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FOR AS WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS IN ONE BODY, AND ALL MEMBERS HAVE NOT THE SAME OFFICE; SO WE, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND EVERY ONE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER. HAVING THEN GIFTS DIFFERING ACCORDING TO THE GRACE THAT IS GIVEN TO US, WHETHER PROPHECY, LET US PROPHESEY ACCORDING TO THE PROPORTION OF FAITH; OR MINISTRY, LET US WAIT ON OUR MINISTERING; OR HE THAT TEACHETH, ON TEACHING; OR HE THAT EXHORTETH, ON EXHORTATION; HE THAT GIVETH, LET HIM DO IT WITH SIMPLICITY; HE THAT RULETH, WITH DILIGENCE; HE THAT SHEWETH MERCY, WITH CHEERFULNESS. LET LOVE BE WITHOUT DISSIMULATION. ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL, CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD.—Romans 12:4-9.

PROHIBITION—A NATIONAL ISSUE.

Always an ardent advocate of prohibition, nevertheless Hon. W. J. Bryan, hitherto has advised against making it a national party question. When the plans of the recent campaign were being formulated, he was anxious to keep prohibition out, because there were other issues which demanded immediate settlement. In this he has shown political wisdom, because the time had not yet come when prohibition would have helped a national party to win. However, in Nebraska Mr. Bryan did not hesitate to advise good men of both parties to scratch the saloon candidate for the Legislature and vote for pledged prohibitionists. By keeping prohibition out of the presidential campaign and emphasizing it in state campaigns the friends of prohibition have carried four new States, insured dry legislation in two others, and held prohibition wherever it was contested. Now more than half the States may be considered dry, and much of the remaining territory is also dry through local option. It now becomes possible to force the submission of a prohibition amendment through Congress by urging the adoption of the issue upon a national party. Because the liquor interests are so dominant in Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, States which the Republican party must hold to win, the Republican party can hardly be expected to declare for national prohibition. Because most of the States recently carried by the Democratic presidential nominee are already dry and such States as Louisiana and Texas would probably remain Democratic under any circumstances, while Iowa and Michigan would probably support Democracy with prohibition as a principal plank, it is not unreasonable to conclude that as a matter of expediency the Democratic party might come out for national prohibition. Mr. Bryan, quick to catch the trend and prophetic in his instincts, announces: "My work during the next four years will be to contribute whatever I can toward making the national Democracy dry. When an issue arises it must be met, and the Prohibition issue is here. Our party cannot afford to take the immoral side of a moral issue. The Democratic party cannot afford to become the champion of the brewery, the distillery, and the saloon. The members of the party will not permit it to be buried in a drunkard's grave." As there are Democratic leaders who would bitterly oppose committing their party to prohibition and as many Republicans would fear the result of the issue if it became a party question, it may be that prudence and a desire to prevent a new alignment will cause both parties in Congress to unite on the submission of a prohibition amendment and thus escape from the predicament. If Mr. Bryan can bring about this consummation, he will win new and imperishable laurels. He has always been far more than a politician; he has been a political seer and a preacher of righteousness. Leading this great moral reform,

he may be swept by it into the presidency; but if he succeeds in making our nation free from the thralldom of the liquor power, he will become greater than a mere president—he will go into history as a man who desired to be president, but who, again and again thwarted in his personal ambition, became the real leader of the American people in realizing their greatest moral achievement.

THANKSGIVING RESOLVES.

Our nation has profound cause for devout thanksgiving. We have escaped the horrors of war and have prospered as never before in our history. Arkansas not only enjoys its share of national blessings, but is crowned and crowded with good things beyond measure. Prosperity is ours, and the moral victory, achieved in the defeat of the saloon power, fills and thrills our souls with joy. Arkansas Methodism, having done its part in this fight and having labored diligently for spiritual progress and uplift, is praising God for the magnitude and the plentitude of his mercies.

These marvelous blessings are a challenge to larger labors and more heroic endeavor. If our collections fail to indicate increase, we should repent and humiliate ourselves in sack-cloth and ashes. The cries and tears of stricken Europe should find quick response in liberal giving. The open doors and Macedonian call of helpless heathendom should stir us to Christlike sacrifices. The needs of our schools and orphanage and hospital and superannuates should stir us to ardent activity for their adequate maintenance. The greed for gold and the lust for pleasure demand the rebuke of prayer and consecration. Opportunities for service loom large. Holy ambitions stir. Fires of zeal are kindled. Our crucified Lord leads and his pierced hands beckon us to follow. O God, make us equal to the task. Work in us by thy Spirit to accomplish thy purposes among men. Forbid that we should falter and fail. Give us divine courage. We can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengtheneth us. Amen!

A VINDICATION OF POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

The result of the votes on amendments and acts in the last election vindicates our oft expressed confidence in the judgment of the people of Arkansas. Act No. 1 was to prevent fraud in primary elections. No real campaign was made for it, and little opposition developed. It carried by a vote of almost two to one, showing that our people favor honesty in primary elections. Act No. 2 was intended to repeal our prohibition law and substitute a measure favorable to the liquor traffic. Its friends distributed much literature and used big advertisements trying to make the people believe that it was a "fair local option" measure. This so aroused the friends of prohibition that they made a thorough campaign. Both sides were fully presented. Practically every one had an opportunity to understand the real nature of the measure. No question was ever more thoroughly discussed, hence the people knew what they were doing when by a vote of practically two to one they defeated the obnoxious proposition. The proponents of Act No. 2 claim that it was defeated by negro votes and that there was a majority of white Democrats for it. But that will not do, because the vote in the counties where there are practically no negroes, with the exception of three or four small counties was against it by a great majority. It is probable that the negro vote was almost equally divided, but if the whole 40,000 possible negro vote was subtracted from the winning side there would still be a majority of some 15,000 against it. Then if all these 40,000 had voted for Act No. 2 it would have carried by only about the same majority. Of course, if it is improper to use the ne-

gro vote to defeat their measure, the liquorites would not want their help to carry it. No, consider it from any standpoint, Act No. 2 was defeated because the people of Arkansas had enough of the saloon. Amendment No. 12 provided means for increasing the public school tax. It was fully discussed and the people by a large vote, more than two to one, decided that they wanted the opportunity to have better schools. Amendment No. 14, while it did not increase road taxes, provided for the issuance of bonds for road improvement. It was a good measure, but was misunderstood by many, and although more votes were cast for it than against it, many failed to vote on it and it lacked a few thousand of having the constitutional majority. While we heartily favored this excellent measure, we do not regret its failure, because it is always better for a measure that is not understood to fail through the conservatism of the people than for them without realizing what they are doing blindly to secure a good thing. Amendment No. 13 was decisively beaten. It was advocated by the Union Labor people as a measure to give the people more power under the Initiative and Referendum, but it contained certain wild innovations and possibly a "joker," and the people wisely concluded that they had better let "well enough alone," and not try any rash and dangerous experiments. The people were not deceived on No. 13; they simply feared to go too far and too fast. It is also possible that the people are better satisfied with the old-fashioned method of legislation than the radicals had supposed. No one has any right to complain of the results of this election. Those who were so clamorous for No. 2 and No. 13 because they wanted the people to have a chance to settle things for themselves ought not to object when the people have expressed themselves. The proponents of No. 13 say that it was killed by the politicians, but they overlook the fact that almost every man in active political life had espoused it. No; the politicians did not kill it, unless the people were afraid of it because the politicians were all for it. The people do not always follow where politicians lead, and politicians often mistake the sound of their own voices for the voice of the people. When the people understand they rule righteously. Arkansas may feel justly proud of the record made in this election. Is there any significance in the fact that the vote for No. 2 and the vote for Amendment No. 13 are almost identical?

HABIT, HEAVEN, HELL.

We are so constituted that by repeating processes and acts their recurrence becomes natural and easy. When they have become fixed we call them habits. Good habits are marvelously helpful. By them we may unconsciously make many movements which are useful and necessary and our attention may be directed to other things. Such habits hold us on our way to heaven. Bad habits may also be formed, and by their force and persistency they almost compel us to turn from the good and walk in evil ways. Such habits draw us almost irresistibly down to hell. Any habit can be broken by the exercise of the will reinforced by the help of the Holy Spirit. Youth cannot be too careful in the formation of habits. Holy habits help humanity toward heaven; but hostile habits have head and heart in hold for hell.

Government of the people, by the politicians, for the grafter, will some day perish from the earth.

Prosperity increases seeming friends, but tests true friendship.

Instead of being annual, thanksgiving should be perennial.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Bishop Matt. S. Hughes has a throat affection which prevents him from preaching.

Rev. S. C. Stone, once a member of Little Rock Conference and stationed at Malvern, died at Belen, Miss., September 26.

Rev. Edward Forrest of Beebe warns his brethren against a man who is getting up a church calendar. His scheme is fraudulent.

On the constitutional amendment for admitting laymen to annual conferences the Central Texas Conference voted, 8 for and 176 against it.

The schools of the Virginia Conference report grounds, buildings and equipment valued at \$1,078,129; endowment, \$805,510; teachers, 170; students, 1,794.

The Virginia Conference reports a net gain in membership of 3,045 for the year just closed. The total is ninety-one local preachers and 126,935 members.

Resolutions declaring in favor of Methodist unification were adopted by the Virginia, Upper South Carolina and North Georgia Conferences at their recent sessions.

While attending Grand Lodge last week Mr. G. M. North of Lamar paid our office a pleasant visit. He reports church and other conditions generally good in his vicinity.

Dr. John M. Moore, Home Mission Secretary, announces that the annual meeting of the Methodist Evangelists' Association will be held in Memphis, Tenn., December 19 and 20.

Detroit is not only the largest city in a state which has voted for prohibition, but it ranks fourth among all American cities in the value of its manufactured output.—Ex.

Rev. R. L. Armour, who transferred to New Mexico Conference, writes from Toyah, Texas, that he has started well. His congregations are increasing and he expects a successful year.

Dr. B. A. Few, presiding elder of Arkadelphia, is using a convenient blank form to secure reports from his preachers. It will enable him to know exact conditions at the close of the year.

Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., a well-known member of the Virginia Conference, has been appointed Commissioner for Emory University, in the territory of the Virginia Conference.

Bishop J. H. McCoy won all hearts by his great presidency of the Conference. Whether in the pulpit or in the chair, he is a veritable master. All Texas loves him.—Texas Christian Advocate.

Rev. J. P. Wheeler of Van Buren Circuit and his son, Rev. H. L. Wheeler, of Plumerville, called last Monday on their way to Conference at Searcy. Both make good reports, but Brother Wheeler of

Plumerville has had an unusually fine year. Everything is paid in full, and he collected every dollar due on Arkansas Methodist subscriptions.

Wednesday night of last week Dr. P. C. Fletcher and the official board of First Church, Texarkana, gave a beautiful reception to the 162 new members who had been received during the year.

Last Friday Rev. C. R. Mann of Oak Hill Circuit called. He is closing his second year on this large circuit of twelve appointments and hopes to make one of the best reports ever made from that charge.

Last Friday about 100 Hendrix College students on a special train visited Galloway College at Searcy. They were royally received and entertained by President Williams and his faculty and students.

Going to Conference, Rev. G. B. Griffin of Springfield Circuit, in company with his son, who lives in our city, called last Monday. He is in good health and spirits and reports excellent conditions in his charge.

Any minister who wishes to observe December 10 in the interest of the prevention of tuberculosis may obtain literature explaining the subject by writing to Dr. T. B. Bradford, Field Secretary, Cotton Plant, Ark.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, of Hendrix College, represented our General Board of Education at East Oklahoma Conference, at Muskogee, Okla., last week, and was invited to make the principal educational address of the occasion.

On his way to Conference last Monday Rev. W. F. Lasiter, accompanied by Mrs. Lasiter, called at our office. He has closed his quadrennium on Austin Circuit with full collections, and leaves a membership of nearly 1,000 on this fine old circuit.

Col. E. H. Vance of Malvern suggests that our victory in defeating Act No. 2 should be annually celebrated by schools, churches, and by the people in their homes, and he proposes the first Sunday in January as the day. Let the Conferences consider the suggestion.

The statistics of the Southern Presbyterian Church show that it has been greatly blessed this year; 21,804 were added on profession of faith, the largest number ever reported in any one year. The church now has a membership of 348,200, an increase of 1,500 over last year.—Ex.

Prohibition in Missouri came up to St. Louis with 14,000 majority. The city, however, gave 111,500 against it. Six years ago, when a prohibition amendment was voted upon, it lost in the state outside of St. Louis by 92,000. The St. Louis vote brought this adverse majority to about 200,000.—Ex.

Last Friday Rev. F. N. Brewer of De Queen called. He had just been chosen for the twenty-first time chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Masons, a very remarkable record for a man of his age. His work at De Queen has been very satisfactory, and he is closing one of the best years of his life, and is in fine spirits.

The following Memphis Conference appointments are of interest to Arkansas readers: Friendship Circuit, R. H. Pigue; Bemis, W. E. Sewell; Madison Heights, Memphis, T. E. Sharp; Clinton, J. M. Jenkins, Jr.; Fountain Avenue, Paducah, Geo. J. Evans; McKenzie, W. P. Hamilton; Murray, H. W. Brooks.

A father writes to the Congregationalist in regard to a church for his son to attend. The son wants one where religion is the sole topic, for he gets all the literary things he wants at the university, and all the civic things he wants at the clubs. There is a lesson for some preachers in what that son says.—Ex.

The promptness with which Senator Vardaman threw himself into the campaign to prevent the repeal of the recently enacted anti-liquor laws in Mississippi was much appreciated by the prohibitionists of that State, though the Supreme Court finally interfered with the holding of the election.—N. O. Christian Advocate.

The November Bulletin of the Board of Education classifies the schools of our Church as follows: Two universities, sixteen A-grade colleges, eleven B-grade colleges, twenty-six junior colleges and C-grade colleges, thirty-one academies, and four missionary training schools. For all of these

schools the properties are valued at \$15,008,196, and endowments amount to \$9,160,467. The number of students enrolled during the past session was 19,649.

The Pine Bluff Commercial comments on the fine spiritual and financial condition of First Church under the ministry of Rev. E. R. Steel, and expresses regret that Rev. J. A. Sage, having served as presiding elder four years, can not return. He received at the fourth quarterly conference of First Church a fountain pen as a token of appreciation.

Columbia University is undercapitalized to the extent of \$30,000,000, according to the annual report of President Nicholas Murray Butler, made public November 12. This large amount must be added to the resources of the university, before the trustees can solve the numerous problems of education and public service now pressing upon them.—Ex.

Billy Sunday is now preaching in Boston. Elsewhere Unitarians had scorned him. There in their intellectual stronghold he was invited to address the Unitarian ministers in their own church. He accepted, and like a gentleman did not mention Unitarianism, but frankly stated his own belief and won rounds of applause. He also preached to the greatest body of college students ever gathered for religious purposes.

If you want to understand Brazil, the great republic of South America, send 25 cents for the December number of the South American, New York City. It is profusely illustrated with Brazilian scenes and portraits of prominent citizens of the republic, and contains a series of masterful articles by representative men of affairs. This issue presents the latest and most authentic facts concerning Brazil written by the ablest and best informed authorities.

