending November 16, 1914. Bishop James H. McCoy, President; A. D. Porter, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Cleburne, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Douglas G. Decker, Rufus E. Price, Chas. H. Doak, Harold Septimus Goodenough, Lillburn W. Walker, Homer Miller, Claud Amos Campbell, John D. Miller, John A. Boatman, Milton F. Hill, Geo. F. Harris, A. B. Chapman.
2. Who remain on trial? Will S. Boyd, O. C. Cross, W. N. Carl, W. G. Callahan, A. M. Foster, G. T. Hester, Roy G. Rader, Geo. G. Smith, J. P. Watson, W. L. Wall.
3. Who are discontinued? R. L. Flowers.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Philips H. Gates, Mark Lee Boon, B. Lesonby Nance, Robert Boon Hooper, William B. Gilleland, Charles Warren Griffin, Harry Lytle Hughes, L. L. Evans, W. L. Connell, Marion J. Glenn, L. Pat Leach, Allen James Helms.
2. Who remain on trial? Willoughby T. Boulware, Robert H. Boyd, Claude T. Brockett, Travis H. Burton, Early S. Cook, Elmer Crabtree, Thomas D. Ellis, Archie W. Gordon, William C. Gwaltney, Jonathan M. Hays, William E. Hawkins, Jr., C. Ozier Hightower, Paschal W. Layne, C. Mayhew Horace Potet, J. Fred Patterson, Jefferson D. Ramsey, Thomas L. Sorrels, T. G. Story, Guy H. Wilson, Allen D. Cosgrove, Zebedee Falin, George G. Mitchell, W. L. Whitley (in orders).
3. Who are discontinued? Horace G. Gordon at his own request. A. I. Heim, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Robert Thomas Capps, Marcus Manlove Chunn, Jesse Milton Fryar, Joseph Neland Hester, Lloyd Eustice Hill, Angus Ezekiel Watford, Early Simpson Cook, William Gibson Bailey, Murand Council, J. G. Thomas, Milam J. Vaughan.
5. Who are readmitted? Albert E. Turney.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conference? Hoytt M. Dobbs, from Memphis Conference; Cullum H. Booth, from West Texas Conference; C. M. Bishop, from the North Texas Conference; M. W. Clark, G. J. Irvin, P. E. Riley, from Northwest Texas Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? None.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? A. S. Hendrix, from the Methodist Protestant Church.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. Marvin Bond, Charles Benjamin Ditzel, Leomont L. Felder, H. W. Gillette, James R. Kidwell, Roy A. Langston, Joseph E. Matlock, Oscar A. Morton, Brinkley H. Oxford, John D. Smoot, Walter B. Vaughan, F. O. Waddill, Charles V. Williams, Preston Bixton.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Fifth Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Sweetwater, Texas, December 9, 1914, Ending December 13, 1914; Bishop James H. McCoy, President; A. L. Moore, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Big Spring, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Warner E. Hassler, Henry Bascom Watts, Albert E. Arnfield, Noah Webster Story, Edward E. White, Joseph Oscar Haynes, Wm. M. Murrell, John O. Little, Wm. B. Woodruff, W. H. Wright, Wm. M. Pearce.
2. Who remain on trial? O. B. Annis, Z. R. Feas, Jackson, J. W. Martin, R. W. Wilkins, H. L. Hughes, A. C. Anton, R. Y. Dickinson, C. A. Duncan, J. R. Plant, L. B. Smallwood, G. W. Smith, J. E. Yeats, J. L. Rucker, G. H. Gattis, B. L. Nance.
3. Who are discontinued? W. I. Coughran, Chas. Schval.
4. Who are the deacons of one year? S. H. Adams, J. Rea, T. E. Williams, J. F. Caperton, G. T. Palmer, J. T. Ross, E. A. Tharp, O. M. Addison, J. W. Caldwell, A. D. Jameson, C. E. Jameson, B. H. Oxford, W. H. Strong.
5. Who are readmitted? No one.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? M. W. Rogers, R. E. Dunn, H. L. Hughes, J. W. Glance, B. H. Oxford, B. I. Nance, W. H. Strong, New Harris, I. A. Humphries, Hays Howell, H. H. Liles.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? No one.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? No one.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? S. H. Adams, J. Rea, T. E. Williams, J. F. Caperton, G. T. Palmer, J. T. Ross, E. A. Tharp, O. M. Addison, J. W. Caldwell, A. D. Jameson, C. E. Jameson, B. H. Oxford, W. H. Strong.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Robert Etticus Burns, Arthur Vinson Hendricks, Claude Oliver Huff, Luther Neil Lipscomb, Joab Olin Quattlebaum, Emmett Leonias Yeats, Samuel Harvey Young.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Robert Etticus Burns, Arthur Vinson Hendricks, Claude Oliver Huff, Luther Neil Lipscomb, Joab Olin Quattlebaum, Emmett Leonias Yeats, Samuel Harvey Young and E. S. Dorsett.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Andrew Clement Aston, Emmett Arnold Cox, Ernest Sylvester Dorsett, Joseph Oscar Haynes, Warner Eliphath Hassler, Jackson Ross Plant.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Andrew Clement Aston, Emmett

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2464.
32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 29,444.
33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6477.
34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$5913.
35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5517; Home and Conference, \$10,302.
36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4269.
37. What has been contributed for Education? \$12,940.
38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$803.
39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$32,656; preachers in charge, \$193,163.
40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2425.
41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 640; number of houses of worship, 502.
42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,986,845; indebtedness, \$189,822.
43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 219; number of parsonages, 206.
44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$428,536; indebtedness, \$29,716.
45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 12; number of district parsonages, 12.
46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$7,400.
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 damage, \$1145.
48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$1,124,445; losses sustained, \$145; premiums paid, \$8109; collections on losses, \$121.
49. What are the educational statistics? Not furnished.
50. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 359; conference organ, \$864.
51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? W. Erskine Williams.
52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Corsicana.
53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

3. Who are discontinued? No one.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Geo. E. Kemp, Lawrence Howard Bradford, Robert Edgar Ledbetter, Howard Vance Watts, Benjamin Callaway, James White Cole, John Cockrell, John Lloyd Weatherly, Ed. James Harris, David Baker Boddie, Batty La Fayette Owens, Ferdinand Davis Dawson, Ben O. Hill.
5. Who are readmitted? Eugene A. Sample, Jos. W. Campbell.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? G. M. Gilson, elder, North Texas Conference; W. W. Watts, elder, North Texas Conference; A. W. Gordon, on trial in class second year, Central Texas Conference; C. S. Harkey, elder, West Oklahoma Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? David A. Thompson, elder, Pentecostal Church of Nazarene; John Mailey Wilson, elder, M. E. Church; I. C. Callahan, elder, Congregational Church.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? J. H. McMan, elder, M. E. Church; Benjamin T. Bell, deacon, M. E. Church (in class fourth year); E. Church, who are the deacons of one year? Levi Lee Lloyd, Jesse Lee Ross, Thos. Scott Oak, Arthur Lee Connor, Joseph M. Vandracek, Benjamin Tucker Bell, John E. Buttrill, B. C. Anley (an elder).
9. Who are the deacons of one year? Lawrence Howard Bradford, Howard Vance Watts, Benjamin Callaway, James White Cole, John Lloyd Weatherly, Ed. James Harris, David Baker Boddie, Batty La Fayette Owens.
10. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Lawrence Howard Bradford, Howard Vance Watts, Benjamin Callaway, James White Cole, John Lloyd Weatherly, Ed. James Harris, David Baker Boddie, Batty La Fayette Owens.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Lawrence Howard Bradford, Howard Vance Watts, Benjamin Callaway, James White Cole, John Lloyd Weatherly, Ed. James Harris, David Baker Boddie, Batty La Fayette Owens.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? A. H. Callaway, C. B. Fuller, I. F. Wallace, D. F. Craddock, N. A. Griffin, Irv Lemmie Pool, J. T. Brown.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? A. H. Callaway, C. B. Fuller, I. F. Wallace, D. F. Craddock, N. A. Griffin, Irv Lemmie Pool, Edward Frather.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? R. E. Beard, J. S. Hendrick, Frank Platt, Thos. E. Bledsoe, J. B. Bell, W. H. Edwards, T. D. McCrary, W. F. Smith.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? R. E. Beard, J. S. Hendrick, Frank Platt, Thos. E. Bledsoe, J. B. Bell, W. H. Edwards, T. D. McCrary, W. F. Smith.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? No one.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one.
18. Who are located this year? A. L. Houston at his own request; J. W. Cummins, without his consent.
19. Who are supernumerary? A. I. Carnes, B. R. Bolton, Gus Garrison, H. T. Swartz.
20. Who are superannuated? Isaac Alexander, J. D. Burke, G. H. Phair, C. H. Smith, H. M. Sears, T. R. Cain, W. W. Graham, E. H. Fowler, H. T. Hart, G. C. Stovall, T. B. Graves, C. R. Lamm, O. A. Shook, I. A. Moody, A. C. Biggs, C. H. Brooks, Wm. Sproule, T. J. Milam, I. M. Bryce, J. W. Kelley, A. G. Scraguz, Jno. Helmsstall, C. L. Farrington, B. H. Gresham, Albert Little, I. C. Cameron, D. P. Cullum, J. J. Coppedge, G. A. LeClere, A. J. Anderson, A. Methvin, J. L. Russell, J. M. Mills, J. W. Johnson, W. W. Adams, S. H. Morgan, W. H. Brooks.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? John Adams, T. E. Vinson, G. V. Redey, W. E. Washburn, J. T. Kirkpatrick.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed, except that of W. H. Beaty on trial in the class of the first year, who had been tried on a charge of immorality and expelled from the ministry and membership of our Church.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 190; members, 75,404; total, 75,594.
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; 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? 3721.
27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3721.
28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 113.
29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 7284.
30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 530.
31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and members? 4612.
32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 54,506.
33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$12,000.
34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$916.95 paid claimants.
35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$9530.85; Home and Conference, \$13,039.06.
36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$6598.21.
37. What has been contributed for Education? \$10,838.41.
38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$714.85.
39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$25,766; preachers in charge, \$190,645.
40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops, \$2584.
41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 736; number of houses of worship, 560.
42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$2,120,460; indebtedness, \$165,600.
43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 226; number of parsonages, 199.
44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$372,626; indebtedness, \$25,919.
45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 10; number of district parsonages, 9.
46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$37,500; indebtedness, \$—
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 damage, \$4240.
48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$1,022,909; losses sustained, \$—; premiums paid, \$5017; collections on losses, \$185.
49. What are the educational statistics?
50. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 282; Conference organ, 4681.
51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? J. I. Walker, Heretofore, Texas.
52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Clarendon.
53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Seventy-Fifth Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Bay City, Texas, Beginning November 18, 1914; Ending November 23, 1914. Bishop Jas. H. McCoy, President; O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Pittsburg, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? James Frank Wallace, Dewitt Stewart Hotchkiss, Carter Braxton Fuller, James Marshall Gordon, William Harrison Earls, John Claude Marshall, Thomas William St. John, James Harbin Carlin, William Washington Thomas, Otto Daniel, Garland Zealand Sadler, James W. Usery.
2. Who remain on trial? Marvin I. Bigger, Walter Lee Cannon, John M. Cochran, Aristotle G. Coleman, Harold G. Cooke, Preston Florence, J. Marvin Fuller, Oran O. Gaston, Lionel A. Graham, Leonard F. Hardy, Robt. B. Jones, Richard S. Marshall, John Alexander Moore, Jesse C. Thomson, Stephen A. Weimer, Garnet M. Yearwood, I. Earl White, W. M. Bass, Wm. L. Russell, A. W. Gordon.



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THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Table listing district conferences: Combs, at Goliad, March 30-April 2; San Marcos, at Gonzales, 7:30; San Antonio, at Kerrville, April 7-9; Vinita, at Abilene, April 15-18; El Paso, at Tularosa, April 20-24; Moskoger, at Webber Falls, April 21-25; Clinton, at Sayre, April 22-25; Austin, at Smithville, May 5-8; Madill, at Madill, May 12-14; Hugo, at Idabel, May 18-21; Bowie, at Bellevue, May 20-23; Holdenville, at Konawa, May 25-27; McAlester, at Barnett Memorial, May 26-28; Creek (Full Blood Indian), at Cusseta, July 15-17; Choctaw (Full Blood Indian), at Livingland, July 21-24; Tulsa, write Rev. J. H. Ball, Tulsa, Okla., for information.

The editor of the Advocate has been confined to his home by serious illness since January 19. He is now improving but it will be several days yet before he is back at his desk.

The Methodist pastors in Dallas were in session all day Tuesday with Rev. O. L. Sensabaugh, presiding elder, looking out the details of an evangelistic campaign which is to be started Sunday, February 14, and terminate Easter Sunday, April 14th. Rev. Claude M. Simpson, publicity agent of the Methodist Pastors' Association, said: "The plan is unusual in that it does not contemplate preaching twice a day; instead, it assigns specific work for each individual of the 7000 Methodist communicants of the city, who will report on their work from week to week at the regular services of their respective Churches. Those attending the meeting, in addition to Bishop Mouzon, were: J. L. Morris, S. R. Hay, S. A. Barnes, S. H. C. Burging, C. C. Brannon, C. D. Montgomery, H. W. Bennett, H. W. Lewis, L. L. Cohen, Jr., W. W. Johnson, C. O. Shugart, E. R. Barcus, S. N. Francis, C. M. Simpson and O. F. Sensabaugh.

HONOR ROLL.

We inadvertently omitted the name of Rev. J. A. Pledger, of the Yancey charge, West Texas Conference, from the honor roll of that Conference. Bro. Pledger reports payment from every subscriber on his charge the past year. That is a habit of his--he does that every year.

The Task of Opening Southern Methodist University

The heroic age is not past! The spirit of conquest is yet strong in the heart of Methodism! The day of the pioneer, who with his little family, his axe and gun, went into the "Further West," carrying civilization and evangelization along with him may have passed, but he has bequeathed to his children a full measure of his heroic spirit, and now in this day of intensive culture Young Methodism is yet full of conquest!

The instinct of the pioneer yet predominates. And when it dies the polity of Methodism perishes. History is hardly begun; only the first steps of progress have been made; with all of its glorious past our Methodism is yet comparatively in its infancy. It is beyond us to realize how rapidly our country is developing, and the most we can do, with all our might and power, will not be too much. Methodism means aggressiveness, progressiveness and leadership in God's name, and it is the prerogative of our Church to be respected, and to be followed.

Just so long as there is truth in the saying that when a new town is built that the first screeching locomotive brings a Methodist circuit rider on its cow-catcher; just so long as the new lumber camp and the cowboy's camp fire entertains a Methodist "sky-pilot;" and just so long as the mission charge has a pastor furnished them and the yearning, ambitious souls have Christian education provided for them, so long will our Methodism continue to lead. And, consequently, so long will the public generally respect and be guided by it. This present generation will go down in history as having accomplished the most remarkable undertaking of our history to date in the building of Southern Methodist University. There may have been times when our people thought it impossible, but those days have now passed. When four years ago the Church decided to build a University and, without a dollar in hand or an inch of ground, deliberately appointed a commission to select a location and begin the enterprise, some people looked on in amazement. Many said, "Impossible," and some thought that conservatism demanded that the matter be heartily opposed, but heroism and faith prevailed and the next round of Annual Conferences ratified a contract whereby the Church should undertake to build a University in consideration of the transfer of 660 acres of land and \$200,000 in cash and notes. It was as solemn a contract as was ever drawn, and binds the Methodist Church in every bond of honor until a co-educational institution with ample equipment and a million dollars of productive endowment has been established.

The splendid gift of the General Board of Education of New York of \$200,000 was also based upon this contract.

This first great success gave the Church a vision, inspired their enthusiasm and inflamed their hearts with an evangelic fire.

But the University had not yet been built; the test of Methodist honor was only in its beginning; the gift of the General Board was conditioned on the raising of a half million of bona fide subscriptions in the State of Texas, and with intrepidity the Methodist leaders led their cohorts into the fray. In due time the amount was subscribed. Another glorious victory! But the University had not yet been established.

Then came the realization that the Church did not possess any University, and the action of the General Conference in disclaiming Vanderbilt and adopting for the region west of the Mississippi the institution in promotion at Dallas, is well known. Southern Methodist University thus became a great connectional institution, and, so far as Church authority and legality is concerned, was a University. But it had not then been fully established.

And now comes the action by which the General Conference, the General Commission and the Annual Conferences compelled the opening of the University in September 1915. necessarily a great institution equipped to take care of the School of Theology, a great College of Arts and Sciences and the minor, but necessary branches. The two most splendid educational buildings of the Church are upon the campus and almost completed. A hundred and forty thousand dollars of endowment has been invested in mortgages on black land farms; wonderful progress and remarkable success, but no University in operation as yet.

And now comes the great test! The watchful public have been leveling their field glasses upon the movements of the Church, wondering how they would deport themselves in this supreme test. Having run the race with magnificent courage it yet remains to see what will be accomplished in the home stretch. Having made a great voyage and, laden with all the fruits of success, it remains for the great ship to pass the turbulent narrows in safety or be wrecked in port. Having amassed the great machinery and determined the schedule it now remains for the Church to assemble the train, complete the equipment and start in on its uplifting journey from the present into and through the great future, laden with our boys and girls, all our hopes and prospects for time and eternity.

Having received a half million dollars in cash and invested it in buildings and endowment from the pockets of thousands of people who are clamoring for the opening of the school for their children's sake, and with the command of the Church upon them, it has been clear that the administration of our University was entering the most critical period of its promotion. And the crisis was met by a most wonderful meeting in Dallas this last week!

THE MEETING, JANUARY 20.

