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"SPEAK THOU THE THINGS THAT BECOME SOUND DOCTRINE."

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BE KIND AND AFFECTIONATE ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE; IN HONOR PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER; NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS; FERVENT IN SPIRIT; SERVING THE LORD; REJOICING IN HOPE; PATIENT IN TRIBULATION; CONTINUING INSTANT IN PRAYER; DISTRIBUTING TO THE NECESSITY OF SAINTS; GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY. BLESS THEM WHICH PERSECUTE YOU; BLESS, AND CURSE NOT.—Romans 12:10-14.

## THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE.

In his message to Congress President Wilson recognizes the fact that immediate legislation is necessary to settle the issue between the railroads and the four brotherhoods that were preparing to strike when their action was delayed by the Adamson law. Under present conditions the labor unions can in a few months, if they desire, absolutely paralyze the commerce and industries of our country. We recognize the right of the employee to quit when he is unfairly treated and also the propriety of securing reasonable hours for work, but the present issue involves far more. We have become so dependent upon the railroads that to stop them for thirty days would cause practically all people to suffer. To avert such possible calamity is the paramount duty of Congress. If the laborers are to get shorter hours and relatively more pay, then in justice provision must be made so that the railroads may, if necessary, increase their rates. If one class of employees, and that the best paid, is to receive more, then other classes are entitled to consideration. If the public must at last pay the cost of these readjustments, our representatives should learn how their constituents feel about it. There must be such a thing as wages and hours which are just to all employees, to the railroads, and to the people generally. It is a question to be settled after the most careful investigation of all the factors involved. It should not be settled in the heat of passion nor under the stress of fear. We urge our representatives to lay aside all unnecessary measures and address themselves to this problem so that it may be speedily solved in a manner that will protect the rights and interests of all concerned. The Congress that can do this will immortalize itself.

## IMPROVE THE METHOD.

That our itinerant system is the best plan for supplying our people with pastors has been so often repeated that it is trite. When this is said we need not claim that it is perfect. Like any other system, it is susceptible of improvement. Our present methods are the result of experience, and just as we change our business and political methods when we discover weakness, so should we revise our ecclesiastical plans if they are found inadequate to present needs. At our last Conference sessions the spirit of the presiding officers was above criticism. They were kind and considerate, patient and careful, and yet within forty-eight hours after adjourning eight or ten changes in pastors were made. It is probable that these changes were wise and the propriety of making them is not questioned, but rather commended. How, then, does it happen that work so fairly and patiently done during the Conference session may be rightly revised as soon as it is announced? Because certain conditions were discovered after the appointments were announced which were imperfectly understood when the appointments were being made. Either presiding elders did not adequately inform the Bishop or he was not sufficiently impressed. The readjustments were brought about by personal conferences between the parties concerned and fuller light was thrown on the several situations. The question which naturally occurs is, why were not these per-

sonal conferences obtained earlier? Simply because tradition and custom require that there should be an element of mystery and secrecy in the making of appointments. This may have been justified in the olden time, when most preachers were unmarried, or, if married, had permanent homes for their families, and when there were relatively small differences in charges, in a day of simplicity of life and environment; but today no valid argument can be maintained for the old plan. If Bishops would insist on securing in every possible way, through the preachers themselves and through laymen, every item of information about both charges and preachers, these mortifying post-conference readjustments would not occur. Some of our Bishops and some Bishops of the Northern Church have tried the plan of the "open cabinet," by which every presiding elder discusses with each and every preacher his proposed appointment long before the final announcements are made, and it is said that the results are highly satisfactory. If a preacher is competent to care for the welfare of hundreds of souls, if he is the consecrated man which he is expected to be, he is worthy of the confidence of his superiors in office, and is capable of assisting them in determining many things. If the laymen are capable of aiding the pastor to manage the church, they are also capable of giving good advice at other times. By giving one more day to a Conference session ample time could be found for full and free advisory counsels, and the extreme fallibility of the plan would not be exposed the moment the final benediction is pronounced. No mending of any written rule is necessary. The gentle disregard of an outworn custom will suffice.

## CURE THE COMPLAINT.

When we complain of the high cost of living we should remember that practically all food crops in our country are short this year, and production in a large part of the world is limited by the war. It may be true that speculators are forcing prices up simply for their own selfish gain, and investigations which will discover unfair combinations and legislation and administration which will correct the evils should be encouraged. However, the best authorities agree that the principal causes of the high cost of living in the United States are waste and extravagance. Our farmers are extremely wasteful in their methods, usually producing less than half of that which their land and labor are capable of producing with care and efficiency. Then bad roads levy a heavy tax on every article brought from country to city, and failure to utilize lands near the consumers adds the freight charges for long-distance transportation. Then the passing of articles through a long series of middle-men increases the prices. We buy on credit and compel the merchant to charge more not simply to pay interest on the deferred payments, but to reimburse himself against the losses in bad accounts. Instead of going for our groceries and meat we require them delivered, and, of course, we pay for the delivery in a higher price. We ride in street cars, when our health would be improved by walking, and use automobiles at great expense when we neither need them nor are honestly able to stand the expense of purchase and upkeep. We drink cold drinks which are unnecessary and load our tables with viands brought from the ends of the earth. We positively refuse to wear last season's clothes, and tax the ingenuity of milliner and clothier to furnish new fashions. Vanity and pride and desire for luxury are at the bottom of much of our expense. Time-saving and labor-saving devices ought to be used; all things that really minister to physical and mental efficiency are legitimate, but many of the contrivances for which we pay and the objects which we crave were merely produced

that new desire might be generated and new markets developed. The need is artificial, not natural, and the consumer is a victim. The time has come when every sensible person will stop drifting and yielding to the unnecessary demands of artificial customs and fashions. He will take an inventory of himself, discover his real needs and readjust himself to the limitations of his income. The man who knows that his wage or salary is far less than that of his neighbor will cease to imitate his more fortunate neighbor's style of living and try to be honest. In recent years there has developed a species of social dishonesty which has stultified the best of us. We dare not by our appearance admit that we are not rich. Simplicity has vanished. Ostentation rules. Let us now cultivate conscience. We denounce corporate greed and political corruption; let us mend our private morals. In our goodly land there is enough and to spare, but we sin in the use of it. Let us reduce the cost of living by honest and sane living.

## FASHION AND PASSION.

A secular paper that is far from being prudish or puritanical makes the following significant comment on a notorious case recently in the courts: "And while being in no sense a dress reform appeal, let us say to the young ladies of this generation, that the demands of the present fashion plates have much to do with starting the flirtations that end like the case of Orpet and the Lambert girl. Men are not without passion, and they are not to be blamed too harshly if they are tempted by the flounces, and the all too scanty attire that is now promulgated by fashion. Marion Lambert is dead, and Will Orpet may go through life with a sorrow that knows no surcease, and who knows but what the first temptation which came to him was that created at the park ball when the heaving breast and snowy flesh were exposed to view." A magazine writer, referring to semi-nude dances and poses tolerated for artistic or historic reasons, says: "Many men view these spectacles not as historical, but as sensual, and newspapers often reproduce likenesses of pure but injudicious girls and women garbed in scanty, semi-transparent, and suggestive attire. What effect do you suppose these pictures have on the excitable tendencies of young boys? These cuts in the papers are often morally worse than many reproductions where the offender was fined or sentenced for exhibiting; and still charity and art are unmolested even though they are creating immodesty in girls and sensuality in men."

We cannot understand the fullness of God's love until the whole world knows Christ. Then in a whole world glorifying the Father we shall begin to apprehend his glory.

The church that would simply save its life will lose it, but the church that loses its life for Christ's sake will find Him and life.

The wise preacher studies his people so that he may adapt his preaching to their direst needs and not to his personal preference.

The true minister of Christ, like the true soldier, welcomes the call to the harder task, the all but impossible service.

Jesus was the discoverer of childhood and its true relation to the kingdom of heaven.

We need to learn that justice does not decide in favor of people, but in favor of right.

Funeral orations sometimes misrepresent the dead and mislead the living.

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## PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The following brethren made brief calls this week: Revs. J. A. Henderson, J. M. Hughey, A. O. Evans, and P. Q. Rorie.

The secular press announces that the people of First Church, Texarkana, have given their pastor, Dr. P. C. Fletcher, an old-fashioned pounding.

The Baptist State Convention has authorized a campaign to raise \$300,000 for Ouachita College and planned to pay the debts of Central College for Women.

Bishop J. H. McCoy and Miss Mary Norman Moore, former president of Athens (Ala.) College for Women, were married at Gadsden, Ala., December 9.

At the session of North Mississippi Conference, Rev. A. H. Williams, once of the Arkansas Conference, was appointed to North Main Street Church, Water Valley.

Rev. A. W. Martin, pastor of our church at Magazine, was married, December 25, at Conway, to Miss Sallie Hairston of Conway, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston officiating.

Emory University has received \$20,000 by the will of Mr. A. K. Hanks of Atlanta, who also left a legacy of \$3,000 to the children's ward of the Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Last week, as they were passing through the city on their return from Conference, Dr. Cadesman Pope, Rev. T. Y. Ramsey, and Rev. C. E. Whitten called at our office.

If the visitor to North Arkansas Conference who left a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles at the Smith-Gill House, Searcy, will write to the proprietor, he may get his lost property.

The Pacific Conference of our church, at its last session, voted to become a patronizing Conference of the College of the Pacific, an institution of the Northern Methodist Church.

When God puts his seal of approbation on a man as he has on Mr. Sunday, the best thing we can do is to co-operate with him to win men and women to Jesus Christ.—Rev. A. Z. Conrad.

A member at Rison writes that the people are delighted to have Brother Colson returned. They have given him a nice pounding. Through his efforts last year a \$255 debt was paid.

Bishop W. R. Lambuth wishes to secure two preachers for the Northwest—one for St. Paul's, Butte, Mont., and one for Willow Creek, Mont. Applicants may address him at Oakdale, Cal.

The Pea Ridge Pod, published at Siloam Springs, says: "Rev. A. L. Cline was returned to the pastorate of the M. E. Church, South, by the Conference. This is good news to the many friends of this popular pastor in this city, as it was hoped

by everyone that he would be reappointed to the church here."

The State Baptist Convention, in session at Malvern last week, received a message from Governor-elect C. H. Brough to the effect that no "boot-legger" would be pardoned during his administration.

Last Monday Rev. T. D. Spruce called on his return from Douglassville, where he had preached to large congregations on Sunday. He has been well received on Bryant Circuit, and is hopeful of a successful year.

At the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance Monday resolutions were adopted protesting against the action of Germany in deporting Belgians and pledging support to President Wilson in whatever steps he might take in the matter.

The General Association of Landmark Baptists, representing that denomination throughout the South, was in session at Sheridan last week. The State Association had a few days before met at Prattsville, in the same county.

Rev. J. C. Hooks, well known in Little Rock Conference, has transferred from East Oklahoma to Baltimore Conference, but as the latter does not meet till spring, he will spend the interval at the home of his son, 1116 Paseo, Kansas City.

Dr. R. L. Selle, who has been district superintendent of Little Rock District, M. E. Church, for two years, has been transferred to Oklahoma and stationed at Nowata. He had been so friendly and fraternal that we regret to lose him from our city.

Dr. W. N. Ainsworth has had a great pastorate of four years at Mulberry Street, Macon, Ga. This was his second quadrennium as pastor of that church, and during the eight years he received 1,500 members and raised for all purposes \$200,000.

The Alabama Conference voted to levy an assessment amounting to one per cent of the assessment for ministerial support, for the Alabama Christian Advocate. This action reduces the North Alabama Conference assessment from two per cent to one per cent.

The Baptist State Convention, recently in session at Malvern, elected as its presiding officer Dr. J. W. Conger, president of Central College for Women. He is the foremost Baptist educator of the State, and as a layman has been prominent in all church activities.

The name of the Arkansas Conference College has been changed to Siloam College. It has recently received a gift of \$5,000 from Mr. Geo. W. Brown of St. Louis and another gift of \$10,000 from Mr. W. J. White of Siloam Springs. The pledges on endowment now amount to \$51,500.

Rev. S. C. Dean returned home from the Annual Conference Monday to remain with us at least another year. This will be the third year for Brother Dean as pastor of the M. E. Church, and the fact that he has been returned here again is evidence of his popularity in Hamburg.—Hamburg Budget.

The town that Rev. J. J. Galloway and family go to from here is Earle, 26 miles from Memphis, Tenn. It is a fine town. The people will be pleased with Rev. Galloway and family. He is a sound preacher and an exemplary Christian gentleman. His family are estimable people. The best wishes of Ozark follow them.—Ozark Democrat-Enterprise.

During the two years Dr. S. H. C. Burgin has been pastor of Trinity Church, Dallas, Tex., 599 members have been received into that church. Dr. Burgin is now pastor of the new First Church, formed by the consolidation of Trinity and First churches. The present membership of the new church is more than 1,700.

The Outlook and The Independent are the latest publications that have found it necessary to advance their subscription price. Beginning with January 1, The Outlook will be \$4 a year and The Independent \$5. The folly of low-priced journalism, its suicidal results, are being demonstrated today as never before.—Zion's Herald.

Coming to Boston at a time when the people of this city are prosperous as never before, enjoying comforts and luxuries that tend to deaden the higher aspirations and to drive out serious thought on religious matters, Billy Sunday has challenged and caught the attention of our citizens as no man has done for generations.—Former Governor J. L. Bates.

It will be welcome news to the congregation of

the Methodist Church in this city that Dr. Scott has been returned for another year as their pastor. The doctor is a man of strong personality, a good worker, and splendid preacher, pastor, and citizen, and therefore the entire citizenship congratulates the church on account of his return.—Hope Gazette.

The Self-Pronouncing Lesson Commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1917 is a vest pocket book which will enable the busy student of the Word to study during his leisure moments. The price is only 25 cents for the cloth binding and 35 cents for the morocco binding. Order it of Geo. W. Noble, Monon Building, Chicago, Ill.

The Joint Commission appointed by the two Oklahoma Conferences to establish an Orphanage met recently at Oklahoma City and elected Rev. Frank Barrett president, Rev. A. C. Pickins vice president, Rev. C. A. Clark secretary, and Mr. B. C. Clark treasurer. Articles of incorporation were adopted and preliminary plans were adopted. The location has not been selected.

Dr. James Empringham, who resigned his rectorate of St. Paul's Episcopal Church a year ago to become an Anti-Saloon League Superintendent, now takes charge of the Church Temperance Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church to assist in forwarding prohibition legislation in New York. The decision of the Episcopal Church to co-operate in the cause of prohibition is significant.

A diagnostic hospital is soon to be established at New York. Its chief function will be to discover the unidentified ailment with which the patient is affected. After the trouble has been determined the patient will be directed to a specialist. If he cannot afford it, he will be returned to his own physician with a full diagnosis and a prescription for treatment suggested by competent specialists.

Last Thursday night, at the Hotel Marion, Little Rock, the Methodist Brotherhood of our city enjoyed a banquet. Officers elected: J. B. Dickinson, President; Geo. Vaughan, Vice President; J. P. Streepey, Secretary, and J. F. Wills, Treasurer. Addresses were made by Rev. J. D. Hammons and Mr. H. T. Harrison, and brief talks were made by others. The object of the organization is Christian fellowship and co-operation.

After an interesting session at Fort Smith, the Arkansas Library Association adjourned to meet next year at Conway. Prof. G. A. Simmons of Hendrix College was elected a member of the Advisory Board. Governor-elect Brough addressed the Association and promised to recommend to the Legislature the creation of a State Library Commission to aid in developing sentiment and in organizing libraries.

Rev. I. D. McClure returned from Conference Tuesday morning and reported that the session just closed was one of the most harmonious he ever attended. Good reports were submitted by all the pastors, and much satisfaction was expressed by the Bishop upon the splendid showing made during the year just closed. Brother McClure and the church here are rejoicing upon his having been returned for another year.—Pocahontas Star-Herald.

By agreement between the Epworth Leaguers of the two Conferences Rev. H. C. Hoy has for nearly two years furnished the Epworth League Notes. Now the Little Rock Conference Epworth League Board has assumed responsibility and has elected Rev. H. F. Buhler as editor. We appreciate the service of Brother Hoy so freely given, and expect him to continue as a contributor, and we bespeak for Brother Buhler the hearty support and co-operation of the Leaguers.

The prizes offered by the Educational Campaign Committee for the highest vote cast for Amendment No. 12 have been announced. The first prize, a 100-volume library, was won by Chicot county, the five fifty-volume libraries were awarded to Young township, Pulaski county, Black Oak and Lucas of Crittenden, Villemont of Jefferson, and Richland and Holly of Desha, each of which cast its entire vote for the amendment. It is significant that all of these are in cotton-growing communities.

Dr. George E. Vincent, who has announced his intention of retiring from the presidency of the University of Minnesota next May, to become pres-

ident of the Rockefeller Foundation, is the son of Bishop John H. Vincent. He will succeed in his new position, John D. Rockefeller Jr., whose term expires in May and who will become chairman of the board of trustees. Dr. Vincent is a member of the General Education Board and has been identified for several years with the philanthropies of the foundation.—Zion's Herald.

Rev. E. R. Steel of First Church, Pine Bluff, writes of Rev. A. L. Miller: "The Leagues of Little Rock Conference are much interested in the preacher at Dierks, since they have a share in his support. Brother Miller is a graduate of Hendrix College, and was active in League work during his stay in college, and was for a term president of the League. He has taken a special course in boys' work at a Scout School in Indiana, and is perhaps the best equipped young man in our Conference in the kind of work which the Leagues expect him to do."

If the prohibition movement is to attain national magnitude it would be well to start with the seat of government. Washington is not a very wicked city. Washington has managed to segregate its social evil and the saloons are well conducted. But so long as the capital of the government countenances the sale of liquor it is an incentive of the wet leaders to advise various States to do the same thing. Messrs. Shepherd and Kenyon, strong advocates of temperance, can best pave the way for a more potent and powerful campaign by applying prohibition to Washington.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Rev. Edmond A. Tilley, for more than twenty years an efficient missionary of our church in Brazil, died November 27 in Bristol, Tenn. He went to Brazil in 1888 and did faithful service in that field until 1907, when, on account of failing health, he returned to the homeland. Six years later he went back to Brazil and remained in that field until 1915, when his health again failed and he found it necessary to give up his work. For more than a year he had been in Bristol, his old home. We sorrow because of the death of our brother who wrought so well in the foreign field in the service he gave to the Master.

