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WHERE REST IS FOUND.

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NOTE.—We broke off this series of articles when the Conferences began their sessions, with the promise that we would resume after the Conference matter had been published. It happens to be not inappropriate that we should resume the series, during the Christmas week, with the—

TESTIMONIES OF NOTED UNBELIEVERS.

"Dr. Baur, the master of the Tubingen School, and the ablest of skeptical critics," says Dr. Schaff, "after the earnest investigation of a long and intensely studious life, came to the conclusion at last that the person of Christ remains a great mystery in history; and that, at all events, the whole world-historical significance of Christianity hangs on his person. Shortly before his death he made the remarkable concession that the conversion of St. Paul remained at all times an enigma to him which could not be satisfactorily solved by any psychological or dialectical analysis. We honor the honesty of this greatest of modern skeptics, and cherish the hope that he was saved at last from the eternal night of despair which is the legitimate end of skepticism. One of his last words, I am told, was the sigh, 'Lord, grant unto me a peaceful end.'"

And Paulus, the powerful rationalistic critic of the Gospels, concedes that Christ was a pre-eminently wise, noble, and virtuous rabbi.

The dissolute, gifted Byron said: "If ever man was God, or God man, Jesus Christ was both."

Thomas Carlyle calls Jesus of Nazareth "our divinest symbol. Higher has the human thought not yet reached. A symbol of quite perennial, infinite character; whose significance will ever demand anew to be inquired into, and anew made manifest."

Benjamin Franklin, in a letter to President Stiles, of Yale College, said:

"I think Christ's system of morals and religion, as he left them to us, the best the world ever saw, or is likely to see. Still I have some doubts about his divinity, though it is a question I do not dogmatize upon, for I have never studied it. I shall know about it soon."

Said James A. Froude: "The most perfect being who has ever trod the soil of this planet was called the Man of Sorrows."

Said Thomas Decker: "The best man that ever wore earth about him was a sufferer—that meek, patient, humble, tranquil spirit, Jesus of Nazareth."

These words were found in the will of Charles Dickens, ranked among unbelievers:

"I commit my soul to the mercy of God, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and I exhort my dear children humbly to try to guide themselves by the teachings of the New Testament."

Matthew Arnold writes: "The true God is, must be, pre-eminently the God of the Bible, the Eternal who makes for righteousness, from whom Jesus came forth, and whose Spirit governs the course of humanity."

Theodore Parker, an opponent of evangelical religion, and very pronounced against many vital truths of Christianity, has yet conceded that Christ "unites in himself the divinest precepts

and the sublimest practices, thus more than realizing the dreams of prophets and sages; rises free from all prejudice of his age, nation, or sect; gives free range to the Spirit of God in his breast; puts away the doctors of the law, subtle, learned, irrefragable, and pours out a doctrine beautiful as the light, sublime as heaven, and true as God. The philosophers, the poets, the rabbis—he rises above them all. Yet Nazareth was no Athens, where philosophy breathed in the circumambient air; it had neither Porch nor Lyceum, not even a school of the prophets. There is God in the heart of this youth. That mightiest heart that ever beat, stirred by the Spirit of God, how it wrought in his bosom!"

Frances Cobb, a follower of Theodore Parker, denied Christ's true divinity, but yet wrote of him: "The originator of the Christian movement must have been the greatest soul of his time, as of all time. If he did not speak those words of wisdom, who could have recorded them for him? 'It would take a Jesus to forge a Jesus' (Parker). The view which seems to be the sole fitting one for our estimate of the character of Christ, is that which regards him as the great regenerator of humanity. His coming was to the life of humanity what regeneration is to the life of the individual. This is not a conclusion doubtfully deduced from questionable biographies, but a broad, plain inference from the universal history of our race. We may dispute all details; but the grand result is beyond criticism. The world has changed, and the change is historically traceable to Christ. Christ, the elder brother of the human family, was the helper, and, in the highest *philosophic* sense, the Savior of humanity."

(This is precisely the argument of this whole series of articles.)

John Stuart Mill said of himself that he never had any religious belief; hence he is a most impartial witness. After trying to unsettle all the arguments for the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, he yet writes of Christ:

"The tradition of followers may have inserted all the miracles which he is reputed to have wrought. But who among his disciples or among their proselytes was capable of inventing the sayings ascribed to Jesus, or imagining the life and character revealed in the Gospels? Certainly not the fishermen or Galilee; as certainly not St. Paul, whose character and idiosyncracies were of a totally different sort; and still less the early Christian writers. About the life and sayings of Jesus there is a stamp of personal originality combined with profundity of insight, which, if we abandon the idle expectation of finding scientific precision where something very different was aimed at, must place the prophet of Nazareth, even in the estimation of those who have no belief in his inspiration, in the very first rank of men of sublime genius of whom our species can boast. When this pre-eminent genius is combined with the qualities of probably the greatest moral reformer and martyr to that mission who ever existed upon earth, religion cannot be said to have made a bad choice in pitching on this man as the ideal representative and guide of humanity; nor, even now, would it be easy, even for an unbeliever, to find a better translation of the rule of right from the abstract into the concrete, than to endeavor so to live that Christ would approve our life."

Thomas Jefferson wrote thus of Christ: "His system of morality was the most benevolent and sublime probably that was ever thought, and more

perfect than those of any of the ancient philosophers."

Ralph Waldo Emerson conceded "that Jesus is the most perfect of all men that have yet appeared."

Ernest Renan, the brilliant and fascinating writer, now a skeptic, now an atheist, but always eulogistic of the sublime Teacher of Nazareth, writes thus of Christ:

"All history is incomprehensible without him. He created and fixed the starting-point of the future faith of humanity. He is the incomparable man to whom the universal conscience has decreed the title of Son of God, and that with justice. In the first rank of this grand family of the true sons of God we must place Jesus. The highest consciousness of God which ever existed in the breast of humanity was that of Jesus. . . . Repose now in thy glory, noble founder! Thy work is finished, thy divinity is established. Thou shalt become the cornerstone of humanity so entirely that to tear thy name from this world would be to rend it to its foundations. Between thee and God there will no longer be any distinction. Complete conqueror of death, take possession of thy kingdom, whither shall follow thee, by the royal road which thou hast traced, ages of adoring worshipers. Whatever may be the surprises of the future, Jesus will never be surpassed. His worship shall grow young without ceasing; his legend will call forth tears without end; his sufferings melt the noblest hearts; and all ages shall proclaim that among the sons of men there is none born greater than Jesus. Even Paul is not Jesus. How far removed are we all from thee, dear Master. Where is thy mildness, thy poetry? Thou to whom a flower did bring pleasure and ecstasy, dost thou recognize as thy disciples these wranglers, these men furious over their prerogatives, and desiring that everything should be held of them? They are men; thou wast a God."

