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THE STEPS OF A MAN ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD; AND HE DELIGHTETH IN HIS WAY. THOUGH HE FALL, HE SHALL NOT BE UTTERLY CAST DOWN; FOR THE LORD UPHOLDETH HIM WITH HIS HAND. I HAVE BEEN YOUNG, AND NOW AM OLD; YET HAVE I NOT SEEN THE RIGHTEOUS FORSAKEN, NOR HIS SEED BEGGING BREAD. HE IS EVER MERCIFUL, AND LENIENT; AND HIS SEED IS BLESSED.—Psalm 37:23-26.

PLAN LARGE THINGS.

Last year was a good year in America. God has blessed us as no other people have ever been blessed. Our measure has been full to overflowing. While others have suffered and sorrowed, we have been filled with fatness. The new year holds much of promise. Let us begin it by returning grateful thanks to God for his benefits, and by humble confession of shortcomings and selfishness. Then let us ask for divine guidance and hold ourselves in readiness to follow the light. If we will consecrate ourselves afresh upon the altar of service and spiritualize the material things committed to our keeping, God may have even richer blessings in store. Pastors and people should plan large measures for God. There should be revivals in every charge, so that saints may be edified and sinners saved. Practically all assessments should be increased and full collections should be the goal. The special campaigns for our schools and our paper must be made successful. New churches should be built and larger fields cultivated. Our stricken and bleeding European neighbors should be remembered, both in prayer and in liberal contributions. Let us honor God by great faith, earnest prayer, and consecrated activity.

EDUCATION IN 1916.

According to the United States Bureau of Education there were 23,500,000 persons attending some kind of school in our country last year. Approximately 24 per cent of our people are in school, while Great Britain has 19 per cent, France 17 per cent, Germany 20 per cent, and Russia a little more than 4 per cent. However, if daily attendance is used as the basis the showing is far less favorable for the United States, as some of the nations have better attendance and longer terms. The number of pupils in public kindergartens and elementary schools increased more than a million in four years. The total number of students in our 14,000 high schools is 1,329,000. There are 706,000 teachers in the United States, 169,000 men and 537,000 women. While the number of men has increased very little since 1900, the number of women has doubled. The average annual salary of all teachers is \$525, being \$699 in the Eastern States and \$329 in the South Atlantic States, varying from \$234 in Mississippi to \$941 in New York. Expenditures for 1914 (the latest available statistics) were close to \$800,000,000. It is estimated that in 1916 they totaled a billion. In 1915 public elementary schools cost approximately \$500,000,000; public high schools, \$70,000,000; private elementary schools, \$52,000,000; private secondary schools, \$15,000,000; universities, colleges, and professional schools, \$100,000,000; and normal schools, \$15,000,000. Since 1896 \$407,000,000 have been given to education by private donors. The report of the U. S. Commissioner declares: "There seems to be a clearer vision as to the essential aims of education. Educational surveys have multiplied to a remarkable extent; almost no field has now been left untouched, and the latest findings in scientific measurements are being utilized in survey work. The health movement in education has experienced a notable stimulus from the preparedness situation and the demand for military training. Rural education has

more and more enlisted the interest of the general public outside of professional circles and has clearly become a problem of administration and financing, rather than promotion. Vocational education is advancing slowly, but steadily, in a way that seems to afford the best possible guaranty of permanence."

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Often the students of our Christian colleges are induced to lend at least quasi support to social functions of questionable character given in connection with athletic events. Recently President Haynes, in refusing to allow his students to engage in a basket-ball game with the Athletic Club on account of a dance which was to follow, made the following sensible announcement: "Birmingham College is a Christian institution of learning, founded distinctly upon Methodist religious principles, and no department of its activities will be allowed to sanction, or seemingly sanction, anything not absolutely in accord with the Discipline of the Methodist Church. Should it sanction, or seemingly sanction such, it would subvert the reason of its existence." We commend his action and trust that his example may influence others to take a stand against such pernicious influences.

A PRAISEWORTHY PRECEDENT.

Four years ago our Presbyterian President shocked Washington society by withholding his approval of the customary inaugural ball. It is now reported that he will follow the good precedent which he has set. This is sensible. In aristocratic court circles the ball and the dress parade may be appropriate, but under our democratic institutions simplicity and quiet dignity are more seemly. Then, too, while the inaugural ball has been tolerated by people who did not wish to incur the charge of being prudish and puritanical, there is little doubt that vast multitudes of our citizenry, with strong religious instincts, have silently protested. President Wilson has shown remarkable ability to understand the thought and sentiment of true Americanism and to interpret the mind of the people to the people, and in this diplomatic rebuke of snobbery and folly he has again demonstrated his insight and moral power. He deserves our hearty praise for his Christian spirit and genuine Americanism.

NORTHERN METHODISM AND EDUCATION.

During the last quadrennium the schools of Northern Methodism have added \$13,000,000 to their properties. Now, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Board of Education, they have organized an Educational Jubilee Movement and propose within fourteen months to secure \$30,000,000 more. The Bishops, at their recent semi-annual meeting, endorsed the movement and designated Bishops McConnell, Mitchell, Thirkield, Leete, and Bristol as a committee to co-operate with the Jubilee Committee to carry forward the proposed enterprise. Amounts ranging from \$75,000 for Montana Wesleyan to \$3,000,000 for Syracuse University have been approved, and already the following sums have been pledged: For the Board of Education \$100,000, Central Wesleyan College \$150,000, College of the Pacific \$200,000, Cornell College \$500,000, Dakota Wesleyan \$181,000, DePauw \$300,000, Hamline \$250,000, Hedding College \$250,000, Illinois Wesleyan \$616,000, Illinois Woman's College \$280,000, Lawrence College \$220,000, McKendree College \$75,000, Simpson College \$330,000, Southwestern College \$430,000, W. Virginia Wesleyan \$100,000, American University \$500,000, Grand Prairie Seminary \$76,000. The marvelous progress of the schools of this great church has been made under the leadership of its Board of Education, whereby its various in-

terests have been in a measure unified and coordinated without the development of a centralized despotism. It is the purpose of the movement to raise \$1,000,000 for the General Board of Education, so that it may be able to render special service wherever needed, but the Board waives its present claims out of consideration for local enterprises.

THE PREACHERS AND THE PAPERS.

Dr. John W. Boswell, a wise ex-editor, who now uses his talent in the production of Sunday school literature, recently represented the Christian Advocate at North Mississippi Conference, and, writing for the New Orleans Christian Advocate, indulges in the following practical and pertinent observations: "For about two years I have been studying and looking around for something new to say in support of our Church papers. I have not succeeded. The subject, so far as reasons are concerned, is exhausted. We are shut up to the same old arguments, and to the duty of affirming with more earnestness than ever that the preacher is the key to the situation. He must give it personal attention and personal work, and even with him it must be 'line upon line, precept upon precept,' and more and harder work. The presiding elder cannot be depended on. He can only advise and exhort and encourage the preacher. He has neither time nor opportunity for making a personal canvass. In this critical time, if the preachers do not come to the help of the Advocates they will suffer."

A NEEDED INSTITUTION.

In Arkansas, while the white population far outnumber the black, still almost twice as many negroes as whites die of tuberculosis each year. From a humanitarian standpoint the State is under high obligation to help and protect this weaker race. Then self-interest suggests it, because the negroes as cooks, waiters, nurses, chambermaids, and laundresses may easily carry the disease to their employers. When disease attacks one race in the State all are in danger. Our Legislature should make provision to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among our negroes.

A MISALLIANCE.

Last fall, when the women of Arkansas were co-operating with the men to defeat the infamous Act No. 2, one paper in the State had the brazen effrontery to support the outrageous measure. Now the women who favor suffrage have allowed that ill-starred sheet to bring out a special edition or woman's suffrage. The effect will be to alienate many of the best people from their cause, since few good people care to follow the lead of such a paper. In spite of this colossal blunder we believe in the woman's cause, and sincerely regret this misalliance.

WATCH IT GROW.

On another page Dr. James Thomas modestly announces that, since his last report two weeks ago, the Commissioners who are raising a half million for Hendrix College have secured pledges for \$75,000. The team is now at work in Eastern Arkansas. Something is going to happen there. Watch the report of pledges! You will see something each week that will increase your faith in Arkansas Methodism.

We are usually beguiled when we decide that we shall feel more like doing a disagreeable duty if we wait a while.

If order is heaven's first law, disorder of a kind borders on rebellion.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

On his way to Conway Rev. H. B. Flippin called last Monday.

Mr. Edward Rector of Chicago has given \$150,000 to DePauw University.

Our Trinity Institutional Church building, Los Angeles, has been sold under mortgage.

Rev. H. M. Lewis has moved to Cass and expects to build there a parsonage for Cass Circuit.

The home of Rev. W. F. Walker, who was at Cabot last year, will this year be at Brinkley.

The Christian Advocate (N. Y.) will be reduced in size from 32 to 24 pages on account of increasing cost.

Last week Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh of Leola called. He is delighted with his new charge and expects a successful year.

Rev. S. T. Baugh sends a beautiful 1917 calendar issued by College Hill Church, Texarkana, as a Christmas souvenir.

Rev. W. P. Whaley, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, wishes his friends to know that his address is 1205 Schiller Ave.

Presiding Elder Biggs has changed the date of Texarkana Preachers' and Laymen's meeting from January 10-11 to January 16-17.

The Studebakers of South Bend, Ind., have given \$58,000 toward the erection of an administration building for DePauw University.

Last Monday, on his way to the meeting of Conference Secretaries of Missions at Nashville, Tenn., Rev. H. E. Wheeler of Conway called.

A conditional gift of \$100,000 for Hamline University, the Methodist school for Minnesota, has been promised by the Carnegie Foundation.

Mr. Paul Brown of St. Louis has been appointed trustee for Barnes Hospital to take the place left vacant by the death of Mr. S. M. Kennard.

Married—At the Methodist parsonage, Monette, Ark., December 27, 1916, Mr. Jacob M. Williams and Miss Maud E. Tapp, Rev. C. F. Wilson officiating.

Rev. A. D. Porter of Cleburne, Texas, is the author of an appropriate Christmas poem, which he has sent out with greetings to his brother pastors.

Mr. A. M. Bell, one of our best Monticello laymen, paid our office an appreciated call last Friday. He reports conditions good at his substantial town.

Rev. Bede Pickering writes that after a long journey from Umpire to Fountain Hill he was heartily welcomed by good people and is expecting a great year.

Rev. H. B. Chancellor, who recently transferred to East Oklahoma Conference, writes that he has been royally received by the people of Spring-Circuit.

Rev. David Bolls reports the marriage, December 21, at Goodfaith Church, near Pine Bluff, of two members of his church, Mr. Loyd Bobo and Miss Sarah Lindsey.

The Journal of West Texas Conference, just received, is a fine piece of work from any standpoint. Rev. Sterling Fisher is secretary and Rev. J. H. Groseclose editor.

A pleasant letter from Rev. B. T. Crews, formerly of Arkansas Conference, now at Vivian, La., reports that he is still in the active work and enjoying good health.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Hendrix College spent Christmas in our city on his way to Baltimore to meet with the Joint Commission on Unification, of which he is a member.

Rev. J. M. Hughes, pastor of West Searcy Circuit, writes that he has reached his new field and has been cordially received. The outlook for the year is good in every respect.

Dr. J. A. Rice, pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis, is enjoying a handsome check and letter of appreciation from his official board as an expression of their confidence and esteem.

At the Methodist parsonage, Monette, Ark., December 31, 1916, Prof. W. T. Shanks and Miss Essie M. Ray, both of Monette, were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. C. F. Wilson.

John D. Archbold, the oil magnate who recently died worth \$100,000,000, gave about \$3,500,000 to Syracuse University, the Methodist institution of which Dr. J. R. Day is chancellor.

Rev. V. P. Bumpers, writing from Quitman, says that the Central Sunday School is in good working order, with efficient officers and teachers and new members coming in almost every Sunday.

Mr. F. M. Daniel, lay leader and secretary of North Arkansas Conference, slipped on the ice December 17 and suffered a painful accident, which incapacitated him for work for many days.

Rev. W. C. Watson, the new presiding elder of Pine Bluff District, called Tuesday. He has reached several charges and at each place the preacher's salary has been raised. The outlook is good.

At DeWitt Church, Rev. A. M. Shaw, pastor, last Sunday a very interesting program was rendered, beginning with the Epworth League service at 6:30 and ending with Watch Night exercises at midnight.

Rev. J. A. Sage, presiding elder of Camden District, has been most cordially received at Camden and is enjoying the privilege of meeting many friends in the charges which he had formerly served.

At Plumerville, December 29, Rev. R. A. Wilbanks passed away. He was a local preacher and had been a prominent member of our church for many years. He was the father of Rev. John S. Wilbanks.

Rev. F. E. Dodson spent a day in our city last week and called at headquarters. He has found Cabot and Jacksonville a remarkable charge and anticipates a pleasant year. He has been heartily "pounded."