Very properly the administration took these propositions to the proper representatives of the several conferences for consideration and solution. In anticipation of such necessity the Annual Conferences had appointed a commissioner in each presiding elder's district to co-operate with the University management in the campaign. To these men Bishop Mouzon, President Hyer and Frank Reedy went for a session at Houston, Texas, and after a day's deliberation the grand old Texas Conference enthusiastically determined upon strong aggressive work with a great goal in view and organized for the campaign immediately. With increased hope and confidence the University trio then met the presiding elders and District Commissioners of the West Texas Conference at San Antonio, and after deliberation those noble brethren, all pioneers and all leaders, who have never yet failed in their loyalty to the University, endorsed the action of the Houston brethren and sent the University officials back home with lightened hearts and stronger spirits.

To save time (for every minute is now valuable) Bishops McCoy and Mouzon called the other presiding elders and District Commissioners of the State for a joint session in Dallas, Wednesday, January 29, 1915, and the plans were completed.

And what a tremendous plan it is! How astonishingly immense it is and yet how simply necessary! Bishop McCoy as Chairman, and Brother S. J. Rucker, as Secretary, were, after devotions, called into service, and Bishop Mouzon, in a most forceful way, reviewed the conditions leading to the meeting. With confidence in complete success, he stated how that he was now residing in Dallas and putting every spare minute of his own time into the heroic attempt to open the University as it should be opened in September. His address was both convincing and inspiring. He was followed by President Hyer, who, in his own masterful way, presented the needs of the institution. He outlined the plan of work enforced by the action of the Church, and the equipment necessary before the work could be done. He stated how that the University must have, at the earliest possible date, \$250,000 for indispensable buildings and equipment. Much larger amounts are needed and demanded by the large number of students who seem determined to enter the University, to say nothing of the increased endowment so badly needed, but \$250,000 must be had and had at once. He showed how that it was that the splendid subscriptions of the Methodists of Texas were not in cash but in notes, and the opening and success of the University depended upon the realization of cash on those notes. Not enough of them are due at present to supply the amount; hence the necessity for a presentation of the needs of the University to the people of Texas, who have shown much interest, but have not been solicited and have made no subscription. He stated that the records showed that not more than fifteen thousand Methodists in the State had made any subscription whatever and urged that the representatives of the three conferences present join with the other two conferences in a determined campaign to secure one million dollars during the present conference year.

Instead of such a thing being impossible, Dr. Hyer showed that if it had been presented to many financiers and leaders, both in and out of our Church, how it had aroused the enthusiasm everywhere, and how that it would once and for all give Methodism a University west of the Mississippi, firmly established with necessary buildings, large endowment and no debts.

For the details of the plan he called upon the Bursar, Frank Reedy, who at length explained the systematic campaign, giving much information as to conditions, needs and possibilities with methods of meeting them, and so organizing in the distribution of the work that its accomplishment could be secured with the least expense and the greatest possible results. The plan, which will be explained later in these columns, elicited great enthusiasm, though some of the brethren were at first frightened by the figures of the immense amount contemplated. Under present conditions they thought the aggregate impossible. They did not call in question the necessity for a great campaign, because all felt that it was imperative to open the University this fall, and that it should provide for both men and women, but could not at first realize that Methodism was adequate to such a task. Steadily, however, the spirits of the heroic Methodist preachers rose and the plan was adopted with enthusiasm, and having passed this great crisis, not the University officials, but every individual of the Methodist Church in Texas passes into this campaign, looking to the opening of the University in September with a personal responsibility and a definite part in bringing this greatest and most glorious of our achievements to final and fullest success.

Our schools are all overflowing with students and yet thousands of Methodist young people are in secular schools and no schools at all. We must have a University and Southern Methodist University has been selected by the General Conference, and we must open in September.

All honor to the spirit of the administration and the commissioners in the field! All praise to the Bishops who are leading us in this advance! We must have more Methodists and better equipped Methodists. We need them by the thousands, and it is our business and privilege to equip them. The future, as well as the past and present, needs heroism. Now that the campaign is duly and properly ordered, let there be no other mind than doing everything in your power for its earliest completion.

A MOST SIGNIFICANT PRESS DISPATCH.

A few days ago the following dispatch appeared in the leading newspapers of the country:

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 23.--The Harvard University corporation has set aside \$100,000 to aid refugee Belgian professors, it was announced tonight. Belgian educators will come to Cambridge next fall to take charge of courses at Harvard, and they will be paid for their work from this fund. The coming of the Belgians to Harvard is the result of action taken by President Lowell, who, after the large number of professors who taught at the University of Louvain were driven from the city, called that Harvard University would take care of some of them if they wished to teach in America.

Thoughtful people will do well to consider its significance.

(1.) It is another evidence of the fact that the educational center of the world is shifting from Europe to America.

A few months ago it was announced that the most largely attended university now on the planet was in America. This was never so before the year 1914.

The war in Europe has literally and utterly destroyed some universities, as for example the University of Louvain. It has closed for a time other universities; and when the war has passed they can never be again what they have been. Their resources are impaired and their faculties are dispersed.

It is more and more evident that the world will look henceforth for its education to our country. What kind of education shall it be? If the world asks of us bread shall we give it a serpent?

(2.) The bringing to Harvard of a number of professors, who have been imparting the type of culture which has cursed Europe, is proof that there is danger of propagating the same injurious education in our own country. Unfortunately a number of the wealthiest universities in the United States are irresponsible institutions which recognize the authority of neither Church nor State. They are hotbeds of rationalism. They are unfriendly to evangelical Christianity; and some of their partisans do not hesitate to affirm that a Church is utter-

ly unfit to own and control a university.

(3.) All these facts enforce the truth that the evangelical Churches of the United States must strengthen speedily their institutions of learning, and then hold them with an authoritative hand against all tendencies toward liberalism. This matter involves the welfare of our own country and the religious interests of mankind; for it involves the life of evangelical Christianity, which is the hope of the world.

Our own Church is vitally concerned. We must without delay adequately endow and fully equip our two connectional institutions, Emory University in Georgia, and the Southern Methodist University in Texas.

Let those who are zealous for the cause of foreign missions understand that, if the students of the Orient who come to America for education attend institutions permeated by rationalism, these men of the East will return to their own lands to become most obstinate obstacles to the progress of evangelical Christianity among the Oriental Nations. The missionary cause is seriously involved in all this matter.

Let those concerned for domestic or home missions understand that the religion of our country must be greatly affected by the kind of education imparted in the institutions of higher learning in the United States. Our social and political institutions, and our civilization with all that enters into it, cannot escape the consequences of a pernicious type of intellectual culture. Everything that we hold dear and sacred is at stake.

Every man among us who loves in sincerity our Christ and our country must do his duty in this hour of crisis.

W. A. CANDLER.

Atlanta, Ga., January 25, 1915.

OUR ADVOCATE.

The Texas Christian Advocate is now the official organ of eight large conferences having a membership of over 250,000 souls. Five of these are in Texas, two in Oklahoma and one in New Mexico. The latest to adopt the Advocate were the Oklahoma Conferences. Not less than a million and a half read the Texas Advocate each week. The field of publicity for the author and the advertiser is practically unlimited, especially in the great Southwest. Scores and scores of letters reach us from Oklahoma telling how they appreciate the Advocate. They recognize its blessing both to the pastor and the home.

WISE IN THEIR DAY.

The Oklahoma Conferences have adopted the Texas Christian Advocate as their official organ. This adds about sixty thousand members to the constituency of the Texas Christian Advocate and is a step in the right direction for making a real strong religious paper. It is as clear as anything that has been demonstrated that Southern Methodism must have fewer papers if its press is to be as strong as a great Church needs and almost demands.--Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

PERSONALS

We learn that Rev. W. L. Nelms has had a great reception at Weatherford and is highly pleased with his charge. One hundred have been added to the Church.

Rev. J. B. Gregory, who is well known in several conferences, as he is a good man to use as a supply, has moved to Dallas and made the Advocate a pleasant call.

Rev. S. J. Vaughan, of Dublin District, made the Advocate an appreciated call when in Dallas the past week. He is a good friend of the Advocate, and he is also to be counted on for all the work of the Church.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Waddill, of Baird, Texas, are announcing the arrival of "Clarence Hugh" on January 22, 1915. The young man weighed seven pounds and has at once become an important member of the family.

Dr. M. L. Butler, President Board of Missions, West Oklahoma Conference, is anxious that there be a full attendance at meeting of the Board at Mangum, February 3. The Mid-Year Rally will be in session at the same place February 2-4.

The little son of Rev. J. E. Buttrill, pastor of Chilton and Travis, has been critically ill for the past month with broncho-pneumonia. At last reports he was somewhat better. We pray that he may be spared to bless the world.

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Our Church News

While going to the train in a motor bus at Flemingsburg, Ky., Bishop Hendrix was painfully shaken up when the car turned over.

Of the \$1,250,000 the Southern Baptists propose to raise for the Judson Memorial Fund for foreign missions \$800,000 have been secured.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Educational Secretary of the General Board of Missions, is making a speaking tour throughout Louisiana.

Bishop J. H. McCoy spent a recent Sunday with the Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss. It took him but a few minutes to raise more than \$10,000.

Mr. James E. Laidler, of Macon, Ga., who was not a member of any Church, died last week and left an estate of near \$200,000. One-sixth of it goes to the South Georgia Orphans' Home.

Rev. C. R. Gray, formerly of North Texas Conference, but now of San Diego, Cal., is making good in that beautiful city. Rev. C. P. Martin, another North Texas product, is doing a fine work in Exeter, of the same State.

Bishop Murrain, Bishop McCoy and Bishop Moulton have been named as a special committee to suggest a new course of study for our young preachers. Their recommendations will be considered and passed upon by the entire College of Bishops in their annual meeting next May.

In his opening prayer Rev. S. S. Key, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, thanked God for the law which had made it possible for the Fortieth General Assembly of Arkansas to convene in a saloonless capital city, a condition unprecedented in the history of the State.

A news note says: "More than 250,000 members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have been placed on the 'suspended' roll within the last five years, the cause being 'the growing love of pleasure, disregard for the Lord's day and the Word of God, the increasing craze for amusements, and the influence of worldly company.'"

Dr. Shailer Matthews and Dr. J. L. Gubck have sailed from San Francisco. They go as representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to carry to the Christian Churches of Japan a message of good will and to assure them and all the people of Japan of the fact that the Christian sentiment of America is for continued peace between the two nations.

Rev. W. D. Matthews, long a member of the Arkansas Conference, but in recent years a member of West Oklahoma Conference, took the oath of office as State Commissioner of Charities and Corrections for Oklahoma on January 11, which happened to be his sixty-ninth birthday. His assistant, Judge Jarrett Todd, of Mangum, and his stenographer are Methodists. The new Governor is also a Methodist.

Our representatives in the Federal Council of Methodism agreed at the recent meeting of the Council in Atlanta that we withdraw from Seattle, Wash., and leave the work in the hands of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and recommended that the presiding Bishop of our Church make no assignment to that place, and that our Board of Missions make no appropriation for the support of that Church. The Methodist Episcopal Council to which was carried the objection of Southern Methodists in Atlanta to the location of the Ecumenical Methodist Episcopal Church in that city reached this conclusion: "This Federal Council is convinced that any decision it could reach in this case, under existing circumstances, would be ineffective and would hurt American Episcopal Methodism more than it could help either of its branches."

DEATH OF SISTER G. S. HARDY. Sister Hardy, wife of Rev. G. S. Hardy, died Saturday morning, Jan. 23, at 6:30, in Hamlin, Texas. She died in great faith. I go to Hamlin to hold the funeral services. She was a most excellent wife, mother and Christian. The body will be interred here at Sweetwater. J. T. GRISWOLD.

A GREAT DAY IN BARTLETT. (Continued from page 5)

and he never failed to reach his climax. His whole subject-matter showed matured scholarship.

We had selected this day for the purpose of collecting a Church debt. We have completed a beautiful brick-veneer church building, with the exception of the basement, at a cost of about \$26,000, and we owed at this time a note and interest amounting to \$2000. This amount had to be raised notwithstanding the stringency of money matters. We secured the whole amount and a little surplus. The performance of a task of raising money now in this exclusive cotton belt country is almost a miracle.

We had a nice open day for our work, and the congregation was good, not excessively large. You know the many hindrances that keep people from Church on such an occasion. Bishop McCoy was in fine condition. Immediately after the morning sermon we proceeded with the collection. We secured the full amount.

Bishop McCoy is not only a splendid preacher, but he is also a master in a collection. He is patient, calm, good-humored and quick to discern the changing moods of the congregation. He intersperses enough wit and humor along to keep the congregation in fine spirits. The spirit of contentment of the people was remarkable. Only a very few left during the collection. While we had a slow but steady pull, yet there seemed to be a spirit of delight that pervaded the whole audience. This was indeed a marvelous collection.

Brother T. S. Armstrong, our presiding elder, was present and added to the occasion both by the inspiration of his presence and his liberal contribution. He is always at the place where he is needed most. He shows himself a leader in his work, and when he moves he brings about results. We consider ourselves fortunate to have such a man for our leader.

The people of Bartlett deserve a great deal of credit for the progress which they have made in the last three or four years. They have raised the salary from a thousand to fifteen hundred dollars. They have constructed this beautiful church building which would do credit to any city. They have had a goodly increase in membership. There has been a forward movement along all lines. Bartlett stands out today as one of our best appointments. There is a great future before her, and I am sure, she will take care of it. J. B. BERRY, Pastor. Bartlett, Tex., Jan. 20.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

I have just completed the first round of the Muskogee District for the year 1915. During the round I baptized two infants, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper three times, held twenty-six conferences, preached twenty-seven sermons, addressed one thousand ninety-four persons and traveled one thousand forty-three miles. My traveling expenses amounted to \$33.79.

Out of a total official membership of 337 for the district, 116 attended the business sessions of the Quarterly Conferences.

There was reported for support of presiding elder, \$230.34; for pastors, \$1298.58; for other purposes, \$1470.62; making a grand total of \$3099.54 for the quarter.

During the first quarter of last year there was contributed \$267.20 for the presiding elder, \$1371.14 for the pastors, \$1345.39 for other purposes, making a grand total of \$2983.73.

Thus we see that the financial gain of the first quarter of this year over the first quarter of last year is \$115.81. This is not without significance. It shows that our people, in spite of the hard conditions brought about by the low price of cotton, are standing loyally to the Church and supporting her institutions.

I have just forwarded to the Advocate notice of my second round. Before I begin that round there are some things I would like to say to you.

(1) I wish to call your attention to the fact that complaint is reaching me from certain quarters that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is not being administered to the people. This is a means of grace which you can not safely ignore. It is not a matter of choice with you, but a positive duty. When you become a preacher in the Methodist Church you promised not to mend the laws but keep them. If you do not live up to your obligations, how can you expect the people to live up to theirs?

(2) In many parts of the district "erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word" are being preached, and many people are being led into the extremes of fanaticism. The outcome of it all will be a hardness such as few of us have ever known. Skepticism, atheism, folly and crime will follow hard upon the heels of this madness. This condition constitutes a distinct challenge to the Methodist preachers of this district, and if we are worthy our name, or have any of the metal of our founder, we will measure arms with it and "drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines."

(3) In most of the circuits I notice that the preachers rarely take an incidental collection, through fear that the people will be driven away. Those brethren are simply laying down before the opposition of the Free Will Baptists scattered through these woods. What does the Free Will Baptist Church amount to? What does any Church amount to that fails to give to the support of God's work in the world? These people who sit down in the kingdom of God and sing "Sweetly Resting" until they wear the seat of their spiritual pants out soon die with the dry rot. We must educate the rising generation that it is

a part of religion to give of our means to the support of the ministry, or we will be no further advanced in the next generation than in this. Bore for gold and not for water. Take your offerings if you don't get but a penny.

(4) The doors of the Church ought to be opened at the close of every service. Some of you brethren are not stringing your fish. Your first care should be to put your converts into the Church, indoctrinate them and set them to work. Otherwise we labor in vain.

(5) The tramp preacher is abroad in the land. I must warn you against an alliance with him. Before you allow him to enter your Church, or before you join forces with him in revival effort, require him to show his credentials. If he has no authority from an orthodox denomination, you join with him at the peril of the Church.

(6) Last year the District Stewards assessed against the charges of the district \$247 for furnishing the district parsonage. Of this amount \$97 was paid, leaving a balance of \$157 due. Of this unpaid sum \$82 belongs to the presiding elder and \$75 for Bass & Harbour, of Muskogee. The latter are pressing for their claim. This constitutes a distinct embarrassment to your presiding elder. The District Stewards this year re-assessed those charges that failed to pay last year the same amount as assessed before, and I urge you to collect the amount at once and send it in to Mr. H. L. Rose. The balance against your charge is \$

(7) The Mission Board is unable to meet the first quarter's payments to the preachers on that board on account of a lack of funds. By reference to the Minutes I find that those who enjoy the board's bounty are usually farthest behind in the payments. If you don't help the board, how can you expect the board to help you? Get busy and send in something at once. You gain nothing by waiting. Let us make this quarter the best we have ever had. Let no preacher be idle. Press the battle to the gates. CHAS. L. BROOKS, P. E.

THE HILLSBORO DISTRICT PREACHERS' CONFERENCE.

The Preachers' Conference and Missionary Institute of the Hillsboro District met at Coolee, January 11, 12, 1915. When we got to Coolee on the 12 o'clock train we found Brother Head, the pastor, and his committee ready to receive us. We were soon assigned homes where good dinners were served. If anyone believes that old-time, apostolic, Methodist hospitality has played out let him take advantage of the first opportunity offered to go to Coolee when the Methodists of that place are entertaining. The second day the ladies of the Missionary Society served lunch at the church that we might have opportunity to meet more of the people of Coolee and have a good social hour and be able to finish our work in time for the 3:30 train. I am sure every preacher, as did this scribe, enjoyed every minute of his stay in Coolee. All the pastors were present with the exception of two, who were kept away by bad roads and sickness.

Dr. Barcus had sent to each pastor, some time before the conference, a well-digested list of topics, asking them to lead the discussion on the one designated. This made some one responsible for each topic, but not wholly so. A fine spirit pervaded every session and the brethren discussed the questions that came before us in a way that showed they had given thought to their subject and were putting their hearts into what they were saying.

I will not attempt to give the work in detail, but a summary.

