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BELOVED, THINK IT NOT STRANGE CONCERNING THE FIERY TRIAL WHICH IS TO TRY YOU, AS THOUGH SOME STRANGE THING HAPPENED UNTO YOU; BUT REJOICE, INASMUCH AS YE ARE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS; THAT, WHEN HIS GLORY SHALL BE REVEALED, YE MAY BE GLAD ALSO WITH EXCEEDING JOY. IF YE BE REPROACHED FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST, HAPPY ARE YE; FOR THE SPIRIT OF GLORY AND OF GOD RESTETH UPON YOU; ON THEIR PART HE IS EVIL SPOKEN OF, BUT ON YOUR PART HE IS GLORIFIED. BUT LET NONE OF YOU SUFFER AS A MURDERER, OR AS A THIEF, OR AS AN EVIL-DOER, OR AS A BUSYBODY IN OTHER MEN'S MATTERS. YET IF ANY MAN SUFFER AS A CHRISTIAN, LET HIM NOT BE ASHAMED; BUT LET HIM GLORIFY GOD ON THIS BEHALF.

—I Peter 4:12-16.

A GOOD LAW.

The bill providing for a selective draft for army service of all men between twenty-one and thirty has become a law and registration will be accomplished June 5. As some 10,000,000 men are liable to service, but only 500,000 will at first be conscripted, and as it has been emphatically announced that service on the farm and railroads and in the factories is just as necessary as in the army, it is understood that the men who are properly employed in these occupations will be encouraged to remain and will be regarded with the same honor as that which is accorded to soldiers. It is to be hoped that the government will so conduct the draft as to fulfill the expectation thus awakened. There are many unemployed men and others in occupations which do not materially contribute to the maintenance of the nation on a war footing. Certainly they should be first called out. Then the Federal Government, or if it cannot do it, the State Governments should pass and enforce laws to require all able-bodied men to be employed. The non-producer, the profitless consumer, should not be permitted to live as a parasite on society. Even in the piping days of peace such men are handicaps to progress. They are undesirable, and should be eliminated. In our easy-going past under a laissez-faire theory we have tolerated "slackers;" but new conditions demand a change. The ease-loving shirk should be compelled to support himself or be expatriated. Let our new law be rigidly and fairly enforced and it will prove to be the tonic needed to arouse some men to a sense of duty. Lessons of great value may be learned through the emergencies of war.

DESTROY THE DRINK DEMON.

In order that the American people may go into this terrible world war with as clean hands as possible, we should abolish the liquor traffic. If we allow it to continue and pay taxes, our government becomes a party to an agreement to receive blood-money. We must be free from all obligation to this traffic in blood. We are offering no objection to an increase of taxes derived from legitimate sources. We want the privilege of bearing our share of the war burden. We must recognize the fact that the people who consume the liquor at last pay the tax. The distillers and brewers pay the money to the government and reimburse themselves by adding the increase to the price. We can, by having a sober and capable people, more easily raise revenue among us. The Russian minister of finance has said, when asked how his government would get revenue without the vodka shops: "We have lost our thousand-million rubles by the prohibition of vodka, but we have gotten it back and more in the vital energies of our people. How can a nation be poorer when its people are richer?" Let us rise up and destroy our worst

enemy. Let us urge Congress to abolish the damnable traffic and cease to derive any revenue from it, lest it tighten its coils and perpetuate itself. Do not delay, but write to President Wilson and your Senators and Representatives today. Express yourselves insistently and strongly. It is the privilege and the duty of every Christian and patriotic citizen to act now. Remember that we stultify ourselves when we permit our government to be supported out of the wages of sin.

MINISTER HELPFULNESS.

In this period of tribulation and terror, when thrones are falling and empires are shaken to their foundations, it is the duty and the high privilege of the church of Jesus Christ, through pulpit and press, to emphasize the stability of God's kingdom and the value of things spiritual. This is a dark day, but the church that faithfully meets its responsibility brings light. Institutions purely human are discounted, but Christ-like men have the confidence of struggling and bleeding humanity. Burdens bear hard and heavy, but they can be borne with divine help and the co-operation of men who know Christ. Many human hopes will be blasted and dreams shattered, but faith in God and trust in Him for guidance will inspire new hopes and holy purposes. Disasters, instead of driving men from God, should press them to his side. When men are hating and devouring one another, remember that God is love and Jesus gave a new commandment—one with new emphasis because of his own relation to men—"That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Even though you should lose property and home, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." If we believe these words of the Master, let us take courage and be strong in our day of tribulation; "for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Let us who have the ministry of reconciliation seek to bring our fellows into right relation to God and to one another. Then joy and peace will come. Feed not the people on stones, when it is possible to supply them with the bread of life. Look up to God and down to the men who need Him. Lift up those who are overborne, and point them to the Burden Bearer. Utter no faltering note, no uncertain sound. Preach Christ and his gospel of peace and purity and power.

STRENGTHEN THE SCHOOLS TO SERVE THE STATE.

Naturally, because most of them are high-spirited and ambitious, college and university students are among the first to offer themselves for military service in a crisis like this. The youth of England's universities rushed to the front and have perished. The sacrifice may have been necessary to arouse the sluggish nation; but ten or twenty years hence England may lack leaders because of this loss of the fittest youth to lead. In all the warring nations the choicest young manhood is being consumed. However, while France is losing her youth above eighteen years old, still that brave and wise people are maintaining their schools and educating the children as never before. France is looking beyond the war and does not propose that the hope of the future shall be destroyed because of temporary emergencies. We should profit by the experience of others. Our common schools, our high schools, our colleges, and our universities should be strengthened, and our youth under twenty-one should be educated so that they may be ready for the new and awful responsibilities which will be thrust upon them. World leadership is des-

tinued to come to America. The world depends on education as never before. If we neglect the rising generation we are condemning our country to mediocrity and failure. It is fortunate for Arkansas that our school tax limit has been raised, and that our people are taking advantage of their right to tax themselves for education. Now let all parents plan to keep their children in school. Let not the scare of scarcity or the lure of extraordinary temporary gain tempt the parents to keep their children out of school now. Patriotism requires the preparation of the rising generation to meet the demands of the new age that is rushing upon us. National safety and progress require more education and better education. We can no longer live the isolated life. Our city is now set upon a hill and cannot be hid. This conspicuity means either opportunity for further advance or it means a disastrous fall. The demand for the product of the Christian college grows; but the cost of production increases. The undowered college is doomed. Those who believe in the necessity and value of Christian education need now to bestir themselves. Our colleges must be endowed and fully equipped to meet the emergencies. The widow with her mite and the millionaire with his superabundance must do their share lest our lights go out. Now is the time to help the colleges by contributions and patronage.

A GREAT CONVENTION CITY.

The Southern Baptist Convention, which met this year in New Orleans, will convene next year in our Hot Springs. This large body met there once before. The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly gathered there some years ago. The Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its next session there. Many other notable bodies have found it convenient to assemble in our City of Vapors. Its hotel facilities are unexcelled in any other city of its size. Its healing waters are utilized by invalids from all parts of the world. Those who are not suffering from any serious or chronic ailment may be invigorated and prepared to resist disease by using the magical baths. The scenery is fine and the climate practically all the year is pleasant. It is not strange then that many national conventions arrange to meet there. At the proper time our General Conference should be invited and urged to hold a session at Hot Springs. If it were desired the whole membership could be housed in one hotel and the conference could convene in the same building and then not fill it.

PILLORY PUSILLANIMOUS PROFITS.

It is very evident that the high prices of many food products are due, not to scarcity, but to the deliberate purpose of certain speculators. This is unchristian at any time. Now it is diabolical selfishness and treachery to our dearest interests. Our government should investigate, and, if there are no legal penalties, should publish the names of these sordid souls so that they may be held up to the scorn of the American people. The traitor at home is more dangerous than the enemy abroad; and the vilest of traitors is he who would profit from the misfortunes of his fellows and the necessities of his country.

If you must go into the pulpit unprepared, do not mention it, because the people will expect you to fail, and, if perchance, you should succeed, you seem to have belied yourself.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss." Well, what of it? Who wants to be moss-covered? Most of us need to have the moss rubbed off.

To establish a good reputation is easier than to overcome a bad one.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Little Rock District, Hazen, May 30.
Fort Smith District, at Lavaca, May 30.
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Pine Bluff District, at Stuttgart, June 28-July 1.
Camden District, at Waldo, July 6-9.
Batesville District, at Sulphur Rock, July 9.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

President J. M. Williams last Sunday addressed the graduates of Des Arc High School.

REMEMBER THE SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT HENDRIX COLLEGE, JUNE 13-15.

The announcement of commencement exercises at Galloway College for June 5 has been received.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson will preach the baccalaureate sermon for Kentucky Wesleyan College, May 27.

May 27 Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of Dallas, Tex., will preach the commencement sermon of Fordyce High School.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE HENDRIX SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS, AT CONWAY, JUNE 13-21.

Today Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Hendrix College delivered the literary address at the close of the Des Arc High School.

Dr. H. A. Boas, president of Texas Woman's College, is wisely proposing that Texas Methodism should establish a hospital.

Last Sunday Dr. J. M. Workman of Henderson-Brown College preached the commencement sermon for the Crossett High School.

Governor Whitman of New York deserves great credit for his fearless advocacy of better temperance legislation in that State.

Rev. R. L. Jackson of Gravette has preached the commencement sermons of Winslow High School and Gravette High School.

Rev. J. M. Hughey, presiding elder of Paragould District, will preach the commencement sermon for Sloan-Hendrix Academy at Imboden.

On May 29, during commencement week, Millsaps College, at Jackson, Miss., will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, which has been in session at Birmingham, Ala., has voted to meet at Durant, Okla., next year.

At the session of the Press Association in Fort Smith, Mr. T. L. Pound, editor of the Danville Democrat, was elected president. He is one of the stalwart members of our church at Danville.

At the commencement of Trinity College (N. C.), June 3-6, the sermon will be preached by Dr. J. S. Montgomery of Washington City, the alumni ad-

dress will be delivered by Dr. J. F. Crowell of New York, former president, and the literary address by Dr. Hamilton Holt of New York.

Rev. A. F. Skinner, the pastor, is rejoicing over a very successful revival which has been conducted in his church at Corning. He preached the closing sermon for the High School at Corning on May 13.

Rev. R. L. Jackson of Gravette writes that he has had a great meeting at Decatur, with about forty-five conversions and twenty-five accessions. Rev. W. C. Moorman of Siloam Springs ably assisting.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. (Northern), has been in session at Dallas, Texas, during the past week. It has passed resolutions looking toward union with the Southern Church.

Bishop Waterhouse, who has made his home in California, has returned to Emory, Va., his former home, and is now in more vigorous health than he has been for the past year, and is steadily regaining strength.

President Wilson has wisely selected Dr. John R. Mott as one of our commissioners to Russia. His knowledge of student life will enable him to deal with the large number of students who are leaders in the revolution.

Rev. T. P. Clark, Little Rock Conference evangelist, has an open date between June 17 and 30 for a meeting or series of sermons. His time for July and August is scheduled, except the last days of August. Address him at Conway.

Robert College, the American Board institution at Constantinople, founded in 1863, has closed its doors on account of war conditions. This is one of the noblest and most successful missionary educational institutions established by any denomination.—Ex.

In a personal letter Rev. R. M. Traylor of Bentonville, one of the worthy superannuates of North Arkansas Conference, says that, while he is feeble, he is able to be up and out most of the time and can attend church occasionally. He writes a good, cheerful letter.

Dr. L. C. Branscomb, editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, attended the war conference of the Federal Council of Churches at Washington, and writes a most interesting account of his trip and the proceedings. His editorial correspondence is always charming.

Southern Methodist University at Dallas is offering summer work in the School of Theology. The full theological faculty will continue its work from June 14 to August 1. Our pastors who have been accustomed to spending their vacations in Northern institutions should now consider the attraction at Dallas.

We are still of the opinion that no subject before the American people today is of more vital importance than that of Christian Education. It is fundamental to the growth and progress of the Church of Christ, and to the peace and prosperity of the world.—Report of Education Board of Southern Presbyterian Church.

On the request of Bishop Candler, Mrs. W. P. Feild of Little Rock has had a picture of her father, Dr. Andrew Hunter, enlarged and sent to Emory University. It is a very fine reproduction, and his many friends in Arkansas will be glad that this excellent likeness of this great man of Methodism is to adorn the walls of our university at Atlanta.

Rev. Charles Edwards of Huntsville Circuit writes that his second quarterly conference was the best occasion that he has seen on his charge. He thinks that his presiding elder, Rev. G. G. Davidson, is the right man, and under his leadership all departments of church work are moving forward. He expects soon to have his quota of new subscribers.

Last Monday at Pine Bluff Rev. Grover Cleveland and Miss Leslie Trice O'Neal, daughter of Mrs. W. W. West of Wabbaseka, were married by Rev. E. R. Steel. Brother Cleveland has been a student at Candler School of Theology. He will hold meetings this summer in the Camden District, assisted by his wife. He may be reached at Stamps.

The editor greatly regrets having missed the call last week of Rev. J. H. Cummins of Carrollton and his son-in-law, Mr. Hancock. Brother Cummins is an honored superannuate of North Arkansas Con-

ference, who has in recent years spent considerable time in Oklahoma. He had been in poor health and had been in the city for treatment, but is now much improved.

China may be slow, but when aroused does things thoroughly. On April 1 all holdings and dealings in opium by private interests were ended. There will be no further selling of opium in the open market. The government has taken over the entire stock in the country, and will use it only for the extraction of morphine for medical purposes.—Herald and Presbyterian.

It has been rumored that men in the guise of Bible sellers have been endeavoring to stir up revolution among our Southern negroes. The American Bible Society, having instituted a thorough investigation, finds that none of its representatives are in any way involved. The Society's work is purely missionary, and in no sense commercial, and has everywhere met with approval of the people who understand it.

Dr. R. L. Selle, formerly District Superintendent of Little Rock District, Methodist Episcopal Church, is now pastor at Nowata, Okla., and is greatly pleased with his charge. Since Christmas he has received 115 new members and his Sunday school and Epworth League have grown in about the same proportion. He has been preaching a series of sermons on the Devil, which have attracted much attention and favorable comment.

Some men think that certain orthodox theologians "lack vision," when the real trouble is that they themselves lack ordinary common sense. One writer says that he has had deeper spiritual experiences and communion with the infinite "than Christians generally have." His "infinite" is not the God of the Bible, but a sort of indefinite something or other "unknown and unknowable." His communion is simply with himself, and his spiritual experiences are self-conceit.—Herald and Presbyterian.

Major Ira H. Evans of Austin, Tex., a Congregationalist and a descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers, has made a handsome donation to the library of the School of Theology of the Southern Methodist University for the purchase of books dealing with the early history of New England. No study of American Christianity is complete without a thorough investigation of the influence of the Pilgrim Fathers and of the Puritans on the life of the American republic. This gift is greatly appreciated.

Just in the measure in which we learn to live for spiritual and unseen things do we find contentment amid earth's trials and losses. If we live to please God, to build up Christ-like characters in ourselves, and to lay up treasure in heaven, we shall not depend for happiness on the way things go with us here or on the measure of temporal good we have. The lower desires are crowded out by the higher. We can do without childhood's toys when we have manhood's better possessions; we need this world less as we get more of God and heaven into our hearts.—Ex.

Every member of the church, and especially every officer, who wishes to be worth while should know what his own church and the other churches around him are doing. He can not otherwise throw himself into his church's work. His local church paper is for this very purpose. It will keep him abreast of what is going on. It will make him a wide-awake member. It will be his pastor's best helper. It will make him familiar with the plans and efforts of his church and with their results. It will make him an interested and intelligent Presbyterian.—Presbyterian Journal.

Rev. M. A. Fry of Mountain Home has been quite busy of late with extra duties. April 14 he delivered a lecture on the history of Christian education to the High School, and on April 28 repeated it for the seniors of Mt. Home Baptist College. May 16 he presented the medals to the prize winners at his High School, and May 18 lectured on preparedness to the Baxter County Teachers' Institute. He has planned and built the Nettie B. Fry Memorial Superannuate Home. June 15 he begins the annual summer personal workers' campaign which is conducted in three sections in Baxter County.