To these testimonies furnished by Dean Tillet, as the concessions of unbelievers, we might add similar testimonies from Shakespeare, Lecky, Daniel Webster, and other believers among the great intellects of the world. We shall add of the class of unbelievers only one more, which may be taken as a sort of summary and conclusion from what the rest have said. We refer to the statement of Francois P. G. Guizot:

"The supernatural being and power of Jesus may be disputed; but the perfection, the sublimity of his acts and precepts, of his life and his moral law, are incontestable. And in effect, not only are they not contested, but they are admired and celebrated enthusiastically, and complacently, too; it would seem as if it were desired to restore to Jesus as man, and as man alone, the superiority of which man deprived him in refusing to see in him the Godhead."

It is precisely so; they would unmake him as a God, and yet they find themselves compelled by the very facts of his life, to restore to him his divinity.

Riches and debauchery make the worst combination in the world, the worst that can afflict any man or any community. Wherever the rich and well-to-do people are wicked it is almost impossible to do any great and good thing. Riches give influence, social position. Instead of having a feeling of self-sufficiency, the rich man ought to remember that he has great obligations, greater than others, to put his life on the right side.

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 Post Office at Little Rock, Ark., under the Act of Congress of  
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Professor J. P. Womack, of Magnolia, was one of our earliest callers this week among those attending the Teachers' Association.

Rev. Moses E. Butt, of Alabama, known especially to the people of the Arkansas Conference, and pleasantly remembered by them, is spending the winter in this city with his daughter.

Rev. R. P. Wilson, D.D., of Marianna, Ark., has been spending a day or two in the city. The people of Marianna would not hear to his leaving them this year, and so he is back there, happy in the work.

We regret very much to have to announce the death, at Muskogee, of Judge C. A. Nichols. He was President of State Guaranty Bank of Muskogee, and was a prominent member of our church. He died about two weeks ago.

Professor F. Potter, the principal of the public school at New Edinburgh, Ark., and lay leader for that pastoral charge, made us a very agreeable visit last Wednesday. He is much interested in a forward movement among the laymen.

Rev. T. H. Ware is immensely pleased at the great cordiality with he has been received on the Camden District. He meets this cordiality with the expressed purpose of doing the best year's work of his life, as he told us the other day when in this office.

We were very much pleased to have a call from Dr. O. E. Goddard, of St. Paul's Church, Muskogee, just before we got to press. He is immensely pleased with the prospects of his church; is preaching to crowded audiences every Sunday, and has received 35 members already since Conference.

Rev. J. W. Williams, our pastor at Eudora, Ark., passed through the city last Wednesday, returning from a visit to his father. This young preacher treated himself to a wife on Thursday before Christmas, the bride being one of the lambs of his last year's flock, at Hermitage. We wish them very great joy. Brother Williams is one of our most promising young men.

Christmas greetings have arrived at this office from Dr. John E. Godbey and his wife. He had been good enough to tell this editor some weeks ago that he was going to be married on the 23d of December, to an excellent lady in Kirkwood, Mo., a lady whom he has known for many years. We send them the congratulations of the *Methodist* force, and of the Methodist people of Arkansas.

We have heard certain dim rumors about changes of preachers since the Conference, rumors which we could not get confirmed. But we do now know that Rev. B. B. Thomas, who was appointed to Hamburg, Ark., has been assigned to Stuttgart, and that Rev. R. M. Holland, who was assigned to Stuttgart, has been sent to Hamburg. We would be very much obliged if our Presiding Elders, all of them, would promptly inform us of all such changes.

We had some time ago "underground" information about the matter, but authentic informa-

tion has just reached this office that since the session of the East Oklahoma Conference an exchange has been effected whereby Rev. A. L. Scales goes from First Church, Muskogee, to Frederick, and Rev. C. H. McGhee goes from the latter place to the former. It will be noted that this involves a transfer of these two brethren. We predict good work upon the part of both of them. They are A No. 1 men.

**OFFICIAL BOARDS, ATTENTION!**

Many a pastor and his Official Board struggle with the problem of developing the life of the people under their care. We desire to suggest as to many laggard people that their real difficulty is lack of information. If every Official Board in our bounds would take up seriously the problem of putting a church paper into the homes of the people they are seeking to handle, we should see a different stage of development within a short time. How can it be expected that people who know little about the church are going to take any great interest in the church? And how can it be possible that the reading of people should not very seriously determine all their thinking and all their acting? We need some real waking up at this point on the part of our laymen, some practical activity, supplementing the exhortations the preachers have been giving, giving till it has grown to be in the ears of many simply an old song.

We want to hear from about 50 of our leading Official Boards on this subject. If any Official Board will give the matter a fair trial and it does not work, we will agree to send back the money paid to be applied on the Conference collections. But do it at once, brethren!

**OUR NEW YEAR'S OFFER.**

We are going to change somewhat our policy in circulating the *Western Methodist*. Hitherto we have depended almost exclusively upon the pastors; we are still going to depend upon them, and must; but we are going to open the way for our subscribers to help themselves and help also the paper, and we are going to make it to their interest to do so. We make you the following New Year's offer:

Any subscriber who will send us three new cash subscribers at the regular price shall have one year's credit on his own subscription.

We make this offer because we want to spread the circulation of the paper; because we want the practical co-operation of our readers; because we want to provide a way by which any one with a little work can pay for his paper. It does not require money, only a little honest work will bring you the *Western Methodist* for a whole year.

This offer is open during January to all our people, preachers, and laymen. But if you put it off, you will neglect it. Act at once; do it this very day. Remember that you have done a good work when you put a good religious paper into a home, a work that is of itself worth more than the trouble it will cost you. If the paper has been a blessing in your home, it will be a blessing in another home. There are thousands of people who have had the help of the paper in rearing their children; there are thousands more who need its help. There are many thousands of church members who are broader and better for having had the paper. There are thousands that can never be what they ought to be without the paper. It is a good work to put it into the homes of the people. You can help us do it; you can get your own paper free by doing it. Do it at once.

**"MIDDLE-AGED CHRISTIANITY."**

We have more than once come across the accusation put in the phrase "middle-aged Christianity;" but we have not often found the accusation more succinctly leveled. It is suggested

by an interview given to Mr. Kingscote Greenland in the "Sunday School Chronicle," to which the editor gives some prominence. The point is, that the churches are in trouble because they are basing all their activities upon the middle-aged view of things. We have the usual onslaught; the churches are charged with not wanting the young men, save as a docile gallery asset, and as willing to take the secretaryship of some pitifully small society or club.

We should not have thought it worth while to take much notice, save that the familiar note is struck once more in a paper which has much circulation among the younger members of all the churches, and by a writer who is supposed to know the young men of the churches, and who certainly has many opportunities of knowing them. It will do us all good if we consider whether we are taking the middle-aged view, and leaving out all the other points of approach. There is a tendency in most of us to find in our own attitude the only right attitude; and one who has had to do with young people will find the difficulty real enough, as he sees the shallowness of much of their thought and their hastiness. Knowing more and better, having been taught by experience, one finds it difficult to look out from the windows one has found so deceitful, and has forsaken. In the meantime, the young are looking out with cheerfulness, from those same windows, very conkdent there are no other.