Some of the more prominent features are these: Dr. Barcus' sermon on "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Evangelization of the World."

The division of the district into sections in which Sunday School Institutes will be held. Sections in which pastors and lay leaders will confer on best methods for making effective the Laymen's Movement.

Where possible the preachers of the district will help one another in revival meetings and bring the district to the high-water mark spiritually.

But one of the most notable things done was the adoption of the plan to put ourselves under the direction of the presiding elder to be sent two and two, or more, to hold revival meetings in the neglected places. Those who go will do so, knowing that the work will be of the hardest kind with no earthly reward, but pleasing to Him whose great heart yearns for the salvation of the lost.

The last few minutes were given to expressions of devotion and consecration to the Master's cause, then we turned our faces homeward with the deep resolve to prove, as never before, the blessedness of Mr. Wesley's statement, "The best of all is, God is with us."

JAS. M. WYNNE, Secretary.

KIND WORDS.

I hope to get the Advocate in all my homes this year. H. H. BAIN. Rely Springs, Texas.

I shall be pleased to take up the work of getting renewals and new subscribers for the Christian Advocate. I feel that it ought to be in the home of everyone of our people. A. E. ARNFIELD, Pastor. Lamesa, Texas.

ORPHANAGE.

The following amounts have been sent to us since the conference was held:

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Northwest Texas Conference, I. A. Laney, Stamford S. S., Tuxedo, Dumont Mission, Seymour, Shamrock, Margaret, Vernon, Paducah, Ledger's Chapel, Total \$183.75.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes German Mission Conference, Plehewville, Llano, Platt Schoolhouse, San Antonio, Yancey, German Mission Conference, German Mission Conference, German Mission Conference, German Mission Conference, Bechring Memorial, Houston, Total \$297.12.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes North Texas Conference, Whitesboro, Denton, Decatur, Mt. Vernon, Resston, Honey Grove, Burleson, Lee Street, Greenville, Farmersville, Paris, Wolfe City, Bonham, Cooper, Wichita Falls, Total \$318.89.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes West Texas Conference, Brady, Beville, Genzales, Skidmore, Floresville, Rechelle, Pharr, University Church, Austin, Sonora, First Church, San Angelo, Fearsall, Kerrville, Seguin, Nixon, Liberty Hill and L., First Church, San Angelo, Clidbourne St., San Antonio, Hallettsville, Tehuacana and F., Del Rio, Flatonia, Total \$412.25.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Texas Conference, Atlanta, Dalton, Richmond, Nash, Crockett, Rosebud, Central Church, Galveston, Timpsom S. S., Timpson, Madisonville, Tiorndale, Leesburg, China, Summerville, Redwater, East Bernard, Wharton, Daingerfield, Midway, Harleton, Total \$324.87.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Central Texas Conference, Springtown, Hico, Central S. S., Fort Worth, Fann's, Abbott, Elm Street, Waco, Graham, Hico S. S., Aleo, Italy, Mansfield, Grandview, Georgetown, Venus, Clay Street, Waco, Lockney, First Church, Temple, Mineral Wells, Holland, German, Alvarado, Stephenville, Weatherford St. Ch., Ft. Worth, Total \$416.78.

Grand total \$1,073.66. Now you can see the present plan will work, if the preachers will only give the people a chance. Most of the pastors have collected and sent in more than was assessed against the charges last year. I am sure if the pastors could know how badly we need money to feed and care for the children in our Home they would present the claims of the Orphanage to their people. Please do this, brother, the first good day you have, and relieve me of a very embarrassing situation. Dear brother, will you let the orphan suffer? I trust not. Let us hear from you. Yours in his cause, R. A. BURROUGHS.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT ROLL.

My Dear Sir and Brothers: I was a member of the committee on Books and Periodicals that took the initial steps and nominated the Commission to effect the change that has been made. It would seem to be superfluous for me to say that I am highly pleased. The Texas Advocate is indeed a welcome visitor to this parsonage, for I have always admired and held in highest esteem the courageous and gentlemanly editor. My people are highly pleased with the change.

I notice you mention some being on the honor roll by having every member of the Official Board on the sub list. When the change was made the paper was coming to every family in my station, and each member of the Official Board is now getting the Advocate, and paid in advance. W. L. RBADY.

I was honored by the West Oklahoma Conference by being made Chairman of the Commission which

was given plenary power to consider the question of a conference organ for that Conference. In voting to make the Texas Advocate the official organ for the Conference, I believed that the responsibility which my Conference had imposed would be met to the best of my ability; and I am sure that time only is needed to prove that those who, acting for the two Conferences selected the Texas Advocate to represent the Church in this State, performed a service to the Church of very large value.

I wish for the Texas Advocate, in the new field, a coveted experience—that of being serviceable—and I pledge both editors and publishers my unreserved co-operation. With respect, I am yours very truly, O. W. STEWART.

All my officials are subscribers and like the Advocate fine. I am making an effort to put the paper in every Methodist home in my charge. M. M. DUPREE.

Adair, Okla. We are delighted to know that the Texas Christian Advocate is our Conference organ. We will do our best to place it in every home in the bounds of our charge. J. D. KIDD.

Gotebo, Ok. They all seem to know the paper here, and speak well of it. They are so proud the change was made. I will continue working for it. CLINTON C. WILSON. Cheyenne, Ok.

Everyone seems well pleased with the Advocate. I presented the matter publicly last Sunday, and have made partial canvass of our list. You are making a great paper. L. C. CRAIG.

Spiro, Ok. I am especially pleased to know the Advocate is "our" paper. I used to read it when I was a small boy. W. E. ADMIASTON. Oklahoma City, Ok.

I am delighted with the Advocate. It is second to no other paper our Church publishes, and we publish as good as the best. I am going to put on a vigorous campaign for it. JAMES E. MCCONNELL. Tigert Memorial Church, Tulsa, Ok.

I am delighted to have the Advocate as our Conference organ, and shall do my best to circulate it. L. D. HAWKINS. Rocky, Ok.

I am glad to get the Advocate, and will do all I can to further its circulation. R. M. C. HILL. Asher, Ok.

I appreciate the Advocate very much and will do my best to get all the subscribers I can. CHAS. MANN. Woodford, Okla.

Just a word to thank you for this week's Texas Christian Advocate. It is superb. Yours very truly, THEODORE COPELAND. Hot Springs, Ark.

THREE REASONS Each With Two Legs and Ten Fingers.

A Boston woman who is a fond mother writes an amusing article about her experience feeding her boys. Among other things she says: "Three chubby, rosy-cheeked boys, Rob, Jack and Dick, respectively, are three of our reasons for using and recommending the food, Grape-Nuts, for these youngsters have been fed on Grape-Nuts since infancy, and often between meals when other children would have been given candy."

"I gave a package of Grape-Nuts to a neighbor whose 3-year-old child was a weakened little thing, ill half the time. The little tot ate the Grape-Nuts and cream greedily and the mother continued the good work, and it was not long before a truly wonderful change manifested itself in the child's face and body. The results were remarkable, even for Grape-Nuts."

"Both husband and I use Grape-Nuts every day and keep strong and well and have three of the finest, healthiest boys you can find in a day's march."

Many mothers instead of destroying the children's stomachs with candy and cake give the youngsters a handful of Grape-Nuts when they are begging for something in the way of sweets. The result is soon shown in greatly increased health, strength and mental activity.

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Look in books for the famous little book "The Road to Wellville."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Conference Minutes

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and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? W. L. Dean. See report A.

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

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

NORTH TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Forty-eighth Session of the North Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Denison, Texas, Beginning December 1, 1914; Ending December 7, 1914. Bishop James H. McVoy, President; R. G. Mood, Secretary, Postoffice of Secretary, Sherman, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Arthur Wall, W. H. Val, Gilbert Ivins, Harold W. Bennett, C. L. Satterfield, A. F. Smith, Reginald J. Niker, Samuel Farler, Eugene A. Drew, H. H. Bam.

2. Who remain on trial? Clark H. Russell, E. F. Lancaster, S. E. Pritchett, F. C. Adams, R. L. Breeding, Frank M. Richardson, H. L. White, J. J. Cooper.

3. Who are discontinued? No one.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? R. N. Huckabee, R. B. Curry, Guy F. Jones, Earl M. Jones, J. W. Cannon, M. A. Stout, W. W. Barnett, W. E. Barberce, C. M. Clark, George R. Stage, T. L. Hufstutler, J. J. Mason.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? M. G. Masten, elder, Holston Conference; W. W. Watts, elder, Texas Conference; S. A. Barnes, elder, Northwest Texas Conference; A. H. Chapman, deacon on trial, close of first year; S. K. Hay, an elder; I. E. Thomas, an elder, and M. P. Hines, an elder, from the Texas Conference; W. D. Saults, an elder, C. D. Montgomery, an elder, from the West Oklahoma Conference; and P. R. Knickerbocker, an elder, from the East Oklahoma Conference; S. H. C. Burgin, an elder, and W. N. Verson, an elder, from the West Texas Conference.

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

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? A. J. Watkins, an elder, and Robert S. Watkins, an elder, both from the Methodist Protestant Church.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? I. A. Wheeler, J. W. O'Bryant, M. C. Sooter, E. B. Coon, A. J. Bridges, Alex Hubbard, E. B. Jackson, Ira Baker, J. W. Davis, W. E. Davis.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Guy F. Jones, Earl M. Jones, J. W. Cannon, M. A. Stout, W. W. Barnett, W. E. Barberce, C. M. Clark, J. W. Brown, George R. Stage.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Guy F. Jones, Earl M. Jones, J. W. Cannon, M. A. Stout, W. W. Barnett, W. E. Barberce, C. M. Clark, J. W. Brown, George R. Stage.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? J. E. Morris, I. D. Wilson, F. M. Richardson, H. L. White.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? J. E. Morris, I. D. Wilson, F. M. Richardson, H. L. White.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? N. W. Oliver, J. D. Thomas, K. R. Ishell, C. L. Bowen, E. H. Cranfall.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. W. Oliver, J. D. Thomas, K. R. Ishell, C. L. Bowen, E. H. Cranfall, Finis A. Crutchfield.

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

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

18. Who are located this year? E. S. Harvey, at his own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? W. D. Mountcastle, H. A. Bonland, J. W. Timmer, W. B. Martin, W. E. Kirby and E. L. Spurlock.

20. Who are superannuated? L. A. Adams, W. B. Allen, G. F. Boyd, R. N. Brown, S. Crutchfield, L. N. Crutchfield, W. A. Coppelle, W. F. Clark, W. A. Edwards, R. S. Gorsline, L. W. Harrison, B. T. Hayes, J. N. Hunter, J. H. Hunter, M. B. Johnson, J. A. Kerr, C. E. Lantry, Jas. McLaughlin, L. A. Thomas, W. M. Miller, J. W. Murphy, John Moore, L. E. Palmer, J. P. Rodgers, J. H. Reynolds, I. R. Smith, J. E. Sherwood, Lee Sanders, H. E. Smith, J. E. Vinson, J. C. Weaver, E. S. Williams, B. H. Webster, E. B. Thompson, C. C. Williams, P. A. Rossar, W. H. Hughes, J. N. Stafford, B. W. Gibson, L. A. Thomas, I. M. Woodward, S. L. Balle, H. M. Pirtle.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? O. P. Thomas.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called on by one and their characters passed, except E. V. Dowell and C. H. McGehee, who had withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 202; members, 66,795.

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? 19.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 5.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? Infants baptized, 998.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3843.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 137.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 5615.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? Number of Sunday Schools, 444.

31. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,500,000; indebtedness, \$113,304.

32. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 194; number of parsonages, 178.

33. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$245,575; indebtedness, \$32,564.

34. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 11; number of district parsonages, 11.

35. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$45,000; indebtedness, \$3,700.

36. 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, 6; amount of damage, \$4726.

37. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$539,475; losses sustained, \$4726. Premiums paid, \$6634; collections on losses, \$526.

38. What are the educational statistics? See printed Journal, page 42.

39. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 306; conference organ, 5035.

40. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? R. C. Dial.

41. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Bonham.

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

EAST OKLAHOMA.

MINUTES

Of the Sixty-Ninth Session of the East Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Ada, Oklahoma, Beginning November 12, 1914, Ending November 16, 1914. Bishop W. B. Murray, President, Chas. L. Brooks, Secretary, Postoffice of Secretary, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? A. T. Winn, Haskell P. Hushbanks, J. B. Richie, Ezekiel H. Winkler, Royal Clyde Greer, H. B. Chancellor, Robert Clutter Dell, Samuel J. Cheote, James P. Butler, J. Y. Bryce.

2. Who remain on trial? Henry T. Brece, Melton M. Dupree, Thornton M. Moore, Turner L. Smith, James C. Crowson, Marshall W. Dunaway, H. R. Morris, W. L. French, Robert M. Templeton, F. C. Carpenter, Thomas J. Groce.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. A. Frazier, Albert A. Puckett, I. A. Grimes, R. M. C. Hill, W. E. Garrison, R. T. Blackburn.

5. Who are readmitted? D. A. Gregg.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? K. K. Anderson, an elder, from the Louisiana Conference; T. J. Groce, in the class of first year, North Alabama Conference; R. E. Hickman, an elder from New Mexico Conference; J. K. Abernathy, an elder, from West Oklahoma Conference; L. S. Barton, an elder, from North Texas Conference; J. W. Cunningham, in the class of third year, North Texas Conference; W. W. Armstrong, from the Texas Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? None.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? None.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? Zedec Anderson, Albert N. Averett, J. H. Clark, I. C. Curry, Dana A. Dawson, W. M. Groce, E. S. Harris, William Hill, Lincoln N. Ish-come, Eastman A. Jacob, Luther Roberts, Martin L. Sims, Wiley H. Smith, Ona S. Snell, Seneca X. Swinney, R. O. Stewart.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? W. A. Frazier, R. M. C. Hill, Albert A. Puckett.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? W. A. Frazier, R. M. C. Hill, Albert A. Puckett.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Noah Long, Conguge Lowe, Tony Laney, Harry Beaver, Amos Harjo, Luna Dunson, Elijah Fife, John James Baker, W. L. French, H. B. Chancellor, John Aaron.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John Aaron, John James Baker, W. L. French, Elijah Fife, Luna Dunson, Amos Harjo, Harry Beaver, Tony Laney, Conguge Lowe, Noah Long, H. B. Chancellor.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Harry E. Darrow, Griggs Durant, Willmoore Kendall, Baxter L. Williams, R. E. Stevenson.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Harvey E. Darrow, Griggs Durant, Willmoore Kendall, Baxter L. Williams, R. E. Stevenson.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? Thomas Long, Lewis Dunson, William Hill, Johnson E. Tiger, H. P. Clarke, J. W. Fulton.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? Thomas Long, Lewis Dunson, William Hill, Johnson E. Tiger, H. P. Clarke, J. W. Fulton.

18. Who are located this year? J. C. Flod, W. D. Sasser, E. M. Sweet, Jr., each at his own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? P. R. Eaglebarrow, W. D. Herrick, Gibson Grayson, M. C. Rowland, T. J. Minnis, C. W. Clay.

20. Who are superannuated? S. F. Chambers, A. K. Miller, W. P. Pipkin, J. M. Russell, H. B. Scruggs, J. P. Thompson, G. W. Daman, J. B. Blackwell, L. W. Cobb, J. R. Hardin, Miles Sturgeon.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? Joseph Wright.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called on by one, and their characters passed, except E. V. Dowell and C. H. McGehee, who had withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 234; members, 32,015.

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? 29 have been licensed to preach, and their names and addresses forwarded as required.

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? There are 23 candidates for the ministry, and their names and addresses forwarded as required.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 570.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1778.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 109.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2026.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? Number of Sunday Schools, 444.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2405.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 52,826.

33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$12,832.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$950 applied.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$12,509; Home and Conference, \$10,526.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$5362.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$10,552.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$20.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$28,125; preachers in charge, \$165,216.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2093.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 529; number of houses of worship, 449.

42. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 501.

43. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1530.

44. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 230.

45. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3206.

46. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 239.

47. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2090.

48. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 23,677.

49. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$5000.

50. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$3811. See report Joint Board of Finance.

51. What has been contributed for Missions? \$9625.

52. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$9340.

53. What has been contributed for Education? \$2065.

54. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$205.

55. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$12,487; preachers in charge, \$75,390.

56. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$893.

57. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 447; number of houses of worship, 267.

58. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$722,254; indebtedness, \$78,327.

59. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 170; number of parsonages, 135.

60. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$161,665; indebtedness, \$12,465.

61. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, 7.

62. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$18,300; indebtedness, \$5,400.

63. 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, 3; amount of damage, \$22,510.

64. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$385,900; losses sustained, \$22,510; premiums paid, \$3182; collections on losses, none.

65. What are the educational statistics? Oklahoma Woman's College, value \$100,000.

66. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 267; Conference organ, 2605.

67. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? C. W. Miller, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

68. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? St. Paul Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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101. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$613,750; indebtedness, \$101,364.

102. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 133; number of parsonages, 111.

103. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$136,950; indebtedness, \$12,667.

104. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 7; number of district parsonages, 5.

105. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$12,500; indebtedness, \$2,375.

106. 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, 6; amount of damage, \$291.

107. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$387,940; losses sustained, \$291; premiums paid, \$2407; collections on losses, none.

108. What are the educational statistics? No answer.

109. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 257; Conference Organ, 1758.

110. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? T. F. Gafford, Sulphur, Oklahoma; see report.

111. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Altus, Oklahoma.

