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FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER; AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.—Isaiah 9:6.

HAIL, PRINCE OF PEACE!

Last year at this festal season the whole world was travailing in unutterable agony, and men, giving their sons, as God gave his Beloved Son, to die that weaker men might live, were dimly comprehending the sacrament of suffering. Today, when the dove of peace is hovering over crimson fields, our hearts are full of mingled joy and sorrow—joy because the savage slaughter ceases, sorrow for losses irretrievable. Yet we thank our Father, not so much for peace, but for the willingness to lose if love requires, for hearts that throb responsive to heaven's high call. And now we pray for an endowment of the spirit of God's Suffering Son that we may celebrate His advent with His meekness and His purpose to redeem. May hate be banished and love alone prevail. Hail, Prince of Peace! Let now Thy reign in all our hearts begin!

ATTENTION, STEWARDS!

It is probable that last year you did increase the salary of your pastor, but did you actually raise it in the same proportion as the cost of living? Remember that an unskilled laborer now easily makes from \$3. to \$5 a day, and this is more than the average preacher receives.

Our pastors as a rule are reasonable men, and would not permit their people to pay beyond their ability. Most of our preachers live on considerably less than the average income of their members, and all are ready and willing to make genuine sacrifices to advance the kingdom of God; but is it fair for prosperous people to permit their faithful pastor and his family to suffer real privations for the privilege of preaching to them?

Let all stewards as they meet to fix their preachers' salaries be sure that these pastors have ample provision made for their needs in this day of high prices.

JUSTICE FOR THE SOUTHERN FARMER.

Now that the war is practically over, it is argued that the price of cotton should fall to fifteen or eighteen cents; but that involves the assumption that fifteen cents is the normal price. That is not true. The price of cotton has been low because those who made the cotton were always underpaid.

As W. W. Morrison, of New Orleans, writing in the Manufacturers' Record and referring to those who have contended for fifteen cents, pertinently says: "They completely ignored the fact, obvious to every well informed man, that it was the miserable shanty in which the laborer lived, the coarse food upon his table, and the dreary poverty of his life, that made cotton cheap. They ignored also the easily provable fact that had the laborer in the cotton fields had just half the comforts which most of his critics enjoyed, it would have put the price up to 25 or 30 cents long before the war; for it clearly would have taken that price to pay for such a scale of living."

The price of cotton should be sufficient to maintain the cotton farmer and his family with the same comforts and privileges that other farmers enjoy. This can only happen when the cotton farmer ceases to depend on credit. It will pay him this year to live on an absolute minimum and produce his own food stuffs so that he may hereafter reach the position where he can hold his cotton for a fair price.

It is time for our cotton farmers to make a declaration of independence and take their place with the other farmers of our country. The children and farmers' wives of the South can never have their rights on cheap cotton.

"FIAT JUSTITIA."

The case of Walter Mooney of California is a tragedy of law. He was accused of responsibility for a bomb explosion by which several persons in the "preparedness parade" in San Francisco were killed in July, 1916. Mooney was convicted, but upon circumstantial evidence which later seemed questionable. Grave doubts concerning the reliability and honesty of some of the witnesses developed. It would seem that remanding for a retrial ought to have been granted by the higher court, but proceedings were found to be technically correct, and, under the laws and procedure of California, the Supreme Court felt forced to sustain the lower court. The influence of the President of the United States was sought, and finally the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, although Mooney himself protests that he deserves death if guilty, but complete immunity if innocent. The crime was atrocious, the deed of an enemy of mankind. If Mooney is not guilty, it is practically certain that he was in sympathy with the criminals; but the conditions have developed a tragedy in which the law itself is under condemnation. To add to the difficulties, certain elements of labor took up his cause and created such prejudice against our government that Russian Socialists lost faith in American democracy. In such critical times a mere legal straw may turn the balance in the destiny of nations; hence it is peculiarly unfortunate that the State of California by her inadequate legal processes must rest under the charge of inability to administer justice. Such cases, few indeed, but notorious, discredit the courts, and deepen the feeling of certain naturally suspicious people against government. It is incumbent upon our legislatures and courts so to improve the laws and processes that confidence in the purpose of government to do justice may prevail. Our courts, like Caesar's wife, must be above suspicion.

THE GERMAN GERM.

When the menace of puissant Prussianism dawned on the enlightened world, it strengthened and solidified resistance. The Entente Allies, formerly often at variance, forgot their ancient animosities in the presence of a common danger. Now the furious foe is vanquished on the battle field; but his venom has subtly vitiated the political world; for, strange as it may seem at first thought, Socialism in its rankest form, as well as the apotheosis of autocracy, is German.

The German mind, with its obsession for settling everything by formula, is filled with intense satisfaction when it contemplates every member of society fitted accurately into his place and all economic and social affairs running as smoothly as a Corliss engine. His confidence in his theory is strengthened, because, under autocracy, he sees many processes monopolized by the State and finds for even the poor a measure of provision and protection which other forms of government seem not to afford. It is easy for him, in imagination, to substitute the socialistic state for the autocratic government and to expect yet more to eat and wear under the operation of his scientific formula. Kaiserism was teaching the lessons of technical efficiency and preparing the way for its own overthrow by the despotism of Socialism. The virus was in the veins of Germany and Austria and Russia. Kaiser and Emperor and Czar with apprehension were

watching, and realized that soon a crisis would come, and threaten their thrones. It is practically certain that the autocrats hoped that war would divert the Socialists from their purpose and stabilize their governments. If Germany had won, while the Russian Romanoffs would have been eliminated, Teutonic types of despotism would have been more firmly established.

Although the Kaiser dreaded Socialism, he employed it against his enemies, and what his army could not do in Russia his socialistic emissaries easily accomplished, because the ignorant and imaginative Russian was an easy prey to the subtle sophistry of Socialism. Now that autocracy has perished, the despotism of Bolshevism, or Socialism naked and bloodthirsty, rears its hydra-headed menace. In Russia it shows its awful ugliness, because of the complete revulsion of social forces. Education and wealth are crimes per se, and ignorance and poverty are virtues taking vengeance, like Samson, by pulling down the whole structure of law and order. In Germany and German Austria the obsession for efficiency will, after occasional lapses, probably prevail, and Socialism will take the reins and hold the road.

With the invasion of America, during the last forty years, by multitudes versed in the theories of German Socialism and cultivated to hate the constituted authorities, we have taken into our national life a large element that is not in harmony with our social and governmental ideals. Protected by our good natured toleration and indifference, they have grown strong. Socialism, Syndicalism, I. W. W.-ism, and Anarchism are not the same. Indeed, they are theoretically opposed each to the other; but practically, as related to our institutions, they are the same, because they all agree in their ultimate purpose to overthrow the existing order. Each has a different method and would substitute a different form from the others, but they are all collaborators for the destruction of our present form of government.

The world war, while temporarily unifying us, has really strengthened each of these revolutionary elements. When we assert that we are fighting "to make the world safe for democracy," all voices sound the same note, but when definitions of democracy are given there is discord. All rejoice when Kaiserism is cast out, but Bolshevism rages against success and prosperity. Then, the assumption of greater control over all public utilities and supplies pleases those who favor government ownership of all resources and utilities, and they applaud every movement toward that end. They are unconsciously and unintentionally helped by shallow students of politics and economics who do not realize the outcome of these tendencies.

It would be well for all of us to remember that no particular form of government has ever proved to be a panacea for all ills, but that almost every form of government has something to its credit. We should further remember that practically every government is the product of the genius of its own people. There have been differences of temperament and environment which have accounted in large part for the forms assumed. It will be discovered that individual initiative and a strong sense of justice and regard for independence have characterized the English-speaking people, whether in Great Britain, or Canada, or Australia, or the United States. Then, we shall find that these people above all others have developed and utilized the principle of representation. While the people hold the primary or ultimate power, they usually exercise it through trusted servants.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. J. H. Barrentine of Bono writes that everything looks good on his new charge, Trinity Circuit.

At Ames, Iowa, there were fifty deaths from influenza among the students of the State Agricultural College.

Rev. J. A. Henderson, Presiding Elder of Prescott District, wants a preacher for Center Point Circuit. Address him at Prescott.

Mrs. Ruth E. Hargrove, widow of the late Bishop Hargrove, left in her will property worth \$75,000 for our Board of Missions.

At the Virginia Conference there were 169 votes for and fourteen against "Laity Rights," and the majority was opposed to changing the Creed.

Dr. J. A. Anderson writes that by special invitation the district stewards of Booneville District will meet at Plainview December 22 at 10 a. m.

Rev. S. M. Yancey writes that he has been well received at Morrilton, has had good congregations at Sunday services, and everything starts off well.

The last session of Mississippi Conference raised its assessment for conference claimants (superannuates and widows and orphans of preachers) fifty per cent, making a total of \$20,000.

In his report of his year's work at Holly Springs and Sardis, Rev. J. H. Glass was erroneously made to say that his conference claims were increased \$397, when he wrote it 39 per cent.

December 17 Bishop Atkins and Dr. W. W. Pinson sailed from New York to join Bishop Lambuth in the study of European fields with a view to helping the stricken and needy peoples.

At Mississippi Conference the vote on the change of Creed was 75 for and 48 against it, and on "Laity Rights" 58 affirmative and 47 negative votes. Bishop Kilgo did not submit the other constitutional question.

The editor of the Central Christian Advocate, Kansas City, Mo., casts suspicion on President Wilson's purposes at the Peace Conference by heading a long editorial, "President Wilson as Attorney for the Sinn Fein."

Rev. F. G. Roebuck, who was a student last year at Southern Methodist University, and served Bridgeport, Texas, as pastor, writes that he has been transferred back to Little Rock Conference and appointed to Bearden.

Rev. C. H. Linn, the evangelist, who has held several meetings in Arkansas, writes that he will be in Arkansas and Texas this spring and summer. Any who desire his help in revival services should address him at Oregon, Wisconsin.

Rev. W. P. Whaley, presiding elder of Monticello District, wants two preachers—one for Watson Circuit, which has a parsonage, and one for Palestine Circuit, which has no parsonage. Apply, with recommendations, to Rev. W. P. Whaley, Monticello, Ark.

Rev. J. D. Young, who recently resigned the presidency of Texas Woman's College, has been elected Secretary-Manager of Fire Insurance, a new department of our Church Extension Board authorized by the last General Conference.

Rev. O. T. Andrews, who was formerly a traveling salesman living at Camden and who was last year pastor at Belton, Mo., is now pastor of Pepper Memorial in South Memphis. He reads the Arkansas Methodist to keep up with his old friends.

Vice President J. F. Holden of the K. C. Southern Railway has lost his son, who was in the 14th Engineering Corps in France. Mr. Holden was an active member of our church in Little Rock and Muskogee some years ago, and will have the sympathy of many friends in his bereavement.

Commenting on Dr. Stonewall Anderson's address at the Alabama Conference, the Alabama Christian Advocate says: "It was a strong utterance. Some of the prominent men of the Conference declared Dr. Anderson's message to be the greatest they had ever heard him deliver."

It should be understood that we have now so many obituaries that several weeks must elapse before those on hand can be published. Let all writers avoid prolixity and poetry, as obituaries must be reduced to reasonable limits. It is an art to write a satisfactory obituary, and few have acquired it.

On account of war needs, the Government fixed the price of manganese, but did not provide a market, and now that the war demand has ceased, the producers are in a bad plight. Mr. O. T. Wingo, one of our Congressmen, whose district has newly developed manganese mines, is seeking to secure protection of this industry from loss.

Dr. Theodore Copeland, who has been pastor of our church at Pine Bluff, Ark., has recently been appointed to First Church, Texarkana, Ark. Dr. Copeland has served as pastor in New Orleans, St. Louis, Grenada, Miss., Birmingham, and other important cities of the South. He is widely known as a successful evangelist.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The Virginia Conference has purchased the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate for \$16,000, changed the name to Richmond Christian Advocate, assessed \$5,000 a year for five years to purchase and sustain the paper, and elected Dr. G. H. Lambeth editor on a salary of \$4,000 a year. Thus another privately owned paper becomes the property of the Church.

Through a Heber Springs paper information comes of the death, December 1, of Mrs. Bevens, wife of Rev. M. C. Bevens, our pastor at that place. The remains were taken to Marshall, her former home, where the services were conducted by Rev. T. Y. Ramsey of Searcy. Brother Bevens and her surviving relatives have the sympathy and prayers of their brethren and friends.

At the sessions of North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences resolutions were passed requesting the United States Railroad Administration to arrange for half-fare permits for ministers. We are pleased to be able to announce that the request has been granted, and ministers are directed to apply to their railroad agents for the blanks on which to make their applications.

Democracy carries in its train possibilities as dangerous as those of autocracy. Autocracy tends directly toward oppression through abuse of power, while democracy is exposed to all the possibilities of exaggerated socialism and agrarianism, through the abuse of freedom. The world has had its fill of the former; its leaders and rulers must beware of the setting-in of the latter.—Pacific Methodist Advocate.

The lumber industry of the South is entering upon the greatest development in its history, more especially Southern pine, the "wood of many uses. . . . Forty per cent of all lumber consumed is Southern pine. . . . All European stocks of lumber are exhausted, and thousands of villages and tens of thousands of farm houses must be rebuilt entirely. Lumber will be the principal material.—Manufacturers' Record.

Rev. W. F. Dunkle, who for some years has served our church at St. Petersburg, Fla., has been appointed to West Palm Beach. He writes that Bishop

Candler, who held the Florida Conference, charmed everybody with the spell of his wonderful ministries and the frank brotherliness of his presidency. The Centenary was put on with much eclat and enthusiasm, and the Conference budget was increased 40 per cent over any other year.

Farmers' Week will be conducted by the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas, beginning January 13. The course is intended primarily for farmers and farmers' wives, but will be open to all. The week will be devoted chiefly to the livestock industry. One day will be devoted to the study of each of the following: Poultry, swine, beef cattle, and sheep. Specialists with a national reputation will visit the College of Agriculture at this time.

Zion's Herald is much perturbed over the statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past year. The net gain in membership was only 30,000, and of these 29,000 were from the mission fields of Southern Asia, leaving only one thousand as the net increase in America. This is probably due to the attention given by pastors to war work, and imperfect reports due to the effect of influenza in preventing many pastors from attending conference. We look for unsatisfactory reports from these causes.

