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HAST THOU NOT KNOWN? HAST THOU NOT HEARD THAT THE EVERLASTING GOD, THE LORD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, FAINTETH NOT, NEITHER IS WEARY? THERE IS NO SEARCHING OF HIS UNDERSTANDING. HE GIVETH POWER TO THE FAINT; AND TO THEM THAT HAVE NO MIGHT HE INCREASETH STRENGTH. EVEN THE YOUTHS SHALL FAINT AND BE WEARY, AND THE YOUNG MEN SHALL UTTERLY FALL; BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY, AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT.—Isaiah 41:28-31.

OUR PRESIDENT AND GERMANY.

After prayerful, patient waiting our President has found it necessary to sever diplomatic relations with Germany. He does this in protest against Germany's disregard of the principles of civilized warfare. Congress and the people generally seem to approve the President's action. The situation is so critical that an overt act on the part of Germany would probably lead to a declaration of war. It is sincerely to be hoped that this may not happen. We must not engage in war except under the urgency of moral necessity. If this necessity comes, we expect the American people to unite under our President and Congress in the use of all reasonable means to overcome those who have wantonly provoked it. War is always to be deplored, but when nations go mad and disregard the universally accepted rights of others, war may not be avoided without dishonor. We honor and appreciate the great mass of the German people, and have for them only the kindest feeling, but we sincerely believe that they have been deceived and misled by their rulers, and the defeat of the policy of these mad rulers will be for the best interests both of Germany and her adversaries.

OUR MEMPHIS HOSPITAL.

Reports of progress in the campaign for funds, published elsewhere in this issue, are very encouraging. Memphis is doing a noble part and will be rewarded in having a great institution to minister to the afflicted in its supporting territory. It will be a great thing for that city, as well as for our Methodism, because the city that ministers to a compelling need has its recompense in the gratitude and confidence of humanity. A great city needs to serve in high and holy things as well as in commerce and trade. Giving is as essential as receiving in the development of a city. The liberality of Memphis should be a challenge to our people in Eastern Arkansas, who will be the chief beneficiaries in our State. Let our churches give right of way to the agent. Many collections should be taken without awaiting his coming, and spontaneous individual subscriptions should be forthcoming.

CURB THE CIGARETTE FIEND.

A measure has been introduced in the present Legislature to modify our present law governing the sale of cigarettes. This is a movement in the wrong direction. What we really need is a strengthening of the law and greater strictness in its enforcement. Practically no one approves the use of the cigarette. The habit is one of the most hurtful and devitalizing. It is usually acquired at an early age, when the subject is incapable of realizing its harm. And it acquires such strength that it is almost impossible to break it. The cigarette weakens the will and prepares the way for other bad habits. In a long educational experience the writer has never known an inveterate smoker

to be a good student. Now, if our present law is not keeping cigarettes out of the hands of our youth, let us strengthen it. As boys of ten or twelve proudly smoke on our streets, the law should provide for the arrest and punishment of all users under twenty-one years of age, allowing a suspension or abatement of the punishment in cases where information is given to convict the seller. With such provision few dealers would dare to violate the law, because their punishment would be almost certain. This is a drastic remedy, but the awful corruption of youthful morals fully justifies it. What member of the Legislature will render the State a great service by procuring the passage of such a measure?

SAVE THE SABBATH.

Some legislator, without the fear of God, has introduced a bill which would permit cities in Arkansas to have Sunday baseball and other games. The argument for such a measure is always practically the same, that the working people need recreation, and these games are necessary for that purpose. It should be remembered that the Sabbath is a divinely authorized institution and that God in his Word again and again reminds the people to keep it holy. There are just two proper uses for the Sabbath day, rest and worship. No one who understands these strenuous games would presume to claim that they are restful to players or observers. They are recreation in the sense of drawing the mind away from other affairs, but they are intensely exciting and over stimulating, and consequently are probably hurtful to most of those who witness the games. Certainly there is nothing holy about a baseball game. It is in direct violation of the spirit of the Sabbath. No Legislature has any right to legalize that which is in violation of God's law. Another argument that should never be forgotten is that only in countries where the Christian Sabbath is known has any consideration been given the laboring man. Destroy or weaken the Sabbath and you undermine an institution that is fundamental to the protection of labor. In those communities in the United States where the Sabbath is forgotten laboring men work as well as play on that holy day. Legislators who have regard for the well-being of the laboring classes will not make it possible to destroy the true character of God's holy day. Gentlemen of the Legislature, if you fear God and love your fellowmen, kill this bill which would destroy the holy Sabbath.

READ CAREFULLY AND ACT QUICKLY.

The measure to provide for a Constitutional Convention is still pending in the House. Strong pressure is being brought to bear to secure its passage. As it is one of the Governor's measures, it has much support that it would not otherwise have. We heartily approve of the general course of the Governor's administration. Practically all of his measures have merit. Most of them in some form should pass. Nothing but a sense of positive peril would cause us to oppose this administration scheme. The writer has been a close student of constitutional government for more than thirty years, and he is absolutely certain that Arkansas does not need a new Constitution. New constitutions frequently adopted are evidences of instability. They usually mark periods of revolution. When the French people were excited and did not know what they were doing they adopted new constitutions. Their present constitution is a little older than ours, and stands practically without amendment. It is serving well in this period of stress. The excitable revolutionary peoples of Mexico and Central and South America have been in the habit of changing their constitutions with

almost every change of government. The constitution of the United States was adopted after long and mature deliberation. It contained a provision for its own amendment. Under this provision its early defects were speedily corrected. After that the only vital amendments came as a result of the Civil War. Subsequently a few amendments have been made to adapt it to present day political sentiment. The constitution makes possible the calling of a Constitutional Convention, but it has never been seriously considered. No man suggests it today, except Socialists, and they desire an utter transformation of our theory of government. Very few States of the Union have had Constitutional Conventions. Most of their constitutions are far older than ours. The Southern States that have new constitutions are the new Western States of Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico. Careful students of politics will tell you that these constitutions are Western and not Southern; that they are radical and in many respects almost unworkable. Oklahoma, for instance, embodies in the constitution much that is merely statutory in other States, and thus has a voluminous and clumsy document. Oklahoma, too, has almost twice as many officers as Arkansas, and its municipalities and counties are paved with bonds. It has thirty-four State-supported institutions, and as a result the people are literally tax-ridden. All these things were done in the name of progress, but the people are paying the bills. The constitution of Arkansas in the last twenty-five years has been gradually modified by single amendments. This is characterized as patchwork. If so, the Constitution of the United States is also patchwork, and yet it is the admiration of political scientists everywhere. Careful students often regret that State constitutions are not more like the Federal constitution. The constitution of Arkansas is not a patchwork. The original document of '71 was a thoroughly safe and sane instrument. Every amendment has come because the people wanted it, and these have made it the most thoroughly modern constitution of any of the older Southern States. We are in advance of other Southern States in having a genuine Initiative and Referendum. This was clumsy in form because its language was drawn from the constitution of a Northwestern State that differed in some particulars from our own. Our Supreme Court has so interpreted the Initiative and Referendum amendment as to harmonize it with the rest of the constitution. Consequently even the I. & R. is not now patchwork. It should be further modified by providing for a submission of three amendments by the people and three by the Legislature. The Governor endorsed the crude and vicious amendment No. 13 and urged the people to adopt it. They rejected it by a vote of almost two to one. He now urges a Constitutional Convention. We believe that the same people who defeated Amendment No. 13 will also defeat a new constitution. The only men who are really clamoring for a new constitution are those who desire to provide for municipal and county bond issues, certain questionable features of the Initiative and Referendum, and certain Socialistic elements. Whenever any of these questions has come squarely before the people they have defeated it. The history of political progress in Arkansas does not vindicate the claim that we need a new constitution. The people have not been asked whether they want a new constitution. The pending measure does not propose to give them the right to say whether they want a new constitution, but forces an expensive convention without allowing sufficient time for discussion of vital issues, and then simply permits the people to vote yes or no on a costly experiment. The forcing of

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Booneville District, at Danville, March 7.
Texarkana District, at Ashdown, April 26-29.
Fayetteville District, at Rogers, March 13.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. Don C. Holman of Stephens has been confined to his room for the past week with la grippe.

Rev. C. E. Gray writes that his work on Charleston charge is moving on well and prospects indicate a good year.

Rev. A. T. Clanton writes from Wilmar that affairs in his charge are moving along, and he expects a great year.

Rev. L. J. Riddling writes that he is happily located at Bearden and hopes to build a new church there in the near future.

One of our subscribers writes that as he is a Sunday school superintendent and a steward he cannot get along without his church paper.

Rev. W. F. Rogers writes that "we have just begun our meeting here, with Brother Clark as preacher, and we are expecting a good revival."

Having secured fine property for the district parsonage at Forrest City, Rev. W. F. Evans, presiding elder of Helena District, will reside there.

Mr. T. A. Orr, from Benton, made our office a pleasant call while in the city on business. His reminiscences of early days in Arkansas were much enjoyed.

J. W. Kite of Kingsland and Mrs. Minnie Scarborough of Columbus, Ga., were married at the Methodist parsonage in Kingsland, January 19, Rev. R. L. Cabe officiating.

Hon. Geo. Thornburgh is convalescing from a recent attack of pneumonia. This illness was doubtless superinduced by Mr. Thornburgh's active interest in the "Bone Dry" bill.

Rev. W. C. Watson held the first quarterly meeting at New Edinburg Saturday and Sunday, and reports the salary of the preacher raised \$100, and everything moving along nicely.

Rev. W. F. Walker having been released from the charge to which he had been assigned, has been appointed to Wheatley and Hunter, in Helena District. He will live at Brinkley.

Last Friday Rev. G. G. Davidson, presiding elder of Fayetteville District, called. He reports all conditions favorable. His preachers are making a vigorous campaign for the paper, having begun in January.

Last Monday Hon. W. M. Wade of Logan County presented to Hon. Lee Cazort, speaker of the House, a gavel, the head of which is bone, as a memento of the "bone dry" legislation enacted at this session.

Prof. W. B. Mitchell, a 1907 graduate of Hendrix, who has been teaching chemistry and physics in Kentucky Wesleyan College, has accepted the position of Professor of Chemistry in Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.

The faculty of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., has voted to adopt a course of military training into the curriculum, under the general order of the War Department, which provides for a reserve officers' training corps.—Ex.

Mrs. Bradford Shinkle of Covington, Ky., has given her home, valued at \$200,000, to the Salvation Army for the purpose of establishing a training school for women where domestic science will occupy the first place in the curriculum.—Ex.

J. C. Offut, ninety-seven years old, died at Kingsland, January 29. He was a faithful Christian for more than forty-five years. He fought through the Civil War and reared a very useful family. He was one of the best known and best loved men in the community.

Rev. W. W. Christie of Murfreesboro called last Thursday. He had been attending the Preachers' Institutes at Prescott and Arkadelphia. A contract has been let and work begun on a brick veneer church on a new lot at Murfreesboro. This has long been needed.

The sick soul is as much a reality as the sick body. Diagnose a man's soul trouble and you can bring it to rest and contentment. We need soul doctors. Every pastor ought to know the rudiments of the profession in this respect. Some do, and God is using them.—Western Christian Advocate.

On account of a continued attack of la grippe the editor was forced to cancel his engagement for last Sunday and remain at home in bed. This will account for delay in answering some correspondence. As he is still unable to attend to all the duties of the office, he asks the brethren to be patient.

It all happened the same evening, and was reported on the same page of the local paper. Item One—"Auxiliary dance draws big crowd from six o'clock till well after midnight." Item Two—"The cold cuts down revival crowds. Jack Frost affected the attendance at the meeting last night." Comment uncalled for.—Ex.

Yale University receives a bequest of \$300,000, the Art Museum of Cleveland, O., \$100,000, the Germantown Dispensary and Hospital, Germantown, Pa., \$100,000, and the Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, Fla., \$100,000 from the fortune of Mary Warden Harkness, widow of Charles W. Harkness, the Standard Oil millionaire.—Ex.

Conference Evangelist W. B. Wolf is with Rev. M. A. Fry and his people in a revival at Mountain Home. Several persons have been reclaimed and converted, and the meeting is taking on large proportions. The outlook is good for a great revival. Brother Parker and wife of Cotter rendered valuable assistance the first week of the meeting.

Blessed is the man who can grasp the whole system of truth both in its theoretical form and in its practical applications. Twice blessed is he who realizes that it is just as important to be orthodox in practice as it is in doctrine, and especially in the practical application of truth to the uplifting of humanity and the realization of the kingdom of Christ on earth.—Christian Statesman.

The public has both the moral and legal right to protect itself completely against loss and injury due to squabbles between the railroad unions and the companies. It is entitled to forbid strikes or lockouts which interrupt interstate transportation. It is not an innocent bystander. It is an interested party whose power over the disturbers of its peace and comfort is unlimited.—New York Tribune.

When I came out to China I did not think much of foreign missions or foreign missionaries, but now I take my hat off to the missionaries. I have never contributed much to foreign missions, but when I get home I shall put everything I can spare into the foreign missionary collection. They are a noble lot of men and women and are rendering a very great service to the people of China.—Prof. Henry C. Adams.

This church on the exterior is to be beautifully lighted by means of the flood-light system. It will render the building as bright as day at night, and will make it an object of beauty. It is by this means that the Statue of Liberty in New York Har-

bor has been lighted in recent weeks. The State Capitol building at Little Rock is now illuminated thus. The ladies of the Woman's Society are financing the enterprise.—First Church (Texarkana) Pulpit and Pew.

The Psalmist proclaims that the heavens declare the glory of God; the scientist says that the heavens declare the glory of law. Both are right. We cannot conceive of a capricious God. God is the God of order. Dependable law is but the mode of His procedure. However, we must never think of law as pushing God aloof from His creatures. Jesus never allowed his conception of secondary laws to quench his passion for prayer. Nor must we.—Texas Christian Advocate.

Under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee, Hon. Sam W. Small and Dr. George W. Young have been delivering prohibition addresses in some of our leading cities during the past two weeks. Their object has been to create greater interest in national prohibition, with a view of securing the submission of an amendment by the present Congress. Our people are in hearty sympathy with this movement, and should write to our senators and representatives urging them to co-operate in securing immediate action.