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

Appointments---1914-15

GERMAN MISSION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

H. W. Weise, Presiding Elder.

Bellville and Peters--V. C. Storch, being Memorial, Houston--F. W. Radetzky, Cibola, Landa and Floresville--J. A. G. Rabe; J. C. Winkel, supernumerary. One to be supplied. Ebenezer, Houston--G. W. Muenmink. East Bernard--W. F. Bus. Elm Creek--J. P. Koch; C. W. F. Lehmberg, supernumerary. Grassville--D. G. Hardt. Maxwell and Wade--H. O. Launch. New Braunfels--E. A. Konken. New Fountain--P. H. Hensch. Platt's Schoolhouse--To be supplied. Rabe and Cuero--To be supplied; F. Mumme, supernumerary. San Antonio--O. W. Benold. Yancy--J. G. Mueller. "Der Missionsfreund"--J. A. G. Rabe, Editor.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

C. A. Lehmborg, Presiding Elder.

Hartlett, Denisonville and Beyersville--O. W. Moerner and L. F. Jordan, supplies. Fredericksburg--A. R. Vetter. Harper, Ingram and James River--R. Gammeharper. Llano--R. Moerner. Mason--W. D. Wiemers; H. Jordan, supernumerary. Cherokee Junior College--C. A. Lehmborg, President. Secretary of Education--C. A. Lehmborg. Commissioners for Southwestern University--E. W. Ratzky and R. Moerner. Trustees of Southwestern University--F. W. Radetzky and F. Karbach. Trustees of Southern Methodist University--C. A. Lehmborg and J. H. Bohmfalk. Commissioners of Education--E. A. Konken and C. H. Grote. Board of Finance--H. W. Weise, P. H. Hensch, C. O. Senkel, M. D. Fields.

NEW MEXICO.

Lee-A. Clark.
Edwards Springs Circuit-O. M. Cole.
San Saba Station-H. E. Draper.

Scranton and Pisgah-K. S. VanZandt.
Sipe Springs-J. O. Gore.
Strawn-C. E. Wilkins.

Troy and Pendleton-O. C. Swinney.
Jarrell-J. A. Sicloff.
Oenaville-E. S. Cook.

Conference Evangelist-F. M. Neal (Polk St. Q. C.)
District Commissioner of Education-New Harris.

District Missionary Evangelist-J. B. McCarty (Paducah Q. C.)
District Commissioner of Education-A. W. Hall.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

F. B. Buchanan, Presiding Elder.
Brady Station-I. T. Morris; I. T. H. Miller, Junior Preacher.
Eden Circuit-W. L. Wall.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT.

W. W. Moss, Presiding Elder.
Alvarado-J. M. Neal.
Barnesville-T. M. Dalton.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

J. M. Barcus, Presiding Elder.
Abbott-S. L. Culwell.
Branson-J. F. Tyson.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT.

W. H. Terry, Presiding Elder.
Andrews-J. B. McKeynolds.
Big Spring Station-A. L. Moore.

TRANSFERRED-C. A. Clark to East Oklahoma Conference; G. J. Irvin, M. W. Clark and P. E. Riley to Central Texas Conference; S. A. Barnes to Ervath Texas Conference and stationed at Ervath Street, Dallas.

TEXAS.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

E. W. Solomon, Presiding Elder.
Anahuac-J. F. Wallace.
Baton and Saratoga-John A. Moore.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

J. T. Hicks, Presiding Elder.
Clarendon Station-H. M. Long.
Clarendon Mission-J. A. Scoggins, supply.

WACO DISTRICT.

J. A. Whitehurst, Presiding Elder.
Aquilla-L. L. Evans.
Bosqueville-N. E. Gardner.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

W. H. Matthews, Presiding Elder.
Barry and Emhouse-J. U. McAfee.
Blooming Grove-W. J. Heaton.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.
J. H. Grosclose, Presiding Elder.
San Antonio, Alamo Station-H. M. Ratliff.
Government Hill-T. N. Barton.

HAMLIN DISTRICT.

B. W. Dodson, Presiding Elder.
Aspermont Station-M. M. Beavers.
Aspermont Mission-Lee Culwell, supply.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

H. Bishop, Presiding Elder.
Bardwell-G. W. Kinchele.
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# THE PASSING DAY

During the past week fighting has been renewed from the sea to the Swiss frontier. Desperate as the combats have been they are regarded as merely a "prologue" to the big drama that is to be staged. Only when the ground has become suitable for moving large masses of troops will the real conflicts begin again. Along the Belgian coast every move of the Germans is to signal for a renewed bombardment by the British ships while the "sky pilots" of both forces are continually dropping bombs behind the hostile lines.

Combats on the "sky line" and on the water line have taken place. In retaliation for the Zeppelin attack on Sandringham, when an attempt was made to blow up the royal residence of King George, and later the attack on Dunkirk, Ostend, Brugge and Zeebrugge have received attention from "aloft" by the allies. While the Germans were dropping bombs on Dunkirk one struck the American Consulate. No damage, however, resulted, other than the breaking of windows and smashing of furniture.

Last Sunday an attempt was made by a German cruiser squadron to repeat the attack recently made on Scarborough and other British coast towns, but the attempt was frustrated by a British squadron and in a running fight the Kaiser's cruiser Bluecher followed the example set by McGinty and "went to the bottom of the sea," while two cruisers limped away badly crippled. But the British fleet did not escape unscathed. The battleship Lion, which led the attack, and a torpedo boat destroyer were disabled and had to be towed into port. One officer was killed and thirteen men were wounded.

In the European war drama the big tragedy thus far is Belgium, the biggest figure in the tragedy is child, but the heroic role is taken by women. A writer says: "A new Belgium, if ever that is to be, will be built by the child that survives the war." There are 1,400,000 absolutely destitute men, women and children. They must be fed and clothed. The responsibility rests with the Christian Nations—those at peace—at home. There are rumors of peace overtures while reports tell of peace meetings being prohibited. Reports also tell of dissension among the German allies as the result of peace talk. Is that all it will amount to? Is it just talk? Time alone will tell.

Indignant that Washington gamblers caught in a raid on a poolroom in Maryland represented themselves as members of Congress, Representative Carey, of Wisconsin, introduced a resolution providing that each member of the House shall in future wear a badge bearing the inscription, "Member of Congress." There is a good deal of sentiment in the House favorable to the bill, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Word sent to Senator Poindexter, of Washington, by the Bureau of Ordnance reveals that the administration has put an absolute prohibition on the sale of old Krag rifles, which until now had been sold to properly couched for individuals. The explanation was given the Senator in connection with a request of ten citizens of Belingham for rifles.

Cotton exporters at Fort Worth last Saturday filed with Secretary of State Bryan a protest against the holding up by the British Government of cablegrams regarding cotton transactions directed to neutral countries. The message of protest was signed by Tom B. Owens, vice president of the Fort Worth Grain and Cotton Exchange. It follows: "Will you cable American Ambassador London immediately to use his influence with proper officials London in order that cables regarding cotton business in neutral continental countries are not held up? All firms here complain that it is practically impossible to communicate with Sweden. This not alone means serious loss to cotton exporters, but to entire cotton industry of the South."

B. F. Johnson, Secretary of the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, plans to form a farm loan fund which is to be raised by public subscription in Gainesville and loaned to farm children of Cooke County to encourage them to raise hogs and poultry and engage in the industry. It is the plan to handle the fund through the Chamber of Commerce. The money will be loaned to the children for twelve months on five percent interest. The loans will be limited to \$20, and with the money advanced in this way farm children will be able to buy a pig, a heifer calf or a few chickens. It can be paid back the next year. The fund will be perpetuated, the money being loaned out again when the original loans are repaid.

An army of thirty workers, trained in many branches of rural home improvement work, have left the A. & M. College for their respective counties where they will serve as home demonstration agents. These agents, who formerly were instructed to turn their attention to canning club and poultry club work, will wage a war against unrest on the farm by assisting the farm women and girls in improving their home life.

Prof. L. E. Dyche, Kansas Fish and Game Warden, well known specialist of fish culture and animal protection laws, died last week at Topeka, just ten days after he had been bitten by an Arizona Gila monster. In 1897 Prof. Dyche was one of the party which rescued Lieut. (now Rear Admiral) Peary in the Arctic regions, sailing from Gloucester, Mass., in the Golden Hope May 16 of that year. He found the party

near death from cold and starvation. He also accompanied Dr. Frederick A. Cook on the Cook expedition to Mount McKinley. After they reached the foot of the mountain Prof. Dyche continued his hunting expedition, leaving Cook to climb the mountain.

There are approximately 700 applicants for pardons pending with the new board of pardon advisers which has just assumed its duties. This board is composed of Judge Wm. Blakeslee, a member of the board under the Campbell administration, and former State Senator W. P. Sebastian, of Breckenridge. In this connection it is announced by the new Governor that applications for executive clemency will be considered by him before such application has been acted upon by the board.

A constitutional amendment granting the ballot to women was introduced in both Houses of the Missouri Legislature last week. The measure was introduced in the Upper House by Senator Craig and in the Lower House by Representative Roney, of Jasper County. Woman suffrage was defeated by a large majority at the November election.

Both the capital and bills discounted by departments of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas show a decided increase over the preceding week. The bills discounted show an increase of more than \$67,000, while an increase of \$2,000 in the capital stock is reported. The increase in the capital is due to the payment of second installments of member banks on capital stock. The net increase in the loans and discounts proves that the bank is growing. The reports of the banks of the system show that the bank at Dallas is fourth in loans and discounts.

The existence of a so-called forgers' trust, with extensive ramifications and many agents throughout the United States, was announced at New York by a private detective agency employed by the American Bankers' Association to investigate a flood of forgeries that have poured into New York banks. It was said that many arrests would be made throughout the country within the next forty-eight hours.

That the Texas Company is not operating in the oil and gas fields of Oklahoma as a trust in violation of the State laws was held by a decision Saturday by District Judge Tom D. McKeown, at Ada, in the suit brought by former Attorney General Chas. West and former Governor C. N. Haskell against the company from the State and to collect \$4,000,000 in penalties.

Directing that the major part of her estate shall be used for the purpose of "giving Bibles, Testaments and portions of the Bible to the poor who are longing for the Word of God, and are too poor to buy a copy of the Bible," the will of Fanny Dickinson Nelson was probated at Pittsburgh, Pa. The testator bequeathed small sums to a sister and two brothers, and left the remainder, about \$20,000, to Mrs. Flora Sweet, Superintendent of the Bethany Institution, for the purpose of distributing Bibles.

Francis is the name of President Wilson's grandson, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre. Some of the family wanted to call the baby Woodrow Wilson Sayre, or Woodrow Sayre, but the President thought the child should have an individuality of his own. No date has been set for the christening, but it probably will be held in the White House. President Wilson probably will be the godfather.

Will H. Parr, of Seattle, Wash.; Joseph E. Davies, of Wisconsin, now Commissioner of Corporations; E. N. Hurlev, of Chicago; George F. Peabody, of New York, and a man from the South, are on President Wilson's date for appointments to the new Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Parr is Progressive; Davies, Hurlev and Peabody are Democrats.

An "alarming" shortage of officers and men needed to man the warships of the United States fleet is reported by Rear Admiral Fletcher, chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs, in a letter to the House Naval Committee. Writing to supplement his recent testimony before the committee, the Admiral announces that an inquiry just completed by special boards has revealed that the navy lacks by 10,000 the men to fully man all the ships which ought to be commissioned upon the outbreak of war.

Mrs. Anna E. Seaman, who it is claimed made Abraham Lincoln's wedding shirts, celebrated her ninety-second birthday at Chicago last week. Eighty years ago there were no sewing machines. We sewed by hand by the light of a sputtering candle," she said. "My mother was Mrs. Elizabeth McDaniel. Abraham Lincoln called her 'Auntie McDaniel.' One day he came to our house with a large roll of muslin. He sat by the fire and watched the loom blaze. 'Auntie McDaniel,' he said, 'I want you to make me a half dozen day shirts and four night shirts.' 'Why, are you going to marry, Aunty?' my mother inquired. 'Well, one can't tell what a young man might do,' he said."

The United States Government has begun the negotiation of a new treaty with Costa Rica, designed to compensate the latter country for its rights in the interoceanic canal route over which this country is seeking to gain control by a treaty with Nicaragua, now pending before the United States Senate. Although no price has yet been fixed for an option on Costa Rica's right in the waterway, it is understood that \$1,500,000 is approximately the sum under consideration. The United States is preparing to negotiate with Salvador and Honduras as well as Nicaragua for the purchase of a naval base in the Bay of Fonseca, whose waters touch all three countries. These acts are proposed in line with the policy of the Washington Administration to conserve good relations with Central America.

The United States Government has issued a lengthy defense of its interpretation of the rights and duties of a neutral in the European war. A document 5000 words long prepared by President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counselor Robert Lansing, of the State Department, after several days of consultation, was made public in the form of a letter from the Secretary of State to Senator Stone, of Missouri, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. While the letter is a reply to an inquiry from Senator Stone for information as a result of complaints made in the press and in letters from various parts of the country, charging the Washington Government with unfairness to Germany and Austria, it also is intended as a pronouncement of policy on some questions of neutrality previously unexplained.

Resolutions urging President Wilson to submit to the next International Congress the proposition of limitation of armament, and the establishment of an international police force, were submitted to the New York State Bar Association last week by the Committee on International Arbitration, Disarmament and International Police. After review of The Hague conventions and their failure to prevent war, the committee's re-

port reads: "For the enforcement of agreements and of statutes which bear the same relation to civil law that treaties do to international law, each nation has provided an internal police, which may, in case of need, be supported by the national army. Since the nations have been able to agree upon the formation of an international court of arbitration, should they not be willing to follow the analogy of this institution existing in each and provide an international police? In such case, the independent army of each nation should be strictly limited. As a result each nation would be without the power to begin war on a great scale.

At 4 p. m., April 2, the population of the United States will have reached and passed the 100,000,000 mark, according to C. D. Sloane, geographer of the Census Bureau, who estimates the population at that hour will be 100,000,050. J. S. McCoy, Actuary of the Treasury Department, however, calculates the population will be 100,016,000 on February 1, and that the 100,000,000 mark will be reached on January 27 or 28. The disagreement in the estimates arises from the different systems of computation employed by the two statisticians. In the Census Bureau the direct increase as shown by the difference in population in 1900 and 1910 is taken. By that system the country would contain 100,300,318 persons on July 1, 1915, and more than 108,000,000 on July 1, 1920. The 1900 census showed the population of the United States to be 76,212,378, while the 1910 figures were 91,972,266. By the census estimates the population of all the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, would be 110,750,000 on July 1, 1915. Actuary McCoy arrives at his conclusions on which treasury statements of the per capita wealth are reached by including in his calculations what he calls the factor of second differences.

The New York Central Railroad will begin immediately the erection of a market terminal costing approximately \$1,000,000. Plans now are in preparation for two similar terminals, one to be built in Brooklyn and the other in Long Island City. The market will be operated by co-operative companies, now being formed. They will be conducted under the supervision of the newly organized State Department of Foods and Markets.

Delegates to the number of five hundred are expected to attend a called meeting of the Farmers' Union at Fort Worth, February 2 and 3. Four district unions have called meetings to be held there immediately before or during the State meeting. The purpose of the meeting has not been made public. President Lewis' call stating the convention "will consider the gravity of the present situation affecting the best interests of the farmers."

Postmaster General Burleson through a decision by Comptroller Downey, of the Treasury, expects to initiate cold storage plants in the parcel post service, beginning at the Denver postoffice, a new building for which is in construction at this time. If the innovation proves a success, the Postoffice Department may apply to Congress in the course of time for appropriations to place cold storage outfits in every postoffice building of any size in the country. The object of the experiment is to store outgoing parcel post shipments which may border on the perishable.

A group of well-known Italians has addressed a letter to Secretary of State Bryan conveying an appeal that the United States take some action to the end that the monuments of art in the belligerent countries be preserved from ruin. It is the expectation of those who are launching this movement that it will find support in other neutral States, particularly Switzerland and Spain. The letter is signed by Eleanora Duse, the actress; Guglielmo Ferrero, the historian; Restoff, the well-known sculptor; Antonio Sartorio, the painter; and Giacomo Boni, the archaeologist.

Much that is of interest to the Young Women's Christian Associations in the States of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will be up for discussion at the Conference of the Southwestern Field Committee of the National Board. The conference will be held in Dallas, January 29, 30, 31. Men and women of national prominence will participate. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Percy V. Pennsylvania, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Jessie Field, Miss Oloobah Burner, of New York City, Bishop Edwin Mounzon, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, International Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Nashville; Grace H. Dodge, President of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association from 1906 to 1912, and a number of other notable workers in interest of young women.

Madame Bella Pevsner, who has been called the "Dobrah of the Jews of today," in an address in Texas, this picture of the Jews: "A nation of more than 150,000 souls, where there are no judges, no policemen, no trial courts, no jails, no schools for delinquents and no need for reformatories. This is in Palestine, the first home of the Jews, and the land which gave to the world Moses, Jesus Christ, Mohammed and scores of its wisest sages, teachers and philosophers. This is the land that is rapidly being reclaimed by the Jews from all the earth. It is a fact that the Jews are again coming into their own and are finding a home amid the historical surroundings connected with their past and legends which have been handed down through the ages, from centuries before the time of Christ."

Governor General Francis Burton Harrison, of Manila, P. I., in an order has directed that Gen. Noriel, the insurgent leader, who is one of the most prominent natives of the Province of Cavite, be put to death on January 27. The murder for which Noriel was a supporter of Aguinaldo, was sentenced to death and committed in 1902, it being alleged that he and two accomplices killed a political enemy. The case of Noriel had no connection with the native uprising in Manila and its environs last December.

A month's rent free to each of the tenants of his many dwellings here at Baton Rouge is a unique feature of the will of Robert I. Devenny's esteem for his tenants. To a number of friends of his family Devenny left \$5 each to buy a trinket of some sort in memory of his mother. He also gave \$5 to each of the members of the Episcopal Church choir in appreciation of their services, and he left property to the Church.