Some Central Texas Conference appointments of special interest to our readers: Brownwood District, S. G. Thompson; Winchell, Frank Huguen; Cross Cut, R. L. Reese; Gordon, K. S. Vanzandt; Main Street, Cleburne, A. D. Porter; Venus, J. W. Head; Corsicana, Eleventh Avenue, W. J. Hearon; Frost, R. A. Crosby; Harmony, N. E. Gardner; Ft. Worth District, J. R. Nelson; Dean of Theological Department S. M. U., H. M. Dobbs; Gatesville, Alonzo Monk, Jr.; Italy, Franklin Moore; Newcastle, Seba Kirkpatrick; transferred to North Texas, junior preacher at First Church, Dallas, J. A. Siceloff.

The Texas Christian Advocate makes the following kindly reference to the visit of the editor of this paper to the Central Texas Conference; "Dr. A. C. Millar, editor Arkansas Methodist, made a great speech in behalf of the Texas Christian Advocate. His visit to the Conference was enjoyed immensely. Dr. Millar taught in Dallas years ago and barely missed being a Texan. Texas is loser and Arkansas is winner. He is a commanding figure in Arkansas and everywhere, whether as college president or editor, he has served the church faithfully and well. Come again, Dr. Millar, your visit refreshed us."

One of the organs of the liquor traffic, Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular for October, said: "If Prohibition makes no gains in the election next month, it will be a safe augury that the flood-tide of Prohibition has been reached. If Arkansas should reject Prohibition, it would, we believe, break the backbone of the Prohibition movement." The advocates of Act No. 2 claimed that it was not a liquor measure, simply a "local self-government" law, but this liquor journal considered it an attack on prohibition, and such an attack that its success "would break the backbone of the prohibition movement." It is not strange that the liquor interests were willing to spend much money to carry Act No. 2.

The Rockefeller money is to provide Chicago with the most richly endowed and fully equipped medical school and hospital in the world is announced by the General Education Board. The school and hospital will start with nearly \$8,000,000. The institution is to be an extension of the University of Chicago, to which Rockefeller already has given \$35,000,000, and it is to have two features which mark what the oil king and his advisers have said is an essential feature of the medical school of the future. First, a staff of physicians and surgeons of the highest standing, who will give their entire time to teaching, care of the



Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, D. D., of Dallas, Texas, President of North Arkansas Conference.

sick in the hospital and research work. Second, a post graduate medical school where professional men can get the learning and experience they now go to Europe to acquire.—Ex.

O. G. Baxter, Senior Drainage Engineer, with the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering, U. S. Department of Agriculture, recently announced that he is willing to help the farmers of the State by furnishing plans and holding demonstrations for drainage work on tracts of land, regardless of size. The work undertaken, up to this time, has been largely district ditch work. Now the individual farmer is given the opportunity to get personal and expert advice on how to drain the wet spots on the farm. For this work a staff of assistants have been assigned to co-operate with the Extension forces of the University of Arkansas and it is hoped that every one who is interested in drainage work will get in touch with Mr. Baxter by writing him at the old state house, Little Rock, or by consulting the county agent.

HENDRIX ENDOWMENT.

No cause could be more worthy than the campaign for \$400,000 for Hendrix College.

First, Because we are leaders in educational matters in Arkansas.

Second, Because our two Conferences in the State have unanimously endorsed the movement.

Third, Because the need could not be more pressing.

Fourth, because other States in which our church dominates have done and are doing even greater things than we are endeavoring to do.

Fifth, Because the high character of work done at Hendrix has caught the General Board in New York, and in consequence they start us with \$100,000.

Sixth, because our preachers are real leaders and not blown about by every little thing. We are committed to the one great thing to be done by Arkansas Methodism.

Seventh, because our pastors have been and are creating the biggest interest among our constituency ever seen or felt in the State.

Eighth, because there are times in the world which call men away from personal and local interests. There are periods that compel them to think together of fundamental things. Surely the present is such a time. We are confronted by an insistent need for comprehending fundamentals.

Underneath all else, local affairs, past history, etc., is the question of our church integrity and the means that is necessary to employ to insure the continuance of that integrity. In a word, I believe the greatest need of the day and a need so fundamental as to make other matters inconsequential in comparison is the need of unequivocal unity and oneness of purpose in our educational movements in Arkansas. We must save our main college right now. We have one year and six months to do it in. Failure ruins us everywhere. If we do

OUR CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS.

Bishops Mouzon and McCoy are presiding over our Conferences at Searcy and Malvern this week. They are the youngest of our Bishops. In the vigor of physical, intellectual, and spiritual manhood they come to us. They are cultured, masters of assemblies, fair-minded, judicious, democratic, full of sympathy, ready for service. Having had the presidency of Bishop McCoy for two years, 1910-11, Little Rock Conference welcomes him again and feels safe under his administration. Knowing his reputation for impartiality and conscientious attention to all details, North Arkansas welcomes Bishop Mouzon and expects helpful guidance. Good men, true and tried; they will co-operate to lead us into larger things. May they come with the spirit of Saint Paul who wrote: "And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF BISHOP ALPHEUS W. WILSON.

The connectional officers who were in Nashville on November 21 met in the assembly room of the Publishing House at 11:30 a. m. of that day and adopted the following resolutions:

"As connectional officers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who have assembled in memory of the death of our beloved Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, who died this morning, we earnestly declare with chastened feelings:

"1. That the death of this aged and honored servant of the Church is to all of us an official and personal bereavement.

"2. That while our hearts are bowed in sadness, we take great comfort in the thought that Bishop Wilson was so long spared to us and his Church, and that he has truly 'come to his grave in a full age like a shock of corn cometh in its season.

"3. That we shall treasure the memory of his loyal Christian service and lofty and unsullied life so long as we may live, and that in this memory we shall find inspiration and strength.

"4. That our deepest sympathy for his daughters and other bereaved ones is hereby expressed, with the earnest prayer that the blessings of the Comforter may be vouchsafed in richest measure unto them.

"5. That it is the sense of this meeting that Drs. J. M. Moore, E. H. Rawlings, and T. N. Ivey be appointed to represent this body at the funeral.—A. J. Lamar; T. N. Ivey, Secretary."

not raise \$400,000 for Hendrix College, the State will run us out of educational business. The Methodist constituency will not submit to it. We will, by God's help, succeed. Yet it is all at last with us preachers. Will we acquit ourselves like statesmen? Watch us and see. "On to \$400,000" is our motto.—James Thomas, Agent Hendrix College.

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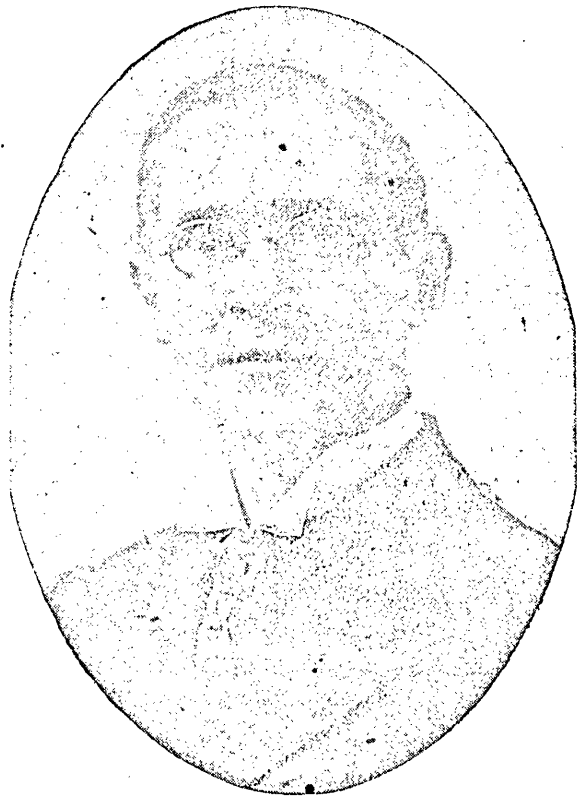
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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Divine Immanence; by Francis J. McConnell; published by the Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati; price 75 cents.

Although written some ten years ago this book by Bishop McConnell is fresh and timely for present reading. He calls it an essay and says that it deals with some popular misunderstandings of



Bishop James H. McCoy, D. D., of Birmingham, Alabama, President of Little Rock Conference.

the doctrine of divine immanence and that much of the thought was suggested by the study of the philosophy of Dr. Borden P. Bowne. The author says: "It is the purpose of this essay to re-enforce, in terms of current thinking, the age-old thought that in Christianity, not merely in the creed of Christianity, at any one time, but in the general view of God and man which comes with Christianity and in the spirit which vital Christianity breathes, we have given us a diviner nearness, a deeper immanence, than merely scientific and philosophical labor can establish, though the lower nearness may be gloriously preparatory and introductory to the higher. In this distinction between the two kinds of nearness, simple and obvious as it is, we have something which may help us to keep our bearings in the many currents and cross-currents of modern theological thinking." For directness, simplicity, and clarity of thought in dealing with a profound subject Bishop McConnell excels.

Roman Catholicism Analyzed: A Dispassionate Examination of Romish Claims; by J. A. Phillips, Missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Mexico; Introduction by Wm. Burt, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church; published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago; price \$1.50.

Bishop Burt says: "This is the book which we have been wanting for some time. Hundreds of people have asked us recently, 'Do you know of any book that will give us in condensed form and without passion of controversy what we ought to know about this Roman problem?' Some of these people, in their eagerness to know, have ransacked the public libraries, have applied to book stores and to publishing houses, but to little or no purpose, because the desired books could not be found. Some of the books and papers available were so violent in their language that many people were afraid to read them." * * * "This book, together with its valuable Appendix, will be a veritable arsenal for those who wish to speak or write on Romanism. Here are the documents and definite sayings of the Roman Catholic authorities. Many of these quotations are from books and documents which are not easy for all of us to obtain." * * * "It is very evident that the Romish Church is not what she claims to be in Unity, Sanctity, Catholicity, or Apostolicity. The unreliability of the Church as a teacher is demonstrated by many historical references. Very valuable is the comparison between the Protestant Bible and that of Roman Catholic origin, and with the Apocrypha. The case of Galileo is admirably stated as it relates to fallible and infallible authority. The whole setting forth of the Sacraments, Penance and Indulgences will enlighten people as to their real significance." * * * "The book will commend itself to all true patriots. It is timely, and we believe that its wide circulation will accomplish much good."

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The world is full of loveliness!
Through all the happy days
The drops of dew, the skies of blue,
Are singing psalms of praise.

The world is full of joyousness!
Though many a heart be sad,
The birds of joy would grief destroy,
And all the fields are glad.

May comes with all the warbled notes
From throats that burst with song;
The rainbows bend athwart the skies,
In gladness deep and strong.

Hope bursts the prison-doors of
spring,
And life and joy come forth,
And radiant rapture walks abroad
O'er all the waiting earth.

And summer? O the wealth of love,
That from yon Heaven pours—
What wonder that the sunlit bird
Still warbles as he goes!

And autumn, with its barns all full
Of fruit and everything,
Baffles the power of human song,
Or voice of bird a'wing.

The winter, full of purity,
Of sparkle and of light,
Dazzles with all its loveliness
Of sunbeams gleaming bright.

O, brother! brother! life is glad
As, neath the skies above,
We joy in all the wealth of things
Poured by the Hand of Love.

My happy heart is beating hard
As, o'er the hills away,
On autumn winds the joy unbinds
This glad Thanksgiving Day.

—B. F. Sours.

Mechanicsburg, Pa.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us and the nation.

The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us, as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness our thoughts dwelt with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and of the peoples upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking of their pitiful distress.

Now therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth of November, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure.

And I also urge and suggest our duty in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings.

Our people could in no better way show their real attitude towards the present struggle of the nations than by

contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President,

Robert Lansing, Secretary of State.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE PROGRAM.

The Legislative Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America met in Washington, D. C., following the recent election, to receive reports, review results, and to determine a course of action for the immediate future. The committee consists of Rev. James Cannon, Jr., D. D., of Vir-

after ten months' experience under statutory prohibition. Utah and Florida have elected legislatures and governors pledged to statewide prohibition. Washington, Colorado, Arizona and Arkansas have defeated attempts of the liquor people to secure the adoptions of proposals which would have crippled their prohibitory laws, and Oregon not only did this, but greatly strengthened her law. Thus, twenty-five states out of forty-eight—over half the states in the Union—have now adopted or declared for statewide prohibition, and over 60 per cent of the population and over 85 per cent of the area of the country are now under prohibition law.

In less than two years just past prohibition laws have gone into effect in states having a population of twelve millions. The four states which have just voted dry have a population of more than five millions. The patriotic citizens of the Nation are "laying judgment to the line and

justice to the people who are making an heroic and efficient, though handicapped, effort to destroy the Nation's greatest evil.

District of Columbia Prohibition.—The Nation's capital should be the model city of the world and should express the highest and best governmental policy in promoting human welfare. To allow it to remain, in its moral standards, below the average of the Nation, would be inexcusable and disgraceful. More than half the states and a majority of the people have adopted prohibition as their governmental policy. The capital of the Nation, governed by the representatives of the people, should be dry. Congress should pass at once the District of Columbia Prohibition Bill.

Anti-Liquor Advertisements.—It is but common justice that prohibition territory should not be handicapped in the enforcement of prohibitory law. It is highly important that the National government shall not aid and abet the liquor traffic in its defiance of law. The Federal government should forbid liquor makers and dealers to use the United States mails to advertise their outlawed liquors in dry territory. With all dispatch, Congress should pass the bill forbidding the use of the mails for advertising purposes in all states in which the laws of the states prohibit such advertising.

Prohibition for Hawaii.—The native people of Hawaii have suffered, and are suffering greatly at the hands of the greedy and conscienceless liquor traffic of America. Their appeal for deliverance is strong and pathetic. Congress should, without delay, pass a prohibition law for the Hawaiian Islands.

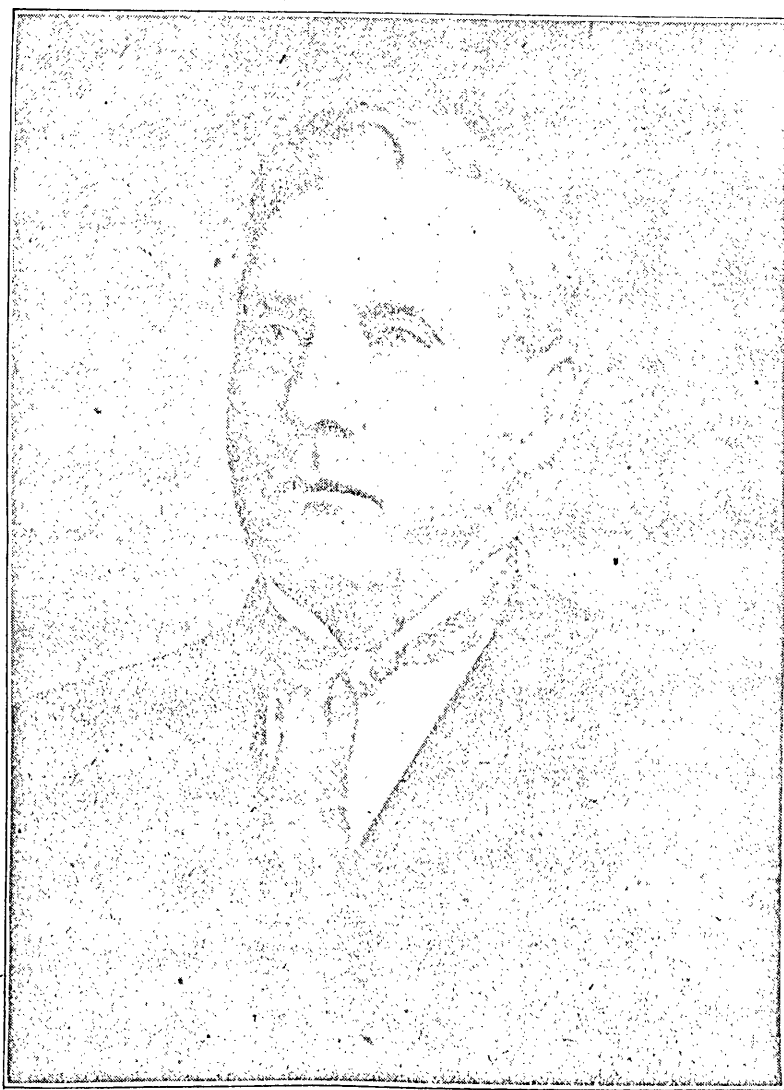
Additional Legislation.—There is other legislation pending before Congress to divorce the Federal government from the beverage liquor traffic which deserves early and favorable consideration.