Last Sunday morning, at First Church, Dr. James Thomas, the new presiding elder of Little Rock District, preached a very interesting sermon to a congregation that filled the auditorium and overflowed into the galleries. At three o'clock he dedicated the church at Forest Park, whose members, through the efforts of Brother Lowry and the assistance of First Church, had paid off the debt of more than \$600. This is a beautiful little house, a few blocks south of Forest Park. The membership is small, but plucky.

In recognition of the present world-wide interest in the affairs of the nations which lie within the geographical area of Bible lands, the New York Herald is sending Dr. William T. Ellis to make an independent study of social, political and religious conditions in the Near East. Dr. Ellis is well known in religious circles, as well as in the newspaper world. His investigations as a trained and independent student of Eastern affairs will be of special value to that great host of persons whose primary interest in the Near East is because of its religious associations.

On December 1 Bishop Hoss, whose daughter is a member of the Northern Methodist Church at Collingswood, N. J., preached at that church and assisted at the communion service, and then attended the meeting of the Board of Home Missions at Philadelphia. The Christian Advocate (N. Y.) says: Bishop Hoss comes from one of the oldest East Tennessee families, which settled at Watauga, in 1773. He spoke of one cemetery in which five hundred members of his family lie buried. "They fought on both sides in the Civil War and have been free to express convictions ever since."

Rev. B. B. Thomas, who has for years done faithful service in Little Rock Conference, was granted the superannuate relation at last Conference. In order that his invalid wife may be near her own people, Brother and Sister Thomas will make their home at 154 Convent Street, Memphis, Tenn. Three of his former charges offered them a home and urged their acceptance of a permanent residence. He assures his brethren that the church and her interests are still upon their hearts, and they confidently expect to be reunited with all their friends some day in that "better country." We regret that these good people are not to remain within our State, but they may be sure that they retain the love and confidence of all who know them.

Prof. R. D. Smart, Secretary for the Centenary Celebration at Columbus, is the latest member of the Centenary family. He will have offices in Nashville, Tenn., and all matters pertaining to the great Columbus celebration will pass through his hands. Prof. Smart is a native of South Carolina, but received his education in middle Tennessee, where he attended Webb's School and Vanderbilt. He went as a missionary teacher to China in 1903. He was assigned to Soochow University, where his scholarly attainments, his tact, social ability, grace of manner, and, above all, his devout Christian character, endeared him alike to faculty and stu-

dents. During his furlough in America Prof. Smart has been released for this special work in connection with the Centennial celebration at Columbus.

The Manufacturers' Record is arguing that Germany should pay for all costs of the war. It says: "The German people were as guilty as the German Government. They all entered joyously and hilariously into this campaign of murder for the enrichment of their nation and of themselves. The German people expected their campaign of looting the rest of the world would so enormously enrich themselves that they would live on the fat of the world and be free from taxation." Letters taken from German prisoners indicate that German women appreciated the spoils which their sons and husbands sent home and urged that more be sent. The German prisoners were also found to have in their possession the vilest pictures showing a depth of moral degradation which had not generally been suspected. "The Germany in this war is a degenerate Germany, corrupted to the foundations of life, and lured into piratical war from ambitions of loot and lust. Who and what can accomplish her redemption or restoration?"

Commenting on Bishop Moore's presidency of the Brazil Conference, Rev. H. C. Tucker, in the Christian Advocate, says: "The members and friends of the Conference were greatly pleased with the manner in which he presided, and all were instructed and edified with his messages and exhortations. He made use of the interpreters, but very soon was able to catch much of what was said in reports and discussions in Portuguese." The Bishop traveled six thousand miles in Brazil and one thousand in Uruguay, and visited a large per cent of the charges, and is scheduled to visit others. He writes: "When I have finished I will have an intimate knowledge of every part of the field, the workers, and the needs. This is necessary if I am to be an intelligent administrator and a safe counselor of the Board. We have allowed this field to suffer grossly by failing to have a general superintendent here every year. Our ministry is weak and poorly equipped. We have allowed many excellent points to slip from our hands. The missionaries have done nobly, but they have been compelled too much to go alone. May this never be again. The policy adopted by the General Conference was exceedingly wise, although it is a bit hard on some of us who have to carry it out."

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

In order that those who make the paper may have their share of the blessed Christmas season, and in keeping with our custom, there will be no issue of this paper for December 26. Remember this when you fail to receive a paper next week.

LOST!

Lost—Last Saturday, some time between daylight and dark, somewhere in Arkansas, a perfectly good, unused Constitution. It cost only \$25,000, but its value was millions. General I. N. Difference is responsible; but no one is offering a reward for its recovery, because its real name was O. P. Portunity, and the loss is total. The whole people must pay the cost, the least item of which is the expense of production.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN.

On another page is given the Report of the Little Rock Conference Commission on Finance, which should be studied carefully in the light of the new provision in our Discipline so that our new financial plan may be understood.

It should be remembered that the District Stewards need only the aggregate assigned to each District. The percentages are for the benefit of the Conference Treasurer in settling with the several Boards.

The purpose of the new plan is to present all of our interests undivided to each church and member in order that collection may be simplified and discrimination avoided. Each pastor is now expected to collect for all causes together, and, without attempting to divide, to remit what he has secured from month to month to the Annual Conference Treasurer, who will forward to each Board and interest its percentage of the amount coming into his hands. It is a good plan when understood and properly worked.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE.

During the last four years, by using some of the best talent among our Sunday school pastors and teachers, we have been able to offer our readers very interesting and helpful "Notes on the Lesson." We still have strong writers who could continue to prepare comments on the lessons, but after consultation with our Sunday School Boards, we have decided to grant their request for the "Page" to be used by specialists in presenting methods, news, and experiences. Rev. C. N. Baker and Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Sunday School Secretaries respectively for Little Rock Conference and North Arkansas Conference, will have general management and will undertake to keep the "S. S. Page" filled with the latest and best contributions possible.

We are aware that some people have depended largely upon our "Notes," while others have found them valuable as supplementary studies. However, there is such an abundance of explanatory matter that we feel fully justified in making the change so that our Sunday School workers in Arkansas may have the benefit of the forward movement for better methods. In order that the activities of our Sunday school leaders may help all classes, an effort will be made during the next three months to put the Arkansas Methodist into the hands of every superintendent and teacher in the two Conferences. If this is done, we may expect great advance in our Sunday school interests. Let every pastor and superintendent prepare to co-operate in this work.

PREPARE FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

In order that our people may understand the great movements of our Church, the two Conferences which maintain the Arkansas Methodist have declared that the paper should be in each Methodist home, and have requested the pastors to make a thorough canvass during the first quarter to increase the circulation.

The Discipline now requires that at the first quarterly conference persons should be appointed to assist the pastor to circulate our Christian literature. It is important that these appointments should be judiciously made and that the pastors should utilize these assistants. The pastor alone fully understands the work to be done, and should actively direct it.

Be it remembered that we must carefully eliminate the subscribers who are in arrears, and that, after January 1, the price of the paper will be \$2 when not paid in advance. It is still \$1.50 to all prepaid subscribers, and can be had at \$1.25 when arrangements are made for the whole membership of a charge to become subscribers. No commissions will be paid, but the club rate will make it possible to put the paper into each Methodist family.

The Centenary campaign will succeed only as our members understand it. They need the Arkansas Methodist to prepare themselves to appreciate this great movement.

Let it be known that there is no financial profit in publishing the paper, either for the Church or those who manage it. The obligation to support it grows out of the necessity for such an instrumentality to promote all the interests of the Church.

May we not expect all of our pastors and official members to prepare for the circulation campaign?

BOOK REVIEWS.

The War and the Coming Peace: The Moral Issue; by Morris Jastrow, Jr., Ph. D., LL. D., Professor in the University of Pennsylvania; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia; price \$1.00.

The central theme of the book is the moral issue at stake, the contest with the combination of power and national ambitions. With a small group in control and using military power, Germany threatens the safety of civilization and stirs the opposition of the rest of the world. The different aspects of imperialism are discussed and Nietzsche's philosophy is considered. When the day of triumph over Germany comes, peace should be based on international co-operation instead of mere diplomacy. This should lead to tribunals for arbitration, disarmament, and some form of international parliament. The author does not hope for perfection in international relations, but he endeavors to interpret the spirit which has animated the Entente and the United States in waging the war. The style is attractive and the arguments lucid

and strong. The message is worthy of thoughtful consideration. The author says: "One of my aims in developing the theme is to show how in the history of mankind a moral issue always ensues, when power or the threat of power is used to force a national policy. Even right, when joined with might, leads to abuse of power and to a menace, against which the world, in defense of liberty and civilization, must needs arm itself. . . . I confess to a spirit of optimism, though there is little in the present situation to justify it; and I am prepared for the criticism that the hope of disarmament and the growth of internationalism after the war, symbolized by an international parliament in some form, is a fanciful dream. It may be so. But, on the other hand, if one's thought is directed towards reading the signs of the times, it must be evident, even to those who look at the facts sternly, without the aid of imagination, that the world has been moving for some time in the direction of international combinations to carry out high endeavors. This is certainly true in intellectual and commercial fields, as also, though to a less degree, in the realm of international political relations."

The Children of France; published by Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia.

This is a book of stories of the heroism and self-sacrifice of young French patriots during the Great War. It is claimed that never have there been so many instances of heroic and patriotic conduct among children as have occurred in France during the last four years. Many of these noble children have suffered death for their devotion to their loved country, and no account of their deeds survives; but others are known and their heroic conduct recounted. Such stories are worthy of repetition, and will prove to be inspiring to youth in every land. Let our young people read these thrilling narratives and their hearts will grow strong as they realize what true patriotism may enable even boys and girls to do. This is a fine gift book. It is beautifully bound and illustrated.

Bill of the U. S. A., and Other War Verses; by Kenneth Graham Duffield; published by Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia; price 50 cents.

These are rugged, but intensely patriotic verses, full of common sense and homely sentiments. They represent "Bill," "Bill's Dad," "The Mother of Bill," and others, expressing their feelings and opinions concerning the war. The old father is willing to let his son go, but he says:

"Still I couldn't help feeling, ez fathers will, 'Ef it only wuz me—instead uv Bill!'"

It is a wholesome little book, beautifully bound, a suitable gift to anyone who has a boy with the colors.

THE GERMAN GERM.

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spite of all our defects of character and institutions, it must be admitted that English and American principles stand for fundamental human rights, and that the tendency in our countries has been and is upward.

If these things are approximately true, then it were folly little less than criminal for America carelessly to discard institutions which have been in large measure the civic instruments of our progress, and to accept in their stead principles which must be traced to a German origin. With every honest and sincere desire of Socialist or Bolshevik to further the cause of human rights we are in accord. With every aspiration after genuinely better things we are in hearty sympathy; but as Americans, with institutions developed in harmony with our spirit, let us beware of the German germ in Socialism. Teutonism, whether it presents itself with the efficiency of autocracy or under the guise of Socialism or Bolshevism, is to be feared when it comes bearing gifts.

As Christians we are not so much concerned with forms as with motives. Let us catch the true spirit of Christ, which can work out through almost any forms. Let us not be overcome by the glitter of mere food and raiment, as are the materialistic Socialists, but let us use our own prosperity and our opportunities to promote Christlikeness in the world. Thus, and only thus, can democracy be made safe for humanity.

The Missionary Centenary

The Centenary--A Big Task for Big Times

W. W. Pinson.

It is a time for great ventures. Business talks in big figures. We no longer hear of thousands—millions is the unit. The Government builds ships in whole fleets. Congress once voted a billion dollars and the country threw up its hands. Now we vote twenty-four billion and nobody voices a protest. The Y. M. C. A. used to talk in terms of thousands; they now talk in millions and get more than they ask. The Red Cross asks for a hundred million at a clip and gets more, with 47,000,000 loyal subscribers behind it. A six billion Liberty Loan goes over the top and beyond.

The Church must keep pace with the times in the spirit of daring. We have been suffering from our littleness. One has said, "The Centenary has come to save us." It is to set before us a task that challenges our strength. Our pettiness has well-nigh strangled us. Now by one audacious venture we are to break away from our outgrown shell and catch the pace of the hour. It is not a question of choice. It is one of necessity. We must meet the challenge of the big world in this big hour, or resign our place of leadership to institutions that are awake.

It is no accident that our Centenary falls at this hour. It is a sign that God, who times events, has honored Methodism with his confidence. He is entrusting us with a big share of responsibility. Hence, he has thrown open a bleeding and needy world to us at the very hour when we are standing on the summit of the century.

The Centenary Prayer Special--Why and How

Three years ago Rev. W. B. Lee formed a new district, the Carangola, in Brazil. He did not ask the Board for a number of new missionaries and a large sum of money for building chapels, parsonages and schools, though these were needed. Instead, this is what he wrote to a missionary secretary:

"I want you to ask some Church to take this new district on its heart. There are ten circuits and only five of us to do the preaching and feed the Lord's flock in the midst of a population of half a million people. Churches are taking specials all over the connection to raise sums of money. Please see if you can find a Church with courage enough to undertake this special I am asking for—a Church to help us pray down the power of the Holy Spirit on my preachers and people."

The Challenge Accepted.

This appeal for a "Prayer Special" was published in the general organ of the Church and read by an elect lady of Memorial Church, Lynchburg, Va., who immediately decided to take that "Prayer Special." Concerning her experience she wrote a few weeks ago:

"The moment I read the appeal I thought, 'I know I have faith enough to take it as a Special for Prayer, and I will ask the ladies of the mission study class to join—we will have a prayer circle.' At the next meeting the members readily consented to pray every day for the work on that district. One of the number has prayed for nearly three years for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the preachers, the elder and the people. There may have been others who took

A Prayer Special

Do you know what it is? Is your Church, Sunday School, League, or Woman's Missionary Society carrying such a Special? Are you interested in the subject? If so, read this story from Brazil, and the Centenary Prayer Special Plan.

up the challenge, but I do not know." What This Prayer Special Accomplished.

The testimony of Rev. W. B. Lee, the presiding elder, is very definite on that point. In a recent letter he said, among other things:

"The finances of the district are in good shape. Our goal is, 'Every member a contributor and a worker.' In one congregation where there were thirty non-contributors, the number has been this year reduced to five.