By action of the Epworth League Board at its recent meeting, Miss Phala Hawkins of Charleston, Mo., was invited to the Junior Secretaryship made vacant by the resignation of Miss Trawick. It is

announced by the General Secretary that Miss Hawkins has accepted the office, and will begin her work June 1. She is an accomplished young lady, the daughter of the Rev. C. M. Hawkins of the St. Louis Conference, and a granddaughter of the late Dr. John Mathews, in his day one of the greatest preachers in Southern Methodism. It may be expected that Miss Hawkins' contribution to the work of the Central Office will be of great value.

Dr. J. Campbell White, formerly a missionary to India, later the organizer and director of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and now president of the College of Wooster, declares that he has taken up the work of Christian education because he believes he can best serve the interest of God's Kingdom there. He says: "We are willing to rest our whole case on the vital contribution which the college has made and promises to make to the expansion of the Kingdom of Christ. If by investing in colleges that are frankly and positively and completely Christian, the church can produce competent leaders in adequate numbers, it is doubtful whether human ingenuity has ever devised a more successful method of influencing and controlling the thought and life of the world."

The editor was at Arkadelphia District Conference a few hours Thursday and again for a brief space Friday evening. The attendance at first was light, but the total enrollment, running beyond seventy, was large. A spirited opening sermon was preached by Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh of Leola. Dr. B. A. Few, the presiding elder, had affairs in hand and business was transacted rapidly, but thoroughly. The preachers were full of hope and plan for the closing out of a great year. The importance of increasing the circulation of the paper was stressed and the editor was given a sympathetic hearing. The session began at Woodlawn Church, but on account of its small size, an invitation was accepted to finish the sessions at the commodious and elegant Central Church. Brother Vaughan of Woodlawn and the other pastors co-operated to provide excellent entertainment. The editor was pleased with conditions as he learned them. The conference was a success.

Owing to the change in date of closing of Hendrix College, the preacher who had been selected, Dr. J. W. Lee of St. Louis, could not be present; hence the editor responded to the invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon, and had the pleasure of speaking to a great congregation last Sunday morning. Chaplain F. W. Gee of the Arkansas National Guard preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon before the Y. M. C. A. at night. Hon. Wallace Townsend of the class of 1902 delivered a strong patriotic address before the graduates on Monday. President Reynolds mentioned the fact that in proportion to numbers Hendrix College was furnishing more men for army service than were some of the large institutions about which much has been written. He and Dr. Thomas both spoke hopefully of the future of the college and expressed the purpose to provide for full co-operation in the plans of our government. In spite of the early closing, the commencement exercises were interesting and profitable.

On account of the train schedule and other engagements the editor was able to be at Prescott District Conference only at the Thursday night session. The fine new house completed at Mineral Springs by Rev. W. W. Mills was packed to its capacity with a congregation that listened eagerly to the impassioned appeal of Dr. Forney Hutchinson in behalf of missions, and patiently to the editor's presentation of the paper at a late hour. Rev. J. A. Henderson, the new presiding elder, was in charge and managed with the efficiency of a veteran. The attendance was large at the very beginning, with prospect of further increase. The pastors seemed to be in good spirits. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Mills, and his hospitable people were entertaining right royally. They were very proud of the new \$2,500 church finished without debt. The town is small, but is growing and taking on new life. Before the day of railroads it was an educational center. An annual conference once met there. The editor's stay, though brief, was pleasant and profitable, and he is under promise to return for a Sunday at a more convenient season.

Jesus Christ can redeem the world alone, but it cannot become a redeemed world without the help of His servants. He needs us in order to carry into all humanity the energies that He brought into

the midst of mankind by His incarnation and sacrifice; and the cradle of Bethlehem and the cross of Cavalry are not sufficient for the accomplishment of the purpose for which they respectively came to pass without the intervention and ministry of Christian people.—Alexander Maclaren.

Who can read that ancient legend of the Apostle John carried into the Christian Church, able only to articulate "Little children, love one another," without feeling that age and death touch not the immortal love?—F. W. Robertson.

HENDRIX ENDOWMENT.

The determination of our preachers in Arkansas to see to it that the present campaign for half a million dollars for Hendrix College is successfully concluded is encouraging. I have never seen such determination on the part of my brethren. The amazing part of the story is that the preachers are pledging as they never did before. The success of the present seems incredible until we stop to think that we have one hundred and ten thousand members in the State, which represents a constituency of at least four hundred thousand. All sections, towns and country alike, are joining our band of investors in the greatest enterprise before the church. My own faith is that but few will fail to invest in Hendrix College now, if properly approached, either of our members or of our constituency.

Brethren of the ministry, talk about the campaign, pray for it and preach on Christian Education. Let the exclamation ring throughout the State from every pulpit, every Sunday school and Epworth League and Missionary Society.

On to \$500,000!!!—James Thomas, Agent.

ARKANSAS METHODIST COLLECTION.

Little Rock Conference.	
Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount previously reported.....	\$2,043.60
Amounts received since then:	
May 19—Monticello	22.75
May 22—Cherry Hill Circuit.....	1.25
Total	\$2,067.60

North Arkansas Conference.	
Amount due, 1917.....	\$2,000.00
Amount previously reported.....	\$1,045.25
Amounts received since then:	
May 18—Smithville Circuit	4.00
May 19—Fisher Street, Jonesboro.....	10.00
May 22—Central Ave. and Bethesda, Batesville	9.00
Total	\$1,068.25
James Thomas, Treasurer.	

NEW CASH SUBSCRIBERS ON THE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN.

North Arkansas Conference.	
Batesville Dist., B. L. Wilford, P. E.....	42
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Conway Dist., James A. Anderson, P. E.....	65
Fayetteville Dist., G. G. Davidson, P. E.....	192
Fort Smith Dist., J. K. Farris, P. E.....	40
Helena Dist., W. F. Evans, P. E.....	76
Jonesboro Dist., F. M. Tolleson, P. E.....	101
Paragould Dist., J. M. Hughey, P. E.....	12
Searcy Dist., R. C. Morehead, P. E.....	28
Total	577

Little Rock Conference.	
Arkadelphia Dist., B. A. Few, P. E.....	49
Camden Dist., J. A. Sage, P. E.....	43
Little Rock Dist., Alonzo Monk, P. E.....	57
Monticello Dist., W. C. Davidson, P. E.....	50
Pine Bluff Dist., W. C. Watson, P. E.....	51
Prescott Dist., J. A. Henderson, P. E.....	33
Texarkana Dist., J. A. Biggs, P. E.....	52
Total	335

THE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES.

Rev. R. L. Jackson of Gravette and Decatur charge, Fayetteville District, has completed his canvass for new subscribers. The Fayetteville District, under the leadership of Presiding Elder G. G. Davidson, is making fine progress. Jonesboro and Helena Districts have also made a good start. All of these districts will endeavor to complete their campaigns early in the summer. Others should take up the work and press it vigorously. It must

be done, and the sooner the better, both for the paper and the people.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Spiritual Interpretation of History; by Shailer Mathews, Professor of Historical and Comparative Theology at the University of Chicago; published by the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass.; price, \$1.50.

Dr. Mathews has preached or lectured before college audiences and institutes for preachers until his views on history, sociology and philosophy are well known. All who have heard him will eagerly read this, his last book. The subject is discussed under the following heads: "The Limits Within Which the Spiritual Interpretation of History Is Possible," "Spiritual Tendencies in History as a Whole," "The Substitution of Moral for Physical Control," "The Growing Recognition of the Worth of the Individual," "The Transformation of Rights Into Justice," and "The Spiritual Opportunity in a Period of Reconstruction." The author believes that there is a divine purpose in history, and that careful study reveals progress in moral ideals. He says: "In an epoch of reconstruction like ours, the world stands at the cross-roads of history. A few brief years will fix the course of centuries. Great crises will come again, but they will spring from the crisis of our day. New institutions, new nations, will be developed, but we shall help determine whether they shall be subject to spiritual control. No generation ever faced such possibilities of future weal or woe as does ours as it sees nations being reborn, civilization looking to Christian people for guidance, and yet sees the forces of evil, of war, of materialism, growing more aggressive. The church of Jesus Christ must grow sacrificial or it will grow feeble. Christians must sacrifice for their Master or see their Master put to an open shame. The opportunity is marvelous and appalling. It is a challenge to our generation to spiritualize world-history in the making. Here lies the supreme opportunity for spiritual leaders. The makers of history in the grand manner will be those who, in the historical process which reveals the presence of a God immanent within itself, shall stand prepared to institutionalize their ideals in organizations which shall be the training school of the socially minded. Such leaders will be the leaven of that better social order that shall make the world into the kingdom of brothers who, free spirits in the midst of physical forces and economic tensions, are the true children of God the Father Almighty."

Marching Men: or Facing Problems of Childhood, Pulpit, and Pew; by Leonidas Robinson, M. A., Ph. D.; published by Sherman, French & Co., Boston; price \$1.25.

This book is full of sparkling gems of thought and valuable suggestions. It is not intended as formal psychology, but offers helpful hints on the application of psychology and pedagogy to the problems of the preacher. It abounds in striking quotations and illustrative material. Being fresh and vital, it will stimulate and strengthen the reader. While the writer is probably a higher critic, he is constructive and purposes to reinforce faith with reason. The work is in three parts, "Psychology," "Problems of Pedagogy," and "The Book." The author says: "We are now passing through an epoch of unparalleled change of thought." * * * "Some cling to the old, traditional beliefs with a zeal born of despair; some abandon them in reckless bewilderment; and others (the class is growing) are engaged in an exhaustive and painstaking research for new bases, looking toward the reconstruction of our new doctrinal faith consistent with newly discovered facts of science and principles of criticism. There has come the rise of the historical spirit with true regard to the sequence of history and those historic forces over which we have no control. From this has come the revival of interest in science, especially as related to evolution." * * * From this new scientific viewpoint have come a new psychology, a new pedagogy, and, in a sense, a new Bible." * * * "My first consideration has been for the preacher and all earnest seekers for truth, so many of whom have been bewildered in the great continuous changes of modern thought. I shall dare to push open the gates that, as I view it, lead to a larger place of vision and service."

CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE THRILLING STORY OF BELGIUM'S HEROIC WOMEN.

The only American woman member of the Commission for Relief in Belgium has written a book that should be read everywhere in this country. It is entitled "Women of Belgium Turning Tragedy to Triumph," and was written out of Mrs. Charlotte Kellogg's own personal observations and experience in that smitten country. The Introduction is by Herbert Hoover that great American through whose tireless efforts as Chairman of the Relief Commission, the deplorable condition of the Belgian people is being alleviated. Mrs. Kellogg's husband had charge of Belgian Relief at the Brussels headquarters of the Commission, and her opportunities for eight months were such as no other woman has known. She has given to the world, therefore, a most intimate view of women's work, and courage, and sacrifice, made necessary by the desolations of war.

This unique volume is not a "war-book" in the sense that it details horrors of battle, but rather it covers a period, a tragic history, a marvelous philanthropy, never before known. It recites the splendid courage and the noble service of true human brotherhood and sisterhood. To read it is an inspiration and a delight, even if many of its pages are brimming with pathos. You can help the hungry and homeless Belgians by ordering a copy, for not a cent of the profits from its publication goes to author or publishers or any one else except the Commission for Relief in Belgium. It has 230 pages, is well printed and illustrated, is bound in cloth, and will be sent to any address, postpaid, on receipt of \$1.10, by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 354-360 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Buy one, five, a dozen, copies, and distribute them and you will befriend the destitute and starving while you benefit and inform yourself.

THE CHURCH'S OWN.

"If any provideth not for his own, and especially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever." 1 Tim. 5:8.

The above Scriptural principle applies to the Church as well as to the family, with equal or greater force. It is the undenied and undeniable duty of the Church to provide proper support for her ministerial servants, active and retired. The servants are the Church's own—her own employees and faithful workers. Her spiritual servants. Her indispensable financial agents. Her successful builders. Her history makers. Her beloved wards. Their care is her responsibility, her absolute and unavoidable obligation, and that, too, as long as they abide in the sacred relations of the ministry.

If the Church provide not for her own, who will? And if the Church provide not for her own, is she not in grave danger of denying the faith and acting toward her beloved children as an unbeliever?

The Church's greatest danger lies in the region of forgetfulness, of mere inadvertance or oversight. And this forgetfulness applies especially to the preacher who has dropped out of the ranks, and the widow and children of the preacher who has been removed from his earthly labors.

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In order to provide more adequately

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For you to participate in this most needed and sacred work of the Church is a great privilege, of which, if you avail yourself, it will be to you a joy forever.—J. R. Stewart, Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

PRACTICABLE PLANS.

At the meeting of the Texarkana District Conference just past, in making my report, I mentioned a plan that we have partially adopted in raising our assessments. After adjournment President Williams of Gallop College came to me and said that he thought the plan was good and that it would help to solve the financial problem of our Church in the rural districts. He suggested that I give the plans to the Methodist. Now, because of his encouragement, and because I think the plans are practicable, I am submitting them for what they are worth.

At the beginning of 1916 one of my stewards, who had brought up a meager report at the first quarterly conference, approached me and said: "Can you give me any plan that is workable that will aid our Church in raising her assessment?" I replied by asking him how many acres he would plant to cotton. "Twelve," he answered. "Can you not add one-half acre to your cotton crop without making any material difference in your work?" I think I can. "Do it and donate the proceeds to the Church." And he did. We succeeded in interesting two or three of his fellow members in doing the same thing. The result was that where they had been paying two to four dollars they now paid from fifteen to twenty. And the stewards' own word for it, he paid the twenty dollars easier than he had been paying three and four. An added result was that this particular church overflowed the assessment considerably. This particular church is Highland Church on the Cherry Hill charge. More of our churches are taking up the plan this year and, in this way, the pastor himself has some crop. I might add that not all the acreage is planted to cotton, but a part to corn, sorghum, etc.

The other plan takes in "biddy," the hen, the most industrious and I might say the greatest wealth producer in our nation. But Uncle Jimmie Hoover intimated (I know Uncle Jimmie, and I wish you did) that she was a Sabbath breaker, and that we were indirectly guilty of the same offense by selling those eggs laid on the

Sabbath for profit to ourselves. I took the hint and went before my people with the suggestion that they donate their Sunday's eggs to the church for raising the Conference claims. We did not succeed very well in raising the claims for the very obvious reason that farmers—and very wisely, too, sometimes—take to new things slowly, but we did succeed in doing one thing, as we did with the other plan, namely, showing the people that the plan was practicable. One lady, an ordinary farmer's wife, sold her Sunday's eggs and brought me a dollar. An old lady in this way paid me more than three dollars and did not observe the plan more than six months. This was last year. This year the amount would be doubled.

These plans are not meant for the man of wealth, but for the one who has more time and labor to spend than money. However, some of our bigger farmers might enlarge the plan and double their contributions.—J. V. Kelly.

THE GOVERNMENT AND COLLEGE STUDENTS.

The action of the Conference of College and University Presidents with the Council of National Defense at Washington last week is extremely gratifying to college people. This conference was addressed by the Secretary of War, the Commissioner of Education, the Chairman of the Educational Section of the Council of National Defense, and other prominent men. It was found that the Federal government and the college presidents were a unit in the view that we must keep our colleges and universities full of young men and young women, that we must not repeat the mistake made by England and France in taking the student population out of institutions of higher learning. It is realized by all that the public, professional and industrial life of America will in the near future, after the war, make the biggest demand for college trained men and women that the country has ever witnessed. This demand is intensified by the fact that Europe is destroying the future leadership of that part of the world on the field of battle and that America will have to furnish the trained brain for this country and partly for Europe as well.

The conference at Washington recommended among other things that the government should provide military training for all young men in colleges and that colleges like Hendrix should include as a part of their course of study teaching in military science in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act of June, 1916. The conference also advised strongly, and this advice was enjoined by the government authorities, that all young men below the age of liability to the selective draft and those over 21 who are not included in the first call, now in American colleges, should continue. It also issued an appeal to high school boys and girls to enter upon a college education at once with the view of preparing themselves for the national service either in a professional, industrial or governmental way. The conference created an executive committee representing the different college and university organizations of the country to act in the absence of the conference. This committee is to meet at Washington every two or three weeks, confer with the various departments of governments and keep the colleges advised in what manner they may serve the nation. Dr. Hol-

lis Godfrey is chairman of this committee, and he will reside for the present in Washington and devote all of his time to directing this work.