The Call.—Every recruit against the liquor traffic and every battle won hastens the day of America's freedom from the Nation's greatest curse. The Anti-Saloon League of America, through its legislative committee, appeals to every patriot to join the forces now mobilizing, close ranks, and move forward to these immediately impending battles with the Nation's most lawless and most destructive foe.

REJOICING WITH ARKANSAS.

I have just finished reading the last issue of the Arkansas Methodist, and I can not refrain from writing you and the good people of Arkansas a word of congratulation for your great success at the late election. The vicious attempt to impede the progress of prohibition in your fair State deserved just what you gave it. Again I congratulate you on the large contribution that you have made toward the ultimate success and final triumph of prohibition in the United States. Now, if the State will preserve her reputation for law enforcement, your victory will be complete.

I am reminded of a great temperance speech made by Dr. A. R. Winfield before the Arkansas Legislature, just after the Brooks and Baxter trouble, in which both were contending for the governorship. It was an inspiring occasion. The hall was well filled with the best people of Little Rock. The Doctor was escorted to the platform by the speaker of the House. For thirty minutes I never heard such a flow of eloquence in my life. He indicted the liquor traffic



Rev. J. W. Harrell, Pastor of Malvern Methodist Church and Host of the Little Rock Conference.

ginia, chairman; Rev. A. J. Barton, D. D., of Texas, Mr. Wayne B. Wheeler of Ohio, general counsel, and Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie of Washington, D. C., legislative superintendent. The committee was highly gratified at the results of the election and is hopeful as to securing important legislation by Congress at the approaching short session.

At the close of its meeting the committee authorized the following:

Prohibition has taken another great leap forward. We congratulate our prohibition forces throughout the country, thank God, take courage, and call upon the new spirit of America to press the battle.

Michigan has voted for statewide prohibition by 65,000 majority, Nebraska by 35,000, Montana by 20,000, South Dakota by 25,000 and Alaska by a large majority. Idaho has adopted a prohibition constitutional amendment by a majority of three to one,

righteousness to the plummet." The liquor traffic is doomed to speedy destruction.

After full and careful consideration of the whole situation, we are convinced that in the immediate future the following program is paramount and possible:

The Submission of a National Prohibition Amendment.—With twenty-five states having declared for prohibition, with more than 60 per cent of the population of the United States living in dry territory, Congress can not longer deny the American people their sacred constitutional right of passing upon the question of amending their constitution in the manner which it provides. Congress should, at this approaching short session, pass the resolution to submit the amendment for national prohibition. Longer delay would be disloyalty to the principles of the government which Congress serves, and gross in-

hard. His appeal to the men of Arkansas was overwhelming, and strong men wept as he spoke to them of home, humanity, and native land. His final appeal was to women in the galleries. "Wives, mothers and daughters, lift your white hands and cry to God in prayer and victory will come in a few years." I rejoice with you that it has come.—Z. T. McCann.
12 West Jackson Ave., Webster Grove, Mo.

A DEPLORABLE SITUATION.

Let us build for our sons and daughters. Arkansas is a great state. Two to one of the voters of the state have declared by their ballot that they do not want liquor sold anywhere in the state. We never before elected better officers, both county and state, than were elected on November 7. We have a general prosperity that we never knew before. Money is plentiful. God's smiles and sunshine are lavished upon us. We are many times blessed.

Our sons and daughters are jewels to be proud of. They take high rank in the nation. Pure Anglo-Saxon blood flows through their veins. Our sons are as gallant as the young Lochinvar of Sir Walter Scott, while our daughters are as beautiful as Helen of Troy. Many of our homes are magnificent in beauty and in comfort. Our Grammar and High Schools are improving every day. Commanding buildings crown some prominent place in every town and country community, and these are the school buildings. More than ever before our youth are taking the high school courses; and more than ever before they are going away to college. But they are going from these well equipped high schools out of these beautiful homes. They will expect something at least equal to what they have had. These noble sons and daughters are going somewhere to get a college education.

Much depends on where they go. The college puts a finishing touch on character. For good or bad they are sent from the college walls. They go into the pulpits, the law offices, the counting rooms, the factories, the farms, etc., and they make the homes. During these college days they need a church influence. We believe that the church can and ought to assist in the education of these young lives, both for their good and the good of the world. It is clearly demonstrated that more and better church workers come out of church schools than from any other. Let the church cease to educate and it is doomed. If the church educates, it must have its own schools; and if the church has its own schools it must have schools that will rank with the best. We can not expect to hold these aspiring sons and daughters in inferior schools. Sentiment will not hold them. We must

Can You Write a Letter Like This?

Mrs. Theo. Kuker, Florence, S. C., writes us under date of August 29, 1915, as follows: "I have ordered 'RENEWAR' for several people and many others come to me for the name and address. As my recovery has been so wonderful I am happy to recommend such a sure remedy. It has never failed to relieve those who used it." This is only one of such letters received by us almost every day. You, too, can be well, if you will. "Renwar" relieves rheumatism by removing the cause, uric acid, from the blood. For sale by all druggists, 50c. per bottle, or sent postpaid on receipt of price if your druggist cannot supply you. WARNER DRUG CO., Nashville, Tenn.

give them the schools and the equipment or they will go from us.

A Deplorable Situation.—For four summers for a few weeks each, I have canvassed for our colleges, enter students for the following year. I have talked to a thousand boys and girls as well as to their parents. They all want the best. They want to know about the equipment, the comforts, conveniences and opportunities. They want to learn to do something under the most favorable circumstances. They have catalogs from a dozen other colleges. They have talked to friends who have attended the different colleges. They know a surprising lot about the schools in the state and out of the state. They have told their parents so many things about schools and colleges that they did not know before, that father and mother have about decided that the child knows the best place and will let him select largely his own school. They nearly all desire to room in the dormitory, and that it is the best place for them, for there they are in close touch with college life. But we have not a room left in the dormitory. As I started on my canvass for students for Hendrix and Galloway last summer, there were but

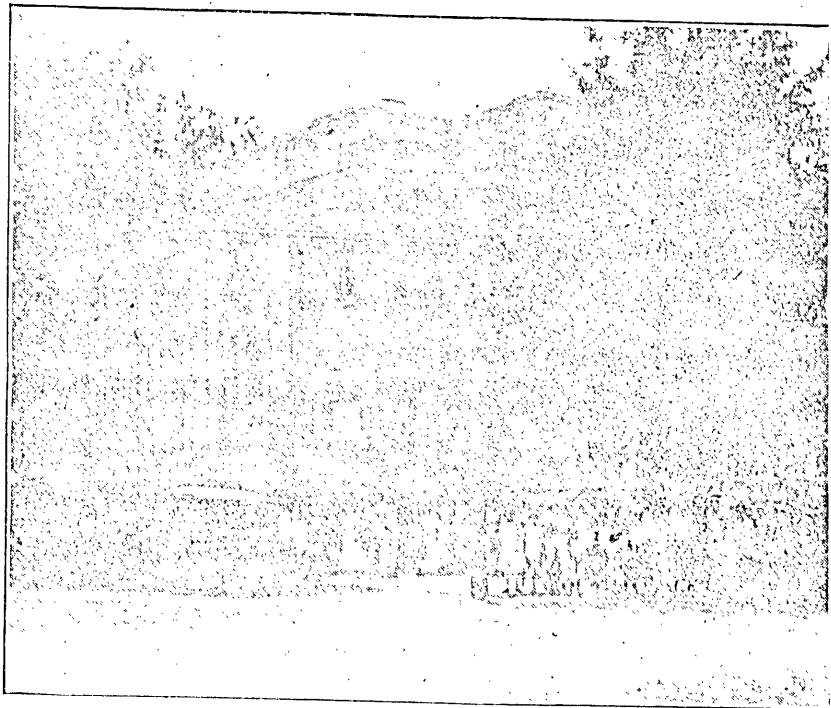
in the great eternity. That which one gives away he saves, but that which one keeps he loses.

We lost many fine young men last summer because we did not have a dormitory sufficiently large to house them in. In the few counties I canvassed we lost twenty boys because we could not give them what they wanted in college. Who will respond: "Here am I, use me and my money?"

Then when we had secured all the young ladies for Galloway College, we had to turn twenty or thirty away for the want of room. Will Arkansas Methodism allow these things? I do not believe we will.—J. J. Galloway.

THE SPIRIT OF SARATOGA.

I have before me a stenographic report of the Saratoga General Conference with regard to unification, covering the report of the Committee of Sixty, the explanatory remarks of the chairman, Dr. John F. Goucher, in presenting it, and the adoption of the report by the Conference. I have read and reread the record, to get at both the action of the Conference, and, as far as possible, its spirit. Each is a matter of deep concern, in the light of possible union. Some of the ques-



Methodist Church at Malvern, Where the Little Rock Conference Meets this week.

about three dormitory rooms to be had at Hendrix unless some fellow canceled his room engagement. I thought it was an unfortunate situation for a great church college of a great church, filled with many good people. Many of these good church members are wealthy, and most of them have plenty and to spare. And yet there is not room in the inn for our sons and daughters. We must find a place out in town for them, if we can under these circumstances get them to our school at all. What is the matter with us? Why do we not provide better for our church colleges. The General Board of Education thinks more of us than we think of ourselves, for they are shaking \$100,000 at us and daring us accept it by placing some of our money by it. May God help us to provide for our sons and daughters.

Of all things Hendrix College needs it is a dormitory. We talked last summer of trying to build a system of tents or sheds for the boys, but that would not do. We need a dormitory. I have wondered again and again why some of our well-to-do church members or friends do not build a dormitory for Hendrix. Build it if they like and give it the family name. Whoever will do that will save that much money

tions that most concern us are these:

- 1) Is the plan adopted at Saratoga contradictory to that adopted at Oklahoma City (2) Does the Saratoga plan threaten that Southern Methodism is to be absorbed, or does it safeguard the rights of the minority? To what extent, if at all, does it provide for local self-government on the part of our Church? (3) Does it propose an absolute General Conference, responsible to nobody? (4) Does it raise the race issue in a way offensive to the South? (5) Was the Saratoga plan put forth as a finality, an "irreducible minimum"; or did the Conference expect and provide for concession and modification? The record itself is the best answer to all these questions.

Are the Plans Contradictory? Both Conferences approved the plan submitted by the Joint Commission on Federation, "as containing the basic principles of a genuine unification * * * by the method of reorganization." Each declared that it "regards unification by the plan proposed as feasible and desirable," and that it was "in favor of unification in accordance with this general plan of reorganization." Such was the positive action of both General Conferences,

couched in identical words. Not only so, but that was the **only positive action of either Conference** on the subject. Each indeed offered one or more recommendations as to method, but **recommendations only**, offered not as ultimata, but merely as suggestions to the Joint Commission that is finally to work out the details. In so far as positive action goes there was agreement, exact, even verbal. Only in the realm of the tentative, the debatable, did there appear any divergence whatever.

2. As To Possible Absorption. Does the Saratoga plan threaten that Southern Methodism is to be absorbed? To what extent, if at all, does it provide for local self-government? On this point the two General Conferences so far as I can see were in exact agreement. Each specifically approved the Joint Commission plan providing for local selfgovernment in each section of reunited Methodism, by means of Quadrennial or Jurisdictional Conferences, which shall have "full legislative power over distinctively local affairs." In neither Conference was a vote registered against that plan, or a question raised as to its adequacy. It need not be said that our own General Conference would not have given its unanimous approval to the plan had it not felt sure beyond all doubt that the rights and interests of the several sections of the unified Church would be fully protected. The spirit and purpose of the plan were fully set forth by the chairman of the Saratoga Committee of Sixty when presenting it: "It shall be a federated union," he said, "following the governmental organization of the United States. While this federal union provides for all necessary authority by the centralization of power in one General Conference, it also protects all interests of every kind incident to every locality and environment, by providing for Quadrennial Conferences. * * * The recommendation * * * is simply the recognition of a tendency and a practical demand for larger local government. * * * New England cannot legislate for California, nor could Michigan legislate for Texas. There are local conditions which require special legislation." What better plan can you conceive of for safe-guarding local self-government and protecting a minority body from absorption? Who could ask a more liberal interpretation of the spirit and intent of that plan than is embodied in the above interpretation? What more could be conceded without destroying absolutely the idea of unification, and substituting therefor an empty pretense—a loose federation, little if any better than what we already have?

3. The "Supreme" General Conference. Objection has been made to the idea of a "supreme" General Conference, as suggested at Saratoga, on the ground that it embodies dangerous possibilities of absolutism and ir-

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responsibility. But what other kind of General Conference could there be? Is not our own General Conference "supreme?" We have always supposed so. But "supreme" does not mean absolute, irresponsible. The plan approved by both Churches specifically states that the General Conference shall be "under constitutional provisions and restrictions." What these shall be is of course, a matter which "the two Churches must determine" through the Joint Commission, as was clearly set forth and understood at Saratoga. In the determining body our own representatives will have every opportunity to present and stand for whatever "restrictions" they may think necessary. Here is provision for the adoption of every needed safeguard against the danger of any absolute, irresponsible General Conference. Again, what more could one ask?

4. **The Race Issue.** Does the Saratoga plan raise the race issue in any way offensive to the South? Let us see. The Joint Commission on Federation suggested that the colored Methodists desiring to go into the union be constituted one of the Quadrennial Conferences. The Oklahoma City Conference recommended instead that colored Methodism be not admitted into the union, but be related to it only in a fraternal way. The Saratoga Conference stood by the action of the Joint Commission, expressing the opinion that "the colored membership of the reorganized Church (should) be constituted into one or more Quadrennial or Jurisdictional Conferences." Remember, however, that neither Oklahoma City nor Saratoga assumed to act with finality on this question; both left it open for further consideration and future determination, each only recommending its own view. Both views will have mature consideration and equal chances in the final adjustment.

But suppose the Saratoga suggestion on this point should prevail, would the result be offensive to Southern Methodism? The colored membership being set off in a separate Jurisdictional Conference, looking after its own local affairs and not interfering with ours, related to all the rest of Methodism only through representation in the General Conference, what reasonable objection could there be to the plan?

Here is the conception that the Saratoga Conference had of the plan, as quoted from the official record: "This means that the colored Methodists shall face and study their own problems; that they may have their own episcopal supervision within their area; that they may be recognized as an entity, but also as constituting a part of world Methodism." Frankly I am unable to see any trace of danger in the plan, even as interpreted by our Northern brethren.