It is in this way the difficulty arises. It is not that the middle-aged view is wrong, but that a too exclusive regard to it puts one out of sympathy with those one would help. In the attacks made upon the middle-aged and the old, it is supposed, too often, that they are mistaken in their estimates of life, wrong and wrong-headed in the truths they live by and confide in. If this were so, it would be bad enough; but it is not so, and if the old and middle-aged were to forsake the things they have discovered, there could be no greater calamity imaginable, either for the churches or the world. Let us have done with cant. Does not life teach, and experience correct and enlarge? Is there no candor and charity after twenty-four?

But the misunderstanding that so often brings difference lies deeper than is suspected. If one reads the writings and the speeches of most of those who are instructing the churches at the present time, it is too often revealed that they have no sufficient idea of the church, but as a kind of organization that must make a success of itself, in one way or another, and secure adherents. They wish to help the church to be a going concern. But how much of the awe of God is there in one out of a dozen of the instructions given? Everything is looked at from the human point of view, and with temporary and heated expedients, we are told what to do for an institution whose destiny stretches through all time, and is full of the wonder and the hush of the eternal.

It is the mean notion of the church that puts some of its physicians entirely out of court. It would be as futile to take their prescriptions as it would be for a right-thinking man to take the prescriptions of a witch doctor. They have left out the Great Factor. They say, when pressed, that the various peculiarities of the work of the church, its spiritual quality, its eternal interests, and its part in the invisible order, are all taken for granted. But when you have taken these things for granted they should govern all that follows; and, too often, when they have been taken for granted they are left behind as so much lumber. To take a thing for granted is often a pretty way of getting it discredited.—*Methodist Recorder, London.*

Remember this—that very little is needed to make a happy life.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

# EASTWARD

*Around the World*

## PEKING AND THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN.

BY DR. W. B. PALMORE.  
XXIII.

Coming from Tientsin to Peking you are not prepared for its approach by villas and mansions with their parks and gardens, such as greet you in drawing nigh to the capitals of the West. At a turn in the road the city bursts at once on your view, standing up grand, green and complete in itself, with its lofty walls, and loftier towers upon them, with a population of more than a million, about twice as large as the city of St. Louis. It is considered by some as the most interesting city in Asia. It is really two cities, the Inner and the Outer—known also as the Manchu, or Tartar, and the Chinese City. The walls of the Manchu City are 50 feet high and 60 feet thick at the bottom and 40 feet at the top. The walls of the Chinese City are 30 feet high and 25 feet thick. The entire outer walls are 21 miles, inclosing an area of 26 square miles. Peking has 16 gates, over which are towers 100 feet high.

Peking stands today, like the capitals of the ancient Byzantine and Roman empires, upon the debris and detritus of centuries of buildings, one of the most ancient sites of the world. On the same ground stood the metropolis of the feudal state of Yan, whose history reaches back 1,200 years before Christ. Kublai, a grandson of Genghis Khan, made it his capital in 1280, and here he was found by Marco Polo, who called the city Kan-baligh, "the city of the Khan." In the heart of Peking is the "Forbidden City," surrounded by a wall two miles long, containing the palaces of the emperor, empress and other members of the imperial family. Foreigners, and even Manchus and Chinese themselves, are forbidden entrance to this enclosure, except such as have official connection with the court.

### "THE ALTAR TO HEAVEN"

is one of the most interesting objects in Peking or the world. It stands on a splendid triple circular terrace of white marble, with steps leading from one terrace to the next, each being surrounded by a balustrade of the same marble richly carved. On the upper terrace, which is 30 feet in diameter, and about 20 feet above the ground, the emperor appears to greet the rising sun on the day of the winter solstice, attended by his grandees and ministers. He has passed the night in the "Fasting Palace," which is not far away, in religious vigil. His own place at the altar, where he stands and kneels, is a large circular slab, unflawed and unstained. There is no image or object of any kind about him or between him and the open heavens above. Here he kneels and makes confession of his own and the sins of his people, asking for pardon, protection and prosperity.

Within a stone's throw from the Central Altar, on which the emperor kneels and prays, is a very imposing altar for whole burnt offerings. The cattle or bullocks for such offerings must be spotless and without scar, wrinkle or imperfection of any kind, are reared within, and feed upon the grass of the vast temple area. There is something in the vastness, the areas and structures, the simplicity of the worship, which is very impressive. Its freedom from anything like image worship or idolatry makes us curious to know its origin. Outside of the Christian and Jewish religions, we have seen nothing, no altar anywhere, so free from any suggestion of idolatry.

### THE PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Mr. W. Henry Grant makes the following significant statement:

"From the point of view either of opportunity, commerce, foreign relations, world economics, ra-

cial development, or the kingdom of Christ, the Christian education of China is easily the most important question confronting Europe and America." Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, after a complete evangelistic tour of India, China and Japan, wrote a personal friend, in substance, that Peking University is the most important agency for bringing in the kingdom of heaven upon earth which he had discovered in his tour of all the great mission fields of the world. This is the judgment of probably the leading living evangelist, of one who is not a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of a man who is interested primarily not in educational work, but in the evangelization of the world.

Our conviction of the soundness of Dr. Chapman's view is based upon the following considerations:

China has now some four hundred million people—substantially one-half of all that is left of the unevangelized portion of mankind; and the Chinese are by far the strongest of the unevangelized races, with immense untouched resources and vast possibilities of future development.

Peking is the capital city of the empire; and in China and in Japan bulks far larger in the life of the empire than in the nations of Europe and America. For generations all the leading scholars of China have been obliged to come to Peking for their final examinations; they have been tested in the capital, and from thence sent forth to rule the provinces. The continuation of this custom, the rapid extension of railways connecting all provinces with Peking, and the movements toward the centralization of authority in a National Parliament, tend to increase rapidly the influence of Peking in the life of China's four hundred millions.

The use of the

### THIRTEEN MILLION INDEMNITY,

which the United States returned to China, as a fund for the education of Chinese in America, will strengthen immensely the bonds between the future leaders of China and ourselves. The fact that the government has established the Ching Hua College in Peking for the training of students for their later work in America, the fact that out of 1,000 students coming from all parts of the empire to attend Ching Hua, the government limited its selection to 120, and the fact that large numbers of the Ching Hua candidates applied to Peking University for admission, and that she turned away numbers for lack of room—these facts illustrate at once the pressing needs of the university.

The rank in the college world already attained at Peking University is evidenced by the fact that her A.B. is recognized and its holder admitted to postgraduate work on a par with their own graduates by such institutions as the State universities of Michigan and Minnesota, and Columbia, Yale, Syracuse, Northwestern and Boston.