The Hendrix faculty is considering various ways in which the college may work in harmony with the government and at the same time serve the larger interest of young men and women who attend the college. As this conference of representatives of the government and of American colleges and universities views it, the most patriotic service a college or high school man or woman can render at this time is to continue his education in preparation for the many calls for service which the nation and the world will later make upon him.—J. H. Reynolds.

THE PERIODS OF THE MINISTRY.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes.

(Address delivered before the Boston Preachers' Meeting, September 18.)

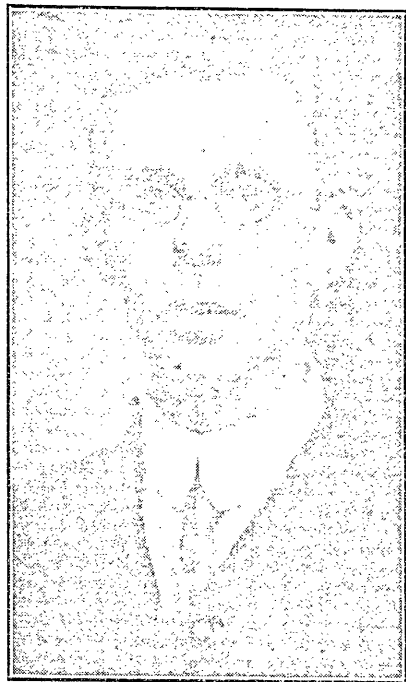
This paper is a very simple study of some of the actions and reactions of the ministry. It is a composite gathered from autobiography and biography, from memory of considerable length and observation of considerable width. The paper does not separate the elements that make its message; and the hearers of the paper must not do what the paper does not do. The emphasis is sought for those experiences that are more or less common to ministerial life. The aim is not to set forth an ideal character, nor an exceptional career, nor yet the changes in a personality that subdues and compels by the power of genius; the aim is rather to trace the periods of a normal ministry—to point out the weakness and strength of its various stages, and to furnish a glass wherein the natural minister may see himself—all this in the hope that he may not straightway go and forget what manner of minister he is.

The presupposition is that the young man who enters the ministry is of good character; of fair natural qualifications for the work; of honest preparation; and of those general gifts and graces which can be perceived more easily than they can be defined. Beyond this, the presumption is that the young man has been taken captive by the ideal of his profession. That ideal, stated in its fulness, has its own thrill. Indeed, for a time an overpowering sense of one's own unworthiness may keep one from heeding its call. It is an amazing thing to declare that one's life is yielded solely and only to the glory of God and the good of man; to kneel in a closet and to dedicate all one's strength to Christ and to those for whom He lived and died; to stand at an altar and to vow before the world and in the sight of the Infinite that henceforth every power of body, and mind, and heart is to be set to one great and holy purpose—the bringing of men and women and children into the fellowship and service of the Blessed Redeemer. If a man really does that, he can do nothing greater. We need not wonder that some men halt before the vision and turn it into their confusion and despair; nor need we wonder that in a strange and mystical way God tempers the vision to us, patiently giving us time wherein to adjust ourselves to its almost terrible glory. On the hiring and the self-seeker the vision must pall. But on the true under-shepherd of the Great and Good Shepherd it grows and grows; for it holds exhaustless motive for the surrendered life.

And now the young minister is ready to enter upon his work. Phillips Brooks once said to the writer that the ideal thing would be for a young man to preach his first sermon to his first people—to "break upon them" with all the pent-up hopes and expectations of the preparing years. He was arguing against supply preaching while the candidate was in college and seminary, arguing on the ground that every period of life should be kept true to itself—that youth should be only youth with its flavor unmingled; that college should be just college, freed from by-work for self-support; and that seminary should be simply seminary, undivided by preaching or pastoral responsibility—a time for brooding, a chance for bringing all the details of life into harmony with the central purpose of the ministry. It would be easy to caricature this conception, and easier still to declare it too much of a dream for a practical world. Yet let us admit that it is an ideal; and let us admit, as well, that Phillips Brooks himself met the ideal and that, without any iota of sensationalism, he really "burst" upon his first Philadelphia congregation. Some of us are made stale before we get into the complete ministry. We "preach" our way through college and seminary and then enter the "regular work" without much sense of either sacred transition or holy novelty. The "first sermon" is far removed in date from our first charge, while the "first communion" may be rated as an episode or incident, and not as an event, even if it be remembered at all.

All this is not quite good. It does not leave enough place for wonder, for awe, for the hush of the holy of holies. The sense of initiation is not sufficient. We are old when we are born, and this involves sad contradictions. All this explains why often an untried and untrained man does so well as to deceive the official elect into the faith that he has a wonderful future in the ministry. He comes to the work uncritical, and so, in a way, unified. He has no theories of homiletics to test, no complicated programs to exploit, no theological quackeries to advertise. He is likewise so glad to get into the ministry that he has a perfectly sublime carelessness as to where he goes, and he minds not a whit whether the parsonage has hard wood floors or none at all. He has now only one aim—so to preach

the Gospel as to win men to Christ; and he pursues that aim with a consecration that burns. Around that aim he gathers his prayers, his labors, his fears. And, brethren, is it not true that God honors this man with early success? Recall it for yourselves—



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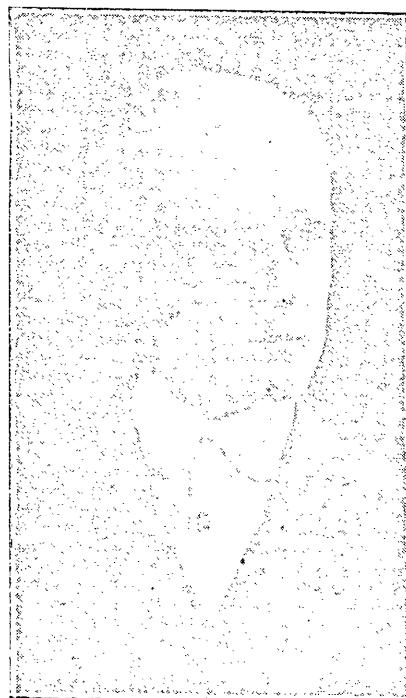
the first seeker that you behold coming down the aisle of the little church. Oh, the heart-breaking joy of the scene! We hovered tremblingly over that holy place where the forgiving God meets the yielding soul—hovered in our agony of prayer that we might have the grace of a good mediator. God pity us that we have ever suffered ourselves to grow stale in our priesthood! That fresh and unfaded purpose is the young preacher's finest qualification; and the saved soul that it wins is his most assuring credential.

This is the first stage. It does not last very long. Its perils are largely defeated by the simple and blazing passions of youth. Its errors are forgiven by a people who love that glowing young life for the eager singleness of its aim. He has life, and he passes it on to his hearers. The knowledge of sickness in one of his homes brings him thither with all speed. The death of a child opens a well of sympathy in his nature and carries him within the inmost circle of its parent's lives. All the events of his ministry are new and wonderful and great. That undimmed motive exalts the smallest things. He does not joke about wearing out shoe leather, or slamming gates, or calling on old ladies! He has not as yet gained that fight for self-confidence that allows him to enter his pulpit without anxious work and tremulous prayer. It would be good for us if every so often in our more mature ministry we should tarry in some humble and quiet place until we heard God say to each of us, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

We come now to the second stage of the ministerial life. No definite line can be set for its beginning; it all depends on how long it takes for the initial ardor to die down into a cinder, or for that same ardor to develop into a steady glow. The young minister has now become self-confident. He moves amid his professional duties with assurance. He can speak without kindling fright; he can approach the dying without that early

tremor; he no longer has a hesitating deference for his official members; in short, he has ceased to feel his way cautiously and reverently, and he walks everywhere with confident feet. The ideal is still upon him in strength; but, whereas he once used it to make himself humble, he may now use it to set his people at a disadvantage, or even to put them under condemnation. He is somewhat prone to be critical—critical of his trustees and stewards, critical of his Sunday school workers, and oftentimes critical of his ministerial brethren. I think that many of us must rebuke ourselves later, when life has grown into a larger charity and patience, that we saw not the problem in the light of love and did not note that God had sent us to our work precisely because His children were undeveloped.

Years ago one of the finest young ministers I have ever met was asked to go to a certain field. Upon investigation he learned that its difficulties were vast and the resources at his command meager. He consulted with an editor of the church, who represented the city as one of the suburbs of perdition and its people as quite largely the agents of the lord of that same dreadful place! But the bloom had not been rubbed from that young man's conception of his work. Because of the discouraging representations, he went. He said to me: "I wonder if that work is not what we preachers are for!" He held to that task unflinchingly, and the church



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which he went to build and serve is now set on the road to victory, and within the recent months, under one of this young man's successors, has moved into a splendid temple of worship. The point is that often the very reason for work is converted into a reason against work. The Saviour came because the world was full of the imperfect; and He sends us forth for precisely the same reason.

But in the early impatience of our work and in the wrong application of the very ideal of our ministry, we are apt to invert the logic and love of the Saviour. I can recall Mondays in this period of my own ministry when it seemed to me that I could no longer endure the strain of my people's indifference and of the world's spiritual dullness or opposition. Sometimes, too, this mood captured us in seasons that we did not fairly anal-

alyze. Our congregations decreased in the Christmas season, when all the expectation would have been for enlarged and intensified interest. We did not then recognize that our people were busied and wearied; that shopkeepers and clerks were on an annual rush that sent them to their couches jaded beyond words. The beginnings of the vacation period brought us something of the same discouragement. Our people scattered hither and yon, and we were left to face dwindling audiences. Thus our year was cleaved in three by the natural classification of life itself. There were three starts to be made, one after Conference, one after Christmas, one after vacation. Directly we perceived the meaning of it all, as well as its reasonableness, and our natures adjusted themselves to the good and kindly inevitable.

But all this for a time is a rather bitter experience to the young preacher. In short, he has not yet arrived at patience with life itself. The urgency of the ideal is defeated by social obstacles. The cure with us was usually a change of pastorate. The grass over there on our neighbor's lawn, seen horizontally, was smooth and green. The grass on our own lawn, seen perpendicularly, was gravelly and patchy. If we were over there, our troubles would be at an end, and our work would go bounding, when those stubborn human hindrances were out of our way, and those ideal folks in that other church rallied around us and acted like faithful angels. So runs the rope. In pursuit of that will-o'-the-wisp men have been traveling and traveling and traveling, looking for a city which had foundations and whose builder and maker was God. It is not easy to see that God has appointed us as the masons and carpenters to lift the walls and towers of that ideal city for which we long and to whose blessed borders He will some day bring our weary feet.

But this impatience is not the only peril of the second period of the younger ministry. There is a lack of comforting quality in it likewise.

EPILEPSY, ST. VITUS' DANCE AND OTHER FITS.

Epilepsy is one of the most dreadful of nervous disorders. Moreover, it is far more common than is generally supposed. In thousands of homes there are parents who are struggling with children subject to "spasms," "convulsions," or "fits," which would yield to proper treatment.

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This announcement will interest many women here, for it is said that the present high-heel footwear is putting corns on practically every woman's feet.

From many standpoints life is very rosy and hopeful, or it would be so, at any rate, if our people and the world would only fit themselves into our program. As yet we ourselves have made no graves. The earth has not been gashed to receive the dust of our beloved. Our tears have not fallen on the way of sorrow. Save for this apparent ministerial defeat life has been good to us, and we are sure that, if we could cut loose from the limitations that fret us here, we would be kings in the big world somewhere else. Many of us have thought of what wonderful successes we should have made in other lines. We are sure that the ministry has robbed the world of great statesmen, and of Napoleons of finance.

One of our leading preachers, no less a man than Edgar Blake, whose influence was so potent in the recent General Conference, tells of how at such a crisis in his ministerial work, when he felt that he was accomplishing so little, the governor of New Hampshire intimated that he was a needless martyr, and that he could open the way for the young minister to a larger life. Just in the midst of this temptation, a mother met Dr. Blake on the street and thanked him for the way in which he was helping her son on toward industry and manhood, thanked him tearfully and with the emotion of a mother's gratitude. This little episode renewed in the young man's heart the sense of his mission and sent him back to his pastorate with more hope and patience. It was the awakening of a new sympathy in his nature.

Brethren, I am more and more persuaded that the average, healthy, young preacher, untouched as yet by life's sorrows and standing this side of that period of parental anxiety on account of his own children, does not give his people enough sympathy and so not enough consolation.

I remember vividly when this lack in my own ministry was made known to me. I was twenty-seven years of age, and life was rosy with courage and hope. One of my official members at Newton Center died. My predecessor there was Rev. William R. Clark, one of our beloved St. Johns. He was aged then, with hair almost as white as his character. I suggested to the widow and daughter of my official member that it would be well to have Dr. Clark assist me in the funeral service. He came. I asked him to offer the prayer. He walked into Gethsemane with the mourners, striking notes that would have been impossible to myself. I went away wondering how my people had endured my failure in consolation. My inventory of my homes convinced me that all of them, save two, knew some peculiar burden or problem or sorrow. Hence I prepared and preached a sermon on God's answer to Paul's prayer for the removal of the thorn in the flesh. The discourse met the conscious or unconscious need of my people; and the first two men to bring their expressions of gratitude were the two who, as I had thought, were free from trouble. Each carried a secret sorrow; each needed a consoling ministry.

Indeed, I am persuaded that all this

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has a bearing on a situation that is more and wider than any merely personal point. The growth of Christian Science has been in part due to the fact that it has had for many people a consoling mission. When a man is converted, and especially when a man enters the ministry, his name ought always in a deep sense to be changed to Barnabas, a son of consolation. Our Bible is crowded with promise and with comfort, and the preacher's heart ought to be filled to overflowing with those same Biblical dispositions. We all need to be careful and prayerful, lest at some point in our earlier ministry funerals become commonplace experiences, neither preceded nor followed by the calls that are the consolations of love, and the opportunities for reaching hearts that are occasionally strangely receptive.

This period of the ministry has much of strength—unbounded physical energy, the somewhat sobered and still glowing ideal, an up-to-date-ness with reference to books, a fairly open mind toward fresh revelations, the first dawns of the parental sense or experience, the steadying down of life's judgments and, in short, that accession of life that comes with full maturity. Its perils are a curt impatience with unpaid coworkers, a failure to see all the sacrifice really involved with the people that support the church through many faithful years, an emphasis on having one's own way, an imperial disposition of which one is oneself scarcely conscious, and a lack of the sympathetic and consoling quality that has not yet developed out of life's defeats and sorrows.

We enter now the third period of the ministry. We need not define it in terms of the calendar, for the personal equation enters here. It is a matter of mood, as well as of years. We settle down into the routine of ministerial work. We are no longer fired by youth, and we are not yet mellowed by age. In general, it is the middle period of the career. It is not fully represented by the figure of speech in the Bible about the blade, the ear, and then the full corn in the ear, and yet that suggestion of the ear that is neither adorned with tassels nor touched by ripeness as representing the medial life is not without its meaning. The fires of youth have died down. The reverence paid to age has not come. The glory of the period is the combination of steadiness and strength. The work done is thorough, beyond what it was in the past. If less attention is paid to recruiting, more attention is paid to training. I do not think that we are as solicitous as we were about the size of our audiences. Our standard here is spiritual and not so numerical.

The impression is of solidity rather than of freshness, of caution rather than of venture, of spirituality rather than of vigorous ethics, of history rather than of romance. Sometimes we find ourselves smiling slyly at the exuberance of our younger brethren, and, unless we are careful, a certain condescension creeps into our attitude toward their hopefulness. In this period we may be betrayed into speaking of "callow youth." We love our younger brethren, but we are sure that we see many things that they must still learn, and we are not so sure that they have anything to teach us. We reverence our older brethren likewise, but we are now so far along that we do not need their sage

advice. Life is more self contained, and its self confidence, while not flaunted out in any glaring way, is still much assured. The man in this period has now come to the time when he enters the ruling class, if indeed he is to rise in any degree to the seats of the mighty. It is, in brief, the time when his ministry should come to its largest power, its widest influence, its deepening joy.

Yet this period has its perils. There is a destruction that wasteth even at noonday. The middle period is not altogether safe and sure. If Absalom fell in young life, Solomon fell in middle life. The morning that was bright and luminous reached a clouded midday. Herein is a parable.

