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victories and the outlook for still greater results in the future have been made possible by our great Centenary Movement.

It is sad to say, however, that a great crisis in both our foreign and home fields is now on because the Centenary subscriptions, the past two years, have fallen off. Unless the special plea now before the church for \$2,000,000.00 extra is raised, before October 31st, there will be a large reduction in appropriations for next year for both foreign and home fields. The effects of this would be disastrous in many respects.

As a Conference we pledge to do our utmost in raising our full apportionments for the coming year.

(Signed)

J. R. CLAYTON

#### REPORTS ON THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; that it was written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

We believe the teachings of this Holy Book from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelations.

A copy of this book should be in every home and should be read and studied carefully, prayerfully and under the direction of the Holy Ghost, indicated this word and is therefore its only real interpreter.

Let us remember that, "His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Let us take it as the man of our council—the try-square, the plumb line and the spirit-level, by which we are to adjust our lives.

(Signed)

D. J. PROCTOR

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS

We, the Committee on Periodicals desire to stress the importance of the use of our periodicals and books. We wish to extend the thanks of the Conference for the help and inspiration we all received through the columns of the church paper, the Methodist Advocate Journal. We also extend our thanks to the publishing house for the numerous tracts and pamphlets that have been so helpful in our work. And we resolve, as pastors to try to get our people to see the importance of taking our church periodicals in order to keep abreast of the plans and movements of our great and beloved church, and for the spiritual help that we all need so much. (Signed)

P. M. WEAVER

H. S. ALBIN—Committee.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER ON ENDOWMENT FUND

Report of D. P. Hart, Treasurer of Conference Endowment Fund, to Central Tennessee Conference, held at McLemoresville, Tenn., Oct. 18-22, 1922:

On deposit in First National Bank Tullahoma, Tenn., .....	\$1,030.00
Interest from same and applied to Con. Claimants .....	\$41.00
On deposit in Traders National Bank, Tullahoma .....	392.00
<b>Total Endowment Fund, to date .....</b>	<b>\$1,422.00</b>

D. P. HART, Treasurer

#### IN MEMORIAM

**Stricklin.**—Rev. Samuel H. Stricklin was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, Oct. 22, 1838; died at the home of his son, S. C. Stricklin, in Adair, Okla., Oct. 1, 1922, aged 84 years and 21 days. Brother Stricklin was married to Sarah E. J. Brewer, Jan. 8, 1862. He leaves the wife, three sons, S. C., W. Z., and J. W. Stricklin, and one daughter, Mrs. Josie Jernigan. Bro. Stricklin served as a volunteer in the Union army in the sixties, and it was said made a gallant soldier. In 1869, 53 years ago, he joined the Tennessee now the Central Tennessee Conference and gave many years of service on various charges. Brother Stricklin was not without fault, but I believe it could be said of him as was said of Barnabas, "He was a good man". He had an intense nature that sometimes manifested itself in opposition to the view of his brethren and then like Paul in differing with Peter at Antioch he would withstand them to their face. In fact his was a stormy life, and it is possible that his brethren and others frequently misunderstood him. At Collinwood three years ago, he seemed enfeebled in body and mind, but he expressed to the writer of this brief sketch his abiding faith in the Saviour, of whom he had preached, and an unshaken hope of the rest that remaineth for the people of God. He was proud of his splendid nephews, W. H. and T. J. Stricklin, who gave their lives to the church, for which their Uncle Sam would have been willing to die. We have no data as to what occurred in his last hours, but trust the pilot was in sight when he put out to sea.—J. D. HOLLAND., D. P. HART, Committee.