But the chief claim of Peking University upon consecrated wealth is the fact of her consecrated culture. Of the members of the North China Conference 16 are graduates of the university, and 19 more have secured their higher scholastic training within her walls, making 35 of the 44 members of the conference who received their higher training from Peking University. Of the eight members of the last graduating class, two were selected for the work of Christian education, three are preaching the gospel, two are in educational work under the government, and one goes to America for postgraduate work.

### DURING THE RECENT REVIVAL

153 young men signed a solemn covenant with each other and with God, pledging their lives for the evangelization of China through some form of distinctively Christian work. This is the largest Student Volunteer Band to be found in any college in Christian lands. Of equal importance is the fact that from the Girls' School on the ad-

joining compound, during the same revival, 166 young women consecrated their lives to Christian service by a similar covenant. It is of immeasurable importance in pagan lands that young men consecrating their lives to the evangelization of the empire should find Christian wives and found Christian homes, for the family, and not the individual, is the unit of society in China, and also in the divine order. Surely the 319 young people offering their lives for the evangelization of China constitute a larger Student Volunteer Band than is found in any single college on earth. And thus the combination of consecration with culture at Peking University, her location at the center not only of political influence but of the intellectual life of the empire, and the possibility of her students opening the doors of the kingdom to the strongest half of the unevangelized population of the globe, makes the most important single agency now existing for the evangelization of the world.

### EVOLUTION IN CHINA

is now a matter of decades instead of centuries. Previous to September 2, 1905, neither mathematics, natural science, foreign history nor mechanics had any place in the course of study of the vastest college the world has ever seen. Up to that time brain and brawn were not united. Hence the pedantry of scholarship and the profitlessness of labor. In a short distance of the Great Peking University, erected and conducted by the Methodists, the new Parliament Buildings are going up on the site of the old examination halls, where men once struggled until their heads were white for literary degrees. A Methodist is one of the leading contractors in the erection of the Great Parliament Building, the foundations of which we were permitted to see and examine, by his courtesy.

### DOCTOR LOWRY

the president of the Peking University, has accomplished such a phenomenal work with such seemingly inadequate means that a reckless correspondent of American papers got himself into trouble by adverse criticisms. He stands so high in China as well as America that such a criticism was like touching the Ark of the Covenant. The unfortunate critic now realizes the truth of Josh Billing's utterance, when he said: "It is a great deal better not to know so much than to know so much that is not true!" Few men in either church or state, at home or abroad, have built a more enduring monument than Doctor Lowry has in the Peking University, which is the pride of the Chinese empire. The Christian world as well as the Chinese empire owe to him a debt of gratitude, for his quiet, far-reaching and abiding work. "Long may he wave and never waver!"

Peking, China.

### HENDRIX COLLEGE.

The first term closed on December 21. All things considered, it was the best in our history. Two hundred and five students enrolled, and nearly all remained for examinations. The character of students is unusually fine. Scholarship is good. Conduct has been satisfactory. Few cases of discipline have been necessary. The faculty is well organized, harmonious, faithful, and efficient. Barring the death of Captain Martin, the noble president of our Board, the term has been a peculiarly happy one.

Completion of steam-heating plant has been delayed, but we confidently expect to begin using it within a week. The new building for the boiler gives us four fine new rooms. Dormitories have been full and several on the waiting list.

Second term opens January 2. Several new students are expected. It will be a good time to enter.

A. C. MILLAR, *President*.

Conway, Ark.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called Conscience.—*George Washington*.





CHILDREN'S PAGE.

(We shall be glad to have all the children contribute to this page. Let them address letters to Miss Katherine Anderson, Box 284, Conway, Ark.)

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 9, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you let a little Fort Smith girl join your happy band. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I have not missed but two Sundays in nearly four years. My teacher's name is Mrs. Brown. I like her fine. Our preacher is Brother Patchell. I am in the fourth grade at school. I have two pets, a chicken and a cat. I have one sister three years older than myself. I am ten years old. As my letter is getting long I will close, hoping Mr. Waste-basket is taking his Christmas vacation. Yours truly, Lela Travis.

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Atoka, Okla., November 13, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: I will write for my first time. My papa takes the Western Methodist, and I like to read it. Come on all you boys and girls with your fine stories. I like to read them. I will answer Ruth Riel's riddle: A battle of bees. I will close by asking a riddle: I rode across London bridge, but yet I walked. Goodby. Tempie McMullen.

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Onaka, Okla., September 5, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: I will write to the good old page again. I haven't written since Miss Katherine has been in office. I still go to Sunday school at Onaka. We have a very nice school. Mr. C. J. Nunn is our superintendent. I am secretary for this quarter. Our school commences today. I will be in the ninth grade this year. Cousins, I am asking for a post card shower on my fifteenth birthday, October 1, 1911. I would be glad to receive a card from Miss Katherine and all the cousins. I think it would be nice for the cousins to distribute their pictures among each other.

Well, I will close for this time, hoping to see this in print.

Clarence Roark.

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Bono, Ark., Sept. 15, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: As I have just finished reading the interesting letters of the Children's Page I thought I would write to the dear old paper again. It has been some time since I wrote last.

Our school was out today. I am very sorry, because I will be so lonesome.

We have Sunday school almost every Sunday. Are you cousins going to school? I guess some of you are.

I wonder what has become of Miss Ruth Carr. I think it is time she was writing another story, don't you? I so love to read them.

I will answer Willie Mosley's riddle: "Long legged, short thighs, bald headed and no eyes." It is a pair of fire tongs. I'll guess Bob's age to be 16.

I will ask a question: What is the longest word in the Bible?

For pets I have a sheep. Hand me my hat, Bob, and I will go and leave room for those who can write interesting letters. Neal Fisher.

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Vinson, Okla., Dec. 3, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you admit another Oklahoma girl into your happy band? How many of you cousins like to go to Sunday school? I do for one. How many of you cousins like to live on the farm? I do; I live four miles from town. Our school starts tomorrow, but I can't start. I am in the fourth grade at school. I will guess Long Tom's age: It is twenty years. Who will guess my age? It is between eight and fourteen. Send me the song of The Blind Girl. I will close. Your friend, Lola Roper.

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Asher, Okla., Dec. 4, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: As I have not written to the Methodist in several years, I thought I would write again. My father is a Methodist minister and has been in the Conference for about twenty-five years.

I was born in the Indian Territory, and I like this State better than any of the neighboring States. We have just moved from Grant, Okla., here, and I have not started to school yet. I have been going and am in the ninth grade. How many of the cousins like to play football? I do, and am in a team which we have here. It is rather a dangerous game, all right. I will close by answering Ealey's question: It is the letter L. Am I right?

Your new cousin, Short Bill.