The tendency in this period is to let down in the intellectual life. This is brought about not simply by a self confidence that is dangerous, but by the stress of life. The children are coming to the expensive age. Domestic economy brings its problems. The temptation is to buy fewer books, to fall back on old material, to lose the receptive faculty. The libraries of many men as they come to the end of this period are pitifully scanty and backward. That eager notebook that was used at conferences and conventions in the younger days is discarded now. In some cases the death of the receiving faculty is pathetic beyond words. There are men in this stage who can scarcely stand a full meeting. They leave the session about 11:30. They seldom stay to the close of a meeting when papers and addresses are the order of the day. One who knows them well will see them getting restless after they have been compelled into receiving something from a half to three-quarters of an hour. Directly the hat will be seized, and an errand to the grocery will be lifted into the dignity of a mission.

A man cannot give any more than he receives. On the financial side there is no more disastrous bargain than to withhold oneself from the fresh and stimulating books of any period. Along with this is the peril of work that is merely routine. Extemporaneousness gets in its dreadful effects. We can talk for half an hour any time. The labor, the passion, the prayer, the agony of preparation is done with now. The pulse does not greatly quicken when we enter the pulpit. We shall get through somehow. This, I say, is the peril. How deadly it is can scarcely be stated. Its victims lie along all ministerial ways.

There is here, as well, the peril of a dulled ambition. We find out whether or not we are going to be signal successes, as man sees that deceiving thing called success. We are disillusioned, if we are ever going to be disillusioned. Perhaps we see our brethren who in the old days seemed no more promising than we as they go forward to power and prominence. We are reluctantly driven to admit that our hope of so-called greatness will not be realized. If the prize of our work is prominence, the motive of our work is dead. It may be that our disappointment in this respect is God's effort to lure us back to the essentials of our work. We have to remind ourselves occasionally that, as we are really believers in the eternal life, we have still several millions of years in which to achieve worthy prominence in the kingdom of God. Unless we do this, we shall find ourselves of the earth earthly, apparently spiritual preachers, but really in our

own aims materialists of the higher order.

The temptation here is subtle beyond all description. Perhaps it is the favorite attack of the Evil One. Life can be recovered to its meaning and power only when we remind ourselves that we are preachers and followers of One who made Himself "of no reputation," and who even so made Himself of eternal reputation. Dear brethren, the less we think about our reputations in this lower sense, the more God will think of and care for our reputations in His higher sense. It is a day for tears and prayers and strong crying to the Almighty Father when our ideal for repute becomes twisted and contorted. He is ready to give back to us a fresh mission, to give us the full meaning of the German poet's words, "What shall I do to be forever known," etc.

May I say, also, that, as already hinted, this period is not without its moral dangers. There is in many men a growth of the parental feeling that is sometimes tempted to take liberties that would have been out of the question a little while ago. I am sure that more than one middle-aged preacher has been betrayed by a sense of fatherhood gone wrong. Usually we think of the younger period of the ministry as being the time of peculiar temptation. I doubt if this is so. We need only to review the dark list of ministers who have fallen into grievous sin and who have, through lust or indiscretion, gone out into the night of banishment and disgrace. Is it not true that usually they yielded to the destruction that wasteth at noonday? I can now think of twelve men scattered along the way of my memory—men who fell in this middle-period, strong men, too, in many respects. But the evil captured them when the whole career was not at stake, when self-confidence was at its steadiest height, and when they would have glibly declared that the wild oats period was long since past with them!

Thus the sense of fatherhood, added to the sense of sonship, the strange mingling of the filial and fatherly in one nature, is not without its perils. An affectionate attitude toward life, growing out of the paternal mood of middle age, may become either a commentary on the Saviour's teaching about the divine fatherhood or a withering interpretation of the Saviour's other word, "Ye are of your father, the devil." Those two fatherhoods contest for us even after the noonday comes and the shadows begin to fall for us toward the east. Paul was no longer filled with the bounding sense of youth when he wrote, "But I keep my body under, lest after having preached to others, I myself should become a castaway."

There comes now a fourth period in our ministry. We need not draw its boundaries too narrowly. Here again the personal equation plays its big

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part. There are young old men, and there are old young men. Some are superannuated before they are admitted, and some could be admitted after they are retired! Some apparently escape any inner superannuation, bringing forth fruit in old age, and not only walking a path that grows brighter, but doing a work that grows larger unto the perfect day of service. It may be that this latter class heeds the principles that are set out in this paper, and that they find those inner fountains of youth, so that life is renewed for them like the eagle's. But the most of us, like St. Paul, arrive at the point in the calendar where we must say, "The outward man perishes." We are weary earlier in the day. We do not enjoy late hours. We "save ourselves" because we know that the capital stock of those same physical selves is running out, principal as well as interest. We are approaching what we have called the "dead line." Are there any "danger lines" stretched across the same region when the dead lines are laid out for us? Even so.

There is, first of all, the temptation to hide the facts from ourselves and to conceal them from the public. When a few years ago one of the bishops entered the meeting of his colleagues with his whiskers newly shaven away, the jocular and beloved Luccock looked up at him and said, "Aha! fighting old age with a razor, are you?" In this particular case neither years nor appearance suggested old age. But the remark is suggestive of the various schemes, not to say deceptions, that are called upon to furnish a mask for age. Usually, however, they deceive nobody save the man who employs them. There is a false and unworthy fear of gray hairs. The finest and most glorious hair dye in the world is—snowflake. "A hoary head is a crown of glory—if." Evidently some brethren get smitten with the fear that they have not met the condition! These pretenses of youthfulness, taken so seriously by the pretender, are oftentimes the jokes of the discerning. In addition, speaking from the low plane of esthetics, white is ever so much handsomer than pale brown and yellow green! The utter truth is that the ideal thing is for a man to look just as old as he is. What right has a man to have a better reputation than he has a character? Ideally a man who is seventy ought to look seventy. A man's body is his nearest neighbor, and it should not bear false witness!

Nor is it wise or right at this period to put too much emphasis upon the statement that the church does not want older men. One of the surprises of episcopal work is to find how, comparatively speaking, the churches are not over emphatic in their demand for young men. In eight years only one of the several largest churches in the San Francisco area has been held by a man under forty, and, indeed, in most cases the churches were held by men over fifty. Close observers will tell you that there is less call for inexperienced pastors than there was twenty years ago. The call is for men who keep the spirit of youth, in whom the refreshing drink given by Christ bubbles up into everlasting life, so that they in their turn can bring to people the more abundant life. The cry is not so much for men who are young in years, as for men who are young in the sense that they keep the spirit of progress and hope. Tiffany, and Chapman, and

Studley, and Adams, and Dille, and scores of others who ran beyond the sixties and occasionally into the seventies and still held the so-called best pulpits, are the human proofs for the case. A man of fifty-seven years of age has but recently been asked to two of the leading pulpits in Methodism made vacant by recent events.

Of course, the fires of youth do die down, and this paper would not cover the facts with romance. But there are offsets that can be cultivated, as well as compensations that God furnishes freely—a crispness of style to take the place of a crispness of delivery, a brevity of speech that should be sought in inverse ratio with the length of life, a will that the sense of life's goodness based on the goodness of God Himself shall be kept fresh and whole to the very end, a new study of youth that youth may be understood and appreciated, but not mimicked, and a quickening of the grandparental instinct toward life that brings one into sympathy with cooing babies and laughing children.

Years ago when at the session of the New England Conference in Salem we gave Bishop Merrill a loving cup, in commemoration of the semi-centennial of his entrance into the ministry, he used a meaningful sentence in his response to our kindness—a very shrewd sentence: "The only certain evidence I have that I am growing old is my sure conviction that I can preach just as well and do just as much work as I ever could." Perhaps it was this rather unusual understanding that led this bishop to retire voluntarily, while some of his colleagues at the same General Conference walked to the same relation sadly because forcibly. Compulsory retirement, unless it comes to all by an impartial calendar, is apt to be followed by shadows, while voluntary retirement, free from the kindly hints of superintendents and laymen, sends a streak of sunshine all along the remaining journey. God be thanked that so seldom do we see a peevish old preacher!

God be thanked, too, that so often our retired brethren have little to say about the superiority of the good old ways. The writer of this paper has had in his congregation three superannuated preachers—William Butler, Charles N. Smith, and Edward Stuart Best. Each Sunday they went down the aisle making the people think that they had heard a good sermon, and the people accepted their generous opinion. From no one of them did I ever hear a word of other than helpful criticism, or a syllable of comparison of a little present with a great past, or an intimation that giants had been succeeded by pygmies, or a hint that Christ was now passing through an age of colossal failure. Their fine and mobile faces responded to the truth and feeling of their pastor, and eyes spoke amens when lips did not express them and their prayers, to which, I think, God was bound by all the rights and laws of His eternal kingdom to give quick and gracious heed, sent the service on to its goal. Two of these men are now in heaven, while one lingers in a serene and sunny age to bless his brethren with his smiles and words of benediction. But they may know, whether here or yonder, that a young pastor thanks God for their fellowship in faith and service. Such men do not bring sadness any more than a golden sunset brings gloom. Bryant's words in a somewhat different connection are still applicable:

"Ye are not sad to see the gathered grain,
Nor when their mellow fruit the orchards cast,
Nor when the yellow woods let fall
the ripened mast.

"Ye sigh not when the sun, his course fulfilled,

His glorious course, rejoicing earth and sky,

In the soft evening when the winds are stilled,

Sinks where the islands of refreshment lie,

And leaves the smile of his departure, spread

O'er the warm colored heaven and ruddy mountain head."

We make now the assured claim that this application of the figure of the golden sunset is not merely literary license. We have all seen first and last many aged preachers. It is true that they are the finished products of our ministerial regime. When they have been true to their many years of work for God, they become credentials of the divine life, Christian evidences of the most convincing sort. They deliver sermons when they walk the aisles of our sanctuaries. Their very silence is vocal with an appeal for the Gospel which made them what they are. Thousands of sermons have gone back with their blessing to dwell in those peaceful hearts. If they ever faltered along the ministerial path, they now rejoice that they never stopped, rejoice that, having loved their work, they loved it to the end.

There hangs in one of my rooms a picture, well known under the title of "Lost Illusions." The principal figure is that of an old man, with white hair and bent form. He sits sadly upon the shore, while a boat is about to bear away from him the illusions that he once carried in his heart. Music, and joy, and courage, and peace are all leaving him now. The desolate old man sits there in the loneliness that is to become more lonely. For him the sun is to go down in frowning clouds and not in smiles of glory. But, blessed be God, the picture is not true to the ministerial reality. If we are faithful to the Master to the last, our illusions do not leave us. Rather, they come trooping back, to nestle in our bosoms once again, and to find within us their true home. Our ideals are recovered. Gratitude that God called us to His blessed ministry surges through their spirits with the energy of eternal youth. We find Christ in the temple again and again, and we offer our ecstasy, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." We are Simeons and we are Pauls as well, saying, A good fight! A kept faith! A finished course! Henceforth a crown!

Call your own roll of remembered superannuates, my brethren, and tell me if this is not a faithful picture. Their faces I have seen from one border of the nation to the other, faces adorned with heavenly wrinkles because touched with the beauty of holiness. There are no finer, happier men this side of the many mansions. They dwell in earthly porticoes of God's own house. Their quavering voices thrill with a peculiar melody. Their testimonies are weighty with an unshaken authority. One of them said to me a while ago, "Oh, I have such a wonderful Father!" Since then many times I have seen his face and heard his words, and I have found myself gathering into his company scores of his aged partners in the Gospel, and I



have been driven to say, "Thank God that He has so many wonderful sons."—Zion's Herald.

HENDRIX COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The thirty-third annual commencement exercises at Hendrix College, which had been moved up three weeks in order that students might be released for service in armies and on the farms, began Saturday afternoon, May 19, at 3 o'clock with the academy graduation exercises and declamation contest. Five young men received certificates of graduation from the Academy.

At 7:15 o'clock the Senior Class Day exercises were held in front of Martin Hall. The class memorial, a "white way" from the entrance of the campus to Martin Hall, was presented to the college by Jesse Hudson and accepted on the part of the college by President J. H. Reynolds. After singing "Hendrix, O Hendrix" by the class W. R. Schisler read the class prophecy.

The Arkansas Methodist Oratorical contest for college students was held in the chapel at 8 o'clock. There were five competitors for the prize.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the commencement sermon was preached at the First Methodist Church by Dr. Alexander Copeland Millar, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and for many years president of Hendrix College. The sermon was a masterly discourse upon the life of the Apostle Paul and was much appreciated and praised by many of the very large congregation.

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening Rev. F. W. Gee, chaplain of the First Arkansas Regiment of the National Guard, and formerly pastor of Capitol View Methodist Church at Little Rock, preached the annual Y. M. C. A. sermon. Much of his discourse was devoted to the world war, setting forth the seriousness of the situation and the justness of our cause.

The graduation exercises were held Monday morning. Mr. Wallace Townsend, of Little Rock, a Hendrix Alumnus of the class of 1903, delivered the

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President Reynolds at the close spoke of the recent conference of college presidents and officials of our government, how it was agreed that young men and women ought to be urged more than ever to attend college and to show their patriotism by preparing for future leadership, so that our nation may not make the blunder England made in letting her college men go to the front and be destroyed.

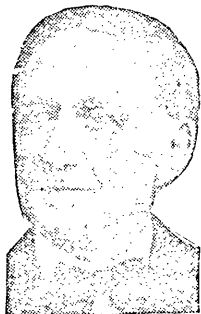
Dr. Thomas on behalf of the Board said that the endowment campaign is progressing satisfactorily and has not as yet been affected by war conditions, that our state is more prosperous than ever before, with prospects of even greater prosperity.

The students in mass meeting decided to publish their college paper, "The Bulldog," during the summer, so that they might better keep in touch with each other, and paid their subscriptions in advance. Thus ends one of the best years in the history of the college. Dr. Reynolds presented diplomas conferring the A. B. degree upon the following: Martha E. Basham, Clarksville; Gladys Bassett, Conway; J. Roy Bolin, Harrisburg; Ira A. Brumley, Bono; Maud Carmichael, Van Buren; J. A. Dowdy, Jr., Clarksville; Roy E. Fawcett, Austin; Robert L. Hiles, Little Rock; J. Martin Hill, Conway; Jesse S. Hudson, Cabot; Lena Mainard, Marshall; Ethel K. Millar, Little Rock; John H. Rainey, Appleton; Raymond T. Ross, Okolona; Edith Sherman, Jonesboro; R. F. Shinn, Pottsville; R. A. Teeter, Russellville; J. W. Walton, Jr., Benton. President Reynolds announced that the diplomas awarded to H. H. F. Gossett of Conway and Ed T. McCuiston of Prairie Grove, both of whom had already enlisted in the officers' training school at Fort Roots, would be sent to them.

The medals were presented by Dr. James Thomas, chairman of the board of trustees, to the following:

William A. Owens scholarship medal, to Miss Ethel K. Millar; W. E. Hogan mathematics medal, to E. W. Martin; Arkansas Methodist oration medal, to I. A. Brumley; academy scholarship medal, to Orris M. McCullough; academy declamation medal, to E. A. Elliott; academy essay medal, to C. E. Nisbit; Mirror literary prize, to W. C. Martin; Mirror short story prize, to B. I. Mayo; Mirror poem prize, to Fred McCuiston; H. W. Robertson athletic prize, to B. I. Mayo; J. Q. Schisler history prize, to John G. Moore; Mrs. Jo Frauenthal piano prize, to Miss Viola Brady.

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Almighty Father, send down upon thy children thy Holy Spirit, that we may choose and love thy way. Give us some work to do for thee; and help us to follow every holy call; for the sake of thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.—The King's Messenger.

SOCIAL SERVICE STUDY.

Next week the study in Social Service for June (questions and answers) will be published in this department, and auxiliaries are hereby reminded to use it in their meetings to the profit of all.

DISTRICT BULLETINS.

Several district secretaries in Arkansas are sending out quarterly bulletins which are interesting and stimulating. The Conference superintendent of publicity would be pleased to have two copies of every district bulletin of her Conference, that she might glean items for the Missionary Department in the Arkansas Methodist, and be spared the labor of copying them. Sometimes eyes and fingers become weary, and always kindly consideration is appreciated by all who work with pen and pencil.

SOCIAL SERVICE ECHOES FROM OUR MISSIONARY COUNCIL IN NEW ORLEANS.

By Mrs. W. E. Barkman, L. R. Conf. Supt. Social Service.

The election of Miss Mabel K. Howell to the office of superintendent of Social Service is a delight to each Conference superintendent. Miss Howell is connected with Scarritt Bible and Training School, occupying the chair of Sociology and Church History, and has also been a member of the Council Committee on Social Service during this quadrennium.