Rev. G. W. Pyles, who has just been admitted to North Arkansas Conference, writes that he has been at his new charge, Lake City, two weeks and is favorably impressed. Prospects are good for a fruitful year.

Capt. J. M. Jenkins, formerly an active layman of the Arkansas Conference, with home at Quitman, now residing at Ripley, Tenn., goes with his wife to Lamar, S. C., to visit among relatives during the winter.

Rev. J. M. Harrison, who was returned to Swifton and Alicia for a third year, was kindly received by his people and his salary raised. He had good Christmas programs and is settling down to work with prospects of success.

The students of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., are concentrating their activities upon raising funds for a Student Building to cost \$60,000. The trustees will contribute \$15,000 when \$45,000 has been secured.

While attending the Arkansas Methodist Commission meeting last week Rev. J. K. Farris, presiding elder of Fort Smith District, called. The outlook for the district is encouraging. He is enthusiastic over the new First Church enterprise.

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At Elm Springs on Sunday, December 17, Mrs. Sherman, the mother of Revs. William and Jeff Sherman of the North Arkansas Conference, fell on sleep at the ripe age of seventy-eight. She had been feeble for some time, but the end came unexpectedly.

The remains of Mr. John T. Greenfield, who died in New Mexico, were brought from our First Church, Little Rock, last Thursday. He was once an active official member of that church and a prominent business man. He had for several years been seeking health in the West.

Mrs. H. A. Dowling, wife of Dr. Dowling, formerly State Sunday School Secretary of Arkansas, died recently in California. She was a member of our First Church, Little Rock, when her home was here, and was well known in Sunday school circles as a gifted worker.

Last week Rev. A. Turrentine and son Hugh called. Brother Turrentine and wife have been visiting a married daughter at Mansfield. He had been to Huttig, his new charge, and is pleased with the outlook. Mr. Hugh Turrentine is a student in the Kansas City Medical College.

Boston University, one of the greatest Methodist institutions, this year enrolled 2,608, of whom 1,746 are men. The enrollment five years ago was only 1,347. It is calling for \$6,000,000. This year gifts amounting to \$117,000 were received. A cash policy has been pursued, hence the year will end without a deficit.

Through the initiative and referendum South Dakota has enacted a law requiring candidates for the presidency to agree to appear in joint debate in order to have their names on the primary ballots. This is as foolish a law as was ever passed by a Legislature, and yet it is the result of direct legislation.

The twenty-seventh Biennial Report of the Arkansas School for the Blind has just reached our desk, through the courtesy of its efficient superintendent, Hon. J. H. Hinemen. It contains valuable matter which should be read by our people who believe in the proper maintenance of our charitable institutions.

The official board of Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, passed a strong resolution expressive of their appreciation of the work of their pastor, Rev. H. F. Buhler. They regretted to lose him, but extend a hearty welcome to the new pastor, and expect to do "big things" because they have been taught to do "big things."

Prof. N. M. Whaley has been appointed assistant deputy superintendent of public instruction by Superintendent J. L. Bond. Prof. Whaley is a Hendrix College graduate, a brother of Rev. W. P. Whaley, and has been principal of schools at Camden and Gurdon, and more recently has been doing agricultural extension work.

Presiding Elder G. G. Davidson writes that the Fayetteville Preachers' Meeting in connection with the District Stewards' Meeting was very profitable. His pastors are all hopeful, and the new men are well received. Some revival work has been planned for the winter months. The paper campaign will be made in January and thorough work is to be done.

Rev. C. M. Reves, pastor of the First Methodist Church, may now quit worrying about the price of shoes and spend his idle time worrying about the price of gasoline. Members of his congregation took advantage of the Christmas season and presented him with a brand new automobile, and he can now go about his business with as much expedition as the rest of us. The popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Reves (it is understood that Mrs. Reves

A. D. Porter and ample. It contains embers and a brief 25 cents.

is greatly appreciated a deaconess there, at Carlsbad, Texas, hopes to return to in the spring.

reports, Mrs. Nelson, wife of Rev. W of New Mexico Conference, died Janua. Burial is to be at as been in failing announcement is not

was considered as well by this generous gift, and wish them no end of arrival home from each

Dillard Wyatt, a boy lives near Rosie, Independence county, is the champion corn-grower of Arkansas for 1916, having reduced 131.14 bushels on an acre. The boy's father averaged 70 bushels an acre for 100 acres. The chief difference between the culture of father and son was three harrowings given by the son after the father's crop had been laid by.

At Louisville, Ky., recently, a joint meeting was held at which the German Methodists, the Northern Methodists, the Southern Methodists, and the Colored Methodists were represented. Arrangements were made for Watch Night services in the interest of unification. Bishop Hartzell and Editor Wareing were the guests of honor and principal speakers.

The Arkansas Farmer refers in highly complimentary terms to the appearance of Rev. H. E. Wheeler, the new pastor of his church at Conway, among other things saying that he has a strong voice, remarkably clear articulation and direct in enunciation, and in his introductory sermon impressed the congregation with the great truth and all important fact that was there to be used.

The Arkansas Methodist Commission met last week in the office of James Thomas. Present: Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, James Thomas, Rev. J. K. Farris, and Hon. C. Thornburgh. Dr. Johnston was re-elected president and Dr. Thomas was re-elected secretary-treasurer. These two and Col. Thornburgh constitute the executive committee. Plans were considered for the circulation campaign. Announcements will be made from time to time.

Under the plan of campaign for Emory University as formulated by the chancellor and the Board of Trust of that institution, there are now ten commissioners in the field as follows: Rev. J. S. Frazer, Alabama Conference; Rev. S. B. Vaughn, Holston; Rev. J. H. Yon, Louisville and Kentucky; Rev. W. J. McCoy, Memphis; Rev. Robert Selby, Mississippi; Rev. L. Mann, North Carolina; Rev. C. C. Jarrell, North Georgia; Rev. J. A. Harmon, South Georgia; Rev. E. M. Harrell, Tennessee; Rev. W. Asbury Chian, Virginia.

Dr. Helen B. Hubl, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Education at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, is the program of the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the American Psychological Association to read a paper entitled "The Effect on Length of the Length of Periods of Rest." This paper reports the results of an experiment done in the Randolph-Macon Psychological Laboratory, which is a pioneer among psychological laboratories in the South, and is one of the best of its kind possessed by any college in the country.

One day last week our office was favored by the presence of Mr. G. Harrison and Prof. J. J. Harrison, sons of W. R. Harrison, who were spending the holiday with their father and other relatives in the city. Mr. G. C. Harrison, a University graduate, principal of Amity High School last year, athletic coach for a few months at Arkansas College. He has completed his law studies and begun practice at Fordyce. Prof. J. J. Harrison, a graduate, is superintendent of Fordyce schools and is intensely interested in plans for new building in which he hopes to have made arrangements for vocational work.

Last Sunday the pastor preached morning and night at First Church, Jonesboro, and visited the Sunday school, adding the Men's Class and the school. The morning congregation was fair, but, owing to threatening weather, the night service was not well attended. It is one of our best churches in a fine little city of nearly 10,000. Improvement and progress are seen every hand. The Baptists are just completing a new building that will compare favorably with any in the State. Our people need more and hope to build in the near future. A commanding site has been secured and the large house it will be moved to one side and remodeled parsonage. Rev. Wm. Sherman, the new pastor, had been delayed by the death of his mother, but has been cordially received

and his husband) is attested by many friends here on journeys and safe return.—Helena World.

and is taking hold vigorously. He anticipates a successful year. Rev. F. M. Tolleson, the alert presiding elder, was at home planning for large things in his fertile field. Delightful companionship was enjoyed.

Rev. George R. Locher reports the statistics of the China Mission Conference as follows: There are 35 native traveling preachers, 58 local preachers, and 7,381 members, an increase of 1,255. Infants baptized during the year, 305, a decrease of 24. Adults baptized, 1,326, an increase of 49. Epworth Leagues, 78, a decrease of 2. Epworth League members, 3,229, an increase of 129. Sunday schools, 151, an increase of 5. Sunday school officers and teachers, 11,107. Contributed for missions, \$480.97; Church Extension, \$1,694.75; American Bible Society, \$141.73. Number of societies, 64, with 37 houses of worship. Contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge, \$7,517. There are 36 pastoral charges and 31 parsonages.

A Revival Conference is being planned for the thirtieth reunion of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, January 31 to February 5, which is known as Founder's Day. In the list of speakers already announced are Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D., dean of the Los Angeles Bible Institute; Rev. A. B. Winchester, D. D., pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Canada; Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., editor of the Scofield Reference Bible, and Pastor Paul Rader of the Moody Church. There is expected to be a large gathering of the alumni of the institute, including evangelists, missionaries, and other Christian workers from all over the world. Expectant visitors are asked to write to the Institute for details and the reservation of rooms.

The general evangelists of our church, whose appointments to that work were announced at the recent meeting of the Methodist Evangelists' Association in Memphis, are: Rev. John B. Andrews, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Rev. J. M. Bass, Macon, Ga.; Rev. Luther B. Bridgers, Gainesville, Ga.; Rev. John E. Brown, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Rev. Raymond Browning, Lincoln, N. C.; Rev. D. L. Coale, Dallas, Tex.; Rev. Burke Culpepper, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. J. O. Hanes, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. Will J. Harney, Wilmore, Ky.; Rev. Walt Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Arch C. Holder, Shreveport, La.; Rev. Bob Jones, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. G. A. Klein, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. W. M. McIntosh, Iuka, Miss.; Rev. Arthur Moore, Macon, Ga.; Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., Wilmore, Ky.; Rev. Thurston B. Price, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. W. C. Swope, Charleston, Mo.

COMMISSION ON UNIFICATION.

According to telegraphic reports the Joint Commission on Unification of Methodism, which had been in session at Baltimore since December 28, adjourned January 2 to meet June 27. Agreement was not reached concerning the character and powers of the General Conference and the status of the negroes. These subjects have been referred to strong committees with instructions to make detailed reports June 27 at the place of meeting to be designated. It is believed that with time and patience and the help of the Holy Spirit a plan will yet be worked out.

EARLY DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Last year we suggested the propriety of holding district conferences in February and March. One presiding elder tried it with good results. The chief reasons for early conferences are (1) farmers and business men have better control of their time and can attend, (2) plans may be formed for execution throughout the year, and (3) as some of the conferences will be held later there will be a better distribution, which will enable those who desire to attend all to make satisfactory arrangements. Try it, brethren.

CONSIDER AND CO-OPERATE.

The Philadelphia Sunday Public Ledger has raised its price from five to six cents. The News, Ledger, and Age-Herald of Birmingham have all increased their subscription price. The Washington Observer, which, since it was founded forty-five years ago, has sold for one cent a copy, has raised its price to two cents. The Christian Advocate (N. Y.) and the Christian Advocate (Nashville) have cut down

the size of their issues. Nearly all the magazines have increased their subscription price. Your paper, the Arkansas Methodist, will neither reduce its size nor raise its price if our subscribers pay arrears and the pastors make the February Circulation Campaign a success. Bishop Hendrix has said: "One is not fit for official membership who does not take his church paper." Is he not right? Let co-operative work be done during the next two months to put our paper into 6,000 more homes.

ARKANSAS METHODIST COLLECTION.

Little Rock Conference.

Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount previously reported.....	\$ 311.51
Amounts received since last report:	
December 18—Leola and Carthage.....	10.00
December 20—Hot Springs Circuit.....	2.50
December 22—Paraloma	5.00
December 23—Keo	7.50
December 23—Rison	10.00
December 23—Waldo	10.00
Total	\$ 356.51

North Arkansas Conference.

Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount previously reported.....	\$ 0.00
Amounts received since last report:	
December 23—Pocahontas Circuit	3.00
December 23—Cadesman Pope	1.00
Total	\$ 4.00

James Thomas, Treasurer.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Story of Young Abraham Lincoln; by Wayne Whipple; published by Henry Altman Co., Philadelphia; price 75 cents.

This is a well written biography which will captivate boys and interest adults. It is not a fancy story, but is carefully prepared from original sources. The author says that many new and corrected incidents have been collected for his book, in addition to those things which were known before. He has thus rendered a patriotic service to the youth of America in presenting an authentic narrative of a great man. The book is illustrated, and is bound in cloth with decorated covers.

Lumberjack Bob: A Story of a Lumber Camp in the Alleghenies; by Lewis Edwin Theiss; published by W. A. Wilde Co., Boston and Chicago; Price \$1.

This is a good, wholesome story of adventure. Bob, the young hero, has many thrilling experiences and renders his father valuable help in his forest operations. He is a frank, fearless, manly fellow, who wins the love and respect of all his associates. Incidentally, much information about forestry and lumbering is given. If Arkansas boys would read this fascinating tale they would become more intelligently interested in the utilization and conservation of our vast forest resources.

Our Little Viking Cousin of Long Ago: Being the Story of Bjarne Herjulfson, a Boy of Norway; by C. H. L. Johnston, author of "Famous Indian Chiefs;" illustrated by H. W. Packard; published by The Page Company, Boston; price 60 cents.