The Christian Advocate (New York) publishes a daguerreotype picture of Bishop A. W. Wilson, taken when he was nineteen, and his last photograph, taken at Dr. J. F. Goucher's residence, Baltimore, October 9, 1916, and among other things says of him: "Bishop Wilson was a great churchman, and was perhaps in his quality of mind more like Joshua Soule than any other leader in his church since 1844. Perhaps more than any other man of his time he impressed himself upon the life of his church, dominated its ideals—never in any sordid or selfish fashion, but, as it would appear, always as to the ultimate rights in the case."

At a great Convention of Methodist Men at Harrisburg, Pa., "A United Methodism" was the theme for one session. Bishop Cranston presided, Dr. T. H. Lewis of the Methodist Protestant Church discussed "The Dynamic of a United Methodism," and Bishop Hendrix spoke on "That They All May Be One." He said: "God works through diversity. He may have a purpose for the Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church and the Congregational Church; but who can justify sixteen branches of Methodism." Dr. Lewis said: "The main thing in bringing about union is the motive behind it—love. We have nothing in the world between us but a quarrel to make up. What we need is not so much a General Conference as a general love feast."

His congregation as well as the De Queen public in general were gratified to learn that the Methodist Conference had returned Rev. Francis N. Brewer of this pastorate for another year. Enthusiastic friends greeted him on his return from Conference and accompanied him to his home. As a further mark of their pleasure and appreciation, members of his congregation gathered at the parsonage Wednesday evening and gave Brother Brewer and his estimable family an old-fashioned "pounding," most bountiful in its proportions. Happy felicitations were exchanged, and the occasion was hugely enjoyed. Rev. Brewer is an enthusiastic, broad-minded minister, and his popularity is by no means confined to the church membership. Since his stay in De Queen his moral influence on every issue of public concern has been a

large factor in shaping the destiny of the community, and De Queen is fortunate in retaining him as a citizen.—De Queen Bee.

Our two largest Conferences are the Virginia and North Georgia. The Virginia Conference reports the total number of church members as 126,935, an increase of 3,045 for the year. In the Sunday schools 10,065 officers and teachers and 105,022 scholars were enrolled, these figures representing an increase of about six thousand. For missions there was contributed, on regular assessments, \$50,430. These figures are taken from the reports in the daily papers, and doubtless do not include amounts paid on specials. Nor do they take into account the amounts contributed by the Woman's Missionary Societies and the children's societies. Including all of these, the total for missions is nearly three times as great as the amount named. The North Georgia Conference has a lay membership of 124,085, an increase of 2,253 for the year. Sunday school officers and teachers number 7,363 and Sunday school scholars 92,556, an increase of approximately 6,000. There was paid for missions, on assessments, \$56,250, and, including specials, the total is \$60,081. For presiding elders and pastors there was paid \$273,374.

The editor spent last Sunday at Paragould, attending Sunday school and Epworth League and preaching morning and night to good congregations. This is a strong church with a large and well organized Sunday school and a strong Epworth League. Rev. T. Y. Ramsey, who had served one year, was returned, and the genuine cordiality with which he was received evidenced his popularity. His people earnestly desired his return. Under the leadership of Rev. H. H. Watson, the presiding elder, an unusually fine eight-room district parsonage had just been completed at a cost of \$2,300, but really worth \$3,000. Brother Watson had done such acceptable work on the district that the people there expected his reappointment. They will loyally and lovingly receive the new presiding elder, but their regret over losing Brother Watson is keen, and if they had been given opportunity they would have protested vigorously against his removal. It is seldom that a church shows so much concern over the taking away of a presiding elder. Paragould has made many substantial improvements. There are miles of paved streets and work is still in progress. The country around is owned by intelligent farmers who are engaged in diversified farming. They are prospering. It is a fine country.

#### HENDRIX ENDOWMENT.

Amount necessary to raise.....	\$500,000
By gift of Gen. Board, N. Y.....	\$100,000
By pledges since Nov. 1, 1916.....	50,000
	<hr/> \$150,000

Balance to be secured.....	\$350,000
The above figures tell it all.	

First—A task worthy of Methodism in Arkansas.

Second—A challenge to the presiding elders and pastors of our church.

The issues involved in this campaign are enough to fire every Methodist heart, the purposes and plans of our leaders as to Hendrix College are the remuneration, the splendid crowns, if you please, laid up for the church that conquers in great issues. Lincoln said: "I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the union to be dissolved. I do not expect the house to fall, but I expect it to cease to be divided. It will become all one or the other."

I have never seen our ministry more nearly unanimous than in this campaign. All alike look at the matter through the eyes of statesmen and agree that the one great thing now to do is to raise this half million, save permanently the head of our educational system in Arkansas, and make possible the doing of other things. We need a public opinion, a church conscience that would not permit a shuffling attitude in regard to the main issue, a church that will demand consistent, clear-sighted leadership—will demand a policy so clear, so sincere, so logical, so obviously the expression of a united church, that there can be won back the respect of business men of Arkansas and the friendship of big men throughout the connection. Our

preachers are doing a great work already.

Last Sunday I was in the country (on a circuit), heard the pastor, Rev. Fizer Noe, make statements before his congregation, clear and to the point, on our educational matters. I heard Brother W. A. Lindsay lead in prayer at the conclusion of the service. His prayer for Hendrix, the leaders of this campaign, I have not heard equaled. The reader would know without further statement, with two such preachers, with such vision, that the agent had a successful day. The voluntary giving (for I am not taking public collections) was spontaneous and liberal. If all the charges in Arkansas duplicate the gift of this circuit, this one church in it, I'd put our two State schools where they belong and have much to spare to put all the rest of our schools in good condition.

Again I state that if all our preachers were fired with the necessity of speedily solving this question there is hardly a man, woman, or child in the Methodist Church in Arkansas that will not give something. It is up to us. If we fail, it is the failure of the ministry. The people are ready. I have been in stations and on circuits, and without a single exception, where the preacher is really in earnest, the people respond. Brethren, pray for Mr. E. D. Irvine, W. B. Hubbell, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, H. F. Buhler, and the writer.

On to \$500,000!—James Thomas.

#### PREPARING FOR THE PAPER CAMPAIGN.

Many pastors are sending for lists of subscribers so that they may begin collecting arrears. Others will doubtless want lists soon. Do not hesitate to call for them, brethren, when you can use them. Be sure to give us the names of all the postoffices where your people get mail. Do not lose the sample copies sent you, but hold or distribute them so as to aid in the circulation campaign in February. We are expecting you to arrange your work so that you may devote sufficient time in February to the campaign to make it a success. By hearty co-operation we can put our paper on an absolutely safe financial basis.

#### ARKANSAS METHODIST COLLECTION.

##### Little Rock Conference.

Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount paid and previously reported.....	\$ 311.51
Amounts paid since last report.....	0.00
Total .....	\$ 311.51

##### North Arkansas Conference.

Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount paid .....	\$ 0.00

James Thomas, Treasurer.

#### A HELPFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The Arkansas Methodist would make an ideal Christmas gift to some member of your family who has recently joined the church or who lives in another State. It will be for a year a weekly reminder of your love and thoughtfulness. If you wish us to notify your friend or relative that you have sent the paper, mention it in writing our office. If you are a subscriber send \$2.50 to renew your own subscription and send the paper to your friend.

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One for nice, small circuit of six appointments. Will pay a live, active man from \$500 to \$600. No parsonage.

One for a good station with splendid parsonage. Will pay the right kind of a man \$600.

Write me at once. Send up-to-date recommendation from your presiding elder. Do not ask me to write for your recommendations. None but energetic, hard-working men need apply. These charges furnish any consecrated, active preacher splendid opportunity for doing great good in the Master's vineyard. Act promptly.—Alonzo Monk, P. E.

Little Rock, Ark.

#### CHICKENS FOR ORPHANAGE.

We have just completed a nice chicken house and yard at the Methodist Orphanage, but have practically no chickens. I am sure that there are friends of the Orphanage in the country who will be glad to send us a half dozen or a dozen chickens each. We do not care for the full-blooded chickens, but want, say, half-breed young hens.—Geo. Thornburgh, President.



## CONTRIBUTIONS.

THIRD QUADRENNIAL MEETING  
OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST, AT ST.  
LOUIS, MO., DECEMBER 6-11, 1916.

The Federal Council was organized in 1908 at Philadelphia, with the following constituent bodies: Baptist Churches North, Free Baptist Churches, National Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Christian Church, Congregational Church, Disciples of Christ, Friends, Evangelical Association, United Evangelical Church, Lutheran Church, General Synod, German Evangelical Synod, Mennonite Church, (General Conference) Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, African M. E. Church, African M. E. Zion Church, Colored M. E. Church in America, Methodist Protestant Church, Moravian Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South), Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, United Presbyterian Church, Welsh Presbyterian Church, Reformed Church in America, Reformed Church in the U. S., Protestant Episcopal Church, Commissions on Christian Unity and Social Service, Reformed Episcopal Church, United Brethren Church.

The third quadrennial meeting of the Council was in St. Louis, December 6-11. The purposes of the Council, as expressed in the constitution, are: (1) To express the fellowship and catholic unity of the Christian Church, (2) To bring the Christian bodies of America into united service for Christ and the world, (3) to encourage devotional fellowship and mutual counsel concerning the spiritual life and religious activities of the churches, (4) To secure a larger combined influence for the churches of Christ in all matters affecting the moral and social conditions of the people, so as to promote the application of the law of Christ in every relation of human life, (5) and to assist in the organization of local branches of the Federal Council to promote its aims in their communities.

The Council does not propose to do away with denominations, although it does encourage small kindred bodies to unite; but the great purpose is to get all the denominations to stand and work together upon all matters of common interest, and thus secure greater efficiency. Each constituent body is entitled to four delegates to the Council and to one additional for every 50,000 members. So, the M. E. Church, South, is entitled to fifty delegates, and the delegates are appointed by the College of Bishops. Only the following of our delegates were present: Rev. W. D. Bradfield, Dallas, Tex.; Rev. L. C. Branscomb, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. D. W. Carter, Georgetown, Tex.; Prof. C. C. Cody, Georgetown, Tex.; Rev. R. E. Dickinson, Colorado Springs, Col.; Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Fort Worth, Tex.; Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. J. W. Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; President C. A. Lehmberg, Cherokee, Tex.; Rev. Paul H. Linn, Fayette, Mo.; Rev. J. G. Miller, Stamford, Tex.; Rev. J. M. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. A. Rice, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. J. J. Stowe, Pulaski, Tenn.; Rev. B. P. Taylor, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. W. B. Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Frank M. Thomas, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. L. E. Todd, St. Louis, Mo.; R. M. Weaver, Corinth, Miss.; Rev. W. P. Whaley,

Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. John O. Willson, Greenwood, S. C.

Our delegates met and elected the following to represent us on the Executive Committee: Bishop E. D. Mounzon, F. M. Thomas, L. B. Branscomb, H. M. Dobbs, Paul H. Linn, and D. D. Coltrane. Alternates, R. E. Dickinson, V. P. Taylor, and J. W. Lee.

Prominent men of the M. E. Church were Rev. Edgar Blake of Chicago, Mr. George W. Brown of St. Louis, Rev. H. K. Carroll of Washington, D. C., Rev. Wm. I. Haven of New York, Rev. James R. Joy of the New York Christian Advocate, Bishop Thomas Nicholson of Chicago, Rev. Frank Mason North of New York (president of the Council), Rev. C. B. Spencer of Kansas City and Rev. E. R. Zareing of Chicago. Hon. Gifford Pinchot was conspicuous among the delegates from the Protestant Episcopal Church, W. J. Bryan among the delegates of the Presbyterian Church, Hon. H. M. Beardsley among the delegates of the Congregational Church, and Hon. Howard B. Grose and Shailer Matthews among the delegates of the Northern Baptist Church. Space fails me to mention leaders present from the many other churches. The various negro bodies had choice representations. Among them was our own J. W. Gilbert of the C. M. E. Church.

Most of the work of the Council is done through committees and commissions that are appointed for four years and report at the quadrennial meetings of the Council. Our main business in the meeting just closed in St. Louis was to hear, discuss, and pass upon the recommendations in the reports of these committees and commissions. We had reports from the following committees: Executive, Quadri-Centennial of the Protestant Reformation, Religious Publicity, Negro Churches, American Peace Centenary. From the following commissions: Home Missions, State and Local Federations, Church and Country Life, Foreign Missions, Peace and Arbitration, Relations with Japan, Family Life, Sunday Observance, Temperance, Christian Education, Evangelism, Church and Social Service, and from the Conference of the Religious Press, and from the Conference of Theological Seminaries.

Nearly all these reports were quite voluminous, several of them making considerable volumes. The delegates could not get it all in their heads. I could not get it all in my two grips. But it is significant and encouraging that thirty of the leading Protestant denominations in the United States are getting together to study the above subjects and to work at their problems. There seemed to be great unity and brotherliness. We sat intermingled, we worked alongside and we worshiped together. It was interesting to see these delegates from widely differing denominations sitting or standing promiscuously together for the photographer. If you ever see a picture of the Council, you will find my shining face between two eminent divines in ebony. A motion picture was made one day as we passed out of the church. It was comforting to hear representatives from thirty denominations singing the same hymns and repeating the Lord's Prayer together. In fact, it was easy for me to say "amen" to the prayers of all who conducted devotional services.

W. J. Bryan was the center of attraction on Saturday and Sunday. He made twelve addresses in the two

days on Peace, Prohibition, Woman's Suffrage, and Religion.

Great throngs greeted him everywhere. Auditoriums were packed an hour before the time, and the multitudes could not suppress their enthusiasm. Mr. Bryan is more positively, aggressively and uncompromisingly Christian in his public stand and utterances than any other man prominent in American politics today. He ought to be both a State and an ecclesiastical apostle to the courts of the world.

A very pleasant occasion was the dinner given by Geo. Warren Brown, the big shoe man of St. Louis, on Friday evening at the Washington, to the delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Our names were on cards in our plates, and we had a merry time finding our places. I found myself at last at a table with three brethren of the M. E. Church—Rev. Guy Talbot of Los Angeles, Rev. Samuel Van Pelt of Rock Island, and Rev. E. R. Zareing of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago. There were about fifty of us at the dinner, and from the speeches and response we seemed to be unanimous for unification.

My home, while attending the Council, was with my good friends, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Godbey, out in beautiful Kirkwood. That was a delightful flavor to this great Federal Council feast.

I was glad to meet the pastor, Brother McCarthy, and to preach on Sunday for our congregation in Kirkwood.—W. P. Whaley.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE.

The sixty-third session of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South has just adjourned at Malvern, and we wish to give a few impressions of that great Conference.

It was intellectual as shown by the wise discussion of the many propositions concerning the Kingdom that was brought before it. It is putting forth a greater educational program than ever before and from all appearances that program will be carried into victorious affect. Hendrix College will soon be placed in the class with the safely endowed institutions under the financial management of Dr. James Thomas and Rev. H. F. Buhler. Galloway College is a splendid success and will be increased in capacity as we had to turn away 32 of the finest girls in Arkansas this year because we did not have room for them. Henderson-Brown College is doing a work peculiarly its own and will be put on a safe basis by Dr. A. O. Evans, the able commissioner.

It was spiritual, as every day was a feast of worship and spiritual uplift. Several preached with great power and Bishop J. H. McCoy closed with one of the greatest sermons we have ever heard. The great congregation hung on his every word for one hour and thirty minutes, while almost the entire audience continually shed tears of joy as he led on to a great climax. It was indeed good to be there and a layman from Conway asserted that it was worth all it cost to make the trip to hear that one sermon. Oh for more men in the church with the great spiritual power of Bishop McCoy.

It was an occasion of the very finest fellowship. There is no fraternity like that of the Church of God. Better hospitality was never accorded a

gathering than was given by the prosperous little city of Malvern. All will be glad to return there for another session some day.

Then it impressed one as a very sacrificial body. There was perhaps never a body of men making greater sacrifices than this body. Many of the preachers with considerable families supported on from as low as \$300. How it is done is only known to those who go smilingly through it and to the great Father of all.

To a careful observer it was not a session without some errors, and the sign of humanity asserting itself, but no one has ever claimed infallibility for the church or its ministers.

Then it was a Conference shot through and through with the spirit of optimism. All feel that we are going on to certain victory.

Lastly this great Conference was permeated by a progression, hastening on to higher ideals in the intellectual, the spiritual, in fellowship and in love.—Kingsland Leader.

## THE TEAM.

(The following is an extract from the Anniversary Educational Address of President Reynolds before the North Arkansas Conference.)

In the first place, we have great leaders. Look at the line-up. Southern Methodist University, in her now historic campaign, which culminated in raising a million dollars, was not more ably led. Our General-in-Chief is Dr. James Thomas, the financial wizard of the Little Rock Conference, who several years ago led our church to her first memorable educational victory in Arkansas, and who has accepted the leadership in this campaign, which, under God, I hope will not stop until it has solved the problem of both Hendrix and Galloway and has forever settled the question of educational primacy of Methodism in Arkansas. What better qualified leader could our church have secured if it had searched the entire Southern Church? Other States, including Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, have tried to get him to lead their educational campaigns, but to all Dr. Thomas has turned a deaf ear, because he loves Arkansas Methodism and proposes to live, work, and die among his adopted people.

Dr. Thomas' first lieutenant is that big financial statesman of the North Arkansas Conference, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston. His has been a glorious history, one in which all Arkansas Methodism takes pride. He is a great church builder, for over a quarter of a century one of our honored representatives at the General Conference, one of the great presiding elders of the South, always a sane, level-headed, devoted servant of the church. He is a battle-scarred veteran, past sixty, and very properly might have asked to be excused from the privations, the hardships and the exposures of the campaign, but when the issue came, the only question with which his soul wrestled was, What is the will of God and of his church?

Then there is Mr. E. D. Irvine, the big-hearted, consecrated chairman of the board of stewards of the Winfield Church. As manager of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company in Arkansas for years he impressed himself upon the public as a big, successful business man. He will add strength to the team.