Miss Howell is trying to learn of social conditions in each Conference, and wishes the auxiliary superintendents to write their Conference superintendents expressing the sentiments of the societies upon leaflets sent us by the Council. Do you find this material too hard, too full, or covering too much ground?

Three remaining quarters of the year are before us. Let us seek to make them the most helpful influence of our work. The meeting just before us—June—is devoted to "Social Legislation Regarding Childhood." In September we study "Social Legislation Regarding Industry," and in December "Social Legislation Regarding the Family." Miss Howell wrote facts in leaflet for June study.

Our study for 1918 is to be "Sabbath Observance," which will be divided into four quarterly topics.

A committee was appointed at the Council to take under special consideration work of this department, and at the 1918 Council meeting to bring in plans for reconstruction and redirection. Every suggestion coming from auxiliary superintendents will be appreciated.

NOTES FROM MISSIONARY COUNCIL.—No. 5.

By Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Mission Study Books for 1917-18.

Adult—"An African Train" (MacKenzie); "Italians in America" (Mangano).

Senior Young People—"The Lure of Africa" (Patton); "Missionary Milestones" (Seebach).

Intermediates—"Japan" (Pell); "From Plaza, Patio and Palm" (Waid).

Juniors—"African Adventurers" (MacKenzie); "Bearers of the Torch" (Crowell).

Under Two Flags.

As we worked in the Council meeting we were constantly reminded of our allegiance to the United States and to Christ, the Savior of men. Two flags of red, white and blue, which were draped together over the chancel of the church, represented the great U. S. government and Christ's kingdom, which is to come to all nations. The U. S. flag is always hoisted by our ships sailing over the seas, and the Christian flag, white with a red cross, on its blue field, is flung to the breeze when Christian services are being held on shipboard by the chaplain.

This banner was designed by a man at Coney Island, who desired to celebrate "Flag Day" in Sunday school, and found that every kingdom on earth had a flag but Christ's kingdom, so he offered this beautiful one, which signifies "one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love."

RESOLUTION ON LAITY RIGHTS ADOPTED.

"That we prepare again to memorialize the General Conference to grant to the women of the M. E. Church, South, laity rights; and that a committee be appointed to plan for a campaign to secure the passage of this measure at the General Conference in 1918.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE UNIFICATION OF METHODISMS.

As, almost without exception, the annual conferences of the M. E. Church, South, have passed resolutions favoring the union of Methodisms, and as our women believe union would cause enlargement of mission work in the home and foreign fields, and that, with the love of God in our hearts, all obstacles to this movement may be overcome, the following resolution, signed by 64 members, was adopted by the Council:

"That the Woman's Missionary Council is in hearty sympathy with the efforts to effect union, and that we offer fervent prayer that Christ, the Head of the Church, may so direct that His will may be done and His name may be glorified."

ITEMS FROM AUXILIARIES.

Oakley's Chapel.

Mrs. John B. Jackson, auxiliary president, writes:

"We want to let the readers of the Methodist know that we have a living missionary society at this place. We are not yet two years old, but we have a membership of 14, 11 subscribers to the Missionary Voice, and 6 who have pledged themselves to tithing. We feel that God is with us in this

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precious work. Our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gibbons, are an inspiration to our society. We feel our weakness, but we are going to do all we can to tell others of Jesus."

Heber Springs.

"The Woman's Missionary Society was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. James Mitchell Thursday, April 26, with Mesdames Harry Nunnley, J. T. Matthews, E. T. Wayland, James Mitchell and Miss Annie Boyde as hostesses. The house was beautifully decorated in spring flowers and ferns. Two unique contests were engaged in, in which Mesdames Griffin and Hale were the most successful. Mrs. Boydie Graham Easter gave two beautiful solos. Misses Eva Lee Mitchell, Louise Music and Willie Casey assisted in serving dainty refreshments, and we were glad to have several out-of-town visitors. Late in the afternoon the happy band of congenial women went to their homes feeling they had spent a very profitable time."

JONESBORO DISTRICT MEETING.

The Jonesboro District Conference met in Blytheville May 8-9, opening with a prayer and praise service. All auxiliaries in the district except three were represented, making this by far the best meeting we have had. Not at any meeting was there less than forty enthusiastic workers, and the reports of delegates and Mrs. Preston Hatcher, district secretary, showed an increase in every line of our work.

We are praying for 10 per cent increase in each line for this year.

In the district library there are 18 volumes. We want 50 by the end of the year. Any auxiliary or individual who wants to donate a book to this library will send same to Mrs. E. J. Browne, Blytheville, the district librarian.

Out of the 32 auxiliaries in the district, 24 observed the Week of Prayer with an offering of \$124.00. On Tuesday night Mrs. A. B. Haltom, the Conference superintendent of study and publicity, gave us an interesting and instructive talk on the department. Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Conference president, brought us interesting gleanings

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from the Council meeting held in New Orleans.

Four ministers of the district, Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Rev. E. K. Sewell, Rev. George Pyles and Rev. Hays, were with us and had important parts on the program. We appreciate the co-operation and encouragement of these and all pastors.

Those out of the district who added greatly to the success of the meeting were Mrs. A. B. Haltom, Mr. Tom King of Memphis, representing Galloway College, and Mrs. Tom King, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Memphis Conference. We greatly enjoyed and appreciated their help.

At the beginning of the sessions Deaconess Ida Stevens of Jonesboro led the devotional service, and her spiritual talks were food for our souls.

Blytheville is indeed a hostess in the true sense of the word, and we especially enjoyed the bountiful luncheon served in the basement of the church. This gave us more time for committee meetings, and we enjoyed the time in the social way also.

Everyone who attended the meeting gained such inspiration that all left with the desire and determination to do more for our Lord. We feel that truly it was good to have been there. —Mrs. L. E. Howard, Secretary.

DISTRICT MEETING.

From Missionary Bulletin of Helena District. By Mrs. B. L. Harris, District Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold the Helena District meeting at Brinkley, June 20-21. A very helpful program is being arranged and a good attendance is urged.

Helena auxiliary leads the district in offerings.

Forrest city has the largest membership. They have increased their pledge and report \$325 expended in local work.

Marianna pays its pledge quarterly, and through their Social Service superintendent supports a Belgian child.

McCrory pays more on the pledge according to their number of members than any society in the district.

Cotton Plant has doubled their pledge and have the largest number of subscribers to the Missionary Voice—21.

Parkin has a wide-awake society, which meets its obligations promptly. Wynne is well organized and doing

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a fine work. They were among the number to overpay their pledge last year.

Clarendon has made a good report. They meet their obligations quarterly. Brinkley auxiliary is moving forward.

Holly Grove's report compared favorably with the stronger auxiliaries. Their 23 members are accomplishing things.

Hunter has a good society and we are expecting a fine year's record from them because of their interest in Mission Study.

Marvell, with Mrs. McKinney in the lead, is sure to advance along all lines. Moro has only nine members, and we wish to commend them for their faithfulness.

Wheatley has a small membership, which deserves much praise. Their leader, Mrs. H. K. Smith, has been closely confined with a sick child. The little one still lingers. Won't all our women pray for Mrs. Smith that God's spirit may uphold her in this hour of trial?

Our young people are moving forward. Forrest City Young People have paid their pledge and are anticipating other work. Wynne and Helena have good societies. We are praying for leaders for young people at other points. Many speak hopefully of organizing in the near future.

Holly Grove Juniors made the best "all round report" in the district.

Cotton Plant led in offerings. Marianna, Helena, Forrest City, Parkin and Brinkley are all working faithfully. McCrory has the largest number in the Baby Division—19. We welcome our new Junior Division at Haynes, with 23 Juniors and 8 in the Baby Division.

We have only one baby in our district who gives "a penny a day" to the Baby Special. Won't some other babies join in this work and keep "Emma Jean" from being lonesome.

Financial report for Helena District for first quarter, 1917:

Dues	\$144.60
Pledge	200.20
Conference expense	103.15
Relief and retirement.....	29.25
Scarritt Fund	4.00
Local work	466.30
Total	\$947.50

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1917.

As we come together again in this Annual Council Meeting, the ominous clouds of the great world conflict still hover over us, and the cry of the stricken nations is borne to us on every breeze. Pestilence and famine are claiming their thousands, while the sword, the machine gun, the mine and the submarine are claiming their tens of thousands. All Europe has felt the crushing impact of the bitter, relentless struggle. Neither class nor condition, sex nor age have escaped. The old man and the youth, the strong man at the zenith of his power, the heartbroken woman beside her own hearthstone, cruelly bereft of her sons and daughters, and the new-born infant at its mother's breast, have all alike witnessed with their blood to the savagery of war; waged at the command of governments dominated by an unreasoning passion for national aggrandizement rather than by the great principles of righteousness, justice and truth. The so-called neutral countries of the west have been drugged with the wine of commercialism, and the non-Christian lands of the east stand afar off and ask, Are these

the nations that have claimed so much for their religion and their Christian civilization? At no other period in the world's history has there been a greater need for the proclamation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, to all the peoples of the earth; and at no time since the great teacher ascended to the Father has there been a more imperative necessity for the Church of God to remember and obey his command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

We are here in this Council meeting to renew our consecration to this great cause and to pay our vows to the Lord; here to plan and to pray, seeking a closer communion and a more steadfast fellowship with Him, that we may go forth again to teach others the meaning and blessedness of those words, "Go ye, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Cultivation of the Home Base.

Two years ago a united church-wide movement was inaugurated for a more intensive cultivation of the Home Base. More than a million women and girls, whose names were on the church registers, had not yet caught the vision of the great need, nor heard the voice saying, "Go ye." The effort met with marked success, and the number of new auxiliaries and new members added to the long standing army, and the little groups that had for years "just held their own," justified the order of the Council to go forward another year, asking great things of God, and expecting great things of God.

Fifty thousand dollars increase over the conference collections of the previous year was fixed as the financial goal, and with thanksgiving and prayer the effort to win others as fellow-workers in the great missionary endeavor, to win the world for Christ, was to be continued in every Conference. The second year is behind us. The financial goal was not quite reached. But the continued labor and prayer have added faith to faith, increased enthusiasm, and made many stronger to do the hard things for Him who said, "As my Father hath loved me, even so have I loved you." Forty-two thousand dollars was the financial gain, and the increase of 38,000 in membership was worthy of the faithful, loyal hearts, to whom He is saying: "Ye are my friends if ye do things which I command you."

The first quarter of this year is gone. Most of the Conference meetings have been held. But we are gathered here at His command, and during these days in this room, through the reports that will come from your secretaries and from the lips of His servants who will speak of what they know and have seen, our eyes and hearts will again be lifted up to catch a vision of the great white harvest fields, and the little groups of laborers toiling in them. Is not our Lord again appealing to us to go forward? Is He not saying to us, as He looks and points to those little bands of workers, in the seven far-off non-Christian lands to which He has appointed us; and to the struggling groups of deaconesses and city missionaries, working in the mining camps, the cotton mills and the city slums of our home land, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers unto His harvest?" It is His harvest, and those who would gladly enter the white fields are waiting

somewhere for the call.

May we not this year cultivate our own inner lives by making humble confession of our faithlessness and neglect, and with united hearts wait before Him daily in some secret place of prayer, asking that He will send forth from each Conference one or many young women, saying, "Here am I; send me." May we not urge that in each Conference an officer shall visit the Conference and State schools, and seek the best that each institution has in its student body?

The standard of entrance to the Training School has been raised, because the mission fields all over the world are demanding better preparation, special preparation—the best the Christian world can give. Do we dare ask for less? The lamb without spot or blemish, the firstlings of the flock were His in those early days when His chosen people knew Him only as Jehovah. Can we, who know Him as our loving Father, give Him less? Oh, let us prove our communion with God this year by asking, seeking and finding the best and worthiest young life in all our Church, and say to it, "The Master is come and calleth for thee."

The harvest whitens and we dare not lag or falter if we would follow Him. He has blessed the labor of our hands during these last two years, and with grateful and rejoicing hearts we will press forward.

Shall we not take as our task this year an increase over 1916 of ten per cent in number of auxiliaries, ten per cent in membership, and ten per cent in Conference collections? The organization is ready for this advance. The Church is ready, and as I look into your faces I must believe the Council is ready.

The Training School.

Less than \$20,000 have so far been saved or recovered from the embezzled endowment of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The trial of Mr. Joseph S. Chick was postponed from October to the January term of court, and again from January to April. The school this year has been an unusually good one, and, notwithstanding the demand for a higher educational equipment to meet the world-wide call for better prepared missionaries, the student body has been very satisfactory. The urgent appeal for Christian Social Service work in the cities of the foreign field must be met by an addition to the faculty. The depart-

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ment of sociology has grown to such proportions an assistant worker is imperative, if the young women who go to foreign missions receive the training required for proficiency in that line of work. The Council will not let this annual meeting close without supplying that need.

A Student Secretary.

Again I bring before you the imperative need of a student secretary. We are closing the third year of this quadrennium without this greatly needed specialist, and the organization and our missions at home and abroad are feeling the result of it. No Council officer can take the place of such a worker, either in the colleges, the summer assemblies, or the churches. We cannot hope or expect to secure a trained woman in the beginning. The weak link in our missionary policy is our failure to have women and men in training for the important secretarial positions, when those who are filling them shall for any cause be unable to do the work. No great commercial institution or organization would select an untried and untrained man or woman for the head of a great department, as we under our policy are doing, and have done, for more than two generations, for the conduct of a work that we believe and boldly assert is the greatest work in the world. Truly, "the children of this world are wiser in their day and generation than are the children of light."

I can but repeat what I said in my message last year, because I believe our failure to have a student secretary in the field has weakened our forces at a vital point.

We are not securing the candidates for the work already assumed, either on the home or foreign field. The supply in no sense meets the demand. The Council needs a college woman of deep spiritual life, with special gifts and graces, who can give all her time to visiting the best schools in the South—high schools, normal schools, Church and State colleges, and in the large bodies of young women who attend these institutions search out the best and put into them the hunger for souls that she must have, that they may become fellow-workers with God in bringing the world to Christ. To this end I would recommend that a committee of three from the Council be appointed to secure such a woman—give her a probationary term of service, and then, if she and the Council know that she is God's chosen woman, elect her as student secretary of the Woman's Council.

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Home Work.

1. The splendid growth and continued expansion of our work on the home field, and the insistent demand for deaconesses and assistant workers; trained nurses, industrial experts, leaders and teachers in all that goes to make up the many activities of the Church and Wesley House, Christian Social Service, have increased the labors of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess work to such an extent that relief must be given or the Council meetings will suffer. The custom now is for this committee to meet three days previous to the convening of the Council. From eight to twelve hours a day are given to a close study of each situation, every application, letters from City Boards, pastors, presiding elders, deaconesses and other workers. Problems in the missions must be solved, and unexpected difficulties from the most unexpected sources must be met. The appointments are finally settled, and a public announcement made of the same at some session of the Council. The fifteen members of the committee, including the two executive secretaries, the treasurer and the chairman of the Council, enter the Council meeting, tired mentally and physically, unable to do the work devolving upon them in the best way, when the Council and the organization have a right to the best that each can give. The workers appointed do not go to their new work for more than four months, some changes must always be made, and the new class from the Training School must return to that institution to complete the work of the year, and be present at the graduation ceremonies. The interval between the date of the Council meeting in April, when the appointments are announced, and the first of September, when the new year for the workers begins, is always marked by a spirit of unrest that in some instances is detrimental to the work in the churches or missions, and often compels a reposition of the workers.

Would it not be well to fix the sitting of the committee for making the appointments of the workers for the last week in August or early in September, instructing the secretary of the home work to announce by letter to the members of the Council, as she does to the appointees, pastors and missions, the action of the committee? I ask your earnest consideration of this proposed change.

Again, many of our home mission workers have Sunday schools and Bible classes in private homes, rented houses, and other places not immediately connected with any church congregation or building. Some of these are week day, or night classes. Would it not be well to call all of these detached groups Bible schools rather than Sunday schools?

Foreign Work.

One of the outstanding and vital needs of our missions in the foreign fields is good, commodious church buildings. In only two many instances the houses erected up to the present time are wholly unworthy of the work the men and women on the fields are doing, and of the great Boards behind them.

