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BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.—Ps. 133:1.

HISTORY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AT HELENA, ARKANSAS.

The history of the Methodist Church in Helena dates back to the early days of the city. The town of Helena came into existence about the year 1820, and the records of the church show that the Rev. Benjamin Burrows was preaching in Helena as early as 1822. In 1823 or 1824 a society of Methodists was organized by local preachers, and it is probable that local preachers filled the pulpit until about 1830. In 1830 the church was made a part of a circuit and supplied with regular pastors and presiding elders. The pastors from 1830 to 1848 were: John Harris, 1830-31; Fountain Brown, 1832; Michael Casteel, 1833; J. R. Neill, 1834; L. Wakely, 1835; J. R. Rives, 1836, in which year the Arkansas Conference was organized, including the church at Helena; J. L. Newman, 1837; Spencer Walters, 1838; Wm. B. Mason, 1839; J. M. Steel, 1840-41; L. Freeman, 1842; R. R. Burts, 1843; C. H. Edwards, 1844-45; W. P. Ratcliffe, 1846; G. W. Cottingham, 1847; W. P. Ratcliffe, 1848. The presiding elders during this period were: Uriel Haw, Jesse Green, Andrew D. Smith, M. Wells, Chas. J. Ramsey, C. J. Karney, J. C. Parker, W. P. Ratcliffe, G. W. Morris, J. F. Trustos, Fountain Brown and J. M. Steel.

In 1848 Helena was made a Station, and her pastors from that time until the Civil War were: J. Cowle, 1849; H. A. Sugg, 1850; John J. Roberts, 1851; W. H. Gillespie, 1853; John H. Rice, 1854-55; Wm. Gilliam, 1856; R. Hammett, 1857; Benoni Harris, 1858-59; J. L. Denton, 1860-61, and J. J. Roberts, 1862. The church organization was suspended during the Civil War, and there is nothing on the records of the church except "War," "War," "War." The presiding elders during the period immediately preceding the Civil War were J. M. Steel, J. Cowle, S. W. D. Chase, Stephen Carlisle and J. J. Roberts.

The White River Conference was organized in 1874 and the Methodist Church at Helena was included in that organization.

The pastors of the church since the war were: George Shaefer, 1866; Wm. Sheppard, 1867; W. F. Noe, 1868; J. L. Denton, 1869-71; Edgar Orgain, 1873-74; J. Anderson, 1875-77; E. A. Garrison, 1878-81; Julien C. Brown, 1882-85; F. A. Jeffett, 1886-88; E. M. Pipkin, 1889; W. F. Wilson, 1890-91; J. C. Hooks, 1892; M. B. Corrigan, 1893-95; Julien C. Brown, 1895-98; H. R. Singleton, 1899; W. B. Ricks, 1900-03; H. G. Henderson, 1904-05; F. A. Jeffett, 1907-09; T. Y. Ramsey, 1910-11. Rev. J. D. Hammons, 1912-16; C. M. Reves, 1916-17; J. B. Evans, for past three months. The presiding elders of this district during this period were: E. T. Jones, James Mackey, J. M. Steel, W. F. Noe, G. A. Dannelly, W. R. Foster, J. H. Dye, N. B. Fizer, J. M. Talkington, J. M. Clark, Frank Ritter, M. B. Umsted, M. M. Smith, R. C. Morehead, W. C. Davidson, Fred Little, Z. T. Bennett, J. K. Farris, and the present incumbent, W. F. Evans.

One of the interesting features of the Methodist Church in Helena is the earliest Board of Stewards of which we have any record. This board was composed of some of the city's most distinguished men for nearly half a century. On the official board in 1871, and probably some time prior to that time, were John S. Hornor, James M. Hanks, H. C. Rightor, S. H. Horner, R. C. Moore, Ezra Sawyer, M. L. Burnett, George B. Kopps, G. B. Warren and Alonzo Wooten. Of this body of prominent men two are yet living, H. C. Rightor and R. C. Moore, Mr. Moore being now President of the Board after a service thereon of more than forty years. In recent years there have been on the board such men as the late W. D. Reeves, for many years one of the

church's staunchest men; S. I. Clarke, C. Wooten and R. B. Macon.

Of the early houses of worship in Helena there is no reliable record, but there is some probability that the Methodist congregation had a regular place of worship as early as 1840. The first church of which we have any record was destroyed before the Civil War, and another house of worship located somewhere on Cherry street, was supplied. This building was sold in 1860, the congregation having determined to build on the site of the present church, which was a gift from John S. Hornor. Work was begun on that church in 1880, but the church was not completed until 1885. This building was the home of the church from 1885 until 1913, when it was partially destroyed by fire, and later replaced by the beautiful and commodious structure now completed. This church is largely a monument to the Rev. J. D. Hammons. To this work he gave his very best time and energy. The handsome structure is one of which the church is justly proud, and is an indication of the progressive spirit of the Methodist Church in Helena.

OUTLINE OF PROCEEDINGS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

At 9 a. m., Nov. 28, Bishop E. D. Mouzon opened the fourth session of North Arkansas Conference. Conducting the devotional exercises, the Bishop read John 19:1-30, and briefly and felicitously commented thereon, emphasizing the centrality of the cross of Jesus Christ in Christianity. The heart sees further than the mind. The law of self-sacrifice is the law of universal life. The cross is more than a theological symbol. It involves the principles of discipleship. We are called today to enter into the mystery of self-sacrifice in the holiest war men ever were called to fight, and never could the purpose of the cross be so effectively preached. Our only hope in this awful crisis is the shed blood of God's son.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Presiding Elders, and then by them to the great congregation. After the roll call by former secretary F. M. Daniel, he was re-elected, and his assistants named as follows: W. L. Oliver, J. Q. Schisler, and Wm. Sherman and W. V. Womack, statistical secretaries.

On nomination of the Presiding Elders the following committees were elected:

Spiritual State of the Church.—M. B. Umsted, E. N. Bickley, Geo. P. Murrell, C. C. Sharp, Chas. Edwards, M. E. Newburn, C. E. Gray, B. L. Harris, W. F. Wilkinson, Sam McDaniel, A. A. McDonald, W. P. Jones.

Conference Relations.—J. E. Lake, J. A. Womack, A. H. Dulancy, J. M. Williams, H. Hanesworth, G. K. Wimpey, W. W. Albright, Geo. McGlumphy, T. A. Bowen, E. Forrest, A. F. Skinner, W. V. Womack.

Sabbath Observance.—F. A. Lark, O. H. Tucker, R. T. Compton, F. M. Scott, O. H. Doris, W. B. Hays, Will Pyles, F. G. Villines, J. W. Campbell, Robt. Pycatt, U. G. Reynolds.

Temperance.—W. J. Faust, W. F. Walker, S. H. Mann, G. C. Johnson, W. T. Wilcoxon, J. C. Bradsher, J. B. Stevenson, W. F. Campbell, R. A. Evins, J. B. Steward.

Books and Periodicals.—Jefferson Sherman, H. L. Wade, A. W. Martin, T. Y. Ramsey, W. F. Blevins, M. A. Fry, C. H. Bumpers, John Score, J. C. Eaton, R. E. L. Bearden, J. S. Ewalt, J. J. Jackson.

District Conference Journals.—J. Q. Schisler, J. W. Johnson, M. F. Johnson, C. C. Burton, B. R. Johnson.

Public Worship.—W. F. Evans, J. B. Evans, R. C. Moore.

Publishing Committee.—J. M. Hughey, F. M. Daniel, H. E. Wheeler.

Reports from various Connectional officers and

Boards were referred to appropriate committees, the report of Educational Committee having first been read.

The several Presiding Elders then made brief reports of their respective Districts. These indicated that, while there had been many successful revivals, the conversions and accessions were less than usual, but the financial condition was better. Many debts had been paid and enterprises worked out.

Rev. S. H. Babcock, presiding elder of Durant District, East Oklahoma Conference, son of the sainted S. H. Babcock, and Rev. A. C. Millar, editor of Arkansas Methodist, were introduced.

The transfer of Rev. A. C. Chappell from Central Texas Conference, and that of Rev. R. G. Flummer from West Texas Conference, was announced.

The names of the graduate pastors were then called, their reports rapidly and tersely made, and their characters passed. Seldom has this been accomplished more expeditiously and satisfactorily. Many of these reports appear in another column.

In the midst of this call greetings in behalf of the Helena Business Men's League were extended by Hon. W. L. Bevens and in behalf of the united Christian citizenry by Hon. R. B. Macon. To these gracious and eloquent words of welcome Bishop Mouzon appropriately responded.

A tremendous amount of minute business was transacted during this first morning.

At three p. m. Rev. T. Y. Ramsey before a large congregation preached a compact, elegantly phrased, forceful sermon on Salvation Through the Foolishness of Preaching.

At night in a crowded house the editor preached on The Conditions of Discipleship.

Thursday morning many pastors completed reports and most of the undergraduates reported and suitable action on each case was taken. Details appear elsewhere in the Condensed Minutes.

Hon. Geo. Thornburgh, Superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, and manager of the Methodist Orphanage, was introduced, and after a pithy resume of prohibition progress during the twenty-seven years since he had been a member of White River Conference, the report of Orphanage Board was read, and the Conference, as requested, raised its assessment for the Orphanage from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and seemed ready for a larger increase if it had been desired.

Then felicitously following Mr. Thornburgh's references to prohibition, Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president of Hendrix College, offered the following opportune resolutions, which, without being referred, were unanimously and heartily adopted.

We, the members of the North Arkansas Conference in annual session at Helena, Arkansas, hereby take this occasion to express our keen appreciation of the high plane of humanity upon which our great President has pitched our participation in the World War against Prussian Military Autocracy, and to declare our steadfast purpose to give vigorous support to all measures which the government may adopt in prosecuting the war. In doing this however, we regret the necessity of pointing out to the President the inconsistency of the National Government's urging upon the people to save grain and sugar while it permits the breweries to waste vast amounts of these same food stuffs. Accordingly, as representatives of a great church, we protest to our President against a policy which permits millions of tons of coal to be consumed by breweries when thousands of our people and many legitimate industries are suffering from lack of coal. We register our protest against the use of thousands of cars to ship coal and liquor in by breweries, while millions of people and thousands of industries are suffering because they cannot get cars to ship the necessities of human and industrial life. While we record our whole-hearted approval

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of the order driving liquor and bad women from army camps in America, we call upon our President to give our soldiers in France the same protection against these evils.

To our Great President, in whom American Democracy has lodged supreme power in this crisis and who has hitherto in his official utterances and acts reflected the best Christian conscience of America, we confidently appeal to square American conduct in the matters named above with the dictates of humanity and the ethics of Christianity.—J. H. Reynolds; F. M. Daniel, W. F. Walker, W. L. Oliver, J. M. Williams.

Rev. W. H. Irvine of the Helena Presbyterian Church and Rev. P. W. Plemons of the Baptist Church were introduced.

The Conference then adjourned for the Thanksgiving Service.

After prayer by Rev. A. C. Millar, when sorrow for sin and sympathy with the suffering world touched all hearts, so that it was difficult to proceed, Bishop Mouzon delivered a discourse of tremendous power, from 2 Cor. 5:7 "(For we walk by faith, not by sight)", on Walking by Faith. Mellowed and chastened by his own recent bereavement, never directly mentioning it, and yet with tender tones and almost transfigured face, the clear-thinking, spiritually minded preacher uttered a message of sublime faith and confidence in the fundamental reality of spiritual things. He expressed firm belief in a Personal Providence superintending human affairs. It is not an academic question today, but vital and personal. The hour comes in every life when one feels for the foundation, and it is Jesus Christ or nothing. Cogent argument and helpful illustrations were presented to assure us of the presence in this Universe of a supreme Personal Power capable of love and seeking to rule by love as well as by law. Jesus is more than a fact in history. He is known through experience. The heart has felt. Our God knows and cares and can and will provide for the loving, trusting soul. He is our rod and staff, and it is better to walk by faith with God than to go alone by sight.

In recent years no Bishop has so touched the Conference and ministered to the soul. His dignified and yet brotherly manner, his patience, and his courage win and hearten. He is helping us to prepare for the sacrificial life into which we are now called. His is a true and noble leadership.

At three o'clock Thursday a patriotic service was held, with Chaplain C. M. Reves presiding.

Mrs. W. D. Reeves of Helena briefly but clearly and felicitously presented the purpose of the sale of Red Cross seals.

Mr. Claud Fitzpatrick of Helena forcibly and pointedly explained the plan for the sale of War Savings Certificates among the school children.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, our great Secretary of Education, discussed the war by answering affirmatively and satisfactorily the question, May a Christian or group of Christians fight and maintain the Christian spirit? Claiming to have been a pacifist, he proved that a sincere pacifist, righteously aroused, could make the most effective war speech. A deliverance of such lucidity and power is almost the event of a lifetime. As, when men had heard Demosthenes, they said: "Let us fight Phillip," so hearing our Christian Demosthenes,

they said: "Let us, because we are Christians, fight the modern Hun."

Following this tremendous address, Chaplain Reves, fresh from Camp Pike, waved the "Stars and Stripes," and in thrilling words described Christ's chance with the "boys in khaki." Then a spontaneous collection followed and \$357 was raised to supply the boys with Testaments, the sword of the Spirit. It was an occasion long to be remembered.

Thursday night came the educational anniversary. President J. M. Williams led in earnest prayer and Rev. J. K. Farris read the lesson. After an apt introduction by the Chairman, Rev. H. B. Trimble, Dr. H. M. Dobbs, dean of Southern Methodist University School of Theology, delivered a scholarly, thought-provoking address on "Christian Education, the Need of the Day." As he had done last year at Malvern, Dr. Dobbs won his audience and deepened interest in the institution which he so ably represented.

Friday morning Bishop Mouzon, calling attention to St. Paul as a great lover, read and commented upon Romans 16.

A letter from Bishop Lambuth was read presenting the War Work of our Church and asking for \$5,000. It was referred to the Mission Board.

Dr. H. M. Dobbs of Central Texas and Dr. E. G. B. Mann of Kentucky Conference were introduced.

After transacting certain minute business, the Hendrix College Campaign was given right of way, and Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, representing the movement, made the greatest speech of his life. He was followed in a brief, spirited address by Dr. James Thomas, who emphasized the importance of co-operation and his confidence in the ability of Arkansas to do big things. A little later Dr. Johnston announced the gift of a Liberty bond to the fund.

A telegram from the Gideons was received and the Secretary was authorized to respond.

R. P. James, I. A. Brumley, A. L. Riggs, C. Crow, and L. A. Mann were admitted on trial.

It was recorded of H. W. Wallace, who had come from Kansas and speedily returned, that he had gone to another denomination.

Rev. J. M. Moorman, an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was received.

The report of the committee on the Methodist Hospital at Memphis was presented and adopted, and Hon. T. B. King, its Field Secretary, made a wise, witty, and pathetic speech. He is asking for co-operation in presenting the great enterprise.

A very suggestive report of the Sunday School Board, after brief remarks by Judge A. L. Hutchins and Rev. W. T. Martin, was adopted.

Rev. Wesley Smith, a furloughed missionary to China, was introduced.

At 3 p. m. Friday the Epworth League Board held its anniversary. In the absence of Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, who was to have spoken, but who had missed his connection, Rev. A. C. Chappell, the new pastor at Fayetteville, delivered a sparkling, soul-stirring address on "Pleasing God."

Friday night, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, presiding, the Missionary Board's anniversary was given the hour. Rev. H. E. Wheeler, Conference Missionary Secretary, using as a text (Matt. 24:16), "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world," preached a well wrought, informing sermon. He was followed by Rev. Wesley Smith, missionary, who, building on (Eccl. 11:1), "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days," presented the terrible need of China, our opportunity, and the straits of our missionaries with half salaries and doubled prices. He appealed for help and secured a liberal collection.

Saturday morning Bishop Mouzon called the Conference to order, and after prayer by Dr. E. G. B. Mann, read 2 Cor. 4 as the lesson.

The names of the superannuates were called, and the following brethren made brief remarks: H. T. Gregory, C. Pope, W. W. Anderson, S. S. Key, and M. M. Smith.

A voluntary collection was taken for Rev. H. G. Summers, who, on account of his own affliction and the health of his family, felt forced to ask for the superannuate relation.

The following transfers were announced: C. I. Beck from Louisiana Conference and R. L. Armour from New Mexico Conference.

The Bishop then addressed the class of six, who were after his address received into full connection.

Their names appear in the Condensed Minutes.

The Bishop emphasized the importance of the distinctive doctrine of Methodism, and called attention to the fact that many did not realize that they were distinctive, because, as a result of Methodist preaching, other Churches were also proclaiming them. He stated that the mode of baptism and possibility of apostasy were not such doctrines, but they are the universality of the atonement, the witness of the Spirit, and Christian perfection. He also argued that Methodism had its own discipline, and its own polity. He disclaimed being a Progressive, but believed in progress, because every living thing does change. The change ought to be in harmony with the laws of the organism. Methodism should change, but it should run true to type, and not lose its distinctiveness of doctrine, discipline, and polity. He proclaimed himself in favor of genuine democracy, but deprecated that which would lead to chaos. He wished that he could hear personally from every preacher, and appreciated the delightful spirit of North Arkansas Conference.

The Conference then went into the election of General Conference delegates. Twenty lay votes were cast, Dr. J. H. Reynolds receiving 19 and President J. M. Williams 18. Others elected were: W. P. Jones, F. M. Daniel, and A. B. Priddy, with R. H. Dowdy and R. T. Compton alternates. On the first clerical ballot 158 votes were cast and G. G. Davidson, having 86, was the only one elected.

After a humorous and catchy speech by Judge Hugh Basham in favor of Clarksville, and announcements from Rev. W. Sherman and Rev. E. Myers that they had intended to nominate Jonesboro and Dardanelle, it was decided unanimously to go to Clarksville for next Conference.

Rev. J. R. Stewart, agent of the Superannuate Fund, Dr. Ivan L. Holt of Southern Methodist University, Dr. W. F. McMurry, Secretary of Church Extension Board, Prof. J. A. Bray, Secretary of Education, Colored Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Ray of Mississippi Conference, were introduced.

After another ballot for clerical delegates Conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

At three p. m. Bishop Mouzon called the Conference to order.

The second ballot for clerical delegates resulted in no choice.

Dr. J. R. Stewart, agent of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, addressed the Conference on the necessity of more adequate support for our superannuates. Now the average annual support of a retired preacher is only \$155. Our general fund is now \$500,000, and from its income \$12,500 goes this year to the Conference claimants. His earnest plea should bear fruit.