Remember again, please, that on this point the Saratoga Conference did not set forth a plan of its own, but only approved that recommended

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by the Joint Commission. Our Church had full and capable representation on that commission, nine picked men, including three of our Bishops. They did a full share, we may be sure, in shaping its report. We may be sure, too, that they did not act hastily, unadvisedly, or without due regard for the interests of our own Church. We have no reason to suppose that a single man of them saw anything objectionable in the proposal to organize colored Methodists into one of the distinct Jurisdictional Conferences of a nation-wide Methodism. Why should we get excited over the possibility of a plan formulated and approved by our own Commissioners?

5. **"The Irreducible Minimum."** It has been stated that there is small reason to hope for any concessions on the part of the Northern Church—that the Saratoga recommendations were offered as a finality—an "irreducible minimum", as it were. But what, exactly, was the action of that Conference on this point, and what its spirit? Here is the official action: "So sincerely do we believe that the union of the two Episcopal Methodisms is the will of God, and so earnestly and devoutly do we desire that these two Churches may be one, that we hereby authorize and instruct the Commissioners of the M. E. Church to conduct the negotiations in a generous and brotherly spirit." Generous and brotherly—that means liberal, open-handed, magnanimous, unselfish, unsuspecting, kindly and considerate. What more could be desired?

The spirit of this action was fully set forth in the remarks of the chairman of the Committee. "Our reply," he said, "contains a series of recommendations. Everything is tentative. The method of statement used in this report may not be quite satisfactory to some members of this Conference, because, as I have heard it remarked, it is not definite enough, it is not specific enough, it is not detailed enough. But in the judgment of your Committee this is one of its chief excellences. The various propositions have been taken out of the dogmatic, the ultimatum class, and every one of them has been placed in the debatable area. We do not assume to approach our brethren with any hard and fast conditions which might stand in the way of conference and conciliation. * * * Everything in this report is intended to be in harmony with the manifest spirit of the proposition of the M. E. Church, South, and we believe the negotiations will continue so to the end."

The very last words spoken in explanation of the plan were these: "Mark you, nothing here proposed is final." Then, without discussion, the Conference rose in a body and adopted the report without a dissenting vote.

In Conclusion. The more I study the Saratoga action the more surely am I convinced that our overtures have been met fairly, openly, and in a spirit of brotherhood and conciliation. Our brothers of the North have instructed their Commissioners to treat with us "in a generous and brotherly spirit," being assured that the Saratoga recommendations are not offered as an ultimatum, but that "every one has been placed in the debatable area"—that the M. E. Church lays down no "hard and fast conditions which might stand in the way of conference and conciliation."

Surely, brethren, it is no time to talk of "an irreducible minimum," to reopen the sores of the sixties and

earlier, to stir up the hot blood of race prejudice, to insinuate insincerity and bad faith and sinister purposes, to raise issues that do not and may never exist, to prophecy the failure of a plan that both great Churches have approved and to the consummation of which they have pledged their earnest endeavor.

Surely, it is a time for prayer for God's unerring guidance and for the humble spirit of Christ, seeking only to know and to do the Father's will. It is a time for the opening of hearts, for the broadening of sympathies, for the expanding vision that sees the Kingdom in its larger aspects, for the rooting out of bitterness, for brotherhood and concession. God pity us if we meet in any other spirit the crisis now before us!—R. B. Eleazer.

Nashville, Tenn.

A NAME SUGGESTED.

Your articles on "Unification by Organization" have provoked much thought and wide discussion. Your inclination to follow the analogy of our Federal government appeals strongly, to the lawyer, as well as to all reasoning Methodists.

Let us apply analogy to the question of the name. Once our States were separate and independent governments, just as is the case now with the different Methodist Churches. When these states were unified under a federal constitution they were named the United States of America. Then why not name united Methodism the United Methodist Churches of America? The analogy is not limping; it is perfect.

Do you ask, why make it plural—churches? Because the churches are to unite—not the church. The idea of union involves the idea of more than one church. Under the banner of the United Methodist Churches of America all Methodist Churches in the New World would be constrained to unite with us sooner or later. An article should be added to the constitution of the United Methodist Churches providing that the General Conference may admit other Churches to this union.—C. M. B. Cox.

THE USES OF AFFLICTION.

Very sad words are those which the burial service has made familiar to our ears: "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not." In the buoyancy of our inexperienced youth, when the earth is a garden of delight to our eyes, and the heavens bend above us with appealing beauty, the significance of such language is beyond our comprehension. Reveling in health and strength, intoxicated with the joy of present existence, and looking forward with boundless hope to still better and happier conditions, we can not understand why any poet should sing the psalm of life in a minor key.

But advancing years insensibly alter the complexion of our views. As we grow older we learn to look upon all things through soberer eyes. With some men the process of disenchantment is more rapid than with others, but the case is rare in which one reaches the age of 50 without having suffered a heart-breaking sorrow of this sort or of that; the loss of fortune, the collapse of reputation, the alienation of trusted friends, the ingratitude of much-loved children, the keen anguish of a social disgrace, or

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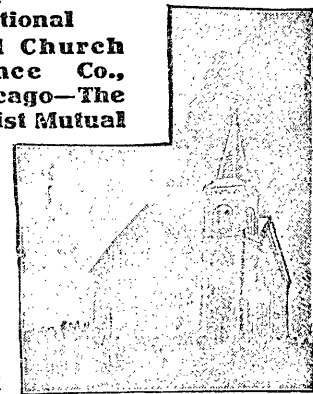
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the still bitterer woe of a great bereavement. It is scarcely too much to say that all life is tragedy, or at least has a tragical element in it. The most commonplace man that walks the streets, looking to all outward appearances as if he had never had a thought beyond what he should eat, or what he should drink, or wherewithal he should be clothed, may hold in his memory experiences almost as bitter as those out of which Shakespeare wrought "Hamlet," "King Lear" and "Macbeth." Suffering is the law of the world. There are no exemptions from it. Or at any rate, as a thoughtful friend once said to me: "Every man that is fit to carry a load has one to carry."

The man who believes that there is a moral order in the universe and that our human life is the scene of a probationary struggle, can not doubt that all these sufferings have a beneficent purpose hidden in them. Nor to such an one is it less a matter of certainty that this purpose is the development and perfecting of human character. The educative power of affliction is both distinctly taught in the Holy Scriptures and fully recognized by all thoughtful minds. "We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ; if so, be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together." In perfect harmony with this great utterance of St. Paul, is the prayer with which St. Peter closes his first Epistle: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us into eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, making you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you."

Now God may have some other way of perfecting His saints than the way of suffering, but if so, He has not disclosed it to us. The philosophy of the whole matter is contained in the exhortation of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him, for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He re-

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ceiveth." He is not a foolish or indulgent parent, allowing the sins and follies of His children to go unrebuked or unpunished. Though never in wrath, yet often in mercy, He lays the scorpion lash upon their backs, and brings them to their senses by the force of His severest strokes.

If it be said that this last statement has no application to those afflictions that come upon us through the instigation of Satan or the machinations of evil men, the answer is that even these things could not reach us but by the permission of God. Satan was unable to smite Job till the Lord had spoken the word of consent. What God allows, as well as what He directly inflicts, is not without some beneficent design. We may even venture to believe that it lies within the scope of providential wisdom to make our own blunders and follies, bitter as they are in their immediate consequences, to bear some fruits in the correction of our spiritual blindness and the chastening of our self-assertive wills.

On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that God's purpose in visiting us with sore trials, or in allowing them to come upon us, will be largely defeated unless we receive these trials in the right spirit. If we take them stubbornly and defiantly, bowing our necks to them simply because we cannot help ourselves, and at the same time registering an impious mental protest against them, nothing is more sure than that they will coarsen and harden the fiber of our moral nature, and dry up the fountain of all gracious and gentle tempers within us. "Our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," but they do this only "while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen," that is to say while we interpret all the events of our lives as means and appliances which God is using to make us "meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." They do us no good as long as we take the short and narrow view that is bounded by the horizon of time, and leaves out of consideration the sweep of the eternities that lie beyond.

To be more specific, there are at least three graces which afflictions, if rightly endured, never fail to produce:

1. Greater Confidence in God.—

When a good friend has stood by us in one trouble we know that he is not likely to desert us in another, and when God has helped us time and again to "run through a troop or leap over a wall," we learn to lean with perfect serenity of soul upon His promise that He will "never leave us nor forsake us." "Experience worketh hope." What Christian is there

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

My mother's people came to Arkansas in 1817. My mother was born in what is now Hempstead County, Arkansas, in 1819. I have been a Methodist itinerant preacher in the Little Rock Conference, M. E. Church, South, for nearly 48 years. I now offer my services as chaplain of the lower House of Representatives of the next Legislature.—A. D. Jenkins, Emmet, Ark.

that has not expressed his own assurance in the language of the Psalmist: "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. Yet the Lord will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life."

2. Increased Humility of Soul.—

The foolish confidence that goeth before a fall is often mortified by the painful consequences that follow after it. The most notable example of this fact that the Scriptures contain is found in the case of the Apostle Peter. On the night before the crucifixion he vaunted himself above the rest of the disciples: "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." In spite of this boastfulness, he the same night made a shameful denial of his Lord. But a few weeks later he was so much humbled by painful recollection of his cowardly weakness and unfaithfulness, so much bowed down by the keen remorse that he felt, that when called upon by the risen Lord on the shore of the lake to answer the direct question, "Lovest thou me more than these?" he did not dare to give a full affirmative answer nor to bring himself into comparison with his brethren, but ventured only so far as to say: "Thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love Thee."

3. A Deeper and More Intelligent Sympathy for Our Fellow-Men.—

Only those who have passed through the fire know how it burns. But the man who has any germ of nobleness in his nature cannot fail to feel a thrill of compassion for his brethren whom he sees borne down by the same distresses from which he himself has only lately emerged. I once heard a great-souled woman who in her measure had drunk the cup of Christ, and been baptized with His baptism, say with the emphasis of a deep emotion: "Hereafter I shall be more charitable to all God's creatures." There are many others that have learned the same lesson of gentleness in the same school of sorrow. How often does the hard face soften and the harsh voice grow gentle and the cold heart grow warm under the disciplinary tuition of our Father which is in heaven.—Bishop Hoss, in the Commercial Appeal.

AN ORGANIZED PRAYER MEETING.

I have felt impressed for a great while that we ought to do something to make the prayer meeting go, and I prayed over the matter very much as to how to get the young people to attend; and I said the Sunday school is organized, the League, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and the Christian Endeavor, the B. Y. P. U.—almost everything is organized; but the dear, old, precious prayer meeting is the only thing in the wide, wide world that is left to live or die, and in sympathy with the precious few that are faithful, I decided to organize our dearest old friend, so that, if possible, we might get the children and youngsters and old folks to attend to keep our little faithful few company; and you would be surprised to know what attendance we have had all the year. The older folks say they enjoy it because it makes them study the Scriptures; some of those that have joined are of other churches; some out of any church. We pay no attention to denominational lines; solicit everybody to join. I will give you our

rules. We have a president and vice president, secretary and treasurer, committee on charities. We call the roll; each one answers with a Scriptural quotation, usually. We have an opening exercise. I will here give it:

Song. (All standing with uplifted hands, repeating after the leader.)

1. We Adore Thee, Oh God. (With hands uplifted.)

2. Our Wills to do Thy Will. (Right hand motioning toward the body.)

3. Our Minds to Study Thy Word. (Right hand motioning toward the head.)

4. Our Ears to Hear Thy Commands. (Right hand touching the ear.)

5. Our Eyes to Read Thy Word. (Right Hand Touching the eye.)

6. Our Mouths to Speak for Thee. (Right hand touching the mouth.)

7. Our Heart and Soul Thy Home. (Both hands smiting the breast, crossed.)

8. Our Hands to Work for Thee. (Hand uplifted, clasped, slight motion.)

9. Our Feet to Follow Jesus. (Proceeding half step.)

10. Our All for Thee, Oh God. (Both hands uplifted.)

Then kneel for prayer. Song, roll called, minutes read, song, prayer, reading by one of the three that were selected the previous week to discuss some Scriptural character. Suppose we take Adam. One has his creation, the other his fall, the third his life and the manner of death; then a song, then the other reads her preparation; song, then the third; then a solo, then prayer, then experiences five minutes, then song and collection, then distribution of the program for the next week, then close with the same as the opening exercise, standing; then song and benediction.

We have had sometimes fifty or seventy-five at the prayer meeting in this little town on Wednesday night, and Tomberlin is not very noted for attending prayer meeting. The prayer meeting has gotten up money to place two drive gates to the cemetery at Tomberlin. I pray that this, the only organized prayer meeting in the world, may be multiplied by the tens of thousands.

You would be surprised at the interest it will create among the people in the town or community. Try it, and let the world know what an impetus it will give your prayer meeting. And, preacher, it will give you and your family something to do to keep the program interesting for your people. It will do you good from week to week to prepare the program. We always give out six Scriptural questions on slips of paper to be answered the following prayer meeting night.—Hugh Reveley.

ARMY TESTAMENT FUND.

Since my last report I have had the great pleasure of visiting the Arkansas Synod, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., at Fordyce, Ark. Here I was received kindly and treated royally. I was especially glad to meet my friend, Hon. J. E. Hampton, who is one of the cleanest men Arkansas ever had in politics. Many other friends greeted me heartily. An offering was taken at an evening service for the "Army Testament Fund," and in a few minutes \$42.46 was paid in cash to help in putting the Testament into the hands of the American soldiers on the border.

For many years the great Presbyterian Church, in all of its branches,

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Mrs. W. G. Furry, Van Buren....	.50
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Mrs. J. H. Kilgore, Fordyce....	.50
Presbyterian Church, U. S., Fordyce	42.46

Total

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PANGBURN PROGRAM.

Below is a program which we have here each quarter. This time we observed it on the fifth Sunday. The first is a regular Church Conference program and I believe our rural churches should observe this custom, acquainting its membership with all the business and organizations of the church.

The night service gives them the laymen's view of a Christian's obligation to the church.

Morning Service.

Reading and Prayer by the Pastor.
Report of Pastor for Third Quarter.
Report of Stewards by L. F. Martin.
Report of Sunday School by R. B. Gray.

Report of Epworth League by Miss Lizzie Pangburn.

Report of Ladies' Aid by Mrs. Leo Vaughan.

Love Feast.

Testimony Service.

Benediction.

Night Service.

Devotional Service by J. R. Marsh.
A Faithful Steward, by L. F. Martin.
Bearing Crosses, by H. D. Carroll.
Loving Duty to the Church, by Miss Kate Patton, R. E. Handel and Others.
Benediction.

In publishing this program the songs were omitted. We had three appropriate songs. We sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" softly while engaged in the "love feast." For the benediction we bowed in silent prayer for a moment then all repeated audibly the "Lord's Prayer." Then all passed out silently not a word was spoken. It was a sweet service.—Percy Vaughan.

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LET US GIVE THANKS.