To conserve the work that we are now doing in the schools, and to meet the demands of the immediate future, we must co-operate with the General Board in erecting good and sufficient churches in our school centers in China. We cannot afford to wait an-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR JUNE 3, 1917.

By W. T. Martin.

Jesus Betrayed and Denied.

Our lesson last Sunday, "The Holy Spirit and His Work," was a part of "Christ's Table Talk" on the night of the "Last Supper", at which he washed the feet of the disciples. In the latter part of John he states the fact of his death, resurrection, and ascension, together with the revelation that the Holy Spirit shall make of him, as the disciples go out to proclaim him as the Savior of lost men. "A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father." His death would tear their hearts but the Holy Spirit would come to their help. Soul anguish because men are lost would be their portion, but joy unspeakable would come to them when men were "born again" under their ministry. Through the revelation of the Father made by the Son they would learn to know the Father and would pray to him in the name of the Son. "Ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy * * *. And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." In John 17 is Christ's intercessory prayer. It may be divided into two. In one part he prays that his disciples may be saved from the sin of the world and united to one another as Christ was united to the Father. In the other part he prays that he may be glorified by being permitted to ascend to his place with the Father and by being enthroned in his rightful place in the lives of his disciples.

The Lesson For Today.—Having finished his prayer, Christ took eleven of his disciples with him, crossed the Cedron and entered the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas had gone to perfect plans for the arrest of Christ. Judas was familiar with the place, because he had been there with Christ,

other year, and I sincerely hope the Council will make a liberal appropriation at this session, to two or more of these buildings the Board is now endeavoring to make possible in that mission.

Everywhere in the non-Christian lands the appeal is for more and better prepared workers. The Orient is wide open to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in China, Korea and Japan every method of approach to the people that has proven effective in our land can be made effective there. Community work, with all of the activities known to our Christian Social Service workers, is needed in the cities and towns of those countries, and we must meet the opportunity with enlarged forces, greater faith, and more effectual prayer. We can do it! God is always waiting and ready, if we are obedient and willing. —Miss Belle H. Bennett.

and hither he led the Roman soldiers and Jewish officers who were to take Jesus Christ, entered the garden, spent a time of prayer, chided Peter, James and John because of their inability to watch with him for an hour, and went out to meet the band that had come to arrest him. As the flare of their torches lighted up the shades of Gethsemane Christ took his place at the head of the apostolic band and inquired whom they were seeking. They said they sought Jesus. He confessed himself to be Christ. There was a period of awful silence as the stunned guard fell senseless to the ground under the majesty of the prisoner they were sent to take. Again Christ repeated his question. Again their answer and his reply that he was Christ. Now he added a plea for his disciples, "If therefore ye seek me, let these go their way." The officers stepped forward and bound Christ and led him away to Annas, by whom he was dispatched to Caiaphas. Peter and John followed to the place of trial. John obtained admittance for Peter to the court of the palace, and Peter denied his Lord.

The disciples were not in condition to stand the strain of the arrest of the Lord. They had sat down together to eat the "Last Supper" with hate in their hearts, and this had stolen their nerve, to dare for the right when truth and righteousness were facing crucifixion. "Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled." Where did they go? What did they do? There is a record of some of them during that night and the next morning, but some of them fled so far that no record could be made of their actions. They just got away with the crowd and passed out beyond the line of danger. So does hate undo us when we allow it to lodge in our hearts. With its coming faith goes out and high courage is supplanted with cringing fear. One of the disciples, possibly James, came back wrapped in a sheet which was stripped from him and he fled again. Judas came with the band to arrest Christ. Peter followed "afar off", and John appears in the trial hall. The others are all gone.

Judas.—Was he "a devil from the beginning?" I have found no such utterance in the Bible. On the contrary, he was a gifted evangelist whom Christ used in his first efforts to win

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converts among the Jews. "These twelve (Judas is named among them) Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.' (Matt. 10:5-8). "And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth two by two; and he gave them power over unclean spirits."—(Mark 6:7). Judas went out with the other disciples, worked miracles of healing, raised the dead, had power over unclean spirits, preached repentance, and cast out devils. He was one of the successful ministers of Jesus Christ, by whose ministry throngs were turned toward the Son of Mary. Having finished the ministry of their tour, they returned and reported the result of their labors to the Lord. "And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught." (Mark 6:30). For about two years there is no intimation that the devil had possession of Judas, at the end of which time Christ accuses him. "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon; for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve."—(John 6:70-71). Something like a year later, two days before the Passover, when Mary anointed the feet of Christ, he complained at the waste "not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief." Two days later he left the supper to go out and sell the Lord for money. "And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; * * * And after the sop Satan entered into him."—(John 13:2-27). From the rank of trusted missionary he fell to the level of that devilry which breeds thievery, hate and murder. "There was in Judas a possible John."—(Bishop Hendrix). "Judas was once able to cast out devils. The devil must be kept out of our hearts as well as cast out by our hands."—(Bishop Candler). To this agree the plain statements of the Bible. "And they prayed, and said, 'Thou, Lord, which knowest all things, show whether of these two (Joseph Justus and Matthias) thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.'"—(Acts 1:24-25). "Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition."—(John 17:12).

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Philosophically one of two things is true. If Judas "was a devil from the beginning", then a devil had power to heal disease, raise the dead, and cast out devils. This is contrary to the teaching of Christ. "This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?"—(Matt. 12:24-26). If he was indeed a disciple of Christ, then he fell tremendously and was lost, finally making his place in hell. If this was not his place at the time of his death, then there is no sin that will condemn a human being. Judas committed suicide while he was still an unrepentant murderer.

Peter.—In him was the same spirit of hate that sent Judas to high treason against Christ. He felt sure of himself. But no man is sure of his own integrity while he allows hate to gnaw at his vitals. Peter uttered bold words when he said, "I will lay down my life for thy sake." The man who a short time before did not fear to smite with the sword the whole band who had come to take his Lord had lost all his nerve when he mingled with that crowd which was standing at this trial in the shadow of the cross. The death of Christ was accomplished on a cross that attested his love to the whole race. "Hearts that refuse the cross invite inevitable defeat."—(Bishop Candler). One can not be true to Christ and false to his fellowman. From open denial it was easy for Peter to pass to profanity. But Peter could repent. One look from Christ as he passed where Peter was standing sent this fallen apostle out into the darkness of the night to repent. So soundly did he repent that he indeed learned to drink the cup of his Lord and to be baptized with his baptism. Peter did learn to love until he could die for Christ.

John.—No utterance escaped him that is recorded. He recovered from his fainting heart and returned to follow silently as they led the Lord away to trial. John was one of the principals who sought the first place in the kingdom of Christ. He no doubt caught some of the spirit of love of Christ when the Master asked the officers to let his disciples go away. When he had taken himself out of danger and into darkness, there was time to think. Where were the others? And John turned and went back. He was against Peter in his ambitions for a place in the kingdom. He was acquainted at the palace to which Christ had been carried. Looking out he saw Peter. Possibly he heard his denial and his oaths and his heart was warmed back to love, and he gained admission for his enemy of a short time ago. He, too, was learning to love.

Of the others we can not speak definitely. They fled. Did they ever recover from their hate for one another? James did and suffered martyrdom for Christ. Turn from hate as you would turn from the deadliest poison. It will kill your religious life and completely estrange you from the Son of God. Stifle jealousy in its very incipency. It will blossom into a hate that is as deadly as venom itself. Learn anew the lesson of Christ, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another."

PRESCOTT DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The Prescott District Conference met and organized and listened to two great addresses last Thursday

night at Mineral Springs. By seven o'clock Friday morning the automobiles began to arrive bringing Sunday school folks from all over the district, for they were to have right of way from nine o'clock that morning till ten o'clock at night. By ten-thirty in the morning two hundred and fifty delegates had registered and at no time from then till adjournment would the house hold the crowd. The program was rendered just as announced. Those taking part were Rev. J. A. Henderson, Caughey Hayes, Charley Goodlet, Hon. H. B. McKenzie, Rev. F. P. Doak, Mrs. Clay Smith, Miss Mamie Briant, and Clem Baker. "It is the greatest day I have seen at a District Conference," some one remarked, and a hundred voices said, "Amen." The credit for this great occasion belong to that prince among elders, J. A. Henderson, and his efficient District Sunday School organization led by Charley Goodlet. This Institute closes my month's work in the Prescott District and I am happy over the results.—Clem Baker, Field Secretary.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Leaving Mineral Springs at 10:30, Mr. Hayes and I reached Hot Springs at 9:30 Saturday morning, after traveling practically all night. We found the Arkadelphia District Conference closing out with an all day Sunday School Institute. There is no man in the Conference more alive to Sunday school interest than is Dr. Few, the P. E. of this district, who led the discussions at his institute. Others taking part on the program were Caughey Hayes, Rev. R. L. Duckworth, Prof. Mayfield, Mrs. Clay Smith, Mrs. Sigler, and Elmer Riley. At the close of this Institute it was moved and carried that the month of September be set aside as the time to campaign this district in the interest of Sunday school work with special emphasis upon rural work. The field secretary has no greater friend and helper in this work than his predecessor, Rev. R. L. Duckworth, who with the District Chairman, Mr. Elmer Riley, is pledged to help in this campaign. From all reports the Arkadelphia District Conference was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.—Clem Baker, Field Secretary.

AN URGENT APPEAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Dear Fellow Workers: We are calling your special attention to the Sunday School Conference at Hendrix College, June 12-15. This Conference is not only for the pastors, but for all superintendents, officers and teachers in the Methodist Sunday schools of Arkansas. Dr. Reynolds and his board of managers have secured for the Conference the best Sunday school talent in Southern Methodism including such specialists as Jno. R. Pepper, Dr. Shackford, Dr. Chappell, Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, Mrs. Clay Smith, Miss Erwin and Mrs. Ferguson. Special conferences will be held for Elementary workers.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSON FOR JUNE 3.

Confidence and How to Get It.—Neh. 6:1-16.

He who does not believe he can is defeated before he begins. The chief difference between success and failure is, that one believes and the other doubts. Jesus said that one's attainment depends not on environments, birth, bank accounts, opportunities, friends or superintelligence, however much these may contribute. Any one of these nor all of them are not fundamental, but confidence in one's self and in God is the determining factor. "According to your faith be it unto you."

We cannot get away from the value of self suggestion. One's horizon is circumscribed by it, one's intelligence is thus envired. If we cannot trust ourselves we need not expect others to trust us. This appreciation of one's self has marked the career of every person who ever did anything worth while. Jesus made his lasting impression because he spoke as one having authority and not as the scribes and Pharisees. This does not mean that we are to be boastful or filled with vain pride, but in humble bearing be sure of a great power within that furnishes us the material for any achievement.

Confidence Is Not Merely a Physical Quality.—Not a case of bodily stamina. It has to do with the fibre of one's mind far more than with one's chest measurement. Before a man is beaten at his task, whatever it be—however much it may depend upon

strength or skill—he is beaten first in his own mind.

How Obtained.—It would be a depressing thing to say the foregoing, if confidence were simply a natural gift. But it is not; it can be cultivated. The first time you attempted to make a speech, sing a solo, pray in public, write an essay, or merely introduce a friend, you lost confidence in yourself, and may be made a blunder, but you kept at it until confidence has been restored and made a permanent possession so long as you use it with increasing endeavor.

"Keep the faculty of effort alive in you by a little gratuitous exercise every day," says an expert in psychology. "Do every day or two, something, for no other reason than that you would rather not do it, so that when the hour of dire need draws nigh, it may not find you unnerved and untrained to stand the test." Let no Leaguer despise these unimportant efforts at self-discipline. They make character, and character is not an unimportant thing. The man who by practice gets into the habit of standing by his guns till the engagement is over, has enormously increased his value both to himself and to society.

I remember well the impression made upon me when I was a little lad by the act of one of my chums. We had all been playing in a forbidden plantation, when the owner, a man with a very heavy hand, was sighted. Like rabbits, we all came out, crossed the road, and hid on the other side. All but one. He planted his brave little feet on the king's highway and

waited for the enemy to come up. And I have never forgotten the shame I felt at our cowardice as with palpitating hearts we watched what would happen to him, nor the queer feeling of respect and reverence which his stand produced in my mind. And what was it after all that made him stand? Just confidence, or some would call it grit. My fellow Leaguers if you and I only stood for our principles and followed our conscience as gamely as that little chap followed his schoolboy sense of honor and pluck, what a revolution we should make in our immediate circle!

Being Ready.—The examination period holds no terror for the student who is ready. Confidence is the natural result of readiness. Any task is easy if we are prepared to do it. Daniel was not flustered by the presence of the lions. He was ready. David moved with steadiness and the utmost confidence in slaying the giant. He was ready. Faith had been exercised in other days by this shepherd lad.

Attempting Big Things Produces Confidence.—Many young people fail in the League, in the Christian life, in this every day living because they never undertake any big thing. They are content to follow the beaten path. They may be good, but not good for anything. The littleness of their undertaking discourages them. Think of a man with sane mind and good health running a pop-corn machine or a hot tamale vendor; nothing wrong in it, thoroughly respectable, but such a man's confidence to achieve or even to stand by the right grows less with the years. The man who swims a river, tunnels a mountain, or cables the ocean, has his confidence increased a hundred fold even though he fails in the attempt. There are lots of popcorn and hot tamale vendors in the League and church.

The one talent man failed at this very point. He undertook nothing. His confidence dwindled. There was nothing to inspire. He was good. He never killed anyone, never robbed a bank, never cheated his neighbor, but was condemned to outer darkness and to the weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth company just the same. The two talent man unlike his unfortunate one talent brother, did not concern himself about the unfavorable conditions, but generated confidence by attempting large things in spite of his limited resources. He came off conqueror, equal in glory and confidence to his more abundantly equipped brother.

League Officers Responsible.—We as officers are responsible for inspiring and developing confidence in the League membership. We do not expect enough of ourselves. We do not expect enough from the Leaguers, hence we do not assign tasks or goals sufficient to develop confidence in the individual and in the whole chapter. General Grant was a complete failure until he was given that responsible position in the Army. A band of young people will never do anything of note so long as nothing is not only expected but demanded of them. So long as you are content with a poor program only a few will attend, few will join. The devotional department will be a dead failure so long as you try to get your chapter to raise ten or twenty-five dollars for Missions. You will have a hard time getting that pittance and you will not have any volunteers for Mission fields. The way to make the social department of the League the most attractive and

appealing feature, productive of much good in the community, is to determine by all that is right and just to make your department a winner. Work hard and see that it is high grade, that it reaches the community. You will never make it a go by using the tactics of the one talent man, or by waiting for conditions to change.

The confidence of Columbus quieted the fears and the doubts of the sailors until land was discovered.

The Greatest Confidence Producer Is Jesus.—Through him the disciples were changed from weak, vacillating beings into men of unswerving power and masterful purposes. His presence gave confidence to the lame man at the pool of Bethesda; changed Mary's fears to confidence, so that she was last at the cross and first at

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
The People's Building & Loan Association of Little Rock, Ark., Plaintiff,
vs.
W. H. Garaffo et al., Defendants.
The defendants, Ravenswood National Bank, Bank of Ferguson of St. Louis, Mo., Jefferson Garvis Trust Co., German State Bank, and the Wentzville Bank, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, the People's Building & Loan Association of Little Rock, Ark.
May 14, 1917.

W. S. BOONE, Clerk.
F. J. GINOCCHIO, D. C.
W. H. Pemberton, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
The People's Building & Loan Association of Little Rock, Ark., Plaintiff,
vs.
Thomas C. Adair et al., Defendants.
The defendant, Quincy Stove Co., is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, the People's Building & Loan Association of Little Rock, Ark.
May 14, 1917.

W. S. BOONE, Clerk.
F. J. GINOCCHIO, D. C.
W. H. Pemberton, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Pearl L. Sanders, Plaintiff,
vs.
John D. Sanders and Elva Sanders, Defendants.
The defendants, John D. Sanders and Elva Sanders, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Pearl L. Sanders.
May 11, 1917.

W. S. BOONE, Clerk.
F. J. GINOCCHIO, D. C.
W. H. Pemberton, Solicitor for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
John L. Thompkins, Plaintiff,
vs.
Lula Thompkins, Defendant.
The defendant, Lula Thompkins, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, John L. Thompkins.
May 17, 1917.

W. S. BOONE, Clerk.
F. J. GINOCCHIO, D. C.
Bratton & Bratton, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Circuit Court.
Harrison Grocer Co., Plaintiff,
vs.
J. L. Price Brokerage Co., Defendant.
The defendant, J. L. Price Brokerage Co., is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Harrison Grocer Co.
May 5, 1917.