In behalf of the preachers of Searcy District President J. M. Williams presented a fine gold watch to Rev. R. C. Morehead, who responded in words of appreciation. President Williams then outlined the progress of Galloway College for Women during the ten years of his administration. Then there was no endowment nor assessment; but now the endowment is \$64,945, and on an assessment of \$5,000, some \$3,000 is annually received. The amount paid the Faculty has increased and is now about \$22,000. A new era is dawning for womanhood, and the Church must help women to prepare for it. Galloway is a genuinely Christian institution. All students and teachers are connected with the Y. W. C. A. A great need now is room. All rooms were engaged weeks before the opening. The preachers were urged to find one man in each charge and secure his interest in the enlargement of Galloway. President Williams makes a telling address.

The report of the statistical secretary was read, showing a net gain of over 500 members. The total membership now exceeds 60,000.

Prof. J. A. Bray, Educational Secretary of the Colored Methodist Church, made a happy plea for larger aid for the schools of his church. He won the Conference with his wit and argument, and was followed briefly by Bishop Mouzon, who showed that our practice did not square with our profession of interest in our colored brethren. He added that it would be a calamity if Unification, so important and greatly desired, should push us still farther from the negroes. A collection of \$649 was taken, one-half for the school at Pine Bluff, the other for our Payne College. Remit-

tances on this should be made within 90 days to T. J. Boston, Secretary Board of Education, Earle, Ark. Prof. Bray is seeking to raise \$6,400 for eight schools to be used in preparing girls for more efficient domestic service. He is an able representative of his 300,000 members.

The third clerical ballot resulted in the election of H. E. Wheeler; but the fourth ballot was fruitless.

The Board of Missions reported commending the collection of \$5,000 for the War Work, and the amount was assumed and apportioned among the Districts with request to secure it in 90 days. Dr. W. F. McMurry explained the object of the fund.

The following reports were adopted: Orphanage Committee, Books and Periodicals, Spiritual State of the Church, Epworth League, Sabbath Observance, Education, and Conference Claimants, the latter being reconsidered and recommitted with instructions.

Saturday night the Church Extension Anniversary was observed, Rev. J. M. Hughey presiding. After prayer by Rev. W. F. Walker and Scripture lesson by Rev. J. A. Womack, the Board's report was read by Rev. H. E. Wheeler. Then Dr. W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary, was introduced, and after eulogizing the flag and calling for the "Star Spangled Banner," entertained, amused, and instructed the congregation for an hour. He showed the tremendous progress of the Church Extension work, and announced that the \$500,000 which was to be secured this quadrennium was reached and would be exceeded. We have 17,403 church buildings, and Church Extension money has gone into 9,749, which means that some five and one-half churches had been aided for every one of the 1,820 weeks during the life of the Board. He explained the value and many uses of annuity bonds, and distributed illustrative literature. It was generally agreed that the speech was a "corker," as Dr. McMurry makes headquarters in Kentucky, an "uncorker."

Sunday morning a large assembly gathered at love feast over which Dr. Cadesman Pope and Rev. S. S. Key presided. There were many beautiful and touching testimonies.

At eleven o'clock Bishop Mouzon preached to an audience which filled to its capacity the auditorium and Sunday school room and galleries, from the text (1 Cor. 15:20), "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." Christianity is essentially a supernatural religion. Eliminate the supernatural and nothing of value is left. Religion is not chiefly creed, nor culture, nor conduct, but fellowship with an unseen and eternal person. God and immortality are supernatural facts. Denial of the resurrection of Jesus Christ rests on no historical basis, but upon a dogmatic and philosophical interpretation of history. The positive evidences of the resurrection were overwhelmingly marshalled. Christianity is now the mightiest moral and spiritual force in the world. The four Gospels would never have been written if the disciples had not been convinced that Christ had risen. Without the reality the history of Christianity is impossible. As a great philosopher has said, Christianity outlives, outdies, and outdoes the world about it. Unbelief cannot present its arguments and look itself in the face. Many great philosophers and theologians have admitted the force of the arguments. Christianity is a demonstration of the immortality of believers. Life, not death, is natural for Christ, and He is the perfect revelation of what God intended man should be. The sermon, delivered with earnestness and vigor, was a great and assuring message.

Four men were ordained deacons.

At three o'clock the Memorial Session was held, Rev. M. M. Smith presiding. Rev. T. Y. Ramsey led in prayer and read John 14. Memoirs of Rev. W. E. Boggs and Rev. A. C. Griffin were read, and eulogies were pronounced by the following: M. M. Smith, J. J. Jernigan, T. Y. Ramsey, T. A. Bowen, D. J. Weems, W. W. Anderson, J. J. Galloway, A. H. Dulaney, and C. Pope. The Conference then adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

Sunday night Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, professor in Southern Methodist University, preached from Mark 10:38-39, a strong, thoughtful sermon on the issues of the world crisis.

The pulpits of other churches were filled by brethren appointed by the committee on public worship.

The editor enjoyed preaching at night to 600 ne-

groes at Dr. E. C. Morris' great Baptist Church.

Monday morning Bishop Mouzon called the Conference to order and Rev. R. G. Flummer led in prayer.

The fifth ballot for clerical delegates resulted in no choice.

The following reports were adopted: Temperance, Conference Journals, American Bible Society, Superannuate Homes, Lay Activities, Church Extension, Joint Board of Finance, Conference Relations, Missions, Resolutions of Thanks.

F. M. Daniel was elected Conference Lay Leader. The credentials of Rev. Fay C. Sterling were restored.

On the sixth ballot for clerical delegates R. C. Morehead, F. S. H. Johnston, and B. L. Wilford were elected, and another ballot was taken for reserves, resulting in the election of A. E. Holloway and J. M. Hughey.

Rev. A. C. Millar spoke in behalf of the Arkansas Methodist.

The following transfers were announced: G. L. McNeese from North Mississippi Conference, S. B. Wiggins from North Georgia, and G. P. Fikes from Mississippi Conference.

Rev. C. L. Castleberry read a memorial asking the General Conference to restore the old Arkansas and White River Conferences. On motion, it was laid on the table.

The Bishop led in earnest prayer and read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned sine die.

WHY TOLERATE IT LONGER?

The Outlook, which is not strictly a prohibition paper, although it is now quite favorable to the general prohibition movement, is bringing forward ample proof to the effect that beer is disloyal. It shows how the Brewers' Association and the German-American Alliance, which has been distinctly anti-American and pro-German, have co-operated. Referring to statements made by W. H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, The Outlook says: "The facts above stated seem to us to justify entirely Mr. Anderson's general assertion that there is a 'selfish and unscrupulous liquor traffic which has made a common cause with the enemies of the country.' It is practically true that the sympathies of most of those who produce beer are with Germany. Beer is brutalizing; it gives revenue to those who are at heart disloyal; the beer gardens will be found to harbor many who hate America and her free institutions; then why should beer be longer allowed immunity? Let all patriots call upon our President to banish brutalizing beer. It is an alien and an enemy."

HENDRIX ENDOWMENT.

Are you, my brothers and sisters, meeting the responsibilities as wise Christian men and women in the wonderful days upon which we have come? Help make Hendrix College more efficient. Help our Methodist boys and girls from poor homes to attend our colleges.

There is danger of our not meeting the emergency after world peace. There is danger of our not having enough leaders among the clergy and laity to penetrate the coming age. Dr. J. R. Mott said, "Are the Christian forces of America prepared for the time after victory?"

The writer is increasingly convinced that failure to equip Hendrix College now will stagger us as a church in all our educational plans. Failure here will mean failure all along the way. My brethren, get under the proposition! We must, God helping us, secure \$500,000.

We are encouraged. The preachers can do the work if they want to do it.

On to \$500,000!—James Thomas, Agent.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Girlhood and Character; by Mary E. Moxcey; The Abingdon Press, New York, Cincinnati; price, \$1.50.

This timely book treats of principles and laws of psychical and physical growth affecting the spiritual and moral development of girls, and analyzes the problems of character formation peculiar to each period in the unfolding life from childhood to womanhood. It is for leaders, teachers, and parents of girls. As Dr. George A. Coe says: "For some years a need has been felt for an anal-

ysis of the problems of adolescent girlhood from the combined standpoints of physiology, psychology, and the growth of character through education, both formal and informal. Miss Moxcey demonstrates the possession of competent knowledge in all these fields. In addition she brings to her task extraordinarily valuable and well digested experience with girls, and critical understanding of the principles and processes of religious education. The result is a book that is at once scientific, insightful, and practically helpful." The author writes: "The volume is offered to those who by inner or outer compulsion are bound fast to the lives of girls, and who follow rules better for knowing the principles back of them. It is hoped that it will prove helpful alike to those who have no special preparation in psychology or the science of education, and to those whose familiarity with these subjects has made them keenly conscious of the need for more definite knowledge about girls." While this treatise is thoroughly scientific, it is to be commended for the deep religious purpose which runs through it and culminates in the final chapters.

Unpopular Government in the United States; by Albert M. Kales, Professor of Law in Northwestern University; published by the University of Chicago Press, Chicago; price \$1.50.

Unpopular government is defined as government of the few by the few, and for the few, at the expense and against the wish of the many. Of old unpopular government was achieved and maintained by a monarchical plan, openly held by a few, under which the many had no legal opportunity to express themselves. Our forefathers in framing federal and State constitutions undertook to free our land from unpopular government. If there must be some sort of tyranny, they preferred that it should be the tyranny of the many. To accomplish their purpose they endeavored to prevent the concentration of power by dividing the functions of government among many distinct offices and definitely limiting the authority of each officeholder; and they sought to render impossible the perpetual retention of power by frequent popular elections. In process of time the expedients adopted to secure immunity from unpopular government have gone to great extremes, and now we find them practically defeating their avowed object. The number of elective offices has become so great and the methods so complicated that the average voter, even if intelligent and anxious to promote civic righteousness, is perplexed, and is at last influenced in most of his choices by party affiliations and political bosses. The author holds, and fairly proves his contention, that our decentralized legal government has been virtually replaced by a centralized extra-legal government, so that we have actually come to a well defined extra-legal, but none the less real, government of the few, by the few, and for the few, or, in other words, we have re-established a substantially unpopular government. Formerly people were disfranchised by having no opportunity to vote. Today they are disfranchised by being forced to vote too much. Under other forms of unpopular government the central figure has been the monarchy or the oligarchy, but in ours the ruler is the politocrat. Avoiding monarchy or oligarchy, we find ourselves in the grip of a politocracy. The author demonstrates how many of the devices proposed have failed and how the politocrat uses popular terms to carry his selfish purposes. Suggestions of better constitutional expedients are made which are worthy of careful consideration. Now that our own State is to reconstruct its fundamental law, it would be well if every reader of this paper had this book, so that he might have the means of determining the real merit of proposed measures. Perhaps no one book would be of greater value in helping to apply the tests.

The average newspaper theologian does not hesitate to express himself on the most abstruse doctrine. He is generally a heretic. As we read his fulminations against views which so far have prospered and guarded the social and institutional life of the centuries, we become subject to varied sensations, but the fact which stands out plainest before our mind is that the average theologian knows but little of what the Christian churches really teach.—Nashville Advocate.



Bishop E. D. Mouzon, D. D., President North Arkansas Conference.

BRIEF REPORTS OF NORTH ARKANSAS PASTORS.

Clarksville.—Our new church was dedicated in April. Dr. Stonewall Anderson preaching the dedicatory sermon. We had our revival in October. There were many conversions and additions to the church. Total additions, 72; net gain, 44. All the finances were paid in full.—H. L. Wade.

Salem.—Pastor's and presiding elder's salary in full. Claims about half paid. Have built a parsonage costing about \$1,200. Had a great revival meeting. Brother L. J. Miller of Nashville did the preaching. Woman's Missionary Society doing good work. Sunday school and Epworth League fairly good.—Israel C. Bradsher.

McCrory.—We have had about 50 conversions, twenty-four accessions to the church; organized two Leagues with a membership of 50. We were instrumental in organizing two Leagues in the country near McCrory. Paid a church debt of \$4,388 and dedicated November 25 by Dr. McCrory. All claims paid in full. Total collection for the year, \$8,832.—F. A. Lark.

Mammoth Spring and Hardy.—We have had a good year and everything looks hopeful. A good Sunday school and two Leagues, Senior and Junior. Reduced church debt and increased membership 14. Placed a new piano in church and have a good choir. Everything is moving along nicely.—E. N. Bickley.

Springdale Station.—We have received 31 members. Have three Wesley adult Bible classes; one teacher training class. Secured our apportionment of subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist. Have good Sunday school, Epworth League and Woman's Missionary Society. Finances in full; \$345 more than last year.—A. H. Dulaney.

Morrilton.—Members, 439; net gain, 19. Pastor's and P. E.'s salary paid in full; all claims paid. A debt of long standing (\$3,000) paid. Total amount paid from all sources, \$7,681.80.—H. H. Watson.

Monette and Macey.—The best all-round report in history of the charge. Built one new church; planning another. The charge is in better working condition than ever before.—C. F. Wilson.

Centerton.—Right good year; 58 conversions, 52 additions; baptized one baby. P. C. and P. E. paid in full. Collections about 60 per cent. Subscribers to Arkansas Methodist, 45. Things go right well with us.—J. C. Gibbons.

Oseola Charge.—Fifty accessions; very active Woman's Missionary Society fully organized; good Sunday school. All conference assessments paid in full, with \$10 excess—this being applied to relief fund for American missions in China. Pastor's salary much overpaid.—E. K. Sewell.

Clarendon.—Had 16 accessions to the church, with a net gain of 4. The financial obligations were met in full. Had a meeting, but did not have any conversions.—C. W. Lester.

Clinton.—Had 15 professions; a net loss of 2 members. Support of ministry in full. Two Leagues and four Sunday schools doing good work.—W. F. Eblevins.

Harrison Station.—Have had a good year. Had about 50 conversions and 64 additions. Have a fine Sunday school with an enrollment of 100 above that of the membership of the church. The pastor's salary increased 25 per cent above last year, was paid in full,

and so were all the collections ordered by the Conference.—A. E. Holloway.

Magazine.—Nine conversions, 7 accessions. Salaries in full. Despite a very severe hail storm, we have the best financial report in years. We have had a pleasant year.—A. W. Martin.

Lake City Circuit.—The year now closing, in some respects is the best in the history of this circuit. Professions of faith, 12; additions by certificate and otherwise, 176; expended on churches and parsonages, \$666; total amount received for the year, \$2,115. Neither the assessment for ministerial support nor for conference claims was raised in full.—G. W. Pyles.

Swift and Alicia.—Interest in church work very good. A splendid new parsonage has been built at Swift and improvements have been made on church at Alicia. Pastor's salary increased. All claims paid in full.—J. M. Harrison.

Holly Grove and Marvell.—There were 35 accessions; one League is doing splendid work. The woman's societies are doing splendid work, as well as the children's. We have a splendid church at Marvell, at a cost of \$8,000. Finances more than 100 per cent.—H. C. Hoy.

Waldron Circuit.—Have had 10 conversions and all finances in full. The church has gained a new inspiration and will make some much needed progress in the future. Improvements have been made on church building.—J. D. Roberts.

Conway Mission.—This is a large work of seven appointments scattered over a large section of country. During the past year there have been only about 20 conversions, with a small net increase. The collections are in advance of last year. Have improved three churches at a cost of about

versal kindness than ever before in my ministry.—J. E. Lark.

Vanndale.—Have had about 12 conversions; nine have joined the church. We are finishing a nice little frame church in Cherry Valley at a cost of \$1,400 or \$1,500. Pastor's salary and P. E.'s are in full. Conference claims about the same as in previous years.—J. H. Barrentine.

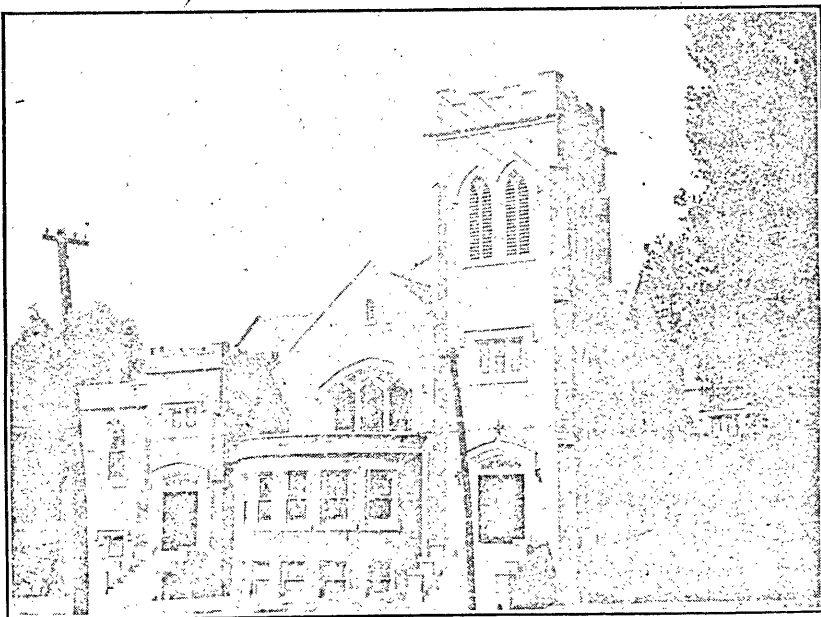
Farmington Circuit.—Conversions, 22; accessions, 15; dismissals, 15; infants baptized, 3; adults baptized, 9; spiritual state of the churches improved. Four appointments, two church houses, one parsonage. One Senior and one Junior League. A good people to serve and fine country.—D. N. Weaver.

Viney Grove.—There were about 18 conversions on the charge, with a net increase of six members. Viney Grove and Rhea paid their assessments on salary, but Viney fell short on claims. Rhea is prepared for half time, and there seems to be progress at each of the two places. Wedington was left without a revival and failed on finances.—E. A. Moody.

First Church, Searcy.—A fine revival; 132 net gain in membership. All finances in full. All debts paid. Good Sunday school and League. A fine Woman's Missionary Society.—W. T. Thompson.

Black Rock and Powhatan.—We have had nine accessions to the church; good attendance at church and Sunday school at both places. Improvements on parsonages and churches about \$335. Excellent work by the Ladies' Aid. Salary all paid. Benevolences not fully paid. Our people have given to other noble causes to the amount of four or five hundred dollars.—Clarence Crov.