This story is intended both to entertain and to instruct. The children who read it will be carried back to the time when the Norsemen discovered Greenland, and will gain an idea of the experiences and trials of these hardy adventurers. It would be a fine gift book for a boy of twelve.

When a Man's a Man: A Novel; by Harold Bell Wright, author of "The Eyes of the World," "The Shepherd of the Hills," etc.; published by The Book Supply Co., Chicago, Ill.; price \$1.35.

This is a romance of the Arizona cattle country. The hero is a millionaire in disguise, who, as a "cowboy," wins the respect of the Westerners and demonstrates to himself that he can do things that other men do. The characters are all picturesque and interesting. The story is full of thrills. While, no doubt, there is much exaggeration, still it is probable that the reader forms a fair idea of the ranchmen and their manner of life. The denouement is satisfactory. The general influence of the story is elevating and helpful.

YOUR FAVORITE HYMN.

"Lead, Kindly Light."

Rev. John Henry Newman.

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,

Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home;

Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou

Should lead me on.

I loved to choose and see my path;
but now

Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of tears,

Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blessed me,
sure it still

Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

When President McKinley lay dying in the Milburn home at Buffalo, the victim of an assassin's bullet, it was "Lead Kindly Light," that led him safely through the "encircling gloom." This hymn had long been a favorite with the president, and through the great esteem in which McKinley was held, this fact added much to its popularity.

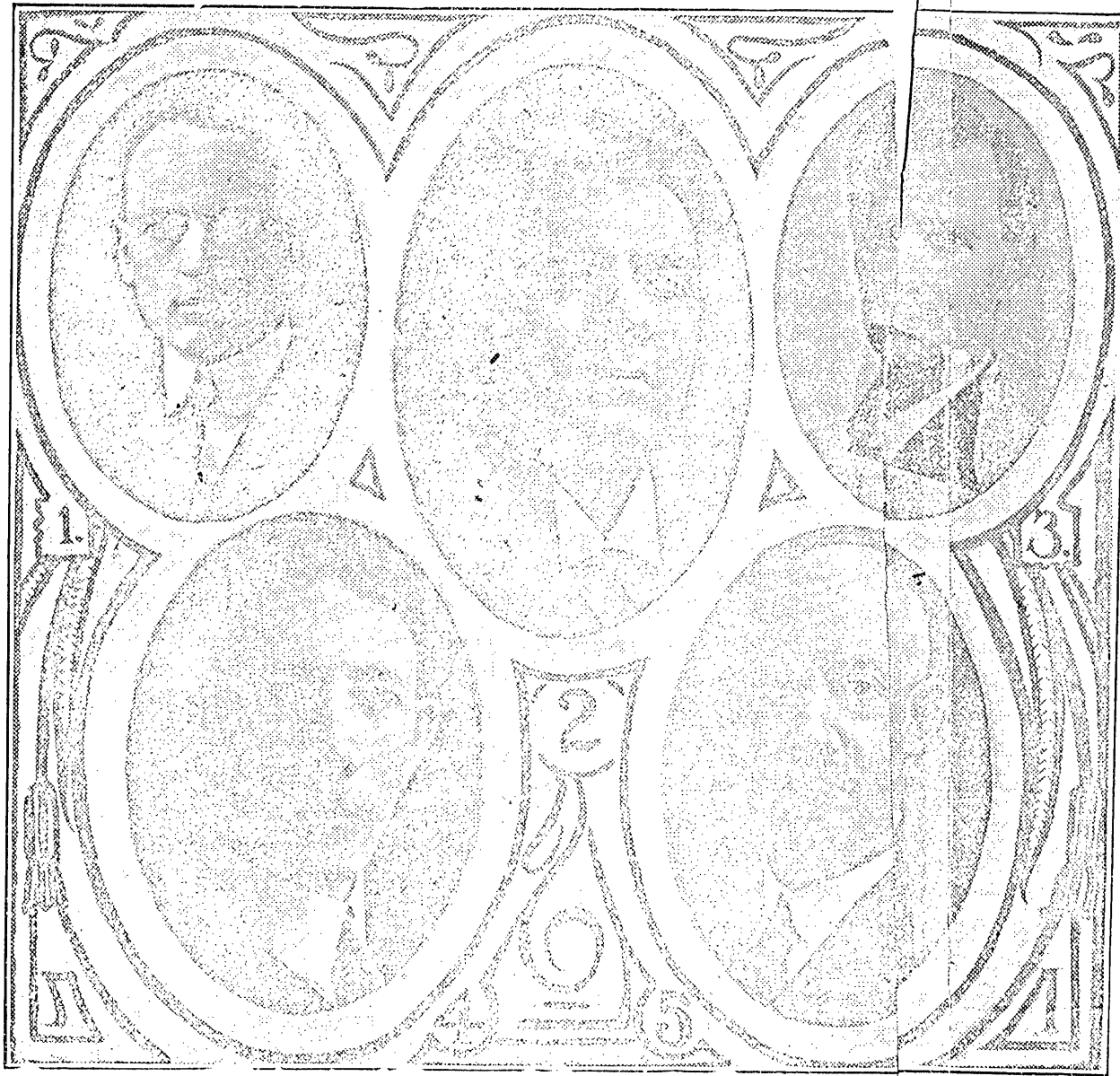
"Lead Kindly Light" was written on a Sabbath Day in 1833, at a time when the author was suffering much mental distress, and the words may be said to echo the author's own loneliness. Rev. John Henry Newman had broken down under the strain of his clerical work and decided to leave England for a trip on the continent for the benefit of his health. He visited various coasts of the Mediterranean, and when he reached Castro-Giovanni he was laid up for nearly three weeks. The only friend at hand was his servant.

On the 27th day of May he was able to start for Palermo on his way home. When his servant had prepared him for the journey, he was so overcome that he sat down on his bed and began to sob violently. The servant, who had also acted as his nurse, asked him what ailed him, and his answer was, "I am depressed over the work awaiting me in England."

Newman was anxious to get home, but he was detained at Palermo for want of a vessel. While there he visited the churches and they calmed his impatience, though he did not attend any of the services. At last he was able to proceed in an orange boat that was bound for Marseilles. This vessel was becalmed in the Straits of Palermo, and it was there on June 16 he wrote the words of the beautiful hymn, "Lead Kindly Light."

The hymn was written while Mr. Newman was still a member of the Established Church of England, and before he had embraced the Catholic faith. The beautiful music, to which it is sung in the churches, was written by Dr. John B. Dykes, and it is said that its inspiration came to the composer one day while passing

HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN TEAM



(1) W. B. Hubbell, Business Manager of Hendrix College; (2) Dr. James Thomas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Commissioner of Education, head of the campaign; (3) Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Associate Commissioner; (4) Rev. Henry P. Buhler, Associate; (5) B. D. Irvine of Little Rock, a volunteer, Associate.

HENDRIX ENDOWMENT.

It is with increasing pleasure that I can announce pledges since last report of \$75,000, so the figures now are as follows:

Amount to be secured.....	\$500,000
By General Board, N. Y., gift	\$100,000
By pledges to date.....	125,000

Total	\$225,000
Balance to be secured.....	\$275,000

It is necessary, my brethren of the ministry, to reach all of our constituency—not a part. We have in Arkansas a powerful church, and, so far as I know, it is united in its purpose to meet the condition of the New York gift. Our membership is at least 110,000, which represents a con-

stituency of at least 400,000. Hence with a united ministry, such as we have in this campaign, we will succeed.

You know, brethren, the action of the General Board of New York is a great compliment to Hendrix College and to our church. Certain things enter into and shape the policy of this great Board in making gifts, such as:

- First—Location;
- Second—Constituency;
- Third—Permanent endowment.

Hendrix is the strongest college in Arkansas. No other college can do its work. It is in a class by itself, being the only endowed college in the State. How grateful are we ministers and laymen that God has used our church for this great educational achievement.

Shall we find our place now, in the most critical period of our State-wide educational movement? Are we ready to permit anything to defeat the ends of this campaign? Think not. Yet it depends upon united effort and action, our ministry. Never in our history have we, as leaders of the people, borne a greater responsibility upon us. We must not only look at, but be right and all around our problem. Thank God for the privilege of seeing a Methodist preacher now, taking part in movements which are successfully concluded, mean a permanent permanency for the whole of Arkansas, but will win the sympathy of genuine interest of all big men, everywhere. Pray for Hendrix. Or, as 30,000!—James Thomas, Agent. and

along the Strand, one of the busiest thoroughfares in London, a place that would ordinarily be considered as not productive of such a beautiful musical thought.

"Lead, Kindly Light" has been translated into more foreign languages than any other of the late Cardinal Newman's compositions. He always fully appreciated the popularity of his verses, but claimed that the most credit was to be given to the author of the music, which was responsible for its being so widely sung.

MINISTERIAL SALARIES.

In his address before the City Missionary Society of Chicago, Dr. Nehemiah Boynton spoke of the enormously increased cost of living and the extent to which Christian people are increasing their own luxuries and of

the fact that he did not know of a single church in Greater New York that had increased the salary of its minister on account of the diminished purchasing power of his salary, already in many cases inadequate. In a fine flash of humor barbed with a shaft of irony he commended the churches of New York and of the country at large for that fine trust which they display in the power of the Heavenly Father to enable the minister to live adequately on a salary nominally the same, but really only two-thirds as large as it was before prices began to soar. We commend this situation to the serious consideration of the men who are responsible for our church finance. All churches that we know anything about find themselves fully able to spend their entire income and many churches

find it difficult to tell an annual deficit, but the laborer is not worthy of his meat, and meat is now an expensive article, to say nothing of butter, eggs, flour, and provisions. Almost any church can excuse itself from the duty which confronts it by saying that it has all that it can pay the salary which it now pays, but there are many churches whose members are prosperous, whose income is increased, and whose churches are not increased their church subscriptions in the ratio of their own prosperity. If the ox that treadeth the corn is not to be muzzled, the prophet of God is not to be starved, and the churches consider earnestly the ratio of ministerial salaries they were and are to the cost of living as it was and is, and then resolve to face their duty. The Advance (Chicago).

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES.

The week of January 7-13 is to be a notable one for Christian education. The Council of Church Boards of Education, the Association of Church Workers in State Universities, and various denominational groups of college presidents, all hold meetings in the city of Chicago during that week.

The Council of Church Boards of Education, composed of representatives from nineteen different denominations, with a total membership of over 17,000,000 communicants, meets at the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, on the morning of January 10, and continues in session until Thursday evening. The special occasion of this gathering is the perfecting of plans for carrying forward the campaign for the Forward Movement for Christian Education.

The Association of American Colleges convenes in annual session also at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, from Thursday evening, the 11th, until Saturday noon, January 13.

The Association of Church Workers in State Universities meets at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, January 9-11. They represent another phase of Christian education and religious culture which is a part of the program of this Forward Movement for Christian Education.—Stonewall Anderson.

WHAT THE MINUTES SHOW.

The Minutes of the Little Rock Conference will in a few days be ready to mail to the various ministers and charges. They are again being printed by The Texarkanian, Texarkana, Ark., and the work is in every particular very creditable. As there are thousands of the readers of the Arkansas Methodist who will never see the Minutes, it will be interesting and helpful to these to know some of the facts contained in the Journal of the Conference.

Two presiding elders, after having served out their full quadrennium, went back into the pastorate—Rev. W. P. Whaley and Rev. W. M. Hayes.

One new presiding elder was made—the Rev. W. C. Watson—assigned to the Pine Bluff District, to succeed Rev. J. A. Sage, who was assigned to the Camden District.

One old presiding elder was taken out of the pastorate and put back on a district, Rev. J. A. Henderson, taken from Crossett and assigned to the Prescott District.

The Conference has met at Malvern three times in 63 years—in 1883, 1907 and 1916.

Bishop James H. McCoy has presided over the Conference three times since his election to the episcopacy in 1910—in 1910, 1911, 1916.

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The Rev. Charles C. Greene was elected secretary of the Conference for the fifth time, and his election was unanimous.

The Rev. J. W. Harrell was the gracious Conference host and as such he acquitted himself admirably.

The oldest member of the Conference in point of service is the Rev. J. E. Caldwell, of Tulip, Ark., who became a member in 1853—63 years ago.

The oldest member of the Conference in point of age is the Rev. Horace Jewell, of Hope, Ark., who is 84 years old.

There were over 100 changes in the appointments, 13 of which were occasioned by the fact that that many ministers had served out the full four years.

One member of the Conference had died during the year, the Rev. Dr. C. C. Godden, one of the greatest and saintliest men produced by the Methodism of the state. Rev. T. D. Scott read a beautiful tribute to his character and work.

The Conference was favored by the presence of a number of distinguished visitors—Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Dr. Geo. S. Sexton, Mr. W. C. Everett, Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Mr. John R. Pepper, Dr. J. W. Shackford, Dr. John Hugh Reynolds, Mr. A. L. Dietrich, Rev. J. J. Morgan, Rev. D. H. Colquette and Dr. A. C. Holder.