Mr. W. B. Hubbell, the successful business manager of Hendrix College, will also assist in the campaign. Mr.

Hubbell has had experience in such work. He rendered valuable service in assisting in raising the White River Conference part of the old Hendrix debt, the \$20,000 shortage when we closed out the \$300,000 endowment in 1914, and in securing subscriptions for the President's Home.

Rev. H. F. Buhler, one of our most useful pastors and efficient workers, is a member of the team. He will make one of the most effective workers in the field.

This is our team. Their names are a practical guarantee of the success of the campaign, because these men do not fail. They have counted the cost. The fact that they have undertaken the work shows how seriously they view our educational situation. Let us give them our prayers and our support.

#### IS IT FAIR?

When the stewards of a charge make the assessment for the pastor's salary and place a portion of this to the pastor's wife, I ask, is it fair? Is it right? Is it not simply a means of making the assessment large for show? Do you know of any other employe whose wife pays part of his salary? This is a custom that seems to be growing. Some of the larger churches have started this thing, and the smaller ones are taking it up. It is all right for the pastor's wife to help pay the running expenses of the church and the connectional claims, but it is a bad custom for her to be assessed to pay her own salary. For there are a number of us that hold our jobs without the help of our wives.

It is not fair to the church nor to the pastor. Let us stop this before it goes any further. I have never had this treatment, and I am trying to save myself from it. A pastor can not keep the stewards from lowering the assessment, but I think he should brush away modesty and register a good, strong kick against his wife being forced to pay a part of his salary.—Yours for open, fair play, B. L. Wilford.

#### GALLOWAY COLLEGE BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN.

Everybody is campaigning, and we are at it still. We have not thought of stopping until Arkansas shall make all necessary provision for the proper and thorough education of her young women. In a quiet way we have raised, through the invaluable services of Brother Watson, nearly \$100,000 in notes, cash, and real estate. We shall need four times this amount to carry out the plans which we have projected. Though we have worked quietly thus far, our efforts will soon take a wider range, and we sincerely hope during the next twelve months to have well advanced a new Administration Building. Rev. W. C. Watson, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District, will still render such assistance as his time will allow, and in addition we shall have Rev. H. H. Griffin, a live, wide-awake young man, who has made a splendid record as a church builder.

No institution in the State has had more promises made it than has Galloway. The day has come to carry out to the fullest the pledges which have been made this institution by the church. Methodism has no more important duty in Arkansas today than to see to it that its word in such matters is worth one hundred

cents on the dollar. Our young women are dependent upon our pastors and their laymen to win their endowment and their new buildings for them. They are absolutely dependent upon Methodist chivalry. Will you be a knight? To impress upon you the urgent necessity we say again that we have turned thirty-five girls away from our doors this year, at a gross loss of \$10,000. Will you help to remedy the situation by next September?—J. M. Williams, President.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In his report to the annual Conferences, among other things, President Reynolds made the following statement concerning ministerial education, which should receive the hearty support of every pastor, presiding elder and layman:

"In our report a year ago the subject of ministerial education was emphasized. At that time three methods of promoting it were suggested: (1) That the Summer School for Ministers serve as a means of helping the preachers already in the active work; (2) That presiding elders and pastors insist that all young men feeling a call to preach secure a college education before entering the active work, and (3) That Sunday schools, adult Bible classes, and individuals take over the education of candidates for the ministry unable to provide the means. Your Board recommended, and the Conference endorsed, all these plans. Special efforts are being made to get all young ministers to take a college education before they join the Conference. The success of this plan is largely dependent upon the hearty co-operation of preachers and presiding elders. Some are still indifferent. A ringing resolution on the subject may be of value. The plan to induce Sunday school classes and individuals to take over the education of young preachers, adopted by the Conference last year upon your recommendation, has met with success. Some eight men are being cared for in that way now, as against one at this time last year. The movement might be stimulated by urging that our preachers bring it to the attention of adult classes, Sunday schools and individuals. What a tremendous power would our church wield in Arkansas if all of her ministers were well trained men. Is it not possible for this Board to find some method of securing for these plans for ministerial education the active co-operation of every pastor in our church?"

#### APPOINTMENTS OF THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Little Rock District—E. M. Dugger, district superintendent; Ada, to be supplied by W. F. Kendrick; Almyra, S. B. Todd; Amity, R. J. Rail; Beebe, M. L. Cole; Belton, R. J. Rail; Bismark and Point Cedar, J. S. Brownell and W. C. Aytes; Bradford, M. L. Cole and one to be supplied; Buck Mountain, to be supplied by C. L. Pitts; Cave City, J. W. Due; Center Valley, P. L. Dunn; Cushman, J. L. Masters; Denmark, to be supplied by J. C. Adams; Frisbee, to be supplied by J. E. Jones; German, James McNabb; Gillette, to be supplied by A. W. Fountain; Goldman, to be supplied; Heber Springs, J. R. Campbell; Hot Springs, to be supplied by Robert Burroughs; Judsonia, A. W. Hallmark; Little Rock Scott Street Church, S. E. Ryan and Charles Hanson; Maxville, to be supplied by Luther Love; Mor-

ilton, to be supplied; Pittsville, H. N. Lewis; Poughkeepsie, to be supplied by J. W. Powell; Ravenden, to be supplied by R. C. Trowbridge; Russellville, Frederick Getty; Story, to be supplied by J. W. Stroud; Stuttgart, W. E. Reese; Washita, to be supplied by B. N. Fitzwater; Wild Cherry, to be supplied by H. F. Horsman and E. D. Wraither.

Fort Smith District—C. R. Robinson, district superintendent; Bentonville, T. W. Shipley; Chester, T. J. Wilson; Ellsworth, M. F. Layman; Eureka Springs, to be supplied; Everton and St. Joe, J. S. Taylor; Fayetteville and West Fork, to be supplied by C. H. Johnson; Fort Smith, J. M. Taber and W. E. Dunlap; Green Forest, to be supplied; Harrison, I. W. Torrence; Harrison Circuit, to be supplied by A. C. Phillips; Jasper, J. M. Taylor; Jenny Lind and Vesta, F. M. Cloninger; Lincoln, Wiley T. Selby; Mansfield and Gilmore, to be supplied by Ira S. Selby; Mena, L. W. B. Long; Pindall and Snow Ball, to be supplied by L. R. Kerr; Rogers, J. M. Carter; St. Paul and Delaney, to be supplied by E. G. Hutchinson; Scranton, to be supplied; Siloam Springs, William N. Gaither; Siloam Springs Circuit, to be supplied by J. H. Marshall; Springdale, W. A. Piper; Sulphur Springs, J. C. Blizzard; White Rivers and Crosses, D. C. Thurman.

Special Appointments—C. B. Larabee, president Siloam Springs Conference College, member of Siloam Springs Quarterly Conference; J. J. Bowman, missionary of the American Sunday School Union, Sulphur Springs Quarterly Conference; B. P. White, field secretary Children's Home Society of Pennsylvania, member Scott Street, Little Rock Church, Quarterly Conference; George M. Eastham, professor Siloam Springs Conference College.

C. L. Franks left without appointment to attend college.

#### OPENING OF HENDERSON-BROWN CAMPAIGN.

I opened my campaign for Henderson-Brown last Sunday at Manchester, in the morning, and Bethlehem in the afternoon, on the Dalark Circuit, Rev. T. O. Rorie, pastor. Brother Rorie and his people are happy over the change after Conference which left him on the Dalark Circuit for another year. The good people at Manchester and Bethlehem—the Hunters, Parkers, Davidsons, and many others, received me and the cause in a gracious manner, and gave substantial evidence of their interest in Christian education. It could hardly be otherwise with Rorie, a man who stands four-square for Christian education, as pastor. The outlook is good.—A. O. Evans.

#### POUND THE SUPERANNUATES.

To the Methodists of the Little Rock Conference:

According to appointment it is my business this Conference year to look after the interests of the superannuated brethren. By the help of the Lord and the assistance of the people, I hope to make my business a success.

It has long been the custom, and a good one, too, to "pound" the pastors upon their arrival or their return to their new appointments. This is sometimes very beneficial to both soul and body of the preacher, and is always very much appreciated.

I wonder if our people are so ungrateful to our heroes of the past that they forget to be mindful of them when remembering the heroes of the

present. The hardest appointment a poor preacher ever receives, and the one he most dreads, is that of a superannuate relation.

Now, the first thing I am asking in behalf of our honored brethren and their widows is for the people who live near by them to give them a good, substantial pounding with an apology for not having done so before.

Trusting that this appeal may not fall by the "way side", I am,

Very sincerely yours,

T. F. Hughes.

#### RAISING THE MINISTER'S SALARY

This is a day of big prices. The country is prosperous, but not so with the ministers. Their salaries have not been increased in most cases and many of them are desperate over the prospect. Groceries, clothing, etc., are all much higher than before, but the salary is the same. It is reported that already some are being forced into taking up secular work to supplement their salaries, though, of course, they are continuing to preach. Now, don't let some one say that these men ought to continue to give themselves wholly to the ministry of the Word regardless of whether or not they are paid living salaries. Why should they make greater sacrifices than other people? When their brethren have money with which to buy autos and other luxuries, why should these ministers of Christ deny their families not only the luxuries but even the things needful? Brethren, don't wait until your minister resigns or enters a secular calling to raise his salary. Raise that salary now; you are able to do it. God has wonderfully blessed you. Show your appreciation of his blessings.—Christian Courier.

#### AGRICULTURAL DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

"Agricultural Day", which is observed annually by the students of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics on Wednesday preceeding Thanksgiving, was the most successful celebration ever staged on the Campus of the University of Arkansas.

An agricultural parade, speechmaking, a country dinner, exhibits by the various departments, and stock and fruit judging contest comprised the events of the day.

The greatest event of the day was the agricultural parade which extended four blocks in length. This was headed by the military department, following in succession were Uncle Sam and Miss Arkansas riding side by side. Ingenious floats and pure-bred live stock represented the various departments of the college, banners showing the value of Arkansas farm crops, graphic illustrations of the old and the new in farm life, and last the clown band.

Immediately after the parade speeches, including such subjects as, "The High Collar Farmer" and "Theory Versus Practice", were made by members of the faculty.

A delicious country dinner was prepared and served by the trained cooks of the Home Economics departments. All students of the College of Agriculture, together with two hundred guests, were royally served by these girls in their white aprons and caps.

At 2 p. m. the instructive exhibits of all the departments of the College of Agriculture were thrown open and for three hours a stream of interested visitors passed through the various agricultural buildings. Dainty dresses, hats, home plans, wholesome and de-

licious foods, apples, potatoes, field crops, soils, bugs, microbes, cattle, horses, pigs and poultry were on display and were explained by various students.

Fruit and live stock judging contests were eagerly participated in by students and visitors.—Reporter.

#### REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The financial depression throughout this section during the first nine months of the year made it impossible to project a large and liberal campaign for the hospital, and our Field Secretary has therefore been greatly hampered in his work. But he has raised over \$36,000 for our proposed hospital, more than \$16,000 of which is in cash. All expenses, including the annual note on our property and accrued interest, have been paid and there is a balance of \$1,450 in the treasury.

Our Hospital Commissioners have adopted plans adequate to meet the crying need and worthy of our people's ability. Our ample site has the promise of large things. The architectural plans provide for a building of five units, affording, when complete, five hundred beds. The Board purposes first building the three front units, the main and central unit to be seven stories high, and the east and west units, or wings, to be five stories each; thus providing three hundred beds.

The need for our Methodist Hospital is most urgent. The hospital facilities of this section do not by any means meet the demand, and the poor and dependent are especially without provision of this kind. The Baptists are in the midst of a vigorous campaign to double the capacity of their hospital in Memphis, and we Methodists must not longer lag behind. We must prove to all men that our loved Church makes her members as tender of heart and helpful of hand as those of any denomination in the world.

We are glad to hear of the large plans on foot for the campaign in the city of Memphis under the leadership of an acknowledged expert, and that there is every promise of great success. We also commend the wise and opportune determination of the Hospital Board to place other solicitors in the field as soon as suitable persons can be found.

#### Hospital Day.

We join the other co-operating Conferences in setting apart January 27, 1917, the fourth Sunday, as Hospital Day, and we hereby request all our Presiding Elders and preachers in charge to observe the day in all our churches, Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues, and that our people be urged to make large and liberal offerings to this great benevolence and home missionary enterprise of our Church.

It is proposed that each of the four interested Conferences at once raise five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to endow a room in the Methodist Hospital in which its own preachers can receive surgical and medical treatment and care free of any charge whenever it may be needed. The Memphis and North Mississippi Conferences have already pledged themselves to do this. We must also have such a room and we should raise the money now.

Our Field Secretary has been diligent and faithful, and has done well in the face of many difficulties. Let us give him our earnest prayers and heartiest co-operation.

We recommend the election of J. K. Farris, J. R. Nelson, T. J. Boston, W. E. Jelks and W. B. Mann as our Hospital Commissioners.—L. P. Womack, Secretary, For the Committee.

#### REPORT OF METHODIST ORPHAN-AGE BOARD.

(North Arkansas Conference.)

During the past year we had some sickness and some interruptions in our work, but the Lord has overruled it all to our good, as we verily believe.

On February 1 Mrs. M. L. Bonner resigned as matron and the place was filled by Mrs. L. D. Litts. In February the Executive Committee engaged the Rev. J. R. Sanders and wife, he as superintendent and she as assistant matron. Brother Sanders soon found that he was not strong enough physically to fill the place and resigned the middle of June. The internal affairs of the Home were never in better shape.

At the close of last year, September 30, 1915, there were 31 children in the Home. During the year we received 26, placed in good homes 21 and one died, leaving 35 in the Home September 30, 1916. We received more children this year and have more in the Home now than any previous year. We received all told since the organization of the home 284 children.

Brother Thornburgh expended from the special fund collected by him during the year \$2,316.26. This makes \$37,317.56 collected by him and invested in the institution. About \$34,000 has been spent on the building and grounds and the balance in furniture, etc.

We are sorry to report that the funds provided for the running expenses of the institution were exhausted in July, and we have been borrowing on personal endorsement money to run the Home since that time. The assessment was made for the institution ten years ago when we only had twelve children in the home, and it has only been increased 25 per cent. We now have 35 children, which is 300 per cent increase, and everything that is consumed is very much higher than when the estimate was made.

We recommend that this Conference be assessed \$3,000, apportioned as follows:

Batesville District—\$320.  
Searcy District—\$335.  
Booneville District—\$335.  
Conway District—\$335.  
Fayetteville District—\$335.  
Fort Smith District—\$335.  
Helena District—\$335.  
Jonesboro District—\$335.  
Paragould District—\$335.

J. B. Stevenson, Chm.  
M. P. Timberlake, Sec'y.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

(North Arkansas Conference.)

The Sabbath is the bulwark of the Church, a great support of our civic and national life; it is the day when our world is still and knows that God is God.

We cannot be quiet and not cry out against its desecration. We will not allow our Sabbath taken from us without our strongest possible protest. Do away with it, and labor will not rest, our churches will be empty, and the voice of the ministry will not be heard in the land.

We urge that our ministry make it a day of rest and worship for their own lives; let us try to induce our people to leave secular and worldly literature out of their Sabbath's reading; help them to make the Sabbath's

journey one that takes them to God's house and not on trips of business and pleasure. Why make nature, dumb beasts, and tired labor do duty to our lust for sin and worldly pleasure?

Let us be in the Spirit on the Lord's day; may divine joy fill our hearts when it is said, "Let us go into the house of the Lord," for our Sabbath is a type of that day of heavenly rest and gladness.—F. A. Lark, Chairman; Jas. B. Evans, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

(North Arkansas Conference.)

We, your Committee on District Journals, make the following report:

All the journals were before us, excepting the Conway and Booneville Districts.

The journals are well kept. The Batesville journal is in very fine condition.—E. Dyer, Chairman; E. W. Faulkner, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

(North Arkansas Conference.)

The reports this year show the following:

Number of Sunday Schools—522.

Officers and Teachers—4,474.

Wesley Bible Classes—176.

Sunday School Pupils Joining Church—2,508.

Amount Raised for Missions—On Special, \$1,473.

Amount Raised for Missions—On Assessment, \$3,892.

Children's Day Fund—\$812.

Supplies—\$203.83.

Other Objects—\$6,591.

A total of \$31,515.

The report of the General Board shows a good increase in the work of the Sunday school in all its departments throughout the Church. We are endeavoring to bring the work of our Board and our schools into harmony with the plans of the General Board, both as to district organization and institute work and any other processes by which the proper fundamental, educational training may be given in the schools of our Conference. To accomplish this, we invite the co-operation of all the Boards and Committees of the Conference.

We had with us Dr. J. W. Shackford and Mr. A. L. Dietrich, both of whom gave us helpful counsel. We appreciate the work done by our Field Secretary, Rev. W. A. Lindsay, and regret that we have come to a condition of our finances where we cannot keep a secretary in the field the coming year. We feel that in this we are taking a decidedly backward step.

We urge the importance of Children's Day. The Discipline is mandatory in regard to it. Not to observe the day is to disobey the express law of the Church, and cut off the main money supply of this Board.

We want the Sunday schools to have the largest possible part in the forward educational and missionary movement of the Church, but we insist that the schools are worthy of more notice than is given them in the regularly recurring and constantly increasing requests for special days and collections. If the Sunday school yields the returns it ought to yield to the Church, it must have more loyal care by this Conference.

This Board finds itself with a deficit of approximately seven hundred dollars (\$700) for which it must provide. The Children's Day fund at the present rate is not sufficient to care for it. We ask that the regular col-

lection of every school in this Conference on the first Sunday in February, 1917, or as near thereto as practicable be turned over to this Board to help take care of this deficit.

We had a communication from President Reynolds of Hendrix College suggesting that the Sunday schools of Arkansas undertake to raise forty thousand (\$40,000) for the endowment of a chair of Bible and Religious Education in the college. We also had a communication from Dr. C. S. Wright of Southern Methodist University to name the second Sunday in March as Religious Education Day in the Sunday schools of this Conference and to take a special collection to be applied on the endowment of the Department of Sunday School Pedagogy in Southern Methodist University. We are in sympathy with these movements, but with the present condition of our work and the increasing number of requests for special days in the Sunday school, we do not think it best to concur unconditionally in these requests. We do recommend, however, that the persons engaged in these endowment campaigns present the matter to any school if the pastor agrees to such presentation.