Prairie View and Seranton.—The work has gone forward on some lines.



First Methodist Church, Helena.

\$150. The year has been a very pleasant one.—Y. A. Gilmore.

Bexar Circuit.—Have had a profitable year, with 55 professions and 24 accessions to the church. We believe we are able to make the best financial report in the history of the charge. Considerable improvement made on church property and parsonage.—J. W. Johnston.

Mellwood Circuit.—Have received 36 into the church, about half of these on profession of faith; two infants baptized. Salary \$100 overpaid. Benevolences about one-third paid. The work is in fine shape.—E. J. Slaughter.

Atkins.—An excellent Sunday school. Woman's Missionary Society in splendid working order. Official Board of earnest, aggressive men. Have baptized seven children. More money has been raised than in the past year. Sentiment for forward movement. My fourth year. My successor will find a delightful charge. All in all, one of the best charges I have served.—J. M. Williams.

Melbourne Circuit.—We have had 120 conversions, 100 additions. Have organized three new classes. Have six Methodist Sunday schools, four good prayer meetings; have repaired the parsonage; almost rebuilt one church; bought one from the M. E. Church and had one donated to us and are building one new church. Have secured 29 new cash subscribers to the Methodist. Have raised 100 per cent more money this year than last. Had one local preacher licensed.—J. W. Black.

Hartford and Midland.—A year of superlatives. During the past year I witnessed more professions, had a larger net increase in church membership, baptized more babies, married more couples, received more money on salary and otherwise, gave more money to benevolences, collected more money on benevolences, received more "poundings," and, if possible, more uni-

Our report shows more money collected for all purposes than in any previous year. We have a net increase in membership of 16. We have had some problems which we were unable to solve.—J. F. Glover.

Luxora.—All claims paid in full for this year. A thousand dollar modern brick church is rapidly being erected.—Norris Greer.

Central Avenue and Bethesda.—Have had 25 conversions; 19 accessions; an increase of ten in membership. Have built an addition to our church building at Central Ave. Our Sunday school work is the liveliest part of our charge. Expect an enlarged parsonage another year. Finances in full on salary; 85 per cent of claims.—W. W. Albright.

Pocahontas.—The year's work was not altogether satisfactory, but we made some progress; had about 25 professions and reclamations, 19 accessions, but have lost heavily by death and removal, losing some of our most substantial members, which cripples our church financially; yet our statistical report will show considerable financial gain over any recent year. The pastor's family were called upon to suffer sore affliction in the death of a daughter and sister (Mrs. Julia Foster), also the death of my aged mother, who was making her home with us.—I. D. McClure.

Huntsville.—One of the best years for Huntsville Circuit. We have had some good meetings, not great in number of conversions, but in substantial good to the cause. Have had 23 conversions and 17 additions. The pastor's salary is in full for the first time since we have been on the charge. Conference collections about 50 per cent. Our two Sunday schools are doing a fine work. There is a fine spirit among all the people to try and do their duty to the church, and I believe they will do their very best to have everything in full next year.—Charles Edwards.

Trinity Circuit.—A host of good people here. The stewards have been faithful in their labors. We have served them three years. They have been loyal in every way. The spiritual condition is very encouraging. Truly, the Lord has blessed us.—J. T. Hood.

Osage Circuit.—Have had a very good year, considering so many disadvantages. Have had 33 conversions, 5 accessions; a very small amount paid on Conference claims. Pastor's salary, \$278; P. E.'s salary, \$38. Am truly glad to have had the privilege of working with these people, and enjoyed many temporal blessings which they so richly bestowed on us.—S. D. Carmack.

Marion.—A year of marked progress. Membership increased nearly two-thirds; an honor roll Woman's Missionary Society, well organized Sunday school; missionary spirit growing; spiritual life deepening; weekly prayer meeting begun and sustained. New church being built at a cost of \$8,500. Finances in full, with material increases all along the line. Credit due to faithful official board, Godly women not a few, a hard working choir and other Christians not members of our church, striving together for the success of the Gospel.—Guy Murphy.

Wynne.—All financial claims on the charge have been met in full. The Sunday school is well organized and doing efficient work. Woman's Missionary Society is one of the best in the district. There is a bright future for the church at Wynne.—J. R. Nelson.

Gravette and Decatur.—Eighty-five conversions; 50 additions; everything paid in full. Two splendid Leagues, fine Sunday schools. Public libraries established at Gravette and Falling Springs. One at Gravette has reached about 700 volumes. A pounding from Gravette, one from Falling Springs, a new suit and pair of shoes from Decatur. An addition to the family and the promise of a raise in salary if returned, with the first month's waiting.—R. L. Jackson.

Floral Circuit.—Good year; 64 conversions, 34 additions; 7 Sunday schools doing good work; 5 prayer meetings. Paid an old debt on parsonage. P. E.'s and P. C.'s salary paid in advance. Conference claims short.—J. B. Finley.

Salado and Oh Trough.—Have had ten conversions, received 26 into the church; made some improvements on church building at Salado. One new Sunday school organized, also an Epworth League with 34 members.—C. J. Wade.

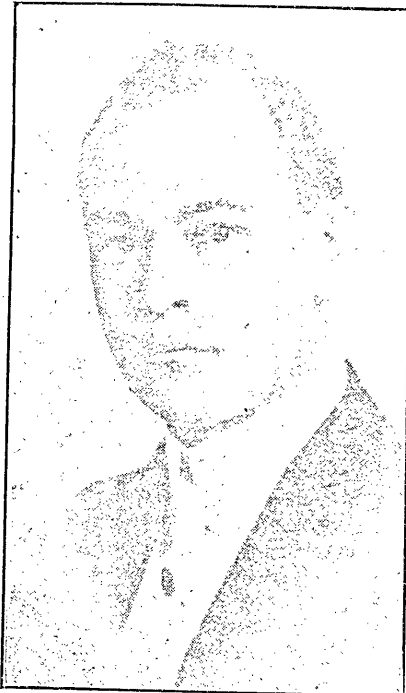
Turner.—We have had a good and profitable year on our work. We serve a noble people; held three meetings, with 38 professions. Organized one new society; received 30 into the church. This is truly a pleasant place to labor. We are expecting to come back, and hope to be able to do more next year than this.—W. A. Williams.

Corning Station.—The third Sunday in March we held our first service in our beautiful \$13,000 new church. When all the class rooms are finished there will be 13 separate rooms in the building. We had a very good revival in the church, and have received 11 members during the year. Finances are behind.—A. F. Skinner.

Nettleton and Bay.—This is my first year on this charge. We have built one new church, worth about \$1,000. Our revivals were not very good, but we have received twenty members into the church by letter and otherwise; have baptized four infants.—Our collections are not in full, but are in excess of last year.—Eli Craig.



Rev. C. M. Reyes, Recent Pastor, Now Chaplain U. S. Army.



Rev. J. B. Evans, Pastor and Host of Conference.

Dodson Ave., Fort Smith.—This has been a year of marked progress. All debts on parsonage were paid, leaving the church entirely free in a financial way. The assessment for the support of the ministry was raised \$260 and paid. The future for this charge is hopeful.—W. V. Womack.

Marianna.—All assessments paid in full. The financial report for the year totals \$16,809. All debts on church and parsonage have been paid. Received 28 members. Outlook good for the future.—John A. Womack.

Russellville Station.—Fifty accessions to the church; 14 babies baptized. Record collection of \$25 on Children's Day. Missionary Society doing splendid work. Epworth League moving up. Pastor's and P. E.'s salaries increased and all claims in full. Also an old debt of five years' standing on the parsonage cleared off. We have had a most delightful year.—W. T. Wilkinson.

Mountain View.—We have had about 75 conversions and 30 additions to the church. About 95 per cent of pastor's and P. E.'s salary has been paid and 45 per cent of Conference claims. Our people have been very loyal in payment of all war claims. The year has been pleasant, the Lord being good to all.—E. H. Hook.

Pollard Circuit.—We come to close the first year of the Pollard Circuit. At the town of Pollard we have organized a society and erected a church building. This has been done through no little sacrifice and labor on the part of the members. Cummings Chapel and Mars Hill churches are doing well. The salary is all paid; the collections not in full. We find it a pleasure to serve the people among whom our lot was cast. Ten conversions; 11 accessions.—E. Emmons.

War Eagle Circuit.—We have had a very successful year. P. E.'s and pastor's salary paid up in full; about 45 per cent of Conference claims. Forty conversions; 20 united with the church. Net gain, 15. Nineteen new subscribers to Arkansas Methodist. Very good interest in most of the work.—W. J. Jordan, P. C.

Bentonville Station.—Have received 31 into the church, making 387 members in all. Our increase has not been so much in numbers this year as in strength and character of members received. The different departments, Sunday school, Epworth League, and Missionary Society, are all doing good work. Everything was paid in full and the church is in good spirits. The outlook is hopeful for the future.—Jefferson Sherman.

Fort Smith Circuit.—Four good revivals, 75 conversions, 70 additions, one new church organized with 22 members; baptized 11 infants, organized one Senior Epworth League with 27 members; Conference claims \$110 more than last year. The Lavaca church alone raised \$975. Our Epworth League at Lavaca, with our very efficient president, Dayton Brewer, is second to none.—W. F. Campbell.

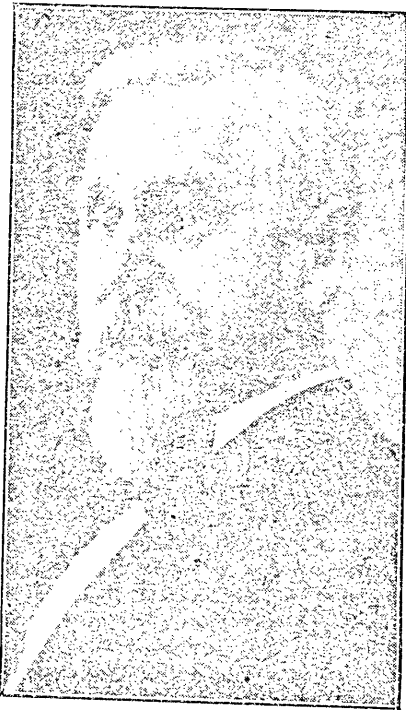
Prairie Grove.—Prairie Grove, situated in a fertile and beautiful valley of the Ozarks, is a fine place in which to live and a pleasant charge to serve. During my stay there has been built and furnished a parsonage adequate in every way for a preacher's home and work with the young people. The Board of Stewards has decided to increase the pastor's salary next year. Many evidences of a successful year are manifest. The Conference assessments on the charge have been met in full. The outlook for next year is bright.—F. R. Hamilton.

Blytheville Station.—We have had the greatest year in the history of the church. There have been about 200

conversions and 85 accessions to the church. Have had a net gain of 50 members. We have paid a church debt, installed a pipe organ and built an addition to the church at a cost of \$16,908. All our assessments have been paid. A total of \$23,922 was raised for all purposes during the year. The stewards voted to make an assessment of \$2,500 for the pastor next year.—R. E. L. Bearden.

Siloam Springs.—The Society at Siloam Springs was organized some time prior to 1840. It has passed through many hard struggles until it has grown to be one of our most pleasant appointments. Several of our best known evangelists make this their church home and prove themselves absolutely loyal to all the requests of the church. Brother A. L. Cline has closed two years of very successful work. He is in high favor with the entire citizenship of the "Gem City of the Ozarks." The claims for the Conference for the year have been met. The future for this charge is great.—A Citizen.

Earle.—The membership is now 222, having added 48 this year. Everything was paid in full. The grand total collected was \$5,753. Nine years



R. C. Moore, President, Board of Stewards, Helena.

ago the grand total was \$500. This represents the development of nearly everything in Earle. We have a fine Epworth League, Woman's Missionary Society, and an active Wesley Bible Class. This is a liberal people and a rapidly growing church.—J. J. Galloway.

Gardner Memorial Church.—Have had ten conversions, 23 additions. Off the Mission Board. Self-supporting. Salary raised from \$60 per month to \$75. All departments of the church in good working order. Have had a great year.—C. F. Hively.

Hartman and Sadra Charge.—The Lord has been with us. The circuit has made a substantial growth. An Epworth League has been organized at Hartman and the young people deserve commendation for interest they have taken. Our revival at Hays' Chapel deserves special mention in that 30 or more souls were saved.—Oscar C. Lloyd.

Sulphur Rock and Moorefield.—The year has been very pleasant. Our revivals resulted in 130, with 91 accessions. At Moorefield we have a fine working League with 34 members. Our Sunday schools are active and doing splendid work. Our congregation at Moorefield and Mountain Gap paid the claims in full. Salary of pastor and presiding elder in advance of the assessment. A total of \$4,218 has been raised during the year.—Fizer M. Noe.

New Liberty Circuit.—Have had a good year. Had two great meetings; 28 conversions, 21 additions; spent \$350 in rebuilding one church. Pastor's and P. E.'s salary far in advance of last year. General claims about three times what we paid last year. Church growing spiritually as well as financially. Our prayer meetings and Sunday schools are in much better condition than a year ago. New Liberty raised pastor's salary from \$125 to \$200 this year, and have raised for the ensuing year to \$403, and have notes already signed which guarantee P. C.'s salary for next year.—F. H. Wright.

Hackett Circuit.—Have not had any conversions this year; three additions by certificate. Have three Sunday schools and two Epworth Leagues doing very good work. The finances are in advance of last year on all lines. Had a pleasant year.—J. S. Hackler.

First Church, Batesville.—Made the best financial report in history. More than \$40,000 paid, not counting contributions of our people to war claims. A young man kept in Hendrix College

by one Sunday school class, and some 300 conversions by another class in Sunday school by helping to support Hendrix students in the summer evangelistic work.—J. B. Stevenson.

Auvergne-Weldon-Tupelo.—This has been a great year on this progressive charge. The church has been strengthened and many are more active in the work of our Lord than ever before. The pastor's salary was overpaid \$265, and all of the benevolences were paid in full with an overpayment in the case of the superannuates. This is a whole-souled, aggressive, generous people. A great day is dawning for this charge.—M. C. Bevins.

Rosebud Circuit.—Have had a great year; 197 converts, 110 additions; paid a debt on Rosebud Church of about \$700 and paid about \$300 on the Y. M. C. A. work and a liberal donation to the Red Cross, and paid all of the claims in full. The Rosebud has bloomed and is now a rose.—J. L. Shelby.

Rooneyville Station.—Had 23 additions but suffered a net loss in membership. Thirteen children were baptized during the year. The Sunday school is closely organized and the finances paid in full. The church debt has been paid.—W. T. Martin.

Newport.—Newport is one of the most progressive towns in the State. The railroads and banks do a greater volume of business here than at any point between Little Rock and St. Louis. Our church is sharing in the growth and prosperity of the town, and is active in all good works. The women of the church are organized in five circles with 113 members. They are active in our financial and spiritual interest. The financial plan is ideal. All claims are paid in full. The debt is provided for and much improvement has been made on the church and parsonage. A richer country cannot be found anywhere than around Newport, and there is a great future for Methodism in Jackson County if our church grasps the situation now.—W. B. Hays.

West Church, North Little Rock.—The church is making steady progress, showing advance along all lines. The debt has been reduced \$1,500. Many people are moving to our city on account of Camp Pike, and many of them are Methodist families, and all preachers of the State are asked to notify the pastor and their members coming



J. C. Brown, Secretary, Board of Stewards, Helena.

to our city that they need not be lost to the church.—J. T. Wilcoxson.

Naylor Circuit.—Have membership of about 500; six appointments, all with good houses. Naylor and Oakland have a membership of 150 each; others from 26 to 70. Have done so little am almost ashamed to report. Maybe it is mostly my fault. A good parsonage at Naylor and a good people to live among; also an old parsonage at Oakland. Naylor, Oakland, Bethlehem, Mount Vernon, Romance and Hammonsville compose the circuit now.—J. M. McAnally.

East Side, Paragonia.—Have made substantial gains in the two years. There is room for much more. Ninety-five per cent of the membership are laborers, carpenters and factory men. And this tells that not much can be expected of men whose wages are not in keeping with the high cost of living. Our second churches in all the good towns is a good policy, but if we had an R. M. Scruggs in every one of our first churches who would pull out and go to these struggling second churches and help them to come it would be infinitely better. Till this is done, our second churches are going to remain "in the bottle" for years to come. Men, help and keep won.—Jas. E. Jernigan.

Crawfordsville.—Have made some progress. New church will be completed in the near future; will cost when finished about \$7,000. Twenty-five additions; 12 on profession of faith. Net gain, 13. Fifty-two members, Junior and Senior. Good Sunday schools. Organized new church of 11 members at Lansing. Total financial report, \$5,243.—O. D. Langston.

Brookland Circuit.—We have four churches and a very good parsonage. We had two very good revivals, resulting in nine conversions and four additions to the church. The assessments for ministerial support are overpaid, and about 30 per cent of the Conference claims are paid. I thank God for the success we have had.—J. A. Stephens.

Aubrey and Hero Circuit.—Additions, 47; net gain, 32. Salary nearly paid. Collections somewhat behind. One church destroyed by cyclone; rebuilt and nearly ready for use. Two missionary societies organized; one Wesley Bible class organized.—John Score.

Gravelly Circuit.—Fifty professions of faith and 30 accessions to our church. The parsonage has been completed. Preacher's and presiding elder's salary \$50 over assessments. Conference claims paid in full. The circuit will pay at least one thousand dollars for the support of the ministry next year.—H. A. Stroup.

Beebe and Austin.—We have closed our third year on this charge, in some respects the best. Our increase in membership is not as good as before, but we are trying to do some constructive work that will abide. From a financial standpoint this year has been the best in its history. The salary has been increased each year and has been paid in full. Our claims are being met better each year until we are almost paying out everything in full. Substantial improvements have been made on our parsonage and church houses. Our Leagues and missionary societies are doing well. All services well attended; 35 accessions to the church.—E. Forrest.

Springtown Circuit.—We had a very good year. Salary paid in full. Claims are behind. Forty-five conversions and reclamations. Our Sunday schools are doing fairly well. On the whole, we have had a pleasant year.—H. E. Chancellor.

Springfield Circuit.—Springfield is the old county seat of Conway County, and has had a Methodist Church for 50 years. I was appointed after Conference last year, but was unable to give all of my time to the work there. Spent six weeks with Brothers Stewart, Goode, and Weaver. The Springfield Circuit, notwithstanding my absence, has done better this year than at any time in its history; paid all the assessment on ministerial support; almost doubled anything she had ever done on Conference collections, and in addition thereto gave \$200 to the Y. M. C. A. work and guaranteed an increase of \$200 in salary for another year. I think the foundation is laid for better things.—J. T. Gossett.