Can a man be rich and honest at the same time? There are some people who would answer with a rather emphatic negative. But unbiased observers may arrive at a different conclusion. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, for example, declares deliberately that "ninety-eight out of one hundred of the rich men of America are honest. That is why they are rich. That is why they are trusted with money. That is why they carry on great enterprises and find plenty of people to work with them. It is because they are honest men." Of course there are honest rich men just as truly as there are dishonest poor men.—Biblical Recorder.

We demand educated educators. We demand professionally trained teachers, men and women of irreproachable character and well-tested abilities. We call no uneducated quack or charlatan to perform surgery upon the bodies of our children lest they may be deformed, crippled, and maimed physically all their lives. Let us take equal care that we intrust the development of the mental faculties to skilled instructors of magnanimous character that the mentalities of our children may not be mutilated, deformed, and crippled to halt and limp through life.—J. Sterling Morton, when United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Dr. Elkin, dean of the Medical College of Emory University, has returned some days ago from Washington, and brings the interesting information that the government will furnish an expert to give instruction in those things that will furnish our medical students with such knowledge as will fit them for military duty on the field, should our country need their services there. This puts at the command of the medical department of the University the latest that science has learned from the actual experiences in war and in the hospitals. It is a great thing for the institution and for those who attend it. Emory University lacks a great deal of being a small foundation now, and it will, in the years to come, be far bigger than it is today.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

During five centuries, from Hildebrand to Tintoret, Italy bore masters in every field. She formulated the religion of Christendom; she revived classical learning; she carried painting to its highest point; she surpassed all other moderns in sculpture; she gave architecture new grace and majesty and called modern music into being; she was the mother of Dante. It was the eye of a steadfast Italian that first discerned the shores of the New World through the dimness of an October dawn; it was an Italian that first penetrated the Tartar wilderness and beheld the wonders of Cathay. In commerce and industry she led the world; she taught it manners; set the seal of art on all her products, touching with beauty the meanest utensils and finding a use for the most beautiful things—if it were simply in enjoying them. Mankind has never seen another people which, during so many generations together, poured forth like the Italians its genius in so many directions and attained in each direction pre-eminence often without a peer.—William Roscoe Thayer, Harvard.

THE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN.

Lists and information have been sent to all our pastors. They are now supposed to be inaugurating the circulation campaign for 6,000 new subscribers ordered by the annual Conferences. Our 9,000 faithful subscribers in Arkansas are expected to co-operate with their pastors. They know now what the paper means to them. They can help the pastors to put it into the hands of their friends and neighbors. If any of our present subscribers wish to present the paper to friends, they should confer with their pastors in order that the pastors may be able to report all new subscriptions. Many subscriptions have been received since Conference and we had intended to report by districts this week, but the sickness of the editor adds so many additional burdens to the office force that the work cannot be done. We hope to report progress in the next issue. Remember that we are counting on every one doing his whole duty in this campaign.

ARKANSAS METHODIST COLLECTION.

Little Rock Conference.

Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount previously reported.....	\$ 536.00
Amounts received since last report:	
January 31—Sherrill	8.00
January 31—Lockesburg	18.00
January 31—Rowell	8.00
January 31—Buena Vista	5.00
February 2—New Edinburgh	10.00
February 2—DeWitt	12.00
February 2—Sheridan	15.00
January 27—First Church, Pine Bluff, omitted last week through error.....	70.00

Total\$ 682.00

North Arkansas Conference.

Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount previously reported.....	\$ 53.00
Amounts received since last report:	
January 31—Clarksville	25.00
February 2—Quitman	8.00

Total\$ 86.00

James Thomas, Treasurer.

HENDRIX ENDOWMENT.

I am delighted to announce additional pledges of \$25,000 to our fund. So the figures now stand:

Amount to be secured.....	\$500,000
By gift of New York Board.....	\$100,000
By pledges	150,000
	\$250,000

Amount to be secured.....\$250,000

We have reached the top of the hill since the date of our two Conferences, held November 29 to December 3, 1916. Two months of labor—thank God for the victory! We certainly ought to succeed. Yet it is a fight of the pastors and presiding elders, and any indifference retards; much indifference would yet defeat.

My brethren, it is easier to point out what is wrong than to tell how to remedy the wrong, but there are certain fundamentals that are so plain that none can ignore them. As a church we have grown rich, and have grown fat, and have grown soft, and we are today the most tempting prize for his Satanic Majesty under the canopy of heaven, in the whole Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Spiritually, many Arkansas Methodists are sick—property and money poor. Can it be that we preachers are to blame? Hendrix Endowment Campaign is the call of the church, the call of God. Should any be excused? I think not. Small is the man or woman in the richer experience that does not enthusiastically fall in, as God has prospered them.

To successfully conclude this work we need, first of all, co-operation, team work, the things that win in any line of human endeavor, and to secure this there is nothing quite so good as universal enthusiasm on the part of our ministry. This will arouse loyalty to Hendrix and church consciousness as nothing else can do.

"I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved; I do not expect the house to fall; but I do expect it to cease to be divided. It will become all one or all the other."—Lincoln.

Would it be improper to paraphrase that great utterance in discussing the present position of Hendrix College in Methodism? Can a college endure half prepared, half ready? Must it not become all one thing or the other? Good God save us from ourselves—and our people from the deadly spiritual malady—money madness!

We are SUCCEEDING.

On to \$500,000!—James Thomas, Agent.

BISHOP MURRAH'S APPEAL.

The campaign in behalf of our hospital enterprise has excited widespread interest. Memphis has done nobly. Under the stimulus of high motives, an indefatigable company of unselfish workers have pushed the movement with untiring zeal and perseverance. The response has been generous. If the Conferences immediately concerned will seize and improve the opportunity, we can build an institution worthy of our great church.

The appeal is inspiring. We should make it possible to open the hospital in the near future, that it may dispense its merciful benefactions and thus meet the demands of an urgent and imperative need.

We had just as well understand it, once for all, that there is no future for the church that does not present, vigorously and successfully, work of this kind. It is not only a legitimate, but it is a vital function of church enterprise. To neglect this means paralysis sooner or later in everything else.

Institutions of this nature enshrine the essential spirit of the Master. Let the way be opened for our Field Secretary everywhere. At this time, give him and his helpers the right of way.—W. B. Murrah.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Personal Elements in Religious Life; by W. D. Weatherford, Ph. D.; published by Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville and Dallas; price \$1.

These virile chapters grew out of a series of addresses on the attitude of modern scholarship toward Christianity first delivered at the University of Nanking, China, and with various revisions before other student bodies. While they were intended primarily for college students, they have such intrinsic worth that they deserve a larger audience and more permanent form. At the suggestion of the late Dr. Gross Alexander they were prepared for the Methodist Review, and after publication of a part therein were put in book form. The author disclaims originality, but he is entitled to credit for the clear and vigorous style in which he presents the arguments. Men who are troubled by some of the present seeming contradictions in moral and religious thought will read these chapters with avidity and profit. The book, on account of its apt presentation of modern Biblical problems, might appropriately be put in our course of study for preachers.

Across the Dead Line of Amusements; by Henry W. Stough, D. D.; published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago; price 75 cents.

Now, when people are amusement-mad, this book is timely. It is not a sweeping denunciation of all kinds of popular amusements, but a discriminating discussion of the real evils of the most dangerous and insidious. The chapters are: "The Tragedy of the Theatre;" "The Curse of Cards;" "The Dance of Death." Ministers who desire to preach on such themes would do well to study this book, and Christians who are troubled and seek light should read it. The quotations from men and women who have had personal experience and speak out of the fullness of information are especially valuable. The Evangelical ——— says: "If ever there was need for such courageous, powerful testimony against these evils, it is now. This book discusses the subject firmly, frankly, and with crushing force."

History of the Free Methodist Church of North America, Volume II; by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, Ph. D.; published by The Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago.

The first volume, which appeared over two years ago, was a careful and complete account of the formation of the Free Methodist Church. The second volume is a history of its growth and development to the present. This little denomination, with less than 40,000 members, has a remarkable

history. It has democratic bishops who serve four years and are generally re-elected, who sometimes act as editors and take an active part in the General Conference. After a long period of agitation women were permitted to become preachers. Their Publishing House in Chicago has been successfully managed and would be a credit to a strong denomination. Their general organ, The Free Methodist, has a large circulation in proportion to membership, and is ably edited. Their schools have been remarkably influential and have given evidence of wise financiering. Bishop Hogue very properly says: "The success achieved by the Free Methodist Church is to be measured not merely by its statistical showing, material equipment and spiritual development, but also by the good it has accomplished, incidentally and otherwise, outside the pale of the organization itself." He mentions the influence of the Free Methodist Church as an evangelizing agency in its relation to the general "Holiness Movement" of the country, claiming that it was the first distinctively Holiness Church organized in the United States. He holds that the influence of the Free Methodist Church as a witnessing body and as an evangelizing agency has also been marked in its relation to the spirituality of the other churches generally, and cites many witnesses from other churches to that effect. He calls attention to the fact that Dwight L. Moody was instructed regarding the baptism with the Holy Spirit by two Free Methodist women and under their direction was led to seek and obtain the experience, and that Jerry McAuley and his Water Street Mission were largely products of Free Methodism. That church, too, has been a leader in moral reforms, and its schools have educated many who have become prominent in other denominations. In preparing this admirable history Bishop Hogue has rendered a large service to the history of religion in America.

The Aftermath of the Civil War, in Arkansas; by Powell Clayton, Governor Arkansas, 1868 to 1871; published by The Neale Publishing Co., New York; price \$2.

To write the history of one's own times is not easy, but to write concerning "Reconstruction" in Arkansas is peculiarly difficult. No writer could satisfy all readers, hence this book, written by one of the most strenuous actors on that stage of complex events, will be subjected to fierce criticism. However, it is fair and right that both sides should have opportunity to present the situation. As no one ever questioned the ability of Gen. Clayton, this book, as might be expected, is a strong presentation of his side of the question, and will be read with interest by many who may refuse to accept his interpretation of the events.

Fagots and Flames: A Story of Winter Camp Fires; by Amy E. Blanchard; published by W. A. Wild Co., Boston and Chicago; price \$1.

This is a bright, attractive story of Camp Fire Girls, full of surprises and unusual incidents. It is recommended for girls who are interested in the Camp Fire movement.

READ CAREFULLY AND ACT QUICKLY.

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a measure through the Legislature for a Constitutional Convention violates the spirit of the Initiative and Referendum. The people should first be permitted, at minimum expense, to say whether they want a Constitutional Convention. This can be done by the simple device of submitting to the people at the next general election the question for or against a Constitutional Convention. The cost would be negligible. Two years would be given to produce and refute the arguments. Every reader is asked seriously to consider the situation. The Constitutional Convention that failed to adopt nine-tenths of the present constitution would find its work repudiated. Why subject the State to expense and the people to suspense to change the other tenth when we have a better method? Every patriotic citizen who approves of this argument is urged immediately to drop a line to his senator and representative protesting against the Constitutional Convention. Do not delay one minute. The future well being of Arkansas depends largely on the prompt action of good, conservative citizens. Act immediately and save Arkansas from danger.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

YOUR FAVORITE HYMN.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Wilt Thou not regard my call?
Wilt Thou not accept my prayer?
Lo, I sink, I faint, I fall!
Lo, on Thee I cast my care;
Reach me out Thy gracious hand!
While I of Thy strength receive,
Hoping against hope I stand,
Dying, and behold I live!

Rev. Charles Wesley, the most prolific of the English hymnists, wrote "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," one of the most uplifting of all popular hymns. There are various stories as to what prompted Wesley in the writing of these beautiful words, but none of them are given as coming from the author.

One story is to the effect that his narrow escape from death in a severe storm on the Atlantic inspired him to portray in verse the thoughts and sensations of a Christian in deadly peril. Another is to the effect that as he stood one summer day by an open window a little bird, sorely pressed by a vicious hawk, sought refuge in his bosom, and that this incident brought to his mind the soul's one secure place of safety in time of imminent need.

This hymn was a special favorite of Dr. Lyman Beecher, and his famous son, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, said of it: "I would rather have written that hymn than to have the fame of all the kings that ever sat on the earth. It is more glorious! it has more power in it. It will go singing until the last trumpet brings forth the angel band; and then, I think, it will mount up on some lips to the very presence of God."

Quite as interesting as is the writing of the words of this beautiful hymn is the inspiration that created the striking musical setting, "Martyn," which is usually used in its singing. "Martyn" was written by Simeon B. Marsh, who was born in New York State in 1798. During the winter months he taught singing in the villages and hamlets near his home. In 1832 he removed to Amsterdam, New York, and became leader of the choir of a Presbyterian Church.

Marsh wrote the music one day in the autumn of 1834, while seated under an elm tree, between his home town and Johnstown, New York. He set the music to another hymn of the same meter. Arriving at Johnstown, he wrote the new tune on the blackboard for the children's class that afternoon.

WANTED—A Methodist doctor, in city of 5,000 people, where three doctors have recently moved away. Splendid opportunity for right man. Hurry up.—Rev. W. W. Nelson, Deming, New Mexico.

ternoon. The appreciation was instant. Later it was found that the tune was better adapted to Wesley's hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and the change was made.

When Gilmore was preparing for the "World's Jubilee" in Boston in 1872, he selected "Martyn" as a representative American tune and invited Mr. Marsh to hear it rendered on that occasion by his famous band. Mr. Marsh died in 1877.

THE CHURCH'S BRADSTREET.

In taking charge of a new congregation, a pastor can find in the list of subscribers to the church papers a pretty fair Bradstreet rating of the intelligence, loyalty, and devotion of his membership. A feeling of great security comes over the parsonage folks in finding a long list, for those who read denominational literature are more likely to "stay put," both as to pastor and creed. The man who has a knowledge of the great things Methodism is doing will be prouder of his church, more tolerant and less blinded by prejudice—that foe of the prophet of God. He will be capable of finding grains of gold in the most barren sermon, while the ignorant, unphosphorescent person will likely consider only pyrotechnic displays and dramatic emotionalism as real religion.