"I laid my survey for the district before the Conference and the members took a definite stand to accept the report as a working basis for the next five years. They were of the opinion that we should have a church in Cataguazes costing not less than

\$5,000. I set down forty churches and meeting houses in my survey. There are building projects at seventeen places—money and material subscribed, and in some of these places work has actually begun."

Here are some of the concrete results of this "prayer special":

Carangola district in Brazil, three years ago undermanned and without equipment, is now in a flourishing condition.

Great plans are being laid for the Missionary Centenary in Brazil, and Carangola district is in the van.

Intercession at the home base brought down blessings on a foreign district, enabling the native Church to make remarkable progress toward self-support.

"First of All, Pray"

Prayer at the home base raised up workers and contributors in Brazil.

Seventeen church buildings are entered by the native Church.

Spiritual resources expended by a prayer circle here released material resources for God's kingdom there.

More things are wrought by prayer than we dream of.

The Centenary Prayer Special Plan.

Every missionary and native worker, every missionary institution and agency now in operation, and these to be projected as a result of the Centenary Movement, should be Prayer Specials.

Every organized group of Methodists should carry a Prayer Special of the kind already suggested. You do not thereby limit your intercession to the one special object, but you assume special responsibility at the throne for one or more objects.

The Department of Spiritual Resources desires to bring this about. Will you help us?

If some group of which you are a member is carrying a "Prayer Special" write and tell us what it is.

If you will take a "Prayer Special" for your Sunday School class, League, mission study class or other group, and have made your selection, write us the particulars.

If you will take a "Prayer Special" for your group, but wish the assignment made by this department, write us, indicating whether you prefer a home or foreign special, of what nature, and any other relevant facts. It costs you just a few minutes every day. Address Rev. S. A. Neblett, 223 Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn.

EXIT THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS.

Reports from the various annual Conference meetings indicate that the day of small thinking and small endeavor is past in Southern Methodism. The whole Church in getting ready for a triumphant period of constructive progress. The Centenary is hailed everywhere with unanimous approval. Not only have the various Conference allotments been cheerfully accepted, but in many instances the apportionments have been voluntarily increased. Individual "big gifts" are being continually volunteered. Everything promises the complete attainment of the \$35,000,000 goal.

A New Era in Central Texas.

At the Central Texas Conference two

pledges aggregating \$25,000 were announced. Mr. R. M. Davenport of Ranger, Texas, and Mr. Elisha Roper of Staff, Texas, each pledged \$2,500 a year for five years. A layman proposed the organization of a THOUSAND DOLLAR club of fifty, himself to be one of the number, who will give a thousand dollars each for five years, a total of \$250,000.

This Conference gave half its time to the Centenary program and not only accepted its allotment of more than a million dollars but increased it by \$5,000, to make an even sum. Rev. J. E. Crawford, the Conference Centenary Secretary, says: "The way is open for a new era in missions in Central Texas. I am confidently expecting it to be ushered in during the Centenary."

South Georgia Will Go Over.

"Certainly South Georgia will go over the top in the Centenary Drive," was the expression heard many times on the Annual Conference floor. This spirit of confident optimism was unanimous. Enthusiasm reached high tide when the Conference not only accepted its allotment, but raised it materially, pledging a round sum of \$2,000,000. Rev. George W. Mathews was appointed Missionary Secretary and will devote his whole time to the promotion of the Centenary.

The Western North Carolina Conference unanimously accepted its allotment and pledged \$100,000 in addition. Rev. Thomas M. Courtney was appointed Centenary Secretary. The session was marked by deep religious

fervor. Consecration of life and of means was the keynote of Centenary Day.

The story from the Louisiana Conference is much the same. Great interest was manifested in the Centenary. The allotment fixed by the Commission was accepted without a dissenting voice, and \$43,000 additional was pledged.

Great enthusiasm marked the action of the North Arkansas Conference, which also went beyond its allotment, pledging \$75,000 in addition. Rev. F. S. H. Johnson will serve as Centenary Secretary.

In the Memphis Conference, Rev. W. J. Mecoy was appointed Secretary for the Centenary and the full apportionment was unanimously accepted.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE CHRISTMAS BELLS.

O Bells of Christmas tide, begin!
The swords are sheathed, the guns
are still;
Ring for the captives' glad release,
The gates swung wide forever-
more;
Ring for the captives' glad release,
Flashed in the dark from shore to
shore.
Ring for the hearths that shall be
whole,
Ring for the tears that shall be
dried,
Ring for each happy, trembling soul,
O bells of Christmastide!

Ring for a great new freedom's
birth—
The proud are low, the swift are
stayed,
The little peoples of the earth
Lift up their faces unafraid.
Ring loudly forth afar and wide,
For strong feet marching home
again;
Ring proudly for the brave who died
That liberty might live with men.
Ring for the Star that led us on,
Unchanging, all the doubtful way;
O bells, ring in a strange, bright
dawn

This wondrous Christmas Day!—
Nancy Byrd Turner in Youth's Com-
panion.

HELP KEEP FOUR MILLIONS.
ALIVE!

The coming of peace has rendered accessible the above number of Armenian, Syrian, Greek, and Persian peoples in the Near East (the country till now dominated by the Turks) who are entirely dependent on the outside world for food to keep them alive till they can raise a crop. They have nothing to prevent them from starvation. I had the opportunity to attend the Conference on Armenian and Syrian Relief held in the Madison Square Building last September and hear scores of missionaries and other representative people from that long suffering country tell of the harrowing things they had witnessed during the last four eventful years. The sufferings of those peoples simply beggar description. Every Sunday School in the whole country should secure information, and take a Christmas offering for their immediate relief. Send at once to No. 1 Madison Ave., New York City, for the Christmas Programs for Sunday Schools on Armenian and Syrian Relief. When the collection is taken send it to Dr. E. B. Chappell, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., stating what it is for, and he will forward to New York. When this is done get ready to help in the Drive, January 12 to 19, to raise \$30,000,000 to help put those nations back on a self-supporting basis, and keep them from starving

BLOOD POISON IS SNEAKING.

It steals upon you in the most unexpected manner. Beginning with a mere scratch of the skin and aided by the careless touch of a pair of dirty hands the slight wound becomes infected, festers and spreads. Blood poison sets in and unexpectedly the entire body is affected. Too often it proves fatal. Don't be foolish. Take care of yourself. The application of Gray's Ointment in all cases of cuts, burns, scalds, bruises, stings, sores, whether large or small, will put a stop to any possible chance of infection and blood poison. Telephone your druggist, or write W. F. Gray & Co., 257 Gray Bldg., Nashville, Tenn., for sample.

till that is done. Every cent that is given will go to suffering ones in those old Bible lands. One man has recently given a sum of money large enough to defray all the expenses incurred in carrying on the relief work. I had a letter from Mr. Vickrey, the secretary in the New York House, stating that the going of Mr. Hoover to survey the needs in all Europe for supplies for them would not affect our efforts for the Near East at all. So there should be no let up on our part, but a general hurrying up, so that we may reach them before almost countless numbers perish for food.—T. O. Owen.

THE HOUSE OF GOD.

There is an old story of some sailors who were cast away upon an island. They wandered back into its forests, beset by apprehension; for they feared that it might be inhabited by savages. Finally they came to a hill-top from which the huts of a town came into view. From the midst of them sprang the spire of a church. The sailors laid all caution aside and ran to the town in joy. The spire told them that they were safe.

Consciously or unconsciously the same feeling comes to all of us with the sight of a church. It is the outward evidence of an organization for good. It is the assembling point of unselfish effort; the fostering shelter of the things that work for righteousness—of the emotion and impulse that lift men and women above the brutes.

Individual effort, at best, is weak. Men must combine and organize if they are to accomplish great tasks. It takes associations and organizations of men to build civilization.

Christ founded his ministry upon association and organization. He called apostles about him and taught them. Later they went about founding congregations—associations of reverent men and women who erected a common meeting-place; who organized themselves there for religious work; who met there for fresh inspiration and encouragement.

These early Christians were exhorted not to forsake the assembling of themselves together. It was from the contagious enthusiasm of the congregation that the leaven of righteousness rose and spread. It was by organized and disciplined effort, the elders feeding the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof; the younger submitting themselves to the elder, that the early triumphs of the church were won.

After them, in all generations, it was through the assembly, the organization, that the gospel was proclaimed, exemplified and embraced. The Christian Church has ever been a co-ordination of local organizations, each assembling in an edifice dedicated to the service of Almighty God.

A review of history or a survey of the things around us will show how important that consecrated assembling place, the church edifice, has ever been. Give to the good people of a community a rallying point, a sanctuary, where pious emotions enter freely and worldliness halts at the door, and they will gather and multiply. Deny them such an assembling place, and the manhood of unrighteousness will choke their growth as the thorns choked the wheat of the sower.

The erection of church edifices is the special task of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Comparatively young as it is, it has a record.

It has donated to churches and parsonages \$3,640,357.20.

It has loaned to churches and parsonages \$2,140,499.74.

It has aided 9,939 churches; and 2,730 parsonages have enjoyed its help.

It has today a Loan Fund Capital of \$1,106,326.44 invested, almost entirely, in the churches and parsonages that it has helped to erect or to improve.

So much for its past. But what of its future?

Today there are 1,600 pastors without homes and 2,420 congregations without houses of worship in Southern Methodism. Sixteen hundred men who have dedicated their lives to God pay rent for the strangers' roofs that shelter them. Two thousand four hundred and twenty congregations meet within the uninspiring walls of town halls, lodge rooms and school houses, to work and pray for better things.

The Board of Church Extension is doing all that its resources will permit; yet it had to refuse requests for \$88,028.66 from 115 worthy congregations at its last meeting; nor was it able to supply \$116,400 more that fifty-three other congregations would have borrowed if the money had been available. The annual conference boards probably had to decline at least as much more. Can we be satisfied while the work of the Kingdom lags for the lack of these vital funds?

Few of these brethren of ours seek gifts. They ask instead the temporary help that the elder brother extends to youth—a loan that they will repay, dollar for dollar with interest, when they have had a chance to work and grow.

There must be but one answer to that appeal from Southern Methodism. The last General Conference has said that \$1,140,000 must be added to the Loan Fund of its Board of Church Extension. Southern Methodists must provide that needed sum. You, who read these lines, must supply your part of it.

Perhaps you have not thought just how and when you may supply your part. Perhaps you are able to write a check for a Memorial Loan Fund, as you lay this booklet aside. That is the best way of all; but there are other ways for men whose surplus cash is limited. It is our purpose to tell you of some of them in succeeding booklets. Or, if you are impatient to begin this good work before the booklets come, a letter of inquiry will bring you the information you want, by an early mail.—Copyright, 1918, by H. A. Boaz.

AN APPEAL.

To the Ministers of the State:

I am writing this open letter to request and urge each of you, at some time in the near future, to preach a sermon on "Saving Eyesight."

Today, in the United States, there are more than ten thousand people who are totally, hopelessly and needlessly blind. With proper care and treatment, at the right time, more than half the children in the Arkansas School for the Blind would have normal vision. Many who are totally and hopelessly blind, by the use of less than five cents worth of medicine, at the proper time, would have perfectly good eyes today. What a tragedy!

Estimate, if you can, the worth of your own eyesight and then think

what it means to spend one's entire life in utter blindness. Trachoma is a dreadful eye-disease, very contagious and highly infectious, and yet, according to the United States Health authorities, Arkansas is one of the five American states in which this disease is most prevalent. Aside from the distribution of literature on Preventable Blindness from this institution during the past three years, little has been done in this state to check the ravages of this dread disease.

In the State of Kentucky the situation is so serious that the United States Public Health Service has established three free hospitals for its treatment and the Legislature appropriated tens of thousands of dollars to combat the disease.

Even in the city of Louisville, careful medical inspection revealed the fact that there were several hundred cases among the school children of the city.

Now, that we have done so much to check the ravages of cholera among our hogs and to remove ticks from the cows, is it not high time that we should do something to save the eyes of the people, or, in other and stronger words, is a child worth as much to the state as a pig or a calf?

In these days, when we hear so much about various kinds of conservation, ought we not do something to conserve human vision?

It remains for the press and the pulpit to arouse the people and the Legislature of the state on the importance of this great question, and on behalf of helpless and innocent children, I appeal to you to "lend a hand" in this great work.

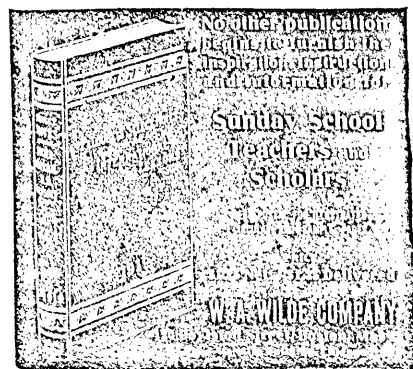
"In as much as we did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, etc."

Will you not raise your voice in behalf of this noble and worthy cause? Any who may desire literature on this subject may secure it by applying to the undersigned.—John H. Hinemon, Superintendent Arkansas School for the Blind.

THE Y. M. C. A. BUREAU OF
CITIZENSHIP.

The great purpose of the Y. M. C. A. is to do everything in its power to bring the American soldier back from overseas better equipped to fill his place in community, state and nation than when he went abroad, and to inspire him with desire to give his best service. With this in view it has established as a part of its great educational work a Bureau of Citizenship, which will give instruction by means of classes, lectures and motion pictures. Mr. John

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A. Kingsbury, who was Commissioner of Charities under the Mitchell administration in New York, has begun to gather as his assistants a group of men well known in public affairs and in social and educational spheres. Such names as Prof. John Dewey, Prof. Jeremiah Jenks, Thomas Mott Osborn, Gifford Pinchot, Oscar S. Straus, William Allen White, Judge Ben Lindsay, Owen Lovejoy, Florence Kelly, Ray Stannard Baker, Hamilton Holt, Raymond Robbins, Frederick Law Olmsted, will indicate the scope and quality sought.