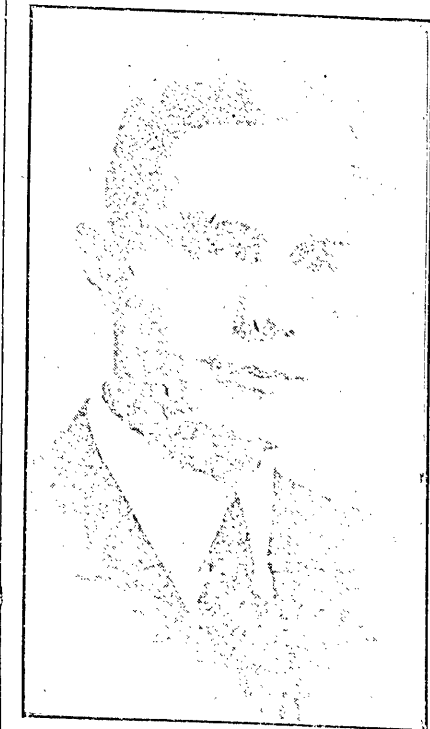
CONDENSED MINUTES.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Reuel P. James, Ira Allen Brumley, Arthur Lee Riggs, Clarence Crow, Luther Elbert Mann.

2. Who remain on trial? First year: James Luther Shelby, Clarence N. Weems, J. H. Gibson, W. A. Greer, J. F. Carter, G. L. McNeese, S. B. Wiggins. Second year: J. K. Parrish, J. J. McCullum, D. H. Holland, F. M. Noe, L. L. Claud, Ezekiah Stewart, R. L. Jackson, Wm. H. Geyer, G. W. Pyles, A. W. Martin, J. N. R. Score.

3. Who are discontinued? No one.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? H. A. Stroup, J. W. Moore.



R. B. Byerley, Treasurer, Board of Stewards, Helena.

- L. B. Hankins, E. H. Hook, C. J. Wade, W. A. Milliam.
5. Who are readmitted? No one.
6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? A. C. Chappell, R. G. Flummer, D. H. Holland, Thos. I. Beck, R. L. Armour, E. W. Nelson, G. L. McNeese, S. B. Wiggins, G. P. Fikes.
7. Who are received from other churches as local preachers? None.
8. Who are received from other churches as traveling preachers? John M. Crenshaw.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? H. A. Stroup, A. R. Ward, L. B. Hankins, J. W. Moore, W. J. Williams, Guy Murphy, E. M. Kelsey, T. C. Steele, J. W. Howard, W. M. Adcock, C. L. Castleberry, E. H. Hook, C. J. Wade, W. A. Williams, J. W. Johnson, R. A. Bevis, Riley Jones, H. H. Blevins, J. B. Stewart, M. C. Bevins, R. L. Armour, E. A. Moody, O. L. Cole, B. E. Robertson.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Elmer H. Hook, Chas. Jackson Wade, William Arthur Williams.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Elmer H. Hook, Chas. Jackson Wade, William Arthur Williams.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? John Nelson Russell Score.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John Nelson Russell Score.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Samuel Galloway Watson, Israel Calvert Bradsher, Norris Greer.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Samuel Galloway Watson, Israel Calvert Bradsher, Norris Greer.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? A. L. Platt, J. B. Hendrix, H. B. Chancellor.
19. Who are supernumerary? G. M. Barton, W. H. Dyer, J. S. Woodruff, J. H. Sturdy, J. H. Dye, S. F. Brown, A. M. R. Branson, W. B. Wolf, A. R. Ward, D. J. Weems, W. E. Bishop, J. D. Johnson.
20. Who are superannuated? S. H. Blackwell, H. T. Gregory, F. M. Smith, Cadesman Pope, W. W. Anderson, S. S. Key, L. A. Blevins, Z. W. Lindsey, O. J. Beardsley, W. O. Davis, S. F. Dykes, Cummings, W. B. Johnson, J. H. Mathis, T. A. Martin, G. L. Horton, M. Traylor, J. W. Griffin, G. L. Horton, J. S. Watson, H. A. Armstrong, N. E. Skinner, O. H. Tucker, C. H. Nelson, Fred Little, Z. T. Bennett, M. M. Smith, T. C. Steele, J. W. Howard, A. L. Cline, J. C. Weaver, G. B. Griffin, H. G. Summers, H. E. May.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? W. E. Boggs, A. C. Griffin.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called, one by one, and their characters passed, with exception of W. H. Wallace, who had withdrawn from our ministry and membership.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 213; members, 60,467.
26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 689.
27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2,580.
28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 142.
29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 4,587.
30. What is the number of Sunday schools? 538.
31. What is the number of Sunday school officers and teachers? 4,561.
32. What is the number of Sunday school scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 48,520.
33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$16,054.
34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$10,035.
35. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign: Special, \$1,536; on assessments, \$8,253. Home and Conference: Special, \$176; on assessments, \$8,822.
36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4,886.
37. What has been contributed for Education? \$6,530.
38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$919.
39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$22,762; preachers in charge, \$149,810.
40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1,719.
41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 655; number of houses of worship, 523.
42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,366,100; indebtedness, \$101,029.

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43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 207; number of parsonages, 200.
44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$287,200; indebtedness, \$27,092.
45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, 10.
46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$32,600; indebtedness, \$4,600.
47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 11; amount of damage, \$1,190.
48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$640,213; losses sustained, \$1,190; premiums paid, \$4,709; collections on losses, \$690.
50. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 333; Conference organ, 4,180.
51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? F. M. Daniel.
52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Clarksville.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

- Batesville District.**
B. L. Willford, Presiding Elder.
Alicia—W. S. Storey, supply.
Batesville, First Church—W. T. Thompson.
Batesville, Central Avenue and Bethesda—W. W. Albright.
Bexar—J. W. Johnston.
Calico Rock and Norfolk—E. W. Nelson.
Calico Rock Circuit—Noel Chaney, supply.
Cave City—A. McKelvy.
Charlotte—J. M. Thrasher.
Desha—To be supplied.
Evening Shade—Roy Blevins, supply.
Floral—J. B. Finley, supply.
Kenyon—J. L. Porter, supply.
Lead Hill—T. J. Seay, supply.
Melbourne—J. W. Black, supply; W. J. Carder, junior preacher, supply.
Mountain Home—R. G. Plummer.
Mountain Home Circuit—W. D. Forrest, supply.
Mountain View—E. H. Hook.
Newark—J. E. Snell.
Newport—W. B. Hays.
Newport Circuit—J. A. Horn, supply.
Salado and Oil Trough—C. J. Wade.
Sulphur Rock and Moorefield—F. M. Noe.
Swift and Alicia—M. A. Fry.
Tuckerman—M. B. Umsted.
Viola—To be supplied.
Yellville and Cotter—L. B. Hankins; W. B. Wolf, supernumerary.

- Booneville District.**
J. A. Anderson, Presiding Elder.
Adona and Perry—W. M. Adcock.
Belleville—J. R. Ashmore.
Branch—I. L. Claude; W. E. Bishop, supernumerary.
Bigelow and Houston—W. E. Hall.
Booneville—E. S. Harris.
Booneville Circuit—Hiram Tucker, supply.
Dardanelle—E. H. Myers.
Dardanelle Circuit—J. P. Wheeler.
Delaware and Blaine—To be supplied.
Danville—J. M. Williams.
Cauthron—Sam Fair, supply.
Fouche River—I. N. Coburn, supply.
Gravelly—A. W. Martin.
Magazine—J. F. Glover.
Ola—T. E. Story, supply.
Plainview—G. C. Johnson.
Prairie View and Scranton—E. M. Kelsey.
Paris—George McGlumphy.
Waldron—W. A. Lindsey.
Waldron Circuit—J. D. Roberts.
Walnut Tree—H. K. Stewart.
Student to Southern Methodist University—J. W. Crichtow (Danville Q. C.).
Army Y. M. C. A.—J. G. McCollum (Adona and Perry Q. C.).

- Conway District.**
R. C. Morehead, Presiding Elder.
Altus and Denning—To be supplied.
Appleton—G. W. Carter, supply.
Atkins—J. W. Campbell.
Clarksville—H. L. Wade.
Conway—H. E. Wheeler; D. J. Weems, supernumerary.
Conway Circuit—Y. A. Gilmore; B. E. Robertson, junior preacher.
Damascus—To be supplied.
Dover—R. N. Davis, supply.
Greenbrier—J. A. Ellis, supply.
Hartman and Spadra—J. L. Shelby.
Lamar—H. L. Wheeler.
London—A. J. Winter, supply.
Morrilton—H. H. Watson.
Naylor—J. M. McNally.
North Quitman—Paul Bates, supply.
Plumerville—A. P. Skinner.
Pottsville—J. B. Stewart.
Quitman—P. M. Burrow.
Rosebud—H. A. Stroup.
Russellville—W. T. Wilkinson.
Springfield—J. T. Gossett.
Vilonia—J. G. Parker, supply.
Student in Hendrix College—R. P. James (Conway Q. C.).
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- Fayetteville District.**
G. G. Davidson, Presiding Elder.
Bentonville—Jefferson Sherman.

- Berryville—E. W. Faulkner.
Berryville Circuit—To be supplied.
Centeron—J. C. Gibbons.
Elm Springs—J. F. Carter.
Eureka Springs—J. F. Jernigan.
Farmington—J. G. Ditterline, supply.
Fayetteville—Ashley C. Chappell; W. H. Dyer, supernumerary.
Gentry—D. H. Holland; S. F. Brown, supernumerary.
Gravette and Decatur—R. L. Jackson.
Green Forest—C. H. Sherman.
Huntsville—Charles Edwards.
Lincoln—J. H. Ruble, supply; A. W. Downum, junior preacher, supply.
Osage—S. G. Carmack, supply.
Pea Ridge and Brightwater—F. H. Champion.
Prairie Grove—Thomas I. Beck.
Rogers—S. M. Yancy.
Siloam Springs—C. W. Lester.
Springdale—A. H. Dulaney.
Springtown—G. L. McNeese.
Viney Grove and Rhea—R. A. Robertson.
War Eagle—W. J. Jordan, supply.
Winslow—W. A. Greer.
Zion and Goshen—W. H. Gayer.
Conference Evangelist—W. H. Neal.
Conference Evangelist—J. L. Bryant.
General Evangelist—J. B. Andrews.
Professor Siloam Springs College—F. R. Hamilton.

Fort Smith District.

- J. K. Farris, Presiding Elder.
Alma—M. F. Johnson.
Cass—A. L. McQueen, supply.
Charleston—C. E. Gray; J. H. Sturdy, supernumerary.
Fort Smith, First Church—H. B. Trimble.
Fort Smith, Dodson Avenue—W. V. Womack.
Fort Smith, Midland Heights and South Fort Smith—F. G. Villines.
Greenwood—J. A. Reynolds.
Hackett—D. N. Weaver.
Hartford and Midland—J. E. Lark.
Huntington and Mansfield—G. E. Patchell.
Kibler—J. S. Hackler.
Lavaca and Barling—W. F. Campbell; J. E. Woodruff, supernumerary.
Mulberry and Dyer—C. H. Bumpers.
Ozark—W. J. Leroy.
Ozark Circuit—H. M. Lewis, supply.
Van Buren—W. L. Oliver.
Van Buren Circuit—Grover Sutherland, supply.
Student Columbia University—J. S. Senecker (Fort Smith First Church Q. C.).

Helena District.

- W. F. Evans, Presiding Elder.
Aubrey—W. P. Talkington.
Brinkley—L. E. Mann.
Clarendon—J. B. Evans.
Colt—To be supplied.
Council—W. O. Essery.
Cotton Plant—B. L. Harris.
DeView—J. M. Crenshaw.
Elaine and Melwood—E. J. Slaughter.
Forrest City—J. F. E. Bates.
Helena, First Church—F. E. Singleton.
Holly Grove and Marvell—W. F. Blevins.
Haynes—M. L. Mack, supply.
Hughes and Hulbert—J. W. Moore.
Hickory Ridge—W. T. White, supply; T. J. Brickell, junior preacher.
Jelks and Wiville—H. V. Johnson.
LaGrange—O. A. Clark.
Moore Memorial—M. N. Johnson.
Marianna—John Womack.
McCrory—J. R. Nelson.
McClellan—W. S. Ricks, supply.
Parkin—John Score.
Turner—W. A. Williams.
Wheatley and Hunter—W. F. Walker.
Widner and Madison—J. K. Farish.
Wynne—E. K. Sewell.
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Jonesboro District.

- F. M. Tolleson, Presiding Elder.
Blytheville, First Church—R. E. L. Bearden.
Blytheville Circuit—Eli Craig.
Brookland—Joe Stephens, supply.
Crawfordsville and Lansing—O. D. Langston.
Earle—J. J. Galloway.
Harrisburg—B. C. Few; A. R. Ward, supernumerary.
Harrisburg Circuit—A. E. Moody.
Jonesboro, First Church—William Sherman.
Jonesboro, Fisher Street—T. A. Bowen.
Jonesboro Circuit—J. W. Hall, supply.
Lake City—S. M. Gatlin, supply; A. L. Riggs, junior preacher.
Luxora and Rozelle—O. C. Lloyd.
Leachville and Manila—Norris Greer.
Lake Side and Dell—Ira Brumley.
Marked Tree and Lepanto—J. W. Thomas.
Marion—Guy Murphy.
Monette and Macey—John Gowan, supply.
Nettleton and Truman—I. C. Bradsher.
Osceola—W. T. Martin.
Trinity—J. T. Hood.
Tyronza and Whitten—S. B. Wiggins; R. B. Craig, junior preacher, supply.
Vandale—J. H. Barrentine.
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Student in Emory University—G. W. Pyles (Blytheville First Church Q. C.).
Student in Southern Methodist University—O. L. Cole (Nettleton and Truman Q. C.).

Paragould District.

- J. M. Hughey, Presiding Elder.
Ash Flat—T. H. Wright.
Black Rock and Powhatan—G. M. Hill.
Corning—F. P. Jernigan.
Gainsville—W. J. Williams.
Imboden—E. Dyer.
Hoxie and Portia—C. F. Wilson.
Lorado—Riley Jones.
Mammoth Spring—E. N. Bickley.
Marmaduke—Charles Castleberry.
New Liberty—J. E. Buchanan.
Walnut Ridge Circuit—M. L. S. Anderson, supply.
Paragould, First Church—J. B. Stevenson.
Paragould, East Side—A. B. Haltom.
Paragould Circuit—Sam G. Watson.
Peach Orchard—Clarence Crow.
Piggott—J. D. McClure.
Pocahontas—W. J. Faust.
Pocahontas Circuit—H. H. Blevins.
Ravenden Spring—W. S. Southworth.
Rector—J. M. Harrison.
Reyno and Biggers—J. L. Batton, supply.
Salem—J. G. Wimpey.
Smithville—W. J. Martin, supply.
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Walnut Ridge—C. C. Burton.
Maynard—S. D. Poe, supply.
Pollard—E. Emmons, supply.

Searcy District.

- J. H. O'Bryant, Presiding Elder.
Augusta—H. Hanesworth.
Augusta Circuit—M. P. Timberlake.
Auerne and Weldon—M. C. Bevins.
Beebe and Austin—Ed Forrest.
Bellefonte—R. A. Bevis.
Bradford and Bald Knob—C. E. Cul-lom.
Cabot and Jacksonville—F. E. Dodson.
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Clinton—J. M. Hughes.
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Harrison—A. E. Holloway.
Heber Springs—F. A. Lark.
Higden and Shirley—Lester Rowland, supply.
Judsonia and Kensett—H. H. Hunt.
Leslie—U. G. Reynolds.
Marshall—R. L. Armor.
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North Little Rock, First Church—J. T. Wilcox.
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finances. The S. O. S. call comes to us, and shall we allow our missionary ship to sink without coming to their aid? You have seen the explanation of reduction in funds, in exchange and from other sources, and we must do the heroic or our workers will suffer and the work in many places be closed. Shall we who are the recipients of so many blessings fail in this time of stress? We can help by large gifts and asking large offerings from friends who are well able to help. We are urged to observe Harvest Day, when we hope to receive all dues and pledges for the year. In answer to many requests, I am sending a suggestive program for that service. Magnify this service and make it the best of the whole year, for are not our harvests bounteous and are we not in the spirit of giving? Never in the history of our lives have we seen so much money poured into the treasury—of war, and it may be our toll for having been delinquent in answering the call to pay into the treasury of the King our tithes and offerings.

May we make amends in this last opportunity of the year and bring into His storehouse offerings worthy the name we bear as His servants, His friends and His co-laborers. Plan your Harvest Day for an early date in December, and let us know through the Methodist result of your meeting. With love, your friend and co-laborer, Mrs. F. M. Williams, President.

PROGRAM FOR HARVEST DAY.

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Conference Hymn No. 714.

Prayer of thanksgiving for blessings received.

Scripture: Lev. 23:9-14.

Hymn 389: "Sow in the morn thy seed, at eve hold not thy hand."

Talk: Feast of Weeks. (Deut. 16:10.)

Report of Corresponding Secretary on Membership.

Report of Treasurer on Finance.

Prayer for our workers and that we give large gifts and receive large blessings.

Offering: Of money. (Pay all funds for the year.)

Prayer that young women may offer themselves for service for our King.

Offering: Of lives for service.

Song 348: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord to Thee."

Benediction.

BELLEFONTE AUXILIARY.

The Week of Prayer was observed, the program being carefully followed, and those attending were greatly blessed and benefited. The society enjoyed a visit and lecture from Mrs. Hensworth, who gave a beautiful talk, encouraging the members to be faithful and to do their "bit."

We have made beautiful rag rugs, which are now on sale in Harrison. Our president, Mrs. Harrell, takes great interest in the work and has proved herself an efficient officer. We hope to be able to give more and better reports of the work here.—Mrs. M. McCary, Cor. Sec.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES FOR DECEMBER 16.

By J. Q. Schisler.

Nehemiah Enforces the Law of the Sabbath. Nehemiah 13:15-22.

Lesson Outline: 1. The Connection; 2. Desecrating the Sabbath; 3. Fixing the Blame; 4. Suppressing the Evil.