In view of his approaching marriage to Miss Mary Norman Moore, the Rev. R. W. McKay presented to Bishop McCoy a substantial wedding present in token of the high regard in which both are held by the Conference.

The Conference paid beautiful tribute to the masterful leadership of Col. George Thornburgh in the recent temperance fight.

The Arkansas Methodist was declared to be the property of the two Conferences of the state, and Dr. A. C. Millar was unanimously re-elected editor. Within the bounds of the Conference the paper has 3,531 subscribers.

The total amount of money raised by the Conference during the year for all purposes is \$381,509, an increase over last year of \$79,227.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. C. E. Hayes the Sunday School Board made the best report of its history. The Rev. C. N. Baker showed that he had traveled 8,000 miles, visited 77 Sunday schools, and added over 200 members to the church as the result of his preaching.

Strong addresses on the subject of education were made by Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Dr. J. M. Workman, Dr. A. O. Evans, Dr. James Thomas and Rev. W. C. Watson.

Six charges raised over \$10,000 for all purposes during the year—First Church, Little Rock, \$21,039; First Church, Texarkana, \$16,606; Central Church, Hot Springs, \$15,580; Lakeside, Pine Bluff, \$13,684; Winfield, Little Rock, \$11,361; First Church, Pine Bluff, \$10,446. Total raised by the six churches, \$88,715.

The opening sermon was preached by Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrup. The opening sermon next year will be preached by the Rev. H. F. Buhler.

The following ministers reported having received 100 or more persons into the church during the year: Dr. Forney Hutchinson, 239; Rev. H. F. Buhler, 222; Dr. Theodore Copeland, 219; Rev. J. D. Hammans, 190; P. C. Fletcher, 165; Rev. T. O. Owen, 120; Dr. A. O. Evans, 116; Rev. W. R. Harrison, 112; Rev. J. C. Williams, 105; Rev. David Bell, 105; Rev. J.

Frank Simmons, 101; Rev. J. A. Henderson, 101; Rev. J. T. Rodgers, 101; Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, 101; Rev. E. R. Steel, 100; Rev. L. C. Beasley, 100.

Two strong Thanksgiving sermons were preached—one by Dr. W. R. Richardson and the other by Rev. E. R. Steel.

The largest church membership in the Conference is reported by Rev. J. D. Hammans of Winfield, Little Rock, 1,219. Dr. Hutchinson reported 979 for First Church, Little Rock; and Dr. Copeland reported 982 for Central, Hot Springs.

Dr. Alonzo Monk reported for the Little Rock District 1,226 additions to the church and \$88,531 raised for all purposes.

Rev. J. A. Biggs's report of the Texarkana District shows that it had the largest increase in Sunday school scholars, and the largest increase in contributions on Children's Day.

Dr. B. A. Few is in his second year on the Arkadelphia District, and Dr. Alonzo Monk, Rev. W. C. Davidson and Rev. J. A. Biggs are each serving their third year on their respective districts.

The Conference has 49,691 lay members, 39,741 Sunday school scholars, 3,086 Epworth League members.

The Conference meets next fall at Arkadelphia, where it has met six times in the past.—P. C. Fletcher.

CONFERENCE COMMENT.

The late session of the North Arkansas Conference was rather remarkable in many of its features. The attendance was very large, and such harmony prevailed that a large amount of business, involving very important interests, and some very delicate matters, was transacted without a single disturbing element. The spirit of brotherliness and Christian courtesy was charming. The Bishop is a master of assemblies and is a great preacher. Although a stranger to the Conference, he quickly became acquainted with both names and faces. He spoke very complimentary of the readiness of the examining committees when they announced, in response to his inquiry, on the first day, that they were ready for the call of the classes. He remarked on the large number of deacons and elders up for ordination. There were 16 traveling elders, and as superb a list as any of our Bishops ever had before them for ordination. The Bishop also stated that the size and personnel and manner of dispatching the business put the North Arkansas Conference in the front rank of Southern Methodist Conferences. The appointments gave unusual satisfaction. The Paragould District greatly regretted to give up Rev. H. H. Watson as Presiding Elder, but have received the Rev. J. M. Hushy with open arms as his worthy successor.

Your correspondent notes some features of much interest to him in the Little Rock Conference. Rev. W. C. Watson, who gave four years of arduous labor to raising \$100,000 for Galloway College, was made Presiding Elder of the Pine Bluff District, a most eminently proper appointment. The Church will hear from him in the superb work which he will do on this district. Dr. Theodore Copeland goes to Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. He and I are both Alabamians and were both educated at the Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. I knew him before I left Mississippi. He held a great revival for me at Grenada. He has held charges in Birmingham, Columbia, Georgia, New Orleans and

St. Louis. He is a strong preacher, a great revivalist and a wonderful mixer. I predict for him great success in his new charge.

We are starting well here in First Church on the New Year, and there is a bright promise for a prosperous year. You are giving us a great paper and it is always a welcome visitor in my home. Yours for a happy year in the editorial chair.—T. Y. Ramsey.

FROM HENDERSON-BROWN AGENT.

The Henderson-Brown College agent spent Christmas Sunday at home and worshipped with Dr. Richardson and his congregation. The good impression upon people and pastor is mutual. The outlook is good. I was with our people at Prescott morning and night last Sunday; though raining we had a good day. Brother Parker was too sick to be in the services. The people are greatly pleased with him and have made a raise of \$300 on his salary. He is delighted with his people and hopes to be up and actively at work soon. I was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gee. Mrs. Gee is my sister.—A. O. Evans.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION LEGISLATION.

The Congress in session at the present time is the same Congress which was in session from December, 1915, to September, 1916, and yet in the few short weeks, from the opening of the session in December until the Christmas holidays, this Congress has taken favorable action on more Prohibition legislation than it did in all the ten months of the long session;

Everyone Should Drink Hot Water in the Morning

Wash away all the stomach, liver, and bowel poisons before breakfast.

To feel your best day in and day out, to feel clean inside; no sour bile to coat your tongue and sicken your breath or dull your head; no constipation, bilious attacks, sick headache, colds, rheumatism or gassy, acid stomach, you must bathe on the inside like you bathe outside. This is vastly more important, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do, says a well-known physician.

To keep these poisons and toxins well flushed from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, drink before breakfast each day, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will cleanse, purify and freshen the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from your pharmacist. It is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except a sourish twinge which is not unpleasant. Drink phosphated hot water every morning to rid your system of these vile poisons and toxins; also to prevent their formation.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles became saturated with an accumulation of body poisons, begin this treatment and above all, keep it up! As soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and purifying, so limestone phosphate and hot water before breakfast, act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.

die for him." In what sense was John Elijah? (Matt. 11:14, 17:10-13, Luke 1:17).

VI. Assignment for Next Lesson. Find out all that you can of Nazareth. Make a decorated poster of these words: "Walk in my footsteps!" Let the teacher also sketch one at next lesson on blackboard. Pictures for these posters may be secured from catalogues, if preferred, or the Wilde pictures may be used. Give at least five Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus. Memorize the hymn "Abide With Me," and give its origin. Learn all that you can about the disciples who are mentioned in the lesson.

Self-activity as a means of self-expression is of great value.

A LETTER FROM MR. PEPPER.

The following letter was written by Mr. John R. Pepper, chairman of the Sunday School Board of the Memphis Conference, under date of November 22, 1916, to Mr. C. J. Nugent, the Divisional Secretary for the Middle Division. It has reference to the same matter that I wrote about a few days ago: The importance of the Sunday school superintendent having a written program for every session of his school. Read what Mr. Pepper has to say on the subject:

Dear Brother:

I am just in receipt of yours of the 21st and beg to give the following reasons for having a written program for each Sunday, which I have had regularly for more than 25 years, I am sure.

First. It saves a great deal of time to know what songs are to be sung, what scriptures read, what announcements and any other thing that is to be done during the session.

Second. It saves confusion to know exactly where you are going to start in and where you are going to come out.

Third. It saves duplication and repeating one's self from session to session, which is very important and goes far to preserve good order during the session.

Fourth. It gives variety to the session, and keeps the school on the lookout as to what features will be introduced from session to session.

Fifth. It is very important to have a program book, in permanent form, so that you can turn back occasionally and bring out some of the best things you have had from year to year, and which will be perfectly new to a large per cent of the school, as many new scholars come in from year to year.

Sixth. I would not think of going before the school without a definite, written program, and written in ink, so that it will abide, and this program is made up on Saturday night, almost invariably, when time is given to prepare the best program, which the school so richly deserves.

There are other reasons, perhaps, that are equally as good as the above, but these are the chief reasons why I have held steadily to a carefully prepared, written program for each session, and I am just entering my thirty-seventh consecutive year as superintendent of one school. Nothing impresses me more than the fact that

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there is so much land yet to be possessed in this great work.

Yours truly,

J. R. Pepper.

I wish every superintendent in the Gulf Division could catch from Mr. Pepper some of the enthusiasm and inspiration with which he goes about his Sunday school work. He is a banker, a merchant, an insurance man, and goodness only knows what other sort of a big business man, but his biggest and best business (in his own estimation, too) is the Sunday school business.—A. L. Dietrich.

DECEMBER TEACHER TRAINING.

The Gulf Division shows up well again in the December enrollment of Brother Shackford's department. When his report was made, December 20, we had almost one-half the classes and nearly one-half the pupils enrolled from the whole church. The division's enrollment by conferences was: Alabama, three classes, at Bay Minette, Evergreen, and Moundville, with 32 students and two individual students; Little Rock, two classes, at Camden and Prescott, with 40 students; Mississippi, four classes, at Biloxi, Lumberton, Magnolia, and McComb, with 59 students; North Alabama, 11 classes, at Albertville, Collinsville, Flat Rock (2), Fort Payne, Gadsden, Hamilton, Maylene, Albany, Tuscaloosa, and Valley Head, with 141 students, North Arkansas, one class, at Blytheville, with 15 students, and one individual student; North Mississippi, two classes, at Caledonia and Eupora, with 16 students and two individual students. The total enrollment from the division was 23 classes and 308 students. The aggregate enrollment from the entire church was 52 classes, 723 students.—A. L. Dietrich.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

By the Field Secretary of the Little Rock Conference.

The 1917 Drive.

It is not to be a military drive. It is to be the drive of the superintendent and all his allies in the war of the Sunday school against the combined forces of evil and ignorance. Our goals are fixed. Our field generals, the presiding elders, have pledged their support; our captains, the members of the Sunday School Board, are at their posts; our districts are being thoroughly organized, and our commander-in-chief, Mr. Hayes, is as full of grim determination as Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. The 1917 drive is on. See that your school does well its part.

New Wesley Class at Hunter Memorial.

Under the leadership of Mr. C. E. Crews, the new superintendent, and Rev. Paul Rorie, the new pastor, the Hunter Memorial Sunday School of Little Rock has begun the New Year with a resolution to reach the standard of efficiency. The first step was taken last Sunday, when the "O. V. S." Class of twenty-five young men was organized as a Wesley Class, with Mr. Roy Dennis as president and Mr. W. A. Isgrig as teacher. A Home Department, with Mrs. D. O. Kirkland as leader and a Teacher Training Class with Mrs. C. E. Crews leading, are to be added to this enterprising school in the near future.

Highland Church Has New Wesley Class.

Among those recently receiving certificate of registration as a Wesley Bible Class from Dr. Bulla is the

Whiteley Wesley Class of Highland Church, Little Rock, with J. W. Pardec as president and W. D. Whiteley as teacher. A recent visit to this good class convinced the writer that this is one among the best Wesley classes of our Conference. And this class is not the only good thing about the Highland school, of which Brother W. R. Harrison is the new pastor and Mr. J. E. Horton is the superintendent.

Twenty-Eighth Street Enlarging Again.

During the first year's pastorate of Rev. J. D. Baker at Twenty-eighth Street, Little Rock, the Sunday school outgrew its old quarters, and he began last year with the addition of larger Sunday school quarters in the basement of the church. The same thing has happened again. Having outgrown his building the second year, he begins the third year of his pastorate with the building of a larger balcony in the church, fitted up with three additional Sunday school rooms. Brother Baker's right hand man in this new enterprise is his superintendent, Mr. E. M. Alcorn. The architect in charge of this new addition is Mr. Harry Weston, who rendered the Sunday School Board such splendid service at Bethlehem last year.

New Teacher Training Classes at Prescott and Arkadelphia.

During the week this office received notice of the recent organization of two new teacher training classes—one at Prescott of thirty members, with Miss Alice Bradford as leader, and the second class at Arkadelphia, with Mrs. J. M. Workman as the leader. This makes fifty-two teacher training pupils enrolled since Conference. Our goal for the year is 270. Looks like we will make it; does it not?

Brother Fitzhugh Begins the New Year Right.

Among the recent callers at this office was Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, the new pastor at Leola and Carthage. He reports finding three good schools on his new work, but a fourth preaching place has no school. He begins the new year right by arranging with the secretary to come down and assist in the organization of a new school at this place the first Sunday in the new year. Mr. George Crowder is the superintendent appointed for the place, and promises to throw his every effort into the new organization.