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Vinson, Okla., Dec. 3, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you let me join your happy band? How are you this fine day? I have been reading the children's page. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. Today is my birthday. Guess how old I am. My age is between eight and eighteen. I will describe myself: I have gray eyes, golden hair, and am four feet eight inches tall. Our pastor is Brother Scivally. We all like him fine. I guess Long Tom's age to be twenty-one. Am I right? I will close by asking a question: How old was Peter when he went a fishing?

Your new cousin, Lila Roper.

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Social Hill, Ark.

Dear Miss Katherine and Cousins: Will you let another little Arkansas girl join your happy band? This is my first to write. I have been reading the Methodist for some time. I surely do enjoy reading the children's page. I am going to school now and I study the fifth grade. I like to go to school. How many of you little girls are going to Sunday school? I am. I will guess Oklahoma Kid's age to be nine years. I will describe myself: I have brown eyes and light curly hair; I am twelve years old and weigh 118 pounds. Well, I guess I had better close as my letter is getting long. I hope the waste basket has gone down town.

Your new cousin, Gracie Brown.

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Eldorado, Ark., Dec. 9, 1911.

Dear Cousins: As I saw my last letter in print I will write again. How many of the cousins are expecting a nice time Christmas? I don't know what I will do. I am studying now for examinations. I am in the seventh grade. If I pass this time I will be in the eighth grade after Christmas. Miss Retta Brown is my teacher. I surely do love her. She is also my Sunday school teacher. I will answer Willie Blair's riddle: "Railroad crossing, look out for the cars, can you spell that without any R's?" It is t-h-a-t. I will close by asking a riddle: "As I went to London I met seven women, each woman had seven sacks, in each sack were seven cats, each cat had seven kittens; how many were going to London? Your loving cousin, Lillie Braswell.

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Haileyville, Okla., Dec. 16, 1911.

Dear Miss Katherine: As I saw my last letter in print I will write again. We had a snow storm here yesterday but it is about melted off now. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. We will give an entertainment Christmas. I hope Santa Claus won't forget me. For pets I have a baby sister. Ola Burns, I guess your riddle to be black-berry briar. Come on, Ruth Carr, write some good stories. I enjoy reading them very much. Come on, Oklahoma girls and boys, let's don't let Arkansas boys and girls beat us. I use to be an Arkansas girl myself; I know they are pretty hard to beat but surely we can keep up with them.

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WALNUT RIDGE STATION.

We are getting started off in good shape, much better than ever before. Dostor, the people are still expressing their delight over your sermon, the 17th. The good work you did in rounding up for the Methodist is but a harbinger. I have adopted among other good resolutions, this one, "A copy of the Methodist in every Methodist home" this year. Our official Board at its first meeting, raising the pastor's salary \$200, adopted the Duplex Envelope system, and at the next meeting apportioned the assessments, and last Sunday inaugurated the weekly payment plan. More than four times the amount has been raised to date, as was raised same time last year. Our net gain of members, 124, last year was equal to anything reported at Conference. We have received six new members, four on profession of faith, since conference. We are planning great things for our Sunday school. One Wesley adult class has been organized with membership of 30 or more. Arrangements are already made to organize two more classes, and a Teacher's meeting and a Teacher's Training Class. We are certainly "In labors more abundant." Our Christmas entertainment and services were splendid. Our minds are set on the building of a new church, which, with the tide of incoming life overflowing our present quarters an absolute necessity. We shall always be glad to see your sunny face among us, Mr. Editor, and hear you preach. I am on my way to Conway to spend a few days with my family. L. C. Craig.

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By reason of Brother Dickerson getting hurt in a runaway accident on Saturday he was unable to fill his appointments on Sunday, and Brother Steel preached for him at Third Street in the morning. Good Sunday school and pretty good congregation.

### IDABEL REVIVAL.

Things religious are somewhat different in Idabel, Okla., now. Brother John B. Andrews doing the preaching and Brother L. J. Anderson making everybody sing brought about the change. They were with us in a two weeks' meeting in which God gave us a great victory. I have never seen a meeting that had so many hindrances to contend with but in spite of them all we had the victory and Idabel will be a different town. If we could have continued a week longer it is hard to prophesy what the result would have been. The influences of the meeting were spreading all the time and God was with us in power.

The men's meeting on the afternoon of the second Sunday was the greatest of its kind I have ever seen. Almost every man in the congregation of about four hundred was deeply moved and many were converted. That meeting was the talk of the town.

Brother Andrews does not fail to expose the devil and his works. He has never consulted the dictionary for any of the euphonious synonyms of sin. He talks of these things like the Bible tells of them and he seems to be more familiar with the doctrines than he is with some of our modern conceptions

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R. C. Alexander.

Idabel, Okla., Dec. 19, 1911.

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### MINCO, OKLA.

We have been on the run since we landed in Minco, November 23, finding our people and getting acquainted. We have met each appointment, notwithstanding rain, mud and snow in abundance. Minco was added to the Glenwood charge at our last Conference. We have four appointments, three houses of worship, three Sunday schools, one Epworth League. Notwithstanding three years' drouth, our people are hopeful for the future of the church, have received us kindly and are demonstrating it in some way each day. Have received five into the church. Our people have a special pride in speaking well of former pastors. The tracks of Roberts, Satterfield, Hooper, Shaw, Naylor, Mears, Dickerson, Martin, Stanley, Denney and others that I fail to remember, are still in the minds and hearts of our people. Last but not least, on the 10th inst., while all was quiet and no signal had been run up to warn us that a storm was gathering over about the church (as it had been nearly a year since a storm like it had spent its fury on our parsonage) when all of a sudden an unusual alarm was heard at the door. On rushing out to see, if possible, what it meant, we found ourselves unable to control the doorway (had we been disposed to do so) so great was the press of almost all ages, bearing some token of appreciation for pastor and family. (Guess at the rest.) We then sang some of the sweet songs of Zion, after which prayers were offered. All disappeared knowing that it was good to be here. The pounding has in no way disabled us from exercising the duties of the pastorate.

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December, 23, 1911.

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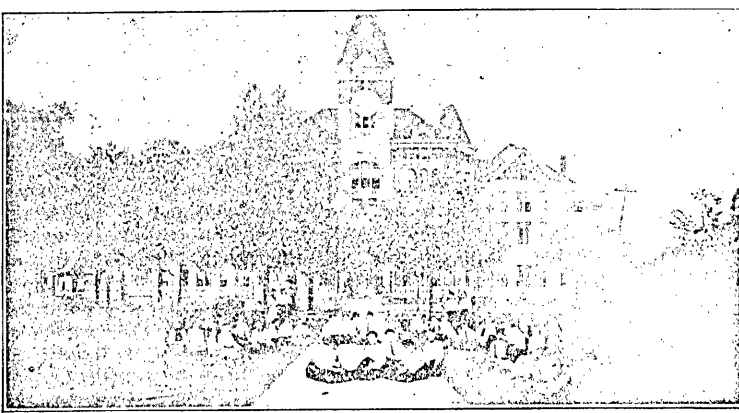
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We revised the church register, opened the back door of the church and aim to proceed to be religious enough not to load our church down with dancing church members. The devil here is the same old devil you see everywhere, but he seems to be located mostly in the feet of a good many of our folks.