1. The Connection.—Nehemiah lived in Jerusalem twelve years before he was called back to the Persian court. He left affairs in very good condition in Jerusalem. (Ch. 10). But after his departure the people became lax in many things such as the observance of the Sabbath, intermarriage with alien peoples, the lack of support of the Levites forcing them to go to the country for their livings and leave the temple uncared for, and allowing their old-time enemy Tobiah to take up quarters in the Temple.

"After certain days," Nehemiah returned and immediately set about bringing a reformation. He drove Tobiah out of the temple, demanded and secured a living support for the Levites and singers in the house of God, enforced the law of the Sabbath, and abolished the practice of intermarriage with foreigners.

Our lesson deals with his success in re-establishing the sanctity of the Sabbath.

2. Desecrating the Sabbath.—Nehemiah saw them making wine and bringing into the city wine, sheaves, grapes, figs, and all manner of burdens on the Sabbath day. They also "sold victuals" on the Sabbath. The inhabitants of Tyre brought fish into Jerusalem and sold to the people on Sunday. Nehemiah was an official whose vision was not obstructed by halter-blinds. He saw these violations of the Sabbath law and they constituted a cause for as great apprehension as did the burned gates and broken walls which he saw on his famous night ride around the city just after his first arrival there. The rebuilt walls would avail little for Jerusalem unless the people within the walls lived righteously. And the gates of the city were not a very great protection so long as they admitted Sunday traffickers.

3. Fixing the Blame.—Nehemiah fixed the blame for this Sabbath desecration upon the nobles of Jerusalem. They had been lax in the enforcement of the Sabbath law. Wicked men had taken advantage of this laxness. And weak men had said "our grapes will ruin if they are not cared for on the Sabbath." And greedy men had said "it is not a greater sin to buy and sell on the Sabbath than it is to gather grapes." Hence from the officials' laxness all the society had sinned.

4. Suppressing the Evil.—Nehemiah closed the gates and had them guarded through the Sabbath. And the merchants and sellers lodged about the walls once or twice hoping that this reform (like some modern ones) would soon spend its force and they could get in. But Nehemiah was firm in his stand against the evil and threatened "to lay hands on them" if they lodged there again. He was not like some merchants in certain towns in our state who make a show by closing the front door on Sunday, but

sneakingly violate the law by admitting customers at the back door. The chief difference between Nehemiah and these fellows is that Nehemiah loved the law of God and was intent upon obeying it while these fellows hate the law of God and are intent only upon keeping out of jail and of making a show of obedience to save the faces of the halter-blinded officials.

Nehemiah commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, keep the gates, and sanctify the Sabbath. It was his purpose to correlate his efforts as governor with the efforts of the religious leaders.

The Golden Text.—In the fruit storing regions of Illinois there lived a man who determined when he entered the fruit growing business that he would not gather fruit on the Sabbath day. His neighbors made a practice of doing that. It is the testimony of this man's son that, though his father was in the business for thirty years, his losses from spoiled fruit never once averaged greater than did the losses of his neighbors from the same thing. So keeping the Sabbath holy is not in conflict with man's material interests. On the other hand it ministers to his highest good in every way and it is the safe guard of our country's spiritual and industrial freedom.

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 16.

"Christ Is Our Peace. National Ideals; War or Peace—Which?"
Isa 9:6-Eph. 2:14 17.

An ideal is something worth while. If peace is to be that, it must be made attractive; men must live under higher standards than they do now, must have interests that make peace worth fighting for.

Peace may be an agreement that is easily broken; it may be exhaustion; it may be an armed truce (the robber crouching at the back door); or it may be mutual respect and understanding.

War does not develop a brave race. It uses what bravery there is, and kills off the bravest.

As long as war offers benefits, strong bodies, a free life, adventure, promotion, power, while industrial peace offers low wages, poor homes, slavery, a humdrum life, men will try war.

Quotations.

The true grandeur of nations is in those qualities that constitute the greatness of the individual.—Charles Sumner.

The willingness to do justice to any nation to every brother of our common land, is the ideal self-government.—Elihu Root.

Think of it! The President of the United States declaring to the world that this nation does not intend to steal anyone's land, and that a chief duty is to help those nations that cannot help themselves.—Lynch.

There can be no lasting peace until nations put the Christian motive behind their political acts.—Anon.

Christ brings peace for these reasons: He saves from sin and selfishness; He gives a true appreciation of the value of men; He sets before us the law of service; He teaches that love is mightier than force. When men learn these truths, Christ will be their peace.—Wesley.

Genuine Peace.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." These words of Jesus would lead one ignorant of His life to believe that His whole career was marked by serene tranquility. However, it is a known fact that much of His life was a battle. He was in constant struggle with the evil forces of the world. He said: "I came not to bring peace, but the sword." The greatest peace is not found in absolute quiet, non-resistance, or stillness. Such utter silence is often distressing. Once I passed a cataract in a moun-

Tobacco Habit

A very interesting book has been published on tobacco habit—how to conquer it quickly and easily. It tells the dangers of excessive smoking, chewing, snuff using, etc., and explains how nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, weak eyes, stomach troubles and numerous other disorders may be eliminated through stopping self-poisoning by tobacco. The man who has written this book wants to genuinely help all who have become addicted to tobacco habit and says there's no need to suffer that awful craving or restlessness which comes when one tries to quit voluntarily. This is no mind-cure or temperance sermon tract, but plain common sense, clearly set forth. The author will send it free, postpaid, in plain wrapper. Write, giving name and full address—a postcard will do. Address: Edward J. Woods, 534 Sixth Ave., 1623-A New York City. Keep this advertisement, it is likely to prove the best news you ever read in this journal.

WHEN WRITING OUR ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION THIS PUBLICATION

METHODIST LEAGUE CONTEST CLOSES.

Pine Bluff District wins first place, Prescott District the second. Mineral Springs in the Prescott District wins the Chapter prize.

The following is the standing of the districts with the percentage according to enrolment.

District—	Enrol.	Sub.	Per Ct.
Arkadelphia ...723	68	9	
Camden367	45	12	
Little Rock ...860	206	24	
Monticello405	58	14	
Pine Bluff405	123	30	
Prescott563	154	27	
Texarkana747	

Total4,122 659

Standing of the Five Highest Leagues.

League.	Enrol.	Sub.	Per Ct.
Mineral Springs. 16	30	180	
Lakeside 90	98	108	
Nashville 23	25	108	
Pulaski Heights. 30	27	83	
Highland 55	50	83	

Judges.

Mr. R. L. Burton, Teacher Draughan's Business College.

Mr. S. C. Mason, Bookkeeper Grave Company.

Rev. E. B. Harwell, Business Manager Draughan's College.

tain stream; the water was pouring over the ledge of rock and falling a distance of some thirty feet below. There was noise and turmoil galore. A cluster of roots from a large tree near by, and extending out from the center of the ledge of rock just in the edge of the foaming falls afforded a secluded spot selected by a bird for a nest, a home to rear her young, and there, amid the deafening sounds and rushing, turbulent falls, she sat undisturbed in peaceful life. This, to my mind, is a true picture of genuine peace. The life that, amid trouble, distress, disappointment opposition, criticism, sorrow, doubt, has the presence of Christ within and relies confidently on Him, has real peace.

Ideals.

The world of toil, and traffic, and disappointments surges all about us. But the realm of our better thoughts, like some quiet cathedral that stands on a noisy street, is always near and always accessible. It is a great thing to be able to enter the company of our ideals for a moment and refresh our hearts with the very image of things as they ought to be. The world can never quite overcome us so long as this refuge remains; and the chances are that we shall find strength enough there to overcome the world.

The history of a nation and the story of an individual life are alike in this: They show that with a sense of God comes strength and the fulfillment of noble ends; without it failure and ruin. When a man turns God out of his life he silences life's harmonies. God has not created us with aspirations and longings for heights to which we cannot climb. Live upward! The unattained still beckons us toward the summit of life's mountain into the atmosphere where the great souls live and move and have their being.

War or Peace.

There are worse things than war. The peace that is stagnant with selfishness, that revels in greed and that crushes out love for character and

manliness at the price of avarice and unholy desire is more terrible than war. When such conditions exist, war is about the only alternative. War, though horrible and the most inhuman of the world's engagements, is the fire that burns out the dross and gives a nobler manhood, expressive of truer heroism afterward. Had we and other nations not clogged our civilization with the evils of a God-forgotten world, there would be no war today. From the beginning of time, whenever a people or a nation made God secondary, pestilence, famine, or war followed, and in the humility of poverty and despair they returned to His altars.

Again, a righteous war is better than a cowardly peace. Better to fight the Kaiser than to be a partisan to his insults in an ignoble peace.

MISSION PLEDGES PAID SINCE LAST REPORT.

Eldorado	\$ 25.00
Johnson Chapel	2.50
Hawley Memorial	12.50
Monticello	12.50
Capitol View	12.50
Pulaski Heights	55.00
Texarkana First Church.....	50.00

Total\$170.00

Previously reported 631.75

Total paid\$801.75

Hurrah for First Church, Texarkana! They have paid the entire pledge made to missions, which is \$100. We wish many other Chapters would take First Church, Texarkana, and Malvern as an example, and try to do as well as they have.

BLITHEVILLE LEAGUE.

Sunday evening, November 25, 38 were present. A splendid program was rendered, with Mr. Mann as leader. Misses Hardy and Donoho gave interesting talks on Thanksgiving. Helen Bowers and Viola Fisher favored us with a duet; Mr. Newsom, a piano solo.

Thursday morning, sunrise prayer meeting. Weather cold and rainy. We had 31 at 6 o'clock prayer meeting. The time was spent in prayer and praise for the many blessings received the past year. We have a loyal bunch of Leaguers. Hurrah for the Leagues!—Ada Webb.

MABELVALE LEAGUE.

As we have done a little of the unusual, we want to tell it to others. Ours is a small League, but we have a few good, reliable and loyal ones who make things possible in our community. The Junior League, by a series of socials and free-will offerings, raised about \$40 for improvements on the parsonage. Our Senior League assisted in organizing a chapter at Olive Hill, our next-door neighbor. Our pledge fund is paid and a committee of Leaguers assisted Brother Rogers in collecting the Conference claims. We have ten subscribers to the Era. Every Sunday evening we hold devotional services, and leaders are always in waiting for these services. We send delegates to all the Conferences, both annual and district. Our membership is depleted on account of three of our best boys going to Hendrix and others giving service to the government.

There is more we hope to do and very much we would like to do. We send Christmas greetings to all our fellow-Leaguers.—Mrs. Dora D. Hopkins.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

WHO LIKES THE RAIN?

"I," said the duck, "I call it fun, For I have my pretty red rubbers on; They make a little three-toed track In the soft, cool mud—quack! quack!"

"I," cried the dandelion, "I! My roots are thirty, my buds are dry."

And she lifted a tousled, yellow head Out of her green and grassy bed.

"I hope 'twill pour! I hope 'twill pour!"

Purred the tree-toad at his gray bark door;

"For, with a broad leaf for a roof, I am perfectly weatherproof."

Sang the brook: "I laugh at every drop,

And wish they never need to stop, Till a big, big river I grew to be, And could find my way to the sea."

"I," shouted Ted, "for I can run With my high-top boots and raincoat on,

Through every puddle and runlet and pool

I find on my way to school."

—The Congregationalist.

DID IT MATTER?

Ned was fifteen, and had just begun to work at a grocery store. Ned objected to work in general, and to his duties in the grocery store in particular. But, as his mother was a widow, with three younger children, he had to do something to help. A well-to-do uncle had offered to pay as much as it was likely Ned could earn, while the boy completed his high school course. But Ned had flunked three examinations, and brought home a very poor report. So the offer was withdrawn, and Ned sent to Mr. Bennett's store.

He took parcels to homes within an easy distance, and often made mistakes in names or numbers, or said he "couldn't find them." He answered the telephone, and misunderstood what the people said, or else forgot to give the message. In short, he was not a success.

"I want five cents' worth of your best coffee, please."

Ned looked at the speaker, a bright little boy of seven. It was quite early in the morning, before custom had fairly wakened up, and Ned was in charge.

"Five cents' worth?" said Ned, contemptuously.

"Yes, and it's got to be the best," answered the little boy. "My mother's just out of it."

"Not even a regular customer," thought Ned, and he weighed out a little of the very poorest coffee in the store.

"Quite good enough for five cents, too," he told himself.

But, late in the afternoon, Mr. Bennett called him, rather sharply, to come up to the desk.

"What coffee did you sell the Browns this morning?" he inquired.

"That one, at the end," replied Ned.

"That's the cheapest grade, and Mrs. Brown says her little boy asked for the best."

"He only asked for five cents' worth," muttered Ned.

"You've lost me a coffee customer," his employer said gravely. "For a

Aches and Pains of rheumatism are not permanently, but only temporarily, relieved by external remedies. Why not use an internal remedy—Hood's Sarsaparilla, which corrects the acidity of the blood on which rheumatism depends and cures the disease?

long time, the Browns have bought their coffee where they can get coupons. But Mrs. Brown had decided to give my coffee a trial—and gave it, this morning. She also gave my service a trial, Ned. She told me she couldn't trade where her little boy wasn't treated just as she'd be treated herself. I think you must tell your mother you needn't come next Monday."

Ned felt very much ashamed. But there was nothing to be done. He was a failure at school, and a failure at his first job!

"—I wish you'd give me another week, sir," he begged. "I'll try to do better."

"But don't you see you're losing me customers?" Mr. Bennett was a kind-hearted man, and realized that this was Ned's first job.

"I won't lose any more, sir. I promise you."

Ned spoke more earnestly than before, for he dreaded telling his mother he had lost his job.

"Well, see what you can do to get back the one you have lost," Mr. Bennett decided. "Take a sample of our best coffee to Mrs. Brown and see what she says."

This was about the hardest thing Ned had ever faced. Even when he had packed the sample and started out, he felt as if he must turn back. But the thought of his mother, and of all the trouble he had already given her, spurred him on, and up the steps he went.

"I'm sorry, tell Mr. Bennett," said Mrs. Brown, "I've already ordered ten pounds of coffee. Mr. Brown was quite provoked at what we had for breakfast."

"But when that is gone, ma'am won't you give us a trial?" pleaded Ned. "It was all my fault. And won't you try this sample tonight? It's fine coffee."

Mrs. Brown, too, had a kind heart, and was inclined to help a boy making a start.

"Well, I'll use this tonight," she agreed. "And when we have finished the ten pounds, I'll see. But I shan't want more coffee for a long time."

So Ned could not quite undo all the mischief his carelessness had done! But Mr. Bennett saw that he was really bent on turning a new leaf, and gave him another trial.

"And I'll try to win another customer for Mr. Bennett," thought Ned. He was at the store bright and early on Monday morning, with such a smiling face that he had won two new customers before night. And, before long, when a child was told to go to the store, that child usually said:

"I want to go to Bennett's, so Ned can wait on me!"—Frances Harmer in Zion's Herald.

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THE COW THAT LIKED COMPOSITIONS.

Caro had never written a composition. At the city school nothing had ever been said about them. But here in the country, where they had lately come to live, every Friday was composition day, and Caro was expected to write something on the subject printed upon the blackboard. "Cows," she read, and felt perplexed at once.

"Make your compositions this week humorous, or funny, if possible," the teacher said, which sent Caro home in a puzzle. What was funny about a cow?

After school the little girl took a paper and pencil and went out into the pasture back of the house to study their cow, and to write her composition.

Billy Carpenter had told her that cows sometimes chased people, but this cow that her father had just bought looked too clumsy and too lazy to run after anybody. So Caro sat down upon a big stone and wrote, "Cows", in big letters at the top of her sheet.

The cow switched her tail from side to side, to drive off the flies, so presently Caro wrote:

"Cows are big animals, with long tails that go wiggly-waggle."

Then she watched to see the cow do something funny, but all she did was to nibble at the grass.

Pretty soon this went down on Caro's paper:

"Cows eat all the time and never stop. They have big eyes that stare at you, and they have horns to let down the bars with, when they go home at night. Our cow is reddish, and isn't funny at all."

Just then the cow walked off under a tree, and lay down chewing her cud.

"Oh," thought Caro, "that is funny! They do their eating first, and then they go and chew and chew and chew!" So she wrote down her discovery, adding, "I wish I could do that way, but mother makes me chew as I go along."

A railway passed near the farm, and just then a whistle sounded shrilly not far away. It frightened the cow, and, getting on her feet in a hurry, she came bounding in Caro's direction at a lively pace.

"Oh!" screamed Caro, and, dropping paper and pencil, she scampered away toward the fence. Safely on the other side, she ventured to look back.

The cow was inspecting the composition.

"Oh!" cried Caro again, and then louder, "Oh, my!" for the paper had vanished in her mouth!

Caro went sadly home, to rewrite her composition in a safe place, and she added this to the first part:

"Cows like compositions, for ours ate mine up."

The next Friday afternoon, when all the twenty composition were read, the scholars voted Caro Clyde's the very funniest one there.—Emma C. Dowd, in The Sunday School Times.

A PAUSE IN THE PRAYER.

"If I should die 'fore I wake," said Donny, kneeling at grandmother's knee; "I should die 'fore I wake—"

"I pray," prompted the gentle voice. "Go on, Donny."

"Wait a minute," interposed the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying downstairs. In a brief space he was back again, and, dropping down in his place, took up his petition where he had left off. But when the little white-gowned form was safely tucked in bed the grandmother

questioned with loving rebuke concerning the interruption.

"But I did think what I was saying, grandmother; that's why I had to stop. You see, I'd upset Ted's menagerie, and stood all his wooden soldiers on their heads just to see how he'd tear around in the morning." "I should die 'fore I wake," why—I didn't want him to find 'em that way; so I had to go down an' fix 'em right. There's lots of things that seem funny if you're goin' to keep on livin', but you don't want 'em that way if you should die 'fore you wake."

"That was right, dear; it was right," commented the voice with its tender quaver. "A good many of our prayers would not be hurt by stopping in the middle of them to undo a wrong."—Wellspring.

A YEAR OF CHEER.

A lot of good fortune is in store for those families who are on The Youth's Companion subscription list for 1918—a year of cheer.

There will be 12 glorious serial or group stories, ranging from a girls' war story by Grace S. Richmond and Indian adventures by James Willard Schultz, to the unrivaled tales of former days by C. A. Stephens.

The charm of Companion stories lies in the fact that whether they are especially written for boys or for girls, everyone enjoys them to the full. Then there are special pages for the Family, Boys, Girls, and even for little Children—while the Editorial Page, Current Events and a Doctor's Corner supply all the requirements of the family for good reading. And this particular feast can come from no other source.

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A SANE CHRISTMAS.