Mr. Ignoramus, "brother to the bowlder," who "has not moved since the age of ice," in contrast to his blood relative, is a variant likely to "cut loose" from the church at any time, or, if he remains, is likely to be a thorn in the flesh of the preacher, if the church is not run according to his narrow notions. If any member, after having been fed for years upon church literature, "the proper aliment for noble souls," goes off after Christian Science or any other issue, he would be an interesting study as a psychical phenomenon.

Happy is the parish whose pastor combines with his homiletics the homely art of the subscription agent, like the heroic men of other days; who believes that when he is placing the church paper in the homes of his congregation he is just as much doing the work of the kingdom as when he is preaching the gospel, visiting the sick or feeding the hungry.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

CHEERING MESSAGES OF THE NEW YEAR.

It is wonderful what an effect a short message in a letter may have on one's nerves. It may help to turn them to a note of courage and of joy through the whole day, or it may strike a discordant note that will jar through the whole day. Happily, we do not receive at the Board of Missions many of the latter type, and when we do we have no disposition to pass them on. The following are some of the messages that have come to us in the last few days and that are worthy of being repeated, and the best of it is, this type of message is multiplying. We could give names, but these letters were written by men who do not their alms to be seen of men and would not appreciate having their good deeds heralded.

A gentleman who has for some time been supporting a missionary of his own wrote a few days ago: "I am sending you \$500 for the first half of the year on the support of my missionary in China. I want to support another missionary or build a church at a cost of \$800 or \$1,000, and will be

glad to receive a suggestion as to what place or what missionary you can give me." The suggestion was given him and we have already received his reply, in which he says: "I received your letter and report of missionary work in China and was glad to hear about it. Enclosed find check for \$1,000 for sending out a new missionary, as suggested by you."

A young man who is prospering in business and keeping a clear vision for the work of the Kingdom makes this proposition: "I wish to give \$1,500 to some object in the foreign field, and will ask you to suggest where it can be placed to meet the greatest need and do the greatest amount of good." The suggestion was promptly made, and we have no doubt the \$1,500 will be forthcoming.

The following letter is the result of the purpose of the writer, which has been cherished for some time, to secure a farm and deed it to the Board of Missions, so that the proceeds may go to the perpetual support of a missionary in the foreign field. The writer of this letter has been for a long time supporting his own missionary, and wishes to make sure of the perpetuation of that good work after he passes from the scene of action:

"I can safely say that I have my land purchased for the gift I am going to make—about 200 acres. * * * The land is as fine as any in our county, and will be worth \$150 per acre when I get it in good shape. I paid \$87.50 per acre for it. The location and land is all O. K. I feel it was in answer to my prayers that the Lord let the man sell to me. I told him why I wanted it, and all say it was a bargain at that price."

One of our constant and liberal contributors writes as follows: "I am enclosing check for \$2,000 to be applied to the work in Korea, in which I am interested. I rejoice to hear of your progress last year."

The Virginia Conference Board of Missions, with the presiding elders in council in their mid-year meeting, resolved unanimously to increase their foreign missionary offering \$25,000 this year. This is in addition to the splendid record that Conference has made in paying more than 200 per cent on its missionary assessment of \$26,000. They have already made a good beginning on this \$25,000 advance by sending in a number of new specials ranging from \$1,200 down to \$100.

The South Georgia Conference Board of Missions is undertaking to raise \$16,000 through the Sunday schools for the building of a church in Shanghai, China, in memory of the life and service of Dr. Young J. Allen. The proposition is meeting with universal approval, and the Sunday schools are taking hold of it throughout the Conference, and those in charge write that it will be an easy thing to do.

The increase in income from regular specials last year was 35 per cent over that of the year before. The indications are that it will be still greater in 1917. We have one thousand specials being carried by as many churches and individuals. It is not hard to imagine that out of the remaining 16,000 churches there are one thousand others that are just as able, and under proper guidance would be just as willing to carry a special as those already maintaining them. A great service can be done by helping us to get the other one thousand in line for advance.—W. W. Pinson, Sec.

REMINISCENCES.—No. 4.

I had traveled only a few miles when I rode up with a man whose name I learned by asking him, and introducing myself, was John Sullivan, and that he was a backsliden Methodist. I promised to pray for him every day if he would pray for himself every day, till the protracted meeting I was going to hold in his neighborhood. He promised and we shook hands on it. When I held my meeting he was there, went to the mourner's bench, and was reclaimed. All my time was spent in trying to persuade people to become Christians. I visited from house to house, and prayed with the people and sometimes there were conversions in the homes. I visited Simeon Pledger, who was a backslider, talked a while with the family, read a Scripture lesson and prayed. There were three or four boys from about twelve years down. They were standing around when we knelt down, and were still standing in the same places when we arose from our knees. They were astonished at the performance. I made monthly visits in that home, and those boys got so that they would meet me at the yard fence, and one of them slipped a coin (I believe it was a dollar) into my hand one day when I told him good-bye. Brother C. T. Mose was class leader at Balloon Church, a faithful man to duty. Brother Pledger told him that he did not thank him for telling the preacher how he was living. When our protracted meeting was held at Balloon, Brother Pledger got all right and went to the class leader, Brother Mose, and said to him: "I thank you for sending the preacher to my house, and telling him how I was living. I have gotten reclaimed. My wife has been converted. My children are in Sunday school, and two of them have been converted in this meeting." I met Brother Mose a few years since in New Mexico. I held a meeting in Dayton, eight miles from where he lived, and he walked eight miles to attend that meeting, and help me preach. Brother

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Users are willing to concede that these pills do all that is claimed for them. That is, they promptly relieve headache, backache, neuralgia, rheumatic pains, monthly pains, and almost every other kind of ache or pain and do this without any bad after-effects.

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er Mose died a few years after that. I have no doubt but he is in the Better World. That was a grand meeting at Balloon, and I never had any more doubts about my call to the itinerant ministry. We had some very remarkable conversions, and some very amusing things transpired. I preached one Monday morning from the text, "The Harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." When I called mourners every person in the house was either weeping or shouting, and every sinner came to the altar, but one, and he ran out the door. One of the mourners was old Mr. McAlroy, who had been a very wicked man, gambler, fighter, horse racer, drunkard and profane swearer. He was 75 years of age, and quite feeble. He kept coming to the mourner's bench for three or four days and was finally converted. He lived two or three years after his conversion, and died triumphantly. Mrs. Few, a very large woman, was converted, and shouted very much and hugged a great many of her neighbors and friends.—Geo. F. Fair.

Spur, Texas.

DRINK HOT WATER IF YOU DESIRE A ROSY COMPLEXION

Says we can't help but look
better and feel better
after an inside bath.

To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning to flush from the system the previous day's waste, sour fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood. Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incombustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken each day leave in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, form toxins and poisons which are then sucked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you want to see the glow of healthy bloom in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washings the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Men and women with sallow skins, liver spots, pimples or pallid complexion, and also those who wake up with a coated tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, others who are bothered with headaches, bilious spells, acid stomach or constipation should begin this phosphated hot water drinking and are assured of very pronounced results in one or two weeks.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, purifies and freshens the skin on the outside, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the inside organs. We must always consider that internal sanitation is vastly more important than outside cleanliness, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

WHEN WRITING OUR ADVERTISERS
PLEASE MENTION THIS PUBLICATION

IS SHE WORTH A CHANCE?

Is she? Is the young womanhood of Arkansas worth serious consideration at the hands of the Methodist Church? Do you really think she is? What have you done to prove it? How many days of your life have you actually given that her chances might be increased? How much money have you given to make a better day possible? Put it down in black and white. Now look it over. Are you satisfied with your record? Have you ministers, you laymen, you mothers, put forth your best to give the girlhood of Arkansas such opportunities for preparation as they deserve and must have, to become the useful women we need to be the leaders for womanhood in our borders? Has your soul ever been stirred by the consequences of our failures, the chances we have missed because of our neglect?

Plants will not grow well without proper soil, climate and moisture. They will not come to perfection except under conditions favoring the growth and maturity; neither will human life. While we have a campaign going on to secure diversification and better crops, better stock and cattle and everything else that is good for the farm, I must call your attention again to our efforts in trying to get better conditions for bringing some of Arkansas's womanhood to their fullest possible development.

Article after article and even books are appearing seeking to answer the question of why there are so many empty pews in our churches. One trouble I know is with the home. Home-religion is not in fashion today. It is out of style. Another trouble is the pulpit is smoldering instead of being aflame. These two forces, the home and the church, in earlier days were closer together. Now in many places there has settled down an indifference between them, a kind of general coolness; and unless the home awakens to its lack of substantial ideals, many of the children, with parents thrown in, are going to wreck as fast as modern speed can carry them. Furthermore, unless more of our ministers get on fire with a live message, kindled by the spirit of God, tremendous penalties will have to be paid and awful losses sustained. Our country is not drifting now. We are in the current, moving, carried out by the swiftness of a tide we may or may not be able to stem. Lack of reverence, love of luxury, desire for ease, greed for gain, can there not come some mighty force to help us stop?

A little woman's college is a small thing, but out of it may come a Frances E. Willard, an Alice Freeman Palmer, or a Mary Lyon. Look not with disdain on Galloway's ambition to help bring a new day to the home life of Arkansas—not all in a year, but through the increasing years. If no great soul is reborn here for the good of mankind, surely we shall send out those who can make great wives and great mothers, young women who can glorify His temple in the home, young women who are trained to the realization of their duties to the race, their country and their God.

We challenge Methodism in Arkansas to furnish the physical equipment that we may have the chance of putting the red current of our lives into the best products your homes can furnish; we challenge the State of Arkansas to let us prove the tremendous worth of such an institution; we challenge the ministers, the laymen,

the mothers of our great state to give of their lives and means as we are giving of ours for a greater womanhood and a greater Church. We bring no far-off call from India in her need, nor China in her want and toil, it is a call from your native land, your own state, for the girl that plays about your knees. Yes, our cry is for help to show her how to meet our country's call. Not that we may rear her in luxury, shorn of toil; but that we may place before her the full-orbed task of a woman's world and challenge her to meet it.

Is she worth the chance? Is our home and homeland worth a chance like this? Neither church, nor home, nor nation will rise above the womanhood we produce and the homes we fashion. Woman is primal, fundamental and down the centuries comes the promise, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." It was meant in part for her. If she is worth her part in the life of the Son of God, she is worth her part in our lives, our means, our all; for into her hands has been committed the destinies of the race. A thousand times she is worth the chance and, with a heart as big as the need, promise she shall have it.—J. M. Williams, Galloway College.

THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE CITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE METHODIST HOSPITAL IN MEMPHIS.

The campaign for the hospital in Memphis was a great success. More than \$175,000 was secured in ten days. There is great rejoicing among those who have the cause most on their hearts.

Right royally have Memphians answered the query of many throughout the country, "What has Memphis done for the hospital?" She never had a chance until now. Her splendid response to the appeal of the hospital is a new proof of the bigness and tenderness of her heart.

The organization created by Mr. F. C. Barber of New York, director general of the campaign, consisted of an executive council of eleven of the biggest business men of the city, an advisory committee of five of our most prominent women, with Mrs. W. B. Murrah at their head, and twenty-four teams, each composed of a captain and nine privates. Sixteen of these were the most successful and alert business men of the city, and eight of them leading church and society women. They were of all creeds and shades of religious belief, but one in their sympathy for human suffering and their zeal for the institution proposing to relieve it.

For ten days this faithful band of loyal workers met for noon luncheon in the Chisca Hotel. There reports were made and brief inspirational speeches were heard.

Among the speakers who graced the occasion were Mr. Joseph Newburger, one of our big-hearted Jewish friends; Bishop Thomas F. Gailer of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Dr. W. M. White of the Christian Church; Dr. C. H. Williamson of the Presbyterian Church; Mr. C. P. J. Mooney, the brilliant editor of the Commercial Appeal, and our own Bishop W. B. Murrah. These were all of one mind in appreciation of the enterprise and enthusiasm for its success.

The campaign was remarkable in many respects. On several days the supposed experts whispered their

fears of a slump in the subscription totals, but they were all gloriously disappointed. No team ever reported a blank for the day, and on no day did the subscriptions amount to less than \$10,000. On the last day, when the break of our government with the German empire had caused a slump in the price of cotton of over \$5 a bale, nearly \$15,000 was reported.

The interest spread to other towns, and several of them, as Wynne and Forrest City, in Arkansas, and Como, Miss., broke into the subscription list with liberal offerings.

The newspapers of the city rendered the campaign invaluable service. Mr. Forbes, city editor of the great Commercial Appeal, an honored guest at the opening dinner, penciled on one of the cards, as the subscription for his

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paper, "All the publicity desired." After that the campaign was given abundant space on the first page, which was a large factor in the success of the effort.

Mr. John R. Pepper made an ideal chairman. Alert to every situation and ready with appropriate repartee, he moved the business forward with a master hand.

Memphis has met her opportunity royally. Her appreciation of the Methodist Hospital and her readiness to bear her part in its expense have been put beyond any question. Her liberality and enthusiasm fling the gauntlet at the feet of the surrounding territory with a challenge that cannot be denied—"What will you do to give suffering humanity this needed institution?"

Only cash or subscriptions can answer this challenge. Let these roll in to the headquarters office, 1025 Lamar Boulevard, without delay. Or call the Field Secretary and his assistants to assist in conducting a campaign for the hospital in your community while interest is aroused.—H. M. Ellis, Field Secretary.

A TEXAS LETTER.

A Texas reader hereby gives expression to his appreciation of Arkansas through the Arkansas Methodist. There is an old stale joke here in Texas apparently reflecting upon Arkansas, so that when anyone is proclaimed to be from Arkansas everybody laughs. But it appears to me at present that the joke is on Texas. The discrimination shown by the Arkansas citizenship in the vote on constitutional amendments contrasts in favor of Arkansas with the unintelligent way in which Texas voters have in recent years, for the most part, refused to change an antiquated constitution. The contrast is all the greater when we compare your new progressive governor with the unfortunate choice of our Texas people. On this subject perhaps the less said the better. The worst thing that has happened in the state in many years is the attack of the governor upon the State University. Certain members of the faculty were not acceptable to

the governor for political and other reasons, and he demanded their summary dismissal without investigation, and proposed also to depose such regents as would not do his bidding. A thorough investigation proved the serious charges to be untrue and the others trivial. All of the professors were retained, but by a divided vote. Perhaps the end is not yet, as new regents are to be appointed by the governor.