J. S. MALONEY, Clerk.
By R. B. BRODIE, D. C.
Shouse & Rowland, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
A. C. Harpole, Plaintiff,
vs.
No. 21241.
A. L. McCraw and Tressie McCraw, Defendants.
The defendant, A. L. McCraw, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, A. C. Harpole.
March 20, 1917.

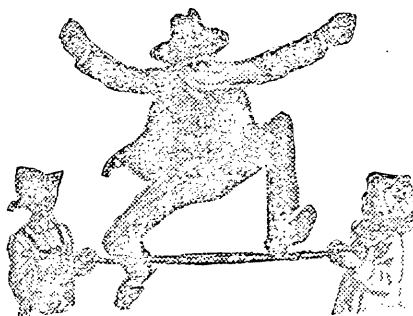
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F. J. GINOCCHIO, D. C.
Price Shoffner, Solicitor for Plaintiff.
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J. M. WILLIAMS, President.

the tomb. His presence gave confidence at the wedding, at the death bed, at the hour of failure (Disciples fishing all night and catching nothing), to the discouraged, the sick, the adulteress, to the thief on the cross.

He is the same today as in the long ago. No one can take Him as daily companion without having confidence restored and increased. You can do things with His presence that otherwise would be utterly impossible. You will undertake things with Him as your partner that you would be afraid to undertake without Him, though accompanied by all the powers of earth. Helen Keller has made the impossible vanish, unlocked the doors barred by nature and enthroned confidence by an intimate friendship with Him.

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this to be a fact, because in India, Africa, China, where Christ is not known, these luxuries and glittering opportunities do not exist. There a year's wages is from twelve to twenty-five dollars; they never saw autos, electric lights, telephone, street car, not even a kerosene lamp; a buggy would be a novelty; no trains; no convenience in the house or in the field.

"For right is right, since God is God, And right the day must win;

To doubt would be disloyalty, To falter would be sin."

Suggestions For the Leader.

Make your meeting different. Begin with a special musical number, such as a violin solo or by reading the twenty-seventh Psalm in concert or by belting the room with sentence prayers.

Study your topic thoroughly. Read every Scripture reference on it you can find. Look up "confidence," "faith," and "assurance" in your concordance.

Get somewhere with your topic. Have a definite aim. Ask yourself: "What is the message for me? For my League? For certain individuals I know? Is there some work this service should encourage us to undertake?"

Urge every one who helps you to do his level best in preparation by prayer and study.

Intersperse short, snappy talks with rousing songs.

Ask some one to sing "The Lord Is My Light" as a solo.

Try to get Sunday school classes of League age to attend the service in a body. Give them a special invitation.

Advertise. Use plenty of lip service and shoe leather; telephone; send post cards; use posters, blackboard; get out some unique invitation, a capsule with a typewritten announcement in it, for instance.

Pray and get others to pray with you for a successful meeting."

Another Chance.—If you have not observed Anniversary Day you should arrange to have it yet. It is a wonderful impetus to the local chapter. It helps the League work of the state to know that a large number of chapters are loyal to the rules of the church. Try to observe the day at once, so that your district will get the credit at the League Conference at Gurdon in June.

A large number of Leagues have observed Anniversary Day this year, five or six in the city of Little Rock, representing the largest as well as the smallest churches. It is getting to be a popular thing for a League to observe Anniversary Day. May every League that did not get to observe the regular day, determine to do so yet and at the earliest possible date. Do not forget to send Anniversary Day offering to J. H. Pierce, Box 529, Little Rock.

If you have not had Anniversary Day I would suggest you get help in planning the program from some chapter that has observed the occasion. This would enable you to have the best results possible.

League Conference At Gurdon June 25 to 28.—This is to be the best conference ever held in Arkansas. Attractive, thrilling speakers, wide-awake plans that have been tried. Be sure and have your delegates ready to go. Be there at first service of the session and remain through. Bring your note books and take back to your Leagues at home something worth while. You can not afford to miss the conference. The

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Twenty froggies went to school,
Down beside a rusty pool;
Twenty little coats of green,
Twenty vests so white and clean.
"We must be on time," said they.
"First we study, then we play;
That's the way we mind our rule,
When we froggies go to school."

Master Bullfrog, grave and stern,
Called the classes in their turn,
Taught them bravely how to strike,
Likewise how to leap and dive;
From his seat upon the log,
Taught they how to say "Kerchog,"
And from sticks that bad boys throw
How to dodge the blow.

Twenty froggies grew up fast;
Bullfrogs they became at last.
Not one dunce among the lot,
Not one lesson they forgot.

Polished in a high degree,
As each bullfrog ought to be,
Now they sit on other logs
Teaching other little frogs.

—Exchange.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

Charles was on his way from the postoffice one Saturday morning. He carried the mail beneath his jacket; to keep it dry, for an April shower was falling in beautiful crystal drops about him. It was making little streams trickle from the brim of his ragged straw hat, over his freckled little face, and even into the big blue eyes. As he brushed them aside with his sleeve a streak of dirt crossed the pug nose, and ended at his ear. But Charles was hugging tight beneath his jacket

entertainment is to be great. Do not forget to send names of delegates to Rev. F. F. Harrell so entertainment can be provided for, and then do not fail to go.

Essay Prize.—The prize of five dollars in gold will be awarded at the conference at Gurdon, so let the contestants be sure to be present.

District Making Best All Around Showing is to be awarded banner at conference. Are you interested in your home district? Then get busy. Anniversary Day, Mission Pledges paid, chapter dues paid, Leagues organized, reading Methodist will be the main items considered. This was mentioned three months ago on the League page, so you have had time to work and you can do much yet. Make your district a winner.

Cabot League.—The Cabot Epworth League put on a contest the first of this year for the purpose of increas-

Miss Jean's mail, and picking out an occasional puddle along the way that he might wash the dirt from his chubby feet. To be sure, he took particular pains to walk into the next ash-heap, but then there was another puddle just ahead, so he tracked his way homeward from ashheap to puddle, but carefully protecting the mail beneath his jacket as he went.

"Say, Charles, what you got under your jacket?" asked Clyde Hevner, as he joined him.

"Miss Jean's mail," replied Charles. "I'm Miss Jean's mail carrier. Go twice a day for it. She pays me a penny a trip. I've twenty-five cents in my bank now. Mother says if I save enough, she will pay the other half for a new suit next summer; then I'm going with father out on grandpa's farm for a month. Mother says these clothes will do all right for picking berries and riding horses, but I must have a new suit for Sunday school and church. My Sunday suit, you know, is getting too small; so Bob will take it, and I will hustle around and get a new one. Two cents a day until July will be a lot of money, you see."

"Well, I guess," replied Clyde; "your bank can never hold that much. Let's see the mail you got? My, what a lot! Look at that pretty postcard, all covered with roses! That's a beauty. Here, I'll give you this penny for it. Miss Jean will never know where it went. Well, then, I'll give you these two pennies. What difference will it make? Only a card! Miss Jean don't know that it is coming. You'll have twenty-seven cents in your bank then."

"Yes, twenty-seven cents and no

ing the membership and efficiency. On account of the large enrollment it was thought best to divide the League into three teams and the team that excelled in the above points would win in a "trip to the Holy Land."

After a three months' hard drive and a large gain in interest, membership and efficiency it was decided that Team One had won the victory and on last Tuesday evening Teams Two and Three entertained Team One with a lawn party at Garrett's Park.

There were eighty-two present and all had a good time. Refreshments were served by the Committee on Entertainment.

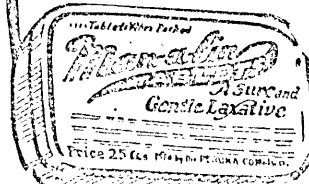
The Cabot League enjoys the distinction of being the strongest in the Searcy District. Membership is about one hundred. The goal for this year is one hundred and twenty-five real live wire members. Pray that we may reach the goal.—Aubrey Monk, President; Agnes Bogle, Secretary.

ILL HEALTH IS EXPENSIVE

and many doctor bills are unnecessary. If your liver is active and your system free of waste matter you need rarely be sick. For constipation, nervousness, bad breath and digestive disturbances, use a good laxative.

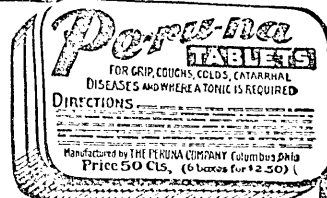
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job! Then, if Miss Jean discharges me, no one else will want a boy that can't be trusted, and I won't be able to get any errands to do. No, sir, Clyde Hevner, I'll stick right to that postal card until I give it to Miss Jean—so there!"

Clyde, still coveting the gorgeous roses of the card, tried to pull open the jacket, but Charles held it firmly

over the mail.

"Now, you let me alone, Clyde Hevner, or take what you get; I'm tending to business, and I want you to let me alone."

Clyde made another grab at the coat, but Charles dodged him, and ran ahead. But as he ran he felt the mail slipping from beneath the jacket. He glanced backward—there lay the beautiful card with the gorgeous roses on the walk, but it fortunately had not fallen into a puddle. Clyde was about to stoop to pick up the coveted treasure, but Charles dealt him a blow in the chest which made him stagger for a moment. Charles quickly picked the card from the walk, wiped it on his sleeve, and placed it beneath the jacket.

"There, Clyde Hevner. I'm not a fighter, but when it comes to a fellow losin' his job, business is business, I'd have you understand. The next time I tell you to let me alone I guess you will do it." And he turned to the next ashheap by the edge of the walk, thoroughly covered his feet with the dust, and then as carefully washed them off in the next puddle, so continued to the home of Miss Jean, when he explained to her the little difficulty he had in keeping the postcard; and she then readily understood why it was wet and soiled.

"Say, bubby," called the senior member of the Finch clothing firm the next Monday morning as Charles hurried to the office before school, "where are you going?"

"I'm going for Miss Jean's mail, sir, and I cannot stop to talk, for it is almost time for school."

"But I want you to bring the mail for our store along with you. I happened to see the little difficulty you had on Saturday with the fellow who tried to take your mail, and I said to myself: 'There's a boy that can be trusted; he's the one we need for special errands.' So just take this order to the postoffice, and when school is out tonight, come round, and we will make arrangements for the pay."

Charles took the order for the Finch Company mail, and hurried to the office and back with the mail. By running two blocks he got home in time to brush his hair and gather up his books, and get to school five minutes before the bell rang.

"What do you think, mother? Mr. Finch will give five cents just for bringing their mail with Miss Jean's twice a day. Then, he said that if we got along all right he would give me fifty cents each Saturday I did errands for the store, besides giving me a suit at first cost. We'll get along all right, I know, 'cause I intend to do that work as well as any boy he can get—and better, if I can."

And sure enough they did; for Charles went out on the farm next summer, wearing the best boy's suit that was in the Finch store, and earned, not half, but all by himself.

When Charles opened the package containing the suit he found it contained a big straw hat and a suit of denim for farm wear, and with them a communication from the firm, stating that they "wished to add a little to the pleasure of their employees on their vacation, and thought the inclosed garments would add much to the comfort of their messenger boy in the hay field on the farm next month. For, having secured a trustworthy messenger boy," the letter read, "we wish to retain him. Business is business, you know."—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

TO THE PREACHERS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Will you not please take your collections for home and conference missions at once and remit to Dr. A. E. Hardin, at Fort Smith, so that payments to our preachers serving mission charges can be kept up? Unless remittances are made promptly there will not be enough funds on hand to send out checks for this month.

Our preachers serving mission charges receive but poor compensation at best, and unless their missionary checks are sent them promptly, some of them may have to go without the very necessities of life. Will not the presiding elders urge the pastors to take this collection at once? It is important that every one do something at once. Please do not delay.—A. L. Malone, Treasurer Board of Missions, North Arkansas Conference.

MID-YEAR MEETING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Little Rock Conference Board of Education will hold a mid-year meeting at Conway, June 19, for the purpose of attending to any matters pertaining to its work that may come before it. This call is made at the suggestion of the President of the Board, and it is hoped that as many members of the Board as can do so conveniently will be present at this meeting.—R. C. Cannon, Secretary.

LITTLE ROCK AND ARGENTA PREACHERS' MEETING.

Dr. Monk led the devotional service. Brother Eaglebarger conducted prayer meeting last Wednesday evening for Brother Musser. Brother Harwell preached at the 11 o'clock hour, and Col. Thornburgh held the evening service. Good services Sunday. Brother Musser reports a good time at Nashville and at Blevens.

Dr. Hutchinson was attending the Prescott District Conference last Wednesday. Good day Sunday. Children's Day was observed at the Sunday school hour. Had a good quarterly conference Friday evening.

Dr. Monk conducted the prayer meeting and held quarterly conference Wednesday evening at Asbury. Brother Whaley reports the Sunday school observing Children's Day Sunday morning. Had very good attendance at the services Sunday. Five additions to the church.

Brother Hively reports 104 in Sunday school at Gardner Memorial Sunday. Prayer meeting good. Children's Day observed by the Sunday school. Things moving nicely.

There was a good prayer meeting at Henderson Chapel Wednesday evening. Sunday school about as usual. Brother McGuyre reports a very good day Sunday throughout.

Brother Harrison rejoices over the good revival held in the church. Brother Paul Rorie is helping him; 15 additions to the church. Fine day Sunday. Sunday school improving in attendance. Good League.

There was a good prayer meeting at the Pulaski Heights Church; Sunday school on the average. Fine services Sunday. Brother Hundley always has the optimistic spirit. Both League services well attended.

Twenty-eighth Street had a very good day Sunday. Congregations about as usual. Night attendance off some. About 150 in Sunday school. Good prayer meeting; a fine spiritual service.

Brother James Thomas preached at Winfield Sunday morning. Brother Hammons reports a good prayer service. Brother Hood proved inspiring.

Dr. Monk has had a busy week about the city with the churches, holding many services and quarterly conferences.

Brother Fitzhugh, pastor at Leola and Carthage, was present and brings good reports from his work and the district.—J. D. Baker, Acting Secretary.

SILOAM SPRINGS.

Sunday, May 13, we closed what we believe to have been the greatest meeting held in Siloam Springs for several years. There was no great demonstration at any time. But for several days there was the calm working of the Holy Ghost among the people, and while the church was drawing nearer to the Christ, the unsaved were thinking, praying and surrendering to Him. The campaign was led by Evangelist W. T. McCandless, of the Presbyterian Church, and Evangelist Ed Phillips, of our own congregation. The work done was faithful and earnest from the beginning and we are greatly strengthened for future service.—Artie Lee Cline, Pastor.

GARDNER MEMORIAL.

We began a meeting here April 22. Rev. A. E. Holladay came to us the 24th; remained ten days. His preaching was of a high order. My people were delighted with him, both in the home and in the pulpit. Brother Holway is a fine Christian gentleman. His prayers and sermons will long be remembered. The meeting resulted in nine conversions, six accessions, and a great revival in the church. Love to the brethren.—C. F. Hively, P. C.

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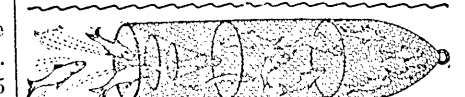
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today (20th) was peculiarly noted for the conscious presence of the Holy Ghost. We had our annual Fathers' Day, and about 75 fathers and husbands were present. One conversion, making 76, and one tonight, making 77, and at least two dozen came forward on call for prayer. Our house was so densely crowded that people did not have elbow room to work. I am more and more impressed that no church can have a real revival without the faithful and continuous work of the membership. Some of our members have done heroic work in a personal way. Our Lord was a distinct personal worker, and he who works for souls best represents our Lord. We do not stop with a man at the momentous point of a convicted judgment, but pray and press, and stress the necessity of a convicted heart of sin, and that is the work of the Holy Ghost. Man can convince man, but man cannot convict the heart of men of sin. This is the Holy Ghost's right, and when any man tries to rob the Holy Ghost of His right and power, the Holy Ghost leaves the man to his own ways and means, and many are the men in these modern times who get a man to the judgment convinced point, and then rush him into the church fellowship, and behold! a membership in many of our churches who, by their lives and speech, are not different from the out-and-out sinner. And then a worldly church, card playing, prize winning (in plain English, gambling in high life), dancing and keeping step with every worldly thing that happens to be fashionable, Sunday ball, here they go, all together, and the out-and-out sinner says, "I am as good as any of them; and if this is religion, I do not

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want it." If there are any people on earth who can afford to get over into the old paths, it is the people called Methodist. I do not say, "Go back to the old paths, but just get out of the worldly paths over into the old path, for there is plenty of room in it; not a bit crowded."