For morning sun and evening dew,
 For every bud that April knew,
 For storm and silence, gloom and light,
 And for the solemn stars at night;
 For fallow field and burdened byre,
 For roof-tree and the hearth-side fire;
 For everything that shines and sings,
 For dear familiar daily things—
 The friendly trees, and in the sky
 The white cloud-squadrons sailing by;
 For hope that waits, for faith that dares,
 For patience that still smiles and bears,
 For love that fails not, nor withstands;
 For healing touch of children's hands,
 For happy labor, high intent,
 For all life's blessed sacrament,
 O comrade of our nights and days,
 Thou givest all things, take our praise!
 —Arthur Ketchum, in Western Christian Advocate.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Therefore I, William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth, say:
 Through virtue of vested power
 Ye shall gather with one accord,
 And hold in the month of November,
 Thanksgiving unto the Lord.
 William Bradford,
 Governor of Plymouth.
 Y. W. C. A. News.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W. M. S.

Suggestive Programs.
 In response to requests from friends, our Conference president, Mrs. F. M. Williams, sends the following suggestive programs to be used in arranging for Harvest Day, early in December, and for Hotchkiss Memorial Day, which has not yet been observed by some of our auxiliaries:

- Harvest Day.
- Song—Bringing In the Sheaves.
- Devotional—The Feast of Harvest Prayer.
- Song.
- Report of membership campaign.
- Music.
- Report of treasurer, showing amount pledged and paid.
- The Joash Box.
- Prayer for tithes and offerings.

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Payment of all funds and contributions in full for 1916.
 Prayer of thanksgiving.
 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.
 Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship Day.
 Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Scripture—Saved by Grace.
 Sketch of the Life of Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.
 Song—How Firm a Foundation.
 Paper on Scarritt Bible and Training School.
 (Offering for Little Rock Conference Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship.
 Song—Shall We Gather at the River?

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Report for third quarter of the North Arkansas Conference, Young People's Missionary Society:
 Membership offering\$ 40.16
 Relief and Retirement Fund. 3.85
 Pledge 72.56
 Bible Woman 30.00
 Scarritt (special) 2.00
 Conference expense 5.70
 Local work 29.00

Total\$183.27
 We hope the Young People will be getting ready for "Harvest Day," which is December 1. Try to have all funds collected by that day.

Our Young People are growing. We now have 29 societies. Who will organize one more before January? We do want to reach our goal—30.—Respectfully, Mrs. H. H. Watson, First Vice President North Arkansas Conference.

A LETTER TO BE READ IN DECEMBER MEETINGS OF AUXILIARIES IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, W. M. S.

Dear Co-workers:
 Just a month till our year will close and the work for our Master will be recorded in the history of 1916 and in the judgment book of our Lord.

I wonder if each one of us could steal by the side of the Master as He scans the pages, if we could hear the words, "she hath done what she could, well done, good and faithful servant"?

It has been a delightful year, with no great shadow upon us except the dull, heavy heartache for our brothers at war; our fellowship with each other has been sweet and helpful; our officers and secretaries have been faithful and true; our goal is for work well done and honor maintained; our harvests are bounteous and markets encouraging; the call continues to come for workers and funds to carry Christ's message to all the earth that He is the Lord, and salvation is for all.

Friends, in the face of these conditions what shall we do and what shall we render unto Him for the blessings that are ours?

As the close of the year draws near we wonder if we shall be able to close our books with funds all paid. Is there one of us who would carelessly neglect paying dues? Is there one of us who would fail in the lesser

funds that are asked for the maintenance of our retired deaconesses and missionaries? Is there one who would fail to give tribute to the Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund, or Scarritt Bible School? Oh, is there one of us who fails to hear the heart cry of those without God at home and abroad and would fail to give all they can to the pledge fund? Our word is out, the council is depending on us; shall we fail in the promise we made to meet our pledge? Oh, my sisters, we cannot afford to be untrue to our obligations, and when we think of the extravagance of our people, we wonder that the Master bears with us so long and that we are not cast out as unprofitable servants. May we even deny ourselves that these obligations be met. We wonder if some rich friend has not some gift to lay at His feet at the close of this year of special blessing?

At the Harvest Day we hope all funds will be collected in full that we may be free to prepare for and celebrate the birth of the King whom we serve.

We hope a full record may be kept of the new members gained in the campaign and its effect of our labors upon the work. Send reports promptly to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and the Conference Treasurer the first week in January, 1917. My sisters, we are committed to a very sacred task and may we be true, even to the smallest requirement that would make us workmen approved of God who need not be ashamed.—Sincerely, your co-laborers, Mrs. F. M. Williams, President; Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Treasurer.

FROM FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

Tuesday, November 14, I visited one of my new auxiliaries at Mountain Top, Beech Grove Circuit, on top of the mountain from Ozark. It is a long trip, but one is repaid by a cordial welcome and pleasant surroundings when reaching there. The scenery is grand, and, best of all, the good people are so interested in everything for the upbuilding of the community. Our service was held in Hickory Grove school house. Although it was a cold night, with ice covering the ground, a goodly number of men, women, and children gathered for the service. Several songs were sung, all engaging heartily, some readings were given, also a class drill by four little folks. The district secretary told of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, in the support of schools and homes, in our own and the foreign land. Brother Lewis, the beloved pastor, is doing splendid work on this charge, and is a friend of the Woman's Missionary Society wherever he goes. Wednesday p. m. we met at the home of Mrs. R. L. Hutchison, where the following officers were elected:

- President—Mrs. R. L. Hutchison.
- First and Second Vice President—Miss Gladys Smith.
- Superintendent Study and Publicity—Mrs. R. V. Fuqua.
- Superintendent Social Service—Mrs. I. L. Warnock.
- Recording and Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. E. Ruppert.
- Treasurer—Miss Gwendolyn Smith.
- Superintendents Supplies—Misses Lavonia Hutchinson, Thelma Ruppert.

I left for my home Thursday morning after having been entertained at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ruppert.

According to my third quarter's report, Alma is the only adult society in the district to have paid the pledge in full by October 1, and this is the first year they have ever paid a pledge. It is fine. Some other societies are paid to date. Central Y. P. finished out in full, October 1. Some auxiliaries are far behind what is expected of them. We must be at work, that Fort Smith District will not be "found wanting" when we make up our annual report. We have a new Mission Study Class at Midland Heights, studying "The Churches at Work." We are to have a study class at Mountain Top real soon. At Hartford each church society has entertained the others and much interest has been shown. They have adopted a church day, and now each society (four of them) meets every Wednesday, and on the fifth Thursday one of the four entertains all until each have had their turn. We think this a splendid plan. Brother Campbell has preached some able missionary sermons also.—Mrs. W. A. Steele, District Secretary.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.

GET READY FOR HARVEST DAY, SO AS TO HAVE ALL FUNDS IN FULL.

December is also the month for the election of officers; therefore a committee should be appointed at the November meeting to nominate them and to report to the society at the

Get the Habit of Drinking Hot Water Before Breakfast

Says we can't look or feel right with the system full of poisons.

Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their system with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles if you could believe these hot water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and the thirty feet of intestines of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which if not eliminated every day, become food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels, the quick result is poisons and toxins which are then absorbed into the blood causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, colds, stomach trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply can not get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

December meeting. The committee should be very carefully chosen and should consist of women who love the work and have had some experience in conducting the affairs of the society. They should meet for prayer before they begin to select those who shall fill the offices, and each member of the committee should make an individual study of the available material in relation to the office to be filled before they meet to elect. A wise, judicious selection of officers will mean everything to next year's work in the auxiliary.

Make An Appeal to the Membership.

At the same time that the nominating committee is named an earnest appeal should be made to the membership of the society in behalf of the committee. It sometimes happens that when the committee bring in the report, on which they have spent much time and to which they have given much prayer, those who have been chosen to fill the offices "begin with one consent to make excuses." This unhappy condition of affairs may be avoided by a tactful, heartfelt appeal to the membership in advance for their loyal support of the committee. This work is truly for the kingdom of God in the world, and any disciple of his should consider very prayerfully a call to have a part in it. Every woman should take a call to bear the responsibilities of the work as a matter for serious thought, not a matter to be lightly thrust aside for frivolous or selfish reasons.—Missionary Bulletin.

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys if Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms the uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 10.

By Rev. P. C. Fletcher.

Subject—Faithful unto death.—Rev. 2:1-17.

Golden Text—"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Time—Between A. D. 90 and 96.

Author—St. John the Apostle.

Place—The Isle of Patmos.

Introduction. Last Sunday's lesson revealed to us the unveiling of Jesus Christ as he now exists after his resurrection and ascension. Today we come to study the messages He sent to the churches founded in His name by the Holy Spirit through His apostles and missionaries. "Seven churches" are named, though there must have been more than these in Asia. The word "seven" stood for completeness and no doubt all of them were thus included. We are told that "the number seven carries with it the thought of unity." The seven are viewed as one. It is doubtful if Christ ever intended Christianity should be composed of but one great organized Church. There can be different denominations, and yet the "spirit of unity" can exist. "We may be many outwardly and yet one inwardly."

1. The Church At Ephesus. "Unto the angel of the Church of Ephesus writes: 'These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil.' Some one has referred to the Ephesus Church as 'The Church of Waning Enthusiasm. The charge which was brought against this church was that it had left its "first love"—had become cold, was lacking in real devotion. This is a danger to which every church is subjected. We may have plenty of liberality and effort without a burning zeal.

(a) Where is Ephesus? The Ephesus of that day was situated at the head of a narrow bay extending into the country from the Aegean Sea. It was the capital of the province of Asia, one of the richest provinces of the Roman Empire. Here was where the great temple of Diana was located. The ruins of its amphitheater remain to this day. It seated 24,000 spectators.

(b) The Good Commended. Note the fact that the good done by the Ephesus Church is given first place. "I know thy works, thy labor, thy patience." God is not forgetful of the past. He does not overlook human faithfulness. Christ was ever ready to commend the good. He did not think that honest praise hurt anybody. Of Mary He said, "She hath done what she could." As teachers and preachers and parents and business men we may learn an important lesson just here. Thank God for the gospel of commendation. It was the great artist, West, who said, "My mother's kiss made me a painter." God told Moses to encourage Joshua. If we only deal in condemnation, we will soon lose our power for good. Those who know how to condemn evil should also know how to commend the good. A

son said to me once, speaking of his father, who was a very exacting man, "Father only sees what I don't do; he never sees what I do do. I cannot recall his ever having spoken one encouraging word to any of us children." God is not like that.

(c) The Bad Condemned. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." This Church had allowed its "flame" to go out. It was in danger of having its "candlestick" "removed out of its place." Hence was it called to "repent."

2. The Smyrna Church. This was the Church with the crown of life. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Polycarp, who later was the Bishop of Smyrna and the disciple of St. John, received the fulfilment of the promise. At 2 o'clock of Saturday afternoon in the year A. D. 156, this aged saint of God was burned to death because he would not renounce his faith in the ascended Christ. When asked to give up his faith in the Son of God he cried out: "Eighty and six years I have served Him, and He has done me no ill; how then can I blaspheme my King who hath saved me?" He that day won his "crown of victory."

(a) What About Smyrna? The city of Smyrna is 48 miles north of Ephesus by modern railroad. It is on the Bay of Smyrna, an inlet from the Egean Sea on the east. Dr. F. E. Clark says: "Next to Constantinople, it is the largest and most important city of the Turkish Empire. Its situation, too, is almost as fine as the peerless site of the city on the Bosphorus. Its harbor is so spacious that the navies of the world can ride at the waterfront of Smyrna." It now has a population of 250,000. A thousand years before Christ Smyrna was a great Grecian city, but it was wiped off of the face of the earth by King Alyates about 600 years before Christ. For 400 years it ceased to exist as a Greek city.

(b) What about the Smyrna Church? It must have been a Church full of power and activity, or it would not have received such unqualified praise from the Master. And Smyrna is the only city of the "seven" mentioned which today is great and prosperous. "I know thy works and tribulation and poverty, but thou art rich." Yes, rich in good works, rich toward God, rich in all good qualities, rich with treasures in heaven. More and more we are coming to see that "the true riches" consist of things which cannot be bought. How "rich" is that man who has a pure heart, a sublime faith, a lofty standard, a beautiful ideal, a warm love, a brother-heart, an infilling of the Spirit. "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

3. The Pergamum Church. This was the Church in a stronghold of Satan. The city was very ancient, and was once the most celebrated city of Asia. It had a library of 200,000 volumes, and it was the seat of a great university. It is fifty miles north of Smyrna. The modern city has a population of 17,000 or more. It was a

wicked city and was given over to idolatry. The teachings and worship of Balaam was one of the sins held against this city, and some of the church members evidently belonged to this number. Here was "Satan's seat."

4. The Other Four Churches. These were the Churches of Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The Laodicean Church was "lukewarm." Prof. Ramsey says: "Among the Seven Churches two only are condemned absolutely, and without hope of pardon—Sardis and Laodicea. Among the seven cities two only are at the present day absolutely deserted and uninhabited—Sardis and Laodicea. Two churches only are praised in an unreserved, hearty, and loving way—Smyrna and Philadelphia. Two cities have enjoyed and earned the glory of being champions of Christianity in the centuries of war that ended in the Turkish conquest; the last cities to yield long after all others had succumbed—Smyrna and Philadelphia." Thus does God deal with churches, nations, and cities that honor Him. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

A Healthy Body.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSON
NOTES FOR DECEMBER 10.

By Rev. H. C. Hoy.

Scripture References: 1 Kings
21:15-22.

The lesson set forth as the Scripture lesson gives a splendid example of the sin of greed when followed to its natural consequences. Ahab and his wicked consort had conspired together for the death of Naboth in order that they might possess his vineyard. But they were robbed of their pleasure by the timely appearance of Elijah, who defied them in their evil and told them that they would be punished for their wicked deed.

First.—The Actuality of Evil.

1. The Tolerance of Evil. There is in the world at the present time, underlying all our seriousness and frivolity, all our heroics and cynicism, a deadly disease of impurity. It is so widely diffused, so deeply fastened into the vitals of the community, that those physicians of the social state who strive to save the soul of humanity, and who best know the world's health, almost despair of a cure. This dreadful leprosy of unnatural purity, taking a hundred forms, is creeping through the whole body of the state, in its most vital parts.

For every scandal, and every suppressed scandal, men who know the truth of this matter are aware of twenty cases and worse. Some malignant enchantment seems to be thrown over the minds of mankind by this devil of impurity, so that those who are honorable in all things else, who are lovers of beauty, who are followers of religion and who shrink from ugliness or coarseness with most honest horror, pitch headlong into deepest infamy. And men who would not break their word, who are trusted and liked by an honorable circle of men, will creep into shameful places of the town to buy at all costs the ruin of a child.

If it were possible to tell the tale of these things, such a book might be written as would lacerate the soul of Christendom. Horror would be piled upon horror, bestiality upon bestiality, devilry upon devilry, until accumulated vileness of mortality would draw a scream of protest from the pure. If the conscience of the civilized world was shocked by revelations concerning the slave trade, or by the barbarities of the factory system in the days before factory legislation, how much more should it be shocked by these revelations of the soul of man in the sphere of mortal apostasy? These horrors are drawn from every phase of modern society. More than this, a society of fashionable women might be named which exists for feminine depravity, which is organized for its incredible horrors, even as the white slave traffic is organized throughout the world. What an indictment against our minds might be brought even from placards and advertisements; what proof that we regard women only from one viewpoint might be adduced from plays and novels; what a commentary on our religious and social life might be found

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in the fashion of women's garments, the amusements of society and the shop windows.

Look at the billboards of nearly every community. They appeal mostly to the sex. They picture the kiss of abandonment. They picture the attitude of profligacy, and no one dares raise a voice against them. The modern dance is merely the imitation of the lower passions of the wild animals.