The aim of the bureau is to intensify the interest of officers and men of our forces abroad in the fundamental social relations where underlie citizenship. To this end the subject will be popularized in the best sense. The methods of presentation will be such as will appeal to all, including the private soldier of extremely limited education. The course will be intellectually stimulating as well as most valuable from the point of citizenship. It will give the men who take it such a conception of organized social service as to make them capable of constructive criticism of public policy and form in them an unselfish interest in the affairs of government, from local community and town to state and nation. Of course the wider objective is that America and the world may be served with a greater measure of justice, and all men have more happiness both as individuals and as members of organized society. What this means in a reconstruction period is evident.

So important is haste in this matter that Mr. Kingsbury has cabled from Paris for bibliographies of all motion pictures dealing with public welfare work, reduction of infant mortality, child care, regulation of child labor, police work, fire protection, maintenance of parks and recreation grounds, the prevention of tuberculosis, and other kindred subjects. He is also arranging for lists of exhibits, and planning for leaflets and popular literature which will furnish the thousands of students the information that will enable them later to work in their own towns for the measures of municipal and community reform that have proved successful.

Under the general grouping, "Social Obligations of Citizenship," are included obligations to the home, local community, state, nation, and humanity in an international sense. The home deals with the development of character from the ethical, esthetic, economical and social standpoint. This will fit in with much of the other work of the Y. M. C. A. The importance of a realization of community obligations and interests will not be denied; nor is it necessary to emphasize the need of a more thorough understanding of the nature and responsibilities of citizenship in state and nation. Especially interesting are the five points in Mr. Kingsbury's

A Treat for the Skin

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summary of international obligations—a new and pioneer field. These points are: Respect for the opinions and customs of other peoples; freedom from the expression of race prejudice; manifestation of kindness and courtesy toward foreigners living among us; manifestation of appreciation of the other people when traveling or residing in foreign countries; and abstaining from any criticism or odious comparisons while traveling or residing abroad. This may seem simple and easy, but universal practice of these points would considerably change the face of the world.

The pedagogical method will of course have to be developed to meet the needs of the unusual situation. Possibly the training of the officers and mature men may take the form of university extension work and be co-ordinated with other educational work of the Y. M. C. A., may even be articulated with some of the institutions of higher learning in France and England. But in the main the methods must be popularized as much as possible. Actual experiments in local government and community organization may be possible where men are stationed for any length of time. This idea might be worked out in connection with the reconstruction of French and Belgian cities and towns. American money and American soldiers might effect the reconstruction, and then the American soldier's might learn a valuable lesson in applied civics through a short period of self-government in the salvaged town or city.

The influence of such courses upon our own communities when the men come back cannot be estimated. Everything proposed makes for a better informed and therefore more efficient citizenship, alive to the actual conditions and ready for a steady but peaceful and sane reformation, until the democratic ideals for which the men fought shall be realized in our own land and the weightier problems that now confront us be solved in that right way which is the only lasting one. Nothing of this magnitude and of similar nature has been attempted, and the movement will be watched with keen interest.—Howard B. Grose.

A LETTER FROM A MOTHERLESS ARMENIAN BOY.

Dear Little American Child:

I am a little Armenian boy. Last year I was very little and thin, for I had had no good food to make me grow. I had no mother, and no home. I was always cold and hungry and frightened. I had wandered, even in the dark night, with some other children, because I was afraid to be alone. We went on, and on, looking always for something to eat.

One cold day, we saw some houses, far off. It was the town of Bethlehem. We were afraid to go too near, but a woman came down the road to meet us. She took me up in her arms. I found a place on her shoulder for my head and went to sleep. When I woke up, we were all in a warm stable. There were no horses or cows there, because it had been made into a place for children like me. Everywhere there were little white beds. The woman held me close to her while I drank all the warm milk there was in a big bowl. Then she wanted to put me in one of the little white beds. I cried, and would not take my arms from around her neck, so she put a warm

blanket around me and rocked me. She sang and talked softly to me.

"Long, long ago," she said, "another little boy came to Bethlehem and this is his birthday. It was crowded that night, as it is now, and a woman held him in her arms, in a stable, as I am holding you. His name was Jesus. The children in America know about Jesus, and for his sake they have sent these beds, and this warm milk, and me, to find you and hold you close. It is their birthday present to Jesus."

Thank you, little American. Your present has lasted all the year. I have good things to eat every day, and I never feel afraid. See my picture! I am a big, well boy. My eyes are sorry, because I know that a great many children are still walking, walking, frightened and cold, looking for their mothers.

Will you send presents to them, this Christmas? You will, because you love the baby Jesus. —Vartan.

(All contributions should be sent to Dr. E. B. Chappell, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., so that our Conferences may get proper credit for our Christmas offering for the starving children.—Ed.)

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS.

Conference Missions, 22.16 per cent	\$11,000
Christian literature, 2.01 per cent	1,000
Sunday School Board, 6.04 per cent	3,000
Epworth League Board, .41 per cent	200
Education, 24.16 per cent	12,000
Orphanage, 10.08 per cent	5,000
Lay activities, .90 per cent	450
Conference claimants, 34.24 per cent	17,000
Total, 100 per cent	\$49,650

—H. E. Wheeler, Secretary of Conference.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

Bishop Mouzon, at the North Arkansas Conference at Clarksville, read Rev. J. H. O'Bryant and me out as commissioners of Galloway College. This was a new and strange situation for us to be in. For twenty years I had never lived out of a parsonage. The boards of stewards and the missionary societies had always met us to welcome us and to supply our wants. Now we are nobody's pastor and nobody's presiding elder—a college agent, only this and nothing more.

The Call.—But the call was so loud and the demands so great for some one to act as ambassadors for the college that we feel very much honored. Womanhood is calling today as never before. The women are to take their place with the men of the land in a larger sphere than ever before. Galloway College is crowded to overflowing and seventy girls were turned away last fall for the want of room. The buildings are inadequate and the equipment insufficient. The work done there is of the highest type, but done under many disadvantages.

What is Needed.—Several new buildings, better equipment, and endowment are very much needed now. These buildings will cost from \$15,000 to \$100,000 apiece. Fifty thousand is needed now to complete the \$100,000 dormitory now being constructed on the campus. More endowment is needed. A library and a president's home ought to be built at once.

The Supply House.—The college has no gold mine, nor large cotton fields. The good people of our country are the only hope. The Methodists of the State have been among the first in every war drive to save our national honor and to help our boys. We have done a good part. Now the call comes from our girls for a larger Galloway College. We ring it out to all the people. Will they spend some handsome amounts on our young women? Is a first-class college too good for the young women of Arkansas? Will not some one whom God has blessed with this world's goods put up a building? We must have \$50,000 soon that the girls may have a place next fall. This would be a Christmas present to bless the world and add to the rewards in heaven. What we give away is all we save. Twelve hundred and fifty dollars will pay for one of the hundred rooms now being built. If a person, a Sunday School, a church or a community will spend that amount, a tablet will be placed on the door giving the honor to the donors and that will be their honor room.

The man to do a big thing is somewhere around here. Will you help us find him? Is it not you?—J. J. Galloway.

OUR TRIP TO THE GOLDEN GATE.

If my brethren of the Little Rock Conference can imagine themselves serving three different charges within one Conference year, and these charges located at intervals from Georgia to the Pacific coast, they can know what I have experienced this year. I took an appointment to Army Y. M. C. A. work at our last Conference. I was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe and served there until February 15, when I was forced to retire on account of bad health. After spending a few months regaining my health I was appointed by Bishop Mouzon to Pryor, Okla., to fill the unexpired term of Bro. T. A. Harkins, who had gone into army work. We were delightfully located at Pryor, and never did a preacher have a more loyal or congenial people.

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ple to serve. The arrangements had all been made for another year there, and the Board had even arranged for a raise in salary, when just as the East Oklahoma Conference was meeting I received a message from Bishop DuBose assigning me to Fitzgerald Memorial, San Francisco. Brethren, try to think of getting a long-distance 'phone call at 1 o'clock on a stormy night saying, "You are appointed to Fitzgerald Memorial, San Francisco, and are hereby transferred." Needless to say, I was shocked. Mrs. Sage and I lighted the gas and sat up the rest of the night, talking it all over and trying to collect our wits.

We had a very pleasant trip over. The scenery was all new to us, and, consequently, very interesting. I enjoyed it all, from the wheat fields of Oklahoma to the snow-crowned Rockies of Colorado, Utah and Nevada, and on down to the sun-kissed orchards of Golden California.

We came by Union Pacific from Kansas City to Ogden, Utah, and from there on via Southern Pacific. This took us through some very beautiful and interesting country. The boundless prairies of Kansas and Colorado, dotted with their great herds of white-face cattle, were the first novel sights to attract our attention. I had read of them, and had tried to picture them, but I could not imagine such vast stretches of land without a single tree or cultivated farm. That land has certainly been "turned out to grass."

Then the great mountains came. At first they looked like low-lying banks of white clouds, but a closer view showed them to be the far-famed, snow-covered Rockies. Now we began to climb, and for about two days and nights our train ran as a "double-header." Winding about those mountains we could often look out of our car window and see both engines laboring around the sharp curves, sending their clouds of steam into the frosty air; but, nevertheless, making good time. I might say that the trip was made on exact schedule time. We pulled up at the Oakland pier without being one minute late on all that trans-continental trip.

The valleys of those mountains seemed to be as fertile as the famed "Valley of the Nile." We passed one canning factory after another, whole

trainloads of cabbages and innumerable sugar refineries. The trains were dumping their great loads of giant sugar beets into the hoppers of these refineries and returning for more to the great dumps that were piled six or eight feet high over a quarter or half acre of ground. I thought to myself that this sight would be as balm to the eyes of our allies grown weary with "sweetless days." There surely ought to be plenty of sugar when this crop is all manufactured.

I could write on for a long time about the many beautiful and novel sights. The wonderful grandeur of mountain scenery where hay-mows and flocks of white sheep nestled in the rocks and crannies about the foot of the mountains, while towering above were the everlasting hills with the eternal snows resting upon them like an ermine mantle. Then, there was that wonderful inland sea, Great Salt Lake. We crossed it on the "Lucerne Cut," and it required several hours to cross, too. I had no idea it could be so big. Then the expanse of the Great Salt Desert was broken only by the sight of a stranded Ford car. Some daring traveler had been exploring and had ventured too close to the Lake, with the result that his gallant tin steed had mired in the brackish mud, and was now standing there like Little Boy Blue's toy dog, "all covered with rust," but, nevertheless, like his little tin soldier also, "faithful and true," awaiting the return of its owner. There was the fantastic scenery at Echo Canyon and Weber River Canyon, which made one feel uneasy lest a rock the size of a house might come tumbling down on his head. Some interesting scenery of a different sort was the sight of several little Nevada towns having their last hours of respite before the State went bone-dry at midnight. But the prettiest thing we saw was the great snow-shed country which we passed through early in the morning of the last day of our trip. As we reached occasional gaps in the concrete snowsheds we could get glimpses of the mountains covered with fir trees and spangled with ice and snow which made one believe he was really and truly looking over into Fairy Land. It can not be described. We were on top of the world, and I should have been glad if the train had stopped a half-day. It was the nearest heaven I have ever been. Soon, however, we began to descend and after a few hours we found ourselves passing through the valleys of California, golden in more than one sense of the word. We passed through the old Dutch Flat mining district, where gold mining was begun in the romantic days of '49. They are still doing "placer mining" there, but I am told that there is now much more profit in the golden orchards which fill those valleys than in the golden sands which are washed in the waters to recover their diminishing treasure.

And now we are in cosmopolitan San Francisco, with its rushing, conglomerate population gathered from the four quarters of the globe, its Chinatown, its Japanese quarter, its parks, its hills (oh these hills), its early morning fog, its Golden Gate, its bay, its soldier and sailor-training camps, its "Mooney case," and its graft charges, its saloons, its cabarets, its multiform religious sects, its small but earnest Christian population, and its opportunities and need for Christian service. "Brethren, pray for us."

—J. Abner Sage Jr.

REPORTS OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARDS.

REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON FINANCE.

We, your Commission on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

I. The amount of the assessment made by the General Conference apportioned to this Conference is \$39,550. The percentage of this sum handed down by the General Conference, allotted to each of the twelve interests for which the General Conference made an assessment, is as follows:

	Per Cent.	Amount.
Foreign Missions	35.6	\$14,182
Home Missions	11.5	4,594
Church Extension ...	19.	7,591
Education	5.5	2,197
Theological School ..	4.5	1,798
Negro Work	3.25	1,298
Superannuate Fund ..	1.	400
Epworth Leagues ...	1.25	499
Sunday Schools	5.5	2,197
Bishops' Fund	9.	3,596
American Bible Soc. ...	3.	1,198
Gen. Conf. Exp.	1.	400

Total100.00 \$39,550

II. The total amount of the assessment made by the Annual Conference for all the interests for which assessments are made is \$48,900.

The percentage of this sum allotted to each of the several interests for which the Annual Conference has made assessments is as follows:

	Ratio.	Amount.
Conf. Education ....	.2331	\$11,400
Conf. Missions .....	.2250	11,000
Conf. Sunday Schools .	.0613	3,000
Conf. Ep. Leagues ...	.0307	1,500
Arkansas Methodist .	.0204	1,000
Conf. Claimants ....	.3069	15,000
Annual Conf. Exp. ...	.0204	1,000
Meth. Orphanage ..	.1023	5,000

Total1.0000 \$48,900

III. The total General Conference assessments added to the total Annual Conference assessment gives a combined total assessment of \$88,850, which is apportioned to the several districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$11,423
Camden District	11,303
Little Rock District	17,034
Monticello District	12,693
Pine Bluff District	12,312
Frescott District	11,521
Texarkana District	12,549

IV. The percentage of the combined total assessment for the General and Annual Conference claims respectively are as follows:

	Ratio.	Amount.
Gen. Conf. Assess...	.4496	\$39,550
Annual Conf. Assess.	.5504	48,900

V. The following table shows what per cent the assessment made for each cause is of the combined total assessment:

Assessments by the General Conference:

	Ratio.	Amount.
Foreign Missions ...	.1596	\$14,182
Home Missions ...	.0517	4,594
Church Extension ..	.0854	7,591
Education .....	.0247	2,197
Theological Schools .	.0203	1,798
Negro Work .....	.0146	1,298
Superannuate Fund .	.0045	400
Epworth Leagues ...	.0055	499
Sunday Schools ....	.0247	2,197
Bishops' Fund0405	3,596
Amer. Bible Society .	.0135	1,198
Gen. Conf. Expenses .	.0045	400

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Assessments By the Annual Conference.		
Education1283	\$11,400
Conf. Missions1238	11,000
Sunday Schools ....	.0338	3,000
Epworth Leagues ..	.0169	1,500
Arkansas Methodist .	.0113	1,000
Conf. Claimants ....	.1688	15,000
Conf. Expenses ....	.0113	1,000
Orphanage .....	.0563	5,000

Total1.0000 \$88,850

—Respectfully submitted, W. P. Whaley, Chairman; W. C. Hilliard, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully reports as follows:

We heartily approve the good work of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League in securing the very strong article on prohibition in the proposed new Constitution of the State, and its gratifying effort preparatory to the ratification of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The Democratic Convention

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voted unanimously in favor of the amendment which commits the next Legislature to its ratification. As a tribute to State-wide prohibition we state that the population of the State penitentiary has decreased from 1,137, January, 1915, when prohibition began, to 824, November 1, 1918, a fall of 30 per cent.