Among other visitors at this office during the secretary's absence, moving last week, were Prof. J. J. Harrison, our lay representative from the Camden District, and Rev. A. Turrentine, our pastor at Huttig.

A Wide-Awake Young Preacher.

Among other young men in that fine class admitted on trial at the recent session of the Little Rock Conference was Rev. Walter Scott, hitherto known as "the son of Rev. T. D. Scott," but henceforth to be known by his own record of achievements. He was appointed to the Center Point Circuit, and immediately began "doing things." A recent letter from him says: "I am anxious to organize a Teacher Training Class, an Epworth League, and to bring my Sunday school up to the standard of efficiency. This must be done. It can be done, and it will be done. Will you send me information in regard to the Teacher Training Class and bringing my schools up to the standard?" With such young men as this coming into the Conference a bright future must await the Sunday school workers of Arkansas. May

God send us more preachers willing to say, in regard to the standard of efficiency, "It can be done, it will be done."

A Word From Mrs. Clay Smith.

Mrs. Clay E. Smith, our new conference Elementary Superintendent, wishes to call the attention of elementary departments, as arranged by Miss Kennedy under the direction of the General Sunday School Board, to the needs of various grades. Sunday schools, these standards arranged in three ranks, and forth no school can be accredited having reached the standard of efficiency unless these department measure up to the requirements, at least the third rank. A card added to this office will bring a copy of these standards to any worker among them.

Just to Remind You.

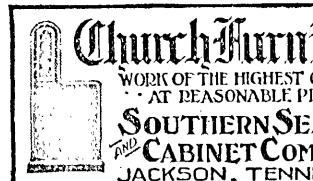
The editor of this department is just as anxious as you are that field notes be full of news and information. Won't you help him by writing to him about anything of interest in connection with your school? Best wishes for a happy New Year.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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Failing to get the 1917 topic card in time, precludes notes on lesson for January 14th.

WAYS OF WORKING.

Making a League Service Go.—One of the main causes for Leagues dying or eking out a mere existence is the uninteresting and nonattractive devotional service. This can be easily overcome by even the most inexperienced. If you stop to think for a moment about young life and what its characteristics are, you will never have another dull program. You have never heard of young people going crazy over funerals, they seldom go snail hunting, never interested in a Quaker meeting, but you will find them foolish about fires, trains, football, baseball, etc. They are interested in things that afford them opportunity for expression and activity and that represent organization. It is hard to wake a girl or boy in the dead hours of night to go to a fire, but you don't mind it, and they will never cease to be grateful to you for doing it. It requires a little effort to get them to League and to get them to take part, but they will never forget you for your service and you will be inspired as you see them become interested and grow into useful workers.

Better have your service 30 to 40 minutes long and have something doing every moment of the time than drag it for an hour. Begin on the dot and close on the dot. Don't look up a single song after service begins and thus keep the audience waiting even for a minute. Get everybody to begin singing on the first word of the first line, have books in place before service starts, have at least two good ushers to meet every one at the door and give a cordial welcome, and find seats for them and a song book. Don't let anyone talk more than five minutes. Don't ask folks to talk who have nothing to say and who are always glad to kill time and the League just talking. Vary the programs, show some initiative, have special music, but give them instructions so there be no delays between parts. Put new

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It Salivates! It Makes You Sick and You May Lose a Day's Work.

You're bilious, sluggish, constipated and believe you need vile, dangerous calomel to start your liver and clean your bowels.

Here's my guarantee: Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and take a spoonful tonight. If it doesn't start your liver and straighten you right up better than calomel and without griping or making you sick, I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate, so let them eat anything afterwards.

folks on the program, not the same old ones, and help them prepare their parts, give them notice at least a week ahead, often two or three weeks is better. Get new leaders. Don't say "There is no one to lead, just the same few over again." It is your business to discover leaders and help them. Pray for your leader and each one on the program every day the week preceding, and if you don't have a winning League send for me, or write me for further instructions.

Chapter Dues Should Be Paid At Once.—Each League owes \$2.50 dues, which takes the place of the original 10 cent assessment. This is used to carry on the work of the Leagues all over the territory of our church, partly in paying the salaries of the general secretary and his assistant. This money is to be sent to our Conference Treasurer, Mr. John Pierce, Box 259, Little Rock. These chapter dues should be paid at the beginning of the year. District secretary, let's see which district can pay out first.

Essay Prize.—The five dollars in gold to be given to the Leaguer writing the best paper on "How To Make a League Go" is awakening some interest already. Get some one in your League to try for it. It will be an honor to have a representative of your League win. The prize is to the individual writer and not to the League. The rules of the contest are stated in the Methodist of December 21.

Pledges To Missions.—The pledges to Missions made at the Lewisville Conference should be collected and paid to the treasurer, Mr. John Pierce, Box 259, Little Rock. At least part of the pledge should be paid now as we must pay Brother Miller at Deirks monthly.

Listen Leaguers.—We want to make the League page in the Methodist a source of inspiration and help to every League in the state this year. I cannot do this alone. I want news items from every chapter in the state. This will get us in touch with each other. What one League does will inspire another. I don't want long papers, but just short, concise statements. Along what line are you succeeding most? Tell us how you succeeded in doing the thing that for so long seemed impossible. Ask us to help you with a difficulty that has baffled you. Let's work together and make Arkansas the greatest Epworth League State in Southern Methodism. We can, but we must get busy, and that at once and keep at it. Send in the names of the officers of that new League you have organized.

League Patriotism.—I wonder how many Leagues know the colors of the Epworth League (white and gold) and how often you use them in beautifying the League room? Decorations break the monotony, if only for a special service to which you are inviting the church members, or the young men of the community, or the high school students. They awaken appreciation for the worth and value of the League, that it is a big thing. How many know the League flower (the violet) how many times the services could be brightened with bouquets of this beautiful flower. They can be had almost the year around and the wild ones in a short time will fill the woods. The gathering and furnishing

the League room with these flowers affords opportunity for service that will tie some one or more on to the League. An interesting appeal can be made on the meaning and suggestion of this flower.

Tools Needed.—At least every League officer should have a complete set of tools with which to work. No farmer, mechanic or student could ever succeed without tools. Now it is impossible for everyone to have a League library. But what each officer should and can have is a set of pamphlets numbered from 1 to 12 inclusive costing five cents each, the twelve for fifty cents from the publishing house, Nashville, Tenn. Write the League department at the publishing house at once for these booklets, on every phase of League work, from the origin and purpose to the department of Social Service, the Rural League, Spiritual Work, Missions and Recreation. Each booklet will be of immense help to you. Get the whole set of 12 and get a topic card for the year, so you can get programs out in advance.

Goals For the Year.—Each League should plan at the beginning of the year the work that is to be done through the entire year. No wonder so many chapters fail, they have no plans. Where would a ship land with no definite port in view? What are we Leaguers for anyway? Is it just to follow the rules of the church, take up so much time cutting the old rut a little deeper? Have you planned to do definite work among the sick this year, systematically, flowers, prayer, material aid? Why not double your League membership? There are lots of young people in your community. Have you decided to have a social that is a social, each month? This may help you to win some otherwise not reached, you need the social development for the Leaguers themselves. What about each Leaguer winning one to Christ and church membership this year? Why not start a weekly Bulletin for the church? They are a great help, and keep the League with its activities before the people. Could you not have a cottage prayer meeting each Sunday afternoon? It will greatly strengthen the spiritual life of the League and be a solace and comfort to many discouraged lives. Why not increase your pledge to Missions? Why not put the Methodist in every home of the church and make some money for your chapter? If you will write out a few goals which in business session you have decided upon and tack them on the wall, you will be surprised how much more you will accomplish, than by just running along without any purpose. Try some thing that seems humanly impossible.

Do You Ever Answer Letters?—The district secretaries have been and are complaining that the League presidents and other officers will not answer letters written them, reports asked for are never sent, even sometimes when stamped envelopes are inclosed. Please get the business habit and answer letters written you. The secretaries are expected to get reports from each League each quarter at least, and they have a right and are expected to keep in touch with you constantly. You could not hold a job with any firm long if you did not answer their letters.

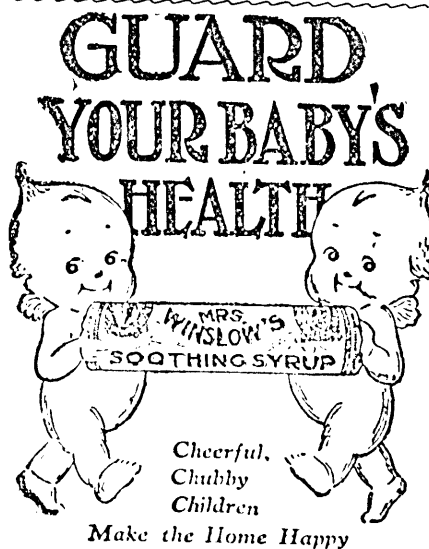
League Pastor Weds.—Rev. A. L. Miller, who is being supported by the Little Rock Conference Leagues at Deirks and Miss Ethel Corrine Bower, a charming young lady of Blytheville

were united in wedlock at the home of the bride Tuesday, December 26th. They are at home in the parsonage at Deirks.

TO THE LEAGUERS OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Let all the money raised by the Leagues for any purpose (except the local work) be sent to Mr. John Pierce, Little Rock, Ark., Box 259. He is the bonded treasurer and knows where to send the different amounts. I would suggest that you get into his hands at your earliest possible date the pledges for our work at Deirks, Ark. Let each League clip out and keep this announcement.—L. C. Beasley.

The progress of missions in the present day shows that the Gospel has a power mighty as ever, and adequate to every kind and condition of human life.—J. T. Mitchell.



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Weak, puny babies are a constant care to tired mothers and are subject to many diseases that do not affect healthy children.

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

THE LITTLE BIRD TELLS.

Now, isn't it strange that our mothers
Can find out all that we do,
If a body does anything naughty
Or says anything that's not true?
They'll look at you just a moment,
Till your heart in your bosom
swells,
And then they know all about it,
For a little bird tells.

Now, where that little bird comes
from,
Or where that little bird goes,
If he's covered with beautiful plum-
age
Or as black as the king of crows;
If his voice is as hoarse as a raven's
Or as clear as the ringing bells,
I know not; but this I am sure of—
A little bird tells.

You may be in the depths of a closet,
Where nobody sees but a mouse;
You may be alone in the cellar,
You may be on top of the house;
You may be in the dark and the sil-
ence
Or out in the woods and the dells—
No matter, wherever it happens,
The little bird tells.

And the only way you can stop him
Is just to be sure what you say—
Sure of your words and actions,
Sure of your work and your play.
Be honest, be brave, and be kindly;
Be gentle and loving as well,
And you can laugh at the stories
All the birds in the country may
tell.

—School of Education.

AN ACCOUNT OF A SHORT VOYAGE.

A boy in the Fourth Reader class read: "Columbus made his first voyage of discovery in 1492."

Little Rudolph, whose seat was in the A-B-C row, heard what the Fourth Reader class read, and wondered very much to himself what a "voyage" was, and if he could make one with the new hammer and saw that his papa had given him on his birthday.

All the way home the little A-B-C scholar kept wondering what a "voyage" was, and he said the word over and over so as to be able to ask mamma what it meant.

"Mamma, what is a voyage? Can you tell me?" little Rudolph asked as soon as he had closed the door.

"Why, Rudolph, when people go in ships, large boats, you know, across the ocean, the trip is called a 'voyage.'"

"Have you ever gone on one, mamma?" asked Rudolph.

"No, I never have," said Rudolph's

IF YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, CONSTIPATED

Look Mother! If tongue is coated, cleanse little bowels with "California Syrup of Figs."

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

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mamma. "Are you ready for dinner?"

"Yes. Can't I go one, mamma?"

"When you get big, maybe you can," answered his mamma. "Would you like a potato?"

"A very little one, please. How big must I get before I can go one, mamma?"

"Oh, I don't know, Rudolph. Don't talk any more now. Eat your dinner or you will be late for school."

So Rudolph stopped talking of "voyages," but he didn't stop thinking of them; and all of the afternoon the little A-B-C boy tried to imagine what a voyage would be like and kept looking at the picture of a ship in Johnny Grey's new reading book after he had learned how to spell b-o-y in his own primer.

That spring there had been a good deal of high water in Millville, and the water had backed up in what was called the old channel till it made a small lake. The older boys often floated around it on rafts, and they even had a leaky old boat that they used. This little lake was across the street from the A-B-C boy's house.

When Rudolph came home from school the next day at noon he stopped in the road and looked at the water for some time. All at once he thought right aloud, "I believe I will go a voyage now and not wait till I am a man!"

Then a strange thing happened to Rudolph. Almost before he had stopped saying the thought, his feet were walking toward the water. Was not that strange, as I said?

For there, at the edge, was a very little raft; it seemed to have been made for a very little boy. A short pole was near by, and in only a minute Rudolph was standing on the raft and had pushed himself off with a pole so that he was floating.

The "short voyage" had begun and at once promised to be a fine one.