Till now, mankind has held that virtue is higher than vice, that love and sacrifice are holier emotions than self-assertion and self-indulgence; that purity and modesty are graces of the soul which are more seemly and which more uplift humanity than all the swinish propulsions of our animal nature. But now it has become bombastic and clap-trap to speak of duty; for a young girl flung into the swirl of society, modesty and reticence are weights that sink her out of sight; to be impudent, to be immodest, to be daring, to be utterly and completely self-minded—this is to float on the surface and attract the iridescent scum. Life is regarded as something less than a game; it is a jig and a spree. To think only of one's self, to have "a good time," to be free of responsibilities, to stand clear of duty, to avoid seriousness, to laugh, to dance, to push, to jostle, and shatter the gospel of solipsism in a maze of sensual distractions—this is to be modern; this is to be abreast of the times. Family life is no longer the center of happiness. Home is ceasing to be the anchorage of mankind.

Second.—Evil Must Be Defied and Defeated.

1. The Challenge of the Church. The Church must draw its forces from all elements of people who believe in virtue, regardless of creeds. I implore those who realize the world crisis between good and evil to so maneuver as to cause the evil forces to try its forces not directly on the Church, but on purity, and in this manner direct attention to this and enlist all forces, regardless of doctrine, in the fight for the right.

2. The Steps of the Church in Meeting This Challenge. The Church should seek to exalt women. Woman is the key-note to physical purity. As people regard their women, so are the standards of morality. When the Church has gotten physical purity, then we will also fight for other things that are larger and greater.

The Church must attack evil publicly, politically, and nationally. The attack must be calm, systematic and lasting. Nothing must be suppressed or morbid in the methods used. It must be done with Christ's revelations of a new life. Christ's inspiration of new hope, Christ's communication of a new strength as her flaming and unconquerable center. We must recognize that impurity is the chief sin of the age. Against the telepathy of animalism the Church must set the telepathy of purity. Let her make a trial of the creative force of a new idea. Let her suggest by all the powers at her disposal that purity is natural, that impurity is a perversion.

This new idea may rid the world of sex obsession, and stir the human mind from stagnation and drive it into new channels. It must be recognized that the undoubted preoccupation of this period with sexual interests is considerably due to the dullness and uneventfulness of modern life. Men were coarser but more healthy in their animalism when life

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

BEDTIME.

As A was sitting fast asleep
"It's time for bed," said B;
C Crept into his little Cot,
To Dreamland off went D.

E closed its Eyes, F Fretful grew;
"Good night," G softly said;
H Hurried up the wooden Hill,
To put itself to bed.

J Jumped for Joy when bedtime came,
K Kissed good-night all round;
L asked for light, M found the Match,
The land of Nod N found.

O Owned that it was Over-tired,
To Pillowland P Pressed;
Q Queried why it was so Quiet
When R Retired to Rest.

S went in Search of Slumberland,
Too Tired was T to stay;
U went Upstairs, V Vanished, too,
And W led the Way.

When X 'Xclaimed, "How Y does
Yawn,"

With Zest responded Z:
"I'm last of all to go to bed,
But here's a nap for me!"
—Exchange.

BILLY'S DOLLAR'S WORTH OF
COFFEE.

By Ruth Carr.

"Listen, Bob, don't it sound good?"
"Don't what sound good?"
"The rattle of all this money in my pocket."

"How much you got?"
"Exactly a dollar in nickles—just half enough to buy my gun. I think I'll have it all in about two weeks."

Billy had been saving his money for a long time trying to get enough to buy the gun Jim Bayley had for sale. It was an old one but Jim said it would shoot as well as a new one and the price was only \$2. As fast as Billy got almost enough there came along a show or something that took part of the savings and his bank account see-sawed up and down.

One morning as he walked down the street he happened to see a bundle fall off of a delivery wagon and roll into the ditch.

"It's mine—it's mine," said Billy, "for I saw it fall."

Running forward he hurriedly picked it up before some one else could get it.

"Shucks! It ain't nothing but coffee and I don't drink it, so what good is it to me?" he asked himself aloud.

"Sell it for a dollar, kid, and put the money in your pocket," said a dirty looking man who went slipping along on the sidewalk. Billy looked

was crowded with danger. So long as the field of adventure was open to them and their minds and bodies were occupied, they lived a purer life.

Man must be either lifting his heart upward towards an altar or else looking into the depths of a sepulchre. He must either be lifting his thoughts into life or else sinking down into corruption. Man must have ideas, and ideals that he longs to attain, or he is lost. The civilization of today has centered men on the now, and thus has tended to degrade instead of uplift. Let us hope that out of the conditions of today man will learn to appreciate the higher things of life and thus move upward and be saved from the danger of being finally engulfed into sensualism.

the man straight in the face. Would it be right? Was it honest?

"You don't know the fellow what dropped it and 'tain't none o' your business if he loses things," urged the man.

Billy hurried away with his bundle of coffee that he soon sold for a dollar which he put deep in his pocket and went whistling down the street, hoping to drown the little voice inside of his breast that told him, he was doing wrong.

"Now I can get my gun—got just exactly enough. Been saving you a long time to get it. Bet I'll kill enough rabbits to sell to the market and make lots more money. First thing anybody knows I'll be rich as cream."

"Hey, Bill," called a voice across the street, "come go swimming with us."

"No, got to go home."

"Aw, come on—you ain't no little sissy to have to stay at home with your mammy," taunted the boys.

Few boys can withstand the ridicule of their companions, so Billy was no exception, and after a little more persuading he agreed to go to the swimming hole.

My, what fun! Such diving, ducking, splashing and snorting—did anybody ever have such a good time?

Finally it was getting late and the boys began to come out of the water; mud balls flew thick and fast and spattered all over the clean backs of the fellows who dared to go out. Finally things cooled down and everybody was dressing. Billy had not thought of his dollar till he started home, so running his hand into his pocket he grabbed for it but it was gone! How or where it went he had no way of finding out, for all the boys were in the water and no one had a chance to rob him. He searched all over the grass where his clothes had been, but the dollar was not to be found.

He went home with a heavy heart,

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for it had just dawned on him that maybe his mother would hear about the coffee and there might be a day of reckoning—but it was done now and could not be undone.

Billy was surprised to find his father at home so early in the evening, little thinking the whole matter had been discussed over the telephone, for Mr. Johnson had learned who had found the lost package.

Hardly had the boy entered the house when he felt sure there was trouble for him, for his father and mother were discussing something, and each had a very sad face and looked much troubled. When his father questioned him about the package he looked confused and turned very red in the face.

"Why did you do it, son?"

"I wanted the dollar for my gun."

"But you knew it was wrong—the same as stealing—didn't you?"

"I wasn't sure. Besides, a man told me to do it."

"He must have been a thief or a dirty tramp to tell you to do a dishonest thing like that."

"I think he was a tramp—he was awful dirty."

For a long time Billy's father and mother sat and talked with him about the sin of such an act, and when the boy saw what an awful crime he had committed he felt sorry and wished he had listened to the little voice in his breast that told him to return the package to Johnson's store.

Father said Billy must be punished for this sin, so together they went out to the barn, where a settlement was made, but not according to Billy's liking, but a settlement that he will not

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forget in a long time.

"Now you must pay Mr. Johnson for the coffee," said his mother.

"But the dollar is gone," replied the boy.

"But you have another one in your bank."

"That's my gun dollar—I can't take that," sobbed the boy.

"Oh, yes, you must take it to Mr. Johnson and tell him you are sorry of what you did and pay him back."

Oh, what a bitter pill! Billie had rather take all sorts of punishment than that. But he must do it. Slowly he went down the street with the twenty bright buffalo nickels jingling in his hand. Over and over he counted them from one hand to the other.

"I wish I hadn't done it; won't have a cent left; never will get my gun. Bet next time I find anything I try to find the owner and give it to him; don't pay to do wrong."

Billy began the following week to save again for his gun, but it will be a long time before he can get \$2, for that is a big sum for a boy to save.

"I'll do it, though, if it takes me ten years, and the best part about it will be that every nickel of it will be an honest nickel."

BEGIN NOW.

Polly stood by the window, looking out with a very wistful face.

"It must be nice to be grown up," she said to herself; "you can do so many lovely things when you are a lady." She left the window and sat in a chair, with her back to the street, for her sister, Kate, had gone out of sight.

"She's a visitor at the hospital, and they all are so glad to see her when she comes," said Polly. "She sings to them and talks to them, and reads beautiful books. Mother is out, too. She's gone to see about the poor old women in the home, and ask them if they are pretty comfortable. Mother and sister are always helping somebody that has misfortunes. The doctor says they are angels of mercy. I'm going to be like that when I get big enough."

Polly sat still thinking about it for a while longer. Then she said: "Yes, when I'm grown up I'll be kind to all the poor people, and they'll say 'God bless you' to me, and they'll feel better."

This being decided, Polly began to think that she had been quiet long enough. I guess I'll go see what grandmother's doing."

Poor grandmother was suffering from neuralgia in her face. Polly was just in time to trot down-stairs with the hot-water bag and put a pillow under the old lady's head. Then she pulled down the blinds and kissed her, and told her to go to sleep and get well.

When Polly went back to the nursery Tot and Jim were there, very cross because they had been brought indoors out of the dampness. Hannah was having a hard time with them both.

Polly tried to read her story book in the growing hubbub, but without much success. "I'll have to go down-stairs to the dining-room, I suppose," she said at last, shutting the book with a snap. "I wish you children wouldn't make such a fuss; you aren't babies."

This speech did not mend matters. Polly knew it, and by the time she got to the head of the stairs she came to a stop. "Mother isn't here to coax them to be pleasant and Hannah's patience is almost gone. Maybe it

would be righter for me to try to do something." So back she went.

"Let's have some fun," she said. "Let's have a party, and invite every doll there is in the house."

At this suggestion things calmed down as though by magic. Soon all three were busy and happy, and tired Hannah could sit still and rest a little.

When Sister Kate and her mother came in, Polly had a great many questions to ask about the sick people and the home.

"It's so lovely for them to be good to everybody," she said to herself again. "Just wait till I get old enough, and I'm going to help people, too."

And she never once thought—wasn't it funny?—that she had been a little angel of mercy that afternoon.—Sally Campbell, in Sunday-School Visitor.

HOW ESTHER BOUGHT THE BABY.

Every morning Esther's father went to the great, busy factory down town, and sometimes he took Esther with him to see the great, whirring, busy machines that filled the long rooms. In the factory they used a great deal of something called "indigo," a blue color that comes from a plant found in warm, southern lands. One of these warm countries is called Burma, and one day Esther's father told her that he was going on a great ship far, far away to Burma to buy indigo, and that she and her mother were to go with him.

That is how it happened that one day the little girl from America sat looking with wondering eyes at the little half-naked brown children playing under her window. They romped and played a good deal as Esther played with her playmates at home, but they had no such toys as she had.

One little girl not much larger than Esther carried a baby—such a tiny, thin, dirty baby—but its eyes were so bright and it was so cunning that Esther called her mother to look at it. The little girl looked up and saw them, and at once began calling out something which of course Esther did not understand. "She is asking you to buy the baby," explained a friend who spoke the language of Burma. "The poor little thing has no father or mother, and she can find a home if somebody will take the baby."

"Doesn't anybody but that little girl take care of the baby?" asked Esther's mother.

"No," said the friend, "and perhaps neither of them has had anything to eat today."

"Oh, oh," cried Esther, "what can we do for them?"

"We will give them something to eat," said her mother.

Esther's father had promised that on their way home he would buy her some beautiful coral beads that would cost ten dollars. A tiny glass bead on the baby's neck made Esther think of them, and she ran to her mother asking, "Please, mother, may I ask father for the ten dollars for the baby instead of having the beads?"

"Just as you wish," said her mother.

Esther did not buy the coral beads, but a little brown baby and her sister went the next day to live in a home with some kind missionaries, and some other friend of Esther's father who heard the story and promised to give money to keep the children there until they were old enough to take care of themselves.

"It was nicer to buy a baby than to buy all the beads in the world," said Esther.—Sunbeam.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

(These reports were prepared, at the special request of the editor, about two weeks ago, and, consequently, do not include the last word from the Districts.)

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

I am sending you a short report of my District. The preachers of the District have done fine work. There have been a thousand or more conversions and between five and six hundred accessions to the church. The finances, both on salaries and the collection, are in advance of last year. All in all, we have had a great year.—J. H. O'Bryant, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

The year is nearing the close and soon we will go up to our Conference to make our annual report.

The Lord has been gracious to us on the Paragould District, and the pastors have all been faithful and done good work.

A revival has swept over the entire district, and many souls have been converted and brought into the kingdom.

We will report something over six hundred additions. The pastors are being paid better than in former years, most of them will be paid in full. Six new churches have been built. We have dedicated four of them.

We are finishing one of the best district parsonages in the state. We will be in it by Conference.

Our Paragould people are proud of it, and, the best of all, there will be no debt worth mentioning.

We are lengthening our cords and extending our stakes. There have been two new missions established, and perhaps three. We have gone forth with the great message to the people and sometimes weeping. We are now coming with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.—H. H. Watson, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

From the tentative reports of the nineteen pastors I make the following approximation:

We have seventy-five churches and seventy houses of worship; we have built six church houses, one parson-

Cleanliness.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness." We are too prone to think that "cleanliness" refers only to the exterior of our bodies. But unless your bowels are kept open and your liver active, you cannot expect to keep your liver active, you cannot expect to keep your body clean. The perspiration through skin pores is forced to carry off more than its share of the body's impurities. Do not allow constipation to poison you? Cleanse your entire system with Van Lax, which contains no calomel and no habit-forming drugs. It is pleasant to the taste and produces pleasant results. For sale by the best dealers everywhere. In bottles—price 50c. Manufactured by the Van Fleet-Mansfield Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn.

age and one camp meeting tabernacle at a cost of \$7,500; have repaired seven churches at a cost of \$1,500; repaired nine parsonages at a cost of \$1,800; have paid debts on eight churches amounting to \$8,650. Have had 890 accessions to the church; 390 on profession of faith, 500 otherwise.

Fifteen of the nineteen charges will pay assessment for salary in full, or 96 per cent for whole district. Twelve charges will pay full assessment for claims, or 86 per cent for whole district. Have taken 150 new subscriptions to Arkansas Methodist. We have sixty-six Sunday schools, 505 officers and teachers and 5,400 pupils enrolled for whole year. Have fourteen W. M. Missionary Societies with a membership of 540; twenty-one Epworth Leagues, with a membership of 520.