Our Legislature is now in session and the submission of a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition, which was carried in last summer's primaries, hangs in the balance. Both houses are largely favorable to prohibition, but it seems difficult to muster the required two-thirds vote. A compromise now seems likely.

Not only is Arkansas progressive in its civic life, but our Methodism has manifested an independence that fills forward-looking people with admiration and hope. The success of your educational campaign is remarkable.

I can remember when we Virginians used to look upon North Carolina as a backward state, but before long she had in some respects outstripped us. So we Texans rejoice in the progress of Arkansas. The good people in Texas are in the majority and their time will come. Those of the type of Morris Sheppard will soon, we trust, get control of our civic, social, and ecclesiastical life.

May I add that Arkansas has contributed to our Texas Methodism two men who are making good in every sense of the word. Professor W. P. Davidson, at Southwestern, and Dr. Ivan Lee Holt at S. M. U., have made for themselves a place among us, and their work may justly be termed brilliant.—John C. Granbery.

SOME THINGS I HAVE NOTED IN STUDYING THE MINUTES OF THE METHODIST AND BAPTIST CHURCHES OF ARKANSAS.

I note the fact that these two great churches are far in the lead of any other churches in the state, though other churches are doing a great work. But, with all that we are doing, there is much unoccupied territory in the state. I will give some figures to show something of what we are doing.

Our Baptist brethren have a membership of 122,465.

Church property valued at \$2,230,250.

Expended last year for all purposes, \$410,773.

Sunday schools in the state, 677.

Pupils in Sunday schools, 42,629.

Baptized into the church, 9,000.

Otherwise received, 5,398.

Total received, 14,398.

Collected for Missions, \$54,344.

They have many missionaries in the field to their credit; their missionaries are very busy, doing nobly. Their state missionaries do something like the same work as our presiding elders do in looking over the general field.

The Methodist Church has a membership of 109,635.

Church property valued at \$2,865,167.

Expended last year for all purposes, \$799,082.

Sunday schools in the state, 947.

Pupils in Sunday schools, 89,252.

Members received on profession of faith, 8,249.

Members otherwise received, 6,335.

Total members received, 14,584.

Missions from all sources, \$60,532.

Counting salary of elders that do the work largely as field missionaries, it would be \$99,311.

And yet, with all we are doing, there is much neglected territory in our state. We need to press our Sunday school and mission work; we need more teacher training classes, but we need to know who is doing the training. Let our teachers who teach Teacher Training Classes be sound in the faith, who do not question the fundamentals of our religion, and who do not question the authenticity of the Bible, but believe in a Divine Christ, for the large majority of our members come from the Sunday schools. We want teachers who will help evangelize the unevangelized. We need more trained workers to lead our young people, teachers with the missionary spirit in them, teachers with a vision.—J. A. Biggs.

HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE.

The presiding elders of the Little Rock Conference have written me, setting forth their readiness to welcome me into their districts for the Henderson-Brown campaign. My purpose is to give about two weeks in each district, beginning in March.

Rev. Marion Nelson Waldrup is to assist me, giving as much of his time as he can spare from his pastorate during the campaign. Of course, I am expecting valuable help from presiding elders, pastors and laymen.

Brother Waldrup made a great address on Christian Education at the close of our Preachers' and Laymen's Missionary Institute last Wednesday night, before an audience that filled to overflowing the seating capacity of the church, and as a result of his appeal the Arkadelphia people enthusiastically resolved to get behind the unpaid balance of the open account indebtedness of the college, and \$15,000 on endowment, which means that they stand ready to assume about \$50,000 needed to pay off the debts of the college and give it \$100,000 endowment. This splendid act on the part of Arkadelphia people is going to give hope and inspiration to our campaign all along the line.

Now, brethren, get ready for a pull altogether and we will soon reach the goal.—A. O. Evans, Financial Commissioner.

AN APPRECIATION.

The untimely death of Ruth Lois Whaley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Whaley of Little Rock, carried away a young woman whose life had already touched the younger leaders of her state. Just passed her twentieth birthday, she was a member of the Senior Class of 1917 at Galloway College, where she would have taken her A. B. degree in June. She had already received her diploma in piano and at the time of her death she was a member of the Galloway Staff, was College Accompanist and President of the Young Women's Christian Association. For eight years she had been a member of the Methodist Church.

Lois was a musician of rare promise, great-souled, deeply religious and withal endowed with a mind of unusual brilliance. Her temperament was poetic, her lot in life was to scatter joy and sunshine. Sometimes a shadow flecked her sky or a minor chord left its plaintive note; but then, too, she was the joy of our college home. In her going the state suffers a loss; in her life it has a gain. For where many young women feel that

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Furred Tongue, Bad Taste, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret to-night will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months.

their social position and leadership depend on things, the righteousness of which the Church calls in question, Lois lived a leader's life which should be a perpetual example of how loved those can be whose lives are yielded to the guidance of the Christ.

The prayers of our Church go up for her loved ones; we pray God to bless the home whose tender care and abiding faith made such a life possible. God bless the home that gave Arkansas such a girl.—J. M. Williams, Galloway College.

REV. O. J. BEARDSLEE.

Rev. O. J. Beardslee was born in LeClaire, Iowa, November 11, 1852. He was married to Miss Isabelle M. Cooper at Moline, Ill., November, 1878. He lived in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska until 1887, when he and his family moved to Arkansas and settled at Redfield, where he lived for ten years. He was a railroad man and was station agent at Redfield several years. Here is where I first met him and was his pastor for three years. I knew him as Sunday school superintendent, steward and local preacher. In the fall of 1897 he was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference and served the following charges in the Little Rock Conference as an itinerant preacher: Little Prairie, Redfield, Sherrell, Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, and Lake Village. In the fall of 1903 he transferred to the Arkansas Conference and was stationed at Rogers. In the spring of 1904 his health gave way and he was forced to give up his active work in the ministry. At the next Conference he was superannuated and has since held that relation.

About a year ago he lost his wife while visiting his son in Clarks, La., and from that time went rapidly down and on January 1, 1917, while visiting his daughter in Lincoln, Neb., he died without a moment's warning. He was buried in Moline, Ill., beside his wife, where they spent their lives and were married years ago. He leaves two children: A. B. Beardslee, of Clarks, La., and Mrs. Bessie B. Hyde, of Lincoln, Neb.—W. W. Christie.

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"Pour out your souls to God,
And bow them with your knees;
And spread your hearts and hands
abroad,
And pray for Zion's peace.

Your guides and brethren bear
Forever on your mind;
Extend the arms of mighty prayer,
In grasping all mankind."
—Charles Wesley.

As we pray for ourselves, the suffering and bereaved ones of other lands, let us beseech God to touch the hearts of the rulers of all nations that they may receive wisdom from on high.

OUR SPRING CALENDAR.

North Arkansas Conference W. M. Society, annual meeting in Van Buren, February 27-March 2.

Little Rock Conference W. M. Society in Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, March 6-9.

Annual meeting, Woman's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, New Orleans, April 11-20.

PERSONAL MENTION.

On Saturday Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, secretary Home Base, Woman's Missionary Council, returning from the annual meeting of the East Oklahoma Conference W. M. S., spent several hours in Little Rock and gave us the pleasure of a little visit. This was her second trip to Oklahoma within a few weeks, she having attended the annual meeting of the West Oklahoma W. M. Society in January. She was much gratified by the progress made by the women in both societies, as shown by their fine reports. She said

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the East Oklahoma Conference raised considerably more for the pledge than was promised by their representatives at the last Council meeting. By the way, we learned from her that Mrs. Hargrove of Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., is her sister-in-law, one of the Lipscomb family, who furnished several devoted workers in the M. E. Church, South. That mistake was not so bad, after all, for there still remain to the credit of the Watkins family three consecrated women, Mrs. Lipscomb, our secretary Home Base, Miss Janie Watkins, and Miss Olive Lipscomb, missionaries to China, whom we all honor and love.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, president Woman's Missionary Council, and Miss Mabel Head, secretary of Foreign Missions, are now on the way home from China, fortunately on the Pacific Ocean. They are expected to arrive in Nashville, Tenn., by the middle of March.

Mrs. Hume Steele, Council Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity, recently attended the interdenominational meeting in New York for the promotion of Foreign Missions. Two weeks ago Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, secretary of Home Missions of the Missionary Council, represented our work in the Interdenominational Home Missions meeting in New York.

FOR THE LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

Recently it was suggested that the district secretaries of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference W. M. Societies might give us a helpful and interesting page, and the last week in February was designated as the time. We hope to have a message from every missionary district secretary of Arkansas in hand not later than Friday, February 16, as the last issue for the month will be on the 22d. As we have more than a dozen elect women serving on districts, it will be necessary for each to make her message brief.

PRAY FOR THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The real, lasting good resulting from a religious gathering is the inspiration for better lives and bigger undertakings. This inspiration is the presence of God in the midst. His presence, Himself, can be there only in different folks.

Each surrendered, prayer-filled life will carry the actual presence of God into the annual meeting at Van Buren, February 27-March 2.

Each thoughtless, care-filled life will carry up to the same place a real barrier to His presence. We see how necessary it is to begin now to pray for each one who is to be present. Let's pray that God may direct every one on the program; that the officers may know Him; that each delegate may be filled with His presence, and that Van Buren may furnish a God-filled atmosphere, perceptibly aglow with warmth and power of Christ Himself.

Can't Friday, February 23, be set apart as a day of special prayer—Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, President.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society, please give attention.

The time for our annual meeting is drawing near, and you can help the entertainment committee very much by sending names of delegates early. We all know how much easier it is to entertain a large crowd when the name of each woman is placed in the hands of the committee on homes. So you will save confusion and embarrassment by sending, as soon as possible, the names of delegates and visitors who expect to come, and by stating what time you expect to arrive.

If your name is sent to us and you find at the last moment you cannot come, we will appreciate it if you drop us a card to that effect. We are praying for a great Conference. We want you to come, but we want your name first. Send all names to Mrs. W. L. Oliver, chairman Committee on Homes, Van Buren, Ark.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Superintendents of Study and Publicity: The time for our annual meeting is drawing near, and I feel that our report on Mission Study and Publicity is very incomplete. Have you had a Mission Study class that has not been reported to me? If so, will you not please now send me the name of the book or books; if more than one class, the number in each class and the result of the study? You know each new book is reported as a new class.

Have you had a Bible Study class? If so, please tell me about it. Have you used the bulletins in your monthly meetings? How did you present it? If you used any unique ways in presenting it, bring samples to the meeting, so others can profit by them. Please send or bring to the annual meeting charts, samples of invitations, publicity plans of any kind for our publicity booth. Send these to Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Van Buren.

I hope I will hear from every Mission and Bible Study class that has not been reported to me. It will not take much of your time and will very much help us in our report.

Hoping to hear of many study classes and thanking you for anything you do to help us make this department a success, I am.—Yours cordially, Mrs. A. B. Haltom, Supt. Study and Pub., N. Arkansas Conference W. M. Society.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

I am happy to report the Junior Division has gone forward along all lines during the year 1916. For lack of competent leadership a few auxiliaries have been lost, but others have been organized, and by the faithful co-operation of so many loyal second vice presidents we can report considerable gain. Fifty-two auxiliaries reported during the year, and eight more have been organized to begin work in 1917. The pledge for the Conference was \$400, and it is with gratitude to the Father we report \$505.90 paid. For all purposes the children report \$1,052.81. With 60 auxiliaries, representing 1,500 members, we should undertake still greater things this year. The following are on the Honor Roll: Clarksville, Searcy, Marion, Augusta, Blytheville No. 1, Blytheville No. 2, Jonesboro First Church, and Van Buren.

Will each district secretary please send me list of new second vice presidents, so I may have a correct list

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for the new Conference second vice president? This will prevent any delay in the work.—Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Second Vice President.

ITEMS FROM AUXILIARIES.

Foreman.

Mrs. C. B. Aydelotte, corresponding secretary, sends the list of newly-elected officers of Foreman auxiliary and asks for the booklet, "Helps," that necessary information in conducting the work may be in hand.

Oak Grove.

Mrs. R. V. Fuqua, superintendent of publicity, writes:

Before we had any organization the people of this neighborhood looked after the poor, welcomed new comers kindly, and, as well as their pocket-books would allow, kept their school house in repair, and always kept up their Sunday school and church services. Toward the last of Rev. H. W. Lewis' first year on the charge he suggested a Woman's Missionary Society. At his invitation Mrs. W. A. Steele of Van Buren came to Ozark on the railroad, and from there rode sixteen miles over rough mountain roads to the home of Mrs. Ora Ruppertt, who entertained her while on the mountain. She explained the object of the Woman's Missionary Society and an auxiliary was organized. We had some meetings in 1916, but began our real work the first Saturday in January, 1917. We have remembered our pastor's family and have supplied them with fruits canned from our orchards. We felt our Great Leader wished us to hold cottage prayer



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meetings, and on Friday nights we meet in some home for prayer and praise. We expect to hold 52 meetings in this year. The people welcome us, and only the "All Wise Father" can see what a wonderful harvest of good may result. We feel the benefit derived from our missionary meetings every two weeks. We have only seven members living in a circle five miles in circumference, but in some way we meet together and pray and plan for the good of others as well as ourselves. Our pastor gives us his hearty support. Oak Grove brethren boost and pray for us. The girls keep house at home while we attend the meetings. God opens our eyes to new ways of doing good. We wish our sisters to send us literature for distribution and to pray for us.—Mrs. R. V. Fuqua.

Mt. Top, Ark.

Crawfordsville.