Five men were killed and eight wounded as a result of the blowout of a boiler tube on the U. S. Battleship San Diego at Guaymas, Mexico, last week. Four of the sixteen boilers were put out of commission.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told the United States Commission on Industrial Relations which is investigating the great philanthropic foundations and the cause of industrial unrest that his father has devoted a quarter of a billion dollars to philanthropy. The bulk of this sum he said has been turned over to the Rockefeller Foundation, the University of Chicago, the General Education Board and the

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Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Mr. Rockefeller announced, after the hearing adjourned, that when he concluded his testimony before the commission he would have a conference with "Mother" Jones, the aged labor organizer, regarding conditions among the workers in Colorado. Mr. Rockefeller and "Mother" Jones shook hands and talked over the coming conference in the room in the city hall in which the commission is conducting the inquiry. "Mother" Jones said she probably would see Mr. Rockefeller within the next day or so and that she would give him complete details concerning conditions in Colorado. "He doesn't know the true conditions," she said, "I intend that he shall. It is very nice of him to ask me to come to see him."

The French press, in reporting the raids of the aviators of the Allies on Essen and Ostend, calls attention to the fact that no civilian was killed and no civil property damaged and contrasts the behavior of the pilots of the Allies' aeroplanes with that of the crews of the Zeppelins, which made a raid on the coast of England, saying that while the former aimed to hit only soldiers in arms the latter killed babies in arms, women and other non-combatants.

Under the terms of a bill introduced by Senator Lodge, former President Roosevelt would have returned to him the \$40,000 Nobel peace prize awarded him in 1906, which he turned over to the Government as a fund for the foundation for promotion of industrial peace. The fund was given as a nucleus for the foundation, its income to aid in its maintenance under the guidance of a commission. Sufficient interest, it is understood, could not be aroused in outside sources to promote the work of the foundation.

The steamship Dacia, now under American registry, but formerly owned by the Hamburg-American line though loaded with 11,000 bales of cotton for Rotterdam, has not yet sailed from Galveston. It is a fact so stated, that British war vessels are in waiting to capture the Dacia, as Great Britain is not thoroughly satisfied that the transfer of owners is regular.

"Treating" in saloons of Iowa will be prohibited and the practice of persons living in "dry" territory carrying home well-filled suitcases will be stopped if the General Assembly enacts laws proposed in the Senate. Four bills designed to further restrict the sale of liquor in Iowa were introduced. One proposed that it be made a penalty for per-

sons to treat one another in saloons. Under the terms of the bill a saloonkeeper who furnishes drinks to any person other than the one buying shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding \$100. The entering of such a judgment against him automatically revokes his license to do business.

Fines aggregating more than \$42,000, together with jail sentences totaling 17,871 days, have been assessed against alleged bootleggers operating in Decatur, Ill., according to figures given out by A. W. Gillitt, Superintendent of the Law Enforcement Department of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois. This total of sixty-two offenders against the local option liquor law at Decatur were rounded up during September, October and November. It is asserted by the "drys" that since this campaign Decatur practically has been free of bootleggers.

The daily consumption of gasoline by the aeroplanes, Zeppelins and motor cars of the Germany army has been variously estimated at from 200,000 to 350,000 gallons. It is thought the armies of the Kaiser may be seriously affected when the reserve supply of gasoline and oil, said to be inadequate, gives out. English and French journals intimate that "petrol and oil" are a contingency the Kaiser was unprepared to meet.

The Postmaster General has issued a fraud order against the Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company of Las Cruces, N. M. This concern has been doing a flourishing business in lands for some months past, advertising that the properties it had for sale were to be included in the Government's Rio Grande reclamation project. Postoffice inspectors reported that over \$70,000 was received up to October 1 last from the sale of practically worthless lands.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago schools, believes in the efficacy of prayer. It was announced some weeks ago that to meet a deficiency of approximately \$1,000,000 in the school budget the school-wardens would also be made. Mrs. Young offered a prayer to heaven to send down a million dollars for the school budget. A few days later she is quoted as saying, "I have gotten some light." "How much light?" she was asked. "Well, I see where we can get about \$28,000." "And will the teachers be asked to give up part of their salary?" "I believe I can find a way out of the difficulty," replied Mrs. Young. "If the employes are willing to give up two weeks' pay. For one thing, I believe that we can count on a little

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MAYS-WATSON—At the Methodist parsonage in Royse, Texas, Thursday evening, January 21, 1915, Mr. Henry Mays and Mrs. Callie Watson, Rev. W. R. McFarther officiating.

CROSS-SWITZER—At the bride's home, near Blanket, November 22, 1914, Mr. C. G. Cross and Miss Julia Switzer, Rev. W. T. Jones officiating.

SWITZER WOOD—At the home of the bride's mother near Blanket, January 6, 1915, Mr. Jno. C. Switzer and Miss Edna Wood, Rev. W. T. Jones officiating.

STEWART-LOPER—In Clifton, Texas, January 21, 1915, Mr. Thomas O. Stewart and Miss Grace Loper, both of Waco, Texas, Rev. J. H. Brassell officiating.

JOHNSON DOUGLAS—At the home of the bride, in Van Zandt County, Texas, January 24, 1915, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. Harris Johnson and Miss Golden Douglas, all of Martin's Mill Community, Rev. J. F. Everett officiating.

HENRY-McMILLAN—At the home of the officiating minister, at Muller, Texas, January 23, 1915, at 9 o'clock p. m., Mr. L. E. Henry and Miss Maud McMILLAN, Rev. G. W. Temple officiating.

DAVIS THOMPSON—On the evening of December 18, 1914, Mr. J. M. Davis and Mrs. Annie Thompson were married at the Methodist parsonage at Garland, Texas, Rev. O. E. Moreland officiating.

HUTSON-BAILEY—January 8, 1915, Mr. J. L. Hutson and Miss Ida Bailey, of the Sachse Community, drove up to the Methodist parsonage in Garland, Texas, and were soon made husband and wife. Rev. O. E. Moreland officiating.

SMITH-GRIFFIN—January 9, 1915, Mr. Elmer Smith and Miss Emma Griffin, accompanied by friends, came to the Methodist parsonage and were very quietly married. Rev. O. E. Moreland officiating.

BAILEY-GASTON—On the evening of January 23, 1915, Mr. Oran Bailey and Miss Dewey Gaston, of the Sachse Community, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Garland, Texas, Rev. O. E. Moreland officiating.

MURPHREE-FOSTER—On the evening of January 23, 1915, Mr. Embree Murphree and Miss Elsie Foster were married at the Methodist parsonage in Garland, Texas, Rev. O. E. Moreland officiating.

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SHAW-CLARK—In the parsonage at Kingston, Oklahoma, at 5 o'clock p. m., Friday, January 23, 1915, Mr. Val E. Shaw, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Miss Edna Dolin Clark, second daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Clark, Rev. C. M. Kerth, pastor of the Woodville and Ravia charge, officiating. It was a very quiet home wedding, no one being present except the contracting parties, the family and officiating minister. Brother Clark, father of the bride, late of Texas, is the efficient and popular pastor of our Church at Kingston, East Oklahoma Conference. May blessings rich and full attend the youthful couple as they launch out on life's sea.

Muskogee District—Second Round.

- Madison, Jan. 30, 31.
Sallisaw, Jan. 31.
Atkins Circuit, at Atkins, Feb. 17.
Westville and Stillwell, at Stillwell, March 1.
Stillwell Circuit, at Barron, Feb. 27, 28.
Westville and Stillwell, at Stillwell, March 1.
Wagonville Circuit, at Freewater, March 2, 7.
Halbert Circuit, at Grand View, March 13, 14.
Park Hill Circuit, at Woodhill, March 14, 15.
Muskogee, St. Paul, March 18.
Keota Circuit, at Powell, March 20, 21.
Kanona Circuit, at Eureka, March 21, 22.
Tamaha Circuit, at Garland, March 23.
Wardell Circuit, at Duke's Chapel, March 25.
Stigler, March 25.
Muskogee Circuit, at Howard, March 27, 28.
Checotah, March 31.
Okla. Circuit, at Fawn, April 3, 4.
Warner and Forum, at Warner, April 4, 5.
Boynton and Morris, at Boynton, April 7.
Wainwright Circuit, at Augusta Avenue, April 10, 11.
Muskogee, First Church, April 11, 12.
Fort Gibson, April 14.
Vian and Brages, at Brages, April 17, 18.
Webbers Falls, April 21.
District Conference will convene at Webbers Falls at 9 a. m., Thursday, April 22, and close Sunday evening, April 25. Rev. E. S. Harris, of Fort Gibson, will preach the opening sermon Wednesday evening, April 22. The committees are as follows: License to Preach—A. B. L. Hunkapiller, E. C. Wallace and Orlando Shaw. Deacon's Orders—Cornelius Pugsley, T. O. Shanks and G. W. Martin. Elder's Orders—J. E. Carpenter, L. R. Jones and E. S. Harris. Admission and Re-admission—D. M. Geddie, R. E. Hickman and R. C. Alexander. CHAS. L. BROOKS, P. E.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

We have the proper blanks for those who expect to make application for donation or loan to the Parent Board of Church Extension. I shall be glad to furnish you promptly on your application for same. These blanks should be secured and properly filled out and in the hands of the Secretary of the Church Extension Board by March 1. W. E. LYON, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Northwest Texas Conference.

A WORD TO THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Our Treasurer, Mr. E. B. Bivnum, of Abilene, has, after much time given and some considerable expense, opened a set of books especially adapted to our needs. Let me suggest that beside the items known as Conference Collections the Orphanage and Sunday School Mission and Children's Day funds be handled through the Conference Treasurer. Any item entering the books of the Treasurer becomes a conference record and will be preserved through the years. Send on the collections—the Treasurer is ready. O. P. KIKER

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Attention Presiding Elders and Members of the Board: The mid-year meeting of the Board of Missions of the Central Texas Conference will be held in Waco, March 4 and 5, 1915. The session will begin at 2 p. m. Tuesday, March 3. Dr. C. F. Reid, General Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, and an expert in this line of work, will be with us, and render valuable service on the program and otherwise. Prominence will be given to practical problems, presented to the pastor and presiding elder in carrying out the plans inaugurated at the last Central Conference. Our conference is ready for a forward movement. We have been hampered, but the old ship is passing over the shoals and will soon be out in the open sea.

It is earnestly desired that every presiding elder and member of the Board be present. Place where the session will be held and program of the meeting will be announced at an early date. Admit all your engagements so you can be present. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Sec'y Board.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT—SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The preachers in charge, the local preachers and the charge and circuit Lay Leaders of the following churches, to-wit: Hubbard, Coady, Mungler, Penelope, Kirk, Irene and Malone, will meet at Hubbard on Monday, February 8, at 2 o'clock p. m. The same officers from the following churches, to-wit: Hubbard, First Church; Hillsboro, Laymen's, Brazos, Abilene, Pearsa, Lovelace, Itasca, Covington and Overton, Haron, and Whitney, will meet at First Church, Hillsboro, on Monday, February 15, at 10:30 a. m.

The purpose of these meetings is to plan for the using of all the local preachers and lay leaders in a systematic way to the end that there may be a religious service held in every Church in the district every Sunday. It is essential to the success of the plan that every preacher and lay leader be present and I earnestly urge all to be there at the hour named. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

MORE LOAN FUNDS.

By W. F. McMurry. On New Year's eve I reported a total increase of \$84,843.07 in the Loan Fund Capital of the Board of Church Extension for the past month. Essays of a religious service held on January have brought in twelve contributions, the total amount of which is \$4,374.76. The smallest of these was \$1; the largest, \$1,250, and there were two of this amount, given by two aged women of Maryland to constitute a memorial fund for their sister. The total increase in the Loan Fund Capital for the fiscal year to date, January 28, 1915, is \$89,217.83. We must have the balance, \$10,782.17, necessary to make the \$100,000 for the fiscal year, by March 31. 1025 Brook St., Louisville, Ky.

PRIZE ESSAY.

Through the generosity of a resident of California, and in connection with the Panama Pacific International Exposition, the National Education Association is able to offer a prize of one thousand dollars for the best essay on "The Essential Place of Religion in Education, with an Outline of a Plan for Introducing Religious Teaching into the Public Schools."

Religion is to be defined in a way not to run counter to the creeds of Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Jew. The essential points to be observed are: "A Heavenly Father, who holds nature and man alike in the hollow of His hand"; the commandment of Hillel and Jesus of Nazareth, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself"; the high ethical teachings and spirit of service and sacrifice indicated in the Sermon on the Mount.

Notice of intention to file an essay must be given the Secretary of the Association by 2 p. m., 1915. Essays will be limited to ten thousand words, and must be in the possession of the Secretary by June 1, 1915. Six typewritten copies must be furnished in order that the preliminary reading may be done independently. The right is reserved by the Association to publish not only the prize essay, but any others which may be submitted in competition, copyright privileges to be vested in the Association for all such.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASS'N.

By D. W. SPRINGER, Secretary, Ann Arbor, Mich.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

By this time every pastor in Texas is supposed to have his work well in hand. This is the best time for successful revival meetings—through the winter season, late fall and early spring. We should like to make some engagements for these winter and spring months. The field is white unto harvest. Why not thrust in the sickle at once? Will be glad to hear from you soon. THOS. G. WHITTEN, Conference Missionary Evangelist, 400 W. Twelfth St., Dallas.

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thanked the men and women for their views and said he would act upon the bill soon. Unless he signs or vetoes it by midnight Thursday, January 28, it will become law without his signature. The President has indicated strongly, however, that he will veto the measure because he does not approve of the literacy test.

The Texas Senate Monday passed a resolution endorsing the "wise and patriotic administration of the great President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson," and was signed by eighteen Senators. It was adopted without debate by a vote of 22 to 1. Senator McNeal, of Dallas, voted against the resolution and asked permission to have printed in the Journal reasons for his action.

A call for reform in the mode of distribution of garden seeds was heard in the House last week when Representative George M. Young, of North Dakota, declared that the present method of distributing seeds of all kinds to the farmers was unscientific and wasteful. Young suggested that the farmers be supplied with rare seeds such as they would be unable to purchase in the ordinary way.

THE ORPHANAGE BUILDING FUND.

As Texas Methodists there are two questions we must answer: First, why have we not made larger provisions for helpless orphan children who have appealed to our Church for shelter and have been turned away? Second, the most important to us and the homeless orphan: What are we going to do with the large number of fatherless, motherless and homeless children whose hands are reaching out to us for shelter from the blighting winds?

Brother Burroughs is giving his undivided attention and time to the care and management of the children in the Home, doing the work of two men. For he has no assistant manager. If all the pastors who have not done so will send in the offering from their charge just as early as possible it will be greatly appreciated.

Dr. Rankin and others have spoken of the splendid care taken of the children in the Orphanage. While it is true, yet this does not feed, clothe or shelter those on the outside seeking admittance. Hence there is but one reasonable and religious thing for us to do, and that is to build. You ask when? The friends of the Home and the Methodists of Texas must answer. Brother Burroughs wants to and should begin the work the first of March. So the new building would be ready for next session of school. This can and should be done. You ask how? Let all who have subscribed to the new building pay their subscription as early as possible. Let others subscribe to this as liberally as possible. Let a number of wealthy men and women give sums to this cause. You would be investing in an institution that takes the forsaken street waif and develops him into a manly man, a Christian gentleman. Can you conceive of a greater work? What shall we do with the homeless orphan child? Answer this question on your knees and then send in your subscription.

Yours for the new building. J. N. McCAIN, Field Sec'y, 1500 South Fourth Street.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

It is an old but trite saying that "Taxes never die." It is also true of advertising. It is like "bread cast upon the waters." The ad lives as long as the paper upon which it is printed is in existence. In this week's Advocate Goggan Bros. reproduces an ad which appeared in this paper in November, 1867. There have been many changes in the method of advertising since that good day, but in the "up-to-now" ad of Goggan Bros. they say there has been no change in their methods of honest dealing with their customers, and on this fact they predicate their long business career. The founders of the House of Goggan have passed to their reward, but the sons look back with pride on this issue of the Advocate and take pleasure in reproducing same alongside of their plea for business today. Time has wrought many changes, but the Advocate today still enjoys patronage of firms that used its columns in the "long ago."

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Our new church at Marvin's Chapel will be dedicated February 28, 1915. Rev. I. N. Crutchfield will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock, after which our presiding elder, Rev. T. H. Morris will conduct the dedicatory service. All former pastors are especially invited to attend. Our people are preparing for a great time. Come, help enjoy the occasion. G. R. SLAIGLE.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Church Extension for the North Texas Conference will meet at the Publishing House Monday, March 8, at 1 o'clock p. m. Paris, Tex., Jan. 23. M. L. HAMILTON, Pres.

WEST OKLAHOMA BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the West Oklahoma Conference, M. E. Church, South, is called to meet at Mangum, Okla., February 3, 1915, at 1 p. m. Let every member be present. Business of much interest is to be transacted. M. L. BUTLER, Ardmore, Okla.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension, West Oklahoma Conference, will meet in El Reno, Okla., March 9 at 10 a. m. All who expect to make application to the Parent Board for loans or donations have their applications in the hands of the Secretary, Rev. N. A. Phillips, Guyton, Okla., by March 1. M. T. ALLEN, President Board, Ryan, Okla.

more than has been estimated on taxes. The secretary has deducted 5 per cent for collection of taxes in presenting his estimates of our resources. This is more than has ever been deducted before. Last year it cost only 4.7 per cent for collection, and three-tenths per cent of the taxes, when you are collecting \$1,000,000, is no inconsequential amount. Mrs. Young will continue with the work of preparing her budget estimates regardless of the lack of money. When the estimates are ready they will be taken up together with the shortage difficulty, and wherever the items can be shaved shaving will be done.

A systematic course of prayer and "advice" is the treatment being given Mrs. Mollie Steele Voliva, wife of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion City, Ill., who it is said, is desperately ill of a malady which a few months ago might have been cured by simple operation. While Dr. N. L. La Rose, Health Commissioner of the city and one of the overseer's right-hand men, is administering the peculiar course of treatment, the other high officials of the Church are closely guarding all avenues of information relative to Mrs. Voliva's true condition.

"Many women school teachers wear dresses that are positively disgraceful and from looking at them their pupils learn neither modesty nor economy." This was the charge made by Charles P. Taylor, President of the Newark, N. J., Board of Education, who announced unless there was a change for the better he would launch a campaign to force school teachers to wear uniforms, just as trained nurses now do.