We urge the observance of College Day according to the plan adopted by the General Board.

We rejoice that one of the ten district institutes to be held by the General Board during the coming year is to be held in connection with the Summer School at Hendrix College, the General Board agreeing to furnish a program for two days. We urge all pastors, superintendents and Sunday school workers to attend this institute.

We ask each Presiding Elder to give his hearty support to efforts to perfect district organization in his district and to provide for at least one institute this year. In this institute work this Board will heartily co-operate.

We report the election of the following conference departmental superintendents:

Organization—Sidney Pickens, Batesville, Ark.

Elementary—Miss Dove Erwin, Newport, Ark.

Wesley Bible Class—W. A. Lindsay, Waldron, Ark.

Teacher Training—W. J. LeRoy, Ozark, Ark.

We ask that an assessment of one per cent of preacher's salary be levied on each charge that does not observe Children's Day and remit the collection to the Sunday School Board, said collection to be reported as Children's Day fund.

All money for the Sunday School Board should be remitted at once to the treasurer, Rev. C. W. Lester, Clarendon, Ark.

We urge all schools to observe Mission Day as directed by the Discipline, and ask as many of our schools and classes as can do so to undertake some missionary special. We recommend that every school be allowed to make a Christmas offering to our Methodist Orphanage, with the privilege of applying same on assessment.

#### BETTER THAN SPANKING

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, South Bend, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child—the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.**

(North Arkansas Conference.)

We rejoice at our recent great victory in the defeat of Act No. 2. The large majority of dry votes indicates a healthy temperance sentiment. It is gratifying to note that the counties which were wet before our state-wide law went into effect, voted dry in this election. We give thanks to God for this glorious victory.

We feel that this Conference should extend a vote of thanks to Hon. George Thornburgh for the work he did without fear or hope of reward, and also to Dr. A. C. Millar for the vigorous and telling work of the Arkansas Methodist. We should also express our appreciation of the work done by the Arkansas Gazette and our county papers throughout the state for the work they did. The colored people in many places lined up for temperance and we honor them for their part in the victory.

We recommend:

1. That the Conference put itself on record as indorsing the work of the Anti-Saloon League and pledge it our support.

2. That we respectfully ask the next Legislature to enact a law regulating the delivery of whiskey and also prohibiting the advertising it in the state.

3. That the Bishop appoint D. H. Colquette, Jas. A. Anderson, J. P. Womack, W. T. Thompson and S. W. Simpson as trustees of the Anti-Saloon Board.—R. E. L. Bearden, Sec.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.**

(North Arkansas Conference.)

This year marks the centennial of the American Bible Society. The work done and the progress made for the past century has been a source of encouragement and inspiration. During this time the Society has distributed one hundred seventeen and a half million volumes of Scripture in one hundred and fifty different languages. It is gratifying to note that the society's last years have been its best. Last year all records were broken. More than seven and a half million volumes were distributed. The Southern Agency has just closed the best years of its history. Over one hundred thousand volumes of Scripture have been distributed the past year.

The work with the soldiers on the border deserves special mention. Fifteen thousand Testaments have been distributed among the soldiers, yet the task is just begun. The Society needs funds for the printing and distribution of an additional forty thousand Testaments for the soldiers yet unsupplied. This is a great opportunity for Bible work among our young men. The Society must not be allowed to fail in this great undertaking.

We recommend that the assessment for the American Bible Society for the coming year be a sum equivalent to two cents per member for the church membership of our Conference.

We further recommend that Sunday, January 14, be set apart as Army

**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.

Testament Day at which time the pastors will bring before their people the great work of supplying the soldiers with the Word of God.

We are glad to have engaged in this work a member of our own Conference, Rev. D. H. Colquette. We recommend that he be appointed for the coming year to the work in which he is now engaged as Field Agent for the American Bible Society.—D. H. Colquette, Chairman; J. B. Stewart, Secretary.

**REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.**

(North Arkansas Conference.)

We have listened with much interest to the reports of the Presiding Elders and pastors from their respective districts and charges, and rejoice in the progress made along material lines. A great many church debts have been paid and a number of churches and parsonages have been built and dedicated.

More charges have paid in full pastors' and Presiding Elders' salaries than ever before in the history of the Church. There has been an increase in the amounts paid on all the other assessments laid on the church.

Another indication of spiritual awakening is seen in the great number of men entering the active ministry of the church, also in the increased interest taken in our schools and colleges for the education of our young men and young women.

But while we are making such strides along material and intellectual lines, we fear sometimes that the spiritual phase of our work is sadly neglected.

But the fact that we have had about ten thousand conversions in the Conference this year shows that we are not neglecting altogether this phase of our work.

But it is a deplorable fact that a comparatively small number of these converts join the church, only about 65 per cent. Where is the other 35 per cent?

We therefore recommend:

(1) That our pastors make known to all converts the importance of uniting with the church that they may have the fellowship of God's people in assisting them to work out their salvation;

(2) That we stress more and more the necessity of the new birth without which no one can enter heaven. Then we need to insist on the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, and a deeper prayer-life among our people, emphasizing secret devotion and family worship;

(3) Inasmuch as we believe the spiritual life of the church depends largely on its attitude toward Missions, we recommend an educational Missionary Campaign, giving our people a real vision of the work of the Master and the work of the Church which is the salvation of the world.—M. B. Umsted, Chairman; A. H. Dulaney, Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

(North Arkansas Conference.)

**Hendrix College.**

The report of the President of Hendrix College shows that the last year has been one of progress for the institution. The enrollment for the last year, which reached 267, was the largest enrollment in the history of the College. A great revival in the town of Conway not only deepened the spiritual life of those in the College who were already Christians, but resulted

in the conversion of many who were not Christians. A comprehensive health system has been put into operation, which secures for the students and faculty excellent sanitary conditions and ample protection against the spread of infectious and contagious diseases.

The greatest need of the College at the present time is better equipment with which to carry on its work. That this may be obtained a well planned campaign has been launched which looks to the raising of \$500,000 for building and endowment. This campaign commends itself to the Methodists of Arkansas who appreciate the great importance of Christian education. It is sincerely hoped that the plan will result in providing the means which are necessary to make Hendrix College one of the best institutions of its class in the South.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the summer school for ministers, which is conducted in connection with Hendrix College, be heartily commended by the North Arkansas Conference, and that an assessment of \$700 be placed upon the Conference to help defray the expenses of this school.

2. That we give our hearty endorsement to the plan to hold a Sunday School Institute for superintendents, teachers and pastors in connection with the summer school next June.

3. That Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues in the Conference be urged to take upon themselves the task of endowing a chair of Bible and Religious Education in Hendrix College, as their part of the campaign for endowment.

4. That an assessment of \$3,500 be made upon the Conference this year for Hendrix College.

5. That the following trustees be appointed for the term indicated:

Rev. A. E. Holloway, 1916-22.

G. L. Bahner, (Alumni), 1916-22.

6. That the selection of Dr. Jas. Thomas as Commissioner of Education for Hendrix College, and Dr. F. S. H. Johnston and Rev. W. B. Hubbell, as agents, be approved, and that the Bishop be requested to appoint these men to their work.

**Galloway College.**

Never in the history of Galloway College has the institution had such patronage as this year. Since the school opened in September, every room in the building has been filled, and already thirty girls have been turned away for lack of accommodations. The student body is composed of girls from the best homes in Arkansas, and is characterized by a very high moral tone. It would be difficult to find a more excellent student body than that which is found in the walls of Galloway. The character of work which is done by the faculty and the students is second to none. The Music department is as good as can be found anywhere in the Southwest.

But the report of the President indicates that the College is not without its pressing needs. Lack of material equipment is making it impossible for the institution to do its most efficient service for the womanhood of Arkansas. Funds are needed to employ the best teachers to be had and to enlarge the building so as to accommodate the rapidly increasing patronage of the college. We most earnestly urge that Methodism in Arkansas see to it that an endowment is raised at the earliest possible moment with which to make possible the per-

manency and the larger efficiency of the institution. The importance of the education of the womanhood of Arkansas demands that this matter be given attention immediately. The Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. W. C. Watson be re-elected Commissioner of Education for Galloway and that the President and the Board of Trustees be allowed to place in the field as many assistants as they may desire to use in making the campaign for the needed endowment.

2. That the Conference make an assessment of \$3,500 this year for Galloway College.

3. That R. A. Dowdy be elected trustee to succeed himself, and that Rev. J. S. Seneker be elected Trustee to fill the vacancy made by the transfer of Rev. J. D. Hammons.

**Southern Methodist University.**

We rejoice at the marvelous success which has attended the efforts of the Commission of the General Conference to establish a University for Southern Methodism west of the Mississippi. The Southern Methodist University, with assets amounting to \$2,294,735, and with a faculty which is second to none in the South, is an institution of which Methodism may justly be proud. We feel that Arkansas Methodism should have a deep interest in the development and success of the post graduate and professional schools of the University, especially the School of Theology. Therefore, we make the following recommendations:

1. That as a Conference we give our hearty endorsement to what has been accomplished by the Educational Commission.

2. That we hereby give our hearty approval of the action of the Commission in selecting Rev. J. K. Farris as one of the Trustees of Southern Methodist University, who, it is understood, does not represent the North Arkansas Conference, but as the charter expressly states, is chosen from our territory, yet is no less a Trustee representing the entire Church.

3. That it will be our aim to the extent of our ability to support all graduate or strictly university work at the Southern Methodist University, since it has the authorization and support of the General Conference, and that we recommend all our young preachers who complete their work at Hendrix College and who desire to further prosecute their studies in theology to attend Southern Methodist University School of Theology.

4. That in line with the suggestion made by the General Conference Education Commission, and in harmony with the work being done by the other Conferences west of the Mississippi River, we declare our purpose to do our part toward the endowment of a chair in the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, and invite Bishop E. D. Mouzon and Dr. C. S. Wright in co-operation with our annual Conference Board of Education to work out plans whereby this may

**EDUCATIONAL.**

We want a good man or woman, School Directors, Teachers or Preachers preferred, to represent us in every School District in Arkansas with a high class Educational Work that is recommended by leading educators, and which deserves a place in every school and home. The price is only \$1.50, with a valuable premium. Commission allowed 50 per cent. For further information address Parker & Robertson, 408 West Markham St., Little Rock, Ark.

be done at the earliest practicable moment.

5. That pending the raising of this endowment we assume an assessment equal to two cents per member for the support of the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

#### Sloan-Hendrix Academy.

Sloan-Hendrix Academy is proving itself one of the best academies in the Church. It meets all of the requirements made by the General Board of Education, and is rapidly gaining in favor not only in our own Conference, but also abroad. We most heartily commend the work that is being done by Prof. J. C. Eaton and his faculty, and we make the following recommendations:

1. That the General Board of Education be asked to continue the appropriation of \$1,000 for the support of this school.

2. That the General Board be asked to give an additional \$500 to be used in the establishment of a Manual Training Department, on condition that Imboden raise a similar amount for this purpose.

3. That an assessment of \$500 be placed upon the Conference for the support of Sloan-Hendrix.

4. That M. F. Henderson be appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. L. McKamey.

#### General Recommendations.

With regard to other educational interests of the Church the Board makes recommendations as follows:

1. That Rev. J. K. Farris be appointed Conference Secretary of Education.

2. That G. G. Davidson, Dr. Jas. A. Anderson, and Dr. F. S. H. Johnston be appointed Trustees of Gentry Academy property.

3. That M. L. Turnbow, C. Miller, R. C. Bowden, R. Bringle, C. K. Campbell, W. J. Brown, W. M. Simpson be appointed Trustees of College Hill property in Dover, Ark., and that the money derived from the sale of this property be used in providing a parsonage for the M. E. Church, South, in Dover, Ark.

4. That the attention of the Presiding Elders and the Committee on Admission on Trial be called to the law of the last General Conference, requiring a high school education or equivalent before candidate can be admitted to the Conference on trial, and that we urge the enforcement of this law.

5. That the following students be appointed to the colleges indicated: O. L. Cole and J. G. McCollum to Southern Methodist University.

6. That the assessments made for educational work be distributed as follows: (See table of assessments).

We have received for the past year \$5,874.88 and disbursed the same as follows:

Printing Minutes .....	\$ 60.00
Hendrix College .....	1,895.00
Galloway College .....	1,895.00
General Board .....	1,420.00
Summer School .....	290.00
Sloan-Hendrix Academy.....	290.00

Total .....\$5,850.00  
Balance on hand, \$148.89.

H. B. Trimble, Pres.  
C. M. Reves, Sec'y.

#### COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATE HOMES.

(North Arkansas Conference).

We, your committee appointed to submit plans for the inauguration of the Superannuate Homes' movement in the North Arkansas Conference, beg

leave to report that we deem it unwise to project this movement without a more careful study of the subject than was possible in the time allotted us, and we request the continuation of the committee with instructions to make a careful inquiry into the merits and submit the results of our study to the next session of the Annual Conference.—J. A. Anderson, H. E. Wheeler, J. H. Zellner, J. C. Eaton, Committee.

#### BOARD OF MISSIONS. (Little Rock Conference).

In closing this, the second year of our quadrennium, we want to express our appreciation of your hearty co-operation. While we have not as yet reached what we had hoped for, we have made some progress. Dr. Rawlings, representing the General Board, made an inspiring address at an anniversary and met with your Board and gave us much valuable assistance. The Week of Prayer has been changed from the first week in January to the week preceding Easter, and we beg our brethren to observe it. You can order the literature from the publishers to distribute among your people without cost.

The Sunday schools under our Discipline are missionary organizations, and we recommend that one Sunday in the month be set apart as a Missionary Day, and that the offering as far as possible be sent in as special, and not in the assessment.

The Board has fixed January the 10th, next, as the day of counsel with the Presiding Elders and other brethren in Little Rock in order to plan for larger things, and more systematic work for the incoming year.

We urge that our collections be taken not later than the month of March, and that in so far as possible the assessments be sent to our treasurer not later than April 1st. The assessments form the base of our Missionary operations; hence we urge full collections on the assessments.

A number of our charges have taken specials and we pray that a greater number will fall into the plan, and thus help us to swell our income for the General Board.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. T. P. Clark Conference Missionary Evangelist.

We suggest the every-member campaign for all the claims in the early part of the year.

We urge our pastors to encourage the Epworth Leagues to make substantial contributions to the African Mission, as they alone are carrying this work on now.

We nominate the following committee on evangelism: E. R. Steel, T. D. Scott, R. W. McKay, Frank Scott, P. C. Fletcher, James Thomas and T. P. Clark.

The Board elected Rev. Forney Hutchinson Conference Missionary and respectfully ask the Bishop to appoint him.

We congratulate the Conference upon the increased collections for both domestic and foreign missions.

We appropriate \$4,220 to our Conference Missions; in addition the League Conference puts \$500 at Dierks, which will make a total of \$4,720.00.

The appropriations are as follows:

Arkadelphia District.	
Cedar Glades Mission.....	\$200.00
Arkadelphia Mission .....	100.00
Willow Mission .....	100.00
Park Avenue .....	200.00
Oaklawn .....	200.00
Traskwood .....	50.00

#### Little Rock District.

Capitol View Mission .....	100.00
Twenty-eighth Street .....	100.00
Henderson Chapel .....	100.00
Highland .....	100.00
Oak Hill .....	100.00
Pulaski Heights .....	100.00

#### Texarkana District.

College Hill .....	150.00
Umpire .....	75.00
Cherry Hill .....	75.00
Paraloma .....	75.00
Hatfield .....	75.00
Winthrop .....	75.00
Vandervoort .....	75.00

#### Pine Bluff District.

Carr Memorial .....	300.00
Star City .....	200.00
Sheridan .....	50.00

#### Monticello District.

Collins .....	150.00
Eudora .....	120.00
Hamburg .....	150.00
Lacy .....	100.00

#### Camden District.

Huttig .....	100.00
Strong .....	100.00

#### Prescott District.

Fulton .....	50.00
Little Missouri .....	100.00
Mt. Ida .....	100.00
Orchard View .....	50.00
Pleasant Grove .....	100.00
Whelen Springs Ct. ....	100.00
Alpine .....	100.00
Prescott Circuit .....	100.00

The General Board apportions to this Conference for the ensuing year:

For Foreign Missions, \$11,500.

For Home Missions, \$3,680.

We apportion to Conference, Missions \$7,820, which has been distributed as follows:

	Foreign.	Domestic.
Little Rock District.....	\$2,205	\$2,205
Camden District.....	2,049	2,049
Arkadelphia District.....	1,528	1,528
Pine Bluff District.....	1,423	1,423
Prescott District .....	1,400	1,400
Monticello District .....	1,498	1,498
Texarkana District.....	1,450	1,450

T. D. Scott, Chairman.

James Thomas, Sec. & Treas.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

(Little Rock Conference.)

We have had the best year in the history of our work. Our treasurer reports that all expenses for the year have been paid in full, and half of last year's deficit has been paid. Our Field Secretary reports a splendid gain in the number of new schools, additional enrollment, and the organization of the schools according to the standard of efficiency. He has traveled eight thousand miles, reached 77 out of the 143 pastoral charges, and attended the various district meetings and other gatherings where Sunday school interests were under consideration. He has brought 12 schools up to the standard of efficiency, and has not been unmindful of the spiritual interest of the Sunday school, he having added over two hundred members to the church on profession of faith this year. We held seven district institutes throughout the Conference.

We had before us Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Mr. A. L. Dietrich, Dr. John W. Shackford and Mr. John R. Pepper of the General Sunday School Board, all of whom rendered the Board valuable assistance in planning greater work. We had before us a communication from the General Sunday School Board recommending our setting aside the second Sunday in March for raising a fund for the supplement of the endowment of a Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy in Southern Methodist University. We are in hearty

sympathy with this great work, but owing to our local needs we do not feel justified in attempting this work at present.