**Teasley.**—William M. Teasley was born more than sixty years ago and departed this life in Putnam County Tenn. April 4th, 1922. Brother Teasley was a man of great consecration and earnest endeavor. He was converted in middle life and gave himself to the ministry in the mountains of Tennessee, where he served eighteen years as a supply in the Baxter District of the Central Tennessee Conference. The Maggart and Haseville Charges each had him as their pastor twice; besides, he served the following charges one or more years each: Red Springs, Byrdstown, Monroe, Hollow Springs, Smithville and Silver Point. He had a limited education which fact prevented him from seeking membership in the Conference. But he had good common sense, coupled with a rich flow of Irish wit that often stood him well in hand. He was earnest, honest, industrious, agreeable and loyal in every sense. He filled with the hardest and poorest places without complaint. Brother Teasley had a slight stroke of paralysis in Aug. 1921 from which he never fully recovered. But, as soon as he was on his feet again, he was at his work and continued at it until God called him home. A less heroic soul would have long before given up the work but this brave soldier of the Cross could not be content unless he was at the forefront of the battle. The first Sunday in April, of this year, he filled his appointment and stayed over night with a neighbor. On Monday morning he was found in his room sick. He was taken to his home and on Wednesday, at 4 o'clock in the morning, he passed to that clime where there is no more sorrow, pain and death. The next day we laid him to rest in the cemetery at Silver Point, Tenn., to wait the call of the resurrection.—B. W. BLESSING, Committee.

**Stricklin.**—The Reverend Thomas Jefferson Stricklin, aged 62 years, 4 months and 6 days, breathed his last in the parsonage on Linden Avenue, Lexington, Tenn., on Thursday morning, at 2:30 o'clock, April 6, 1922. He was born in Wayne County, Tennessee, Nov. 30, 1859, where he grew to manhood. His education was acquired in the local schools in the communi-

ty of his birth and later in the good schools supported by the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belonged. His perfect loyalty to the great church of his choice was never questioned. He was married on Dec. 17, 1879, to Miss Mary Jane Franks, of Hardin County, Tennessee. This union was blessed with ten children, five, with their mother, survive him. Those living are Luther F., of Columbus, Ohio; Warren S., of Conrad, Mont.; Harvey E., of St. Louis, Mo.; Clarence W., of Portland, Ore.; and Funson F., of Baker-ville, Cal. Those preceding their father to the grave were William Otis, Thomas Carter, Jennie V., Willa L., and Lillian Grace. His conversion to Christianity occurred at the age of thirteen and he at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Thirty-four years ago at an Annual Conference Session of the Central Tennessee Conference held at Tullahoma, Tenn., he was admitted on trial into the Conference and has been actively engaged in the itinerant ministry of that Conference until his death. He was ordained Deacon at Erin, in 1891, and Elder at Lexington, in 1893. In addition to the less notable pastorates which he held in his earlier ministry, he spent years of faithful labor at Dowelltown, Tullahoma, Lawrenceburg, Shelbyville, Dickson, and was serving as pastor for the fifth year at Lexington, Tenn. He was the very faithful Presiding Elder of what is now called the Baxter District for six years. Human calculation cannot encompass the influence and good effect of such a life as his. Eternity alone can reveal its value to the world. As a man, upright, irreproachable, a perfect gentleman; as a minister, courageous, consistent, sympathetic, faithful; as a husband, true, loving, kind; as a father, provident, considerate, exemplary; as a citizen, public-spirited, unselfish, charitable. He loved supremely the Master whom he served, and loved his neighbor as himself. Enshrined in the hearts of his members and of the citizens of Lexington, and people in general, his death is universally deplored. To his wife and sons he leaves the heritage of a life well spent in the service of God and man. Having "made full proof of his ministry," fittingly could he say with the immortal Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day." A short service was conducted in the Lexington parsonage, Saturday, April 8, 1922, by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. B. Johnson, pastor of the M. E. Church, South. Rev. Fleetwood Ball, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, and others who voluntarily gave expression of their high esteem of Brother Stricklin's noble life. Immediately following the brief service the body was taken to the 9:15 a. m. train at Lexington depot, and was carried to Dickson, Tenn., where Rev. B. W. Blessing and the writer, assisted by Rev. Tallent of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, had charge of the service conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church, after which the body of this faithful servant was laid away to rest until the resurrection morning.—H. P. KEATHLEY.

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