Crawfordsville Missionary Society met last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Knott. This was a meeting of great interest, not only for the missionary knowledge gained, but for the manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The installation of officers was conducted by Brother Langston in a very impressive manner. The leaflet, "Enlargement Our Watchword," showing us that missionary work is the greatest business of the world, was read. The presentation of stewardship on the blackboard was given briefly and pointedly, showing how God blesses money when used for His glory. Immediately after reading the Bible lesson pledge cards were distributed, and while only half of the membership was present, the pledge made was indeed gratifying. An earnest prayer by Brother Langston closed the meeting. Bountifully we were served by Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Williams, who have a reputation in that line. Our society is one of the youngest in the Conference, but we feel that we are doing a great work. We attribute its growth and enthusiasm largely to our faithful and efficient president. We feel that we have entered the new year with a greater vision of the work, its needs and opportunities for redemptive work.—Aux. Supt. Study and Publicity.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 18.

By Kate J. Bigham.

"He fought his doubts and gathered strength,
He would not make his judgment blind,

He faced the spectres of his mind
And laid them; thus he came at length
To find a stronger faith his own."—
In Memoriam.

Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son.
John 4:43-54.

Golden Text: As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. Mat. 8:13.

Date: December 27, a few days after Christ's talk with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

Places: Cana of Galilee and Capernaum.

I. Lesson Outline:

1. Christ returns to Galilee, vs. 43-46.

2. A nobleman requests him to heal his son, vs. 46-49.

3. The reward of faith, vs. 50-54.

II. Approach To the Lesson.

For young pupils, especially, the point of contact can always be made effectively by a story bearing on the central truth of the lesson; in the present one, Faith. The Bible, as well as secular literature, is full of such. Read Hebrews 11, fittingly called "The Westminster Abbey of the Bible."

III. Handwork.

1. Draw a map of Palestine putting on it all the places so far mentioned in the life of Christ, and trace his journey from Judea to Cana, making a brief talk on the same. A review is the very foundation of good teaching, and with the lower classes it is the only insurance for a stable superstructure.

IV. Discussion of the Lesson.

1. Christ returns to Galilee, vs. 43-46.

Preview: Galilee as a Field for Christ's Ministry.

"The country was crossed by many of the world's most famous highways. It was full of Roman civilization, busy, populous and progressive." But over and above these conditions was the one growing out of them that made it the best possible field for Christ's ministry, and this was the teachableness of the people. The Judeans, especially the leaders of the Jewish Church, were stagnating with the inertia of tradition and hopelessly paralyzed by a formal religion.

"The men who can be so made as to become makers are the men who unite the open sense and innocent wonder of the child with the high faith and resolute will of the man. Official or officious teachers are seldom made of teachable stuff. The simple Galileans were not mis-made, only un-made men, waiting but the coming of One who could breathe into them the breath of life to rise up quick and quickening spirits." Studies in the Life of Christ—Fairbairn.

He went into Galilee v. 43. See Preview and 4:1-3.

His own country, v. 44. Judea was Christ's birthplace and spiritual country. Galilee, where he was brought up, was the scene of most of his life. See Mat. 13:57 for application of the proverb to Nazareth. Critics are di-

vided on the application of the phrase in the present lesson.

The Galileans received him, v. 45. They had witnessed not only his first miracle, when "The conscious water saw its Lord and blushed", but they had seen many of his signs at the Feast of Passover in Jerusalem, ch. 2:23.

2. The king's officer requests him to heal his son, vs. 46-49.

A certain nobleman, etc. vs. 46-47. A civil or military officer of the Tetrarch, Herod Antipas, called king by courtesy. Cana was a hilly region and Capernaum in the low country about twenty-two miles distant. "The nobleman may have been a Jew, but was more probably a Gentile connected with the court", whose faith rested on a report of Christ's miracles.

Except ye see signs and wonders, v. 48. Christ perceived the defective faith of the man as well as the saving leaven in it, and proceeded to conserve and develop the latter. Signs, or manifestations of an invisible Divine presence, were for those who sought him in a right spirit for moral or spiritual reasons, and by the performance of which Christ revealed God's glory (8:50) and his own. (See John 20:30, 31). Wonders, mere portents to appeal to the sense of amazement and awe Christ refused to work. One of the greatest indictments against men today, as then, is the fact that they will not believe unless they see signs and wonders. We are indeed like "children crying for the light, with nothing but a cry", but we require physical evidence to believe. It is both our salvation and condemnation. I am reminded that a little cigarette, spider-legged man went up to Sam Jones after hearing him preach and said, "Mr. Jones, I don't believe the things you've been preaching about today. I've made up my mind not to believe anything that I cannot see!" "Well, son, I am quite sure you haven't any backbone, for I know right well you never have seen it," was the crushing rejoinder.

3. The Reward of Faith, vs. 50-54.

Go thy way; thy son liveth, v. 50. With intense parental anxiety and love, the father attempted (See v. 49) to cut short any discussion of the nature of faith and insisted on the prompt return of Jesus with him to Capernaum. But Christ had a greater gift for him, he had the immediate healing of his son, and the salvation of his entire household including himself. He must secure it, however, through faith. He must add belief in the Word of Christ to belief in the reputation of Christ as a healer. Having met this test a superior faith still was to be achieved, faith in Christ himself as Son of God and Savior of the World. This supreme faith was obtained as related in the following verses of the lesson:

As he went homeward, rejoicing in the hope of a healed son, his servants met him and confirmed his faith. Upon inquiry he found that the fever had left him at the seventh hour, one o'clock, of the preceding day, which agreed with the time of the healing pronounced by Christ.

And himself believed, etc., v. 53.

Many identify the nobleman with Chuza, Herod's steward, Lk. 8:3. For other examples of household conversion see Acts 18:8, 16:31, 10:24-44, 1 Cor. 1:16.

V. Question and Principles For Reflection and Discussion:

1. Why did Christ condemn faith based on signs and wonders?

2. Compare that faith with faith as defined in Heb. 11:1. "Faith is the evidence of things not seen."

3. See Habakkuk 3:17 for supreme faith.

VI. Assignment of Next Lesson:

1. Look up the laws of the Old Testament concerning the Sabbath.

2. Find out all you can about the Pool of Bethesda.

3. Have lower classes (a) Write the lesson story in their own words, (b) Describe orally the scene depicted. See Hervey: Picture-Work, p. 11 for making an Oriental house from a paper box, also directions for making an Oriental bed. Revell Co. —Galloway College, Bible Department.

TEACHER TRAINING ENROLLMENT.

Between December 20, 1916, and January 20, 1917, the enrollment of teacher training classes and students in the Gulf Division was as follows:

Alabama Conference—Two classes, 31 students (including two individual students), at Dadeville, Fort Deposit, and Mobile. (The enrollment of the Dadeville students as from the Alabama Conference is an error, as they should have been reported as from the North Alabama Conference.)

Little Rock Conference—Four classes, 31 students (including two individual students), at Arkadelphia (2), Kingsland, and Little Rock (2).

Louisiana Conference—One class, 10 students, at McNary.

Mississippi Conference—Four classes, 53 students, at Brookhaven, Homewood, Montrose, and Poplaryille.

North Alabama Conference—Six classes, 67 students (including five individual students), at Addison, Detroit, Hamilton, Harvest, Helena, Ma-ben, and Sulligent (2).

North Mississippi Conference—Three classes, 16 students (including two individual students), at Central Academy, Etta, Indianola (2), and Sardis.

Total enrollment for the division, 20 classes, 208 students (including 11 individual students).

Aggregate from the whole church, 55 classes, 688 students.

The banner Conference this month was the Virginia, with four classes and 106 students.—A. L. Dietrich.

NOTE FROM PARAGOULD.

The "Susannah Wesley" Bible Class of the First Church, Paragould, recently elected a new corps of officers, headed by Mrs. Belle Watts as president. Mrs. A. C. Cloyes is the faithful teacher of the class. Its attendance is reported as increasing steadily, an average of one new member being added each Sunday. This class and the young ladies' class jointly support a native worker in China. In the White Gifts Christmas exercise this class presented its offerings on a tea table beautifully decorated, carried by some members of the class dressed in the costume of Mrs. Wesley. A part of the table's decorations was a small Christmas tree, itself appropriately decorated. In distributing the gifts next day this little tree was given to a poor widow who had three small children, affording them much pleasure. The class appears to be striving to be worthy its name.—A. L. Dietrich.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 18.

Using What We Have. Acts 3:1-10.

What We Have is All We Need.—

If we use what we have we will get more to use. If we do not use what we have, we lose even what we had. If we fail to use what we have, we would not use more if we had it. God would not put us in the world and surround us with impenetrable barriers or without the ability to conquer. The two talent man used what he had and received as much commendation as the one who had five talents. Someone else may be more accomplished than you, may sing sweeter, talk more fluently, have a greater influence, but none nor all of these excuse you from exercising the ability you have. The little grocer with a \$500 stock does not quit because another man has a \$10,000 stock. The teacher with a second-rate certificate and poor salary does not give up because another teacher has a first grade certificate. The man with a small farm never thinks of discontinuing his pursuit because his neighbor has a large farm. The successes would all be failures if they did not use what they had. The rich would all be poor.

The Great Achievements of the World Have Not Been Accomplished by Those Who Could Do them the Easiest.—Demosthenes was tongue-tied; thousands of others had a better chance to become an orator than he. He thrilled the world of his day by using what he had. Peter would have been the last person on earth, so far as opportunity is concerned, to preach the sermon of Pentecost; a fisherman, with all the limitations of such a life, he used what he had. David was too insignificant to be considered in the challenge to the Army of Israel, but when there was no one else his service was permitted. He did not use Saul's armor. Too many of us want to use the garb, way, method, language of someone else when we undertake a thing. David used what he had. Christ, in feeding the five thousand, used what he had. The loaves and fishes were not sufficient

for the disciples to work with, but all that they needed when Christ showed them how. Bunyan, in Bedford jail, did not have a library, nor loved ones to cheer; did not have a stenographer nor roller-top desk. He used what he had, and today the world walks to Bedford to see the jail made famous by one man using what he had. Moses refused the request of God to become the emancipator of Israel, because he had nothing. God asked him, "What is that in thine hand?" And obeying, he used the stick to bring the ten plagues on Pharaoh and secured the release of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. He struck the rock in the desert with the stick and water gushed forth. He waved it over the Red Sea and the waters parted and the people of Israel walked over on dry land. Hence God said to Moses, "All that you need is just what you have, and me." The same is true of each one of us; all we need to succeed in the League or in any undertaking of life worth while is just what I have, and God.

The thirteen colonies defeated England not because of their superior equipment, but by using the meager implements and resources that they had. Lincoln spread ashes on the floor of his cabin home, in which, with a stick, he solved the problems in mathematics that made him a thinker. He became great by using what he had. Lee is honored today by both North and South because he used what he had, and with the little means and few men of the South made the North, with five times the number of men and a thousand times the means, fight four years to defeat him.

League Officers Too Often Lacking, in Faith, Persistency, and Activity.—Instead of saying "it is impossible to get anybody to do anything," or no one will take part on the program; it's just the same few that have to do everything," try using each member of your League. If you have failed in getting them to take part or to work, look at yourself and see if there is not something wrong. Ask God to help you find the hindrance. Maybe it is your plan or method. Don't quit, but find the weakness and make the League go in all of its departments by using the material that you have. It can be done. Too often we lack patience. We ask a Leaguer once, and because he or she forgets or fails, you become discouraged. Work at the League like you do at business or at your household duties and your success will be phenomenal. If you are not using what you have, the reflection is on you rather than on the Leaguers.

Organize Into Teams.—A good way to get everyone to work is to organize the entire membership into several teams of, say, ten each, with a captain for each team. Let each team have a Sunday in the month to take charge of the devotional service. See which one can do the best or make the most helpful and interesting service. Other activities of the League can be apportioned among them in like manner.

There is no League so limited in conditions or ability that it can not be made a wonderful success by using what you have.

Essay Contest to Close April 1.—Carthage League has sent in through one of its members an essay on the subject assigned in the first part of the year, "How to Make a League Go," and several others have entered the contest, but we would like that each district in the Little Rock Conference be represented, and have extended the time until April 1. The prize is five dollars in gold. The essay must be short—not over three or four hundred words.

The Membership Contest.—We are looking for some interesting reports from some of the chapters as to the number of new Leaguers received during February. Let each League get busy if you have not already done so, and have some part in this membership campaign. Let each member go out and get another, if you have no better plan. But see that each Leaguer on the roll gets a letter or other invitation and urgent request to do this. Don't just tell those at the service.

Paying Pledges and Chapter Dues.—Mount Ida and Nashville Leagues have paid their pledges to missions. Don't forget that each chapter should pay the \$2.50 dues for the year and should pay them now. Let each secretary get busy on these dues, and the first district with every League paid will get a handsome present.

CONWAY LEAGUE.

The young people who compose the League cabinet are among the best in our church, and they earnestly consider all questions concerning their work. There is not a League member but who is glad of the opportunity of taking part on our programs, and the programs prepared are a help and an inspiration to all attending. Our League socials are popular, and are the means of uniting the different schools in a social way. Never in the history of our chapter have Hendrix College and the Normal School co-operated more successfully for best results. It is our chapter's aim to help the pastor in his work, and we strive to do this by keeping in touch with young people not in League or Sunday school. We have a Mission Study class, and at present we are studying "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." We also have our part in the fund for Christianizing that "dark continent." The Conway chapter has adopted the budget system, and we find it works successfully. We realize that we are not a perfect chapter, but we feel our responsibility to our sister Leagues, and we are sending out a number of letters over the Conference, asking for the privilege of co-operating with them for a greater League. If there are any chapters we have not reached, to whom we could be of service, we will be glad to help, either by sending you literature or by helping you to solve the problems which face your chapter.—The Conway Chapter.

A LEAGUE ORGANIZED AT SHERIDAN.

On Sunday, January 28, 1917, an Epworth League was organized at the M. E. Church, South. The following short addresses were made by the pastor, Mr. George Walker, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Ernest Johnson, and others. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ernest Johnson; superintendent first department, Paul Clark; superintendent second department, Clara Lee; superintendent third department, Mr. Herman Toler; cor-

responding secretary, Miss Violet Fuller; recording secretary, Miss Leta Walker; treasurer, Mr. Ernest Johnson; pianist, Miss Blanche Johnson. Services will be held every Sunday evening at 6:30. Mr. Paul Clark was appointed to lead the first meeting.—Violet Fuller, Cor. Sec.