We recommend that our relation be continued with the State League by the election of Geo. Thornburgh, A. C. Millar, M. N. Waldrip, W. M. Hays and J. H. Glass as our members on the State League Board.

We rejoice in the quarter-century service of the Anti-Saloon League of America, in its leadership in the fight in the United States.

Nationally, wonderful advancement has been made, Ohio, Florida, Wyoming and Nevada has just gone dry, making 32, not including Texas, where the courts have overthrown the State-wide law. Minnesota also voted dry by 16,000 majority, but it took a majority of all the votes cast at the election which defeated the dries.

As a war measure the Congress of the United States has provided that National prohibition shall go into effect July 1, 1919, after which liquor for beverage purposes can not be made or sold until our troops are demobilized. On September 30th, by proclamation of the President, the distilling of whiskey was stopped for food conservation, and by the same authority the brewing of beer was stopped on November 30, so that on December 1st the happy era began in which there is not legally a drop of whiskey distilled or a bottle of beer brewed in this great country of ours. Permanent prohibition will be here not later than 1920, possibly in 1919, by ratification of the amendment to the National Constitution.

Only thirty-six States are needed for ratification. Fifteen have already ratified, the last being Florida. Six wet States have ratified. These with the 32 dry States, will make 38 for ratification. More than that, Vermont has chosen a Legislature that will ratify by more than two to one. By grace of St. Louis and San Francisco, Missouri and California remain in the wet column, but both have elected Legislatures, as did Minnesota, that will ratify.

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ify the Federal Amendment, so ratification will carry in forty-two States.

The November election made changes in the United States Senate which add eight more to the strength of the dries. In the House, the wet members were defeated in large numbers.

THE WET AND DRY QUESTION WAS A GREATER FACTOR IN THE RECENT ELECTION THAN APPEARS ON THE SURFACE. The Democratic and Republican parties were dry in about equal proportions, and it is a pity that either should suffer because of the question. But the Democrats were held responsible for the delay of war prohibition. Months ago, Western Democrats said to the leaders of the party that the failure to enact war prohibition without delay was endangering their seats. But misleading advice was followed with the result that the Democratic majority in Congress is overturned. **THE PROHIBITIONISTS DID NOT DO IT; DESPITE THE UNFAIR TREATMENT OF THEIR ISSUE THEY KEPT HANDS OFF, BUT THE PEOPLE SERVED NOTICE ON BOTH PARTIES THAT PROHIBITION IS HERE AND THE PARTY THAT THWARTS ITS ONWARD MARCH OR EVEN IGNORES IT MUST ABDICATE.**

1920 is the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, and one of the glories of that anniversary will be a saloonless nation. Not only so but the world is going dry. A world-wide Prohibition Conference has just closed in Columbus, Ohio, at which plans were laid to make the American Anti-Saloon League an international world organization. Delegates were there from across the waters. Brethren, it will succeed. The liquor traffic is a world-wide scourge and calls for a world-wide elimination. The plans of the Anti-Saloon League will insure a world conquest.

A dry United States is assured, and we are going to have a dry world. If you doubt it you inherited that doubt from your grandfather. That is what he thought about piracy on the high seas; wrong but couldn't be stopped; dueling, barbarous, but couldn't be stopped; cannibalism, polygamy, lotteries, public gambling, redlight districts and white slavery—all wrong, but couldn't be stopped. Most of them have been wiped off the earth, the others are going, and the liquor traffic will go, too, with all the poison drugs of nations, opium, vodka, absinthe, whisky, wine, beer. They are doomed as doomed as Judas Iscariot, autocracy and the kaiser.—Geo. Thornburgh, chairman; W. M. Hays, P. Q. Rorie, A. Turrentine, R. Spann, C. W. Baldwin, L. C. Gatlin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Books and Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following report:

Neither representatives nor communications from any of the Church publications except the Arkansas Methodist were before us. However, all our connectional publications are in excellent condition, and we heartily commend their editorial policies. We would urge all our pastors to take and read the Review; and an effort should be made to place the Christian Advocate in the homes of all the members of our official boards.

The report of the Arkansas Methodist Commission is very gratifying. The debts incurred in the purchase of the paper are paid. Its finances are

in better condition than for many years. We recommend that an assessment of \$1,000 be made for the paper. We commend the editorial policy and able management of Dr. A. C. Millar, and recommend his re-election as editor. We further recommend the re-election of Geo. Thornburgh, T. D. Scott and James Thomas as Arkansas Methodist Commissioners.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, First, That in view of our church's great program of reconstruction and in view of the great Centenary Campaign launched by our recent General Conference, special efforts be made at once to put the paper in every Methodist home.

Second, That the period from the first of January to the first of April be observed as the time for a special campaign to increase the circulation to 15,000.—Respectfully submitted, M. K. Irvin, Chairman; A. M. Shaw, Secretary.

MEMOIRS.

The Committee on Memoirs, with sadness, report an unusual number of deaths in our Conference since our last memorial service a year ago. Six of our brothers and two of our sisters have gone to the home above: O. H. Keadle, R. L. Cabe, W. D. Sharp, R. C. Atchley, J. R. Sanders, G. M. Yearwood, Mrs. J. A. Parker and Mrs. C. W. Drake.—Respectfully, T. D. Scott, R. W. McKay, W. P. Whaley.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Your Sunday School Board is glad to report a good year. Our Treasurer's report shows all indebtedness paid in full.

The following is a summary of work accomplished by the Field Secretary:

Summary of Work.

Miles traveled by rail.....	11,233
Miles traveled by auto.....	1,342
Total	12,605
Special addresses made.....	75
Institute addresses made.....	207
Addresses otherwise	63
Total	345
Conferences held with workers..	33
Articles for the press.....	153
Communications written	2,910
Pieces literature distributed.....	25,000
C. D. programs mailed out.....	7,000
S. S. books sold	250
Institutes held (Charge).....	69
Institutes held (District).....	5
District Conferences attended....	5
Preachers' meetings attended.....	5
Teacher Training Institutes.....	2
General S. S. Conferences.....	5

We had before us Dr. O. E. Goddard, Mr. A. L. Detrich, Dr. E. B. Chappell and Dr. J. H. Reynolds, all of whom were gladly heard and their recommendations incorporated in this report.

We tender our thanks to Dr. A. C. Millar for the large space given to the Sunday-School Department in the Arkansas Methodist and urge all our Sunday School people to subscribe for this valuable paper. We also tender our thanks to the large number of friends who made special contributions to our work during the year.

In keeping with the policy of our General Sunday School Board and following the plans outlined at the Junalaska Sunday School Conference, and upon recommendation of Dr. E. B. Chappell, we recommend the holding of a Teacher-Training Institute at

Henderson-Brown College during the summer of 1919.

We indorse the Centenary Sunday School Program and pledge ourselves to do our utmost to bring up in our Sunday School the apportionment of the amount assigned to our Conference. We hereby instruct our Field Secretary to co-operate with the Centenary Secretary in his work on the Centenary Program in our Conference.

We urge our Field Secretary to put special emphasis on missionary education, stewardship and tithing during the Centenary campaign.

We furthermore urge our field workers to put increased interest on Sunday-School Extension work, seeking not only to put a Sunday School in each church, but also to seek out and organize undeveloped territory, through co-operation with presiding elders and pastors.

We pledge the moral support of the Sunday School workers in the plan of our Church Colleges to endow chairs of Sunday School Pedagogy in these institutions, and especially commend teacher training work that is already being done in them.

The Prescott District, Rev. J. A. Henderson, P. E., is hereby awarded the Children's Day banner for this year. The banner offered to the district raising the largest percentage of its apportionment is awarded to the Pine Bluff District, W. C. Watson, P. E. The banner Children's Day charges for the districts are as follows:

Texarkana District, Fouke; L. C. Gatlin, P. C.
Prescott District, Washington Ct.; B. E. Mullins, P. C.
Monticello District, Tillar Ct.; J. H. Cummins, P. C.
Pine Bluff District, DeWitt; W. A. Steele, P. C.
Camden District, Buena Vista Ct.; C. F. Messer, P. C.
Little Rock District, Winfield Memorial; J. D. Hammons, P. C.
Arkadelphia District, Hot Springs Ct.; J. B. Dickerson, P. C.

We have arranged with Mr. C. W. Hogan of Little Rock to act as treasurer of the Board.

We have asked the Commission on Finance for an appropriation of \$3,-

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We have re-elected Rev. Clem Baker field secretary, and respectfully ask for his appointment.—C. E. Hayes, Chairman; T. O. Owen, Secretary.

Sunday School Board.

C. E. Hayes, chairman; P. C. Fletcher, secretary; J. M. Workman, Leslie Goodloe, T. O. Owen, W. T. Murray, J. H. Cummins, J. J. Harrell, J. D. Rogers, John R. Sanders, R. H. Cannon, C. H. Goodlett, J. F. Simmons, B. F. Smith, C. W. Hogan, treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS, NO. 1.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to make the following report:

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has projected a great Centenary program proposing to secure \$35,000,000 within the next five years for Christianizing, not only our own country, but the world.

The proportion assigned to our Conference is \$816,824.24. We are now raising from all sources approximately \$60,000 per year, which in five years will amount to \$300,000, which sum is credited to our Centenary apportionment, leaving only \$516,824.24 to provide for. We accept the apportionment gladly, and recommend that the Little Rock Conference make its share \$850,000 instead of \$816,824.24, representing an increase of \$33,175.76. (This was reconsidered and made \$1,000,000.)

We pledge ourselves to assist our secretary, Rev. R. W. McKay, and the Centenary managers in every possible way to reach the people.—T. D. Scott, Chairman; James Thomas, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS, NO. 2.

We beg to submit the following report:

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sions, \$9,624; on specials, foreign missions, \$2,653; total, \$12,277. Home and Conference missions, \$9,520.

We received the report of the War Commission, and we approve the administration of the fund by this Commission, and accept their recommendation, to-wit: To turn over to the Board for the Centenary Campaign the balance of the cash in their hands, which amounts to \$1,235.

We recommend the appointment of R. W. McKay, Conference Missionary Secretary.

We have for distribution to our own mission field for Conference Missions the sum of \$5,883.

The amount appropriated for printing the minutes is \$110.

For Arkadelphia District.

Arkadelphia Circuit	\$ 100.00
Cedar Glades Mission	100.00
Holly Springs and Sardis	450.00
Park Avenue	200.00
Oaklawn	200.00
Pearcy Ct.	200.00
Tigert Memorial and Lonsdale	100.00

Total\$1,350.00

For Camden District.

Chidester Ct.	\$ 100.00
Eagle Mills Ct.	100.00
Huttig Ct.	250.00
McNeil Ct.	100.00

Total 550.00

For Little Rock District.

Des Arc	\$ 200.00
Henderson Chapel	200.00
Highland	100.00
Maumelle Ct.	100.00
Oak Hill Ct.	100.00
Pulaski Heights	100.00
Twenty-eighth St.	100.00

Total\$ 900.00

For Monticello District.

Collins Ct.	\$ 100.00
Eudora Ct.	100.00
Hamburg Ct.	200.00
Lacy Ct.	200.00
Palestine Ct.	100.00
Watson Ct.	100.00

Total\$ 800.00

For Pine Bluff District.

Carr Memorial	\$ 200.00
Humphrey	100.00
Sheridan Ct.	100.00
Star City Ct.	200.00

Total\$ 600.00

For Prescott District.

Amity Mission	\$ 50.00
Caddo Gap and Womble	100.00
Hope Mission	100.00
Liberty Mission	100.00
Mt. Ida	150.00
Murfreesboro Mission	100.00
Prescott Ct.	100.00
Whelen Springs Ct.	100.00

Total\$ 800.00

For Texarkana District.

Cherry Hill Ct.	\$ 100.00
College Hill	200.00
Dierks	250.00
Fairview	300.00
Vandervoort Ct.	100.00
Umpire Ct.	100.00
Winthrop Ct.	100.00

Total\$1,150.00

Of the amounts above appropriated, the League assumed \$450 for the Holly Springs and Sardis charge and \$250 for the Dierks charge, and simply asks us to administer same for them.

—T. D. Scott, Chairman; James Thomas, Secretary.

REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE HISTORY COMMISSION.

The Little Rock History Commission was created by act of the Conference in 1908 to collect and preserve the Conference documents. The Commission was authorized to fill its own vacancies and directed to make its report to the Conference next following the meeting of the General Conference. We have elected J. A. Sage to the place on the Commission made vacant by the transfer of Dr. Forney Hutchinson.

We have on file in the Hendrix College Library Conference Journals from 1874 to 1917, except for the years 1898 to 1905 and 1907 to 1913. We have two bound volumes of the printed Journals covering the period from 1891 to 1913; two volumes of the Conference Statistics from 1890 to 1897, and two volumes of the Camden District Conference Journals from 1876 to 1904.

The field volumes of all District Conference Journals and the Annual Conference Journal should be forwarded to the Custodian at Hendrix College for safekeeping and easy reference.

The Commission offers the following resolutions:

Resolved (First), That the Little Rock Conference will recognize as official a copy of the printed Journal, carefully corrected by the secretary of the Conference.