#### Recommendations.

We recommend the following for your adoption:

1. The co-operation of the Sunday schools of our Conference with the Hendrix Board in carrying out the plans for Sunday school work at the Summer School for Ministers.

2. The setting aside of the second Sunday in March to be observed as College Day in all the Sunday schools of our Conference.

3. The moral support of our Sunday school workers in the plan of the Hendrix College Commissioners to endow a Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy in Hendrix College.

4. The strict observance of the law in our Discipline concerning the observance of Missionary Day and the distribution of missionary funds collected in the Sunday school.

5. The organization of the various districts.

6. The continuation of our present financial plan for the support of our work.

7. The reappointment of Rev. Clem Baker as Field Secretary.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Presiding Elders and pastors, as well as the superintendents of our Conference, for the generous support given us in our work last year, and urge their full co-operation in carrying out the greater plans for another year.—C. E. Hayes, Chairman; R. L. Cabe, Secretary.

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

(Little Rock Conference.)

We rejoice to report advance along all lines of the Epworth League work this year. In the beginning of the year we adopted as our slogan, "A League in every charge in the Conference." We have not quite reached this goal, but there has been a gratifying increase in the number of Leagues organized this year. With this encouragement we reaffirm our slogan, and trust we shall reach the goal by next Conference. From all reports the work of the Epworth League seems to be upon the hearts of our people as never before. We heartily commend the Epworth Era and the Arkansas Methodist to all our Leaguers. We have elected Rev. H. F. Buhler as editor of the Epworth League page in the Arkansas Methodist for another year. Again we urge a more careful attention to the observance of Anniversary Day. This

#### COUGHING—CROUP BRONCHITIS

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2837 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for bronchial and la grippe coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for lame back, weak kidneys, rheumatism, bladder troubles; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. You can try these three excellent remedies for only 5c.

#### ARKANSAS SONG LEAFLET.

This contains both words and music of "My Own Loved Arkansas," published by request of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association for the schools of the state. All schools should have it. Price 25 cents a dozen; \$1.25 per 100. Order of Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.



is of special importance, in view of the larger work planned by the Board for another year. We heartily commend the action of the Epworth League Conference in its plan for the appropriation of five hundred dollars for home mission work in our own Conference, and a like sum for foreign mission work in Africa.

Again we commend the interests of the Junior League to our workers as being not only a vital department of the League work, but the very best preparation for the larger work of the Senior League and the Church itself.—H. F. Buhler, Chairman; C. N. Baker, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY BOARD.

(Little Rock Conference.)

We, your Bible Society Board, report the best year in the history of the American Bible Society. The year 1916 marks the conclusion of one hundred years of service for the Society. The Society has published the Holy Scriptures in 150 different languages during this time, making an average of one and one-half new languages now mastered every year.

During this time the Society has sent out 117,500,000 volumes of the Bible. Seven and a half million volumes were sent out last year.

The most engaging work of the Board projected this year is the placing of a New Testament in the hands of every soldier and sailor in the armies of our country. Among the boys along the border of Mexico the Board has already distributed 1,500 copies of these Testaments, at a cost of \$6,000, and the work is just begun. The Board found that not more than 50 per cent of our army and navy was supplied with Bibles at all.

But we are informed that the work of supplying these Bibles to our soldiers must stop, or the churches must come to the help of the Bible Society with prompt financial support.

We suggest, therefore, in view of this imperative need, that the second Sunday in January be observed as Army Testament Day. At this time let collections be taken for the purpose of supplying our soldiers with Bibles.

The following outline of the work done by the Southwestern Agency during the past year is highly gratifying. They have employed fifteen colporteurs. These have spent 2,754 days in service. They have visited 947 different towns and 57,252 different homes; 16,522 of these homes were found to be destitute of the Bible altogether. The Southwestern Agency alone distributed 103,993 volumes last year, making an increase of 10,675 over any former record.

We had before us a communication from the Gideons of our State, and note with pleasure the magnificent work they are doing in placing Bibles in hotels and other public buildings.

We are glad to announce that the Bible Society has established a depository in Little Rock, where our people may obtain Bibles at prices far below those which obtain elsewhere.

A fact of missionary value developed by the activities of our Southwestern Agency the past year is found

**Hard Colds**—People whose blood is pure are not nearly so likely to take hard colds as are others. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure; and this great medicine recovers the system after a cold as no other medicine does. Take Hood's.

in the record that we now have in the territory covered by the agency 24,000 French speaking people, 90,000 Italians, 300,000 Germans, 100,000 Bohemians, 450,000 Mexicans, 60,000 Scandinavians, 100,000 American Indians, and 250,000 of other nationalities.

Never has there been such a demand for Bibles in the history of the world. Voltaire, in his lifetime, predicted that within his generation the Bible would be neglected and forgotten, if not destroyed from the earth. But now, far removed from his day, the Bible Society has actually purchased the very building in which the old skeptic spoke, and filled it from floor to ceiling with Bibles which blaze in awful mockery of the false prophet. On with the Bible to the ends of the earth, but let every land be filled with the song of its holy message.

We recommend that A. T. Clanton be elected to take the place of U. C. Barnett on the Bible Board; that M. B. Sigler be elected to take the place of J. N. McKay; that A. C. Rogers be elected to take the place of Dr. H. M. Russell; that Paul Q. Rorie be elected to take the place of J. P. Plummer; that R. L. Duckworth be elected to take the place of E. R. Robinson.—J. L. Cannon, Chairman; J. W. Berry, Secretary.

#### REPORT ON ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

(Little Rock Conference.)

After quoting from the reports of the Orphanage Board, the report reads:

Your committee heartily commends Brother Thornburgh for the good work he has done and is still doing for the Orphanage.

In view of the fact that it is absolutely necessary to increase the assessment for the running expenses of the Home, we therefore recommend that the Conference assess five hundred dollars additional, making three thousand, to be distributed as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$ 375.00
Camden District	455.00
Little Rock District	585.00
Monticello District	450.00
Pine Bluff District	425.00
Prescott District	340.00
Texarkana District	370.00
	\$3,000.00

—T. O. Rorie, Chairman; R. A. McClintock, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

(Little Rock Conference.)

We are glad to report an increase in collections this year over last year to the amount of \$640. The total amount collected this year is \$4,967, against \$4,327 last year. Even with this increase in collections we were not able to help all who applied, and were compelled to help only the most needy churches and to reduce the amount asked for in almost every case. If the full assessment had been paid we could have cared for every application.

We have had no increase in our Conference Loan Fund this year, and we earnestly urge the members of this Conference to help us increase our loan fund. The Horace Jewell Loan Fund amounts to \$200, and the R. N. Ross Loan Fund amounts to \$47.75, making a total, with interest, of \$285.32. Of this amount \$150 has been loaned to the Hermitage parson-

age, leaving a balance on hand available for loans of \$135.32. We recommend that \$100 be loaned to Mt. Carmel Church.

Dr. Sexton came before us and represented our Representative Church at Washington, D. C., and we have accepted an assessment of \$2,000 to be paid by an assessment of \$1,000 this year and \$1,000 next year, which assessment is to be collected by the presiding elder of each district as a special each year until the \$2,000 is paid in full.

We wish to call special attention to the literature furnished, free of charge, by the General Board, and earnestly request our pastors and laymen to write for the same and distribute it among our people.

We earnestly request everyone who may hereafter make application for help from this Board to see that each application is properly filled out, and every question answered in full, as this Board will not hereafter consider any application which is not in due form.

We have received from collections this year \$4,967; one-half of this amount goes to the General Board, which leaves \$2,484 for our disposal, which we have appropriated as follows:

Buttram's Chapel	\$ 50.00
Ebenezer	75.00
Lonsdale	100.00
Walnut Springs	200.00
Foreman	400.00
Potter	100.00
Gillett	300.00
Mt. Carmel	100.00
Pearcy	100.00
Sparkman	100.00
Capitol View	500.00
Norphlet	50.00
Wesley Chapel	100.00
Mineral Springs	125.00
Blevins Parsonage	100.00
Printing Minutes	100.00
Contingent Expense	34.70
Total appropriations	\$2,534.70
Remitted to General Board	2,483.50
Cash on hand	48.10
Total	\$5,066.30

Cash on hand from last year	\$ 99.30
Received from Conference	4,967.00
Treasurer	4,967.00
Total	\$5,066.30

Assessment this year is the same as last year, \$6,900, with the addition of \$1,000 for the Washington City Church, making a total of \$7,900.00, and has been apportioned as follows:

District	Assmt.	W. Ch.	Total
Arkadelphia	\$1,150	\$ 143	\$1,293
Camden	900	142	1,042
Little Rock	1,125	143	1,268
Monticello	1,000	143	1,143
Prescott	875	143	1,018
Pine Bluff	925	143	1,068
Texarkana	925	143	1,068
Totals	\$6,900	\$1,000	\$7,900

—W. C. Watson, Chairman; W. D. Sharpe, Secretary.

#### UNIFICATION OF AMERICAN METHODISM.

Resolved, by the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session at Malvern, Ark.:

(1) That we heartily endorse the declaration of our General Conference in favor of the unification of American Methodism by means of reorganization and reconstruction, believing that such unification will eliminate all friction caused by the building of al-

tar against altar, and otherwise bring Methodism the greater power for usefulness.

(2) That we pledge our commissioners our cordial support in their efforts to bring about unification in harmony with the tentative plan contained in the suggestions of the Joint Commission on Federation.

(3) That we hereby call our people to prayer to the Great Head of the Church on behalf of the Joint Commission, that He may guide and rule in all their delicate and difficult work, and on behalf of all our people throughout our connection that they may be knit together in the bonds of Christian fraternity and brotherly love.—P. C. Fletcher, W. C. Watson, T. D. Scott, Forney Hutchinson, Alonzo Monk, Theodore Copeland, W. P. Whaley, J. D. Hammons, E. R. Steel, Stonewall Anderson, M. N. Waldrip, A. O. Evans, Geo. Thornburgh, J. Frank Simmons, A. M. Shaw, J. M. Workman, A. C. Millar.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NO. 2.

(Little Rock Conference.)

Hendrix College.

While the report of Hendrix College shows gratifying progress and increasing power of that institution, we note with much concern the great need of the college for larger endowment and better equipment. Owing to the financial depression which has prevailed until recently, it has not been possible thus far to close out the campaign for the collection of \$400,000. But now, by every token, the time is ripe for the speedy conclusion of this worthy and noble task. We call upon our preachers and people everywhere to give prompt, hearty, and liberal support to this most important movement that it may be may be speedily consummated.

We recommend that Dr. James Thomas be reappointed as Commissioner of the College, and that Rev.

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#### SAMPLE CATECHISMS.

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H. F. Buhler be appointed as his assistant.

To fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees we recommend the following:

Hon. Geo. W. Donaghey, 1916-1923.

Dr. P. C. Fletcher, 1916-1922.

Summer School for Ministers and Sunday School Institute.

It is with pleasure that we note the increasing usefulness of the Summer School for Ministers and Christian Workers. We urge our preachers and Christian workers to secure the benefits of this school.

We call special attention to the fact that the General Sunday School Board has arranged to hold a two days' institute in connection with the session of the school for 1917. This institute will be held for the benefit of Sunday school teachers and officers, as well as our preachers.

The suggestion of the Executive Committee, namely, that the fee of two dollars heretofore charged for admission to the Summer School for Ministers be abolished, meets our hearty approval.

#### Ministerial Education.

We call upon the presiding elders and pastors to give special attention to the following statement in the Discipline, paragraph 731: "All ministerial candidates are strongly urged before entering the traveling connection to secure, if possible, thorough collegiate and theological training." We commend most heartily the plan now being operated in some places of Sunday schools, adult Bible classes, and individuals aiding candidates to secure an education, and urge our presiding elders and pastors to bring before the Sunday schools, congregations, and individuals this work, as a fruitful field of service.

#### Assessments.

We recommend the following assessments for the ensuing year: General Conference Board of

Education .....	\$2,185.00
Hendrix College .....	2,000.00
Henderson-Brown College.....	2,000.00
Galloway College .....	2,000.00
Summer School for Ministers	700.00
Incidental expenses of the Board of Education.....	200.00
Total .....	\$9,085.00

—R. H. Cannon, Secretary.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 3.

(Little Rock Conference.)

Henderson-Brown College.

The president reports a gratifying increase in the enrollment and in receipts from tuition and fees over last year. While the efforts put forth during the year to secure funds for the college did not succeed as well as we hoped, still, much benefit to the college was realized. We recommend that the campaign to secure a sufficient sum to liquidate all the indebtedness of the college and to bring the endowment up to \$100,000 be continued; and we endorse the plan of the trustees to secure this sum.

As members of the Board of Trustees we recommend the election of the following to succeed themselves: Rev. B. F. Key, Rev. T. D. Scott, Rev. J. A. Sage, Rev. A. Turrentine, and to succeed A. C. Graves, Mr. H. C. Crouch.

Galloway College.

The report of Galloway College

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shows a large increase in attendance over last year. The president says: "We were compelled to turn away more than thirty girls because of lack of room, and our agent was taken out of the field in August." The trustees report progress on the part of the endowment campaign. We recommend the continuance of the campaign according to the plans of the trustees, and that Rev. W. C. Watson be re-appointed Commissioner.

#### Southern Methodist University.

We have given careful attention to the report of the special Educational Commission and of the trustees of Southern Methodist University.

The visit to the Conference of Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, dean of the School of Theology, was greatly enjoyed. He came before the Board of Education, addressed the Conference in session, and delivered the address at the educational anniversary. His services for the University are highly appreciated.

With great pleasure we note the progress which our two connectional universities have made during the year. It is specially gratifying to us that the first year of Southern Methodist University was most successful. According to the Commission's report, the University now has assets to the amount of \$2,650. The enrollment in all departments last year was 706. Of this number 90 were ministerial and theological students.

The election by the special Educational Commission of Rev. J. L. Cannon as a trustee of the University meets our decided approval.

We are in hearty agreement with the suggestion of the Commission that the two Conferences in Arkansas unite to secure funds for the endowment of a chair in the School of Theology. We doubt the wisdom of undertaking to raise such sum while the campaigns (in the midst of which we find ourselves) for securing funds with which to relieve our Conference schools from debt and embarrassment are under way. However, as soon as these campaigns shall have been completed, it should be no difficult task to secure from the Methodists of the State fifty or sixty thousand dollars for the endowment of a Chair of Theology, and to the accomplishment of this task we shall give our hearty support.

We reaffirm our statements of a year ago, namely, "We greatly rejoice in the splendid beginning which the University has made, and believe profoundly in the success of its future; and we do hereby pledge the Commission our sincere and hearty support of the University as a connectional institution. We gladly direct to Southern Methodist University all genuine University patronage within our bounds, and especially do we direct all our young ministers to pursue their distinctively theological studies there."

We recommend that Rev. J. L. Cannon and Rev. Stonewall Anderson be authorized to represent this Conference in the Educational Conference called by the Commission to be held April 4-5, 1917, at Dallas.

#### General Conference Board of Education.

We had before us the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Superintendent of the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training.

We urge all undergraduates to pursue their studies in the Correspondence School. We ratify the action of the General Board of Education to

the effect that hereafter all requests for matriculation in the Correspondence School shall be accompanied with five dollars in cash of the fee, and a promissory note endorsed by the Conference Board for the remaining five dollars. We therefore recommend that the Board of Education be authorized to advance five dollars in cash to any undergraduate who desires to take the Correspondence Course, and who himself is not able to pay the fee, and to endorse his note for the rest, applications for such aid to be made to the Secretary of the Board of Education, Rev. R. H. Cannon.

We call the attention of our preachers and people to the helpful and abundant literature published by our General Board of Education. In this connection we call attention also to the action of the Sunday School Board in setting apart one Sunday in the year as "College Day." A proper observance of this day will be of great benefit both to our Sunday schools and to our colleges. Literature suitable for use in such exercises may be secured from the Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

#### Recommendations.

1. We recommend that the sale of Mena Academy to ——— be confirmed.

2. That Rev. S. R. Twitty be appointed Conference Secretary of Education, and that he be authorized to attend the Conference for Education held by our General Conference Board during the year 1917, the expenses of such attendance being met by your Conference Board of Education.

3. That the following appointments be made: Dr. J. M. Workman, president of Henderson-Brown College; Rev. C. J. Green, professor in Hendrix College; student in Emory University, J. A. Sage Jr.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 4.

(Little Rock Conference.)

We recommend the apportionment of the assessment for Education as follows:

Arkadelphia District .....	\$1,106.00
Camden District .....	1,251.00
Little Rock District .....	1,812.00
Monticello District .....	1,287.00
Pine Bluff District .....	1,324.00
Prescott District .....	1,054.00
Texarkana District .....	1,251.00

Total .....

The following is the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending November 29, 1916:

#### Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 102.00
From C. E. Hayes, Conference Treasurer .....	5,336.00
Total .....	\$5,438.00

#### Disbursements.

Ministerial Loan Fund .....	5.00
Traveling expenses of Dr. J. H. Reynolds to Junaluska....	25.00
General Conference Board of Education .....	1,020.50
Hendrix College .....	1,050.00
Galloway College.....	1,050.00
Henderson-Brown College .....	1,050.00
Summer School for Ministers	350.00
Printing Minutes .....	100.00
Expense Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs....	22.72
Balance .....	255.78

Total .....

—Stonewall Anderson, President;  
R. H. Cannon, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### JOINT COMMISSION.

(Little Rock Conference.)

Whereas, there are educational questions in which the Little Rock Conference and the North Arkansas Conference are jointly interested, and

Whereas, these questions can be properly considered only by a joint commission, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That a commission of nine members of this Conference be appointed by the Bishop.

2. That the North Arkansas Conference be requested at their present session to appoint a similar commission.

3. That the duty of the joint commission thus constituted shall be to study carefully our educational interests of common concern to the two Conferences, and to report its findings and recommendations to the next session of the Conferences. The joint commission is furthermore empowered to adjust any matters of minor importance that may call for action during the Conference year.

The following were appointed: R. W. McKay, W. C. Watson, James Thomas, Forney Hutchinson, P. C. Fletcher, A. Trieschmann, G. W. Donaghey, and J. O. A. Bush.

#### REPORT OF ARKANSAS METHODIST COMMITTEE.

(Little Rock Conference.)