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Now may the Lord come down on the Inola and Talala charge with a mighty rushing reality and baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire and fire up the hearts of the people and burn out sin out of our ilife, till we can have victory over the world, flesh and the devil, and resurrect the old Wesleyan doctrine of holiness of life and Bible sanctification that is at such a low cbb that we may be mighty to the putting down of the stronghold of the devil, and be able to shout, sing, pray, testify, and even tend church regularly and pay what we owe to God, the church, mer-



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December 26.

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**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.**

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT.**  
(First Round.)

Cave City and Evening Shade, at Cave City, Dec. 19, 20  
Charlotte Mission, at Oak Ridge, Dec. 29-31  
Newark Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1  
Batesville, First Church, 7 p. m., Jan. 2  
Batesville, Central Avenue, at Central Avenue, Jan. 6, 7  
Sulphur Rock Ct., at Sulphur Rock, Jan. 7, 8  
Marcella Miss., at Marcella, Jan. 13, 14  
Bethesda and Desha, at Bethesda, Jan. 14, 15  
Melbourne Ct., at Newburg, Jan. 18, 19  
Bexar Miss., at New Hope, Jan. 20, 21  
Viola Miss., at Viola, Jan. 22, 24  
Camp Miss., at Camp, Jan. 25, 26  
Salem Miss., at Salem, Jan. 27, 28  
Ash Flat Ct., at Corinth, Jan. 29, 30  
Salido Ct., at Salido, Feb. 3, 4  
Jacksonport Ct., at Jacksonport, Feb. 10, 11  
Powhattan Ct., Strangers' Home, Feb. 17, 18  
Swifton Ct., Alicia, Feb. 18, 19  
Smithville Miss., Flat Creek, Feb. 20, 21  
Tuckerman Sta., Feb. 24, 25  
Mountain View Ct., Mountain View, Feb. 2, 3  
Calico Rock Ct., Calico Rock, Feb. 4, 5  
Wolf Bayou Miss., Wolf Bayou, Feb. 9, 10  
District Stewards' meeting, Sulphur Rock, January 9, 10 a. m. Preachers' and Laymen's Institute, January 9, 10  
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**BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.**  
(First Round—Revised.)  
Magazine and Havana, at Magazine, Dec. 28  
Plainview Miss., at Plainview, Dec. 30, 31  
Adona Ct., at Adona, Jan. 1, 2  
Bigelow Miss., Jan. 3, 4  
Perry Miss., at Perry, Jan. 5, 6, 7  
Seranton Miss., Jan. 13, 14  
Paris Sta., Jan. 15  
Cecil Ct., at Cecil, Jan. 16  
Walnut Tree Ct., at Bethel, Jan. 20, 21  
Waldron Ct., at Square Rock, Jan. 27, 28  
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Parks Ct., at Parks, Jan. 30  
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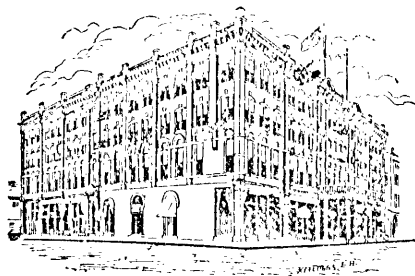
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**ERICK CIRCUIT.**

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"A Guest in Sodom" by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman is an automobile story, both pathetic and extremely amusing. It is in Mrs. Freeman's most entertaining vein and is illustrated with racy effect by Fogarty.

"The Mango Seed" by Katherine Fullerton Gerould has for its hero a young American who, after being neglected from childhood by his parents, is brought face to face, for a moment only, with his absentee mother. The situation is striking both for its significance and its American flavor.

A sympathetic and stirring story of a brave and faithful collie, "Ragnarok," is contributed by Clarence Stone.

The first chapters of W. J. Locke's new novel, "Stella Maris," appear in the January Century. The heroine is an English invalid girl who, from her couch looking out upon the sea, rules her environment with the scepter of fancy and spirit. The opening shows Mr. Locke in his firm hold of human motives, which will later be deepened by the evolution of strong situations. In a full-page picture the heroine is beautifully portrayed on her invalid's throne.

**THE ETHICS OF FRIENDSHIP.**

"Have you ever considered the ethics of friendship?" says Walter Herold to his friend, John Risca, in the first chapter of William J. Locke's "Stella Maris" in the January "Century." "Few people do consider them nowadays. Existence has grown so complicated that such a simple, primitive thing as friendship is apt to be neglected in the practical philosophy of life. Our friendship, John, is something I could no more tear out of me than I could tear out my heart itself. It's one of the few vital, real things—indeed, it's perhaps the only tremendous thing in my foolish life. I believe in friendship. If a man hath not a friend, let him quit the stage. Old Bacon was right; a man has every right over his friend, every claim upon him, except the right of betrayal. My purse is yours, your purse is mine... My time is yours and yours mine. My joys and sorrows are yours, and yours mine. But a friend may not supplant a friend either in material ambition or in the love of a woman. That is the unforgivable sin, high treason against friendship."

**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OPENS.**

The First Quarterly Conference convened this morning with Rev. J. A. Henderson in the chair. It was the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the church, twenty-two official members being present. Perfect harmony prevailed and great enthusiasm was manifested. The Rev. Mr. Brewer has entered heartily into his work, and the esteem in which he is held is manifest in the fact that his salary was raised three hundred dollars over any previous year. The official board organized by electing Dr. R. C. Maxwell, president; W. E. Anderson, vice president; E. N. Sharp, secretary, and C. A. Smith, treasurer.—Mena Daily Star.

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Some people think worries quite harmless, but Christ spoke very strongly against them as most potent for evil in our lives, in the way of crowding out the good. He warned us strongly against all anxiety. He said plainly that it can add nothing to our stature, possessions or success, but instead, does us harm and grieves our heavenly Father, who all the while is caring for us.

There are two things, at least, about which we should never worry. First, the things we can't help. If we can't help them, worrying is certainly most foolish and useless. Secondly, the things we can help. If we can help them, let us set about it, and not weaken our powers by worry. Weed your garden. Pluck up the smallest roots of worry. Yes, watch for their first appearance above the ground, and pluck them while they are small. Do not let them get a start, or they will crowd out all the beautiful things that ought to grow in your hearts.

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him," and there will come a strength, a calm, a sweetness of soul altogether delightful.

**PATMOS CIRCUIT.**

We have been here since the 22d of November and have been heartily received all over the work and the good people of Patmos showed their appreciation by presenting us a nice basket filled with edibles and Christmas presents for which we are very grateful. The people of Sardis Church, our appointment Christmas eve, made us a nice present in money, and also made a contribution to Brother Thornburgh of Little Rock for the Orphanage, showing that they have the interest and welfare of those little orphan children at heart.