Resolved (Second), That the Conference hereby directs the secretary to have bound at the end of the quadrennium the four official Journals of the quadrennium.

Resolved (Third), That the bound volume of the official Journals of the Conference be submitted to the General Conference for examination instead of a written Journal, as heretofore. — C. J. Greene, Custodian; Stonewall Anderson, J. A. Sage, W. P. Whaley.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

We, your Committee on District Conference Journals, beg to report as follows:

The Journals for the Prescott, Little Rock, Texarkana, Monticello and Arkadelphia Districts were examined and the work found to be well and faithfully done.

The Journal for Pine Bluff District was not before us.—S. C. Dean, Chairman; J. C. McElhenney, Secretary.

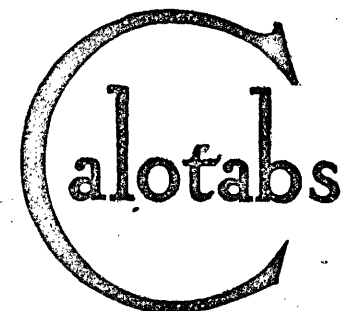
REPORT OF THE BIBLE BOARD.

We, your Bible Board, submit the following report:

First—The work of the American Bible Society is felt everywhere as never before. (1) It furnished 1,200,000 Testaments to our army and navy during the first year of our war against Germany, and has 1,000,000 more ready to distribute as needed. (2) The other program of the Society to put Bibles in reach of the missionaries of the world has not been neglected. (3) A total of more than 4,000,000 copies of the Scriptures have been distributed this year.

Second—The Southwestern Agency, of which our Conference is a part, makes an excellent showing. (1) It distributed Bibles in 30 different languages. (2) It distributed in 1916, 153,055 Bibles within its territory. In 1917 it distributed 221,431 copies, which shows a gain of 68,376 books.

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(3) These figures are only a fragment of the activities of the Southwestern Agency. They have visited over 27,000 homes and left Bibles in 5,000 homes in which they found no Bibles at all.

Third—The success of the Bible Society is largely due to the co-operation of ministers of the gospel. (1) Our preachers have co-operated with the Society and with the Southwestern Agency in particular, which helps to explain the success of our colporteurs. (2) Many preachers have aided in distributing Bibles. (3) We have a depository in the Masonic Temple in Little Rock which is always prepared to furnish your people with Bibles on short notice. We commend our pastors for their zeal and activities on our behalf in the past, and look for and expect that they shall support our work in the future. (4) Brother D. H. Colquette leads all the workers of the Southwestern Agency in the number of books distributed.

Fourth—The assessment for the Bible Society is now fixed by the Commission on Finance, and is 3 per cent of the General Budget. We urge all our preachers not to overlook the work of the Bible Society, now especially,

INFLUENZA, COLDS, PNEUMONIA, SORE THROAT,

Yield Quickly to Antiseptic Oil Treatment.

Many are finding relief from Influenza, Colds, Sore Throat, and perhaps preventing pneumonia, it is said, by the use of

Miller's Antiseptic Oil known as

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Its great penetrating, pain relieving qualities insure almost instant relief when applied freely on the chest or throat, well greased when first symptoms arise. The Oil penetrates through to the affected parts and tends to open up the air passages, making breathing more easy, relieving the pains. And for the cough a few drops on a little sugar usually brings prompt relief. Don't fail to have a bottle on hand when the attack comes on, and if used according to directions results are assured, or your money refunded. On sale by all druggists, or mailed direct from Herb Juice Medicine Co., Jackson, Tenn.

since its success is so vital to the success of our missionary operations.—J. L. Cannon, Chairman; C. H. Goodlett, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES.

Whereas, The laymen are desirous of lending their hearty support to the Centenary Drive and other activities of the Church, we therefore recommend:

First—That one day be set apart at each District Conference as "Laymen's Day," for the discussion under their direction of tithing and all phases of Christian Stewardship.

Second—That the presiding elders confer with the Conference lay leader and chairman of the Centenary Commission and fix the dates of the District Conferences so that they will not conflict.

Third—That Sam T. Poe be elected as Conference lay leader.—James H. Waters, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Resolved, by the Little Rock Conference:

First, That the Conference does now express its appreciation of the many courtesies shown us by Dr. Waldrip and the other pastors of Hot Springs, and also to the hotels.

Second, That we appreciate the efforts of the good people of Magnolia, which were put forth in our behalf up to the last hour before the epidemic of disease made it impossible for us to meet there.

Third, That in the efforts of Judge R. W. Huie to pay the debts of Henderson-Brown College we have received a service so distinguished and worthily rendered that we take this opportunity to express our high appreciation of him and his work.—Stonewall Anderson, J. L. Cannon.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

We, your Joint Board of Finance, rejoice to receive from the treasurer of the Conference a very good increase over last year's report.

We have received the following:

From the Conference Treasurer:
For Conference Claimants...\$11,890.00
From the Board of Finance... 405.00
From James Thomas... 92.50
From Calvin Fund... 14.00
From Publishing House... 530.00
Gift of a Friend, two bonds... 100.00
Cash for Mrs. Cabe... 50
Balance from last year... 7.75

Total...\$13,039.75
Received from Conference Treasurer:

For Superannuate Endowment Fund...\$ 1,335.00
For Bishops... 1,730.00
For General Conference expense... 299.00

Total...\$ 3,364.00

Disbursed as follows:

To Board of Finance Endowment Fund...\$ 1,280.00
To Smith & Lamar for Bishops... 1,675.00
To Smith & Lamar for General Conference Expenses... 299.00
To George Thornburgh for Printing Minutes... 110.00

Total...\$ 3,364.00

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Mrs. W. H. Browning, Pine Bluff, Ark.	130.00
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Mrs. P. T. Colburn, San Dimas, Cal.	100.00
Rev. J. E. Caldwell, Tulip, Ark.	250.00
Yancy Christmas, Arkadelphia, Ark.	100.00
Rev. W. J. Davis, Antoine, Ark.	220.00
Rev. E. Garrett, Stamps, Ark.	300.00
Mrs. J. G. Douglas, Arkadelphia, Ark.	225.00
Mrs. E. L. Holmes, Hope, Ark.	75.00
Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Magnolia, Ark.	—
Mrs. Horace Jewell, Hope, Ark.	370.00
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Mrs. A. C. Kelley, Heavener, Okla.	220.00
Mrs. G. W. Logan, Arkadelphia, Ark.	225.00
Mrs. J. McLaughlin, DeValls Bluff, Ark.	90.00
Rev. H. D. McKinnon, San Marcos, Texas	380.00
Mrs. M. E. Parker, Lonoke, Ark.	250.00
Mrs. R. H. Pointer, Pine Bluff, Ark.	325.00
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Mrs. J. M. D. Sturgis, Port Arthur, Texas	225.00
Mrs. A. S. Scott, Lockhart, Miss.	240.00
Mrs. J. R. Sherwood, Dallas, Texas	150.00
Mrs. J. Turrentine, El Dorado, Ark.	75.00
Rev. H. Townsend, Benton, Ark.	225.00
Rev. J. W. Vantrease, El Dorado, Ark.	230.00
Mrs. B. Watson, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Rev. E. N. Watson, Mabelvale, Ark.	275.00
Mrs. J. D. Whiteside, Little Rock, Ark.	280.00
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Mrs. B. A. White, Blevins, Ark.	125.00
Mrs. Barnett Wright, Alexandria, La.	310.00
Rev. C. O. Steele, Hot Springs, Ark.	275.00
Mrs. W. C. Toombs, Mabelvale, Ark.	260.00
Rev. C. W. Drake, Argenta, Ark.	325.00
Rev. E. F. Wilson, Pine Bluff, Ark.	375.00
Rev. A. D. Jenkins, Emmet, Ark.	225.00
Mrs. M. W. Manville, Hot Springs	325.00
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Mrs. Edgar Seay, Arkadelphia, Ark.	330.00
Mrs. J. R. Sanders, Pine Bluff, Ark.	260.00
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COMRADESHIP WITH CHRIST.

"Have you and I today
Stood silent as with Christ, apart from
joy or fray
Of life, to see by faith His face;
To look, if but a moment, at its grace,
And grow by such companionship more
true,
More nerved to lead, to dare, to do
For Him at any cost? Have we today
Found time, in thought, our hand to
lay
In His, and thus compare
His desire with ours and wear
The impress of His will? Be sure
Such contact will endure
Throughout the day; will help us walk
erect.
Through storm and flood; detect
Within the hidden life sin's dross, its
stain;
Revive a thought of love for Him
again;
Steady the steps which waver, help us
see
The footpath meant for you and me."
—George Klinge.

OUR CENTENARY SLOGAN.

"2,000,000 Intercessors,
1,000,000 Tithers."
Lord, teach us how to pray and how
to pay that Thy name may be glorified.
After we have paid the tithes,
which are thin, help us to joyously
cast into thy treasury free-will offerings
for the hastening of thy kingdom.
Teach us to know that all that we
are and all that we possess belongs
to Thee, that our health, our strength,
our time, our talents came through
thy bountiful grace and everlasting
goodness.

Fill our hearts with gratitude and
teach us to express it with praise from
our lips, in willing service, and in the
use of our time and money.

Without Thee we can do nothing,
and we beseech Thee to guide us and
to give us wisdom and grace to serve
Thee faithfully and with thanksgiving.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUXILIARIES.

Our District Secretaries are urgently
requested to have the questionnaire
for auxiliaries, sent out by Mrs. R. W.

Rev. J. J. Menefee, Bauxite, Ark.	300.00
Rev. Hugh Revelly, Berclair, Texas	145.00
Rev. J. H. Bradford, Nashville, Ark.	310.00
Mrs. A. O. Evans, Arkadelphia, Ark.	225.00
James Walsh, Hamburg, Ark.	10.00
Rev. L. M. Powell, Dalark, Ark.	280.00
Mrs. W. D. Sharp, Sparkman, Ark.	125.00
Mrs. R. L. Cabe, Benton, Ark.	310.00
Mrs. C. M. Yearwood and children, Sheridan, Ark.	200.00
Rev. W. W. Mills, Kingsland, Ark.	300.00
Rev. W. F. Laseter, Princeton, Ark.	125.00
Rev. B. B. Thomas, Lonoke, Ark.	390.00
Rev. S. A. Hill, Nashville, Ark.	225.00
For Expenses	8.50
—W. W. Christie, Chairman; R. M. Holland, Secretary.	

MacDonell, chairman, and Mrs. J. W. Downs, Secretary of War Work Committee of Woman's Missionary Council, filled out and returned to Nashville by December 30. This can only be accomplished through prompt and earnest co-operation of the auxiliaries with the District Secretaries.

At a glance the questionnaire looks like a "hard lesson," but a few moments' consideration shows it to be sane and simple enough. This is the best and perhaps the only way in which any record may be made of war work done by our Methodist women. So, begin at once to study the questionnaire and send in the desired information very soon. Let us be just and make accurate reports, for this is history. Our Methodist women have done splendidly in the various lines of war work.

ORDER NEW YEAR BOOKS NOW.

The Adult Year Book for 1919 is planned in keeping with the Centenary. Every member of the auxiliary should have one. Price, 5 cents each, 50 cents a dozen.

The Young People's Year Book is very attractive in design and coloring. Price, 3 cents each, 35 cents a dozen.

The Children's Year Book has a charming Japanese cover which will be the delight of every child. The entire back is attractive and helpful.

Send all orders to Mrs. W. B. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

These Year Books are helpful and valuable and no auxiliary should fail to order a number of copies that the programs may be followed successfully.

ITEMS FROM AUXILIARIES.

Prescott.

Mrs. J. O. A. Bush writes of a business meeting and Memorial service recently held by Prescott Auxiliary:

Officers elected for 1919 are:

President—Mrs. Pettus.
First Vice President—Mrs. E. Reichstadt.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Irving Blakely.

Secretary—Mrs. Lee Montgomery.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. B. Andrews.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. S. T. White.

Voice Agent—Mrs. Will Mitchell.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Henry Crow.

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Superintendent of Bible Study — Mrs. J. O. A. Bush.

After the election of officers Mrs. Pettus, presiding, conducted a beautiful memorial meeting in memory of the following: Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, Mrs. T. K. Hudson, Mrs. J. A. Parker, Amanda Westmoreland, Paul Davis, Leonard Hamby and Roscoe Cress.

After an appropriate scripture lesson and helpful message by Mrs. Pettus, the following tributes were paid to our departed ones.

In behalf of Mrs. Hudson — The life of Mrs. Hudson as a friend, wife and church member—Mrs. E. B. Cantley.

As a Christian—Mrs. C. B. Andrews.

In behalf of Mrs. Parker:

An example of patience and Chris-

tian fortitude—Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Bush.

In behalf of Mrs. Calhoun:

An ideal Christian—Mrs. Moncrief. A co-worker and friend—Mrs. Andrews.

An example to be emulated—Mrs. Hawkins.

In memory of little Amanda:

Poem—Mrs. Dill.

"A Jewel Lost From Sunday School Transplanted in Heaven"—Mrs. Reichstadt.

In memory of Paul Davis:

Tribute by Mrs. Andrews (representing the Sunday school.)

A friend, a Christian character loved by all—Mrs. Hirst.

In memory of Roscoe and Leonard:

Tribute of love and faith by Mrs. Andrews (representing the many sorrowing friends from the Methodist church and Sunday school.)

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Andrews leaving with us the thought that these noble lives had been sacrificed that our world might be better, placed the gold stars upon the service flag.

After a few words of sympathy and tenderness by Mrs. Andrews to Mrs. Montgomery in the loss of sister and brother during the recent epidemic the comforting song "Somewhere" was sung by Mrs. Dan Pittman.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

The President, Mrs. J. H. Hamiter appeared before the quarterly conference and made a report of the Woman's Missionary Society, which caused "the mere men" to give her a great ovation. Here are some of the facts she reported: Calls made on sick and strangers by the members of the Society, 2,914; money given to charity, \$1,011.52; total money raised, \$1,656.00; number of garments made, 2,804; number of garments knitted, 286. In addition to all this, the Society has bought a Liberty Bond, supports an orphan in France, bought a sewing machine for the Children's Home, supports a Bible woman, supports a scholarship in China, pays monthly to the Working Women's Home, the Florence Crittenden Home, the Y. W. C. A., and the Council of National Defense. The total membership is 228.—First Church Bulletin.