An Arkansas school teacher is under no obligations to prevent flirting among his pupils and cannot be disciplined by a school board even if he encourages affairs of the heart among the youthful charges. This dictum, couched in dignified legal language, was laid down by the Arkansas Supreme Court. Robert Emile Roth, a Crawford County teacher, had been hired for a year. He was discharged after three months because the board alleged he had disregarded its orders to prevent flirting among the pupils. The court held that this was not sufficient cause for his discharge.

Because she "cheated" the weighing machine in the Union Pacific Depot out of a penny more than a year ago the conscience of an Abilene, Texas, woman has been bothering her ever since. The woman states that she and her daughter were waiting for a train. The daughter placed a penny in the weighing machine, and after it had registered her weight and before she stepped from the machine the mother stepped on also and was weighed free. This worried her, and she wrote the agent of the weighing machine enclosing a stamp and asked him to place a penny in the machine, thus easing her mind.

In cleaning out the radiators in the House of Representatives at Austin and the pipes leading there to, conditions were found so repulsive that the negro porters could not stay on the job steadily. For a distance of eight feet from the radiators the accumulated sputtle and filth thrown through the radiator openings in twenty years had formed a cake of varying thickness, and to pry it out crowbars and great effort were necessary. The stench was also insupportable. The stench worked with handkerchiefs tied over their noses and mouths, and at that had to quit frequently because they were nauseated. This is the first cleaning out of the radiators and pipes for twenty years. The heated air has been coming up through this filth, and people have been breathing it all these years. Surprise is expressed that men lived through it.

Last Monday President Wilson inaugurated the first transcontinental telephone system by speaking from Washington directly to President Moore of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. With Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and President Van of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who cut in on the wire at different points, the President extended congratulations to the achievement. "It is a tribute to the United States. His remarks continued," said the President to Mr. Moore. "I congratulate you on the fine prospects for a successful expansion. It is an acknowledgment of the progress of the nation."

Hon. William Cox Redfield, Secretary of the Department of Commerce in President Wilson's Cabinet, declares Monday night before a crowd of 2000 Dallas citizens in favor of the United States establishing a line of merchant ships to handle the foreign trade of the country. The Secretary said up to the present time no private concern had offered a solution of the difficulty that is now being met by the United States in its foreign trade. Secretary Redfield's remarks dealt broadly with the manufacturing and trade possibilities of the United States. His remarks were optimistic and he left the impression that, in his opinion, exceptionally prosperous times are close at hand for the United States. He showed that the foreign countries are beginning to come to the United States for their products, and he quoted statistics compiled by the department over which he presides showing that this country is no longer indebted to the European countries, but through the trade channels the European countries have become indebted to the United States.

Alabama will become a prohibition State July 1 under two related measures, which became law after executive approval. Within a few hours after Governor Henderson had vetoed the bills and asked that the prohibition question be submitted to voters at a special election, both houses voted down his proposal and re-passed the bills by overwhelming majorities. The vote in the House on re-passing the bills was 73 to 29. In the Senate it was 24 to 10. The prohibition measures re-enacted the prohibition law, repealed in 1911, after it had been in force two years. Under the 1911 local option law all except eight of the sixty-seven counties have voted dry.

After two days of debate on the general state of the national defenses, the House passed, without a roll call, the army appropriation bill, carrying \$101,000,000. Advocates of a late strengthening of the military establishment fought to the last for additional appropriations, but their efforts met with no encouragement from either Democratic or Republican leaders. The last roll call on a Republican bill, the Gardner, of Massachusetts by Representative Gardner, with instructions "etv," to reconmit the bill, with instructions to report back an amendment carrying \$1,400,000 for aviation, was defeated, 253 to 34.

For more than three hours last Friday President Wilson listened to appeals that he veto the immigration bill and pleas that he veto it, voiced by the spokesmen of 500 men and women who packed the east room of the White House. The speakers were labor leaders, publicists, social workers, students and others representing many interests, most of them contending for or against the literacy test which the bill proposes shall be applied to determine the fitness of immigrants to be admitted to the United States. At the conclusion of the argument President Wilson

The Minutes

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Marlin-W. F. Packard. Marquette Mission-W. H. Earls. Mayfield-John Cockrell. Normange-A. P. Bradford. Reagan-W. A. Craven. Rosend Station-H. H. McCain. Teague and Freestone Mission-A. S. Whitehurst; J. M. Gordon, junior preacher. Travis and Chilton-J. E. Buttrill. Wheelock-J. F. Garrett. Professor Southwestern University-Frank Sears. (Marlin Q. C.) Manager Texas Methodist Orphanage-R. A. Burroughs. (Marlin Q. C.) Bohemian Missionary-J. M. Vondracek. (Rosebud Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-W. D. White.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

F. M. Boyles, Presiding Elder. Beckville Circuit-R. E. Beard. Bettsay Circuit-B. L. Owens. Church Hill Circuit-Frank Platt. Gilmer Station-H. M. Trimmis. Gilmer Mission-D. F. Craddock, supply. Hallville Circuit-A. L. Connor. Harleton-A. G. Hall. Harrison Circuit-M. Smith. Henderson-E. L. Ingram. Jefferson-J. L. Dawson. Kellyville-T. D. McCrary. Kilgore-A. J. McCary. Lanerville-W. L. Cannan. Longview-Glenn Flinn. Marshall, First Church-John W. Bergin. Summit Street-H. J. Hayes. Rosewood-J. S. Wilson, supply. Conference Secretary of Missions-Glenn Flinn. District Commissioner of Education-Glenn Flinn.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

E. L. Shettles, Presiding Elder. Anderson Circuit-W. L. Pate. Beloit-Ed Prather, supply. Bryan Station-C. E. Tally. Brazos County Mission-Jesse C. Thomson. Cleveland and Cold Springs-T. W. St. John. Conroe Station-I. F. Key; A. L. Carnes, supernumerary. Crockett Station-D. H. Hotchkiss. Grapeland and Lovelady-H. A. Matney. Groveson-C. B. Bell. Huntsville-C. W. Adams. Madisonville-J. E. Morgan. Millican-E. Binford. Midway-M. F. Daniel. Montgomery-W. T. Ayers. Navasota-J. L. Massey. Oakhurst-A. J. Frick, supply. Onalaska-W. A. Allen, supply. Porter Springs-R. F. Hodges, supply. Shiro-D. W. Gardner. Trinity-H. B. Smith. Walker County Mission-J. L. Webb, supply. Willis Circuit-S. D. Harger. Bohemian Missionary-Joseph Dobes. (Bryan Q. C.) Chaplain State Penitentiary-W. T. McDonald. (Huntsville Q. C.) Chaplain U. S. Army-E. P. Newsom. (Huntsville Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-C. T. Tally.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Presiding Elder. Atlanta Station-C. T. Cummings. Boston Mission-R. J. Deets, supply. Canon Circuit-J. H. Westmoreland, supply. Cornet Circuit-M. I. Brown. Dingerfield-C. H. Adams. Dalby Springs-J. E. White. Douglassville-R. C. Ansley. Hughes Springs-J. L. Red. Limes-L. G. Dent. Mt. Pleasant-A. A. Kidd. Nash Circuit-J. W. Usery. New Boston and DeKalb-M. N. Terrell. Naples and Omaha-B. C. Anderson. Pittsburg Station-W. H. Vance. Queens City-J. S. Hendrick. Redwater-G. M. Yearwood. Texarkana, First Church-W. F. Andrews. Hardy Memorial-Jesse Lee. Winfield Circuit-S. N. Allen. Winsboro-J. H. Carlin; Gus Garrison, supernumerary. District Commissioner of Education-W. H. Vance.

TIMPSON DISTRICT.

L. B. Elrod, Presiding Elder. Appleby Mission-W. E. Woltz, supply. Burke and Diboll-F. S. Wilson. Carthage-John W. Goodwin. Center Station-M. L. Lindsey. Center Circuit-R. B. Jones. Corrigan-C. E. Thomas, supply. Garrison-W. F. Smith. Gary-W. W. Thomas. Geneva-Vat A. Griffin, supply. Hemphill and Bronson-J. B. Luker. Kennard-B. C. Callaway. Lufkin-C. B. Garrett. Livingston Station-J. F. Kidd. Livingston Mission-A. E. Rider, supply. Huntington and Manning-L. F. Smith, supply. Melrose-W. F. Campbell. Mt. Enterprise and Caro-L. H. Mathison. Nacogdoches-H. C. Willis. Pine Hill-C. J. Atkinson. San Augustine-W. W. Gollighugh. Shelbyville-J. L. Ross. Tennyson-J. C. Huddleston. Timpscoot-A. T. Walker. Student Southwestern University-Walton Day. (Nacogdoches Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-H. C. Willis.

TYLER DISTRICT.

J. T. Smith, Presiding Elder. Alba-E. P. Swindall. Big Sandy-I. F. Pace. Canton-G. H. Collins. Colfax-J. E. Weatherly. Edgewood-W. H. Edwards. Edom and Chandler-P. I. Milton. Emory and Point-F. E. Luker. Emory Circuit-G. B. Hubbard, supply. Grand Saline-J. R. Ritchie. Lindale-W. S. Easterling. Lindale Circuit-W. M. Bass. Mineola-C. W. Hughes. Mineola Circuit-I. L. Pool, supply. Murchison-L. E. Green. Quitman-J. M. Fuller. Tyler, Marvin-G. M. Gibson. Cedar Street-L. L. Lloyd. Tyler Circuit-W. A. Pounds; H. T. Schwartz, supernumerary. Whitehouse-W. L. Russell. Willis Point Station-E. D. Watson. Willis Point Circuit-G. M. Fletcher, supply. Student Southwestern University-L. F. Jewell. (Tyler, Marvin, Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-G. M. Gibson.

TRANSFERRED-S. R. Hay, I. E. Thomas, M. P. Hines, to the North Texas Conference. George S. Sexton and Jno. L. Williams, to the Louisiana Conference. A. N. Goforth, to the West Oklahoma Conference. W. W. Armstrong, to the East Oklahoma Conference.

NORTH TEXAS.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

C. C. Young, Presiding Elder. Bailey Circuit-M. H. Read. Bonham Station-J. Sam Barcus. Bonham Mission-J. D. Hudgins. Brookston and High-J. T. Bludworth. Dodd Circuit-J. H. Averitt. Ector Circuit-M. R. T. Davis. Honey Grove Station-C. P. Fladger. Ladonia Station-J. M. Sweetser. Leonard Station-J. F. Alderson. Petty Circuit-J. R. Wages. Ravenna Mission-J. A. Wheeler. Trenton Circuit-O. T. Rogers. Telephone Mission-R. T. Breedlove. White Rock Circuit-A. F. Watkins. Windom Circuit-B. B. Hall. District Commissioner of Education-J. Sam Barcus.

BOWIE DISTRICT.

T. H. Morris, Presiding Elder. Archer City-I. S. Ashburn. Bellevue Station-J. W. Beck. Blue Grove Circuit-L. F. Tannery. Bowie Station-W. L. Tittle. Ringgold Circuit-P. S. Warren. Byers and Valentine-J. L. Sullivan. Burk Burnett Station-C. L. Bounds. Burk Burnett Mission-Gilbert Irwin. Crafton Mission-A. C. Sterling. Dundee Mission-G. R. Stagle. Electra Station-R. N. Huckabee. Henrietta Station-F. A. Crutchfield. Henrietta Mission-W. H. Vail. Iowa Park Station-W. E. Barberec. Megargel Mission-A. Wall. Nacoga Station-F. B. Wheeler. Petrolia and Charlie-W. D. Sauls. Post Oak Mission-E. A. Drew. Sunset Circuit-R. L. Patterson, supply. Vashiti Mission-S. M. Ownby. Wichita Falls Station-A. L. Andrews. Wichita Falls Mission-M. P. Hines. Conference Colporteur-W. R. Kirkpatrick. (Blue Grove Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-C. L. Bounds.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

O. F. Senabough, Presiding Elder. Cedar Hill-E. G. Roberts. Cochran and Maple Ave.-A. B. Chapman. Dallas, Brooklyn Ave. and Irving-W. W. Johnson. Cole Ave.-J. H. Taylor, supply. Ervay Street-S. A. Barnes. First Church-S. H. Hay. Forest Street-S. F. Francis. Grace Church-J. L. Morris. Munger Place-L. L. Cohen, Jr. Oak Cliff-E. R. Barcus. Oak Lawn-C. M. Simpson. St. John's-C. D. Montgomery. Trinity-S. H. C. Burgen; H. A. Bourland, supernumerary. Tyler Street-C. O. Shugart. West Dallas-H. W. Bennett. Duncannon and Wheatland-C. P. Combs. Grand Prairie-D. B. Doak. Editor of Texas Christian Advocate-G. C. Rankin. (First Church Q. C.) Secretary of Home Missions-Jno. M. Moore. (First Church Q. C.) Conference Evangelist-T. G. Whitten. (Tyler Street Q. C.) Conference Evangelist-W. H. Brown. (Grace Q. C.) Commissioner Southern Methodist University-O. S. Thomas. (Oak Lawn Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-S. H. C. Burgen. Professor in Hardin School for Boys-M. G. Maiden.

DECATUR DISTRICT.

S. C. Riddle, Presiding Elder. Alvord Station-F. M. Richardson. Argyle Circuit-W. W. Barnett. Bryson and Geyman-W. A. Thomas. Boyd Circuit-E. P. Brown. Bridgeport Station-H. B. Johnson. Bridgeport Circuit-Newton Taylor, supply. Chico Circuit-H. B. Chambers. Decatur Station-G. A. Lehnhoff. Decatur Circuit-G. B. Carter. Greenwood Mission-R. S. Watkins. Justin and Fonder-J. W. Agee. Jackshoro Station-L. P. Smalley. Krum and Stidell-L. D. Shawver. Paradise Mission-E. M. Jones. Perrin Mission-W. J. Wilson. Roanoke and Elizabethtown-W. N. Vernon. Vineyard Mission-C. M. Clark. District Commissioner of Education-G. A. Lehnhoff.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Pierce, Presiding Elder. Aubrey Circuit-H. C. Hand; J. W. Tincher, supernumerary. Bonita Circuit-J. E. Henderson, supply. Denton Station-O. T. Cooper. Dexter Mission-J. W. Cannon. Era and Spring Creek-S. L. Crowson. Gainesville-Denton Street-J. L. Pierce. Whaley Memorial-T. J. Beckham. Marysville Circuit-M. A. Stout. Myra and Hood-J. W. Slagle. Pilot Point Circuit-M. C. Soester. Rosston Mission-H. W. Isbell, supply. Sanger Station-R. E. Porter. St. Jo Mission-E. V. Cole. Valley View Station-T. W. Preston. Woodbine Circuit-H. M. Cowling. Montague Circuit-S. E. Pritchett. Lewisville Station-N. R. Stone. Commissioner Southwestern University-J. E. Roach. (Whaley Memorial Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-O. T. Cooper.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

C. M. Harless, Presiding Elder. Caddo Mills and Floyd-C. C. Childers. Campbell Circuit-J. V. Davis. Celeste Station-L. E. Conkin. Celeste Circuit-H. M. Cooby. Commerce Station-R. F. Bryant; A. W. Gibson, supernumerary. Fairlie Mission-J. B. Adair. Greenville, Kavanaugh-C. A. Spragins; E. L. Spurlock, supernumerary. Lee Street-T. W. Lovell. Wesley-E. W. Alderson. Greenville Circuit and Mission-C. H. Russell; W. R. McLaugh, supply. Lone Oak Circuit-J. E. Thomas. Jones-Bethel and Wesley Chapel-N. W. Oliver. Morit and Lane-E. L. Silliman. Quinlan Circuit and Mission-J. W. Clifton; C. W. Thomas, supply.

MCKINNEY DISTRICT.

C. W. Dennis, Presiding Elder. Allen and South McKinney Mission-R. B. Curry. Anna and Melissa-Guy F. Jones. Blue Ridge Circuit-J. W. Baughman. Carrollton and Farmers Branch Mission-D. F. Fuller. Celina Station-H. E. Anderson; W. E. Kirby, supernumerary. Farmersville Station-R. B. Moreland. Frisco Station-Ira C. Kiker. Josephine and Coveville-L. L. Naugle. McKinney, First Church-C. A. Long. Nevada Station-W. H. Wright. Plano Station-T. N. Weeks. Prosper Circuit-R. L. Ely. Princeton and Wilson Chapel-I. E. Short. Renner Circuit-C. L. Satterfield. Richardson Circuit-E. H. Coburn. Weston Mission-E. F. Lancaster. Wylie Station-C. B. Goslon. Agent for Homes for Superannuates-F. O. Miller. (First Church Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-R. B. Curry.

PARIS DISTRICT.