In a recent copy of the Christian Advocate Frances McKinnon Morton suggests that we cannot give the usual greeting of "Merry Christmas" this year because of so much sorrow and suffering in the world, but suggests that we return to the old time greeting of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

This is a very timely article and will find a hearty response in many hearts, but there is one other thought I would like to offer, it is this: We would do well to leave off the universal practice of giving Christmas gifts promiscuously. Allowing that we are possibly able to meet the expense of it, I question the wisdom of such action.

America has gone mad over the habit of giving Christmas presents and "because you gave me a present I must give you one" has been the idea for many years, but the time to call a halt has come. I would suggest that the little children be remembered with some inexpensive toy or gift, but the extravagant practice of loading down the stockings, the home

Christmas tree, and even the floor with things which will be destroyed, all too soon, is not only folly but at this time of need is positively sinful.

In many homes one can scarcely walk over the floor for days after Christmas without stepping on toys, many of them the expensive mechanical sort, and tables are piled with useless boxes, vases, books which will never be read, and all manner of gifts which cost money.

I would not rob any one of a moment's pleasure, but it seems that the time to change our ways has arrived. Let us all join in a pledge to have a sane Christmas and if we have money to spare we can let the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross or the Government use it to better advantage.—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.

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NOTICE.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
L. B. Leigh, Ex. Parte.
No. 22051.

Notice is hereby given that L. B. Leigh has this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the Pulaski Chancery Court a petition asking for a decree of said court quieting and vesting in him the title to:

All of Section 34; all of Section 35, except the east half of the southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter; north half of the north half, Section 36; south half and the east half of the northeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27; and the south half of Section 26; all of the foregoing described lands being in Township 3 north, Range 11 west. All of Section 1, except the south half of the southwest quarter; all of Section 2, except the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; north half of the northwest quarter of Section 3; east half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 4; north half of the northwest quarter of Section 11, except all that part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter lying north and west of the Pulaski County Pike Road, containing five acres; being situated in Township 2 north, Range 11 west; all of said lands being in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

All persons who claim any interest in said lands are hereby notified to appear in said Chancery Court of Pulaski County and show cause why the title of the petitioner should not be established, quieted and confirmed in him.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 7, 1917.

W. S. BOONE,
Clerk of Pulaski Chancery Court.
J. A. Watkins, Attorney for Petitioner.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Fletcher Ware, Plaintiff,
vs.
No. 22123.

Mamie Ware, Defendant.
The defendant, Mamie Ware, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Fletcher Ware.

November 26, 1917.

W. S. BOONE, Clerk.
J. A. GIBSON, D. C.
W. H. Pemberton, Solicitor for Plaintiff.
Fred L. Young, Attorney ad Litem.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Ella McDuff, Plaintiff,
vs.
No. 22141.

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

November 27, 1917.

W. S. BOONE, Clerk.
J. A. GIBSON, D. C.
Bratton & Bratton, Solicitors for Plaintiff.
G. P. Casey, Attorney ad Litem.

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

REPORTS ADOPTED BY NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

REPORT ON METHODIST HOSPITAL.

We have considered the report of the Methodist Hospital Commissioners for the Conference year, and note with pleasure the substantial progress that has been made in the way of subscriptions and in funds and plans for the erection of suitable buildings. We heartily commend the city of Memphis and territory immediately surrounding for the large subscription made in January of this year, amounting to \$175,000. We also note with pleasure the splendid spirit manifested during the campaign by the people of all creeds and classes in this undertaking. The \$175,000, together with subscriptions in cash of \$25,000 previously made to the Hospital Fund, makes a total of \$200,000 that Memphis and immediately surrounding territory has given. We have every reason to believe that the hospital is an assured fact, and we call upon the members of the North Arkansas Conference and friends to lend all the moral support and financial aid possible toward making this enterprise, when it has been completed, commensurate with the needs of sick and suffering humanity.

We further recommend that the preachers constituting the North Arkansas Conference present this question from time to time to their respective charges, and that they open their pulpits to the representatives of said hospital whenever it is required and they deem it proper. We also commend Thos. B. King, newly elected financial agent of the hospital, to all the members of the Conference, and hereby pledge him our prayers and support. We further recommend that J. K. Farris, J. R. Nelson, T. J. Boston, W. E. Jelks, W. B. Mann and Mrs. Ada L. Raussan be elected commissioners for the Methodist Hospital for the ensuing year.—Respectfully submitted, J. K. Farris, Chairman; J. R. Nelson, Secretary.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Our Sunday schools in all departments continue to show a healthy growth, and we desire to commend to the Conference a constant interest in the welfare of these well-springs of the church. We recommend:

1. That an assessment of one per cent of the preacher's salary be levied on each charge failing to observe Children's Day Offering. This is necessary, as without the funds arising from this source it is impossible for the Board to engage in any constructive work or to carry out the plans outlined for it by itself or the General Board.

2. That College Day Be observed in conformity with the plan of the General Board.

3. That a special offering be taken during the Christmas holidays for Armenian and Syrian relief, as requested by the General Sunday School Board. We desire especially to urge upon our preachers and Sunday school superintendents the observance of this collection for the opportunity it affords of giving our young people such information as they should have concerning our part in the world war and of teaching them genuine patriotism and charity.

3. We give our hearty endorsement to the Sunday School Institute projected by Dr. J. H. Reynolds, presi-

dent of Hendrix College, in connection with the Summer School for Ministers during 1918, and we earnestly pledge ourselves to get actively behind the campaign to bring out a large attendance of preachers and Sunday school workers. We desire to voice our appreciation of the work done by Hendrix and the General Sunday School Board in providing these district Sunday School Institutes without cost to the Conference.

4. We commend to each Sunday school and adult class the advisability of taking over the education of at least one minister each year, the money to be loaned the recipient without interest and to constitute a perpetual loan fund for the education of ministers in the hands of the trustees of Hendrix College.

5. We approve of the plan formulated by the management of Hendrix campaign to ask the Sunday schools of Arkansas to endow a chair of Religious Education in Hendrix College, and we urge upon the Sunday schools of the North Arkansas Conference a liberal response to the call when it is made.

6. We feel that renewed emphasis should be placed on the observance of Missionary Sunday and Children's Day. At this crisis in the world and in the church these great days should be kept in mind and scrupulously observed to the end that the great plans of our church do not suffer. We feel that every large school should have at least one missionary special and that the smaller schools in groups should undertake the same great work.

7. We heartily endorse the following resolution adopted at Junaluska last summer by the Conference of Sunday School Field Workers and Conference Chairmen, to wit:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that our Annual Conferences should ask the Sunday schools to observe only such special days as may be recommended by the General Sunday School Board, or the Annual Conference Sunday School Board, or as may be provided in the Discipline."

8. That we place at the disposal of our government all our great Sunday school forces in aiding and disseminating ideas of food conservation, the general principle of thrift, and the inculcation of the principles of patriotism upon all occasions.

We report the election of the following Conference departmental superintendents: Organization, Sidney Pickens, Batesville, Ark.; Elementary, Miss Dove Erwin, Newport, Ark.; Wesley Bible Class, W. A. Lindsey; Teacher Training, W. J. LeRoy. Respectfully submitted.—W. T. Martin, Chairman; A. L. Hutchins, Secretary.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Dear Brethren: The committee rejoices that in spite of the unprecedented world conditions the evangelistic note is still the predominant note in the pulpits of our Conference. During the year that has passed over eight thousand conversions have been reported and we are pleased to note that a greater percentage of these united with the church than was the case a year ago. There never was a time in our judgment when a right understanding of spiritual values was more needed. A sorrowing world and a suffering Savior need to be brought closer together. We are profoundly thankful that in this hour of our country's need we have a President who

has called the nation to prayer. Let us respond and with united voice petition the throne of heavenly grace that victory may crown our arms and that out of this terrible strife there may come the lasting peace predicted by the prophet, "when nations shall not take up arms against nations and men shall not learn war any more."

Whilst men are making sacrifices for their country let us keep their thoughts constantly fixed on the sacrifice once offered on Calvary's Cross, and they will find that it still has power to sustain in every crisis of human need.—M. B. Umsted, Chairman; W. T. Wilkinson, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 1—BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We, your Board of Missions, having had submitted to us for our consideration a letter from Bishop Lambuth, asking of our Conference a voluntary offering of \$5,000 to be used by our Church Committee on Chaplains and War Work in co-operation with and by the approval of the Conference committee, recommend the raising of this amount. We would suggest that the presiding elders provide for the collection of the amounts allotted to their districts within ninety days after Conference. The apportionments follow:

Ft. Smith District	\$700.00
Fayetteville District	700.00
Jonesboro District	750.00
Helena District	750.00
Searcy District	550.00
Batesville District	550.00
Paragould District	450.00
Booneville District	450.00
Conway District	550.00

—F. S. H. Johnston, Chairman; E. K. Sewell, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

We gather from the report of the Trustees the following facts, viz.: That the year just closed has been one of the best in the history of the Orphanage; that 29 children were received, 28 placed in homes, and one died leaving in the Home 35; that since the organization of the Home 309 children have been placed; that Brother Thornburgh received during the year \$982 special contributions not included in the assessments, which he expended in improvements (This makes a total of \$38,300 he has raised and invested in the grounds, buildings and furniture) that the expenses exceeded the income which the Conference has already provided for.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

That we urge our pastors and people to look out for destitute children whose parents are both dead, as we do not take them otherwise; Also that you remember our Orphanage in your Christmas offerings, and that the Missionary Societies and Epworth Leagues continue to send boxes of fruit and other things that are of the best quality, which are needed to supply the Home.

We recommend the following assessments:

Batesville District	\$425
Searcy District	445
Booneville District	450
Conway District	445
Fayetteville District	445
Fort Smith District	445
Jonesboro District	450
Helena District	450
Paragould District	445

—J. B. Stevenson, Chairman; Edward Forrest, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Books and Periodicals report as follows:

First, Publishing House. We have a report from the Publishing House which shows a year of prosperity, despite the high cost of material. The financial report is gratifying.

Second, Methodist Review. The Review has a circulation of 3,100. It is in great favor with our preachers and also with our laymen who read it. It is a periodical of real merit and should be read by all our preachers and many more of our laymen. We record our appreciation of the work of its editor.

Third, Christian Advocate. The Christian Advocate, our General Organ, is a paper of which our church is not ashamed. The work of Dr. Ivey, its editor, is greatly appreciated. Its circulation is 13,950. This should be largely increased to reach any large per cent of our people. Our pastors are urged to make special effort to increase its circulation.

Fourth, Epworth Era. The Era has 24,000 subscribers and is filling an important mission to our young people. It should be in the hands of all of our young people.

Fifth, Arkansas Methodist.

(1) We have a report from the Arkansas Methodist Commission showing that its work has been faithfully and successfully done. The report shows that the assessment on the Conference for the purchase of the paper of \$2,000 a year for the years 1916 and 1917, has been paid. There remains, however, a deficit on this account, owing to the debts for the current expenses for the two preceding years and the accumulation of interest not provided for by this assessment. This amounts to about \$3,500. It was thought that the regular income of the paper would provide for the payment of this amount, but owing to war conditions, this has been impossible.

(2) The circulation of the paper has been increased substantially during the year; 1,817 new names were added to the list of subscribers.

(3) The work of Dr. A. C. Millar, its editor, is of high order. The paper compares favorably with any conference organ in our connection.

Recommendations: We recommend: (First.) That an assessment

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of \$1,500 be made upon the Conference for the ensuing year to provide for the remaining deficit to be distributed to the district as follows:

Batesville District	\$165
Booneville District	153
Conway District	169
Helena District	169
Searcy District	167
Ft. Smith District	169
Fayetteville District	169
Jonesboro District	169
Paragould District	165

(Second). That the month of February be set apart as Christian literature month and that our preachers preach on this subject of Christian literature and make a systematic canvass for our church periodicals. We urge that an earnest effort be made to add 3,000 new subscribers to the Methodist during this month.

(Third). That F. S. H. Johnston, J. K. Farris and President J. M. Williams be re-appointed as Commissioners.—Jefferson Sherman, Chairman; R. E. L. Bearden, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

From the reports we gather there has been substantial progress made in the work of the Epworth League this year. The organization is more efficient than it has ever been before in its history.

As an indication of the work of the Epworth League we cite the following facts:

(1) The General Secretary of the League in the Methodist Episcopal Church affirms that scarcely a young man enters their ministry but who has been a central figure in some Chapter.

A secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church sat down at a breakfast in India with one hundred missionaries who had all come through the League.

(3) Every five years the Epworth League, with only 140,000 members contributes to the treasury of our church the princely sum of a half million dollars.

We rejoice with the Leaguers in the strong organization and splendid results accomplished in the work throughout the Conference.

They have been very enthusiastic in raising the African Special.

We urge every League to observe

Dear Friends: Let me tell you about my sad misfortune. I am a poor crippled boy, fell and hurt my side and back when I was a little boy out hunting one dark night, went to bed and never got up. I have been down in bed 19 years; it seems so bad to be so I can't walk to go anywhere. I want an automobile so I can have my bed put out in it and be taken about for my health. I think it would help me. I am going to try to sell enough of the deep river grit whet stones to get me an automobile. They are very fine and beautiful stones, and put the sharpest cutting edge on any knife or tool.

Kind friend, just think of what an awful sad and helpless condition I am in, being here confined to my bed for 19 long, weary years, suffering all the time and deprived of ever walking any more in this world. It breaks my heart, but I will try to trust in God, and I hope when you hear about me you will help me get the car, and all I ask is that you all just send me one dollar for one of these stones so I can get the car, and it will almost mean new legs for me. Please don't forget me, and may God bless you all.

Yours in misfortune,

JOE MORPHEW,

R. F. D. 1, Trade, Tennessee.

Anniversary Day, (second Sunday in May) and turn the collections taken over to the treasurer of the North Arkansas Epworth League Conference. We also trust that all the pastors and Leaguers will co-operate heartily with the President, Rev. A. W. Martin, in the plans for the work during the coming year.

We recommend that Howard Johnston be added to the Board to take the place of A. D. Swift.

Also that F. A. Lark take the place of H. C. Hoy, who has gone into the Y. M. C. A. work.

"The Big Drive." In order to conserve the young life of our church, and to meet the challenge of the present world crisis to the church, the General Epworth League Board has planned a campaign for new chapters and greater efficiency under the name of "The Big Drive." Its slogan is "A League Chapter in every charge and every chapter meeting the standard of efficiency." All over the church preachers in Annual Conferences are enthusiastically supporting the campaign. Young people must be called on to save the church as they are being called on to save the world in its war crisis.

We endorse heartily this League campaign and pledge to it our encouragement and our assistance as members of this Conference.—J. J. Galloway, President; F. E. Dodson, Secretary.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

At this time when all reform movements in our strides are making unprecedented strides forward and upward, we are sorry to record the fact that our Sabbath law is being broken and trampled upon as it has not been done before, even among our Christian people, being made in many places a day of mere pleasure and recreation.

The Sabbath is one of the foundation stones upon which rests the Christian civilization, and, when our people cease to keep it as a holy day and keep it as a holiday, they will not go to church and attend the ministry of God's word, and his word alone is the power of God unto his salvation.

Therefore, we recommend that our laymen, officials in our church, set the example of strict Sabbath observance themselves and teach it both by precept and example.

That we, as pastors, not only talk methods of finance with our Boards, but also talk and plan methods of enforcing Sabbath laws and preserving holy this day. That we cry out against its desecration in public and private life. Other institutions and nations fail, and other foundations slip from beneath our feet, but our Sabbath abides for it rests in God.—F. A. Lark, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance submits the following report:

Carried over from last year.	\$ 775.23
Interest on same	29.00
Received on Superannuate	
Endowment Fund	408.00
Account Publishing House..	536.00
Account Calvin Fund	18.00
Receipts on account of Bishop's Fund	1,723.25
Account General Conference	
Expense	469.93
Account of Conference	

Claimants	9,980.26
Total	\$13,939.67
Disbursed as follows:	
To Smith & Lamar, Bishop's Fund	\$ 1,723.25
To J. R. Stewart Endowment Fund	1,109.00
To Conference Claimants...	10,215.00
Printing Minutes	65.00
General Conference Expense	469.93
Balance in hands of treasurer	357.49

Total

The following apportionments have been made to claimants:

Anderson, Rev. W. W.....	\$ 119.00
Armstrong, Rev. A. H.....	115.00
Burrow, Mrs. I. L.....	115.00
Burns, Mrs. W. H. W.....	115.00
Bull, Mrs. J. M.....	35.00
Beardsley, Rev. O. J.....	115.00
Blevins, Rev. A. L.....	144.00
Biggs, Mrs. W. K.....	259.00
Bennett, Rev. Z. T.....	115.00
Baker, Mrs. E. M.....	172.00
Batton, Mrs. W. H.....	57.00
Cummins, Rev. J. H.....	230.00
Cox, Mrs. H. B.....	68.00
Cochran, Mrs. S. L.....	115.00
Diekens, Mrs. M. C.....	92.00
Davis, Rev. G. W. O.....	144.00
Dykes, Rev. S. F.....	184.00
Edwards, Mrs. J. R.....	400.00
Pisackerly Children	144.00
Gregory, Mrs. C. H.....	103.00
Griffin, Rev. J. W.....	207.00
Gregory, Rev. H. T.....	259.00
Hill, Mrs. G. W.....	68.00
Hopkins, Mrs. E. B.....	57.00
House, Mrs. J. W.....	259.00
Horton, Rev. G. L.....	207.00
Johnsey, Rev. W. B.....	57.00
Jeffett, Rev. S. A.....	126.00
Key, Rev. S. S.....	230.00
Lindsay, Rev. Z. W.....	230.00
Loving, Mrs. J.....	115.00
Lock, Mrs. W. T.....	207.00
Little, Rev. Fred.....	287.00
Mathis, Rev. A.....	207.00
Monk, Rev. B.....	259.00
Merrill, Mrs. P.....	184.00
Martin, Rev. T. A.....	230.00
Morris, Mrs. M. C.....	115.00
McKelvey, John's child	115.00
Martin, Mrs. Tom.....	86.00
Noe, Mrs. F. R.....	115.00
Nelson, Rev. C. H.....	115.00
Pope, Rev. C.....	144.00
Patton, Mrs. J. W.....	69.00
Rutledge, Mrs. J. D.....	115.00
Reed, Mrs. D. W.....	184.00
Ritter, Mrs. F.....	230.00
Southard, Mrs. Ida.....	115.00
Shipp, Mrs. J. C.....	103.00
Smith, Rev. F. M.....	259.00
Schaeffer, Mrs. G. A.....	57.00
Settle, Mrs. T. J.....	115.00
Smith, Mrs. C. P.....	126.00
Skinner, Rev. N. E.....	172.00
Torbett, Mrs. J. H.....	172.00
Taylor, Mrs. Rosie.....	144.00
Traylor, Rev. R. M.....	230.00
Tucker, Rev. O. H.....	200.00
Williams, Mrs. B.....	86.00
Williams, Mrs. J. B.....	86.00
Wallace, Mrs. P. B.....	172.00
Watson, Mrs. W. M.....	172.00
Williamson, Mrs. T. B.....	57.00
Watson, Rev. J. S.....	144.00
Smith, Rev. M. M.....	230.00
Steele, Rev. T. C.....	230.00
Grenade, Mrs. H. M.....	50.00

Total

We recommend an assessment for Conference Claimants for the ensuing year of \$10,000, the same to be apportioned to the several charges on the basis of 9 per cent of assessment of preacher in charge and presiding elder's salary.