We are constrained to add that Dr. and Mrs. Philip Cone Fletcher have had a large part in the splendid accomplishment of the Missionary Auxiliary of Little Rock First Methodist Church in 1918. We are happy to have them "returned" to us. They are co-workers as well as leaders.

OUR WORKERS IN JAPAN.

From Lambuth Bible School in Kobe, Japan, Miss Annie Bell Williams, one of the teachers, writes a letter of appreciation of assistance given that school through the support of Bible women by Arkansas women. She speaks of the high cost of living which has made it necessary for the Mission Board to request \$120 for the support of a Bible woman now instead of \$75 as in former years. She does not object to our giving American names to our Bible women, but says the Japanese naturally prefer their own names and are always called by them in our Missions. She thinks it "is all right to give a name to the fund, but the real name of the Bible woman should be known also," that she and her American supporter may be kept in touch with each other. Miss Williams hopes to be able to send letters to the supporters of Bible women from time to

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GRADING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Its Importance. — In a recent utterance Dr. E. B. Chappell says, "I can not close without adding a word to superintendents and teachers in regard to the great importance of seeing that their schools are properly graded. Human life from the cradle to the grave is a ceaseless series of changes. These changes, however, are especially significant and striking in that section of life which lies between birth and the age of twenty-five. During these years the individual passes through a number of distinct periods, each of which is marked by the appearance of new interests and capacities. And of course new interests mean new needs. Grading in the Sunday School is simply an attempt to group together those whose interests and capacities are similar and who, therefore, have similar needs. Do not fail, therefore, to grade your Sunday School, even though you have only two or three pupils; for otherwise you cannot possibly do effective work, however faithfully you may try."

Superintendent of Grading. — So important is this matter of grading that each Sunday School should appoint a superintendent of grading, who should, First, thoroughly master the subject himself; Second, carefully grade the present membership of the school; Third, carefully examine each new pupil entering the school and see that he is assigned to the proper class. This officer, if given

full authority, can save the school endless mistakes and embarrassments.

Some Principles To Be Taken Into Account in Grading the Sunday School.—Mary, eight years old and bright, came home from Sunday School the other day with the announcement that she would never go back again, 'cause they put me in the same class with Helen who don't even know her letters." John, aged ten, who never did study much and is only in the third grade at school, but nevertheless is a full fledged American boy and the best pitcher on his ball team, announced that he had quit, "Cause they put me in the class with that kid, Henry." Now Henry, though only seven, is in the same class at school with John, but Henry never played a game of ball in his life.

These experiences, which are familiar to every Sunday School worker, lead us to say that no iron-clad rule can be laid down for grading the pupils of a Sunday School. Every wise superintendent of grading, in addition to the pupils age, must take into consideration his week-day social relations, his mental and religious development, together with other important factors that will readily suggest themselves.

Three Outstanding Divisions of Human Life.—Every student must readily recognize the three Grand Divisions of Human Life: First, Child-

hood, Second, Adulthood, Third, Old Age. "The Meaning of Prayer," by Norma Waterbury Thomas; "Jack-of-All-Trades," by Margaret Applegarth.

Every auxiliary is expected to have a Mission Study class, and now is the time to order the books from Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn.

Prices are reasonable and will be furnished upon request to Smith & Lamar.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE.

This course is for 1918-22. Adults are asked to study "The Meaning of Prayer," "The Meaning of Faith," by Fosdick; "The Mind of the Messiah," by Charlotte H. Adams; "John, the Greatest Book in the World," by Robert E. Speer.

Young People: "Modern Discipleship," by Edward S. Woods; "The Parables of Jesus," by Elbert Russell; "A Life at its Best," by Richard H. Edwards and Ethel Cutler; "Life of Jesus," by Harris Franklin Ball.

Intermediates: "Thirty Days With Jesus," by Bosworth.

RED CROSS WORK IN CHINA.

During the last Red Cross drive China alone contributed \$100,000. During the past ages millions in China have been left to starve except for the relief sent from the Christian nations. This new impulse of generosity brought about by the united world thought and emotion would never have been possible except for the work of our missionaries.

Every modern movement for race betterment can be traced back to the missionary. The doors of the world are now wide open for the conquest of the world for the Prince of Peace.

OUR MISSION STUDY COURSE.

(Please preserve these lists of books.)

For 1919 the theme of our Mission study is "Christianity and the World Workers." Books for adult auxiliaries are "Working Women of the Orient," by Margaret Burton; "The Path of Labor," by William Price.

Senior Y. P.: "The Gospel of a Working World," by Harry Ward; "Ancient Peoples at New Tasks," by Willard Price.

Intermediates: "Making Life Count," by Eugene C. Foster.

Junior: "Jack and Janet in the Phil-

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United States Judge Atkinson's
Gives Opinion

Careful investigation by physicians among druggists and patients has revealed the fact that there are thousands of people taking iron who do not distinguish between organic iron and metallic iron, and that such persons often fail to obtain the vital energy, strength and endurance which they seek, simply because they have taken the wrong form of iron.

Therefore, physicians mentioned below, advise those who feel the need of a strength and blood builder to go to their family doctors and obtain a prescription calling for organic iron—Nuxated Iron—and present this to their druggist so that there may be no question about obtaining the proper article. But if they do not wish to go to the trouble of getting a prescription for Nuxated Iron then be sure to look on the label and see that the words NUXATED IRON are printed thereon—not Nux and Iron nor any other form of iron, but Nuxated Iron.

The remarkable results produced by Nuxated Iron and its widespread sale (it being estimated that over three million people annually are today using it), has led to the offering of numerous substitutes, and these physicians say that health officials and doctors everywhere should caution the public against accepting substitutes in medicines and they especially warn against accepting substitutes for Nuxated Iron, which, instead of being organic iron may be nothing more than a metallic iron compound which may in some cases produce more harm than good. The widespread publication of the above information has been suggested by Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and the Westchester County Hospital; Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author and others, so that the public may be informed on this subject and protected from the use of metallic iron under the delusion that it is Nuxated Iron or at least something as good as Nuxated Iron.

It is surprising how many people suffer from iron deficiency and do not know it. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength and see how much you have gained.

Manufacturers' Note—Nuxated Iron, which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians is not a secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists. Unlike the older inorganic iron products it is easily assimilated, does not injure the stomach, makes them black nor upset the stomach. The manufacturers guarantee successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all good druggists.



Judge G. W. Atkinson.

United States Judge G. W. Atkinson, of the Court of Claims, Washington, D. C., says: "It is without hesitation that I recommend Nuxated Iron to persons who in the stress of physical or mental labors have permitted the system to become debilitated, the body exhausted or the nerves run down. It has restored my appetite and my vitality. I feel that I have dropped off the burden of months of toil in the few weeks that I have been following the very simple directions for the use of Nuxated Iron."

hood, ending at about the age of twelve; Second, Adolescence, ending at about twenty-four; and Third, Adult life. Recognizing these three God-given divisions, the Sunday School is divided into three Grand Divisions, known as the Elementary, the Secondary, and the Adult Divisions. A well graded school should have a superintendent in charge of each of these divisions. The first two of these divisions are further divided into Infancy, Early, Middle, and Later Childhood, known as the Cradle Roll, Beginners', Primary, and Junior Departments of the Elementary Division of the School; and Early, Middle and Later Adolescence, known as the Intermediate, Senior and Young People's Departments of the Secondary Departments of the Sunday School. There should be a superintendent in charge of each of these departments and a teacher for each class in the department.

Under the Adult Division are grouped Adult Bible Classes and the Home Department.

Groupings and Nomenclature.—With the understanding that these groupings shall in all cases be considered flexible, the General Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has adopted the following departmental groupings and names.

I. Birth to eleven inclusive—Elementary Division.

1. One, two and three years—Cradle Roll Department.

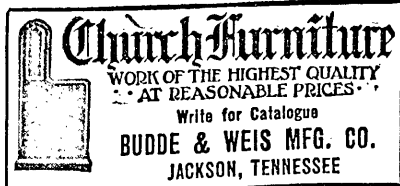
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SHORT BUSINESS COURSE FOR SOLDIERS—For those who cannot go through college. Special rates for soldiers, Meridian College, Meridian, Miss.

2. Four and five years—Beginner's Department.

3. Six, seven and eight years—Primary.

4. Nine, ten and eleven years—Junior Department.

II. Twelve to twenty-three years inclusive—Secondary Division.

1. Twelve, thirteen and fourteen years—Intermediate Department.

2. Fifteen, sixteen and seventeen years—Senior Department.

3. Eighteen to twenty-three years—Young People's Department.

III. Twenty-four years and over—Adult Division.

1. Adult Classes.

2. Home Department.

The New Grading and Uniform Literature.—No provision is made for the Cradle Roll and the Beginner's Department in the Uniform Lessons. The Olivet Picture cards have no teaching value whatever. Though all other classes may use Uniform Literature, teachers in these two departments should by all means secure the Graded lessons. The Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Quarterlies will continue to be used with the departments for which they are respectively named. Dr. Chappell says: "At present we have no periodical designed specifically for either the Senior or the Young People's Department. As a general rule, we recommend for seniors the use of the Intermediate Quarterly. Young people and adults should be supplied with the Adult Student or the Senior Quarterly."

The New Grading and Graded Literature.—In ordering Graded Literature it must be kept in mind that the titles of these periodicals conform to the old grouping. All confusion can be easily avoided, however, if it is observed that each periodical designates the age for which it is designed. For instance, the periodical designated as "Year 4 Junior" is to be used with the first year of the Intermediate Department in the new grouping. But in order to avoid misleading the teacher the periodical carries on its title-page the words, "Prepared for the use of children about twelve years of age." And so of each of the others for all the various grades.—Clem Baker.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

How shall we celebrate it? It is in memory of God's great gift to a needy world. Shall we reverse its meaning and spend large sums upon self? I have seen this done by Sunday Schools in the past. It is inconceivable that it should be so this year. Let us prepare to celebrate Christmas, but as we prepare let us remember Dr. Chappell's call in behalf of the millions of starving, freezing little children in war-stricken lands whose lives will depend upon the Christmas offering of the Sunday Schools in America. There is still another call that comes closer home to us. Out here in West Little Rock, at our Methodist Orphanage, lives as fine a group of little children as you will find anywhere. Their only certain means of sustenance is a small assessment placed upon the two Conferences in Arkansas. With the increased cost of living every dollar of this assessment is needed to provide for their actual wants. Yet I have just been informed by Brother Thornburgh that the North Arkansas Conference lacked \$1,475 and the Little Rock Conference \$492 of paying this assessment this year. I am wondering if the Sunday Schools of the Little

Rock Conference can not make the Orphanage a Christmas gift of \$492 this Christmas. Let us make it a cash offering. Remember it can not be applied on the Orphanage assessment for next year, for all assessments go into the budget. The Sunday School Board of the North Arkansas Conference has already made a like appeal to its Sunday School folks.—Clem Baker.

FIELD NOTES FROM THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE—BANNER CHILDREN'S DAY CHARGES.

The following charges won the banner offered for the largest Children's Day offering in their respective Districts:

Arkadelphia District—Hot Springs Circuit, Rev. J. R. Dickerson, P. C.; S. J. D. Brown, J. H. Lynch, J. W. Robbins and L. E. Maddox, Superintendents.

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Ten women Sunday School superintendents are reported for the Little Rock Conference this year. They are: Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Strong; Mrs. H. P. Smith, Keo; Mrs. L. B. Morehead, Natural Steps; Mrs. J. V. Word, St. Charles; Miss Vallie Watson, Waverly; Mrs. O. H. Keadle, Lonsdale; Miss Lena Cunningham, Poyen; Mrs. E. M. Vaughn, Watson; Mrs. J. Hyde, Hyde's School House; and Mrs. E. S. Denson, Fountain Hill. We shall watch these schools with intense interest this year. The number of women superintendents will likely be largely increased under Laity Rights.

Let every superintendent begin the New Year by subscribing for "The School Standard," the new monthly Sunday School magazine, devoted to the discussion of Sunday School Principles and Methods.

Rev. T. M. Armstrong at Okolona has a Teacher Training Class that has been running for two years. Several members of the class have already won their diplomas and will continue the study of the course till they win both Blue and Gold Seals.

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At its first meeting the new Sunday School Board of the Little Rock Conference took definite steps to put the Arkansas Methodist into the home of every Sunday School superintendent and teacher. This is a work of first importance.

Rev. A. M. Shaw writes an enthusiastic indorsement of Prof. J. G. Rossman, his new superintendent at Stuttgart.

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By J. E. Godbey, D. D.

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Mrs. J. M. Workman of Arkadelphia has been elected Conference Teacher Training Superintendent and Rev. R. H. Cannon of Amity, Conference Superintendent of Missions in the Sunday School. Under their leadership we anticipate a general awakening in these two departments of our work this year.

At an early date the Second Year Book of the Little Rock Conference Sunday School Board will be placed in the hands of our pastors and superintendents. It is to be a larger book than last year.

Bro. C. W. Baldwin, superintendent at Rison, proposes to install the Graded Literature in his school the first of January.

So impressed was Dr. Chappell with the Sunday School report of Rev. J. R. Dickerson at the Hot Springs Conference that he plans to publish a full statement of Sunday School work on the Hot Springs Circuit in an early issue of the School Standard.

Do not fail to give 5 cents per member for missions this month to be applied on the Centenary fund.

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 22— CHRISTMAS LESSON.

Subject: "Peace on Earth." Luke Luke 2:8-14.

Let some member of the League tell the simple story of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, including all of the "Shepherd Story," as recorded by Luke's gospel. We can not improve upon the story of the birth of our Savior, as given by Luke.

Let the great songs of our Methodist Hymnal on the "Incarnation" be sung at our Christmas service. They can not be surpassed. Would it not be fine to have Hymn No. 123, "Silent Night," sung by choir off away from League room, sung very softly, the League being seated in their room and the lights turned low? Many Leaguers would silently pray and, maybe, the Christ Child would be born into some heart in this holy moment. Try it.

Let the leader ask some simple questions like these of a few to whom the questions have been given in advance.