The people are happy; prices for all products are good, they have money, religion and loyalty and the outlook for the future growth of the church was never better.—B. A. Few, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Three more quarterly conferences to hold, hence I can not give an exact report. Indications are that every preacher will get his salary, and some will get more than assessed. Nearly all will get claims in full. Those who do not will come very near. To the present the reports on my book show: Received on profession, 328; by letter, 262; total received, 590; lost by letter, 177; by death, 28; by withdrawal, 12; by Ch. Conf., 115; total

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loss, 342; net gain, 248. We shall report about \$600 special for foreign missions. The twenty charges are all in good condition. Good men are in official positions. The Sunday school work prospers. Several new Woman's Missionary Societies have been organized this year. Parsonages are comfortable.—W. P. Whaley, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

We are closing a good year. We have had more than 1,000 conversions and a satisfactory increase in membership. Our revival work has been much more satisfactory and helpful to the churches than last year. The attendance of the official men at the quarterly conferences has been 40 per cent better than last year. Our laymen are becoming more concerned about the real work of the church. Through the leadership of our district lay leader our laymen are arranging to put a strong man in the field as district evangelist, on a stated salary, to be used in the needy places, to rebuild and establish the church. Our pastors are making a determined effort to bring up the financial claims. We have suffered much from the drouth, but in spite of these conditions I think our finances will be in advance of last year. Our preachers have been faithful and true to the interests intrusted to them, and the note coming from nearly every pastoral charge is one of faith and purpose. This is a great field, with nine stations and thirteen circuits. Methodism is strongly entrenched here, and our future is bright.—G. G. Davidson, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

The Jonesboro District includes all of Craighead, Mississippi and Poinsett counties, the west corner of Greene, the whole north half of Crittenden, and the northeast quarter of Cross. The three first mentioned counties are those whose products attracted so much attention recently on the "Arkansas on Wheels" exhibit. This is a great farming country. It is being rapidly developed. The problem of the church, that which should give us much concern, is to see that the church keeps pace with the material advancement. Coming to the Jonesboro District from last Conference, I found it well organized and well manned, as a result of W. L. Oliver's four years of faithful leadership. Revival fires have been kindled throughout the district, resulting in about 1,800 conversions. The preacher's salaries and collections will be in advance of any previous year. The Sunday schools have had an increased attendance and a greater intensity of interest. New churches have been built, old debts paid, and churches dedicated. We have on foot plans for new, modern churches at Luxora, Osceola, Marion, Crawfordsville, Leachville, and Manilla. This has been a generally good year.—F. M. Tolleson, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

I feel that every pastor in the Helena District deserves special mention in writing a report of the work done this year, for certainly each has stood firmly and courageously by the interest of the church. Beginning at Forrest City, where the district parsonage is located, we will say Brother Bates has had a good increase in membership and has done wonders in launching one of the nicest churches in this part of the State, and the work is being rushed as rapidly as men

and money can rush a work of this kind. The location of the district parsonage has been changed to a convenient location within one-half block of the new church.

Brother Champion, at Colt, has had serious sickness in his family, and lost his youngest child, and his wife has been seriously ill, which has hindered him in his work, but with it all he has materially improved three of his churches and built one, one of the nicest country churches it has been my pleasure to dedicate. He is in great favor with his people.

Brother Nelson, at Wynne, has had a successful year on all lines, and is hard at work to lift the debt on both church and parsonage. He has been a success.

At Parkin Brother McCaffrey raised the money early in the year and paid off the church debt, and had it dedicated at our second quarterly conference. He had won the love, respect and confidence of all his people, when suddenly he was called from labor to reward. The work is supplied by Brother Wood, who is superintendent of the public school in Parkin.

Brother Brickell has done an excellent work at Hamlin, and wonderfully increased the strength of this work.

Brother Yancey, at McCrory, is closing a successful work with a most elegant church, which will be ready for the pastor after conference.

The Howell and DeView work has grown under the leadership of Brother J. F. Carter until it will support two pastors next year, composing the Howell and Wiville work and the DeView Circuit. Two new organized congregations have been organized, with good strength, and both are building new churches.

Cotton Plant has had a wonderful year under Brother Harris; large additions to the church and the new building at Cotton Plant dedicated, with money in the treasury. The church and town were made sad by the death of Brother Jeffett.

Brinkley has had a harmonious and prosperous year under the leadership of my son, J. B. Evans. Substantial improvements have been made on the

parsonage, with a good increase in membership.

Clarendon is greatly rejoiced in paying off the long standing debt, and Brother Trimble has done a most excellent work in other lines.

Brother McKelvey has had a prosperous year on the Wheatley and Hunter charge, with a good increase in membership and improvements on church and parsonage.

The Aubrey work, with Brother Score as pastor, has moved forward on every line and paid off all church indebtedness and dedicated the last church.

Brother Hoy, at Holly Grove and Marvell, has planned a general improvement in church houses for another year, and succeeded on all other lines.

Brother Pace gave up the work at Keevil at the third quarterly conference, but the pastors at Holly Grove and Brinkley have looked after the work, and there has been a nice increase in the membership, and other interests well served.

Brother Slaughter has had a very prosperous year on Mellwood charge. They have improved some churches and paid off the church debt at Mellwood, and built a new parsonage and furnished it. We are in great sympathy with him and his wife, both of whom are now in the hospital at Memphis, but both doing well, and no doubt will soon be at home and ready for work.

Helena has had a wonderful year on all lines. Brother Reves has measured up to a high standard and succeeded on every line.

West Helena has met with successful leadership under the pastorate of Brother Johnston. We have a good membership and a new church well under way, and pastor and people are quite hopeful.

M. L. Mack has had splendid revivals and made material improvements on various lines on the LaGrange work. He will bring up a fine report.

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ful new church and parsonage, and we see no reason why they should not rejoice in the fullness of their plans before conference.

The Council Circuit has been served by Brother Storey, who has taken in several new appointments which will greatly aid us in our plans for another year.

Brother Wimpey has so improved conditions on the Haynes work that another year we will have the Haynes Circuit and the Madison and Widener Circuit with a new parsonage at Widener all completed and the keys in the hands of the pastor.

Brother Butler's health failed at the middle of the year, and Turner Circuit was without a pastor until Brother J. W. Moore accepted the work in October. This work is in good condition, and a building committee was appointed at the last quarterly conference for Turner church.

Brother Farish has done well on the Hughes work, and laid the foundation for larger things another year. A lot has been bought at Hughes and part of the material on the ground for a new church at Hughes.

We have had more than 1,000 professions and over 800 additions to the church.—W. F. Evans, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

The flood in the beginning of the year hindered the work of the church for some time. The preachers, on the whole, have stayed by their jobs. The people of this district are noted for their loyalty to their church and pastors. Every charge, with one exception, will make as good or better financial report than last year. There have been more than fourteen hundred conversions this year, where we had over two thousand last. I should think that at least one thousand members have been received.

The Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues and W. M. Societies have done good work. Their growth has been steady. The League, especially, has an inviting field here. Seven young men have been licensed to preach, from this district this year, and others will take up the work soon. I am sure the district has the greatest number of boys in Hendrix and girls in Galloway that ever attended in one year.

There have been at least six churches organized or reorganized this year. We have had twenty-nine charges this year. The smaller or

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weaker charges have not succeeded as we had expected. It probably will be recommended that the number of charges be reduced.

As I see it, the district has had a good year. There seems to be an upward look among both pastors and people—the pastor looking for a better charge and the people for a better pastor.—B. L. Wilford, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

This district is composed of twenty-three charges. Four of these are filled by supplies, the others by regular members of the Conference—good and true men. The preachers have worked hard and the good Lord has given them "many souls for their hire." We have had a goodly number of gracious revivals, and something like one thousand members have been added to the church. I think most of these have come into the kingdom by profession.

There has been a marked increase in attendance upon the Sunday schools. A great quickening in Sunday school work has been noticeable throughout the entire district. Every charge, though not every congregation, has observed "Children's Day." The collections for this cause have been generous. Every school, so far as I have been able to observe, is taking our own Sunday school literature, which is an improvement for some parts of the territory.

The financial interests are far in advance of anything I have known on the district. Seven charges have, at this writing, paid out everything in full, and there is a goodly number to follow who will do likewise. Not a few charges will report at least an excess on some, if not on all, the collections. We have paid something near \$11,000 on church debts.

Personally, I have been blessed with good health, and have not missed an appointment this year. I have greatly enjoyed the work, and the fellowship with my brethren of the ministry and with the many noble laymen as well has been sweet and profitable to my soul.—Alonso Monk, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.

It would be impossible to submit in detail and with accuracy a report of the work of the year on Conway District. We have had a most pleasant and arduous year. Without a single exception the preachers have stood well to their posts, and not a man among us has any blot on his name. The indications all point to quite an advance over last year on all lines, evangelism and benevolence, but we shall have to await more definite figures before we can make any footings.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

In the Fort Smith District the preachers have all been blessed this year; not a death nor case of serious sickness in a parsonage home. They have been faithful to the task committed to them, and, while reports will not be all that we had hoped for, yet they will show progress on all lines.

We will report more than 1,200 conversions, about 700 accessions on profession of faith, and more than 200 by certificate. Some much needed work has been done on our church registers, which will reduce our net gain considerably.

We have 18 Epworth Leagues, nine Junior Leagues, 43 Sunday schools, and 14 Woman's Missionary Societies in the district.

On material lines we have made advancements. Several old debts have been paid and others reduced. A new parsonage has been built at Huntington. At Lavaca, where our church was blown down in the spring, we are just completing a handsome little brick church, which cost about \$2,500.

Salaries will be considerably in advance of last year. On our conference claims one charge has paid in full and seven others are already in advance of last year's figures.

In Fort Smith we have been suffering for the want of a house that is adequate to meet our growing needs, and two of our churches, First and Central, have agreed to unite and build a church at a cost of from \$75,000 to \$100,000, and we have good hope that this will be accomplished within the next year.—William Sherman, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

Accessions to the church more than 900; licensed to preach, four; licensed to exhort, two; recommended for admission on trial, four; increase in Sunday schools, 1,500; was the report at the District Conference. Leagues in good, healthy condition; Woman's Missionary Society doing a most excellent work. Three new churches in course of construction at this time. The financial report will be far in advance of last year. Some of the circuits will do better than for years. Some church debts paid. All the preachers have been faithful and true—a most excellent set of men.—J. A. Biggs.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

The district is in fine condition, making progress on all lines. Brother Mills has built a very handsome brick veneer church at Mineral Springs. Brother Scott is projecting a splendid brick church at Hope. Brother Cannon has raised between four and five thousand dollars for a new church at Emmett. I think Brother Christie will build at Murfreesboro. Brother Dunn has built a commodious, beautiful parsonage for himself at Blevins. In addition there has been much repairing on churches and parsonage.

Salaries and claims were in advance of last year. Most of the charges will increase pastors' salaries next year. Some churches have overpaid assessments this year.

Sunday schools have made decided advances, both in enrollment and efficiency. Brother C. N. Baker has done good work in the district this year. He ought to be continued in the work.

The revival work, beginning at the District Conference, has been very successful. Harrison at Glenwood, Barnett at Okolona, Howell at Gurdon, Augustus at Prescott, Mullins at Ozan and Sardis, Lindsey at Nashville, Christie at Murfreesboro, Cannon at Emmett, have had very fine meetings. Brothers Paul Rorie and Walter Scott rendered valuable service in some of these meetings. Other good meetings have been held. The pastors have all been prayerful and laborious. The best state of feeling exists between preachers and people in nearly all the charges. Personally, I have never enjoyed a round on a district as much in my life as I have this one. I thank my brethren, pastors and laymen, one and all, for their many kind words and resolutions and deeds. It is too delicate a matter to parade these tender expressions, hand-grasps and tears to the public. I carry them in my

heart. God's blessings on the Prescott District.—W. M. Hayes, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

The reports for the year now closing will show a gross increase of a little more than eight hundred members of the church in the bounds of the district. This is the largest increase made in any one year for many years past. Several of the churches have enjoyed gracious revivals during the year, but a very large proportion of the increase of church membership has been made through the direct efforts of the pastors and others, apart from the revival campaigns.

Our people at Gillett, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Rogers, have built a beautiful new church at a cost of about \$3,000. Another new church has been completed at Faith, on the Pine Bluff Circuit, of which Rev. J. W. Hall is the pastor. This church was begun last year under the pastorate of Rev. C. W. Drake, and is named in his honor, "Drake Memorial." Our people at Rison, under the leadership of Rev. J. J. Colson, have finished paying the indebtedness on their beautiful new church, erected three years ago, and the house will be dedicated by the presiding elder November 21. The people of Grady are preparing to build an elegant new church and parsonage.

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November 18, just what our financial reports will show. It is safe to say that a considerable majority of the charges will pay the salaries of the pastors in full, and in every case where there is a deficit the amount will be quite small. The reports will show that the receipts for the various collections ordered by the Annual Conference are considerably in excess of last year, but not in full, except from about one-half the charges. This is to be regretted. Our people are abundantly able to pay these claims in full, and the only explanation which can be offered concerning their failure is that so many of them do not understand or appreciate their importance.

Our First Church in Pine Bluff, under the leadership of Brother E. R. Steel, has assumed the support of a special missionary in China, and a number of smaller specials have been provided for by other churches and Sunday schools in the district.

Our preachers, without exception, have done faithful work, and for the most part they have had the co-operation of their people.

The presiding elder is closing his quadrennium of service on the district, and will reluctantly surrender it to other hands at our approaching Conference at Malvern. On the whole, the work in the district is far from having attained a satisfactory standard, but we have made gratifying progress along nearly all lines of church work during the past four years, and the outlook is full of promise. Prosperity abounds throughout the district; our people are at peace among themselves. Nearly all our churches are out of debt, and the conditions are ripe for a forward advance all along the line.—J. A. Sage.

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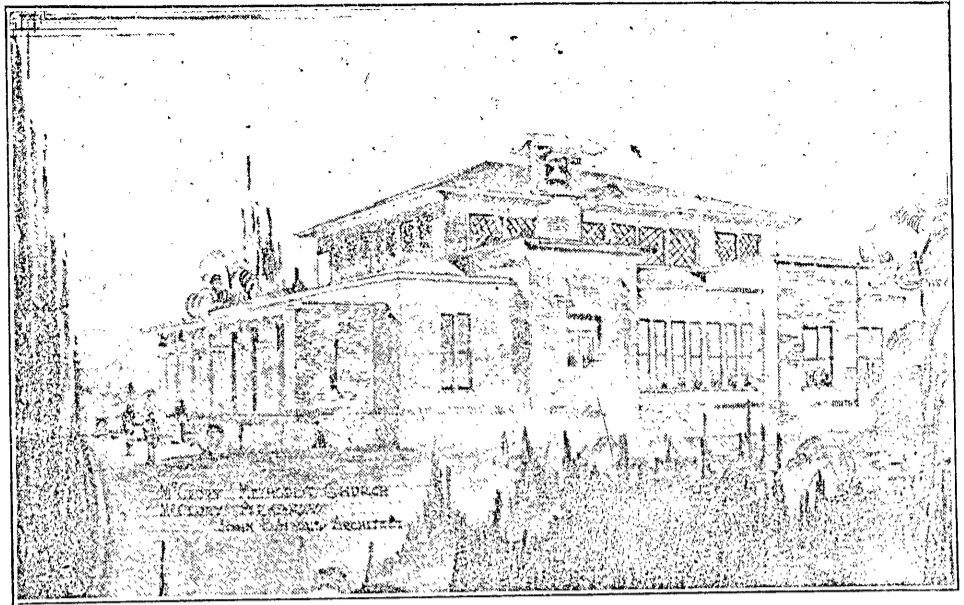
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E. W. Hood, Plaintiff,
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New Church at McCrory, R. ev. S. M. Yancey, Pastor.

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heating plant. When the church is completed our property will be worth fifteen thousand dollars. In this church we feel that we have an edifice worthy of a town much larger than this one, yet none too good for our Lord, and we, the people of McCrory, feel very proud of the temple we are erecting in honor of our Master.

Mr. J. P. Almond of Little Rock is our architect and Mr. T. F. Campbell of Little Rock our contractor.—S. M. Yancey, P. C.

ARKADELPHIA.