About this time a lady telephoned to Rudolph's mamma, "Do you know, Mrs. Gear, that your little son is out on the pond on a raft?"

Surprised and frightened, Mrs. Gear hurried out of doors to the side of the water. There she saw her little son floating farther and farther from the shore.

Rudolph saw her, too, and waved his hand and smiled. He was having a good time with never a thought of danger. But his mamma felt as if she must speak to him, so she called: "Stand perfectly still, Rudolph; papa will come and get you as soon as he can! Don't move! Be sure to not move!"

Some one had telephoned to Mr. Gear also at his store.

Just at this time a neighbor, Mr. Shorts, came down the street, and, seeing what was the matter, waded into the water to overtake Mrs. Gear's little son, but all of this time the raft was floating a little farther and farther away. Mr. Shorts kept getting in deeper and deeper till the water came up to his arms, and then he stepped into a deep hole and went out of sight. Everyone who was watching, mostly women, held their breath till Mr. Shorts' head came into sight again and he started back for dry land. And little Rudolph voyaged farther and farther all this while from his distracted mother.

During all of this time the little boy would have been enjoying himself very much if so many ladies hadn't been looking at him and his mamma hadn't kept telling him to stand perfectly still and not to move in such a queer voice.

Then Charlie, Rudolph's 12-year-old cousin, arrived and saw the trouble. He tacked a few boards together with some nails which he had in his pocket, using a stone for a hammer, found a pole, stepped on his raft and started to overtake the first voyager. The trip was quickly made, Rudolph was transferred to Charlie's raft, and both safely landed.

The "short voyage" was at an end.

Rudolph was puzzled by the way everyone acted, as nothing had been read by the Fourth Class reader of any excitement attendant upon a voyage.

He felt sorry that Mr. Shorts got so wet, but it seemed queer that his mother looked as if she were going to cry. But when he reached dry land, she at once took his hand tight and led him home without saying a word.

That night at bedtime Mrs. Gear said: "Rudolph, what made you go out on the water today?"

"Why, mamma, I wanted to make a voyage," Rudolph said, "and I guess if I had gone one I would have 'scattered' something, same as Columbus did. I wish Charlie hadn't come for me. Nothing happened except to Mr. Shorts."

"Excepting that you stood perfectly still on the raft, as I called you to do. I was much pleased with your obedient conduct, Rudolph. Tomorrow I will talk with you about voyages."—Ruth V. Clark, in The Advance.

THE DAY IT SNOWED.

Lucy's home was away down in the Southland, where all the year round the grass was green, the roses bloomed, the sun shone warm and bright, the birds sang, and the brook rippled merrily along every day through the tropical trees and bushes fringing its banks. Lucy had never seen ice and snow until she came North on a visit to her grandmother.

One day the little creek at the foot of grandmother's garden grew strangely quiet, and Lucy, listening in vain for its merry song, ran down quickly to see what was the matter. She came back with glowing eyes and flushed cheeks to tell grandmother. Lucy's little brook at home never, never did such a thing. It was always laughing and chattering, and never quiet. Grandmother had to explain about the ice, and that the music of the creek was over until spring came again. It was certainly very exciting to walk and slide over the

frozen creek with no danger of getting wet.

But the first day it snowed! Surely grandmother was asked a great many questions that day! It was the most wonderful day in Lucy's life. Grandmother tied the curtains back and Lucy pulled her chair to the window to watch the white flakes come down. She tried to count them, but they jumped and squirmed around so fast that she had to give it up. In an hour the ground was all covered with white snow. As far as Lucy could see there was no brown earth. In every direction was the smooth, white carpet spread out over everything. Grandmother's flower beds were just white humps on each side of the path. Lucy thought she had never seen anything so beautiful, even in her lovely Southern home.

"Grandmother," she said, "snow is the very whitest thing, isn't it?"

Grandmother thought a moment, "No, my dear."

"Why, grandmother," said Lucy with wide, questioning eyes, "there couldn't be anything whiter, I'm sure!"

"Yes," replied grandmother, "there's one thing that's whiter, Lucy."

"What is it? What could it be?"

"Think a bit, Lucy. Think a bit," said grandmother, smiling thoughtfully.

"Oh, maybe it's the kitten! There she goes now, picking her way up the path. No, she's not as white as the snow," Lucy added, watching the kitten.

Grandmother shook her head. "No, not the kitten! Think again."

"The white muslin you spread out to bleach? Why, no, of course not! You wouldn't have put it out to bleach if it had been as white as snow."

"No, it isn't the muslin I'm thinking of," said grandmother.

"What could it be?" Lucy wrinkled up her face and thought quietly a moment, while grandmother smiled at her namesake.

"Oh, I know. Its your beautiful hair. Oh, grandmother, I guessed it right that time, didn't I? Why didn't I think of it the first time?" Lucy jumped up and stood close by grandmother's chair, softly touching the white hair.

"I'm afraid you're wrong again, dear. Bring me my glasses and that large-print book from the table, and we'll see if we can find what it is that is whiter than snow."

Lucy brought the glasses and the

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book and sat down on the stool by grandmother's side, waiting. Grandmother turned the leaves until she came to the ribbon book-mark Lucy had sent her for a birthday gift.

"There, dear, you can read it yourself, I think. They are small words." Grandmother ran her finger along under each word as Lucy read slowly: "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

There was a puzzled look in Lucy's eyes. "What does it mean?"

"It means that when our hearts are washed clean, and all the strain of the selfishness and ugliness and sin taken away from them, then they are white, whiter than the snow."

Lucy looked up into grandmother's face. "Does every bit of the stain of the sin have to be washed out?"

"Well, Lucy, if some one should come along and throw a load of dirt into the snow, it would spoil the whole yard, wouldn't it?"

"Oh, yes," replied Lucy; "just a speck of soot would show. There, I see a black spot now!"

"Then, my dear, if we have one uncleaned sin in our hearts, it makes a spot, a black spot. If we have mean thoughts, if we are selfish and cross, we may be sure that our hearts are not as white as they should be."

"Mine has black spots, I know," said Lucy. "I was cross to Hilda when she came to play yesterday. I wouldn't let her touch my playthings. I guess my heart is pretty black all through, grandmother, but I want it to be white. A white heart is nicer than black one, I'm sure."

"Well, Lucy, you can keep this little verse in your heart, 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow,' and then I'm sure the black spots will go away."

So Lucy kept the verse in her heart, and all through her life she never saw or even thought of the beautiful whiteness away up in the

Northland without remembering how grandmother explained to her about having her heart washed clean and made whiter than snow.—Canadian Churchman.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

TO THE LAYMEN OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: On this beautiful Christmas day I have been thinking of you and what a wonderful amount of service for the Master could be called forth from your lives if only the right chords of your souls were touched. Our devoted preachers are putting their all on God's altar. Our missionaries have left all and followed Him and in all parts of the world are telling the story of the Cross. Our hospitals, in whose care many bodies and souls are healed by Him as truly as when He walked among men, our schools and colleges, at home and abroad, in whose walls many are taught of Jesus and His love so that their lives have been transformed into the likeness of the Son of God, and our godly men of every station, who are making God's business their own, deserve from us unfaltering support in all their efforts for Him.

We as laymen need to consecrate what God has given us of life or thought or brain to Him, and to use what wealth of His He has entrusted to our stewardship for His glory. Do you get me? We should be as absolutely the Lord's as any preacher and realize that God gave us talents the same as ministers, and if it be a money-making talent, recognize it and pay the Lord what is owing and not think it is ours to do with as we please, but the Lord's to use for Him.

Let us all start in the new year praying for all God's means for redeeming the world and then let us help answer our prayers and do not let us be selfish and want to do it all ourselves, but get every member to help.

"How to Make the Every Member Canvass" can be obtained from the Laymen's Missionary Movement, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., and I hope every lay leader and pastor in our Conference will obtain at once a copy which may be had free for the asking.

May our Father be gracious to you and may 1917 be glorious for His cause.—Your Brother, F. M. Daniel, Conference Leader.

TO ARKANSAS PASTORS.

To our regular pastors I wish in this way to speak of my work. I accepted the appointment as Conference Evangelist with the understanding that it was the wish of the Presiding Elders, with unanimous agreement, that I enter this new field for our Conference. I have felt for quite a while that I have a call to this character of work, and willingly responded to the call of the Church. I am ready for three kinds of work, according to the needs of the field: (1) The preaching of a series of sermons on Bible Doctrine, and the Polity of our church; (2) Evangelistic work and doctrinal preaching combined, where needed and wanted; (3) Strictly evangelistic work, or the holding of revival meetings, with no reference to the special issues between Methodism and other denominations.

I shall feel it my duty to be directed by the pastor as to the nature of the services to be rendered. Also so to do my work that both the church

and the pastor are benefited by it.

I now have dates up to the middle of February, and several have spoken to me for service, with no dates fixed as yet. I shall feel under first obligation to the pastors of the Little Rock Conference, by virtue of my appointment, but shall feel free to go into other Conferences for such time as I may have vacant. Last year I held five meetings in other Conferences. Brethren, it is important that you arrange dates with me early in the year. Otherwise I may not be able to reach you. In writing me, always state the nature of the work you want me to do, and about the time you expect.

I desire to make dates for March, April and May right away. I shall make no financial demands except that the people be expected to take an interest in the meetings, and not expect me to do this work at my own expense. I feel that the finances easily take care of themselves. For revivals I think I can furnish a satisfactory singer, where wanted, especially if early engagements are made. Brethren, write me soon about your meetings, addressing me at Conway, Ark.

Yours for revivals throughout the Conference, T. P. Clark.

ARMY TESTAMENT DAY.

The North Arkansas and the Little Rock Conferences fixed January 14, 1917, the second Sunday, as Army Testament Day, on which a suitable service is to be held and an offering be taken for the Army Testament Fund. Some offerings have been made, but comparatively few of the churches have been reached at all for this fund. We have distributed over 15,000 Testaments among the soldiers at an expense of over \$6,000, but the job is only begun. It is estimated that \$10,000 more funds will be required to complete the job. There are now about 15,000 soldiers on the border, and indications point to many more being sent there before the troubles are adjusted or these are returned. I will send out from this office suitable envelopes for your offerings this week. Brethren, please present this matter to your congregations and give them an opportunity to help the American Bible Society out in this emergency. The job has been begun well and we must complete it in God's name. Send all contributions to D. H. Colquette, Field Agent, corner Scott St. and Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark.

PROTEST AGAINST RACING.

The Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance passed the following protest at its regular meeting:

"The Ministerial Alliance, in session Monday, January 1, expresses as its judgment that the holding of the contemplated race meeting is a backward step in the development of Hot Springs, morally, socially, and commercially, and that because of the moral questions involved it feels compelled to enter its earnest protest against holding the same.—H. E. Kirkpatrick, Secretary.

EVANGELISTIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the presiding elders and pastors of the North Arkansas Conference: I am now ready to co-operate with you in a revival campaign. I can furnish one of the best chorus directors and personal workers that can be had. Why not begin our work of reclaiming those that have lost their first love, and redeeming the lost at once? Let me hear from you at an early date. W. B. Wolf, Conference Evangelist, Cotter, Ark.

DISTRICT EVANGELIST.

My district evangelist will have time for two meetings outside of his work in my district. Any pastor wishing to engage him for a meeting, please write me, giving date he wishes for his meeting. This refers to pastors outside the Fayetteville District.—G. G. Davidson, P. E., Bentonville, Ark.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE MINUTES.

The 1916 minutes will be sent out before this reaches you. If you who are entitled to copies do not receive them this week, please notify me.—F. M. Daniel, Secretary, Mammoth Spring, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA PREACHERS' MEETING.

Present: Monk, Hutchinson, Hundley, Hively, J. D. Baker, C. N. Baker, Harrison, Whaley, Rorie, Graham, Christian, Colquette.

First Church (Hutchinson)—Good congregations Sunday; watch night service, with over 100 present; six additions; two babies baptized.

Gardner Memorial, Argenta (Hively)—Away Christmas. Wilcoxsen filled pulpit both hours. Presiding elder preached Sunday morning to good house.

Pulaski Heights (Hundley)—House full Christmas Eve. Small congregations last Sunday. Three additions.

Twenty-Eighth Street (J. D. Baker)—Good services. C. N. Baker preached at night. Repairs being made on the church. Thirty at prayer meeting; two additions.

Sunday School Secretary C. N. Baker organized Bible class at Hunt. Preached to good congregation at Winfield; heard good sermon at Ashbury at night.

Highland (Harrison)—Best congregations I have had. Good prayer meeting and Sunday school. Hopeful of good year.

Ashbury (Whaley)—Church conference Sunday. Rearranged church debt. Eight additions.

Hunter Memorial (Rorie)—Increased congregations at each service. Expecting great year. Eight additions.

District (Monk)—Spent very pleasant three weeks with Alonzo, Jr., in Texas, and with eldest son in McAlester, Okla. Sunday on Mabelvale Circuit. Heard M. K. Rogers preach an excellent sermon. The people are well pleased. Heard Whaley Sunday night. Outlook of the district is very encouraging. District stewards will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p. m.