W. F. Bryan, Presiding Elder. Annona Circuit-W. B. Simmons. Avery Mission-J. J. Massey. Blossom Station-A. F. Hendrix. Clarksville Station-Res. B. Wilkes. Clarksville Mission-W. A. Pritchett. Detroit-A. Frank Smith. Deport Station-Minor Bounds. Emerson Circuit-L. Bowen. Paris, Bonham Street-W. J. Bludworth. Centenary-M. L. Hamilton; W. D. Mountcastle, supernumerary. Lamar Avenue-W. T. Whiteside. Paris Circuit-F. C. Adams. McKenzie Mission-J. B. Thomas. Pattonville Circuit-C. F. McKinney. Roxton-K. R. Isbell. White Rock and Williams Chapel-J. W. Beckham. Woodland and Kanawha-J. J. Cooper. Bogata Circuit-W. E. Dale. District Commissioner of Education-Res. B. Wilkes.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

R. G. Mood, Presiding Elder. Bells Circuit-R. P. Buck. Collinsville and Tioga-N. C. Little. Howe Circuit-W. F. Davis. Pilot Grove Circuit-A. T. Bridges. Portshoro and Preston-J. O. Bryant. Pilot Point Station-A. R. Nash. Sadler and Gordonville-J. D. Whitehead and D. W. Grounds, supply. Sherman Circuit-J. L. Johnson. Sherman, Key Memorial-E. A. Maness. District Statistical Secretary-D. S. Porter. Denison, Trinity-J. R. Atchley. Waples Memorial and Denison Mission-P. R. Knickerbocker; J. K. McMillan, supply. Van Alstyne Station-C. O. Howell. Whitesboro Station-J. A. Archer. Whitewright Station-P. C. Archer. Traveling Secretary of Y. M. C. A.-R. J. Kiker. (Trinity Q. C.) Agent North Texas Female College-J. M. Binkle. (Travis Street Q. C.) District Missionary, Sherman and McKinney Districts-J. B. Davis. (Key Memorial Q. C.) District Commissioner of Education-P. R. Knickerbocker. Conference Secretary of Missions-P. R. Knickerbocker.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

R. C. Hicks, Presiding Elder. Brashear Mission-J. S. Hughes, supply. Cooper Station-S. M. Black. Como and Forest Academy-J. H. Scrimshire. Canby Circuit-R. S. Kerr. Klondike Mission-H. L. White. Lake Creek Circuit-T. E. Cannon. Mt. Vernon Circuit and Mission-I. Leonard Rea; W. J. Baker, junior preacher, supply. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin-W. B. Byars. Parley Circuit-S. L. Habern; W. B. Martin, supernumerary. Reily Springs Circuit-H. H. Bain. Sulphur Bluff Circuit-C. W. Glanville. Sulphur Springs Station-W. D. Thompson. Sulphur Springs Mission-Alex Hubbard. Winthrop Station-E. H. Casey. Yowell Circuit-S. F. Farler. District Commissioner of Education-W. D. Thompson.

TERRELL DISTRICT.

E. L. Egger, Presiding Elder. Chisholm Circuit-G. W. Whisler. College Mound Circuit-E. L. Harris. Crandall Circuit-T. M. Kirk. Elmo Mission-J. W. Brown. Fate Circuit-A. P. Hightower. Forney Station-L. A. Burk. Garland Station-O. E. Moreland. Guthrie and Wilmer-J. P. Humphreys. Kaufman Station-W. A. Stubbs. Kemp and Becker-M. C. Dubois. Lancaster Station-E. L. Wright. Malank Mission-E. B. Jackson. Mesquite and Pleasant Mound-T. L. Huffstutler. Rockwall Station-J. F. Holmes. Royst Station-W. R. McCarter. Scurry Circuit-C. N. Smith. Terrell Station-G. C. French. District Commissioner of Education-G. C. French.

TRANSFERRED.

J. W. Hill to West Texas Conference; L. E. Wood to West Texas Conference; E. H. Crandall to West Texas Conference and appointed to Carrizo Springs; J. D. Cunningham to East Oklahoma Conference; L. S. Barton to East Oklahoma Conference; W. B. Douglass to West Oklahoma Conference; J. T. McClure to Pacific Conference; J. H. Griffin to Los Angeles Conference; J. C. Gibbons to North Arkansas Conference; W. W. Watts to Texas Conference; C. M. Bishop to Central Texas Conference; W. R. Gondelock to North Mississippi Conference; G. M. Gibson to Texas Conference; W. J. Palmer to Florida Conference; J. W. Glance to Northwest Texas Conference; New Harris to Northwest Texas Conference.

EAST OKLAHOMA.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT.

J. A. Kenney, Presiding Elder. Antlers Circuit-C. B. Wade, supply. Bruno Circuit-Jas. G. Frazier. Boktuko Circuit-L. N. Ishcomer. Chickasaw Circuit-R. C. Imotichey, supply. Hugo and Bennington-L. W. Cobb, supply.

Idabel Circuit-Eastman Jacob. Jesse Circuit-Alexander Peter, supply. LeFlore Circuit-J. J. McClroy, supply. McCurtain Circuit-Creggy Durant. Rufe Circuit-A. S. Williams. Agent American Bible Society-Zadoc Anderson. District Interpreter-J. J. Baker, supply. District Statistical Secretary-A. S. Williams.

CREEK DISTRICT.

T. F. Roberts, Presiding Elder. Broken Arrow-Isaac Johnson, supply. Euchee Mission-Sam Cooper, supply. Honey Creek-Harry Beaver, supply. Okmulgee-Wm. Hill. Sapulpa-Sam J. Checot; M. L. Checot, supply junior preacher. Seminole-E. E. Tiger; Tingo Frank, supply, junior preacher. Wewoka-Connie Lowe, supply. District Interpreter-J. E. Tiger. District Statistical Secretary-I. E. Tiger. District Sunday School Agent-W. G. Gregory.

HUGO DISTRICT.

R. T. Blackburn, Presiding Elder. Antlers Station-Harvey E. Darrow. Antlers Circuit-W. L. Gibbons, supply. Bennington and Bokchito-W. S. Lee. Howell and Soper-T. S. Stratton. Hugo Circuit-W. A. N. Averitt, Sr. Bismack and Valliant-T. J. Gross. Fort Towson-A. A. Puckett. Garvin Circuit-W. R. Rosser, supply. Grant Circuit-J. M. Hively. Hugo Station-W. W. Armstrong. Hugo Circuit-W. D. Philpott, supply. Idabel Station-A. S. Cameron. Ida Mission-E. R. Large, supply. Kemp Circuit-W. L. Stevens, supply. Tallahima and LeFlore-S. N. Swinme. Tuskahoma Circuit-W. B. Pipkin, supply. Clonny Mission-A. F. May, supply. Valliant Circuit-J. F. Russell. District Evangelist-F. E. Shanks. District Statistical Secretary-A. A. Puckett. Student in Southwestern University-A. N. Avery, Jr.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT.

N. L. Linebaugh, Presiding Elder. Ada, First Church-L. B. Ellis. Asbury-B. F. Stegall. Asher Circuit-R. M. C. Hill. Dustin Station-M. L. Sims. Holdenville Station-Luther Roberts. Comawa Station-W. L. Broome. McClain and Church-J. M. Ball. Maul Station-J. C. Crowson. Sakaia Circuit-A. T. Winn. Seminole Station-T. F. Roberts. Shawnee, First Church-S. H. Babcock. Trinity-C. F. Broome, supply. Shawnee Station and Mission-A. P. Johnson; A. T. Meeks, supply, junior preacher. District Statistical Secretary-B. L. Williams. Conference Missionary Evangelist-M. A. Cassidy. Student in Massey College-M. W. Dunaway. Student Oklahoma Wesleyan College-N. L. Linebaugh. Conference Secretary of Education-Luther Roberts.

MADILL DISTRICT.

T. P. Turner, Presiding Elder. Allen-M. C. Hays. Ayleworth Circuit-E. M. Myers, supply. Caddo-A. C. Miller. Colbert and Calero-W. W. Williams. Durant, First Church-E. T. Cammell. Grace and Athelie-Ias Lambert. Durant Circuit-J. S. Moore, supply. Kingston and Lebanon-W. A. Frazier. Madill Station-W. C. House. Mansville and Oakland-A. G. White. Milbry Circuit-M. B. McKinney. Pontotoc Circuit-T. R. Houghton. Rolle and Mill Creek-J. H. Rogers. Stonewall and Tupelo Circuit-J. D. Rogers. Steadman Circuit-H. P. Hughbanks. Tishomingo Station-J. C. Fowler. Vanoss Circuit-M. B. McKinney, supply. Wapanucka, Kenefick and Coleman-W. A. Lewis. Woodville and Ravia-C. M. Keith. District Statistical Secretary-W. A. Frazier. Conference Missionary Evangelist-O. C. Fontaine.

MCALISTER DISTRICT.

J. M. Peterson, Presiding Elder. Arch Circuit-W. H. Aston, supply. Atoka-J. C. Curry. Atoka Circuit-R. P. Hardcastle, supply. Braden and Bokosho-I. H. Miller, supply. Barnett Memorial and Crowder-J. J. Shaw. Calvin and Lamar-J. W. Cunningham. Cameron and Wister-J. A. Grimes. Canadian and Featherstone-W. W. Myatt. Carey and Tushka-J. B. Richie. Coalgate-J. E. Vick. Eufaula-W. V. Teer. Hartshorne-J. Y. Bryce. Haileyville-Wm. Beaty, supply. Heavener-T. G. Peterson. Howe and Hodges-W. White. Lenna Circuit-W. W. Reed, supply. Kiowa-L. M. Daly. McAlester, Philips Memorial-I. A. Parks. McCurtain and Quinton-I. R. Haun. Monthly Circuit-Joe H. Miller, supply. Pittsburg Circuit-H. F. Parsons, supply. Potau-W. A. Frazier. Spiro-L. C. Craig. Stuart Circuit-H. R. Morris. Wilburt and Red Oak-R. E. Stevenson. District Statistical Secretary-T. G. Peterson.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT.

C. L. Brooks, Presiding Elder. Akins Circuit-W. M. Trent, supply. Boynton and Morris-J. C. Cooper. Cretchall-D. M. Geddie. Oketaha Circuit-T. L. Smith. Fort Gibson-E. S. Harris. Hulbert Circuit-R. C. Greer. Kanima Circuit-T. F. Richardson, supply. Keota Circuit-Orlando Shay. Mulrow-E. W. Martin. Muskogee, First Church-Cornelius Pagsley. St. Pauls-J. E. Carpenner. Muskogee Circuit-W. H. Cartwright, supply. Park Hill Circuit-H. T. Brezee. Sallisaw-E. C. Wallace. Stigler-H. F. Clarke. Stillwell Circuit-A. W. Culver, supply. Tablequah-R. C. Alexander. Tamaha Circuit-T. J. Harris, supply. Van and Bragg-T. O. Shanks. Wainwright Circuit-W. M. Grose. Warner and Forum-E. H. Wininger. Washburn Circuit-Cnas. F. Lasley, supply. Webers Falls and Gore-R. E. Hickman. Westville Circuit-H. B. Chancellor. Westville and Stilwell-A. B. L. Hunkanillar. Whitefield Circuit-L. R. Jones. District Statistical Secretary-R. C. Greer. Conference Missionary Evangelist-J. C. Ieter. District Commissioner of Education-R. C. Alexander. Editor Western Methodist-A. C. Millar. Student Hendrix College-R. M. Templeton.

TULSA DISTRICT.

J. H. Ball, Presiding Elder. Bald Hill Circuit-A. E. Lounsberry, supply. Bourden Circuit-W. A. Lowry. Beggs-E. A. Townsend. Broken Arrow-E. H. Creasy. Broken Arrow-U. G. Reynolds. Coweta-R. O. Stewart. Dewey Mission-J. K. Davidson, supply. Dewey and Davenport-R. C. Dell. Haskell and Babby-G. M. Bjers. Henyetta-M. Belcher. Okemah-D. A. Dawson. Okfuskee Circuit-J. H. Henson, supply. Okmulgee-J. R. Abernathy. Porter-P. C. Atkins. Prague and Paden-J. A. Trickey, supply. Sapulpa-J. M. Cantrell. Tulsa, Boston Avenue-L. S. Barton. Tigert Memorial-J. E. McConnell. Red Fork and Mounds-T. M. Moore. Stroud-A. M. Dupree. Pasco Mission-T. W. M. Wilson, to West Oklahoma Conference; D. A. Dawson, Conference Missionary Evangelist-A. M. Brannon. Conference Missionary Secretary-J. M. Cantrell.

VINITA DISTRICT.

J. W. Rogers, Presiding Elder. Adair Circuit-M. M. Dupree. Afton Station-G. E. Holley. Bernice and Pensacola-O. S. Snell. Bluejacket Circuit-John Haggard, supply. Centralia Circuit-K. K. Anderson. Chapel Circuit-J. W. Anderson, supply. Chelsa Circuit-W. T. Ready. Cherokee Circuit-A. H. Butler, supply. Choteau and Big Cabin-S. C. Nunley. Claremore-G. W. Griner. Fairland Circuit-Wiley H. Smith. Grove-J. C. Hooker. Jay Circuit-Jas. P. Butler. Kansas Circuit-J. W. Rinkle, supply. Locust Grove Circuit-J. T. Turner. Miami Circuit-T. A. Harkins. Pryor Station-C. H. Buchanan. Sycamore Circuit-John Hatfield, supply. Vinita Station-R. C. Taylor. Wagoner Station-T. F. Brewer. Wagoner Circuit-W. M. Leatherwood, supply. Welch Station-W. E. Garrison. District Missionary Evangelist-J. D. Edwards. District Statistical Secretary-S. C. Nunley.

TRANSFERS-P. R. Knickerbocker, to North Texas Conference; W. M. Wilson, to West Oklahoma Conference; M. L. Butler, to West Oklahoma Conference; W. T. Stewart, to West Oklahoma Conference; W. H. Strong, to North Texas Conference; Frank Burruss, to Virginia Conference; C. E. Culbreth, to North Carolina Conference; T. E. Graham, to New Mexico Conference; M. Columbus Hamilton, to Montana Conference; Roy E. Early, to Montana Conference; J. L. Gage, to West Oklahoma Conference; G. B. Winton, to Tennessee Conference.

WEST OKLAHOMA.

ARDMORE DISTRICT. J. D. Salter, Presiding Elder. Ardmore, Broadway-M. L. Butler. Carter Avenue-W. T. Freeman. Ardmore Mission-J. W. Williams, supply. Berwyn Circuit-J. B. Williams, supply. Cornish Circuit-M. Kemp, supply. Davis and Oak Ridge-J. G. Blackwood. Elmore Circuit-S. C. Perry. Hickory Circuit-E. D. Farris, supply. Leon Circuit-F. L. Giles. Loco Circuit-H. P. Robertson, supply. Lone Grove and Wilson-J. G. Sessums. Marietta-R. A. Crosby. Overbrook Circuit-T. J. Durham, supply. Stratford and Byars-R. H. Horton. Sulphur, First Church-W. A. Govett. Vinita Avenue-T. S. Johnson. Thackerville-T. M. Tate, supply. Woodford-Char. Mason. Wynnewood-E. R. Welch.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

Moss Weaver, Presiding Elder. Anadarko-I. W. Armstrong. Bailey-S. E. Henderson. Binger-N. A. Doak, supply. Carnegie-A. M. Miller. Chickasha-J. A. Old. Chickasha Mission-J. E. Martin. Cement-B. M. Nelson. Comanche-E. I. Ailor. Duncan-J. S. Lamar. Fort Cobb-J. M. Tinkle. Lindsay-J. T. McBride. Marlow-J. L. Henson. Mayville-E. E. Grimes. Mountain View-R. H. Denny. Rush Springs-T. J. Taylor. Ryan-M. T. Allen. Terral-C. C. Williamson. Tuttle-F. M. Miller. Waurika-J. O. Peterson. Woodlawn-H. L. Shelton. Erin Spring-W. E. French, supply. Guyton-H. K. Monroe, supply. Boise and Colony-A. B. Carson. President State School for the Blind-O. W. Stewart. (Eppworth Q. C.) Student Yale University-C. S. Walker. (Eppworth Q. C.)

CLINTON DISTRICT.

W. J. Stewart, Presiding Elder. Avenet-J. W. Bruce, supply. Berlin-C. B. Gilliam. Bethel-W. C. Driskell. Boise City-T. C. Steele. Butler-J. H. Bridges. Clinton-B. T. Lannon. Cheyenne-C. C. Wilson. Custer City-E. C. Webb. Elk City-W. T. Stewart. Erick-J. J. Beardon, supply. Foss-W. E. Humphries. Guyton and Teshoma-N. A. Phillips. Hammon-T. Y. Hearn, supply. Hooker-H. B. Wilson. Le Kemp and New Hope-E. H. Sherley. Leely-M. M. Monk. Mutual and Taloga-C. W. Craig. Grand Valley-J. D. Z. Munsey, supply. Rice-W. J. Hale, supply. Sayre-W. L. Anderson. Tyrone and Goodwell-M. F. Sullivan. Woodward and Tangier-B. A. McKnight. Student Atlanta University-Keene L. Rudolph. (Clinton Q. C.)

LAWTON DISTRICT.

W. H. Roper, Presiding Elder. Cloud Chief-J. J. Bailey, supply. Cordell-C. T. Davis. Fairbairn-W. H. Armstrong. Frederick-W. B. Douglass. Gotebo-J. D. Kidd. Grandfield-W. J. Richards. Hastings-G. W. Hooper. Holart-H. B. Ellis. Indian Work-B. F. Gassaway, supply. Lawton-J. W. Sims. Loveland-W. L. Currie, supply. Manitow Circuit-F. M. Sweet.

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### MANGUM DISTRICT.

C. F. Mitchell, Presiding Elder. Altus—W. U. Witt. Blair—Jesse Crumpton. Brinkman and Deer Creek—Clarence Bounds. Carter—J. B. McCombs. Dryden and Red Hill—I. F. Harmon, supply. Duke Station—J. C. Scivily. Delhi—W. M. Harp, supply. Eldorado—J. L. Gage. Elmer—J. R. Brooks. Granite and Willow—J. F. Hendry. Headrick—G. R. Wright. Hollis—E. W. Lewis. Lone Wolf—J. B. McCance. Mangum—R. E. I. Morgan. Mangum Circuit—J. C. Morris. Martha—H. A. Stroud. Olustee—C. L. Canter; W. A. Dickey, super-numerary. Pleasant Hill and Bethel—B. F. Taylor, supply. Prairie Hill and Victory—J. W. Martin, supply. Vinson Circuit—N. U. Stout. Conference Missionary Evangelist—D. V. York. (Eldorado Q. C.)

### OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT.

W. M. Wilson, Presiding Elder. Arcadia—F. C. Harrell, supply. Blanchard and Washington—C. L. Cole. El Reno—R. O. Callahan. Franklin—R. E. Regan.

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TRANSFERRER—C. R. Gray, to the Los Angeles Conference; C. S. Harkey, to the Texas Conference; O. H. Corbin, to the North Arkansas Conference; J. L. Gilbert, to the Tennessee Conference, and stationed at Mc-Kendree Mission; C. D. Montgomery, to the North Texas Conference; J. R. Abernathy, to the East Oklahoma Conference; W. P. McMickin, to the Tennessee Conference.