Rev. A. O. Evans preached his last sermon at Arkadelphia as pastor of the Methodist Church yesterday. One of the most beautiful events which has occurred in the history of the church was that of the presentation of a loving cup to Brother Evans by the students and faculty of Henderson-Brown College. Dr. Evans was completely surprised and overcome by the emotion caused in the expression of the love and esteem held for him by the college. He severs his connection with the church to take up the Financial Commissioner's work of the College. After a few words by President J. M. Workman, the loving cup was presented with appropriate address by Miss Mary Sue Mooney, Lady Principal of Henderson-Brown College.

At the evening service Dr. Evans reviewed the work of the past year and short addresses were made by the heads of the departments of the church. The church shows a net increase of sixty members and a total membership of six hundred and twenty-two. Under Brother Evans' administration the church at Arkadelphia is in fine condition. The debt has been reduced and the membership materially increased. The Sunday school shows an enrollment of about one thousand and has an average attendance of five hundred and sixty for the year. He has been assured of the support of the Little Rock Conference in the work he undertakes for endowment of and paying the debt on Henderson-Brown College.—Reporter.

HOT SPRINGS METHODISM.

Present—Robertson, Steele, Holland, Duckworth, Hughes.

Holland (Third Street)—Had good day. Excellent congregations at both hours and good services. Sunday school was good both in attendance and offering. The general state of the church good. There is perfect accord in all departments of church life. Year's work has been delightful. Finances much better than last year. Duckworth (Oaklawn)—Large con-

gregations at both hours. Fine spirit. One accession on profession of faith. All finances are paid in full. Everything in fine shape for another year. Had Brother Steele with us last night and he preached a very fine sermon for the presiding elder. Best Sunday school in two months, and much interest is being manifested in every branch of our work. One of our new converts led the League last night and three new converts made fine talks.

Steele (Sup.)—Heard Dr. Few preach the best sermon I ever heard him preach. Enjoyed filling the presiding elder's place at Oaklawn last night.

Hughes (Sup.)—Was with Dr. Copeland at Central yesterday. Heard Dr. Few preach a very fine sermon. Heard Dr. Copeland preach a good sermon last night.

Robertson (Park Avenue)—Had good services yesterday. Fine crowds. One accession at the morning hour on profession. A very sweet service at night. We are closing our fourth year at Park Avenue. Many sweet experiences have been ours.

Everybody will be sorry for Brother and Sister Robertson to leave Hot Springs. They have been a great asset to our church and social life.—R. L. Duckworth, Secretary.

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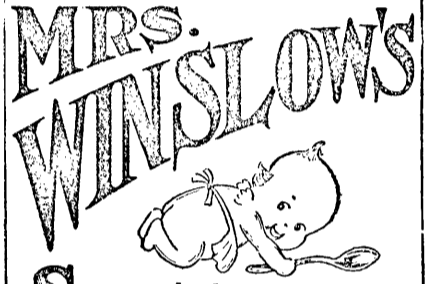
Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held November 18-19. Everything is up in full. A resolution was passed requesting the Bishop to return Brother Few to the Arkadelphia District for another year.—T. O. Rorie.

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of Bibles in hotel rooms. Fort Smith is to be congratulated that a camp of this splendid organization was organized in this city Sunday afternoon.

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OBITUARY.

HOLLEMAN.—L. F. A. Holleman was born in Smith county, Tenn., October 15, 1831. He died in Stigler, Okla., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Mathis, November 4, 1916. Except at intervals, he had been confined to his room since last January, but up to that time had lived a strong, robust life. In disposition and spirit Mr. Holleman took after his mother, who was known for her strong, devoted Christian life throughout her entire community. At the early age of seven he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was a consistent member for seventy-eight years, and, being elected a steward at the age of seventeen, he held the office for sixty years. If there is a longer record in our Methodism I have not heard of it. Mr. Holleman was a man of large mold. Standing six feet three, he was a prince of his kind. He was a man the passer-by would look at the second time. His intellectual and spiritual life were built on the same scale, possessing a keen intellect, broad and sensitive spirit, big and brotherly heart. He was every inch a gentleman and a Christian.

He was a Confederate soldier, brave and true. He did not believe that fighting was the way to settle the issue, nor that the war was necessary, but when his State seceded he joined the colors at an early date, throwing his life into the conflict. He belonged to Cheatham's Brigade, Bragg's Army, during the first years of the war. When Forrest turned westward on his notable campaign he asked General Bragg for Captain Holleman. With this division of the army he remained until the close of the war, measuring up in every worthy way to his brave chief. In his early teens his father died, leaving the heavy responsibilities of the estate and the taking care of a widowed mother, with several children, to him. But he gained an experience that was of great help to him in after life. When he laid down his arms the war was over with him, and he turned his face to the future. He was one man who was in the midst of the conflict, but out of whose life had gone all bitterness. In 1873 he moved from Alabama to Arkansas and made this State his home up to the last few years of his life. He was married three times. To the second union one girl and five boys lived

to be grown, of whom the daughter and two sons survive, Mrs. J. R. Mathis, Stigler, Okla., at whose hospitable home he lived the last years of his life; M. H. Holleman, a lawyer of Benton, Ark., and J. B. Holleman, a business man of Stigler, Okla. A few days before he died he told me that there were more on the other side than there were here. He was longing to be with them. The end came very peaceably. A brief service was held at the home Sunday morning, and the remains were taken to Paris, Ark. Services were held in the old church in which he had been a member so long. The entire town closed up and came to pay their last tribute of respect. He was laid to rest by the side of his wife, the spot he had selected years before. Of no one whom I know could the words be more fittingly said, "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 on that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."—W. P. Clarke.

PAXON.—Elizabeth Brinkley Paxon was born in Pitt county, N. C., May 3, 1843, and departed this life at her home at Knoxville, Ark., November 2, 1916. She moved with her parents to Georgia just before the war, where she was married to John T. Paxon, September 29, 1869. To this union were born two sons, James B. and Henry Paxon, who live at Knoxville, Ark. Early in life she professed religion and joined the Methodist Epis-

copal Church, South, and lived a devoted Christian life till God saw fit to call her home. She was a consecrated Christian, a true companion, loving mother, and a kind, sympathizing neighbor. Sister Paxon had suffered a long time, but bore her afflictions patiently and was ready when the end came. Her faith in God was her comfort and guide when earthly things faded from view. She delighted to talk about religion and the good old days when people attended camp meeting and got happy and shouted the praise of God. We feel that a good woman is gone. She leaves a husband and two sons and a host of friends to mourn. In the presence of a large concourse of friends we quietly laid her to rest in the village cemetery to await the resurrection of the body when the Lord comes to gather his children home.—Her pastor, J. B. Stewart.

STEVENSON.—Martha C. Slaughter was born in Portersville, Tenn., daughter of Dr. Wyatt and Mary Slaughter. She was educated in the schools of Memphis and in Jones' Female College in Jackson, Tenn. On November 9, 1879, Dr. E. H. Stevenson of Kerville, Tenn., and she were united in marriage and moved to Arkansas in 1880. For thirty-seven years this proved to be an ideal union of hearts and lives, for, in spite of years of frail health, Mrs. Stevenson entered into the life work of her husband to an unusual extent, keeping in almost constant touch with him by phone, and spending hours in his car on his professional rounds, preferring it to the

ordinary social life. Being a great lover and cultivator of flowers, she supplemented his work by brightening many a sufferer's room. Three sons came into her home—one, Wyatt, dying in young manhood, left a wife who has been a true daughter in their home, and a baby boy, Wyatt. The other two are Vincent, nineteen, and Dr. Eugene, a physician, married, has two boys, and in partnership with his father. Mrs. Stevenson was reared in the Southern Methodist Church, and was loyal indeed to all the interests of Central Church of Fort Smith, Ark., of which she, her husband and her parents were charter members. Often, when physically unable, their beautiful home was thrown open to large gatherings of the congregation, and to their pastor, visiting preachers and bishops, all of whom will recall the sweet, unassuming cordiality of its dignified mistress. The music of the church, especially, was ever a matter of deep interest to her, and this part of the worship always won her aid. In September, 1916, Mrs. Stevenson, after a short but acute illness, passed into her higher life. Her calm and loyal life on earth is over, but her loved ones and friends can truly say of her, as did Tennyson of his dear friend:

"Nor blame I death because he bare
The use of virtue out of earth;
I know transplanted human worth
Will bloom to profit, elsewhere."
—A Friend.

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parted this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pink Swann, November 11, 1916. She was first married to Dr. D. H. Lewis in 1864, with whom she lived happily until his death, which occurred in 1874. To this union were born five children, four of whom are living—Thomas Lewis of Stigler, Okla.; David Lewis; Mrs. D. E. Bizell, and Mrs. J. A. Swann of London, Ark. In 1877 she was married to John T. Scruggs. To them were born three children, two of whom are left to mourn her loss—Edward Scruggs and Mrs. Ina May. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consecrated Christian life the rest of her days. She delighted to tell her Christian experience. Sister Scruggs had suffered a long time, but bore her afflictions with much patience, always saying, "The Lord's will be done." In her last illness she expressed herself as being ready to go when the Heavenly Father called her. She was a true companion, a loving mother, a kind and sympathetic neighbor, and a devoted Christian. We feel that a good woman is gone. "God be with you till we meet again," was one of the songs she requested to be sung at her funeral. In the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives we quietly laid her body to rest in the village cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection, when we shall all be gathered home.—Her pastor, J. B. Stewart.

MILLER.—Mellville A. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Miller, was born April 27, 1896, in Elgin, Illinois, removed to Arkansas with his parents when quite young, and died at their home near Keo, Ark., November 13, 1916. The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church at Keo, Thursday, November 14, conducted by Rev. R. F. Shinn, pastor, and Rev. B. F. Musser, his former pastor. His body was carried to Elgin, Illinois for burial, accompanied by his parents, brother, grandmother and aunt. Mellville had been an active, loyal member of the church for three years. He had been living a Christian all of his life. He was faithful in his home and an affectionate and an obedient son. He could be and was trusted by his parents and all others in all things to do what was right. No one was ever disappointed in Mellville. His parents are successful rice-growers near Keo. They are true and loyal Christians. Two sisters, Miss Agnes and Thelma, and one brother, Freddie, are as true as steel to the church, to Christ and righteousness. This is an ideal family. All lovable and affectionate toward each other. They trust each other and count upon each other. Therefore Mellville, the dependable and oldest child, will be greatly missed both in the home and in his community. This family is the pastor's friend. Mellville was ever thoughtful of his pastor. The church and state have lost a very useful young man. He left a life of consistent Christian endeavor as his testimony for righteousness. Mellville was a student in Hendrix Academy for the two school years of 1914-15 and 1915-16, and while there won an enviable reputation as an honest, hard-working student. He was an active member of the Y. M. C. A., always trustworthy and his conduct exemplary in every respect. As a friend he was true to all the sacred duties and privileges of that sacred relation, and his untimely death came as a profound shock and grief to his many friends in the student body. Mellville had an unusual number of

friends who sympathize with the parents and relatives in their bereavement.—His Pastor, R. F. Shinn.

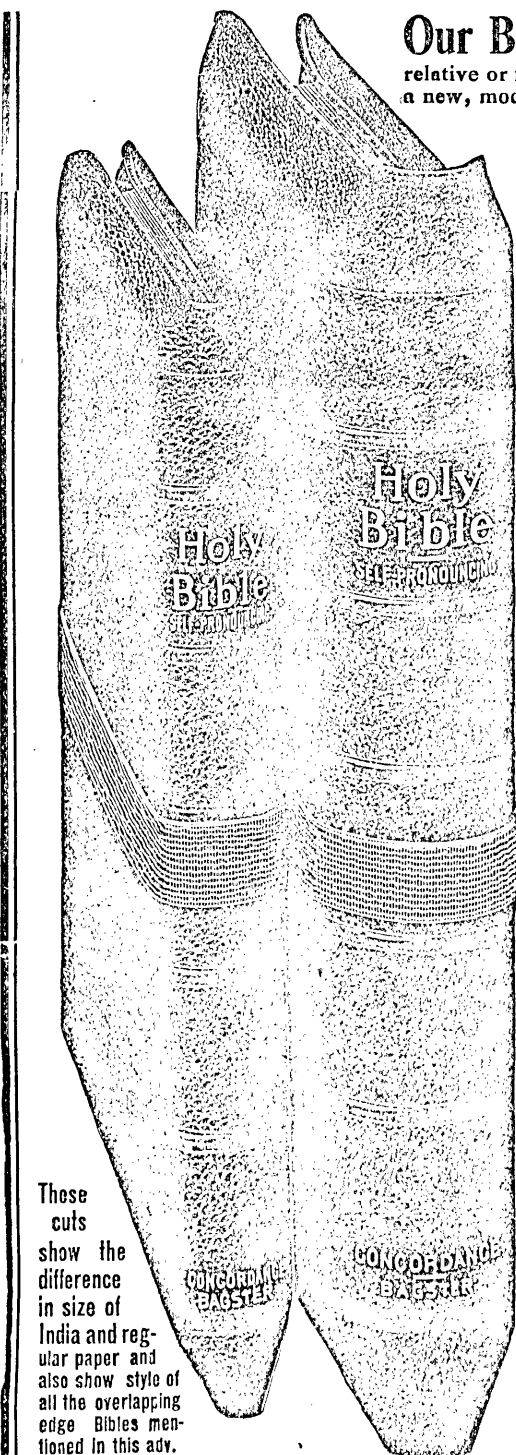
WALSH.—A sad ordeal passed over all Dallas County, and especially Princeton charge, last Thursday night and Friday, when the news was flashed over the wires that our dear friend and brother, T. J. Walsh, had suddenly taken his flight from earth to heaven. He and his brothers had gone to Ouachita river to spend a few days fishing and hunting, and after supper on the first day they decided that they would go to their hooks before retiring, and on their return to their camp fire, Brother Walsh, who was just in front of his brother, Ollie, was expressing himself as to some changes he anticipated in the weather before morning, and before he finished his sentence he fell back dead in his brother's arms. He seemed to be in perfect

health. And oh, what a shock it is, brethren, to the whole community, to say nothing about the broken-hearted wife, whose very life is crushed and the noble boys that were so devoted to father, and the brothers and sisters, who seemed to look to Brother Tommie for counsel. A good, true man has gone to his reward. He was always the preacher's friend. He was true to his pastor, to his church, to his country, and we quote the oft-repeated language that God's workman fall, but He carries on his work, which he does, but I, as his pastor, cannot see how his place can be filled on Princeton Charge, where he has been so faithful all his life. Every preacher who has ever passed this way has a warm place in his heart for T. J. Walsh, and my heart, brethren, is bleeding on account of his going away. His son, Kanelm, put his arms about me at the cemetery and said: "Brother McKelvy, Papa loved

you dearly." A very dear friend of mine has gone, and I would not call him back, but just wait my last good-night to him and say, "I will meet you in the morning, my brother."

And I want to say to our dear Sister Walsh: Cease your weeping and lean upon your Lord, for it is said that the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them, and He can send the spirit of your dear husband to encamp about you, and love you, as he did while in the flesh. Look to God, and it will not be long until he will sing your welcome home. Boys, the richest legacy that could have been left you is the life of your father. Do your best to live for God as he did, and to the brothers and sisters, live as your brother lived and you can all join him and others who have gone before, and sit together in the kingdom above some day.—Your friend and brother, J. H. McKelvy.

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