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Dr. Alonzo Monk was elected chairman and P. Q. Rorie secretary and treasurer for 1917.

PROGRAM TEXARKANA DISTRICT PREACHER'S AND LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

College Hill Methodist Church, Texarkana, January 15-17, 1917.

Monday, January 15th.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. S. K. Burnett.

Tuesday, January 16th.

9:00 A. M.—Devotional Service, Rev. W. F. Lasater.

9:30 A. M.—The Work of the Layman in Evangelizing the District, Hon. Seth C. Reynolds.

10:00 A. M.—The Laymen Organized and At Work, Judge J. S. Steele.

10:30 A. M.—How the Preachers Can Reach and Cultivate the Unoccupied Territory of the District, Rev. F. N. Brewer.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. J. T. Rogers.

2:30 P. M.—Devotional Service, Rev. L. T. Gatlin.

3:00 P. M.—How to Have a Live Prayer Meeting, Rev. L. C. Beasley.

3:30 P. M.—How To Reach and Men to a Better Life, Rev. P. her.

4:00 P. M.—The Woman's Work, Mrs. H. M. Harper.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. J. J. Melard.

Wednesday, January 17th.

9:00 A. M.—Devotional Service, Rev. P. A. Flower.

9:30 A. M.—How to Build Up Our Sunday Schools, Rev. J. L. Lennard.

10:00 A. M.—How We Can Secure Full Collections, Rev. J. W. Mann.

10:30 A. M.—What Books to Read, Rev. P. C. Fletcher.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. R. M. Holland.

J. A. Biggs, P. E.

OKALONA CIRCUIT.

We arrived here on December 7 and found the parsonage ready for the new preacher. The work is in a very fine country, and we have here a splendid people. They are not only doing things in the business world, but are doing things for the church and God's glory. We have preached

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at all points. The people received us very kindly and gave us a good pounding. All this we appreciated very much. We are planning for a great year's work, and we feel sure our people are planning to stand by us in all our efforts. Pray that God will lead us to victory and that this coming year may be the greatest in the history of the Little Rock Conference along all lines.—T. M. Armstrong.

NOTES FROM STAMPS.

The church recently suffered a very great loss in the death of Mrs. J. M. Hudgins, the treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society and a teacher in the Sunday school. She was faithful in all duties that came into her life. Not only was she faithful to her church, but she was a friend to all in the town. Brother Moffett Rhodes, who was her pastor for four years, officiated in the funeral service, which was held in the church December 12. The entire community was grief-stricken when the sad news came from Hot Springs, where she had gone for treatment.

The new year has started off well. The people received us in a very gracious way and are planning great things for the year. A class of six was received into the church Sunday, December 24. Others will follow in a very short time. The former pastor spared no effort to pave the way for our coming.—L. C. Beasley, Pastor.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL.

We have been royally received at this splendid charge. The W. W. Nelson class of young men gave a banquet in the church parlor. I think we have never received a heartier welcome anywhere, and we find the church in splendid working order. My predecessor, Rev. H. F. Buhler, did splendid work in organizing. I love to step into a work that is well organized and doing things. We hope to be able to do splendid work this year, and with the band of loyal workers at Hawley we expect to do some good work this Conference year.—J. R. Dickerson, Pastor.

HOT SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

The people of this circuit are surprised, and regret very much the removal of Rev. W. H. Hughen from this place to Mt. Ida. His last sermon here at New Salem was heard and appreciated by a large congregation, from whom came a rising vote of thanks for his good service here, and true wish for his return. The past short year of his ministry on this circuit has been a very successful one. He made the best report of the work that has ever yet been made by any pastor on this work, and if intelligence, ability and energy count for anything in a pastor's life, Brother W. H. Hughen will certainly be a success. The year 1916 registered an increase in Sunday school enrollment, in church membership enrollment, and League work, and an increase in funds raised for all purposes. While our nice parsonage here is still vacant, yet we can say to the people of Mount Ida, they have gained a pastor of strong personality, noble ideals, and pure motives. Our new pastor, Rev. J. F. Townsend, does not yet live in our community, but he has begun on his work with great zeal and interest, and we have every reason to believe him a good man and a good pastor. He is kind and considerate and is now going over the large

field of work given him, I believe there at least three new appointments given him, and the people take an interest and seem to want to help in any way they can.—A Member.

SULPHUR ROCK AND MOORE-FIELD.

Most fortunate is the man who serves these good people. They have received four new preachers this year. Rev. James Thomas and Rev. W. A. Lindsey were with us at Lee's Chapel the Sunday following Conference. Dr. Thomas preached morning and night, and our people will appreciate his coming again. He was very helpful to the pastor. Brother Lindsey was in the church of his boyhood, and his prayers showed that he was getting heaven and earth pretty close together. His wife and children have been members of this church while he was in the field work. We regret to lose them. Our loss is Waldron's gain. We shall pray for them in their new field.

Last Sunday our good presiding elder surprised us with a visit. His sermons and fellowship were uplifting. He is a welcome visitor with us.

Last evening they received the pastor. It was a pounding—good and generous. Between seventy and eighty were present. In dollars and cents it amounted to —; in love and friendship, more.

We reported \$1,490 raised at Conference, an increase of 100 per cent over the previous year. We are well off on the new year. Pray for us.—Fizer Noe, P. C.

AUSTIN CIRCUIT.

We have started off well on our new charge. Everything seems promising for a great year. We had been here one week to a day when the good people of Mt. Tabor pounded us with many nice things to eat from a pound of butter to a 50-pound sack of flour. So the preacher and family have been living high ever since. I am very grateful to the good people over here for their kindness. Brethren, let us do all we can for our great paper, the Arkansas Methodist, and our good editor.—J. W. Nethercutt.

DARDANELLE STATION.

This church is certainly on a boom since Conference. New things are being done. New steps are being taken that are great innovations upon the past history. A very enthusiastic spirit for a new church is taking the people, almost by storm, and steps are being taken to crystallize that spirit and turn it into definite shape. The

Sunday school is also on the boom, and today made an offering to the benevolences of the Church of the sum of \$200, the like of which had never been done before. The congregations are on the increase, in numbers as well as spirit, and at this morning service made an offering to benevolences for our orphans of \$19. A revival spirit is also in the air, and all people are expecting a great revival throughout the church and town this year. God moves and the people follow.—Eli Myers, Pastor.

EAST SIDE PARAGOULD.

Starting off well. Our new Presiding Elder, Rev. J. M. Hughey, is on the ground and making a fine impression. Preached for me on the 17th at night, and his sermon was good to edifying. He is the right man in the right place. Presiding elders go and presiding elders come, but the mill grinds on all the same. We regretted the going of Brother Watson, but Brother Hughey fits in all right. All aboard for another three hundred and sixty-five days' run. May it be our best.—Jas. F. Jernigan.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Since my last report in the Methodist I have received special cash donations for Christmas to the Orphanage as follows: Missionary Society, Strong, by Mrs. P. C. Crane, \$5; Scottish Rite bodies, Valley of Little Rock, \$20; Mrs. Dr. S. A. Scott, Little Rock, \$5; Eagles' Aerie No. 60, Little Rock, \$25; Mrs. N. B. Walls' Sunday school class, Gurdon, \$150; Junior League, Evening Shade, by Mrs. O. C. Shaver, treasurer, \$2; Mrs. S. C. Randolph, Stuttgart, \$10; Missionary Auxiliary, Lockesburg, \$3; Sunday school class of Mrs. John B. Duncan, England, \$12; Mrs. Frank Crow, England, in memory of her mother, Mrs. D. A. Christman, \$5; J. H. Waters, El Dorado, \$10; Mrs. J. J. Menees, Quitman, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Thompson, Nashville,

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CARTHAGE AND LEOLA.

We have moved to our new appointment and have everything to be thankful for. I have read and heard of the garden spot of the world, but at last I have found the spot I have longed for. I want to thank the Bishop and my former presiding elder for sending me to the best appointment in the Little Rock Conference—not from a standpoint of quantity, but quality. I have reached all my appointments on my charge, and have met a most cordial welcome by the people. Last week they gave us an old-time pounding—not pound, but pounds. These are the best people, taken as a whole, that I have ever met with. We anticipate a glorious year if the preacher in charge will do his part, for the people are ready to do theirs, and God never fails. Let me say to my brother preachers in all sincerity, frankness and reverence toward my brethren, that there is more in the job than there is in the man. We earnestly solicit the prayers of both preachers and laymen of Arkansas for a successful year in God's vineyard. May God bless all of you with both physical and spiritual food.—B. F. Fitzhugh, P. C.

ST. CHARLES.

We have found Arkansas county like Abraham—"rich in cattle, silver, and gold;" in other words, we are "knee deep in rice and clover." I wish we had one of Brother Hughes' superannuates here. Wife and I could pound him bountifully and not half try. We have had not the "usual pounding," but a most unusual pounding. The prospect for a good year at St. Charles is exceedingly abundant in every respect.—S. W. Rainey.

WILMAR.

We have been given a cordial reception in Wilmar, and have found a good set of spiritual and congenial folk to work with. They have a church pride and are well informed as to the plans and purposes of our great church, and will loyally enlist in her endeavors.

I am glad to find the marks of my

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predecessors and to know that they are highly esteemed "for their work's sake," and they will find a big welcome any time they visit back here. We were cheered on Christmas Day by the generous pounding given us by our people. Those two elect ladies, Mrs. N. McCloud and Mrs. W. S. Anderson, went out Christmas morning and gathered up the "pounding" and brought buggy loads. We are happy in our work and expect, by the grace of God, to have a delightful and successful year with these delightful people.—A. T. Clanton.

BEARDEN AND MILLVILLE.

We came to our new work, Bearden and Millville, on Wednesday, December 13. We found several of the good people had been over at the parsonage the evening before and had it nicely arranged, and the dining table was left by them laden with many good things to eat. Our people have received us gladly and are giving the preacher and family a hearty welcome. The pastor was given a fine congregation at his first services. We hope to be able to hold this good congregation during the year. A delegation met the train for us the night before we arrived, thinking we would come then, but as we did not come they made arrangements at the Central Hotel for our entertainment when we did come. We are here, comfortably situated, straightened out and ready for work. We have a fine class of people, both at Bearden and Millville, to serve. We hope and pray that we shall make this people a real good pastor and that the year will be a most fruitful one for our Lord in every way.—L. J. Ridling, P. C.

ALPINE CHARGE.

We were glad to hear our name read out for this charge for the second time. We served the charge last year. It is a delightful charge. It is a great mission field, and demands the attention of the church, and by giving this field attention it has been made a good work. When we came here last year we found that it had been badly neglected. We held ten meetings, had seventy-five conversions and sixty-four additions to the church as the minutes will show. We did not have any Sunday schools, but organized three. Two are still running and doing good work, but one had to stop for want of a house. We held a meeting at this place under a bush arbor and organized a church with 29 members. Had 55 on roll in the Sunday school. We are at work to build a house so as to house our school. We have somewhere about \$115 raised for this, and it looks as if we will not get the amount without help from some other source. The people are poor in this part of the work, and are not able to build without help. I am going to ask every reader of the Methodist to give something toward the building of this church. Anyone wishing to contribute to us will mail the same to me at Amity, Ark.—S. L. Durham, P. C.

LETTER FROM BRO. WINBURNE.

I have been roaming ever since I left you at Waxahachie. Stayed at Walnut Springs, Tex., three weeks with Pierce, my only living son, and got to San Antonio December 25 to visit Dora Key Getts, my youngest child. We have a fine church house at Walnut Springs. Brother W. A. Clark, a strong man, is our pastor. I don't know what to think. All the pastors pipe and pipe, but nobody dances but the Holiness crowd. They

preach in their church and on the street, and they sing and dance and pray and talk in tongues. My, my! Such crowds! Well may we ask, What is the matter with the church? I love the Methodist Church, South, North, East and West, in Europe and America. Hope to see them all in one fold. They split about the time I reached the world. My father lived in the South; owned a few colored people, and of course cast his lot with the Church South. I'm not ashamed of it, but sorry we had the cruel war. By the way, I heard Pastor Russell lecture. He died next day. Dear old man, he has tested the truth or falsity of his views. I am in good health of soul, mind, and body. Happy on the way.—In hope, Finch M. Winburne. San Antonio, Tex., 308 N. Frio.

WILLOW CIRCUIT.

The wheel of the Conference let me down on the Willow charge. On my return from Conference I at once began to get ready to move. On Friday after Conference we landed in the little town of Willow. We spent the night at the hotel. Saturday morning we moved into the parsonage, and about 7 o'clock Saturday night we heard footsteps of a goodly number of people, and on opening the door the crowd made their way to the dining room, and each one left a package, and then we were all seated in the hall and spent an hour in pleasant conversation, after which we had some good songs, the pastor read a lesson from God's Word, and we had prayers led by the pastor. The crowd left. Then the pastor and family began to investigate and found packages of many good things to eat, for which we are thankful, and we received the nice pounding as an expression of love and appreciation on the part of the good people of Willow. God bless these good folks.