There is lots of work to be done on this circuit, and we are trusting the good Lord to use us in the right way at the right place that we may make no serious mistake, but be a help to these people and they to us.

S. T. Baugh, P. C.

December 27.

**THE PITY OF THE LORD.**

One morning, having stepped into the office of a surgical friend, I beheld him performing a short but painful surgical operation upon a little child of three or four years old. The cries of the little sufferer were heart-rending to us all, but especially to the father who held her on his knees. He was a rough farmer, but the tears were running down his cheeks and falling upon the curly head of his child. In thinking over this incident, the words of the 103rd Psalm have often come up in my mind: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

Here was a father who felt that it was essential to his daughter's welfare that she should suffer at the hand of a surgeon; yet he shed tears of pity on beholding her suffering. So God sees that it is essential to our good to afflict us; but while we writhe under these afflictions, he pities us as a father pities his children.—Western Advocate.

**Don't Suffer With Piles.**

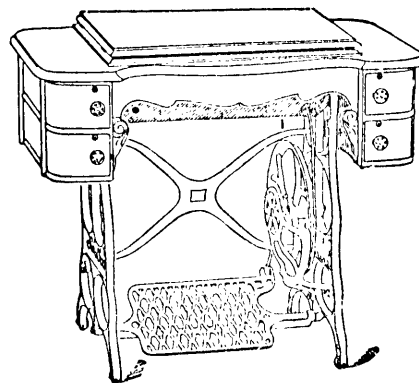
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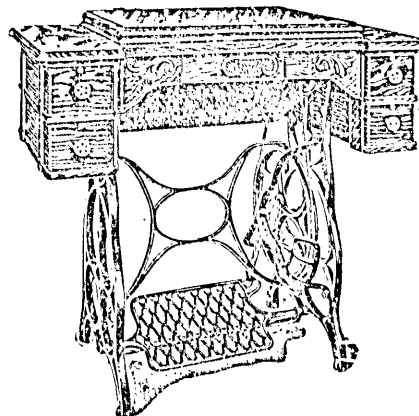
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## BATESVILLE DISTRICT NOTES.

The District Stewards of the Batesville District are called to meet at Sulphur Rock, Tuesday, January 9th, 10 a. m. An institute will be held at the same time continuing through Tuesday and Wednesday. Let all the pastors, local preachers, and lay leaders or a representative from each church be present. We want to study our work together and plan for one united effort in bringing things to pass in our Master's service.

A program is prepared, but every person will be given an opportunity to put something into the meeting. Representatives of the Women's Societies will be given a hearty welcome.

If you mean to work this year come to this institute. Write Rev. C. F. Hively at once when you expect to get there. Be ready to throw yourself into this meeting. If you can teach or are teachable come with us.

Yours for service,  
B. L. Wilford, P. E.

## PROGRAM.

District Stewards Meeting and Institute, Sulphur Rock, Ark.,  
Jan. 9-10.

Tuesday.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional.

9:30 a. m.—Plans for the year. B. L. Wilford.

10:00 a. m.—District Stewards Meeting.

11:00—Sermon, Rev. J. A. Roberts.

1:30 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. J. L. Porter.

1:45 p. m.—Financial Plans—Discussion led by District Lay Leader, W. P. Jones.

2:45 p. m.—Keeping Accurate Records, Rev. W. M. Nesbitt.

3:15 p. m.—Revivals—when, how and by whom—Discussion led by Revs. C. F. Hively and J. W. Copeland.

7:00 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. V. T. McCaffrey.

8 to 9 p. m.—Social Meeting.

Wednesday.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional, O. C. Loyd.

9:00 a. m.—The Local Preacher—His place and how to secure best cooperation—Discussion led by Rev. M. L. Mack.

9:45 a. m.—The Steward—His Duties—Discussion led by Rev. T. Y. Ramsey.

10:30 a. m.—The Pastor—some of the duties as seen from the layman's view point—Discussion led by Dr. L. E. Reaves.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. T. Willcoxon.

1:30 p. m.—The Sunday School work—Discussion led by Rev. F. M. Noe.

2:30 p. m.—The Epworth League—How to make and keep alive. Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Dulaney.

3:30 p. m.—The Woman's Mission-

ary Society—Discussion led by Mrs. W. P. Jones.

4:15 p. m.—Climbing the facts.

## ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTICE

The Church Extension Board of the Arkansas Conference would call the attention of the pastors and people to the conference Loan Fund Day, the third Sunday in January. Every pastor is urgently requested to present the cause of Conference Loan Fund and take a free will offering on that day. A large Conference Loan Fund will help the Boards of Missions and Church Extension solve some problems with reference to our Mission charges and unhoused congregations that have troubled us for a long time. We believe this plan of raising a Conference Loan Fund to assist the most needy places is pleasing to our God and is an upward step of great importance in our Conference. We ought to raise at least \$1,000.00 on that day. Brethren, let your people have a chance at this. It appeals to business men. The money is always at work and always growing larger.

We shall ask Dr. McMurry to send each pastor some literature. You shall also hear from the executive committee through Brother Bearden.

Brethren, please respond to this call by presenting a strong appeal to your people.

Truly,

J. J. Galloway.

Member Executive Committee.

## A WORTHY CAUSE.

Dear Preachers and Laymen of the White River Conference:

Some of you have already contributed something to help Sister Freeman. She has five children to support and has been without a home that she could call her own. Her children must be educated. On the advice of friends she has moved to Cave City. A very comfortable little home has been bought for her. She has made a small payment. Two hundred and fifty dollars are needed in the next thirty days to pay for this home. Two Methodist preachers are responsible for this amount. I have been asked to look after this matter. Now, my dear brother, what will you do? Shall we let the wife and children of our deceased preachers go unprovided for? Bro. Freeman expected to be admitted into full connection at our last conference. There ought to be twenty-five men who would give ten dollars on this home, which is to be given to Sister Freeman when paid for. Send any amount you desire to give to me at Batesville and I will see that it takes the proper course.

A splendid opportunity to make a Christmas gift that will make glad the heart of our Master. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Sincerely,

Boone L. Wilford.

## MARRIED.

Wednesday night, December 20, 1911, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Lee McDaniel of Forrest City, Ark., Mr. Wiley T. Jones of Madison, Ark., to Miss Nanie Lee McDaniel. Mr. Jones is a son of the late T. B. Jones of Madison. Miss McDaniel is the second daughter of Lee McDaniel, one of St. Francis County's best men. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Wilson, officiating.

## YOU CAN QUIT

But you need help. Haggard's Tobacco Tablets afford the needed help. Follow directions. If not satisfied, certify that directions were followed, and money will be refunded. Send \$1.00 for box to P. H. Millar & Co., Sole Agents for Arkansas and Oklahoma. 122 East 4th St., Little Rock, Ark.