ATTENTION, SENIOR LEAGUE CHAPTERS OF THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

The year is skipping merrily along, and the budget as made up at Fayetteville last year is not being paid as it should be. Will the chapters of the district please get busy and send in their pledges to the treasurer right away? Who will be first? The local chapter secretary or treasurer will know the amount of your pledge. If not, write the undersigned.—J. M. Henderson, Treasurer Fayetteville District League.

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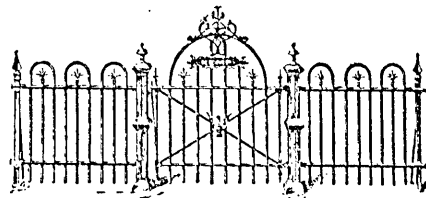
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Dorothy Rose had a turned-up nose, Did she worry about it, do you suppose?

Oh, no; but a plan she began to hatch To make the rest of her features match,

First of all she trained her eyes, Turning them up to the sunny skies. Look at the mud and dust, not she. Nothing but sunshine would Dorothy see,

A flower that droops has begun to wilt,

So up went her chin, with a saucy tilt,

An ounce of pluck's worth a pound of sigh,

And courage comes with a head held high,

Lastly, her lips turned their corners up,

Brimming with smiles like a rosy cup. Oh, a charming child is Dorothy Rose—

And it all began with a turned-up nose!

—Pauline Frances Camp in the Christian Register.

DOING WITHOUT.

"But mother, dear"—

"Mother dear" put up a white hand on which a beautiful diamond and ruby ring glowed and sparkled. "Positively, Marguerite, you are the most difficult child! Why, any other little girl would be simply ready to dance with delight over the idea of such a darling room!"

"But mother"—

"Yes, there you are again! And I've picked out the dearest chintz, all pink rosebuds, for chair cushion, and a cover for the pretty new brass bed—you'll see. And a white rug for the floor, one of those odd India things; and the paper just the softest pink—you can stand real rose color, I'm thankful for that," and Mrs. Chantrey smiled as she looked closer into the softly-tinted little face looking eagerly up into hers. The child was dreadfully dumpy just now; hair no decided

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color, altogether more of a plain Maggie than the fairy-like little daughter she had pictured when she chose the name Marguerite. But she would shoot up into slenderness soon, no doubt, and the ash-blond hair would take a livelier tint; and her clear, rosy skin and big gray eyes were lovely now.

"So get ready, dear, and we'll go down and pick out the paper this morning," Mrs. Chantry finished, happily.

The gray eyes were almost black in their earnestness as Marguerite made a tremendous final effort to gain a hearing.

"If you just only could have heard that lady talk last Sunday night, mother, you'd know why I don't want a grand room that costs so much, when out there in India they're doing without things and all cooped up. Why, mother, she said people here wouldn't give their pet dogs such miserable places to live in as some of the missionaries have to put up with till they can get a better building. And the children over here are getting money to pay for a truly nice place where the orphanage people can have room and be comfortable; but it's all so slow, don't you see, mother, and oh, I'd so much rather have plain paper—any pretty kind—and my same little old white bed, mother dear, and nothing fine at all, and have some money to help build the missionaries a better home—if you'll only say I may!"

The words came breathlessly at the last. Mrs. Chantrey could not have checked them if she had tried.

"Of all the notions," she began. In spite of herself her thoughts left the great handsome new house on Park Boulevard, whose building and furnishing had been the chief object of every day for nearly a year past. She saw again the young sister who had declared that she meant to go as a missionary when she grew up. But there had been no growing up for fair-haired fifteen-year-old Maggie, unless—who knew?—she was a woman in the "sweet and blessed country" beyond.

And here was Marguerite, going with Elsie Page to that children's society that she belonged to—Juniors they called themselves—and getting unhappy over people who were uncomfortable away over the other side of the world! Exactly like Maggie! Mrs. Chantrey felt her eyes grow dim for a moment.

"But, dear child," she said in a softer tone, "we can't have one plain poor room in the new house. White enamel and matting and all that did very well here; but a big stone house, all hard wood inside, you know, must be furnished to match. Little girls don't understand all that! Of course, there's a big difference in wall paper—I saw some at twenty cents a roll that was almost as pretty as the imported, and one could get a cheaper rug!"

"And my same bed and dresser, oh, please, mother; and then the white ruffled covers will do for a long time yet. Brass beds cost ever so much, don't they?"

"Well, I did see one at \$15—but the higher priced ones are much better. We'll see. You may choose the paper and I won't decide about the furniture today."

So that was how twelve-year-old Marguerite, who was born with all her mother's love of beauty and fine, soft fabrics, turned resolutely from counters heaped with rosy draperies and actually pulled Mrs. Chantrey past a great display window full of brass and mahogany, and in the end had her way

far enough to give two new ten-dollar notes to the Juniors' self-denial offering.—The King's Builders.

HOW BOBBY LEFT HOME.

Bobby was the very dearest, sweetest little fellow that ever lived. Everybody said so—father, mother, grandpa, grandma, Sister Lou, Uncle Bob, and Sue; that's everybody, of course.

But every now and then Bobby would have an "off day." Grandma said that he got out on the wrong side of the bed, but Bobby said that could not be, for he always got up just the same—if it was the wrong side one day, it was every day.

Whatever the trouble was, these days were rather trying, for everything went crisscross all day.

"I wish eggs grew bigger," said Bobby, complainingly, one of these mornings. "I don't any more'n get begun eating mine before it's all gone."

Then he wondered how much longer it would be before he was "growned up" enough to have doughnuts and coffee like father.

After breakfast he looked his play-

things over, but could not find anything he wanted to play with. "I think I'd rather have my newest box of soldiers," he said presently.

"But," said mother, "I put that away in the closet upstairs, you know, because you have so many things around now."

"But I'd rather have that than anything else," persisted Bobby.

So mother told him when she had finished baking her cookies she would go and get it for him.

But, alas, when it came he did not care for it. He had got all over that, he said! now he wanted one of mother's cookies.

"But mother does not like you to eat warm cookies, Bobby; they are not good for you."

"I can't know why; father has them, and I should think you'd let me have 'em when I want 'em so much. I'd

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make 'em for my little boy every day," was Bobby's reply.

So it went all the morning.

After lunch mother proposed that they go upstairs to rest, and try to get up on the right side. But Bobby would not hear to that. He wasn't a bit tired, and anyway he believed he would rather go and live with grandma.

"She's always doing something nice for me—I could have more fun there. She let's me have everything round at once, and when I don't like those things she tries to find somethin' new. I should like to live with her all the time."

"Very well," said mother, "if you would like it better there than here with father and mother you had better go. We want our dear little boy to be happy if he can. I will put your nightie in your bag and you can go right over."

Bobby looked very much surprised; he had not expected to be taken at his word in that fashion.

"I—could wait until tomorrow," he said, hesitatingly.

"Oh, no, there's no need of waiting," answered mother, cheerfully. "Grand-

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA PREACHERS' MEETING.

Present: Hutchinson, Hammons, Harrison, Hively, Hundley, Whaley, Monk, J. D. Baker, C. N. Baker, Rorie, Wilcoxsen, Moorehead.

First Church—(Hutchinson). Three hundred and thirty-two at Sunday school. Good congregation Sunday morning; 24 additions; one baby baptized.

Winfield—(Hammons). Good Sunday school and good congregation at the morning service; two additions.

Asbury—(Whaley). Very large congregation Sunday morning. Good League; two additions.

Hunter Memorial—(Rorie). Sixty-two people pounded the parsonage Tuesday night. Good congregations Sunday morning; seven additions.

Highland—(Harrison). Thirty-five at prayer meeting. Pastor received pounding Friday night; 250 at Sunday school. Good congregation in the morning; one baby baptized; three additions.

Pulaski Heights—(Hundley). Sunday school raised \$24 for the Belgian Relief Fund. Good congregations.

Twenty-Eighth Street—(J. D. Baker). One hundred and forty-four at Sunday school. Largest congregation that I have ever had in the morning.

Brother C. N. Baker has been at work in Southeast Arkansas with a circuit that supports six native missionaries.

Dr. Monk was at DeVall's Bluff Friday, where Brother Sims has been well received. Preached at DesArc Monday night to a large crowd. Held Oak Hill Quarterly Conference Fri-

day; good attendance, with good congregation at 11 o'clock Sunday. Brother Ault is making a good start and the people are pleased with him. Dr. Monk caught one opossum Saturday night, he is doing his best to reduce the high cost of living.

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Gardner Memorial—(Hively). One hundred and fifty at Sunday school. Good congregations and good services.

CORRECTION.

A little correction in the Little Rock Conference minutes. In the Texarkana District, the Church Extension column is almost blank, when the fact is, most of the charges paid out for that cause. The footing is almost correct. Some other mistakes in this district.—J. A. Biggs.

DESHA.

We are moving on all right on Desha charge, as far as I know. We had 102 at our organized prayer meeting last Wednesday night, and nearly that many last night, cold and blustery as it was. Our first quarterly conference convenes February 12.—Hugh Revely.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT PREACHERS' AND LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Arkadelphia District Preachers' and Laymen's Missionary Institute was held at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 30, 31.

The institute was organized Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the election of Percy Vaughan secretary and the appointment of the usual committees. Twelve of the nineteen pastors, Brother C. O. Steele, superannuate member of the conference, Brother T. F. Hughes, agent for Old Preachers' Homes, Drs. Workman and Evans of Henderson College, two local preachers, Brothers Tarver and Launius, and possibly half dozen laymen, were present. The pastors absent were Duckworth, Crowder, McKelvy, Townsend, Forsythe and Gentry.

The preaching was of a high order. The sermon delivered by Doctor Richardson on Tuesday evening on the maturity and preparedness of the ministry was strong and to the point. Dr. Hutchinson's sermon on the "Missionary Obligation" Wednesday morning was a forceful deliverance on the obligation of the Church to bring, or carry the blessed supply to the demand of the needy souls of earth. The church is full; the world is empty. The Christian is the Nexus to bring the divine supply to the world's human need. The closing sermon, or address, by Rev. M. N. Waldrip, pastor of Central Avenue Church, Hot Springs, on "Christian Education" was both unique and great. His discussion of the subject was profound and comprehensive. His appeal was compelling.

Much emphasis was given throughout the work of the Institute to the means and methods of paying in full all assessments made on the different charges this year, the raising, and paying the entire assessment for Missions not later than the last of March, having a revival on every charge, doing our duty, as a district, to the liquidation of the debt against Henderson-Brown College and the work of raising our part of the purchase price

of the Arkansas Methodist and increasing its circulation.

That the District might not fail in paying its entire assessment for Missions during the month of March it was divided up into sections, or groups, and a "captain" was placed over each group of charges and team of workers so that the entire field might be canvassed by competent leaders within the next 30 or 40 days. Group 1 is composed of Arkadelphia station, the Circuit, Friendship and Dalark Circuits, with Dr. Richardson captain, assisted and seconded by the pastors and the lay leaders of these charges. Group 2. Holly Springs, Princeton and Willow Circuits, with Brother J. H. Glass, captain, assisted by the pastors and lay leaders. Group 3, Benton Station, Traskwood and Leola and Carthage Circuits, Rev. W. A. Steel, captain, with the pastors and lay leaders. Group 4. Malvern Station and Malvern Circuit, Rev. J. W. Harrell, captain, and the pastor and lay leaders. Group 5, Central Avenue, Third Street and Oaklawn, Rev. M. N. Waldrip, captain, and the pastors and lay leaders. Group 6. Park Avenue, Hot Springs Circuit, Cedar Glades Mission and Percy Circuit, Rev. R. L. Duckworth, captain, with the pastors and lay leaders.

After the close of the great address of Rev. Mr. Waldrip Wednesday evening the presiding elder led in organizing the large congregation into a mass meeting by the election of Leslie Goodloe chairman, and N. V. Wright, secretary. The mass meeting by unanimous vote committed the citizens of Arkadelphia to the payment of \$50,000 for Henderson-Brown debt.

It is seen by the study of the Minutes that the Arkadelphia District led the Conference in collections on assessments for pastors' support and Missions. That is, it has the smallest deficit for these, \$30 for the first and \$244 for the latter. It came nearer paying its assessments for these than any other district. But the shame is that the Sunday schools paid more than 50 per cent of the amount paid for missions. Leaving only about eight cents per capita for the 6,977 Methodists of the district to have paid for the salvation of the heathen world. It is hoped that as far as possible this year pastors and superintendents will arrange for the missionary money raised by the Sunday schools to go to

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the credit of Specials for Missions and allow the membership of the churches to pay the assessments on the charge. The Every Member Canvass will reach the membership of the Church in and out of the Sunday schools. It was the declared wish of the members of the Missionary Institute that we double our Specials for missions this year over last. We can and will do it if we pay our Assessments and turn our Sunday schools loose for specials.

The preachers and laymen returned to their homes determined to bring things to pass for the kingdom of our Lord both at home and abroad. The question that concerns us now is, will the membership of the church in the various charges respond to the challenge of a consecrated and spirit filled ministry, and will they match this consecrated ability of God's servants with their prayer and faith, sympathy and co-operation, money and means? —A Member.

HANSON, OKLA.

I am always glad to get the Methodist, it is like a letter from home. I have many friends over there, you may have forgotten me, but I have not forgotten you. I often think of those years, and the brethren that were so much help to me—Rev. W. B. Hays, who was my first presiding elder after I came into the church, then Brother Jas. F. Jernigan, it was a sermon that he preached at Quarterly Conference at Barren Fork that caused me to obey the call to the ministry, God bless him. I shall never forget those good songs that he sang. I hope to hear him sing them on the beautiful shore. Then came Brother A. F. Skinner, our next presiding elder, under whose ministry I was licensed to exhort at Cave City, nearly ten years ago. I want to say to you brethren, that I am trying to be faithful; am on

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LAY LEADERS MEET.

The lay leaders of the Fayetteville District, under the leadership of A. L. Smith, district lay leader of Siloam Springs, have just held an enthusiastic meeting at Rogers. The plan for the year's work calls for considerable activity, and we trust that new life may be injected into the work of the Church.

A WORD FROM BRO. CALDWELL.

It is in my heart to do all I can to facilitate the "usefulness" of our paper in every way. The claims of the paper seem to me, most just. You can put me down that new subscriber, and will send name later on.