The Arkansas Methodist Committee submits herewith, as part of its report, the report of the Western Methodist Commission, and recommends the adoption of that report and its publication in our Conference journal.

2. We recommend the re-election of Dr. James Thomas, Rev. T. D. Scott, and Hon. Geo. Thornburgh to represent this Conference on the Commission.

3. We recommend that Dr. James Thomas be reappointed as Commissioner to raise our balance of the purchase price, and that we authorize him to adopt his own plan for securing the money. We call upon our whole membership to contribute liberally to this purchase fund, and to subscribe for the Arkansas Methodist. We feel that the thanks of the Conference are due Dr. Thomas for his faithfulness in this work, and congratulate him upon his success hitherto.

Resolved, That we commend the editorial policies of the Methodist, and hereby express our appreciation of the able manner in which Dr. A. C. Millar is conducting it; and we recommend that the Bishop reappoint him as editor.—A. M. Shaw, J. D. Dunn, W. P. Whaley.

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### MY TASK.

To love someone more dearly every day,  
To help a wandering child to find the way,  
To ponder on a noble thought and pray,  
And smile when evening falls.  
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,  
To do my best from dawn of day to night,  
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,  
And answer when he calls.  
'T is my task.

And then my Savior bye and bye to meet,  
When faith had made its task on earth complete,  
And lay my homage at the Master's feet  
Within the jasper walls.  
This crowns my task.—Ex.

### THEN AND NOW.

Twenty-three years ago it cost the Church Missionary Society \$5,000 to send a missionary to Uganda. It was a journey of from eight to ten months. One year ten strong men died on the way. Today the journey can be made in twenty-four days at a cost of \$175. Then there was only one church building. On the outside it looked like a great barn, inside like a forest of poles. Now there are 2,000 churches scattered all over the land. Then there was one native preacher; now there are 3,000. Then there were 200 converts; now there are over 100,000.

### SPECIAL GIFT OF OUR JUNIOR BABY DIVISIONS OF MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

In 1915 the Juniors of the Woman's Missionary Societies raised \$20,240.30 and the Babies gave \$2,241.31.

The contributions for foreign work from the Juniors went to our mission work in Soochow, China, and that for the homeland to the Gulf Coast work at Biloxi and Gulfport, in Mississippi; New Orleans and Houma in Louisiana, and Galveston, Texas.

1916—For this year the Junior and Baby Divisions are asked to raise \$30,000. The part for foreign work will help to carry on our mission schools in Soochow, China. The amount for the homeland will be used in mission work in the mining camps of Welch, W. Va., Jenkins, Ky.; McAlester, Okla.; Thurber, Texas and Flat River, Mo.

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### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

To the Presidents and Members of Auxiliaries in the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society.

Dear Friends and Co-Workers: We hope many of you read our letter in the Arkansas Methodist of last week and that you already realize the necessity for promptness if we of the Little Rock Conference are to finish this year creditably. We are considerably behind in finances and must bestir ourselves now or we will feel keenly disappointed in our year's work.

With approximately 3,000 adult members, our membership dues for 1916 will amount to \$7,200, but for the three quarters our Conference Treasurer has received only \$3,509.04 on dues from Adults, Young Peoples' and Children's Societies, which is less than one-half of the amount due for the year from the Adults alone. For the three quarters only \$3,953.26 has been paid to Conference Treasurer on the Conference Pledge, which is less than one-half of the \$8,000 your representatives in the annual meeting obligated themselves to raise. We can only beg every Auxiliary to look carefully into her record and to make up her deficit in dues and on the Pledge before the end of December. How many Auxiliaries will be able to report themselves "paid in full" by December 31? Such a record is worth striving for. Won't you of every Auxiliary try eagerly to gain it? And will not each Auxiliary contribute something to our Lou A. Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship this year? The other funds which mean so much to our work are those for Conference Expense; the Relief, for worn out missionaries and deaconesses, and that for the Scarritt Bible School Loan fund for students.

Praying that every one of us may do her level best in this work for our Lord and Master, and with love to all we are,

Yours in His Name,

Mrs. F. M. Williams, Pres.

Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Treas.

Mrs. W. H. Pemberton,

Cor. Sec. Little Rock Conf.

W. M. S.

### LETTER TO THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS OF AUXILIARIES.

Dear Friends: How soon our year will be at an end! Has its work been satisfactory to you? If it has not there is still a part of December left in which to retrieve our failures.

You have, of course, been reading in the various papers about "Harvest Day", the day when everyone is asked to pay up all obligations in full. Won't you have your last mite box opening early this year and make it a harvest day? Urge the children to bring in as large collections as possible and celebrate with a program or party. So far this year our department has sent in \$364.80. Can't we make it \$500? I believe we can if we try. Suppose I set a date for that harvest day. Let it be Saturday, December 16th, or Sunday, the 17th.

While I am speaking of finances let me say that I shall soon be sending

you the pledge cards for the new year. Some of you were delighted with the cards and their results this year. Those I shall not have to urge to use them. Let us all do our best to get all the children to pledge as much as they are able. I ask this of you because I believe that this is the only sensible and consistent method of raising money. When we consider that the children of today will be the givers of tomorrow the importance of their proper training becomes self-evident. Do not fail to secure the co-operation of the mothers as far as possible. Our Conference with its splendid organization should give twice the present amount from this department, but we will never do it until we go about it systematically.

Again let me speak a word for the Young Christian Worker. It is well worth being in every home. Who will be the first to follow the splendid example of the Mt. Washington, Mo., Juniors and actually put it there? They gave an entertainment using the demonstration in the July number of the paper and earned the money for this purpose. Let us begin the year with an extra effort in this direction.

The literature and report blanks will reach you soon. Won't you please be sure to report this last quarter and report promptly? I need word from every society so much. If I do not get it I shall judge that the society which does not report has been discontinued. Be sure to let me know if you are on the Honor Roll.

And, dear Second Vice President, will you please make it your special care to let me know if a new woman takes the work that we may have no delays or lost literature? Thank you all for your loyal support this year, and may the richest blessings and happiness of the Yuletide be yours. Address me in the future at Crossett, Ark. Sincerely your friend, Mrs. Moffett Rhodes, Second Vice President Little Rock Conference, W. M. S.

### HER MISSION WORK NEVER STOPS.

At the September session of one of our large City Mission Boards one member assumed the entire support of the Head Resident of the Wesley House. This is the first deaconess to be adopted by an individual as a substitute, and we hope it is but the beginning of such help in our settlement work. The woman who assumes this obligation also supports a missionary in the foreign field. Thus her work never ends, as she works through the foreign missionary when it is day there and night here.

### RUM AND MISSIONS.

Last year the United States brewers and rum makers shipped 20,000,000 gallons of rum, whisky, gin, and beer to the countries where we send foreign missionaries. If we could have complete prohibition of the sale of liquors in this country, there would be very much reduction of the need of home missions here. Let every home mission worker stand by any effort to get Federal prohibition laws.

### A GOOD POLICY FOR 1917.

A well-defined policy, carefully set forth, is of great value to any organization or person. It would be an admirable thing if each Missionary Society would draw up a policy for the new year's work clearly stating what they are planning to accomplish during the year. This policy would include such items as a campaign for new members, amount of pledge,

plans for young people and children, mission study classes, Week of Prayer, etc., with date for each as nearly as could be named. The policy should be made by a joint meeting of the new and retiring executive committees just before the January meeting, and the entire membership should be pledged to it at the meeting when the new officers are installed. Several of the most artistic members could be named as a committee to make an auxiliary calendar to hang in the room where the meetings are to be held for the year.

A policy for members also could very profitably be outlined by the executive committees. This would be in the form of a promise to attend meetings regularly, take assigned parts in the programs, be a member of the Mission Study class, give generous financial support, etc. The form for this could be put on a poster or blackboard, and each member could make a copy for himself, sign, and hand it in. If a sufficient number of helpers could be found to do the writing, it would be well to have the cards prepared before the meeting, so they could be handed around and signed. Each member could keep her card for her own personal reminder of her obligation to the Missionary Society. From time to time mention of this policy could be made in the meetings. —Missionary Bulletin.

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#### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24.

By Rev. P. C. Fletcher.

**Subject:** Christmas Lesson—"Unto us a Son is given."—Isa. 9:2-7.

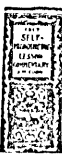
**Golden Text:** "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."—Isa. 9:6.

**Introduction:** This marvelous prophecy of this wonderful child was spoken during the reign of Ahaz, King of Judah, B. C. 738-723. At this time Isaiah, one of the world's greatest prophets and pulpites, was preaching at First Church, Jerusalem. His vision of the coming Christ was clear and powerful. He sees him as a child. He sees him living on the earth. He has a vision of his nature, power, work, government, and redeemership. This vision of the Messiah-Savior was made known more than 800 years before John saw the vision of the glorified Jesus, in Revelations.

**1. The Jewish Nation Walks in Darkness.** We see King Ahaz of Judah trembling in Jerusalem, and with him is the prophet Isaiah, the wisest and greatest man in his kingdom. They knew that King Ahaz and his people had departed from the true God. Against the great preacher's warnings the king had made molten images to Baal, introduced the moral abominations of the heathen worship, cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and giving the vessels as a bribe to the King of Assyria, shut up the temple, built heathen altars in every corner of Jerusalem, burned his children in the fire as human sacrifices. In vain did Isaiah warn him, rebuke him, offer him signs, threaten him, urge him to be true to God. Ah! no wonder the nation was in darkness.

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#### A BARGAIN FOR CHRISTMAS.

One dollar is the price of my book of foreign travel, "Letters From Italy, Switzerland and Germany," but during December, if ordered direct from me, I will mail three copies to one address for \$2.00. Your friends might be pleased to have it for a Christmas present. Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, 303 East Sixth Street, Little Rock, Ark.

Sin, disobedience, neglect of God—these always bring night and ruin. The king was like many who are not kings—he paid little attention to the warnings of Almighty God. Had he only obeyed the preaching of God's prophet he would have been saved from his defeat and ruin. But he doggedly pursued his own course, and sought help in every quarter but the right one. So it is today. Those who disobey God, break his laws, bring shame upon his cause, and ruin upon themselves, do not seek the preacher till all other sources have been exhausted. This writer could give many instances of this fact. Not long ago a young man who had become involved in serious trouble, came to me and said, "As a last resort I come to you for advice and help." He had repeatedly sinned against light and love and truth, and when the world offered him no means of escape he came to the church for help and protection.

(1) The King's Conscience. No wonder Ahaz trembled. He was guilty. He realized his guilt. The old prophet would not let him forget his sins. The Rev. Dr. Isaiah pointed out to the ruler the terrible things that were taking place in the northern tribes as they were being desolated by the wild hordes of Syria and Assyria. The wicked king also saw the overwhelming scourge that had reached as far as Samaria, within forty miles of Jerusalem. The king's tortured conscience made him tremble.

(2) What the People Did. "In their panic, the people betook themselves to morbid forms of religion; and at first Isaiah was obliged to quench the hope and pity he had betrayed for them in indignation at the utter contrariety of their religious practices to the Word of God. There can be no divine grace for the people as long as they seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto the wizards that chirp and that mutter." God, to be consistent with his holiness and justice, cannot forgive a man or a nation so long as that man or that nation hold his law, his name, his holiness in contempt. What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? I believe Gypsy Smith, the great evangelist, expresses the truth of it when he says: "The only unpardonable sin is the sin which refuses to be pardoned." We hear the prophet's terrible description of those who forget God. But we are glad to turn to the bright side of the picture.

**II. The Joy of Deliverance.** "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." What a beautiful message for the Christmastide. How blessed that we are permitted to think of "Him, who is above ten thousand, and altogether lovely." "Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

(1) How was He wonderful? Wonderful, because his nature was both human and divine; because he came as an expression of infinite love; because he wrought marvelous miracles; because his deeds were deeds of tender sympathy, great helpfulness, God-like unselfishness. His words were

wonderful. His atoning grace was wonderful. The kingdom he set up was wonderful. There is nothing in all the world so wonderful as the advent of Jesus Christ, as the incarnation of the Son of God. Wonderful are the victories he is winning today in all parts of the earth. Ah! the so-called "seven wonders of the world" are trifles compared to the wonder of Christ's love for a lost world. If the Sunday school teacher will get "The Character of Jesus," by Charles E. Jefferson, and read it carefully, it will revolutionize his life and his work as a Bible teacher.

(2) "Counsellor." Never has the world known before or since such as He. Jesus was the embodiment of the wisdom of God. He is the central figure in the great Counsel Chamber of the Earth. Where men have taken him as their Counsellor they have triumphed. Where men have done as Ahaz did they have met defeat. Ah! had this great Counsellor been consulted by the nations of Europe the most destructive war the world has ever known would not now be drenching the earth with blood. "The Prince of Peace" was not consulted. Jealousy, suspicion, greed, ambition, intrigue—these are the underlying causes of the European war. Had the King, the Czar, the Emperor, the Sultan, the President, counselled with the "Mighty God", "The Everlasting Father", "The Prince of Peace", the result would have been very different. It makes little difference how many "Peace Counsels" the world has, they will amount to nought if Christ be left out of the deliberations. It is but little short of blasphemy to declare that "this is God's war." Christ would have every nation disarm, co-operate with each other, love each other. The present war is hell holding high carnival. It is an example of what comes when the wicked passions of men are turned loose.

**III. The Christ of Christmas.** He is the world's hope. He is the "bright and morning star." He is the Great Physician. He is the Captain of our salvation. He is the great Emancipator. He is "the true vine." He is the Head of the Church. He is the world's Redeemer. Well may we celebrate his incarnation. Well may we gather in our temples of worship to praise "his holy name." "Of the increase of his government there shall be no end." He shall rule "with judgment and with justice." "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

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#### A LETTER FROM MR. DIETRICH.

The other day, while it was raining outside and nice and warm here by the fireside (kept warm by good Alabama coal) I cracked a fine paper shell almond grown in California, and inside there were two fine fat nut-meats, and they reminded me of John R. Pepper—no, not because they were fat, but because he has written a book that is just as full of good Sunday school nut-meats as that almond shell was full of almond nut-meats. The little book is, "Thirty Years at the Superintendent's Desk" (30 cents, Smith & Lamar), and I wish every Sunday school superintendent in Southern Methodism would get and read it.

One of the chapters begins, "The first thing to be thought of in the Sunday school session is its program; and every superintendent should have a program written down beforehand. May I be pardoned for giving personal experience? I have been superintendent of one Sunday school just about thirty years consecutively. For nearly the whole of that time I have had a written program for every Sunday's work; and I have quite a number of books laid away now showing what was done on any given Sunday for all those years." And I have been in Mr. Pepper's home and seen some of these books. He puts down the title of the lesson, where the text is, the Golden Text, the songs to be sung, the story to be told, announcements, and all other details of the session for that day. Mr. Pepper has always had to buy little blank books for this purpose; but there has just come from the presses of our publishing house a splendid little book prepared expressly for this purpose; it is called "O. K. Superintendent's Pocket Record," arranged by Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald, of the Sunday School Supplies Department of the publishing house, and the price is fifty cents (order of Smith & Lamar). There are not only blank pages arranged for a program for every Sunday in the year, but there is a page on which the superintendent may note the statistical report for each Sunday, so that he may constantly have all that information by him in permanent, condensed form; then there are hundreds of bright, suggestive, helpful paragraphs scattered through the book that are themselves worth the fifty cents. In the back of the book is a blank for a comparative statement of attendance, by Sundays, by months, and by quarters; a page for a summary of everything for the year; a page for deaths; a directory of of-

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ficers and teachers (with provision for address and 'phone number); and a page for committees. It is a valuable little book, and any superintendent who will use one of them all the way through a year will then have a book of his own make as full of "meat" as that almond was I began this "piece" with.—A. L. Dietrich.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

**Christmas in the Sunday School.**—When this reaches our readers it will be just ten days till Christmas. I trust that all our schools are planning to celebrate it appropriately. Let us not make it an occasion for a great mass of people to get together in a scramble to see who will get the most presents, but rather let us make it a period of instruction, of worship, and of service to Him whose birthday we honor, by giving to those to whom he would give. We have them in reach of every school.

I quote the following from the "Workers' Council": "Christmas ought to be the greatest day in the Sunday school calendar, for the Sunday school is composed largely of children and youth, and there is no other festival of the Church that appeals to the young as Christmas does. It requires quite a vigorous exercise of memory for the average adult even to faintly realize how his blood used to tingle and his heartbeat with a kind of wild joy at the approach of the sacred season. Because Christmas makes a strong appeal to the young, the Sunday school should take pains to make the most of it." The following suggestions may be helpful. Let the children have the principal part of the program, it is their day. Use Christmas songs. The following are appropriate: "Glory to God in the Highest", "Joy to the World", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Hark, Hark, My Soul!", "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", "Away in the Manger", "Peace On Earth", and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Have the school to read responsively Luke 11:1-14. Have some good reader to tell the Christmas story as based on this passage, "The Story of the Wise Men," or the "Story of the Christ Child."

**Song Book Exchange.**—A certain Sunday school has recently given me two hundred slightly used song books to be given to any small schools that may be in need of them. I would like to hear from other schools that may have books that they are not using, and also from any schools that are in need of song books. Through this exchange this office hopes to be of

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#### Greetings To New Superintendents.

—We are entering upon the New Year with quite a number of new superintendents. To all of you as, well as to those who have been complimented by re-election, I send greetings. You are in the place of greatest responsibility and opportunity for service of any layman in your community. In a very direct way God is holding you responsible for the salvation of every child in your community. May He help you to measure up to the responsibilities of your new office. Remember that as your Field Secretary I am at your service at all times. I hope to visit you personally before the end of the year, but, in the meantime, write me freely concerning any interest of your school.