Assessment for Bishop's Funds \$2-

484, apportioned as follows:

Batesville District	280.00
Booneville District	237.00
Conway District	267.00
Fayetteville District	260.00
Ft. Smith District	267.00
Helena District	273.00
Jonesboro District	295.00
Paragould District	290.00
Searcy District	315.00

For General Conference expense:

Batesville District	\$113.00
Booneville District	89.00
Conway District	104.00
Fayetteville District	102.00
Ft. Smith District	104.00
Helena District	109.00
Jonesboro District	117.00
Paragould District	100.00
Searcy District	123.00

Total

J. F. E. Bates, Chairman; M. F. Johnson, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2—BOARD OF MISSIONS.

It is gratifying that your Board of Missions can report progress along all lines of our missionary enterprises. While our missionaries in China are hard-pressed because of the depreciation and war prices, they are pressing the battle. The home church is rallying to their support with a special war relief fund.

Reports from our Mission Fields indicate that under the disturbed world conditions, our missionary opportunity is greater than ever before. We regard this as a challenge to the church to put on all her strength, we as Methodists feel that we must not fail in such a crisis, when we know that the gospel of Christ is the only cure for the ills of humanity.

The General Secretary reports that the year 1917 has been the best of the three years of the war. The increase in early collections for the past year saved enough in interest to support a married missionary. There has been a fine increase in specials for both home and foreign fields.

The Every Member Canvass is the pre-eminent method in appealing to the full strength of the church and we hope all of our pastors will work it.

We are reminded that in 1919 Amer-

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ican Methodism comes to the end of its first century of organized missionary effort. The General Board offers an elaborate church-wide plan for the celebration of this notable event.

We recommend that our Conference enter into the plans and co-operate with all of its agencies to make the Centenary a worthy memorial of our first Missionary Century and a proper introduction into the far greater Century that lies before a far greater Methodism.

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. H. E. Wheeler as Conference Missionary Secretary. We present the following committee on Conference Evangelism: A. F. Skinner, Elisha Dyer, B. C. Few, W. B. Hays, W. T. Martin, F. G. Villines, A. E. Holloway, W. T. Wilkinson, Norris Greer.

We recommend the appointment of John B. Andrews, General Evangelist; J. L. Bryant, E. T. Wayland and W. H. Neal, Conference Evangelists, and J. D. Kelly District Evangelist.

Because of the opening of new territory and existing needy circuits we make the same assessments as last year for Conference missions, \$9,384.

Our assessments by the General Board are: For home missions, \$4,416; for foreign missions, \$13,809.

The apportionments of these amounts to the Districts follows:

	Home & Conf.	Foreign.
Batesville	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00
Booneville	1,320.00	1,320.00
Conway	1,490.00	1,490.00
Fayetteville	1,450.00	1,450.00
Ft. Smith	1,484.00	1,484.00
Helena	1,510.00	1,510.00
Jonesboro	1,636.00	1,636.00
Paragould	1,590.00	1,590.00
Searcy	1,730.00	1,730.00

The following appropriations were made from the Conference Fund:

Batesville District—	
Charlotte	\$ 84
Melbourne Ct.	88
Mountain View	84
Newport Circuit	88
Lead Hill	88

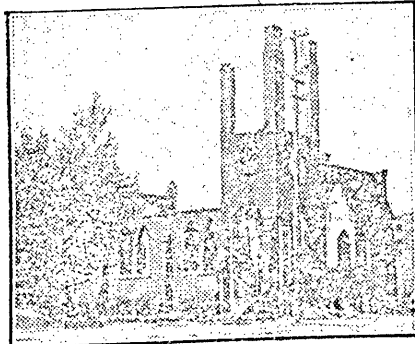
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Booneville District—	
Baconville Circuit	\$100
Fourche River	100
Magazine	200
Walden Circuit	150

Total

Conway District—	
Dover Circuit	\$ 65
London Circuit	65

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Appleton Circuit	60
Springfield Circuit	85
North Quitman	65
Damascus	60

Total

Fayetteville District—	
Osage Circuit	\$ 75
Farmington	95
Huntsville	95
War Eagle	75
Gentry	190
Springdale Circuit	95
Lincoln	\$ 75

Total

Ft. Smith District—	
Van Buren Circuit	\$ 100
Alma	75
Cass	200
Midland Heights	200
Dodson Ave.	200

Total

Helena District—	
Jelks & Wiville	\$ 60
Hickory Ridge	60
Council	150
McClellan	80
Hughes & Hulbert	200

Total

Jonesboro District—	
Tyrone Circuit	\$100
Lakeside & Dell	100
Harrisburg Circuit	75
Nettleton & Truman	100
Fisher St.	75
Jonesboro Circuit	150
Trinity Circuit	50

Total

Paragould District—	
Eastside Paragould	\$240
Black Rock & Powhatan	48
St. Francis Ct.	60
Mammoth Springs	100
Peach Orchard Circuit	75
Pecahontas Circuit	60
Hoxie & Portia	100
Ravenden Spring	67

Total

Searcy District—	
Higden & Shirley	\$140
Marshall	175
Valley Springs	175
Searcy Circuit	60

Total

Total to all Districts

We recommend that the following appropriations be made by the General Board:

Calico Rock	\$ 100
Cave City	100
Conway Circuit	150
Altus	200
Eureka	400
West Helena	400
Hackett	250

Total

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

There was a time when National citizenship was the order of the day but that time is passed, for now we are world citizens. It is but natural then that we should be constantly reminded of the progress the world is making along this line of world prohibition.

In Russia by an imperial order the national drink vodka was banished from the whole country and we believe that that country has been able to do what it has done in this world war because of this fact. If this curse is again put in the reach of the people their doom is sealed. In France abstinence has been outlawed and in England inadequate temperance legisla-

tion has been passed. From England comes the story of a fourteen-year-old boy, who wrote his father for the first time saying, "Father I must write you. Mother is drunk and has been partly so for weeks. I must stay at home and try to help take care of my four brothers and sisters and have no chance to support them and we are hungry. In my despair I tried twice to join the Navy, but was rejected because I was too young. What shall I do?"

There is danger to the despairing homes during and after the war. In America, sixty per cent of our people live in prohibition territory. Twenty-seven states are now in the dry column and one may travel from ocean to ocean on dry territory. Recently our capital city registered a majority vote for prohibition, and other large cities have fallen into line.

In our own great State of Arkansas the last Legislature passed the "Bone Dry" measure and we are glad to note that the law is being enforced with but few exceptions. Our state was awarded the army cantonment largely because of this fact.

Recommendations: (1) That every pressure be brought to bear on England and France through our President to secure more stringent prohibition for the welfare of all soldiers and civilians for the early winning of this war; (2) That we urge upon the Congress soon to assemble at Washington a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the States for ratification; (3) That we would urge our brethren in the ministry and remind the laymen as well that eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.—W. J. Faust, Chairman; J. T. Wilcoxen, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Your Board of Education submits the following report:

We are gratified that notwithstanding the drain of world conditions upon the student bodies and material resources of our institutions of learning, they give forth no note of pessimism and manifest no spirit of faltering in the face of the duties and opportunities of this new day. In their planning of progress in the midst of such difficulties we affirm our keenest interest and pledge our support.

We cannot too highly recommend the work of our Southern Methodist University and we memorialize the next General Conference to levy an assessment upon the church sufficient to maintain its School of Theology until such time as the endowment shall be sufficient for this purpose. And pending such action of the General Conference we recommend that our Conference continue the assessment of two cents per member for this purpose.

We have every reason to commend the work and aspirations of the two great institutions of our church in the state for the higher education of our young men and young women, Hendrix and Galloway Colleges. We recognize no priority of claims or conflict of interests between these two co-ordinate institutions. To each of them in its sphere we have committed the development of our highest ideals in Christian education, the one for men and the other for women. The cause is worthy, our duty is imperative, the church should get solidly back of the campaign for endowment and equipment of these institutions.

Hendrix College.

For Hendrix we recommend: An assessment of \$3,500. For the Summer School, \$700. That E. E. Mitchell be elected to succeed himself as trustee; from 1917 to 1923.

That Dr. James Thomas be endorsed for Commissioner of Education for Hendrix College, and that Rev. H. F. Buhler be Assistant Commissioner.

That Dr. F. S. H. Johnston be appointed Financial Agent and that Rev. W. B. Hubbell be appointed Endowment Agent.

Galloway College.

We recommend an assessment of \$3,500. That Dr. E. H. Stevenson be re-elected to succeed himself as Trustee; that Rev. H. B. Trimble be elected to the vacancy created by the removal of Rev. C. M. Reves, that Rev. J. H. O'Bryant be elected to fill the vacancy by the removal of J. S. Seneker.

That Rev. H. H. Griffin be re-elected Commissioner of Education.

We recommend an assessment of \$1,500 for Sloan Hendrix Academy, and that the General Board be asked to appropriate \$1,000 for this school.

As our Conference does not appear to have any very well defined policy in reference to mountain schools, we recommend that the Chairman of the Board of Education be authorized to appoint a committee composed of Dr. Stonewall Anderson and two members of this Board with instructions to investigate the whole subject and report at our next Conference.

We recommend the election of W. L. Oliver as Secretary of Education, the appointment of J. S. Seneker as student in the Columbia University, the Rev. Geo. W. Pyles student in Emory University, the Rev. O. L. Coie student in Southern Methodist University.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. F. R. Hamilton, Dean of Siloam Springs College, to which position he has been elected. We recognize in his election to this responsible duty by our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church a feeling of growing fellowship which we trust will reach its culmination in the unification of the two Methodisms.

It being the desire of your Board upon the recommendations of the presiding elders to pay the tuition of undergraduates taking the correspondence course, we recommend sufficient amount be taken from the Ministerial Loan Fund for this purpose.

We endorse the efforts of our brethren of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to raise a fund for the better equipment of Payne College and Haygood Industrial School. We are pleased with the progress they are making, and extend our earnest sympathy in their work.

We have received on assessments for the past year....\$6,316.64
Balance left over 5.39

Total

We have disbursed the same as follows:

Printing Minutes	\$ 60.00
Hendrix College	1,768.00
Galloway College	1,768.00
Sloan Hendrix Academy.....	254.00
Summer School	355.00
Southern Methodist University	595.00
General Board	1,325.00

Total

Balance on hand

Total

Apportionment of Educational Assessment:

Batesville District	\$1,545.00
Booneville District	1,325.00
Conway District	1,545.00
Fayetteville District	1,435.00
Ft. Smith District	1,545.00
Helena District	1,545.00
Jonesboro District	1,575.00
Paragould District	1,575.00
Searcy District	1,595.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

We have examined all of the journals with the exception of those from the Booneville and Helena Districts, and find them in good condition and well kept. We desire to make special mention of the way in which the Batesville Journal has been kept.—J. Q. Schisler, Chairman; C. C. Burton, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES.

We, the Committee on Lay Activities, beg leave to report that during the year the laymen have fostered the missionary spirit wherever opportunity offered and have been working in harmony with pastors.

We insist on the charge lay leader putting in operation immediately after Conference an every member canvass giving all the church members and their children the privilege of carrying their share of the church's expenses.

We have assumed eleven hundred and fifty dollars of the war relief fund for our missionaries and hope

to have it in hand by the first of January.

We urge upon our pastors to use our laymen whenever and wherever they can for the purpose of developing them and adding to our Lord's glory by the services rendered.—F. M. Daniel, Conference Lay Leader; O. H. Davis, Secretary.

REPORT OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on the American Bible Society, are pleased to report that, although there was a slight decrease in the number of Bibles distributed last year on the part of the American Bible Society (due to the high cost of publication), there was a forty-five per cent advance in the Southwestern Agency, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The value of this work to home missions in this section is beyond conception, as will be seen from the following figures: During the past year there were 153,055 copies of the Scriptures distributed published in 34 languages; fourteen colporteurs were employed, visiting 41,068 families; out of this number were found 14,000 families without a Bible; 16,540 copies have been donated to the poor.

The chief concern of the Bible Society just now is the problem of furnishing the Army and Navy with Scriptures. In this agency our secretary, Rev. J. J. Morgan, has had a Bible car and a special colporteur at work visiting the camps and giving khaki bound Testaments to the men

not previously supplied, while churches, Sunday schools, and many individuals have contributed to this end. We praise God for the result namely, that 102,855 Testaments and Gospels have been given to the men.

But we have only begun to meet the need, the war Council of the Y. M. C. A. estimates that at least a million army Testaments will be required within the next six months, and the Y. M. C. A. expects and the American people will expect the American Bible Society to furnish them. In fact, the Society has its presses at work now on this million khaki bound Testaments, and has promised to deliver them free of all cost as needed. This plan will reach every man, whether on land or sea, at home or abroad.

The serious problem of the Society is to pay the cost of manufacture, which including the grants of Scripture already due to chaplains, is \$400,000. For this emergency war fund the Society appeals to pastors and churches for a special offering. We, therefore, recommend that the month of January, 1918, be designated for this purpose and that our pastors put this matter before their people and earnestly urge them to make liberal offerings. In our anxiety for carrying out this war program, we would not overlook the regular work of the Bible Society in home and foreign mission fields so fundamental and necessary at this time of world-wide confusion. There has never been so great a need of the Bible among the foreigners in America as now.

To carry out its regular work, we recommend the assessment ordered by the General Conference, which is two cents per member, the same assessment as last year.

We appreciate the depository in our own state and the large patronage which it is receiving. We recommend that Rev. D. H. Colquette be re-appointed Agent of the American Bible Society for the ensuing year.—J. B. Stewart, Secretary; D. H. Colquette, President.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the body are due and are hereby tendered:

1. To the citizens of Helena for the gracious hospitality so abundantly extended to us, and we will ever pray that abundant blessings from the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may abound to them and theirs.
2. To the various railroads for reduced rates and to the Street Railway for free passage.
3. To the pastors and official boards of the churches whose pulpits have been opened to us.
4. To the pastor for his careful and constant attention to the needs of this body.
5. To the secretary and his assistants for their efficient labors.
6. To the presiding officer for his uniform courtesy in the conduct of the Conference and the messages so full of hope and cheer which he has brought to us alike from the chair and pulpit.—Henry Hanesworth, J. H. O'Bryant, D. H. Colquette, F. E. Dodson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, report as follows: For superannuation: S. H. Blackwell, H. T. Gregory, M. M. Smith, Cadesman Pope, W. W. Anderson, S. S. Key, G.

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South Bend Sunday School by W. W. Weidemeyer, \$1.00.
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Providence Sunday School by W. A. Gilliam, \$1.45.
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Eldorado Sunday School by W. C. Hilliard, \$15.00.
Amity Sunday School by F. P. Doak, \$2.50.
Monticello Sunday School by G. F. Spencer, \$8.75.
New Salem Sunday School by J. H. Lynch, \$5.73.
Dallas Sunday School by A. L. Durham, \$3.50.
Hartsville Sunday School by R. P. Hart, \$3.30.
Trinity Sunday School by John Cox, \$6.30.—T. F. Hughes.

MALVERN.

I must say a few words about Malvern and the good people among whom I have lived now for four years. No better people are to be found within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference. These have been happy years for this preacher and his family, and we are to relinquish our rights to another, pull down our tent and move on. But such is life, and we must go; but where?

We shall leave a place for some preacher and his family, and a better place is to be found nowhere. We have here one of the best plants in the Conference, with 800 members, a splendid Sunday school and one of the best Senior Epworth Leagues in the country, and a good Junior League. The young people of this church can not be excelled. They are religious and they are workers in the Church of God. All honor and praise to our young people.

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of the church here would go into the society and work it would be a greater force in the church. Our prayer meeting for the past three years has been one of the very best we have ever known. The average attendance has been from 70 to 75. During our four years we have received into the church 378 members and have baptized 235 adults and 11 infants, and have married 35 couples. Our financial report will go beyond \$5,000 this year. We have received into the church this year 124 members, and 90 of these on profession of faith.

One of the many things of which we are very proud is our Wesley Bible Class, with a membership of 56, having advanced within three years from nine or ten.

I have learned to love this body of men as no other body of men I have met in all my ministry, and the reason is that they have been so prompt to meet me every Sunday morning in the study of God's word.

Tomorrow morning I shall meet this class for the last time, perhaps, but I pray God that the good work may go on. I pray God to bless every man, woman and child of the church and of the town of Malvern.—J. W. Harrell.

HARRISBURG CIRCUIT.

I am reporting as junior pastor of Harrisburg Circuit for the Conference year. I have had two churches under my care, Farm Hill and Cross Roads. Had good revival meetings at both places. The Lord has blessed our efforts. We had 53 conversions and 24 additions to the church. The spiritual condition of the churches is much improved. We have a live Sunday school at Farm Hill. The Sunday school bought and paid for a chapel organ during the year. Our collections are not full, owing to Jack Frost's early visit.—Marvin A. Graves.

LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF.

Dr. Theodore Copeland, who came to Lakeside Church last December, in discussing the coming Conference today, stated that he was charmed with Pine Bluff and loved the people of this city. "When I came here one year ago from Central Avenue Church at Hot Springs, I knew only one man in the city," he said. "Now I know nearly everyone in the city, and they know me. I have been delighted with the reception accorded me by the people of the city, and I never knew a finer people. My first year's work at Lakeside Church has been a delightful one. The good people of this church have rallied around me, and the attendance at the Sunday services has doubled. The Sunday school is one of the largest and liveliest I have ever been associated with, and the prayer meetings are largely attended. The spirit of fellowship among the members of the congregation, the interest with which they enter into the work of the various departments and the welcome they give to the visitors at the Sunday services, the Sunday school and prayer meetings is most gratifying to the pastor. During the year we have taken in about 200 new members, beautiful new carpets have been put down in the church, repairs have been made to the building, and everything is in fine condition."