I beg to say another thing, not only the circulation of the paper, but of its editor is desirable and he says he wants to see old Tulip. Well he might; bishops, connectional men and whole Annual Conferences have been delighted to tarry a while here. A very grand old place it is in my memory, in years when it was my honor and great privilege to serve at the altar of our church here. Some blessed names, associates in the best work any one every engaged in—saving souls—are at my penpoint. But I must forbear. Do come, you, too, Dr. A. O. Evans! Don't pass us because the iron horse won't leave the road and take to the woods.—James E. Caldwell.

Tulip, Ark.

ST. FRANCIS.

We arrived here three weeks today and I am favorably impressed with the prospects. I have fine preaching points, have visited and preached at all points except one. I have been cordially received. I have a fine people to serve and am looking forward for a good year.—A. L. McQueen.

FORT SMITH CIRCUIT.

The Fort Smith Circuit is on the up-grade. The stewards raised the salary \$150 above last year. Our Sunday schools are doing well. The League at Lavaca is the best that I ever saw in a town of this size. We will get our gas lights installed in our new brick next week.

The good ladies of First and Central churches, Fort Smith, donated us some nice furniture for our parsonage. Many thanks to them for such a nice treat. Christmas Eve night the good people gave us a nice pounding, and the good things still come in. We are to have the District Conference this year. We invite the editor of the Arkansas Methodist to come and be with us in our next brick church. We got three new subscribers

for the Methodist yesterday.—W. F. Campbell, P. C.

HELENA DISTRICT.

We are glad to get settled in the district parsonage at Forrest City, where we will be more central to the work. The Board saw fit to buy the Judge Rolf property, adjoining the church property, which is well located, and the pastor and presiding elder live side by side, with the outlook good for congenial companionship and the best of protection for my family in my absence.

Every man in the Helena District is hard at work, and advancements are made on all lines over last year. I had neglected to announce that Brother W. F. Walker was relieved of his work and has been appointed to the Wheatley and Hunter charge, where he is doing a great work, already receiving ten members and otherwise doing well.

Our campaigns for Christian Education and the Methodist Hospital at Memphis are advancing, with good results. My address will be Forrest City from now on.—W. F. Evans.

MARKED TREE AND LEPANTO.

I have entered upon my third year on this charge. Everything starts off well. At our first quarterly conference, which was held January 26, we reported our Conference collections provided for at Marked Tree. By hard work this place reported these claims in full last year, but this year the work was easily done. Our people had only to be told of our plan to provide for these claims by the first quarterly conference, and they gladly responded. We are trying to get everything in shape for the coming of Rev. W. C. Swope, April 29.

Lepanto is a new town and a good field for service. We have only a small membership, but the people deserve credit for what they did last year. They paid nearly four times as much on pastor's salary as they ever paid before.

The prospects are good for a prosperous year. Marked Tree and Lepanto make one of the strongest half stations in the Conference.—J. W. Thomas, Pastor.

ARKANSAS CAMPS AT WARREN.

We are on our new work. We arranged to move immediately after my husband returned from Conference; moved in wagons through the country. Had a cordial reception. The people of this camp gave us a nice pounding of good things to eat too numerous to mention, for which we are very thankful, and the good things still keep coming to make the preacher and family happy. We feel encouraged to do more for God and his cause than ever. We find a great field of opportunity on this charge, and prospects are favorable for a prosperous year. The Sunday school and mid-week prayer meetings are increasing in interest. We are praying and trusting God. We are endeavoring by God's grace to do our duty and endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Pray for us that the Word of God may have free course and be glorified.—Mrs. T. M. Applewhite.

MELBOURNE.

The people of Melbourne gave us a great pounding on the night of January 24, the same being on my wife's birthday. There were more than 50 present, all bringing something good to eat. We had singing and prayer

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To remove freckles the best thing to do is to remove the outer cuticle of the skin, which carries the freckles. This is easily done with Kintho Cream. The Kintho peels off the old, freckled skin, a little at a time, gradually bringing the under layer of skin to view. The new skin is beautiful, soft, clear, white and youthful looking, and, of course, has no freckles.

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and a good time. I told them that I was going to have a birthday before long. You know that it is mighty bad for the preacher to think that his wife is more popular than he, but sometimes this is the case. We are getting along fine on our second year.—J. W. Black.

HATFIELD.

This is a new charge, taken from the Vandervoort charge, where we served last year. I was glad when Bishop McCoy read my name in connection with Hatfield, as we had a great meeting here last year. I realized that it would be a hard year so far as the work was concerned, but a pleasant one because of the big-hearted people. There was never a more loyal people than these. Last year,

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We Eat Too Much Meat, Which Clogs the Kidneys, Then the Back Hurts

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness, and all sorts of bladder disorders.

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when I began my meeting in July, every place of business closed for the meeting, even the planing mill. When I spoke of them closing, someone (not religious) said that it was unreasonable and could not be done, as there were so many people trading here at that time from Oklahoma, but it was done, and great was the result. Consequently we have a half station here. We have no parsonage yet; are renting one, but expect to build one before the year is out. No preacher was more loyally received than this scribe. When wife, children and I reached the rented parsonage we found the good people of the church there and a good fire burning, and plenty of good things to eat cooked and on the table. Then that night, as I was arranging some books, I heard someone giggle, and then—well, I can't describe it. The good folks of all kinds, religious and otherwise, filled the house to overflowing, and everyone left something good to eat. Happy! That don't describe it. The Home Mission Society has furnished the parsonage better than could be expected for our financial ability.—W. B. Arnold, P. C.

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Rev. W. E. Boggs.....	5.00
	\$ 10.00
Previously reported	10.00

Total\$ 20.00

The brethren to whom the appeal was sent were not asked to pay this out of their own resources, but to raise it in any manner they saw fit.

Dr. R. H. Bennett hopes the full amount may be raised at once. If the brethren will take it up with their congregations, or with individuals, I am sure the worthy brother for whom the appeal is made will rejoice that he can continue in school.—J. K. Farris, Secretary of Education.

MORE ABOUT STATISTICS.

I notice some corrections in the Conference minutes by Brother W. H. Hansford and Dr. W. M. Hayes. As statistical secretary of the Conference I want to say that I am glad these corrections are made. In the case of the Prescott District, I remember we talked of the discrepancy when working with the statistics, but we could not take the time to call on each member of the district and ascertain whether his report was right or not. I mention this in order that I may say another thing. The report blanks are not easily made out. Some of the leading preachers of the Conference have trouble in making out their reports. Because of this fact each District Conference ought to give time enough so that each pastor could see just how to make out his report. Then, again, the figures should be so plain that the secretaries would not have to guess what they are.

At least one-third of the reports were not added and carried forward to the next sheet. In some cases we succeeded in finding the pastors and getting them to do the work. Otherwise we had to guess at it and do the best we could.

It is well that we can get these corrections from the brethren, but the best time to correct the minutes is before the reports are handed to the secretaries.—L. C. Beasley, Statistical Secretary.

CATO CHARGE.

The first quarterly conference for the current year was held Saturday, January 27, 1917. Our presiding elder, Rev. R. C. Moorehead, was present and looked after the general interests of the charge in his usual careful way. Have heard a number of good things said of his sermons, both Saturday and Sunday. Of course our "hustling" pastor, Brother Mitchner, was in his place and gave a good account of his time and a good report of the charge. He has repaired the parsonage, organized two Epworth Leagues and done quite a lot of pastoral visiting and some preaching, too. The board of stewards made the best first quarter report of the last five years, \$88.95 raised for ministerial support; for other objects \$58, one unfinished matter not included. After pretty general discussion by its members, the quarterly conference unanimously voted thanks to and commendation of both the General Assembly and governor for our "bone dry" law, and directed their secretary to communicate the same to them through the Arkansas Methodist.—R. E. Glasscock, Secretary.

OBITUARY.

SHERMAN.—Mrs. Martha Ann Sherman, daughter of Wm. and Matilda Pyatt, was born in Burke County, North Carolina, January 1, 1843. In 1856 the family left the old home and came to Southwest Missouri, traveling all the way in ox wagons, taking nearly two months to make the journey. In 1861 her father came to Arkansas and settled on Osage River. Since that time the family history centered around Elm Springs. Sister Sherman was married to Thomas J. Sherman October 7, 1868. To this union were born seven children, three of these preceded their mother to the other shore. Four of whom, William, Hannah, Jefferson and Walter, are still living and were with their mother when the end came. She also had four step-children who loved her and whom she loved with all the tenderness of an own mother.

Sister Sherman was of strong and sturdy stock. Her brave spirit was severely tested through the dark days of the sixties. She often went on foot many miles to warn soldiers of approaching danger. She did not falter in gathering up the dead of both the Blue and the Gray and hauling them to the burying ground and burying

them with her own hands. From these exposures she never fully recovered.

In girlhood she definitely accepted Christ and joined the Methodist Church. After the war was over she joined the church at Elm Springs, where her life was given in Christian service. Her life was given devotedly and religiously to her family. To one of her boys she once said: "As you children came into the home I always knelt and gave you definitely to God. The result of her devotion and conscious acknowledgement of God's claims upon her children is seen in the fact that all of her children are religious. Two of her sons are in the ministry, members of the North Arkansas Conference, Rev. William Sherman, now stationed at Jonesboro, and Rev. Jefferson Sherman, pastor at Bentonville. Her other son, Walter, is superintendent of the Sunday school at Elm Springs, and has done great service for that congregation in this capacity. Sister Sherman was bereft of her husband by death, July 3, 1888. Through the long years of widowhood she was drawn closer to the church and became more active in her religious life. For more than twenty years she taught the Little People's Class in Sunday school. Many a young man and woman will remember Grand-

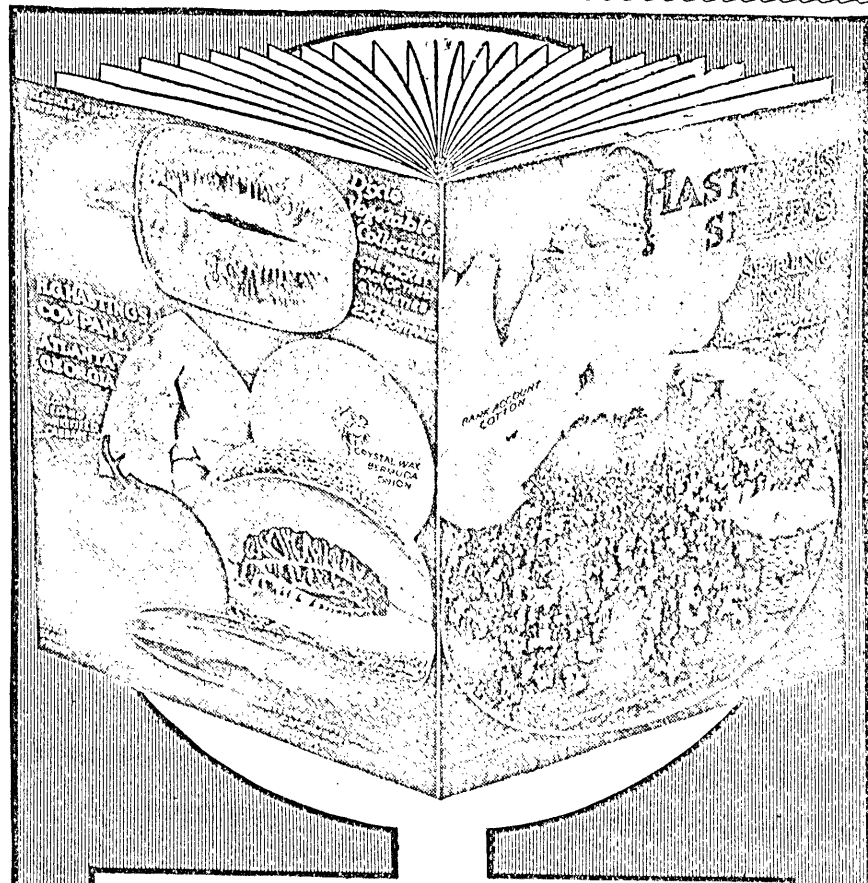
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ma Sherman as their first Sunday school teacher. Indeed, her influence for good has gone throughout the entire community, and has become a benediction to the entire church. For a number of years she had been in failing health. Weaker and weaker she grew in body, but stronger in faith, hope and love. The evening shadows lengthened, the sun touched the golden west; at 7 o'clock, December 17, she entered into rest.

The funeral service was held in the church at Elm Springs, December 19, conducted by the writer assisted by her pastor, Brother J. F. Carter and her physician, Dr. D. C. Summers. Her body was laid to rest in the old cemetery near the church. A good woman has gone from us, but her influence will live on in the lives of her sons in the ministry and in the other members of her household, children and grandchildren who are blessing the world with noble lives.—G. G. Davidson.

VISER.—The many friends of Dr. J. A. Viser were deeply saddened on September 27, 1916, by his departure from this life. He was born in Carroll County, Mississippi, in 1854. Was reared in Mississippi and Tennessee, then moved with his parents to Cross County, Arkansas, living there until 1873; thence to Green County, Arkansas, where he met and was married to Miss Jennie Bird, December 1, 1875. To this union seven children were born, five of whom are still living. In 1900 the family moved to Texas, where the doctor continued his practice in Fannin and Grayson Counties, locating at Pilot Grove. Here the Christian life and character of Dr. Viser were strongly felt. He stood firmly on the right side of every moral issue. No one was ever long in doubt as to his conviction on any question. He had been a loyal member of the Methodist Church since boyhood days. That he loved his church was made manifest by the fact that he suffered, labored, and rejoiced in every effort she made. He was superintendent of the Sunday school several years, often at a sacrifice to his health and practice. The family had moved to Tom Bean, Texas, a few months prior to his death, but at his request his funeral was preached in the Methodist Church at Pilot Grove, by the pastor, Rev. A. F. Watkins, and his tired body laid to rest in the Pilot Grove Cemetery. Now, no stormy day or night longer finds Dr. Viser out on the road on his way to minister to suffering humanity. Wife, son and daughters no longer anxiously await his home coming out of the chill night air or the beating rain, fearing for his health. That is all past, and yet, no doubt, such exposure hastened the end. If so, it also hastened the home going and the reward "He that loseth his life shall find it." Dr. Viser has evidently found life more abundant in the realms of eternal peace and the presence of his Savior. His loved ones have assurance of again meeting him, therefore this sorrow is but for a time and with the Christian's hope they have also the courage to make the most of their own lives, thus fulfilling his greatest desire for them.—Callie Taylor.