**Hats Off to the Ladies!** In last year's list we had one woman superintendent, Mrs. L. Johnson of Hempwallace. Her school was one of the best and most loyal in the Conference. In this year's list we are rejoiced to find eight woman superintendents. They are Mrs. Mattie L. Fenton of the Rhodes Chapel Sunday school on the Traskwood Circuit, Miss Vallie Watson of the Roane school on the Princeton Circuit, Mrs. R. V. Ewing of the Watson school on the Watson Circuit, Mrs. Chas. McNabb of the McNabb school on the Fulton Circuit, Mrs. Carrie Rogers of the Hebron school on the New Edinburg Circuit, Mrs. Jesse Ward of the St. Charles Circuit, and Miss M. Colton of the Lockesburg Circuit. Congratulations to these woman superintendents and their schools. We shall watch their work with a great deal of interest this year and shall expect a splendid showing from them when the records are posted at our next Conference.

**Our Conference Goals:**—Our Conference Sunday School Board has set the following goals to be reached this year:

Increase in Sunday School Enrollment—3,350.

Increase in Wesley Bible Class Members—1,110.

Increase in Cradle Roll Membership—550.

Increase in Home Department Enrollment—1,110.

Increase in Teacher Training Class Enrollment—275.

Increase in Sunday School Periodicals—4,450.

Amount Raised for Missions in Sunday Schools—\$1,175.

Joined Church From Sunday Schools—5,000.

Children's Day observed in every school.

A Sunday school organized in every preaching place.

**The Superintendent's Part.**—This is a big task we have set for the year, but by all pulling together we can surely accomplish it. Brother Superintendent, here is your part: To see that your Sunday school enrollment equals your church membership; to organize at least one Wesley Bible Class, one Teacher Training class, one Cradle Roll, and one Home Department in your school; to adhere strictly to the literature of our own Church; to see that Mission Sunday is observed each month in your school and the offering set sacredly aside for the Mission Fund; to plan for and observe Decision Day; to observe Children's Day; and, finally, to write me of any church in your knowledge that has no Sunday school. This is your task. What is your answer? I believe that

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

C. C. Arnold—President Little Rock Epworth Conference, State Bank Building, Little Rock.

E. H. Thomas—President North Arkansas Epworth Conference, Rogers, Ark.

J. J. Galloway—Chairman Epworth League Board, North Arkansas Conference, Earle, Ark.

H. F. Buhler—Chairman Epworth League Board, Little Rock Conference and Editor League Page, Y. M. C. A., Little Rock.

(By mistake the Lesson Notes for December 24 were published in last week's issue, hence we use the space for other matter of interest.)

#### SUGGESTIONS.

**The Editor Wants News From Each Chapter.** Any item of interest, new and effective program, social feature, any work that has been especially helpful and rich in results is solicited by the editor of the League Page. The matter should be mailed to him at Y. M. C. A., Little Rock, 10 days before it is to appear in the paper. The District Secretary should be anxious to keep the activities of his or her district in the Methodist to stimulate others and to encourage those doing things.

you are big enough to measure up to it.

**Mrs. Clay E. Smith Receives Blue Seal Diploma.**—Having recently completed the correspondence course in Sunday School Methods, Mrs. Clay E. Smith of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, has been awarded the Blue Seal Diploma by Dr. Shackford, the Superintendent of Teacher Training work in the Methodist Church, South. Mrs. Smith has charge of the Junior Department in her own Church and a visit to her school will convince any one that she not only knows the Theory of Sunday School work, but that she is also able to put it into practice. The Sunday School Board has elected her Conference Elementary Superintendent, and we are anxiously awaiting her acceptance of this position for which she is so well qualified. In the mean time let any elementary worker in need of help write her at 1020 Spruce Street, Little Rock, and she will be glad to render you any assistance possible.

**Teacher Training Class at Two Bayou.**—Among the visiting superintendents at the Malvern Conference was Brother J. D. White, superintendent of the Two Bayou Sunday School on the Buena Vista Circuit. He reports the recent organization of a Teacher Training class of 12 members in his Sunday school. Mrs. Pat Green is teacher of this class and she is using our Standard Book, "The Pupil, The Teacher, and The School." Good for Two Bayou! What rural school will be next to report a Teacher Training class?

**Hamburg School Pays In Full.**—Since Conference our treasurer reports the receipt of a check from Brother J. F. Titus, superintendent of the Hamburg school, paying the balance on their last year's apportionment. So the charts in my office now show Hamburg in full.

**Are You Taking the Methodist?** Without the help of the Arkansas Methodist we could not push our Sunday School Campaign. It is good to us. Let us be good to it and let every superintendent take it and pay for it this year. Yours to serve, Clem Baker.



**A League in Every Charge.** The Little Rock Conference Board adopted the slogan for this year—"A League in Every Charge." That means one for each preacher who has a work. This is not measuring up to the law laid down in the Discipline, but it is far beyond what has been achieved in the past. There is a member of the Epworth League Board for each Presiding Elder's District, and he should see to it in co-operation with the District Secretary, that there is no delay in beginning to make the slogan a reality. Delay is hurtful. The most appropriate time is now. If the secretary is not ready get busy yourself. A suggestion is to get each League to organize another and be responsible for its life for one year. This will strengthen the old chapter and assure the permanent success of the new. Then we should make up our minds as League officers and members that we are going to have evergreen chapters and quit the ground hog variety, as the latter will make the devil laugh and heaven shed tears. We have learned in the Sunday school that it is easier in the long run to keep going than to die and then reorganize two or three times a year. Young people, we can keep our Leagues going the year around without missing a service or a monthly social, let us do it. We are not sponges, dish rags, cotton strings, but young soldiers of the Cross. We show our mettle in other things, why not in the Epworth League, the greatest organization for the development of young life.

**Wonderful Opportunity At Dierks.** The attention of each League in the Little Rock Conference is called to the new undertaking at Dierks in the Texarkana District, about 30 miles from DeQueen. This is the location of what promises to be the greatest lumber mill in the state. The machinery and plant is just being installed.

**Get the Most Out of Your Food.** The digestive organs absolutely need the influence of pure blood for the proper performance of their functions. Persons that sleep in small, ill-ventilated rooms complain of little or no appetite in the morning and of disagreeable dryness of the mouth and throat. Why? Because, as a result of breathing air that is impure, their blood is impure and fails to give their digestive organs the stimulus they must have for perfect work. It is necessary that we should have pure blood if we want to get all the good out of what we eat that there is in it and to get it comfortably. Hood's Sarsaparilla is distinguished for making pure, rich, vitalized blood, perfecting the digestion and building up the whole system. Get it today.

Sunday schools that have used the Thornburgh Catechisms will be pleased to know that they may be had at 50 cents a dozen from A. C. 200 East Sixth street, Little Rock.

The mill authorities have pledged \$500 and the Leagues of the Conference are to pay \$500. A live young man, Brother A. L. Miller, a graduate of Hendrix College was placed in charge of the work and in one year the work is to be self supporting. Therefore this is the best paying investment that has yet come to the Leagues of the Little Rock Conference; for only \$500 they will have the credit and honor of making a station where hundreds will hear the gospel. Reports will be given on the League Page as the work progresses. The committee chosen at the Lewisville Conference, composed of Revs. T. O. Owen, L. C. Beasley and H. F. Buhler, to select some rural locality for social service work, thought this the best investment of the funds pledged for this year. The rural work can be taken up next year with more efficiency as part of the committee will be traveling over the Conference this year and will be the better prepared to select a suitable location.

**The Pledges Are Due.** The pledges made at Lewisville last June by the various Leagues for the work which the committee has located at Dierks and for the African Mission are due and remittance should be made to the treasurer, Mr. John Pierce, Box 529, Little Rock. Our pastor, Brother Miller, is on the job at Dierks and we must be ready to pay his salary, the first month of which will be due by the time you get this issue of the Methodist. Please send part of your pledge at once and then try to close it out in full in a short time.

**Chapter Dues.** The chapter dues of \$2.50 for each League each year are due for the new year and should be paid not later than January 10. Please remember that these dues are to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, Mr. John Pierce, Box 259, Little Rock, instead of to the central office as in other years. Mr. Pierce is a bonded officer, and all money in the Conference is to be sent to him. The district secretaries and the members of the League Board should see that these collections are made and forwarded to the treasurer. All over 50 per cent that is paid in to the treasurer of the Chapter dues will be used to further the work of the Leagues of the Conference as directed by them in their Annual Conference at Gurdon next spring.

**The Epworth League Board.** The League Board of the Little Rock Conference is not an honorary committee, but means business; use the member in your District, write the president for any help you need. That you may know who they are we give them and the lay members by districts as follows: Rev. H. F. Buhler, President; Rev. C. N. Baker, Secretary; Rev. T. O. Owen, Treasurer; Rev. L. C. Beasley; Rev. J. B. Sims, Rev. W. T. Menard, Rev. T. F. Hughes; for Little Rock District, C. C. Arnold; for Arkadelphia District, James Workman; for Monticello District, T. C. Hundley; for Texarkana District, S. Tillahunt; for Pine Bluff District, W. H. Keeton; for Camden District, J. W. McClurkin; Prescott District, C. C. Calhoun.

**District Secretaries.** Little Rock, Miss Louie Audigier; Arkadelphia, James Workman at Arkadelphia; Camden, J. C. White at Camden; Pine Bluff, R. G. Custer at Pine Bluff; Prescott, Miss Bess McKay at Arkadelphia; Monticello, Roy Farr at Portland; Texarkana, Mrs. David Venable at Texarkana.

Street, Little Memorial League: For more onths numbers have been

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

### A GROWING MYSTERY.

There seems to be a mystery  
About the way we grow.  
I want it all explained to me—  
Does anybody know?

Our last-year clothes are much too short,

And last-year shoes too small;  
And never change of skin is bought  
For summer, spring, or fall.

However much we grow inside,  
It always seems to fit;  
However much we wash outside,  
It never shrinks a bit!

—Selected.

### THE LITTLE BOY AND THE BIG UMBRELLA.

The little boy stepped out of the school building just as it began to rain, and the big umbrella went up over him like a small tent. You could hardly see the little boy under it, for he was so very little and the umbrella was so very big; but if you took pains to stoop down and take a peep at him, you would see a very nice little boy with apple-red cheeks and such dear blue eyes, and a mouth that knew how to smile instead of to pout.

"Halloo, Edgar," said somebody; "where'd you get so much umbrella?"

"It belongs to my Grandpa Gray," said the little boy proudly. "He lent it to me 'cause my mother can't afford to buy me one. Ain't it fine? It never leaks a speck, no matter how hard it rains, and covers me all over."

"I should say it did," said another little somebody. "You look like a toad under a cabbage leaf."

"You be another toad and get under my cabbage leaf with me, then," said the little boy, generously. "You haven't any umbrella at all, and neither has Davy Wilson. It's plenty big enough for all of us, my Grandpa Gray's umbrella is; and those two little girls who haven't got any, they can walk in under it, too, right along in front of us, so! It'll cover every one of us, you see!"

And so it did, and pretty soon the big umbrella moved down the sidewalk sheltering five little people from

turned away each Sunday night at the Hawley Memorial League, Pine Bluff, for lack of room. The League room seats 96, and by using standing room over a hundred can be crowded in. This condition has been brought about by making much of the League, pushing it forward, giving each Leaguer something to do, the pastor mentioning the League work at the church services in a way that would attract attention to its value. The League was urged to publish a weekly bulletin for the church and has kept it going without missing an issue throughout the year. In this the special efforts of new Leaguers was mentioned and the good qualities complimented. Special seats were reserved at each service at the front for young men. The devotional services were planned to last only 40 minutes, but to have something doing every second of the forty minutes, beginning on the dot. This has been done at this suburban church, where it was conceded by the most sanguine that a League could not be maintained; it had been tried numerous times, but always died in a few weeks or months, and never had an attendance of over twenty. The average for the entire 54 past Sundays has been 78. There are no impossibilities to those who will.

## Kidney Disorder

(BY DR. L. C. BABCOCK)

The most simple methods are usually the most effective ones when treating any disorder of the human system. The mere drinking a cup of hot water each morning, plenty of pure water all day, and a little Anuric before every meal has been found the most effective means of overcoming kidney trouble. Death would occur if the kidneys did not work day and night in separating poisons and uric acid from the blood.

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the storm, and the teachers stood watching it and saying to each other: "That dear little Edgar Gray is the kindest, most thoughtful little boy I ever saw."

The little boy and the big umbrella had to go a good deal out of their way in order to leave the little people at their homes.

But, by-and-by, the little boy and the big umbrella were left alone, and then they started home, bobbing and whistling. But they had not gone far when the little boy saw a young lady, with her arms full of packages, waiting for a street car. It was raining pretty hard and the young lady had no umbrella, and she was greatly astonished to see one approaching her and a sweet little voice under it saying: "If you please, ma'am, if you'll hold it, I'll hold the packages for you. I can't reach your hat, and it'll be all spoiled."

"You certainly are the very nicest little boy I ever saw in all my life," said the young lady, "and this is the best umbrella." And she gave the little boy a kiss and the umbrella a bright silver dime for their kindly service; but, of course, the little boy had to take care of the dime.

Now, what do you think of the little boy and the big umbrella?—Susan M. Griffith, in the Child's Hour.

### BILLY'S SUCCESS.

For two days Billy had been trying to establish himself in business as a newsboy and bootblack. But the people didn't seem to pay any attention to his cries, and the big boys even abused him. At last the poor little fellow—he was only seven years old—crept sobbingly into the station out of sight of his tormentors.

Sister Louise, a deaconess, who spent several hours every day at the station, went to comfort him.

"What's the matter?" she asked.

"I can't sell a paper," whimpered Billy, "and can't get a shine."

"Well, maybe its because you're hungry and don't look good-natured. Come and get something to eat."

Billy was hungry; he had had no breakfast, and the lunch from a box which a traveler had left did make him feel better natured. When he had finished he was ready to answer the deaconess' questions. His father was dead. His mother was sick and very poor. He must earn his own and his mother's living.

"But I can't earn anything," he said again. "The boys chase me off and the people won't buy."

"What do you say when you ask for a shine?"

"Black yer boo-oo-ots!" The voice was a disagreeable whine.

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"But you must be cheerful and polite if you want to succeed. You must say, 'Please, sir, have a shine? Only five cents!'" The deaconess' voice was animated and her face beamed.

Little Billy caught the enthusiasm, and a smile broke through the tears. They started out to find a customer.

"There's a man who needs a shine," the deaconess said.

Billy ran with all his might. "Please, sir, have a shine?" he shouted. "Only five cents."

The man looked into the boy's expectant face and put out a soiled boot. Billy fell to work, pausing only to give the deaconess an occasional exultant glance. When he had finished he ran back to show her six cents the man had paid him.

"Did you offer the gentleman a paper for the extra cent?" she asked.

This was a new idea, and the boy darted away again. The man bought a paper and gave the boy another cent.

"I must go now and take the money to my mother," he exclaimed. The deaconess gave him the rest of the box of lunch and watched him trudge away in high spirits.

But there was a storm brewing among the older boys. Business was none too brisk, and the smaller boy was likely to damage their trade. Billy should fare worse than ever at their hands when he returned flushed with his success. So the deaconess told them Billy's story. "And, boys," she finished, "you don't know how hungry he was this morning. And he was crying when I found him."

"We'll give him a fair show, then," they promised heartily.

And Billy has gone bravely on with his own business, and has never been molested since.—Lutheran.

### WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

E. W. Hood, Plaintiff,

vs.

Lena M. Hood, Defendant.

The defendant, Lena M. Hood, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, E. W. Hood.

November 22, 1916.

J. S. MALONEY, Clerk.

F. A. GARRETT, D. C.

Green, Kelley & Lushy, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

A. C. Martin, Attorney ad Litem.

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State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.

In the Pulaski Chancery Court.

Ella Beecher, Plaintiff,

vs.

Everett Beecher, Defendant.

The defendant, Everett Beecher, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Ella Beecher.

November 22, 1916.

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Price Shofner, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

E. G. Shofner, Attorney ad Litem.

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA  
PREACHERS' MEETING.

Dr. G. E. Bryan conducted the devotional services.

Two of the newly appointed pastors of the city were with us, Brothers Whaley of Asbury and Wilcoxon of First Church, Argenta.

Baker: Planning for year's work. Busy in office.

Musser: Services as usual and good start. Good prayer meeting.

Hutchinson: Good day; two members received. Board meeting enthusiastic; other services splendid.

Wilcoxon: (Argenta First Church)—Kind reception; things start off well and encouraging.

Hundley: Usual day, with good start for new year.

Whaley: At St. Louis Sunday, preaching at Kirkwood Church. Was attending Federal Council of Churches. Had a good time.

Dr. Monk: At Douglasville Sunday morning. Brother Spruce, the pastor, started well.

Brother Key gave a splendid account of his early work as a pioneer Methodist preacher.

## DR. COPELAND AND HOT SPRINGS

Genuine and city-wide regret is the only way one could adequately describe the aftermath of the Methodist Church Conference, which closed Sunday night in Malvern and which decreed that Rev. Dr. Theodore Copeland, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, should take charge of the Lakeside Methodist Church, the largest in the city of Pine Bluff, and that the pastor of that church should be sent to occupy Rev. Dr. Copeland's pulpit in this city.

The regret manifested was not because a new minister was coming, for he is said to be a very able man, but because one that everyone had learned to love, honor and respect was leaving this city, where for two years he has done a most wonderful work. Sunday it got noised about the city that the appointment would be read, and the 'phone in Rev. Dr. Copeland's home was kept busy, his friends insisting on getting the first news concerning his future. If Dr. Copeland knew of the change he kept that information to himself and did not presume to anticipate in any statements what action might be taken.

Before coming to Hot Springs Rev. Dr. Copeland had passed an eight years' ministry in the St. Paul Methodist Church and the Cabanne Methodist Church, St. Louis, two of the largest congregations of that faith there. He is one of the eloquent and "big men" of the Methodist ministry and in every ward in the city he has his friends by the score. Rich and poor alike regret to see him leave. Not in years has there been such an interest

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aroused over any probable change in local ministers, as in his case, for all who had learned to appreciate the man wanted him back.

Some of the citizens wanted to circulate a petition asking that Rev. Dr. Copeland be sent back, which, however, he would not permit. His charities have been many and his staunch circle of friends are not numbered only among those affiliated with churches, but consists of men, women and children, inside the church and out, all members of the great family of humanity, who have learned to love and appreciate one of the best and most popular pastors ever sent to this city. Rev. Dr. Copeland's ministry in Pine Bluff cannot help but be successful, and he will carry to that city the deepest and most sincere of best wishes from his army of loyal friends in Hot Springs.—New Era.