We have found here on this charge the greatest opportunity for doing good of any charge we have ever had. My prayers are that the Lord may use me in the upbuilding of his church here this year. I shall do my best under God this year. I hope to make this one of the best years of my life thus far. Brethren, pray for us, for we need your prayers.—T. H. Crowder, P. C.

MONETTE AND MACEY CHARGE.

We are beginning our second year on this charge, and the prospects for the year are very good. The outline for the work and places will help to show the need of growth. Monette is situated on the J., L. C. & E., a growing town, with a good school. The present church was built by Rev. A. F. Haynes soon after the town was located. The church is not growing with the town, but we are of the opinion that it will develop. Macey is an old church in the country. Brother A. C. Griffin was present when the first church was opened for worship, in 1874. Prospects are good there. Black Oak is on the J., L. C. & E. Railroad. We have a good bunch of big-hearted people there, but no church building. Prospects are good. Leachville is on the J., L. C. & E., Frisco, and B., L. & E. railroads. The town is growing and the country is filling up with folks who are seeking homes in this fertile country. A number of years ago the church was organized and church built by Rev. Peter Honnell. The church was reorganized this past year by the writer, and we hope in the near future to have a church building that will corre-

spond to the growing town. Prospects are good at Leachville, as a tree is known by its fruits. They started things this year by sending the preacher and family a good Christmas box of candies, fruits, etc.; also a substantial pounding, consisting of flour, meal, lard, coffee, sugar—all good. Yes, a pleasant surprise.—C. F. Wilson, Pastor.

HOT SPRINGS PASTORS.

Every Methodist Church in Hot Springs has a new pastor, and each of them occupied his new pulpit on the first Sabbath after Conference. Robertson had completed his quadrennium at Park Avenue, where he had done a splendid work, and Duckworth, who had served Oaklawn with marked success, was appointed to succeed him. His reception was very cordial, and he has made an auspicious beginning. Brother Hayes was appointed to Third Street to succeed Brother Holland, who had served that charge with great acceptability for two years, and whose return was a foregone conclusion with his people. Hence they were very much disappointed and felt aggrieved when he was removed. But, like good, loyal Methodists, they have rallied to their new pastor, and the outlook is very encouraging for Third Street. Brother Vaughan at Oaklawn, is a new man among us, and, while they had parted with their former pastor with much regret, they have taken their new pastor into their arms and hearts, and there is promise of a successful year. It goes without saying that Waldrip's reception at Central was all that could be desired, and he is doing some great preaching to great and delighted audiences. Upon the whole, the outlook for Methodism in Hot Springs was never more hopeful. Every charge and every pastor is pleased. Everybody seems to be happy, and harmony and good will prevail.—C. O. Steel.

OBITUARY.

NEELEY.—Mrs. Martha E. Neeley was born in York county, S. C., January 13, 1847, and died at her home near Draper, December 4, 1916. She was married to W. J. Neeley in 1865 and moved to Arkansas in 1869. In childhood she joined the Presbyterian Church, but after coming to this State joined the Methodist Church, to which she belonged till her death. There are left behind one brother, eight children, thirty-one grandchildren and one great-grandchild, along with a host of other relatives and friends, to mourn her death.—A. O. Graydon, P. C.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Little Rock Conference.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)
Holly Springs, at Sardis.....Jan. 6-7
S. Arkadelphia, at Donaldson.....Jan. 7-8
Friendship, at Midway.....Jan. 8-9
Pearcy Ct., at Pea.....Jan. 13-14
Hot Springs Ct., at Pea.....Jan. 13-14
.....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. 21-25
Malvern Sta.Jan. 28-29
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CAMDEN DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Strong	Jan. 6-7
Huttig	Jan. 7-8
Magnolia, at Kilgore's	Jan. 13-14
Waldo	Jan. 14-15
El Dorado Ct., at Quinn	Jan. 20-21
El Dorado Sta.	Jan. 21-22
Union	Jan. 23
Wesson	Jan. 24
Atlanta	Jan. 27-28
Magnolia Sta.	Jan. 29
Hampton	Feb. 3-4
Eagle Mills, at Harmony G.	Feb. 10-11
Bearden	Feb. 11-12
Buena Vista	Feb. 17-18
Stephens	Feb. 18-19
Chidester	Feb. 24-25
Camden	Feb. 26

J. A. SAGE, 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.)

Tillar and Dumas	Jan. 5-7
Arkansas City and Lake Village	Jan. 7-8
Watson	Jan. 14
ML Pleasant, at ML Tabor	Jan. 20-21
Wilmar	Jan. 21-22
Eady, at Magnolia	Jan. 27-28
Eudora	Feb. 3-4
Synder and Montrose	Feb. 4-5
Hamburg Ct., at Antioch	Feb. 10-11
Crossdale	Feb. 11-12
Parkdale and Wilnot	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.)

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	Jan. 18-19
Roswell Ct., at Center	Jan. 20-21
Rison, at Rison	Jan. 21-22
New Edinburg, at N. E.	Jan. 27-28
Stuttgart, 11 a. m.	Feb. 4
Rope, 7 p. m., Feb. 4; 10 a. m.	Feb. 5
Shannon Lake	Feb. 11
Pine Bluff Ct., at Good Faith, 11 a. m.	Feb. 18
Lakeside, 7 p. m.	Feb. 18
Sherrill	Feb. 25

W. C. WATSON, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Okolona	Jan. 6-7
Delight	Jan. 7-8
Wheeler Springs	Jan. 13-14
Gurdon	Jan. 14-15
Washington	Jan. 18
Center Point	Jan. 20-21
Nashville	Jan. 21-22
Mineral Springs	Jan. 23
Little Missouri	Jan. 27-28
Murfreesboro	Jan. 28-29
Bingen	Jan. 30
Columbus	Feb. 3-4
Hope	Feb. 4-5
Fulton	Feb. 6
Pleasant Grove	Feb. 8
Blevens	Feb. 10-11
Orchard View	Feb. 11-12
Prescott	Feb. 14

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J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Bradley and Taylor, at B.	Jan. 6-7
Bright Star, at Doddridge	Jan. 12-13
(Conference Jan. 13, 2 p. m.)	
Foulke, 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 16-17. 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.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Sulphur Rock and Moorefield, at S. R., 10 a. m.	Dec. 27
Central Ave. and Bethesda, at C. A.	Dec. 29
10 a. m.	Dec. 30-31
Kenyon, at Kenyon	Dec. 31-Jan. 1
Tuckerman Sta.	Jan. 1
Swift and Alicia, at A.	Jan. 2
Minturn, at Hopewell	Jan. 3
Newport Sta.	Jan. 4
Newport, at Jacksonport	Jan. 5
Charlotte, at Oak Ridge	Jan. 6-7
Newark Sta.	Jan. 7-8
Salado and Oil Trough, at O. T.	Jan. 9
Batesville, First Church	Jan. 10
Cave City, at Pfeiffer	Jan. 13-14
Evening Shade, at E. S.	Jan. 14-15
Melbourne, at Chapel Hill	Jan. 17-18
Bexar, at Wesley's Chapel	Jan. 20-21
Viola, at Viola	Jan. 21-22
Mountain Home, at M. H.	Jan. 24-25
Cotter, at Cotter	Jan. 25-26
Yellville, at Yellville	Jan. 27-28
Lead Hill, at Lead Hill	Jan. 28-29
Norfolk, at Norfolk	Jan. 30-31
Calico Rock and Macedonia, at C. R.	Jan. 1-2
Mountain View, at M. V.	Feb. 4-5
Floral, at Floral	Feb. 10-11
Desha, at Desha	Feb. 11-12

Please have the Quarterly Conference Journal on hand and start with full official rolls. Where two dates are given, except Saturdays and Sundays, I expect to be there the night of the first to preach and hold the Conference at 10 a. m. the second day, with preaching at 11 a. m. Where only one date is given, there will be preaching at 11 a. m. and Conference at 2 p. m. Services at night also if at all convenient.

B. L. WILFORD, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Booneville Ct., at Antioch	Jan. 6-7
Booneville Sta.	Jan. 7-8
Magazine and Wesley, at M.	Jan. 13-14
Gravelly Ct., at Gravelly	Jan. 20-21
Plainview	Jan. 21-22
Ola Ct., at Ola	Jan. 23-24
Bigelow	Jan. 27-28
Adona and Perry, at Adona	Jan. 28-29
Dardanelle Ct., at Oak Grove	Feb. 4-5
Dardanelle Sta.	Feb. 5-6
Branch Ct., at Branch	Feb. 11-12
Paris	Feb. 12-13
Prairie View and Scranton, at S.	Feb. 14-15
Walnut Tree Ct., at W. T.	Feb. 18-19
Danville Sta.	Feb. 19-20
Waldron Ct., at Bird's View	Feb. 25-26
Waldron Sta.	Feb. 26-27
Cauthron Ct., at C.	Feb. 27-28
Belleville Ct., at B.	March 4-5

J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Allus	Jan. 6-7
Morrilton	Jan. 7-8
Quitman Ct.	Jan. 13-14
Quitman Sta.	Jan. 14-15
Rosebud	Jan. 16
Naylor	Jan. 18
Conway Ct.	Jan. 20-21
Conway Sta.	Jan. 21
Damascus	Jan. 26
Greenbrier	Jan. 27-28
Springfield	Jan. 28-29
Lamar	Feb. 3-4
Pottsville	Feb. 4-5
Lundon	Feb. 10-11
Plumerville	Feb. 11-12

JAS. A. ANDERSON, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

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

G. G. DAVIDSON, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Hackett Ct., at Hackett	Jan. 6-7
Greenwood, 7:30 p. m.	Jan. 7
Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith	Jan. 11
Ft. Smith, Midland Hts., 7:30 p. m.	

Kibler Ct., at Kibler	Jan. 14
Alma, 7:30 p. m.	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
p. m.	

J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Marianna	Dec. 27
Mellwood	Dec. 30-31
Helena	Jan. 1
West Helena	Jan. 1
Forrest City	Jan. 3
Aubrey	Jan. 6-7
Cotton Plant	Jan. 7
Widener	Jan. 10
Hickory Ridge and Hamlin's	Jan. 13-14
Brinkley	Jan. 18
Clarendon	Jan. 19
Turner	Jan. 20-21
Holly Grove	Jan. 21
Cott	Jan. 27-28
Haynes	Jan. 28
Council	Feb. 3-4
Hughes	Feb. 4
McCrory	Feb. 9
DeView	Feb. 10-11
Howell and Wiville	Feb. 11
Wynne	Feb. 17-18
Parkin	Feb. 18
Whetley	Feb. 24-25
LatGrange	March 3-4

W. F. EVANS, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Lake City, at L. C. Conf. Sat., 2:30	Jan. 6-7
Monette and Macey, at M.	Jan. 7-8
Monette and Macey, at Monette	Jan. 7-8
Barfield Ct., at Barfield, 2:30	Jan. 9
Blytheville, First C., 7:30	Jan. 10

E. Blytheville, at Yarbrow, 2:30	Jan. 11
Jonesboro Ct., at Mt. Carmel, 2:30	Jan. 13
Brookland Ct., at B.	Jan. 14
Huntington Ave., 7:30	Jan. 15
Nettleton and Bay, at N.	Jan. 17
Harrisburg Ct., at Cross R.	Jan. 18
Harrisburg, 7:30	Jan. 19
Vandale, at Cherry V.	Jan. 20
Earle, Conf. Tuesday, 2:30, 7:30	Jan. 21
Crawfordsville	Jan. 21-22
Marion, 7:30	Jan. 24
Gilmore and Joiner, at G.	Jan. 25
Marked Tree and Lepanto, 7:30	Jan. 26
Luxora and Roz., at L.	Jan. 27
Osceola	Jan. 28-29
Wilson, 7:30	Jan. 30

F. M. TOLLESON, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.
(First Round.)

Pollard Ct., at Mars Hill	Jan. 6-7
St. Francis Ct., at St. Francis	Jan. 7-8
Piggott and Rector, at P.	Jan. 9
East Paragould, 7 p. m.	Jan. 10
Paragould Ct., at Pruitt's C.	Jan. 11
Lorado Ct., at Lorado	Jan. 13-14
Paragould, 7 p. m.	Jan. 15
Ravenden Springs, at Williford	Jan. 18
Salem, at Salem	Jan. 20-21
Mammoth Spring and Hardy, at M. S.	Jan. 21-22
Ash Flat Ct., at Ash Flat	Jan. 24
Cornwall Sta.	Jan. 27-28
Peach Orchard Ct., at P. O.	Jan. 28-29
Marmaduke, at Marmaduke	Jan. 31
Pocahontas Ct.	Feb. 3-4
Pocahontas Sta.	Feb. 4-5
Reyno, Success and Biggers, at Suc-	Feb. 6-7
cess	
New Liberty, at Powning S.	Feb. 10-11
Black Rock and Powhatan, at B. R.	Feb. 17-18

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