## CEDAR GLADES MISSION.

Brethren, do not pass this without noticing it. You saw my call in the Methodist last week for help towards building a parsonage on this charge, namely, the Cedar Glades Epworth League Mission. And it is strictly a mission. I have found two Southern Methodists and have seven places to preach at from three to twenty-one miles apart, and will find some other preaching places yet. I am gathering some who do not belong to our church yet, to organize with, and I expect to organize right soon at two or more places. There is not a church building owned by our denomination in this whole section of country, that I can find. But there are churches and churches here. I will not attempt to name them. And I here and now charge our own church with almost criminal neglect, concerning this country. For there are some as fine people up here as you will find anywhere on earth, and I have never found a people who seem to appreciate the gospel more than these; and I will be greatly disappointed if Southern Methodism is not known and felt through these parts before this conference year closes. But brethren, we need at least ten good men in this mountainous country, and the wealthier charges in our great conference could easily support them. We should not withhold anything from the foreign fields, but the quickest way to convert the heathen is to lend a helping hand to these noble boys and girls at our own door, and then the heathen in China, etc., will listen to us more readily. So act wisely and follow the example set for you by the noble Epworth Leaguers of Little Rock Conference, and let us capture this country for Christ.

Now brethren, I don't want to bore you, but Mrs. McKelvy and I are living in one end of a house rented from a good woman who belongs to the Baptist church. There was no house to rent and she took pity on us until we could do better and I only ask you to give your people an opportunity to help us put up a neat little parsonage. Some of the brethren on charges I have served in the past are sending in their collections for this purpose, and others will: won't you? I believe you will.

Brethren, please send me 100 sample copies of the Western Methodist, and if you have to have pay for them send me the bill. I have never seen the need of the Methodist so much as now. Let the copies contain this paper.

J. H. McKelvy.

## GASTRONOMIC CRIMES.

Nor is it enough that school girls and boys should be taught to cook; they should also learn how to eat. Few learn this at home. They are usually taught to eat silently, and not to take soup off the end of a spoon or to put the knife into the mouth; but the more important art of mastication is ignored. It is a branch of physiology, and should be taught by experts in the schools.

If it were, the next generation of mothers and fathers would know that it is a crime to let their children swallow food, particularly milk and cereals and vegetables, before it has been kept for a while in the mouth to be mixed with saliva and made digestible.

If it were indelibly impressed on school children that gluttony is a vice which defeats its own end, that by eating slowly much more pleasure can be got from one mouthful than by bolting a whole plateful, that this pleasure can be vastly increased by consciously exhaling through the nose while eating, and that those who eat in this way will escape the pangs of indigestion—if these truths were impressed on every child mind, two-thirds of the minor ills of mankind would disappear in two generations, and most of the major maladies also; for the stomach is the

source of most diseases. As Thomas Walker wrote nearly a century ago, "Content the stomach, and the stomach will content you."—From Henry T. Finck's "The Future of Cooking and Eating" in the January Century.

## KULLITUKLO CIRCUIT.

Dear Methodist: Itti' apishi li ahleha ma, anumpa lawa keyu ka Western Methodis afoki sabannashke, ai anompuli Kullituklo sakit ilappa hashi tuchina Ittanaha ammona yat ahlopulli tuk oke, hashi tuchina Ittanaha aukla yat Kullituklo i it tanaha akinla ho itonla tuk oke, nana annowa nana kia sakit pehlichy yat ik im iksho tuk oke. Sakit ilappa ela ka okla nayukpa bano ho epihisashke, okla pi nowat ittano-awkmak, nana a pi banna ka ant ponaklot falama tukmat nana apibanna tuk a isht ala beka hoke, anonti aboha ya nana iksho tuk a ant atahli beka hatuk o aboha nana asha hetuk at ona achukma hoke.

Hatak abanumpa yimmi hochukma micha ohoyo nayimmi hochukma fehna hosh aiasha ho ant episa kat pi yukpa ai ahlishke, pe okla moma kat im anukfila ittachaffa kat Filipian chapta 1:27 yamma takkali ka isht ai alhpiesa mak osh aiasha pullashke. Yohmi ho sakit ilappa ai anompohonli tok at naksika ont hieli kat haklo kat anyukpa hebanoshke.

Micha "Board of Mission" at apela chi keyu ketuk ahni hatuk osh okla toksali ahli hosh aiasha hoke, Chahta-Chikasha im ai Ulhti ai asha kat ilappak o chohmi bano hokma abanumpa hat hatak chukash a ont aholitopa pulla hinlashke, Inta nana kat afehna ho achi sabanna akinli kia, himonasi yokano nana ak achoshke.

A. H. Homer.

Idabel, Okla., Dec. 22, 1911.

## A WOMAN'S APPEAL.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbago, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood and brightens the eyes, giving electricity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, South Bend, Ind.

## FIRST TO PAY.

Dear Methodist: I am writing to say that Rev. D. A. Gregg of Purcell, Okla., Oklahoma City District, sent me today cashier's check for \$224.00, being the first charge in West Oklahoma Conference to remit in full.

W. L. Anderson, Teller.

Martha, Okla., Dec. 20, 1911.

## APPLE LANDS, BENTON COUNTY.

1. One farm of 100 acres, three and one-half miles from Higfill Station, 12 miles southwest of Bentonville, 85 acres in cultivation, 45 acres in apple trees, just now coming into bearing; 12 acres in young timber; close to schools and churches; good neighborhood. This farm is in the great apple region of Benton county, one of the finest regions to be found anywhere. The owner has more than he can look after. Price, \$40.00 per acre, good terms. For fuller particulars cut out this advertisement and write R. L. Coffelt, Centerton, Ark.

2. R. L. Coffelt has another fruit farm of 80 acres, near Centerton, Benton county, well improved; six-room house; 20 acres in orchard. Cheap at \$2,200.00. Easy terms; a xzifffiffiffi \$2,200.00, easy terms. Write his, send this advertisement, at Centerton, Ark.

Any man wanting a home in a rich prairie country, where there is no malaria, negroes, Indians, nor Mexicans; and where you can raise corn and hogs, alfalfa and mules, and cotton without crabgrass, should write R. C. Johnson, Altus, Oklahoma, for prices and terms on his lands which he is now selling in 40, 80, and 160 acre blocks.

## All Down and Out

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GREGORY'S VEGETABLE VITALIZER (*Laxo Blood and Nerve Tonic*) will do just what you want, make you well if you have enough life to build on. It reaches the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and Mucous System, eliminates poison from the blood, and soon makes pure blood, and then you are well.

Three \$1.00 bottles will do the work. Remit \$2.50 to GREGORY MEDICINE COMPANY, Little Rock, Ark., and we will ship you by express, under our positive guarantee that it will not disappoint you. We will send free a bottle of GREGORY'S ANTISEPTIC OIL to test. Better send today before disease gets a death grip on you.

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