## WISTER, OKLA.

We cannot forget the dear old Methodist. Hamilton Brothers, of Sulphur, Okla., are with us in a great revival; 27 saved Saturday and last night; many men among them, and the church last night was a beehive for the Lord. M. Columbus Hamilton is a great preacher and the singing of the two is little short of marvelous. Pray for us.—H. R. Morris, Pastor.

## THE STORMY EVENING.

Within the bounds of the Hampton Charge, on the first evening of the arrival of the new Methodist preacher, L. T. Rogers, December 4, a great storm gathered about the parsonage, in the midst of the quietness of the parsonage home where he was making and drawing plans for the new conference year.

The muttering thunders were heard toward the western horizon. Soon the storm rushed right into the house through the hallway into the dining room; not with the usual destructive power of a storm, but in such form as to bring to the parsonage home all the necessities of life, both to eat and wear, even the soap and the towels with which to wash. But the most remarkable thing of the stormy evening was a potato worth more than fifty cents left among the good things in the dining-room as the storm subsided and settled thereabout.

We may truthfully say that it was in the manner of Christ's coming to the earth; for as John did come as the forerunner of Christ, so there was a forerunner of this storm in the form and to the worth of a five dollar bill. All (the forerunner and the bearing of the main storm) was very much appreciated on the part of the inmates of the parsonage home. We pray God's richest blessings on this people.

While we had a very successful year here the past Conference year, let us look to God, work and expect greater things this one. Pray for us brethren.—L. T. Rogers, P. C.

## A LETTER FROM TUPELO.

The Methodist is a welcome visitor to my home every week. I can not attend church and Sunday school regularly and the Methodist is a great help to me in keeping in touch with church affairs, and above all its spiritual teachings. Our church was greatly blessed this summer with a glorious revival and 47 new and reclaimed members. The meeting was conducted by Brother Spinks, an evangelist, and our worthy pastor, Brother Beyens. In my own home the meeting did untold good, for which I give thanks every day.

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Our little town of 300 or 400 inhabitants is 16 miles south of Newport, on the Rock Island Railroad. Our people are law-abiding, hospitable as can be found. Our country is in a prosperous condition, owing to the good prices of farm produce this year, for which the people are thankful.

We have been blessed in many ways, and I hope the people will give thanks to the good and gracious Lord from whom all blessings flow. Our Sunday school is doing much good and has a good attendance. A prayer meeting will be organized Thursday night.—Mrs. B. M. Marlar.

## COMMENDATION OF UNIFICATION

After reading your valuable paper for two months I feel constrained to write a few lines. I have decided that there are very few of our church papers more ably edited than the Arkansas Methodist. Your articles on "Unification By Reorganization" offer the best and most plausible and satisfactory plan I have read in any of our papers. I also agree with C. M. B. Cox on the name for the organization—"The United Methodist Churches of America." There are a great many communications in the Methodist that stir up my mind by way of remembrance of the long ago past.—Geo. F. Fair.

Swenson, Texas.

## CRAWFORDSVILLE.

I make a brief report of the work here for the past six months. I arrived on the field May 26 and found that they had been without a pastor for about six months. We began to work in earnest and as a result have accomplished some good.

We have received six members during the six months. The average attendance at services ranged from 40-50. Attendance at prayer meeting has been about 12. More interest is being shown now than formerly. We have a Missionary Society and a Ladies Bible class doing good work. We expect to organize the Epworth League soon and reorganize the Sunday school, putting in the Graded Literature in the Beginners and Primary Departments. We have a Junior Mis-

sionary Society recently organized, and our boys are engaged in Boy Scout work under the leadership of Prof. Dungan. The pastor's salary for the six months was overpaid a few dollars, besides the people presented the pastor with an overcoat and a suit of clothes, and earlier in the year an anniversary gift of \$23. The Conference collections were about 66 2-3 per cent. Bethany paid out in full her part of the claims and the salary. We are growing in interest and enthusiasm, and hope to have a new church completed by spring. We have at present about \$2,500 in pledges and money.

We have a great field of service here, and we shall give ourselves to the task unreservedly.—O. D. Langston.

## LETTER FROM BROTHER HALL.

In my meeting at Almyra, Ark., we ran only about a week on account of Brother Cole having to get ready for his Conference at Fort Smith December 6. We had a good meeting, better than was anticipated, for the reason that they have had no revival there of any note for many years. They have had about three preachers of different denominations in the last year, and it seems that they could not reach the folks. It is a hard place religiously, but they seem to be very fine people. Their trouble is indifference. I never did a harder week's work in any place. Brother Cole was anxious to have a revival as it was his last year there and he wanted to carry to his Conference a good report. He seems to be a mighty good man.

We had seven professions and two

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of them joined his church, the North Methodist. We have no organization there nearer than Bethel, which is about seven miles northeast.

We have there about 125 members on Brother Bolls' work. Brother Cole has a nice little church at Almyra. I never was treated in any place more courteously than I was there.

I believe if we could have run the meeting on about 15 days we would have had as fine a revival as could be had in any town of its size.

The dance hall, basket ball and football seem to be the attraction of the town.

I have preached about 240 times this year, and have seen about 175 souls made happy in a Savior's love, and have seen about 135 taken into our church. Many went into the Baptist church and into other churches. I am now at home at Ft. Towson, Okla., for a couple of weeks' rest before going out into the field again.—J. A. Hall.

#### THE ORPHANAGE.

Since my last report I have received special contributions for the Orphanage as follows: Mrs. Whittaker, matron at the State Reform School, Little Rock, \$5.00; Mrs. R. M. Briant, Hope, \$10; Tillar Sunday school, C. A. King, secretary, Rev. J. H. Cummins, pastor, \$33; J. H. Waters, El Dorado, \$10; Mrs. J. R. Gibbons, Bauxite, \$5; Baptist Sunday school, DeView, \$5.50; W. C. Cross, Beebe, \$2.50; Rev. J. E. Caldwell, Tulip, \$2.00; Union No. 155, U. A. of Plumbers and Steamfitters, Jno R. Hughes, secretary, Little Rock, \$5.00; Primary Department, Sunday school, Monticello, Miss Mamie McKennon, superintendent, \$8; Betheny Class, Dermott Methodist Church, Mrs. A. Prothro, teacher, \$1.25.

In sending the \$5.50 from the Baptist Sunday school at DeView, Brother L. A. P. Beard, superintendent, says: "This is one-half of the collection of the Baptist Sunday school. Our neighbor, the Methodist Sunday school, divided their collection with us some time ago and now we are returning the compliment." This indicates a beautiful Christian harmony between these people.

I have received articles as follows: One box containing underwear and flannel from Missionary Society at Quitman, Mrs. J. C. Turney, president; 37 jars canned fruit from Missionary Society at Ola; 26 cans of fruit, potatoes and rice from Missionary Society at Carlisle by Mrs. D. B. Perkins; dresses, etc., from Junior League, Pochontas; quilt and book from Missionary Society, Revel's Church, Augusta Circuit, J. B. Williams, pastor;

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box canned fruit, quilt, etc., from Missionary Society, New Edinburgh by Mrs. Roebuck, president; box children's clothing from the Betheny Class of the Methodist Church, Dermott, Mrs. A. Prothro, teacher; one barrel fruit, Missionary Society, Jacksonville; one box fruit, from Junior Missionary Society, Mrs. A. Graydon, president; New Edinburgh; one barrel fruit, Circle No. 4, Missionary Society, Paris by Mrs. Buel; three gallons cream and cakes, Mrs. Holmes' Circle, Missionary Society, First Church, Little Rock; one box fruit, Primary Department Highland Sunday school, Little Rock; one barrel canned fruit, Missionary Society and Junior Missionary Society, Augusta, Mrs. H. Hanesworth; dress goods, Pfeifer Bros., Little Rock; canned fruit, Missionary Society, Marianna, by Mrs. J. A. Roane; barrel fruit, Primary Department Sunday school, Harrison, Miss Ora May Hutchins; children's clothing, Dalark, giver not known; one girl's cloak, from Mrs. F. S. Overton, Little Rock.—Geo. Thornburgh, President.

#### ARMY TESTAMENT FUND.

Most of the last week was spent with the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church in Ft. Smith, where I was received kindly and treated cordially.

Bishop W. A. Quayle, a rare man, in a class by himself, a literary man and genius, presided over the Conference. A great Centennial Celebration for the American Bible Society, in which all the churches of Fort Smith were invited to take part, was held at the Central Church at 3 p. m. and Bishop Quayle made the address. The congregation was large and the address inspiring.

The Army Testament Fund grows nicely. Wherever I present the matter in person, the people give gladly and with enthusiasm. The American Bible Society is giving the Scriptures to the soldiers in the trenches in Europe, in poor bloody Mexico and to our own brave boys on the Border.

Our "Bible Car" has covered the Border from Columbus to Brownsville. Fifteen thousand Testaments have been given to our soldiers at an approximate cost of \$6,000. I am advised that \$10,000 more will be needed to complete the work.

January 14, 1917, was adopted by our Conferences as "Army Testament Day". The churches in all the Conferences in the Southwestern Agency will observe the day, giving all the people the privilege of taking part in this beautiful service. I am having envelopes sent out to all the pastors for that day.

Help them and God will bless abundantly in this bit of Home Mission work.

Following is the report since last week:

Former report	\$767.03
J. W. Bassett	1.00
F. P. Bassett	.25
Friends at Ft. Smith, Ark.	17.50
Mrs. S. D. Warfield, Helena	1.00
Mrs. Mann, Helena, Ark.	1.00
Earnestine Shelton, Helena	.25
Mrs. Williamson, Helena	.50
Arena Reves, Helena	.25
Hendrix College Y. M. C. A., Conway, Ark.	5.00
Total	\$793.78
Less amount previously acknowledged in subscriptions	3.00
Total	\$790.78

D. H. Colquette, Field Agent.

#### QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

##### Little Rock Conference.

##### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Traskwood, at H. G.	Dec. 16-17
Oaklawn Sta.	Dec. 17-18
Park Avenue	Dec. 20
Central	Dec. 21
Third Street	Dec. 22
Malvern Ct., at Rockport	Dec. 23-24
Arkadelphia Ct., at N. H.	Dec. 30-31
Leola Ct., at Carthage	Jan. 2-3
Princeton, at Macedonia	Jan. 3-4
Willow, at Cypress	Jan. 4-5
Holly Springs, at Sardis	Jan. 6-7
S. Arkadelphia, at Donaldson	Jan. 7-8
Friendship, at Midway	Jan. 8-9
Pearcy Ct., at Pearcy	Jan. 13-14
Hot Springs Ct., at Bethlehem	Jan. 14-15
Cedar Glades, at Ebenezer	Jan. 17-18
Dalark Ct., at Dalark	Jan. 20-21
Arkadelphia, First Church	Jan. 21-22
Benton Sta.	Jan. 24-25
Malvern Sta.	Jan. 28-29

B. A. FEW, P. E.

##### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT. (First Round, in Part.)

Mabelvale Ct., at Primrose, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.	Jan. 6
Keo Ct., at Keo, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.	Jan. 7
England, p. m.	Jan. 7
Austin Ct., at Zion	Jan. 13-14
Hickory Plains, at H. P.	Jan. 20-21
Tomberlin Ct., at Zion	Jan. 27-28
Carlisle, p. m.	Jan. 28
Oak Hill Ct., at Oak Hill	Feb. 3-4
Bryant Ct., at Douglasville	Feb. 10-11
Lonoke, p. m.	Feb. 14
DeVall's Bluff and Hazen, at Hazen	Jan. 17-18
Des Arc, a. m. and 3 p. m.	Jan. 18
Benton Ct., at Ebenezer	Jan. 24-25
Maumelle Ct., at Taylor's Chapel	Mar. 1

Pastors will please publish diligently and repeatedly, and urge the importance of all official members being present.

District stewards will meet at First Church, Little Rock, from 1:30 to 3 p. m., January 9. It is very important, my brethren, that every member be present. Matters of importance to be considered. ALONZO MONK, P. E.

##### MONTICELLO DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Collins	Dec. 10
Monticello	Dec. 10-11
Warren	Dec. 17
Hermitage	Dec. 17-18
McGehee	Dec. 24
Dermott	Dec. 24
Palestine Ct., at Jersey	Dec. 30-31
Arkansas and Southern Camps	Dec. 31
Tillar and Dumas	Jan. 5-7
Arkansas City and Lake Village	Jan. 7-8
Watson	Jan. 14
Mt. Pleasant, at Mt. Tabor	Jan. 20-21
Wilmar	Jan. 21-22
Lacy, at Magnolia	Jan. 27-28
Eudora	Feb. 3-4
Snyder and Montrose	Feb. 4-5
Hamburg Ct., at Antioch	Feb. 10-11
Crossett	Feb. 11-12
Parkdale and Wilmet	Feb. 17-18
Portland and Blissville	Feb. 18-19
Hamburg	Feb. 25-26

The district stewards will meet in Monticello, Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 7:30 p. m. W. C. DAVIDSON, P. E.

##### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT. (First Round.)

First Church, Pine Bluff	Dec. 10
Gillette Ct., at G.	Dec. 17-18
Wabbaseka, 11 a. m.	Dec. 24
Carr Memorial, P. B., 7 p. m.	Dec. 24
Sheridan Ct., at Oak Grove	Dec. 30-31
Sheridan Sta., 7 p. m.	Dec. 31
St. Charles Ct., at Prairie Union, 11 a. m.	Jan. 7
DeWitt, 7 p. m.	Jan. 7
Humphrey Ct., at Humphrey, 7 p. m.	Jan. 10
Grady Ct., at Grady, 11 a. m.	Jan. 14
Hawley Memorial, 7 p. m.	Jan. 14
Star City, at Star C.	Jan. 18-19
Rowell Ct., at Center	Jan. 20-21
Rison, at Rison	Jan. 21-22
New Edinburgh, at N. E.	Jan. 27-28
Stuttgart, 11 a. m.	Feb. 4
Roe, 7 p. m., Feb. 4; 10 a. m., Feb. 5	Feb. 5
Swan Lake	Feb. 11
Pine Bluff Ct., at Good Faith, 11 a. m.	Feb. 18
Lakeside, 7 p. m.	Feb. 18
Sherrill	Feb. 25

The district stewards will meet at the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Thursday, December 14, at 11 a. m. All are urged to be present. W. C. WATSON, P. E.

##### TEXARKANA DISTRICT. (First Round.)

De Queen, at night	Dec. 14
Hatfield, at H.	Dec. 15-16
Vandervoort, at V.	Dec. 17
(Conference at 2 p. m.)	
Horatio	Dec. 17
(Preaching at night, Conference Monday, 2 p. m.)	
Lockesburg	Dec. 21-22
Dierks	Dec. 23-24
Winthrop, at W.	Dec. 28-29
Richmond and Wilton, at R.	Dec. 29-30
(Conference at Richmond, 2 p. m.)	
Ashdown	Dec. 31
(Conference 2 p. m.)	
Fairview, Texarkana, at night	Dec. 31
Lewisville, at L.	Jan. 4-5
Bradley and Taylor, at B.	Jan. 6-7
Bright Star, at Doddridge	Jan. 12-13
(Conference Jan. 13, 2 p. m.)	
Fouke, at F.	Jan. 14
(Conference 2 p. m.)	
Patmos, at Bethlehem	Jan. 20-21
Stamps, at night	Jan. 21

Foreman	Jan. 25-26
Paraloma, at P.	Jan. 27-28
Texarkana, First Church	Feb. 4
Texarkana, College H., at night	Feb. 4
Umpire, at Umpire	Feb. 6-7
Cherry Hill, at Dallas	Feb. 10-11
Mena, at night	Feb. 11

Preachers' and Laymen's Missionary meeting at College Hill, Texarkana, January 10-11. Program will appear later.

District Stewards' meeting at First Church, Texarkana, January 9, at 10 a. m. District stewards please take notice and be present.

J. A. BIGGS, P. E.

#### North Arkansas Conference.

##### FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Gravette and Decatur	Dec. 16-17
Centerton	Dec. 17-18
Pea Ridge	Dec. 23-24
Bentonville	Dec. 24
Springdale Ct.	Dec. 30-31
Springdale Sta.	Dec. 31
Springtown	Jan. 6-7
Gentry	Jan. 7-8
Siloam Springs	Jan. 13-14
Elm Springs	Jan. 14-15
Fayetteville	Jan. 17
Lincoln	Jan. 18
Prairie Grove	Jan. 19
Viney Grove	Jan. 20-21
Rogers	Jan. 21-22
Huntsville	Jan. 27-28
War Eagle	Jan. 28-29
Winslow	Feb. 3-4
Farmington	Feb. 4-5
Berryville Sta.	Feb. 11-12
Eureka Springs	Feb. 10-11
Berryville Ct.	Feb. 12-13
Osage Ct.	Feb. 13-14
Green Forest	Feb. 14-15

District stewards will meet at Rogers, December 20.

G. G. DAVIDSON, P. E.

##### FORT SMITH DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Fort Smith, First Church	Dec. 17
Van Buren Ct., at City Hts.	Dec. 24
Van Buren Sta., 7:30 p. m.	Dec. 24
Ft. Smith Ct., at Spring Hill	Dec. 30-31
South Ft. Smith, 7:30 p. m.	Dec. 31
Hackett Ct., at Hackett	Jan. 6-7
Greenwood, 7:30 p. m.	Jan. 7
Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith	Jan. 14
Ft. Smith, Midland Hts., 7:30 p. m.	Jan. 14
Kibler Ct., at Kibler	Jan. 20-21
Alma, 7:30 p. m.	Jan. 21
Ozark Ct., at Granada's Ch.	Jan. 27-28
Ozark, 7:30 p. m.	Jan. 28
Cass Ct., at Beech Grove	Feb. 3-4
Mulberry and Dyer, at M.	Feb. 10-11
Charleston Ct., at C.	Feb. 17-18
Hartford and Midland, at M.	Feb. 24-25
Huntington and Mansfield, at H.	Feb. 25

The district stewards will please meet at First Church, Fort Smith, December 19, at 10 a. m. The pastors are cordially invited to come also.

J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

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