HARPER.—Nathaniel P. Harper was born in Limestone County, Alabama, September 30, 1840, and died at his home in the Rock Springs community (near Plantersville) December

County, Tennessee. The family moved to Arkansas in 1880. Brother Harper united with the Methodist Church in Tennessee in 1871. Moving to Arkansas, he transferred his membership to Andrew's Chapel, and later to Rock Springs. The funeral was held at the church at Rock Springs December 28, the pastor conducting the services, after which the body was laid to rest in the Rock Springs Cemetery.

Brother Harper is survived by his widow and five sons and five daughters. All, except three, live in or near the immediate community. One son, J. N. Harper, resides in Calenco, California, and could not attend the funeral. Another son, J. W. Harper, residing at DeRidder, California, arrived a few hours too late for the funeral. A daughter, Mrs. L. M. Carmichael, residing at Hope, attended the funeral.

Brother Harper served in the Confederate Army—what army corps the writer did not learn. He was a useful citizen and a devout Christian. His

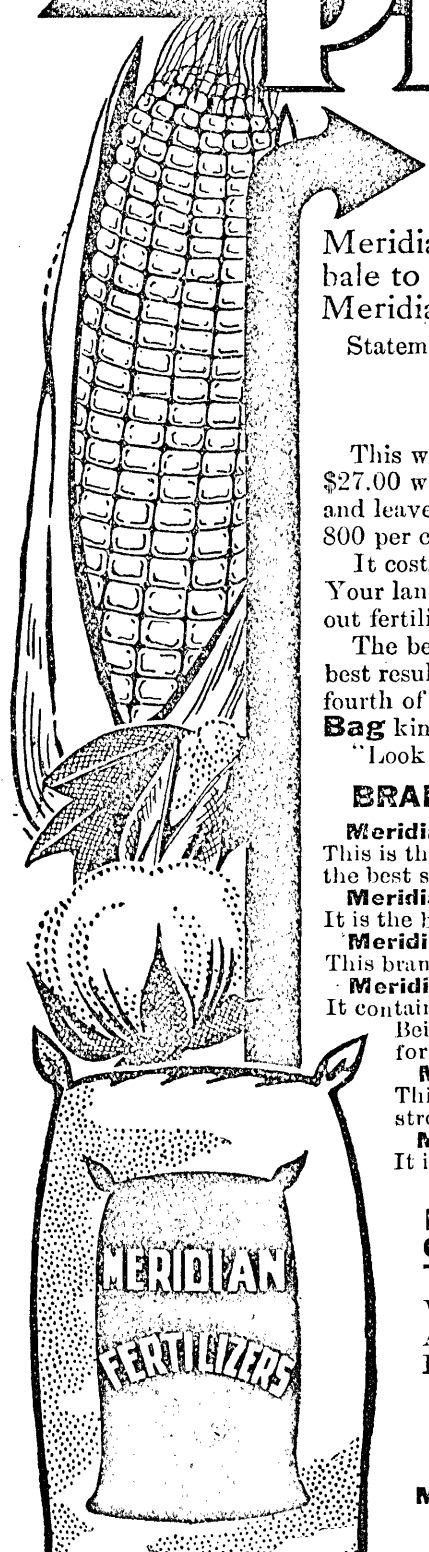
presence and usefulness in the community will be sadly missed, while the sympathy of all is extended to the widow and bereaved children. One daughter had already gone on before her father, and will be ready to greet him at the pearly gates. "Our people die well."—Frank Hopkins, Pastor.

ROGERS.—Thurman Rogers was born October 20, 1894, died November 28, 1916. Thurman was converted when only ten years of age and joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived until his untimely death. A few weeks before his death he told his mother not to grieve for him, that if he did not get well she would know where to find him. He has been in failing health for quite a while, but had hopes of recovery based on the advice of his physician. His brother, Urban, carried him to West Texas and there, after only two weeks, he passed away. His remains were brought to Texarkana and laid to rest

by the side of his sister, who preceded him just 20 days. Our hearts go out to the grief-stricken family who have labored so patiently, and are now bearing up under the strain with marked Christian fortitude. May the richest blessings of Him who said, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my power is made perfect in weakness," be upon this family leading them to do the will of God until such time as He will call them home from their labors.—Their Pastor, S. T. Baugh.

PENNINGTON.—John Abraham Pennington was born at Hearn, Arkansas, near Arkadelphia, August 25, 1858, and died at his home in Arkadelphia, December 12, 1916. He was married to Miss Mary Jane Gillispie January 9, 1887. He was converted at a camp meeting held at Davidson's Camp Ground in 1887 and later joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Mount Zion. For several

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years he was superintendent of the Sunday school at New Hope. Brother Pennington loved his Church and was faithful in serving his Lord in the work to which he was called. His friends and neighbors who knew him best had confidence in his integrity and piety. He lived his religion. Best of all he had a positive experience of the saving grace of God. He never doubted his conversion. A good man has gone to his reward. He is survived by his wife and five children—Mrs. Jennie Meacham, Mrs. Georgia Martin, Robert, Gertrude, and Hortense Pennington.—W. R. Richardson.

MERITT.—Mrs. Mary J. Meritt was born in Howard County, Tennessee, January 28, 1841, died at the home of her dutiful and loved daughter, Mrs. Alice Hickman, December 16, 1916. She was married to Mr. M. B. Meritt, August 24, 1864. To them were born eight children. Three are now living, Mrs. Alice Hickman, Mr. W. B. Meritt of Shreveport, La., Mrs. C. E. Hankins, of Paris, Texas.

Sister Meritt was reared in Bradley County. Her parents moved here when she was four years old. She joined the Methodist Church when fifteen years old. Her's was a beautiful Christian life. Those who have known her for many years said there was never a word against her Christian life. When health permitted she was in her place in church. She will be sadly missed. The cemetery near by has another mound, heaven another to sing God's praises. She rests from her labors. May her Christian life still live in our community.—R. Spann.

ADAMS.—Little Clifford David Adams came as a sunbeam into the home of Brother and Sister Ben Adams, January 31, 1915, and stayed just long enough to gather their affections and carry them back to his eternal home, as he took his flight October 7, 1916. So papa, mamma, and children all, lift your eyes off the little tenement of clay in which Clifford spent his few days with you and look up and see the little hand at the Beautiful Gate that beckons you on.—Your Pastor, J. H. McKelvy.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES Little Rock Conference.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Malvern Ct., at Ebenezer...Feb. 10-11
Third Street...Feb. 18-19
Traskwood Ct., at Traskwood...Feb. 24-25
Park Avenue...Feb. 25-26
Friendship Ct., at F...Mar. 3-4
S. Arkadelphia and Donaldson, at D...Mar. 4-5
Benton Station...Mar. 11-12
Leola and Carthage, at L...Mar. 17-18
Pearcy Ct., at Friendship...Mar. 24-25
Holly Springs Ct., at Launius Chapel...Mar. 30
Princeton Ct., at Tulip...Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Cedar Glades, at Washita...Apr. 7-8
Dalark, at Bethlehem...Apr. 14-15
Arkadelphia Station...Apr. 15-16
Hot Springs Ct., at Hughes Chapel...Apr. 21-22
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Pisgah...Apr. 28-29
Willow Ct., at Friendship...May 5-6
Central Avenue...May 13-14
For rural appointments, the conferences will open at 10 o'clock, morning of first day, in Sunday school institute. All Sunday school workers will be present at that hour. Let pastors see to it that Sunday school superintendents make written reports to the Quarterly Conferences according to paragraph 263 of our Book of Discipline.
B. A. FEW, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Prescott Ct., at Harmony...Feb. 17-18
Mt. Ida, at Oak Grove...Feb. 24-25
Womble, at County Line...Mar. 3-4
Amity and Glenwood...Mar. 4-5
Alpine, at Thompson Chapel...Mar. 10-11
Delight, at Pike City...Mar. 17-18
Gordon...Mar. 21
Mineral Spgs., at Bluff Spgs...Mar. 24-25
Okolona...Mar. 28
Bingen, at Harmony...Mar. 31-Apr. 1

Whelen...April 4
Center Point, at Center...Apr. 7-8
Nashville...Apr. 8-9
Little Missouri, at Boto...Apr. 14-15
Murfreesboro...Apr. 15-16
Washington, at St. Paul...Apr. 21-22
Columbus...Apr. 22-23
Orchard View...Apr. 25
Blevins...Apr. 28-29
Fulton...May 2
Emmet...May 5-6
Prescott...May 6-7
Pleasant Grove...May 9
Hope...May 12-13
The Prescott District Conference will meet in Mineral Springs Thursday, May 17, 7:30 p. m.
J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT. (Second Round.)

Hatfield, at Hatfield...Feb. 17-18

De Queen, at night...Feb. 18
Horatio, at Mt. Rose...Feb. 24-25
Vandervoort, at Gillham, at night...Feb. 25
Conference Sunday night or Monday...Feb. 26
Lockesburg, at Bellville...Mar. 3-4
Dierks...Mar. 5-6
Winthrop, at Allene...Mar. 10-11
Ashdown, at night...Mar. 11
Richmond and Wilton, at Wilton...Mar. 17-18
Conference at 2 p. m.
Fairview, at night...Mar. 18
Patmos, at Sardis, preaching at 11 a. m. and night...Mar. 24
Conference at 2 p. m.
Stamps (Conference at 2 p. m.)...Mar. 25
Lewisville, at night...Mar. 25
Bradley and Taylor, at New Hope...Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Bright Star, at Olive Branch...Apr. 7-8

Fouke, at Silverena...Apr. 14-15
Paraloma (Conf. at 2 p. m.)...Apr. 21
College Hill, at night...Apr. 22
Foreman...May 5-6
First Church, Texarkana, at night...May 5
Umpire...May 12-13
Cherry Hill...May 13-20
Mena, at night...May 20
District Conference at Ashdown...Apr. 26-29
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Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron was shown to several physicians who were requested to give their opinions thereon.

Dr. Howard James, late of the United States Public Health Service, said:

"Senator Mason is to be commended on handing out this statement on Nuxated Iron for public print. There are thousands of men and women who need a strength and blood-builder, but do not know what to take. There is nothing like organic iron—Nuxated Iron—to give increased strength, snap, vigor, and staying power. It enriches the blood, brings roses to the cheeks of women and is an unending source of renewed vitality, endurance and power for men who burn up too rapidly their nervous energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day!"

Dr. King, a New York physician and author, said: "I heartily endorse Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron. There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anemia. Anemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anemic men and women is pale; the flesh flabby; the muscles lack tone; the brain fags and the memory fails and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy."

In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degenerated corn-meal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cooking, by throwing down the waste-pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked are responsible for another grave iron loss.

Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vim and vigor to a ripe old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron—Nuxated Iron—just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

Dr. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied abroad in great European Medical Institutions said: "Senator Mason is right. As I have said a hundred times over, organic iron is the greatest of all strength builders."

Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. He was astonished to find him with a blood pressure of a boy of 20 and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man; in fact a young man he really was notwithstanding his age. The secret, he said, was taking organic iron—Nuxated Iron had filled him with renewed life. At 30 he was in bad health; at 46 he was careworn and nearly all in—now at 50, after taking Nuxated Iron a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly-looking. Just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself

to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next, take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while double their strength and endurance and entirely rid themselves of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. The iron demanded by Mother Nature for the red coloring matter in the blood of her children is, alas! not that kind of iron. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete and prize-fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the fray; while many another has gone down in inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, said:

"I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

NOTE—Nuxated Iron which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians in such a great variety of cases is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians both in Europe and America. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated does not injure the teeth, make them black nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is the most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion, as well as for nervous run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron that they offer to forfeit \$100.00 to any charitable institution if they cannot



Former United States Senator Wm. E. Mason, recently elected Member of the U. S. Congress from Illinois.

From the Congressional Directory published by the United States Government—"Wm. E. Mason, Senator from Illinois was elected to the 50th Congress in 1887, to the 51st Congress in 1891—defeated for the 52nd Congress in 1892—Elected Senator to the 55th Congress 1897 to 1903."

Senator Mason is now Congressman-Elect from the State of Illinois.

Senator Mason's championship of Pure Food and Drugs legislation, his fight for the rural free delivery system, and his strong advocacy of all bills favoring labor and the rights of the masses as against trusts and combines, made him a national figure at Washington and endeared him to the hearts of the working man and the great masses of people throughout the United States. Senator Mason has the distinction of being one of the really big men of the nation. His strong endorsement of Nuxated Iron must convince any intelligent thinking reader that it must be a preparation of very great merit and one which the Senator feels is bound to be of great value to the masses of people everywhere, otherwise he could not afford to lend his name to it especially after his strong advocacy of pure food and drugs legislation.

Since Nuxated Iron has obtained such an enormous sale—over three million people using it annually—other iron preparations are often recommended as a substitute for it. The reader should remember that there is a vast difference between ordinary metallic iron and the organic iron contained in Nuxated Iron, therefore always insist on having Nuxated Iron as recommended by Dr. Howard James, late of the United States Public Health Service; Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York, and other physicians. In this connection Dr. Howard James says:

"Iron to be of the slightest value to the human system must be in a combination which may be easily assimilated. In the case of metallic salts of iron, iron acetate, etc., it is very doubtful if sufficient actual iron can be taken up and incorporated into the blood to be of any service, especially in view of the disadvantages entailed by its corrosive action upon the stomach and the damaging effect upon the dental enamel. When, however, we deal with iron in organic combination, such for instance as albuminate, or better still, Nuxated Iron, a far different story is told. We will observe no destructive action upon the teeth; no corrosive effect upon the stomach. The iron is readily assimilated into the blood and quickly makes its presence felt in increased vigor, snap and staying power."

take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron and increase their strength 200 per cent. or over in four weeks' time provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed by all good druggists.

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