Dr. Copeland has not only made a remarkable record as pastor of this church, but his popularity has extended throughout the city, and it is doubtful if a minister ever made so many friends during his first year in the city. He took a prominent part

in the great evangelistic campaign which was conducted by the Stephens party here recently, having canceled an engagement to go to Washington, D. C., to relieve the Rev. F. J. Pretymann, chaplain of the United States Senate, in order that he might remain here to take part in the big meeting. He was also called to Miami, Fla., during the latter part of the summer, where he held a big revival and added to his already wide reputation as a pulpit orator and churchman.—Pine Bluff Commercial.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS, FORT SMITH.

We have had a good year, with advancement in the different departments of church work. Fine Sunday school, good Epworth Leagues, Junior and Senior. Splendid Woman's Missionary Society. A good revival during this year, with 25 professions of faith and 33 members added to the church. Finances all in full, with a church debt of \$1,574 nearly all provided for.—M. F. Johnson.

ELM SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

Ninety-four conversions, 55 accessions; about 75 per cent of Conference claims, presiding elder and pastor practically paid in full. A new League organized with 41 members; total amount raised, \$1,570. No finer people can be found from the North to the South or from the East to the West.—J. F. Carter.

DANVILLE STATION.

During the past three years Danville Station has reported 124 additions to the church; 60 infants christened, and all assessments paid in full. At the beginning of the "trienium" an old church debt was paid, and at its close four new Sunday school rooms were built. Meanwhile additional furniture was bought and other improvements were made. So today Danville has one of the best equipped little churches in the State. As the town is strictly Methodist, the people are unusually liberal with their money, broad in their views and consecrated in their manner of living. Happy is the minister who is sent to serve such people.—J. Wilson Crichtlow.

WESSON.

We just closed a two weeks' meeting here last night. Rev. John A. May of Gadsden, Ala., did the preaching, and Brother J. E. Cooper of Malvern, Ark., led the singing. May and Cooper make a strong gospel team. Brother May is a strong, forceful preacher; nothing shoddy nor clap-trap in his methods or manner, and I have not seen Brother Cooper excel as a choir leader and organizer.

In the face of many hindrances and some interruptions the meeting went forward till the churches of the community were profoundly stirred. Among the visible results of the meeting may be noted 12 additions to date to the Methodist Church, three applications for membership in the Baptist Church, and a large number of church members who claim to have been revived and helped in their religious lives. The meeting has been a great uplift in the community. Our church here is apparently in far better shape spiritually than it has been before during the year. Quite a number have pledged themselves to tithe their incomes another year. Our finances will be short this year, but the prospect is good for whoever may serve this good charge another year.

In conclusion, I wish to commend

Brothers May and Cooper to any pastor desiring the services of a strong gospel preacher and singer of a fine spiritual type.—R. H. Cannon.

CARR MEMORIAL, PINE BLUFF.

The year was begun under very unfavorable circumstances. There had been a debt hanging over the church since its completion ten years ago, and the people had done their utmost to pay the debt and maintain themselves as a church. They were loyal to the core, but pay it they could not. The Lord smiled on us at the first of the year and gave us a plan by which the debt was paid in full and the church dedicated, the mortgage burned in the presence of a filled house. Then the work of repairing and re-lighting was undertaken and accomplished, the bills being paid as they were presented. At the beginning of the year the people thought it could not be done, and so said, but now they ask when will we begin a needed work, and we do things as they are needed to be done. All interests of the church have been well looked after all the year through. The pastor and family have been pounded delightfully three times. The "Mrs. Preacher" was pounded with the cold cash from warm hearts. The happy crowds on these occasions, with words of love and appreciation, have done much to strengthen the hands and heart of the pastor. We have a new heating plant installed for the winter, which will keep the church comfortable, and the money is in sight to pay this bill when due. The presiding elder's and pastor's salaries are paid and the collections ordered by the Conference are all paid in full. We will go to Conference rejoicing in our ability to say "Everything in full, Bishop."

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Well, we will soon be off to Conference. We hope to meet all of the brethren and exchange smiles and hearty handshakes.—L. W. Evans.

JOHN E. BROWN, EVANGELIST, AT DURANT, OKLA.

Evangelist John E. Brown closed a union evangelistic meeting at Durant, Okla., November 4. All the churches of the city united in the meeting; in fact, it was a city meeting. No enterprise ever had wider and more hearty

support by a whole city than did this campaign.

A wooden tabernacle, seating about 2,000, was built for the meeting; the expense of building the tabernacle and all other expenses of the campaign, amounting to about \$2,000, was guaranteed by fifty of the business men of the city. This guarantee was secured in about an hour's time, and several days before the meeting closed this amount was paid off and the offerings stopped. In addition to this amount the city gave Mr. Brown an offering of over \$1,600.

The meeting was a genuine uplift and awakening to the churches of the city. The meeting not only reached the city, but the near-by towns and the country. About 300 have united with the churches as a result of the meeting. We do not know how many were converted. Brown, unlike other evangelists, does not count noses. But the number of additions to the churches indicates a great meeting. We do not know how many church members were reclaimed and reconstructed; there were literally hun-

dreds forward during the meeting. Every church in the city moves on a higher plane since the meeting.

I have never known any evangelist to so completely grip a city as Brown did Durant. Every pastor and all the people who were in the campaign were pleased with his methods, plans and preaching. But this is no surprise to those who know Brown. There is no foolishness about him. He does not depend on method, but on God; he has penitents come to an old-fashioned mourners' bench, and deals with them prayerfully and intelligently. It was common for penitents to linger in the altar long after the crowd had been dismissed. The failure of the average evangelist to do deep and lasting work is due to their failure to depend on the Holy Spirit and to get the people to feel the importance of tarrying till the Holy Spirit comes. Brown delivers the greatest series of sermons on the "Holy Spirit" that I have ever heard. He preaches some twenty sermons on this theme. He delivered about six or eight of them here. I have heard a number of the leading evangelists, including Billy Sunday, but do not believe any are doing a more lasting and far-reaching work than our own John Brown of Arkansas. Southern Methodism has never produced a greater evangelist than he, save Sam Jones. He is beyond any doubt the most effectual man our church has in the field of evangelism today.

Our First Church, being the largest church in the city, naturally had the largest increase in membership as a result of the meeting. We received nearly a hundred. During the twelve months of my pastorate here I have received 150, a net increase in membership of over 100. We start in on the new Conference year with 700 members.—James E. McConnell, Pastor.

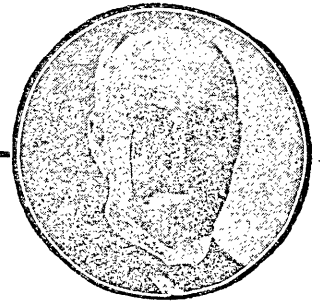
EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

Please allow me, through the columns of the Methodist, to send greetings to my new friends I have made this Conference year in the Little Rock Conference. This has been done among the ministers, the laymen and the good Christian women of the church.

Arkansas cannot be beat for a strong citizenship, a loyal membership, and some of as faithful men and women as I ever met. My evangelistic work has been with the following ministers: J. W. Harrell, Malvern; W. C. Hilliard, El Dorado; R. W. McKay, Warren; W. A. Steel, Benton; Dr. B. A. Few, T. M. Armstrong and L. M. Powell at Davidson Camp Ground; W. C. Lewis, Eudora; N. G. Augustus, Lake Village and Arkansas City; F. F. Harrell, Gurdon, and R. H. Cannon, Wesson. Some of these meetings have been in our churches and some of them under my large tent. In all this work the ministers and members labored, and hundreds of people were converted and added to the churches. Several young men answered the call of God to preach the gospel.

In all this good work there has been no jar, no friction, as far as I know. God has led, and we claimed the victory. My work, I feel, is not done in this territory, and I want to say to our pastors in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences that I am ready to serve you in your church revivals, in the line of work to which God has called me. I have associated with me this year Rev. J. E. Cooper, a local preacher of our church, as choir director and personal worker. We make no special charge,

hold no claims on any church for services rendered. All we do ask is a hearty co-operation in helping to win the lost to Jesus Christ and to edify the faith of the membership in the doctrines of Wesleyan Arminianism and the polity of our great church.—John A. May, 123 S. Eleventh Street, Gadsden, Ala.



PROF. JAMES M. GRAY, D.D.

PROPHECY and the World War

IN these days of universal tribulation, the world has been looking for some authoritative voice to speak. It looked not for a Prophet, but for an Interpreter of the Prophets—for one who, by reason of his eminence in the study of God's Word, could speak and command attention; one of whose Christianity there could be no doubt. The Church, regarding Prophecy as a sealed book, had put it aside as an unprofitable study, although the Saviour during his ministry on earth constantly referred to the prophets in illustration of his teachings.

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- What is meant by "The Kingdom"?
- Is Turkey assigned a role in Prophecy?
- What is the right attitude of God's people toward Prophecy, and in what consists the duty of preparation?
- What is the Restoration?
- When will the "Times of the Gentiles" end?
- When will the Lost Tribes return?
- What shall be the fate of Papal Rome?
- Is Germany an agent in Prophecy?
- Are the Anglo-Saxon nations identified in Prophecy?
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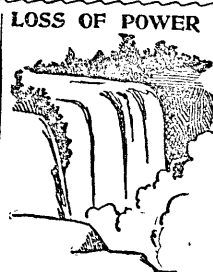
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This department is in constant co-operation with State experiment stations and agricultural colleges, and spares no expense to give to farmers every fact on crop growing or stock raising that would be of help in increasing their farm profits. A free correspondence is maintained to answer questions on agricultural topics.

An important link of this policy of "practical co-operation" is the agricultural demonstration trains which travel all over the Cotton Belt Lines. Every topic, including rotation of crops, stock raising, dairying, fruit and truck growing, etc., is taken up. The equipment of these trains combines an agricultural school and farm demonstration on wheels, carrying stock, crops, machinery, etc.

The lecturers are always professors from the agricultural colleges or experiment stations, or farmers noted for their success along a special line.

This work not only means much to the farmer, but is of real significance to the business which locates along the Cotton Belt Route—for the prosperity of the farmer means prosperity for business.

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OBITUARY.

BLAKELY.—Mrs. B. M. Blakely is dead. I have no way to give her exact age, her birth date, etc., just now; but she was past eighty. She was born and reared in or near the vicinity where she spent all her great life, except a few weeks in the State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, old ladies' ward, Little Rock, from whence she was called home to heaven. Sister Blakely, "Aunt Bob," as everyone lovingly called her, was the wife of Rev. J. H. Blakely, who was a member of the Little Rock Conference and a great preacher in this section of the State in his day. Sister Blakely was many years his junior, and was his second wife. Brother Blakely would have been 100 years old had he lived till last October. He was a noted preacher. Sister Blakely was in every way qualified to walk by his side, which she did to the day of his death. She very largely took up the work where he left it off, and kept it going. She was a flaming evangel. Sister Blakely was truly a saint. I say again, she was truly a saint of God. Hers was one of the most beautiful characters it has been the writer's privilege to observe—if not, indeed, the most beautiful. Heaven will be a sweet rest to her from her long widowhood, made so by the death of her illustrious preacher husband. The funeral was held at the old historic Mt. Pleasant Camp Ground, near Monticello, Saturday morning, November 24, conducted by the writer and assisted by the Rev. M. B. Corrigan, M. D., after which her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband, to await the trumpet's blast. And it will be a welcome, and a glorious call to her.—Her Pastor, Frank Hopkins.

WILLIAMS.—Chilissa P. Williams, wife of Thomas J. Williams, was born May 24, 1859, and departed this life November 13, 1917. She was the daughter of Rev. Moses Dutton, who for 60 years was a Methodist preacher in Arkansas. She was converted when 13 years old and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived an acceptable member until transferred to the Church above. The husband and eleven children, seven boys and four girls, are left to mourn the absence of a companion and mother whose faith and patience in suffering triumphed over death and pierced the shadow of death with the hope that anchors the soul within the veil. Five children had died in infancy and awaited her coming, and heaven will have greater attraction for those who are left behind than ever before. She came with her husband to Texas in 1897 and has lived in this State since that time, except two years in the State of Colorado. For eight months

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she was sorely afflicted and confined to her bed, lingering for months on the border of death until called to her reward.—R. F. Dunn.

RILEY.—Mrs. Martha Riley was born October 6, 1875, and died October 21, 1917. She was married to W. W. Riley October 6, 1895. She professed faith in Christ early in life, joined the Methodist Church, and remained a faithful member until the day of her death. Sister Riley leaves a husband and many friends to mourn her departure. She was in every way worthy of the high esteem, the perfect confidence and the tender love in which she was held. Hers was a rare nature, a choice spirit. Earth and heaven seemed to combine to make of her a model woman, a perfect Christian, and they poured into her life their richest blessings; but if you would know the secret of her life, the source of her strength and beauty, you must go into the holy of holies and see her meeting at the mercy seat, holding communion with the Most High. God was the strength of her life. If ever there was a paradise on earth, her home was one; but now the home is desolate. She has gone to that eternal home. Thank God for her life.—Her Pastor, W. S. Storey.

DUNLAP.—On November 21, 1917, death visited the home of Brother and Sister Dunlap, in Hermitage, taking Christine, the four-year-old daughter. Christine was a sweet spirited little girl, above the average in intelligence for her age. She was loved by both old and young. The home is sad and lonely, but, thanks be unto God, we all know where to find her. We point the parents and loved ones to God in this sad hour. Christine leaves two sisters and two brothers, together with father and mother. The services were held at the home and in Hickory Springs Cemetery, where we laid the body to rest. May the blessings of God ever rest upon the family.—Their pastor, J. C. Williams.

STEWART.—Mrs. M. F. Stewart (nee Hardy) was born September 10, 1832, and departed this life August 16, 1917. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young, and lived a consistent member until God transferred her to the church triumphant. Sister Stewart left five children, quite a number of grandchildren and several great grandchildren, besides other relatives and many friends. About the last words she was heard to speak were, "I want the Lord to take charge of me." The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, and her body was laid to rest in the South Fork Cemetery.—Her Pastor, L. M. Powell.

WHAT THE WAR HAS REVEALED.

The world has been horror-stricken during the past three years by the revelations of German brutality, and this revelation has assumed an undreamed-of importance as it has been accompanied by the revelation of Germany's military strength. As the world faces the facts which stand out most conspicuously after over three years of most exhausting war, the world understands as it never did before the awful menace of German militarism. Germany has revealed a unity, a doggedness and a strength which no one deemed possible at the beginning of the war, and we are just now beginning to understand what good grounds she had for her hope of world conquest. It was no idle dream which Germany cherished, but a hope which rested upon foundations which,

to German thought, must have appeared absolutely firm and solid.

Germany has surprised us by her strength. We believed that she could not long exist when once the British blockaded her shores, and yet today, after a three years' blockade, there are no signs of her being "strangled" by that blockade. We believed that financial bankruptcy would compel Germany to give up the struggle after two, or at the most three, years of war. But we are now in the fourth year of the war, and there is as yet no sign of Germany quitting the contest. And we believed that the German people, facing famine, bankruptcy and irretrievable ruin, would hasten to repudiate the House of Hohenzollern and the war-mad German aristocracy. But at present the German revolution seems a long way off, and the German democracy seems still but a dream.

And as we face these facts quietly we find ourselves face to face with the well nigh irresistible conclusion that if it had not been for one thing the German war lords' plans would have been carried out, and Germany would today dominate Europe. The one thing that stood in the way was the British Empire, and Britain has saved the world. Despite submarine and seaplane her fleet controls the seas, and despite Russian defections and Italian defeats her 3,000,000 fighting men are slowly smashing their way through the German lines, opening up a pathway to Berlin.

There is no need to underrate any of our Allies, for they have all done their parts nobly; but it has become increasingly clear that the great conflict is not between Germany and Russia, nor Germany and France, nor Germany and Italy, but between Germany and Britain, and the issue of that struggle is no longer in doubt. The Russians have been forced to give way before the German onset, until lately the French were being driven back, step by step, and now our

Italian allies are in retreat before the German foe; the lines in khaki alone do not go back.

Germany had an army which was without question the best drilled, the best equipped and the most efficient fighting force the world ever saw; But Germany made a mistake when she pitted that army against the British Empire, for whatever his faults and failings, the Briton, as a fighting man, has no superior. This is one of the revelations of the war, and the world is developing a respect for the fighting Briton which it refused to accord to the peaceful Briton. The world never knew until today just how the modern Briton could fight, and it understands now a little better than it did why the British Empire encircles the globe.

The German himself at last realizes that he has met his match. A flight commander, talking to his men not so long ago, asked them to remember one thing, that no matter how much they were afraid of the Germans, the Germans were just a little more afraid of them; and this a wounded flight lieutenant tells us, "is an absolute fact." Germany has won successes against other foes, but whenever she has faced the British she has found a foe just a little more stubborn, and just a little harder fighting than her own men. Bavarians, Prussians, Wurttembergers, Brandenburgians, have all had a chance to test the quality of their British foe, and each one has found that as a fighting man the peace-loving Briton has no superior.

And now into the great fight has been thrown the enormous weight of another nation, an English-speaking republic of 110,000,000, which has never been beaten, and which never intends to be beaten. If Germany is even now giving way before the British and French onset, how can she hope to fare when a million United States troops are against her?—Christian Guardian.

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Doctor Says Ordinary Nuxated Iron Will Make Nervous Run-down People 100 Per Cent. Stronger in Two Weeks' Time in Many Cases.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—"One glance is enough to tell which people have iron in their blood," said Dr. E. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied widely both in this country and in great European Medical Institutions, in a recent discourse. They are the ones that do and dare. The others are in the weakling class. Sleepless nights spent worrying over supposed ailments, constant dosing with habit-forming drugs and narcotics for nervous weakness, stomach, liver or kidney disease and useless attempts to brace up with strong coffee or other stimulants are what keep them suffering and vainly longing to be strong. Their real trouble is lack of iron in the blood. Without iron the blood has no power to change food into living tissue and therefore, nothing you eat does you any good; you don't get the strength out of it. The moment iron is supplied the multitude of dangerous symptoms disappear. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the time, double and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of every sign of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in

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