### THE PACIFIC MEXICAN MISSION.

The Pacific Mexican Mission was organized November 26 at Nogales, Arizona, under the presidency of Bishop Lambuth, and was the most spiritual and best attended meeting ever held in this part of the Mexican work. The preachers and delegates from Tepic and Sinaloa could not get to the meeting and their reports failed to reach us in time for the conference. Considering the condition of the country the work has been very encouraging and all the workers start out on the new year full of hope and zeal. The next session goes to Culiacan, Sinaloa. J. F. CORBIN.

### APPOINTMENTS.

J. F. Corbin, Superintendent. Phoenix Circuit—A. Marston. Nogales Circuit—Joseph Thacker. Cananea—M. C. Gaimido. Guaymas—F. D. Hernandez. Mazatlan Circuit—J. P. Flores. Rosario Circuit—To be supplied. Tepic—E. G. Villalobos. Santa Maria del Oro—To be supplied. Santiago Isquintla—A. Olivias. Jalisco—A. Arias. All the itinerant preachers retain membership in the Mexican Border Conference except A. Marston.

### TEXAS MEXICAN MISSION.

Bishop W. R. Lambuth, Presiding. Superintendent of the Mission—E. S. Under-dunk. Austin Circuit—D. W. Carter; B. Soto and S. Romo, junior preachers. San Marcos Circuit—R. Lopez y Lopez. San Antonio Circuit—J. A. Phillips; D. T. Torrey and B. R. Soto, junior preachers. Houston and Balcones—To be supplied. Kennedy Circuit—Supplied by A. Alvarado. Corpus Christi Circuit—D. Macune; Z. Mas-ada, junior preacher. MacAllen Circuit—L. F. Castro. Pharr Circuit—Pedro Grado. Laredo—R. G. Farias. Pearsall Circuit—P. G. Verdureo. Toyey Circuit—A. R. Penn. Del Rio and Eagle Pass—A. R. Cardenas. Bridgeport Circuit—Santiago Gomez. Teacher in Laredo Seminary—E. B. Vargas. General Missionary—Miss Norwood Wynn.

### "ANOTHER WORLD RECORD BROKEN"

"Another world's record has been broken in Texas," said H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island Railway in Dallas Tuesday. Yesterday I read that a 14-year-old Miss at Henderson, Rusk County, produced 11,294 pounds of merchantable peanuts on one acre of ground. Of course I understand that this included both the vines and nuts, but my calculations show that the acre produced 4255 pounds of peanut hay and 232 bushels of nuts.

This acre of peanuts was planted by Miss Emma D. Stokes in the peanut club contest of the Texas Industrial Congress, and won for her a \$300 cash prize, the capital prize offered by the congress for this class. The accuracy of the statements is as near beyond question as is possible, for Yancey Milner, a graduate of the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas, and son of the former president of the college, is demonstration agent for Rusk County, and he furnished the information concerning the growing of the crop and the yield, from which these figures are made.

"Miss Stokes' case is notable for several reasons. In the first place the yield exceeded the record yield heretofore verified by a man occupying a position similar to that of Mr. Milner by thirty-two bushels. Then both Miss Stokes and Mr. Milner state the stand was perfect, that there were no blank rows without plants. This is the place where most people who fail to make a success of raising peanuts have trouble; they are not careful to plant fertile seed and see that there are no breaks, no blank spaces in the field.

"Another thing of particular interest to Texas farmers at this time is the fact that this one acre of peanuts was one-third more profitable than the prize acre of corn, and nearly 40 per cent more profitable than the prize acre of cotton. It certainly shows a girl can grow peanuts. Let the men of the State follow her example."

### San Antonio District—Second Round.

Preaching dates: Feb. 7, West End, 11 a. m. Feb. 7, McKinley Avenue, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 14, Alamo Heights, 11 a. m. Feb. 14, Travis Park, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 21, Englewood, 11 a. m. Feb. 21, Laurel Heights, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 28, Prospect Hill, 11 a. m. Feb. 28, South Heights, 7:30 p. m. March 7, Government Hill, 11 a. m. March 7, Alamo, 7:30 p. m.

Preaching and Quarterly Conferences—March 4, Santa Antonio Circuit, at Oak Island. March 20, 21, Bandera. March 21, Medina. March 27, 28, Pleasanton. March 28, Jourdanton. March 29, Pottert. April 4, Center Point. April 4, Boerne, at Comfort. April 7, Kerrville. April 7, 9, District Conference at Kerrville. Quarterly Conferences: March 16, Travis Park. March 17, McKinley Avenue. March 18, Alamo Heights, at Los Angeles Heights. March 24, Government Hill. March 25, Englewood, at East End. March 26, West End. March 30, Prospect Hill. March 31, South Heights. April 2, Alamo. April 5, Laurel Heights. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

### Tulsa District—Second Round.

Boston Avenue, Feb. 6, 7. Tipton Memorial, 7, 8. Bristow, Feb. 13, 14. Sapulpa, Feb. 14, 15. St. Paul, Feb. 20, 21. Davenport, Feb. 21, 22. Okmulgee, Feb. 27, 28. Beggs, Feb. 28, March 1. Broken Arrow, March 6, 7. Coweta, March 7, 8. Haskell and Bixley, at Haskell, March 13, 14. Ponca, March 13, 14. Henryetta, March 20, 21. Dewar Mission, March 21, 22. Okmah, March 27, 28. Okfuskee, at Fortess, March 28, 29. Prague and Paden, at Mt. Hope, April 3, 4. St. Paul, at St. Paul, March 28, 29. Red Fork and Mand, at Red Fork, April 10, 11. Bald Hill, at Natuta, April 11, 12. J. H. BALL, P. E.

### Hillsboro District—Second Round.

Irene, at Irene, Feb. 20, 21. Brandon, at Brandon, Feb. 27, 28. Cooleidge, March 6, 7. Hubbard, March 13, 14. Penelope, at Byrome, March 20, 21. Hillsboro, at Hillsboro, March 27, 28. Hillsboro, First Church, March 28, 29. Huron, at Fort Graham, April 3, 4. Whitney, April 4, 5. Abbott, April 10, 11. Itasca, April 11, 12. Kirk, at Ben Hur, April 18, 19. Peoria, at Peoria, April 24, 25. Covington, at Covington, May 1, 2. Manger, May 8, 9. Malone, May 9, 10. Lovelace, May 15, 16. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

### Corpus Christi District—Second Round.

Midfield, at Midfield, Feb. 6, 7. Palacios, Feb. 7, 8. Goliad, at Goliad, Feb. 13, 14. Victoria, at Victoria, Feb. 20, 21. Seadrift, at Bloomington, Feb. 20, 21. Edna, Feb. 27, 28. Ganado, at Louise, March 1. Port Lavaca, at La Ward, March 6, 7. Nursery, at Fordtran, March 13, 14. Hallettsville, at Bossy Grove, March 20, 21. President, at Ediths Chapel, March 21, 22. Yoakum, March 24. Smiley, at Westhoff, March 27, 28. Corpus, April 2, 4. Runk, April 7. El Campo, April 10, 11. Nixon, April 14, 15. Pandora, at Caddo, April 17, 18. Stockdale, at Stockdale, April 24, 25. Laverna, at Sutherland Springs, April 25, 26. District Conference will be held in Goliad March 30-April 2. Opening sermon on Monday night, March 24, by Rev. W. M. Crutchfield, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Let us earnestly endeavor to have missionary assessments collected by then. We are asked to observe the second Sunday in February as Rescue Home Day. It is to be hoped that good collections will be taken at that time for this worthy cause. Don't forget the Orphanage. District Conference committee will be as follows: License to Preach—R. A. Rowland, B. A. Myers, John M. Lynn. Admission—R. G. Fimmer, E. G. Horcutt, A. Goyson. Orders—A. J. Weeks, J. D. Worsell, M. L. Darby. Southwestern University, Scholarship—Dr. R. R. Le Master, R. L. Jordan, W. C. Ayes. A. W. WILSON, P. E.

### Bowie District—First Round.

(Revised) Henrietta Mis., Willow Springs, Jan. 30, 31. Henrietta Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Ringgold Cir., Ringgold, Feb. 6, 7. Norco Sta., Feb. 8. Blue Grove Cir., Deer Creek, Feb. 13, 14. Vashu Mis., Vashu, Feb. 13, 15. Post Oak, Post Oak, Feb. 20, 21. Dundee, Marion Chapel, Feb. 27, 28. McFarra's Mis., McFarra, March 6, 7. Sunset, Dry Valley, March 13, 14. Crutcher, Red Bud, March 14, 15. District Institute, Electra, March 16, 17, 18. District Conference, Bellevue, May 20-22. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

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Read this Declaration. You will find it to be an interesting document.

#### THE DECLARATION OF AMERICA.

We, the citizens of the American Continent, embracing peoples of every race and tongue, affording a true demonstration of the brotherhood of man, being about to commemorate the one hundredth year of unbroken peace along three thousand miles of unfortified boundary, do hereby solemnly publish and declare that the time has come for the peace-loving powers of the world to unite in a League of Nations, founded on such principles, and organized in such form, as shall conduce to the preservation of life, liberty and happiness throughout every quarter of the world.

We hold these truths to be self-evident:

- 1st. That "this is assuredly the opportunity for which a people and a government like ours were raised up, the opportunity not only to speak, but actually to embody and exemplify the counsel of peace and amity."—(President Wilson in his latest message to Congress.)
- 2nd. That the great masses of citizens of one nation have no real hatred for the people of any other nation.
- 3rd. That there is no dispute that can arise between nations which cannot be satisfactorily settled by arbitration or by the Hague Court of Arbitral Justice.
- 4th. That while it should be our constant policy to make provision for national peace and safety, it is essential, in so far as possible, to secure the co-operation of all other nations.
- 5th. That the foremost efforts of the American people should now be directed to the task of preventing the recurrence of war rather than to preparations for war.
- 6th. That the union of the peace-loving nations in a League of Peace should create the greatest possible strength for defense—far greater than any one nation could create alone.
- 7th. That the two most dangerous factors to be eliminated from future international affairs are: 1st, the "Competition of Armaments" which can and must be superseded by union and co-operation of military forces; 2nd, Secrecy in the conduct of diplomatic negotiations.
- 8th. That neither any nation as a whole, nor any class of persons, save manufacturers of armaments and munitions, derive any benefits from the ravages of war.
- 9th. That the agents of armament builders are continually perpetrating international disputes and agitating for greater armaments which, in turn, are bound to result in successive disasters if allowed to continue.
- 10th. That with the World unorganized as at present and practical anarchy existing in international affairs, the Armament Ring holds governments under absolute despotism. These persons are striving for unlimited military and naval expenditures, and go on inventing war scares to terrify the public and to terrify government officials.
- 11th. That the most pressing duty of

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civilization at this moment is to make itself stable and permanent by substituting unity of action through a League of Nations for the present disastrous chaos upon which the Armament Ring thrives.

- 12th. That the Nations of the League should mutually agree to respect the neutrality and sovereignty of each other.
- 13th. That in order to provide for the common defense and to insure permanency, the Nations of the League should create a powerful Exchequer to be known as the Hague Treasury, which shall hold a large Guaranty Fund.
- 14th. That the Nations of the League should bind themselves to abide by the conventions of the League, each Nation depositing with the Hague Treasury a sum equal to one-third of its appropriation for armament expended in the year 1913; and in succeeding years, beginning with 1916, each Nation should pay into the Hague Treasury a sum equal to one-third of its appropriation for armament during the year.
- 15th. That the Nations of the League should perpetuate the Hague Conference as its Legislative Assembly, meeting periodically to make all rules to become law unless vetoed by the Nations within a stated period.
- 16th. That all questions that cannot be settled by diplomacy should be arbitrated or referred to the Hague Court.
- 17th. That treaties, conventions and the legislation of the Hague Conference should be enforced under penalty of forfeiting the Guaranty Fund previously deposited with the Hague Treasury by each signatory Nation and of expulsion from the League.
- 18th. That the Nations should disarm to the point where the combined forces of the League shall be one hundred per cent higher than those of the most heavily armed Nations outside of the League.
- 19th. That the combined forces of the League should be maintained for defensive purposes and should be under the command of an Executive Council, having recourse to the Hague Fund.
- 20th. That any Nation outside the League should have permission at all times to join the League by signing the articles of agreement, and, by depositing with the Hague Treasury the stipulated guaranty fund amounting to one-third of its average appropriation for armament in the three years immediately preceding the year of its application for membership.—Niagara Executive Peace Committee.

Firmly believing in the need of immediate action, we do hereby petition our President and elected representatives in our federal government to invite all governments of the World to appoint delegates who shall meet at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on the twenty-fourth day of May, 1915, or immediately thereafter, for the purpose of constituting a permanent League of Nations in which all military and naval forces may be united in order to promote national safety and to facilitate the judicial settlement of international disputes.

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places. Many of the best families have spent ten days each year there for a generation. Thousands of the best men and women of the country have been converted under its arbor, in the family camps surrounding it, and in the shade of the great trees, where prayer was wont to be made. The young men and the young women of this day have been taught to look forward from year to year to camp meeting with its great volume of song, its early and late prayer service, its great evangelical preaching, and the consequent results mixed and mingled with a fellowship, a hospitality and that peculiar refinement that has always characterized Southern people, and that made the great throngs one gigantic family. Camp meeting time has been a reunion occasion; an annual love feast and experience meeting; a time for

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Therefore, the Quarterly Conferences responsible for the property, after careful consideration for a year or more, met and instructed that the forty-three acres, more or less, be deeded to Southern Methodist University, and the responsibility for the perpetuation of the grounds and their sacred memories be placed upon the trustees of our great educational institution. This action was approved by the last session of the North Texas Annual Conference. It is useless to say that the acquisition of this property by the University not only preserves the property to the Church, but meets a great need. Here is a country home only about eight miles from the University with beautiful shade, running streams and splendid tabernacle, reached by pike roads and near the Sherman Interurban, H. & T. C. and Cotton Belt Railroads, a magnificent place for a Summer School of Theology, for Chautauqua entertainments, for Sunday School picnics, etc., to say nothing of its influence and value to the University for meetings of student body, etc.

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#### A NOTE FROM HOLDING INSTITUTE, ON THE RIO GRANDE.

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The attendance this year has been very good, considering the fact that the Republic of Mexico, where we get many students, has been in the throes of revolution now for three years, and this year being possibly the worst of the three because of the destruction of property and the levies made upon the wealthy element, driving many of them into exile. These people in a foreign land and under adverse conditions, because they do not understand the language and the customs of those among whom they sojourn, are striving to hold the little left of vast fortunes that have been destroyed by war, and are, therefore, not able to send their children to school.

Verily, the ends of the earth are met in our enrollment, for we have the Mexican, the Spaniard, the French, English, German, Assyrian, Italian, Swiss, Irish and American. All these meet on a common level on our sixteen-acre plot, living as contentedly and as happy as if all the world were at peace. Of course,

the bulk of the children are Mexicans. These vary in appearance according to the preponderance of Spanish or Indian blood. Most of them are fine looking; indeed, many of the girls are very pretty. They have an inordinate love for dress. The girls combing their hair in the very latest fashion and bedecking themselves in ribbons, make a very pleasing appearance.

The children are very fond of praise, but are not very responsive to censure. They are very proud and an appeal to their pride has greater value than anything else that can be used in dealing with them. They seem to excel in the artistic lines. I suppose the Mexicans are unexcelled in the use of the needle, and they all do well in music and painting. In fact, I have seldom heard such singing, outside of an Annual Conference, as is done by our children.

As intimated above, the school proposition is rather a difficult problem just now, and, strange to say, is influenced here not only by the trouble in Mexico, but also by that of Europe. Many patrons of the school are cotton-growers, and are unable to move their cotton at anything like a fair price. Yet, under all these conditions, the attendance is better than it was last year, for then we had so many border outbreaks that the parents would not risk having their children in school. From present indications, with Mexican money worth ten cents per dollar, it will probably be several years before the restoration of values and of confidence. In the meantime, school work will suffer to a considerable extent. However, some of the Mexican people are beginning to realize that the solution of their troublesome problems must depend very largely upon the general education of their people. Parents, consequently, will sacrifice all they possibly can to give their children an opportunity to prepare for the higher usefulness to the Republic.

Our work is very similar to that done in other institutions, and systematize as best we can. The children are called every morning at 6 o'clock, by electric bells, and the duties of the day at once begin. Many of the children have duties of various kinds to attend to and they are soon at work with a will. Breakfast is served at 7 o'clock, dinner at 12, and supper at 5:30. Chapel exercises are held at 8:30 every school morning, and

the children assemble in the study hall at 6:30 where they work for two hours in preparing lessons for next day. Nine o'clock is bedtime and "lights out." On Tuesday evening of every week there is preaching to the children, alternating between the Mexican preacher and the American preacher of the M. E. Church, South. Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 4, is mending time for the girls. At this time all patching and darning must be attended to, each girl attending to her own clothes. Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, we have Sunday School. The school is graded and uses the literature of the Church. Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 4, is the "Quiet Hour." At 4 o'clock the Junior Epworth League has its meeting, and at 7:30 the Senior League. These are both properly officered and the Senior League carries on all the departments of League work. There are occasional exercises of a different nature, such as receptions, musicals, "Jamaicas," and so forth.

Such, in brief, is a statement of some of the activities of the school here. I believe there are great possibilities for the work, and out of it can come only good for those most vitally concerned.

J. M. SKINNER.  
Laredo, Tex., Jan. 23.

#### NOTES FROM BROTHER TOTEN.

This is my attitude toward sin. Sin is excused, condoned, petted and hugged to the heart when we say, "Oh, it is not so bad; they all commit sin." This poor, weak, human nature; why were we made this way? "I just cannot help it" is a poisonous serpent in the breast. It bites, deceives, corrupts and deranges all the higher faculties of the soul.

I was glad to read W. L. French's article on the organ. It was short, but come again, Brother French. I would like to read another from my old friend, Brother J. B. McCombs.

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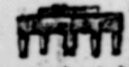
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