We are doing it that way in our great meeting at East Side, Paragould. And on this line I expect to fight it out till I die. Brother John L. Batten is a strong gospel preacher. His bow abided in physical, mental and moral strength. Some of his sermons are truly great utterances, and he has a fine carrying voice. May he live many years to do God's will and work. Our warm hearted, clear headed presiding elder, J. M. Hughey, is a helper who counts in a meeting. Rev. T. Y. Ramsey has done good work among us.—James F. Jernigan.

THIRD STREEET, HOT SPRINGS.

We are asking for space to make mention of our splendid Children's Day service held May 20. The program was the best ever—each part almost perfect. The singing and flag drill were especially fine. We would not forget to make special mention of the ladies who had charge of the children for this service. The church and community owe a great deal to them, especially to Mrs. Herman Carpenter, Mrs. W. R. Harden and Miss Nellie Bowen, and also to the children who took so much interest in the service. The collection was good.—Superintendent.

REVIVAL AT MARKED TREE.

On Sunday night, May 13, we closed a two weeks meeting at Marked Tree, the best, we are told, in the history of the town. While we did not succeed in reaching as many of the business men as we had hoped to reach, yet great good was done. The results are: Church revived, differences settled, prayer meeting organized, about 55 conversions and reclamations, about 30 joined the Methodist Church.

Rev. W. C. Swope was the evangelist for the occasion. His preaching was of a high order, his methods safe and sane. He did not lower the plan of salvation. He was told that he could not have a meeting at Marked Tree; but he did. The Lord blessed his work by saving many souls. Our people would be glad to have him come this way again. Brother Eskridge led the singing. He is a preacher and personal worker—handy anywhere. He and Swope make a good team.—J. W. Thomas, P. C.

OLD TULIP.

In a recent number of the Methodist, under the caption, "A Pleasant Pilgrimage," the editor describes his long anticipated visit to the classic old village of Tulip, in Dallas County. His reception by the Rev. J. E. Caldwell was most affectionate and pathetic. The house in which he now lives was once owned by the sainted Dr. Andrew Hunter. His home is near the spot where he was converted, 66 years ago, and received into the church by Dr. A. R. Winfield. This scribe made the acquaintance of Brother Caldwell in 1877, and as a member of the Lower House helped to make him our chaplain, and ever since he has occupied the warmest place in our heart. We sincerely sympathize with him in his deafness and partial blindness.

Your reference to the ante-bellum schools of Old Tulip put us into a re-

OBITUARY.

RAWLS—Walter C. Rawls was born in Henry County, Tenn., November 1, 1869; died March 18, 1917. In early childhood he moved with his parents to Arkansas, settling in Arkansas County, where he grew to manhood and spent the remainder of his life. At the age of 25 he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent member the remainder of his life. He was married to Miss Laura Fortune November 28, 1897. To them were born four children, the two older preceding their father to the good world. Brother Rawls leaves a wife and two boys to revere his memory and mourn his death. He was a stalwart character. He loved his church and was serving in the capacity of steward, looking well after the interest of his pastor and the church. He was a good citizen, a kind and obliging neighbor, a devoted husband and father. The world and society has been enriched by his useful and consistent life, and is the poorer for his going. But heaven is made up of the best of earth. This is God's way of peopling heaven and taking His own to Himself—His pastor, Jno. P. Clegg.

FAUST—Mrs. Maud Y. Faust was born in Laclede County, Mo., May 4, 1873, and died at Coal Hill, Ark., July 3, 1916. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McVay, moved to Lamar, Ark., about 1880. The deceased was married to Ira B. Faust, of Lamar, Ark., November 10, 1892. To them ten children were born, three boys and seven girls, nine of whom are living, the last dying with the mother. At the age of twenty the deceased was converted, and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Lamar, and lived a consistent member of this church for many years, till she, with her husband joined the M. E. Church, South. That she was a good woman no one who knew her can doubt. A more faithful, devoted and loving wife and mother I think I have never known. She was ever ready to make any necessary sacrifice for the interests of her family. As the writer sees her life, she exemplified the teaching of her Lord in John xv:13, literally laying her own life down for others. Her highest ambition was to do right, to live for her family, and to train her children in the paths of right. She wanted to live that she might guide the foot-

miniscent mood; for the girl who has been our companion for fifty-odd years was attending the Female Seminary when she joined the Methodist Church at Tulip—the spot so dear to Brother Caldwell.—W. H. Blankenship.

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steps of her children over the rough places in life. But she is gone from us, and many are left to mourn; but even in their mourning sweet memories of her life cheer them.

Besides her own family, she leaves her father and mother, and several brothers and sisters.—Walter J. Faust.

PERRY—Wade Freeman Perry, son of W. A. Perry, was born November 25, 1899, near Stephens, Ark. Died April 27, 1917, at his home one mile of Stephens. His mother was godly woman, but was called to her final home when he was but two years of age and left him to the care of his sister, Minnie, who was married a little later to Dr. G. P. Sanders, and his home was with them till his death. Wade was converted at the age of nine and united with the M. E. Church, South. He was a noble boy. The soul of generosity. Unselfishness was one of his characteristics. In the home his first thought was for the comfort and happiness of other members of the family. In every sense he was a true elder brother to the younger children of the household, to his sister and Dr. Sanders he was an obedient son. Among his associates he was a general favorite. He leaves to mourn their loss his father, two sisters, three brothers and friends, numbered by those who knew him. His brief stay on earth was a ray of sunshine that will dispel the gloom for many years, as a flower



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whose fragrance remains to perfume the circle where he moved. After funeral services were held at Mount Prospect church by the writer we laid his body to rest in the cemetery at that place.—Don C. Holman, pastor.

FANCHER—W. G. Bryan Fancher was born September 27, 1896. Son of James and Ella Fancher, and died February 17, 1917. From his childhood he was always a cheerful boy, seemingly the life of the home. To know him was to love him. He always stood for right and was very sympathetic. Bryan loved, and was loved by all little children. In the latter part of his sickness he called them to his bedside and told them to be good children, not only relatives, but neighbor's children. These little ones gathered around his bedside as grief stricken as though they had lost a fond playmate. Eight days before his sad death he professed faith in Christ. The writer was present and had the privilege of talking with him. He was so happy, to know that he had found the blessed Lord. He began at once admonishing his friends and relatives to live right, and to meet him in a better world. He said "It is hard for me to have to go so young," but assured them he was ready. He said, "I want a home in heaven and I'm going to get it." Just a few minutes before his last hour he spoke to some of his friends about living right, then he clasped his hands raised his bright eyes toward heaven smiling and shouting; then he said, "I'll soon be at rest," then closed his bright eyes, only to open them again in paradise. It seemed so hard to give up this young man in the bloom of life, but God knows best. May the Holy Spirit comfort the bereaved parents and other relatives and friends.—S. D. Carmack, pastor.

MORRISON—Hugh Alexander, only son of J. H. and M. E. Morrison, was born July 27, 1907, and died October 2, 1916. For nine short years he was with us making the home brighter and happier. But our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call him from earth before he knew anything of its sorrows or vices. We will never see his sweet smile, nor hear the sound of his gentle voice again. Our home is sad without him. It grieves us to be separated from him. May God comfort the bereaved parents in this, their first great sorrow. I think he will be at the pearly gates of the beautiful City of God when the Lord says to me, "Come home."—His Grandmother.

JONES—Steven A. D. Jones was born in Sharp County, Arkansas, October 31, 1860. Was married to Miss Mary J. Snider of Smithville, Ark., May 2, 1881. To this union one child was born that died in infancy. Sister Jones died August 31, 1892. Brother Jones was married to Miss M. L. Fredrickson August 20, 1893. To this union there were born nine children. This union was broken when the death angel called away Sister Jones on December 4, 1915.

Brother Jones was married to Mrs. Sarah E. Davidson, Sitka, Sharp County, Ark., March 7, 1917. Death came to this home on April 3, 1917, and took away Bro. Jones. He leaves four children to mourn his loss. He left with the children a very consecrated Christian woman. Bro. Jones for the last few years of his life became a very active worker in the church. He made an excellent steward, and was continually looking after the interest

of the church and was a great friend to the preachers. He was a splendid Sunday School superintendent. He had made a success in business life and leaves plenty to care for his wife and children. We do not only miss him in the church work, but he is missed wonderfully in business life. He had been in business for the last 16 years in Smithville and during this time had made many friends. He was laid to rest in the Smithville Cemetery to await the coming of our Lord and King.—His Pastor, W. J. Martin.

DO NOT CURTAIL THE COTTON CROP.

Richmond, Va., May—Special.—Taking a friendly issue with President Wilson's suggestion that the cotton crop should be curtailed this year and more time devoted to the production of foodstuffs, S. T. Morgan, President of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company, in a press interview, shows that the cotton plant is a tremendous food producer, and gives substantial reasons as to why the farmers of the South should make it their principal crop.

Mr. Morgan was led to come out publicly against the proposed curtailment of the cotton crop by the apparent support given this idea by President Wilson himself. In his address to the American people Monday, the President expressed the hope that the South would plant plenty of foodstuffs along with cotton, but warned Southern farmers against succumbing to the temptation of present high cotton prices and allowing the planting of the staple to curtail the raising of food crops.

Further Curtailment Invites Grave Danger.—"The boll-weevil and the scarcity of labor in the South," said Mr. Morgan, "will accomplish naturally all the curtailment in the cotton crop that the country can stand. To urge a further curtailment is to invite the gravest danger, because cotton is essential for both clothing and for food.

"It goes without saying that any good farmer ought, as nearly as possible, to raise on his farm what he consumes, but in a great many instances this is not practicable or possible. In my opinion, the serious curtailment of the cotton crop of the South would be a calamity from the standpoint of its food-producing value alone.

"For each bale of cotton produced there is produced approximately 1,000 pounds of cotton seed. This 1,000 pounds of seed produces about 140 pounds of refined cotton-seed oil. This cotton-seed oil will produce approximately 140 pounds of compound lard—the very best, edible vegetable oil. If, therefore, we should crush only 5,000,000 tons of seed out of a crop of 13,000,000 bales of cotton, we would produce 1,500,000,000 pounds of oil or lard compound.

Regrets Defeat of Oleomargarine Bill.—"If the government allowed it, we could make from each 1,000 pounds of seed, in connection with milk and other products, 250 pounds of oleomargarine, as nutritious and wholesome, when properly made, as three-fourths of the butter now consumed in this country, and at about two-thirds its cost. Unfortunately, although oleomargarine has been approved by both the Departments of Agriculture and Internal Revenue, Congress saw fit to strike from the last revenue bill the provision to allow the manufacture of colored oleomargarine under conditions that would

have made it commercially practicable.

"In addition to the lard and oil produced by 1,000 pounds of seed, there is produced from 150 to 300 pounds of cotton-seed hulls, which is one of the best foods for horses and cattle and which has been demonstrated, has almost as much food value for cattle as the best hay. If we crush 5,000,000 tons of seed, we produce more than 1,500,000,000 pounds of cotton-seed hulls—equivalent to 750,000 tons of hay. So if we crush 5,000,000 tons of cotton seed, we would produce 4,000,000,000 pounds of cotton seed meal, equal to more than 70,000,000 bushels of corn. From the same 1,000 pounds of seed is produced seventy-five pounds of lint which is used extensively for explosives in this and other countries, 1,000,000 bales of this class of lint having been used in the past two years in the manufacture of explosives.

"Of course, we all understand that this bale of cotton goes to clothe the world, and that it is, under normal conditions, the mainstay in our balance of trade and helps us to maintain our big supply of gold.

Cotton Crop Offers Early Food Products.—"The cotton crop begins to mature in July. In August ginning begins, and as soon as ginning begins the seed are ready for the cotton-seed oil mill. Within thirty days from the time the cotton is taken from the field, the oil, compound lard and oleomargarine is ready for the use of man. At the same time, the cotton-seed meal and the hulls are ready for the cattle, and the linters for the powder maker. If we should need food supplies early, then we certainly do not want to materially decrease the cotton crop in the South, as this is the earliest crop possible to grow and is useful for the feeding of both man and beast. After the corn crop is made, it is several months before it can be converted into food, that would be in the fall and winter, while from the cotton crop you can get oil and lard and oleomargarine certainly in September.

"Another thing: the whole world can make corn and wheat, but it is only a small section of it that can produce cotton, from which the world is clothed and from which such a tremendous percentage of edible fats and animal foods are made.

"Therefore, I believe that it is hardly a good time to try to prevail on the South to minimize its cotton crop. If the world needs the food supplies, it needs the cotton, as there is no product from which man can be clothed or fed so quickly as from the cotton plant."

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.
(Third Round—In Part.)
Central Ave. and Bethesda, Central Ave. May 23
Batesville, First Church May 30
Minturn, Arbor Grove June 2-3
Swift and Alicia, Alicia June 3-4
Tuckerman June 4-5
Kenyon, Bandy's Chapel June 5-6
Newport Sta. June 6-7
Newport Ct., Paroquet June 7-8
Newark Sta., night June 8
Cave City, Cushman June 9-10
Sulphur Rock and Moorefield, Lee's Chapel June 11
B. L. WILFORD, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
S. Ft. Smith, at Jenny Lind, 11 a. m., and Steep Hill, 3 p. m. June 3
First Church, 11 a. m. June 10
Dodson Ave., 8 p. m. June 10
Hackett Ct., at Bonanza June 16-17
Ft. Smith Ct., at Oak Grove June 23-24
Greenwood Sta., 8 p. m. June 24
Van Buren Ct., at Figure Five June 30-July 1
Midland lts., 8 p. m. July 1
Kibler Ct., at Newberry July 7-8
Ozark Ct., at Pleasant Grove July 14-15
Van Buren Sta., 8 p. m. July 22
Alma Sta., 8 p. m. July 22

Mulberry and Dyer, at M. July 28-29
Ozark Sta., 8 p. m. July 29
Cass Ct., at Oak Grove Aug. 4-5
Charleston Ct., at Oak Grove Aug. 11-12
Hartford & Midland, at M. Aug. 18-19
Huntington and Mansfield Aug. 25-26
J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.
(Third Round—In Part.)
Austin Ct., at South Bend June 16-17
Hickory Plains Ct., at Bethlehem June 23-24
Mabelvale Ct., at Olive Hill June 30-July 1
Benton Ct., at New Hope July 7-8
Tomberlin Ct., at Zion July 14-15
Keo Ct., at Witherspoon July 21-22
England July 29-30
Carlisle, a. m. Aug. 5
Lonoke, p. m. Aug. 5
Mauumelle Ct., at Nat. Steps Aug. 11-12
Oak Hill Ct., at Walnut Grove, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Aug. 15
Bryant Ct., at Salem, a. m. and 3 p. m. Aug. 17
DeVall's Bluff and Hazen, at DeVall's Bluff Aug. 18-19
Des. Arc, p. m. Aug. 19
ALONZO MONK, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.
(Third Round.)
..... June 2-3
Hoxie and Portia, at Portia June 3-4
Pollard, at Pollard June 9
Piggott and Rector, at P. June 10-11
Marmaduke, at Old Friendship June 16-17
Paragould Ct., at Wood's C. June 23-24
Mammoth Spring and Hardy, at M. Spring June 30-July 1
Salem July 1-2
Walnut Ridge Ct., at Richwoods July 2-3
Walnut Ridge Sta., 8 p. m. July 3
Pocahontas Ct., at Vernon July 5
Maynard Ct., at Maynard July 6
Pocahontas July 7-8
Reyno and Success, at Reyno July 8-9
Ash Flat, at Corinth July 9-10
Peach Orchard, at Evening Star July 14-15
Gainsville, at Beech Grove July 15-16
Paragould, First Church, preaching 8-10; Conf. July 18
Corning July 21-22
Ravenden Springs, at R. S. July 28-29
Imboden Aug. 3
Black Rock and Powhatan, at B. R. St. Francis, at Nimmons Aug. 6-7
New Liberty, at N. Liberty Aug. 11-12
Smithville, at Raney's C. Aug. 22-23
Lorado, at Hunt's Chapel Aug. 25-26
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