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many of our churches some of their brightest and best workers. But, withal, the year has had many things of a character to inspire and encourage. The General Conference, in our very midst, was a means of strength and encouragement. We have become better acquainted with the leaders of the Church and the general interests of the denomination. We can also record a number of gracious revivals in which hundreds of souls sought and found Jesus as a personal Savior, and hundreds of others were led into more intimate fellowship with him. Our teaching and training departments of the Church have made good progress on the district this year. Our world vision has been enlarged.

The Wichita district, as it appears in the conference Minutes, consists of sixty pastoral charges with one hundred and eighteen organized churches. Of the sixty charges twenty-five are stations, the remainder circuits, or combined stations. During the year two new churches have been organized—Petrolia, on the Yates Center charge, and Eli, on the Havana charge.

RESIGNATIONS AND PASTORAL SUPPLY.

As heretofore, we have suffered quite a good deal from resignation and the shifting of pastors about after the conference has made the appointments. Five charges on the district were left unsupplied at conference. Buffville vacancy was filled by the appointment of J. H. Blackburn, who had resigned the Peoria charge soon after conference. Peoria was without pastoral oversight to May 1, when Rev. S. C. Davis was appointed pastor, and has served the remainder of the year. R. L. Ayers was appointed November 1 to the pastorate of Chanute. He has done faithful work and reports the charge. Corbin was resigned by W. R. Livingston about December 1. Later in the year it was placed under the supervision of S. Staley in connection with his charge and will be reported by him. Fellsburg was resigned by C. V. Priddle soon after conference, and A. W. Cortner was appointed to fill vacancy November 1. C. E. Spore was appointed to Fairview station. He has done good work as his report will show. Fort Scott has been supplied by C. L. Hafner during the year. W. S. Howell, by request of his people, asked to be left at Havana and thus presented his resignation of Summit-Burns. This left Summit-Burns unsupplied. Two or three pastors were sent to this field, one staying about two months. For the remainder of the time the charge has been without a pastor. The superintendent reports the charge. Pauline Kern failed to appear on the Mulvane charge and Ray G. Trent, a student in Friends college, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Brother Trent has done excellent work. G. M. Beltz was transferred to Toronto, made vacant by the resignation of E. P. Freeman soon after conference. W. L. Crom was appointed to fill the vacancy on Mulvane circuit and will report the work. O. G. Huling was appointed to fill the vacancy at New Lancaster. H. Beall resigned Severy about the first of the year. E. Cora Prinkey was appointed to Turon charge November 1, this charge having been resigned by T. D. Halbert immediately after conference. O. O. Inman resigned First Church, Wichita, May 31. Rev. M. B. Spayd, of Springfield, Illinois, was appointed to fill the vacancy July 15, and has completed the year successfully. Wichita circuit was resigned by C. B. Kirkpatrick, December 17. D. H. Sill was placed in charge of the Gay's chapel

appointment and Vernon has been without a pastor for the balance of the year. All other charges have remained as assigned by conference.

LICENSES GRANTED AND RENEWED.

Ray G. Trent received quarterly conference license to preach, from the Nine Cottonwood Church; Otis Webb from the Hutchinson First Church; and S. A. Lovelady from the Columbus Church. H. H. Jones who is pursuing his course of reading regularly received the renewal of his license; and Lester Forbes also being examined in a part of his reading course was continued another year by the Pittsburg quarterly. The quarterly license of H. C. Bundy of Hutchinson Calvary Church was also renewed.

The quarterly conference license of G. W. Ramsay, local minister on the Cimarron charge, was revoked.

DEATHS.

The "silent reaper" has been among us again this year taking from our midst two of our veterans of the ministry, and Rev. Mary E. Hodgkin in the prime of life. Rev. D. S. Henninger, known for years as "Father Henninger," died at the home of his daughter near Aline, Oklahoma, February, in his ninety-fifth year. Father Henninger was one of the first, if not the first preacher of the old Arkansas Valley conference. He was a true hero of the cross and died in the triumphs of faith. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Carroll and his body laid to rest at Pleasant Valley cemetery near the scenes of his early ministry. Rev. S. E. Bias, a pastor for several years within the bounds of the district, died in Kansas City at the home of his brother in the early spring. Rev. Mary E. Hodgkin died in Sterling, at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Hinshaw, July 22. She was licensed to preach in 1906, and had given about eleven years to active service. She was a devout Christian.

These names are referred to the committee on Memoirs. We also record, with sorrow, the death of several of our consecrated workers among the laity.

BUILDING ENTERPRISES AND PROPERTY INTERESTS.

There has been a great property loss this year, on the district, by fire and destructive storms. It is fortunate for the church, however, that every loss was fully covered by insurance and a total of nearly \$8,000 has been received to reimburse for damage done, a splendid argument to still the voice of the objector to insurance. Wichita West Side Church was destroyed by fire in January. Insurance to the amount of \$1,700 and the salvage of the church were received. The church has been relocated on a beautiful corner on Seneca Street and a fine \$7,000 brick veneer church is ready for dedication. A splendid new parsonage home for the pastor is now on the same site.

The Coffeyville Church was badly wrecked by a tornado in June. This church was carrying \$6,000 insurance on building and fixtures. The damage to the building and furnishings agreed by the insurance company was \$4,952. The building has been repaired and the furnishings replaced so everything is as good as before the storm. Our congregation was without a meeting place for about nine weeks, but are now rallying splendidly to retrieve ground lost.