1. Why was Jesus born at Bethlehem?
2. Did the angel come to the shepherds in answer to their prayer for a Savior; or, was it a mere chance that he came to them first?
3. The angel said, "Fear not." Why were the shepherds afraid that night? Would the angel have come to them had they not been afraid?
4. Again, the angel said, "For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Also, "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Would this Savior have been born to them had they not gone "to see this thing that is come to pass?"
5. Why did all the multitude of angels sing? Was not one enough for these simple shepherds? A million drops of water, a million sunbeams is better than one. Why was it, that night, that only the shepherds heard the angels sing? Only the shepherds saw Jesus that night, besides Joseph and Mary.
6. Would the shepherds' vision of angels, their vision that night of their Savior, have stayed with them to sweeten and freshen their lives had they not gone out and told it to others?
7. Will we, this Christmas, receive so much and give so little to others that we shall not see Jesus? Will our presents be piled so high in our arms that Jesus can not be seen? Remember the bleeding, broken-hearted, sick, starving, orphaned world tonight. Let us help somebody this happiest of all Christmas days. What am I going to make out of this Christmas? A little experience meeting?

Close this service in prayer, and, while still kneeling, sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus" very softly.

LESSON NOTES FOR JANUARY 5.

By Rev. A. W. Martin.

Consecration Meeting: "The League of Intercession. The Quiet Hour Covenant."

Matt. 18:15-20; John 17:6-9; John 17:20-21).

Suggestions For Leader.

Order of Central Office, 310 Broad-

way, Nashville, a sufficient number of Quiet Hour Covenant Cards and a leaflet by Mr. Hounshell entitled, "A Call To Intercession," to place one in the hands of every Leaguer and visitor present.

Since this is a service of prayer let us begin it with prayer instead of the usual song.

The following outline may be used in part or as a whole. While system and order are absolutely necessary yet we should not fail to heed the guidings of God's Holy Spirit as the program is being carried out.

(1) Prayer by the leader that the meeting may be led by the Holy Spirit.

(2) Reading of Scripture Lesson. Give the different selections to different Leaguers.

(3) Sentence Prayers. Speak to several Leaguers, especially those who are not accustomed to leading in prayer, before the meeting and tell them you are expecting them to take part in this part of the service. Tell them what you want them to pray for. Be definite.

(4) Hymn.

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(5) Short talk on, "The Need of Intercessors."

(6) Silent prayer that the Leaguers may meet that need.

(7) Talk, "The Power of Prayer."

(8) Give a few minutes here for the Leaguers to tell in a brief way of instances in which prayer has been answered in their own lives.

(9) Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

(10) Talk: "The Consecration of Our Prayer Life."

(11) Signing and Taking Up of Quiet Hour Covenant Cards.

(12) Benediction. Use Lord's Prayer instead of regular League benediction.

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time we hear a missionary telling about the needs of himself and fellow missionaries, we hear a call for intercessory prayer. There is nothing that cheers the hearts and strengthens the hands of those who go out to the uttermost ends of the earth like the knowledge that back in the homeland earnest and devout men and women are continually remembering them at the Throne of Grace.

And now that the Church has undertaken the greatest program of missionary activity—the Centenary Movement—there is a greater need than ever for intercessors. The cry for the gospel of Jesus Christ is coming from every land and clime of this old earth. Nations whose religious life has been founded on the sands of unbelief and heathenism are calling for missionaries to tell them of the True Way.

If the money and the men to meet the needs of the world are to be found, this cause will have to be very near our hearts during the next five years. "Pray ye, therefore, that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth more laborers." And as we Leaguers pray this prayer of our Saviour, may we also be ready and willing to answer it with our means and our lives.

The Power of Prayer.—The Apostle James says, "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much." There is no means of knowing the power that the prayer of a really consecrated man or woman has in this world. Only the infinite resources of the kingdom of God can measure it. Some years ago a missionary who had just returned from seven years' labor among the natives of Ceylon told of this experience. The missionaries of the island had planned for a widespread evangelistic campaign. It was to begin on a certain date. So some three months before this date they began writing to their friends in the homeland, asking that they pray especially for the work in this field. And from the very beginning of the campaign the missionaries realized a new sense of power in dealing with the sins of the people. As a result many were brought into the kingdom of God.

Many of the Leaguers have personally come to realize the truth of Tennyson's words when he said:

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of."

Friends have been brought to Christ, dark and storm-swept paths have been

lighted, and grace to bear burdens and meet temptations has been given in answer to our prayers.

The Consecration of Our Prayer Life.—We have been talking about the great need of people who pray and the power of their prayers. But we must not forget that it is only a certain kind of prayer that is powerful. Just any old sort of prayer will not do. Men are selfish not only in the material things of life, but in spiritual things as well. We live that we may satisfy our selfish desires. Our thoughts and actions are concerned with advancing the cause of self. So when we approach the throne of God it is no wonder that we beg Him to pour out copious blessings on our own affairs. Many of us act as though we believed that prayer is to be used only for the purpose of making God's will ours.

If that has been our use of the great blessing of communion with our Father, may He forgive us. And as we are now just beginning to fill the pages of life's record book for another year, let us determine that it shall not be filled with the selfish prayers of disobedient and headstrong children.

Perhaps it will help us if we will remember this stanza from one of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems:

"All those who journey, soon or late
Must pass within the garden's gate;
Must kneel alone in darkness there,
And battle with some fierce despair.
God pity those who cannot say:

'Not mine, but Thine,' who only
pray

'Let this cup pass,' and cannot
see

The purpose in Gethsemane."

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

A BEFORE-CHRISTMAS WISH.

Oh, children, may you all rejoice
This coming Christmas Day,
And cheery words, in merry voice,
To those around you say!
Let each bright girl, each jolly boy,
A Merry Christmas be,
For every smile will surely help
To fill the world with glee.—Helen E. Cooldige in Ex.

POLLY'S REAL CHRISTMAS.

Dorothy Bell looked out of the window at the snowbirds hopping about the yard; then her gaze wandered to the street. She saw a little girl, about her own age, on the street, shivering with the cold. She had no mittens, and her hands were red, while her face was blue and pinched.

"She's cold," Dorothy muttered to herself. She ran to the door, and, opening it, called: "Little girl, come in here!"

The child turned to see who called, but stood still.

"Come here! I want you," repeated Dorothy.

With that, the child went up the walk and slowly mounted the steps.

"You look cold. I want you to come in and get warm," was Dorothy's greeting. "What is your name?"

"Polly Webb," was the answer. "I never was in a house like this one before. Isn't it— isn't it—bee-autiful? And so warm."

"We always have our house warm;

don't you?" Dorothy asked, in surprise.

"Not always," Polly replied. "Mother wants it warm; but sometimes there's so little coal, and we have to make it last just so many days, and it won't stretch if we keep it too warm."

"I'm ten years old," said Dorothy, "and I was never cold in my life. Haven't you any mittens, either?"

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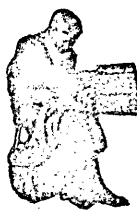
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hands. "Not yet; but mother is to buy me some real soon."

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"My hands won't get cold now," said Polly, when she left. "And I am warm clear through."

As Polly went down the walk she met Mrs. Bell. That lady looked curiously at the thinly-clad child, wondering why she had been at the house.

"Dorothy, who was the little girl I met on the walk?" asked her mother.

Dorothy explained, then added: "I invited her to Christmas dinner. You said we would be alone, since Uncle Fred had gone away. She never was in such a warm house before."

"Dorothy, you invited her to dinner?" Mrs. Bell's tone was one of reproach. "And you know nothing of the child?"

"I know she was cold, and she looked hungry," Dorothy asserted, stoutly. "She seemed ladylike, and that's what you tell me to be, mother."

"Let the child come, mother," said Dorothy's big brother, Clarence, "we'll give her the time of her life. I'll buy her a new dress myself."

At eleven o'clock on Christmas morning the bell rang, and Dorothy hurried to the door. There stood Polly Webb, looking much frightened. "Mother didn't want me to come. She thought you didn't really mean it; but I thought you would expect me," she said.

"Of course I meant it," returned Dorothy. "Come, take off your things, for the tree's all ready."

Dorothy pulled Polly into a darkened room, where a big Christmas tree was all lit up. Polly thought she had reached fairyland. She was still more delighted when the jolly old Santa Claus handed her a present. By the time the tree was emptied, Polly was surrounded with gifts, and she could not be induced to leave them until dinner time was called.

Dinner was another source of wonder to Polly. She ate things she had never seen in all her life before. "It tastes good clear down," she said at last, "but I am full."

Five o'clock came all too quickly for Polly; but her mother had said she must leave at that time.

"I'll take you home in the automobile," said Clarence Bell.

Polly gasped. "This has been just like a day you read about in that fairy book," she said to Dorothy.

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Then she turned to Mrs. Bell. "Mamma thought I ought to have some kind of a speech to say when I left. She said rich folks always did when they were invited to places. I don't know anything to say, except I've had a real Christmas. If I never have another nice time in all my life, I'll have this to remember, anyway."

"That's one of the nicest speeches I ever heard, my dear," responded Mrs. Bell, heartily.

"Mamma, I just like her," Dorothy said, when the door closed behind Polly. "She didn't want the best of my things, like some little girls do; and she liked all my games, too."

Mrs. Bell smiled. "I think it would be nice for you to give her some good times, instead of the little girls who have too much already."—Sarah N. McCreery, in Herald Presbyter.

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Zion and Goshen, at Goshen, Jan. 25-26.
Huntsville, at Huntsville, Jan. 26-27.
Wedington, at Cincinnati, Feb. 1-2.
Siloam Springs, Feb. 2-3.
War Eagle, at Rocky Branch, Feb. 5-6.
Pea Ridge, at Pea Ridge, Feb. 8.
Fayetteville, Feb. 16.
The district stewards and pastors will meet at Fayetteville Thursday p. m., and Friday, January 2-3.
W. F. EVANS, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Lavaca, at Lavaca, Dec. 21-22.
Barling and South Fort Smith, at Barling, Dec. 22, 7:30 p. m.
Hackett, at Hackett, Dec. 29, 11 a. m.
Greenwood, Dec. 29, 7:30 p. m.
Van Buren Ct., at East Van Buren, Jan. 4-5.
Winslow, at Winslow, Jan. 5, 7:30 p. m.
Cass, at Cass, Jan. 7, 7:30 p. m.
Kibler, at Kibler, Jan. 11-12.
Alma, Jan. 12, 7:30 p. m.
Ozark Ct., at Granade, Jan. 18-19.
Mulberry and Dyer, at Mulberry, Jan. 25-26.
Ozark Station, Jan. 26, 7:30 p. m.
Charleston, at Charleston, Feb. 1-2.
Hartford, Feb. 9.
Huntington, Mansfield and Midland, Feb. 16.
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FORREST CITY DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Hughes, Dec. 20, 2 p. m.
Marianna, Dec. 21-22.
Haynes, Dec. 22-23.
Widener and Madison, at Madison, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
Helena, Dec. 29, a. m.
West Helena, Dec. 29, p. m.
Forrest City, Jan. 1, p. m.
Colt, Jan. 2, 2:30 p. m.
Wheatley, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.
Wynne, Jan. 5, a. m.
Parkin, Jan. 5-6.
McCrory, Jan. 6, 2:30 p. m.
Deview, at McCrory, Jan. 6, 2:30 p. m.
Wiville and Jelks, at Jelks, Jan. 7, 1:30 p. m.
LaGrange, Jan. 8, 2 p. m.
Elaine, Jan. 9-10.
Marvell, Jan. 11-12.
Holly Grove, Jan. 12-13.
Clarendon, Jan. 13, a. m.
Hunter, Jan. 14, a. m.
Aubrey, Jan. 15, a. m.
The district stewards will meet at Forrest City Dec. 31, at 1:30. Luncheon will be served at the church at 12:30 for the stewards and preachers of the district. The preachers' meeting will follow the meeting of the district stewards, at which time the plans and organization for the district Centenary work, etc., will be perfected. Every preacher, district steward and lay leader is asked to be present and remain till Wednesday morning. The people at Forrest City will give all who come a hearty welcome to their homes.
W. B. HAYS, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Hickory Ridge, at Tilton, 2:30, Dec. 29.
Harrisburg Ct., at Pleasant V., 2:30, Jan. 4-5.
Harrisburg, Jan. 5-6.
Jonesboro, First Church, Jan. 7.
Jonesboro, Fisher St., Jan. 8.
Jonesboro Ct., at Mt. Carmel, 2:30, Jan. 9.
Nettleton, at Nettleton, 2:30, Jan. 10.
Trinity, at Bono, 10 a. m., Jan. 11.
Brookland, at Brookland, 3:00 p. m., Jan. 11.
Vanndale, at Vanndale, 2:30 p. m., Jan. 12.
Earle, Jan. 13.
Crawfordsville, at Crawfordsville, Jan. 14.
Madison, Jan. 15.
Wilson, Jan. 16.
Osceola, Jan. 17.
Luxora, Jan. 18-19.
Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrow, Conf. 10 a. m., Jan. 19-20.
Lake St. and Dell, at Lake St., 3 p. m., Jan. 20.
Blytheville, First Church, 7:30, Jan. 20.
Leachville and Manila, at Manila, 2:30, Jan. 21.
Monette and Macey, at Monette, 2:30, Jan. 22.
Lake City, at Lake City, 2:30, Jan. 23.
Truman, at Truman, Jan. 25-26.
Marked Tree and Lepanto, at Marked Tree, Jan. 26-27.
Tyronza, Jan. 27.
Gilmore, Whitton and Bardstown, at G., 2:30, Jan. 29.
Have planned to have district stewards and preachers together January 2-3, in Jonesboro, First Church. The stewards will do their work first thing after convening at 2 p. m., January 2; then preachers and laymen will spend a day in counseling about Methodism's world program and organizing to put it over in Jonesboro District. Let every preacher and every district steward begin to plan to be present without fail.
F. M. TOLLESON, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT. (First Round.)

First Church, Little Rock, 11 a. m., Dec. 15.
Forest Park, 3 p. m., Dec. 15.
Tomberlin Ct., at Hamilton, Dec. 21-22.
England, Saturday, Dec. 28, and 11 a. m., Dec. 29.
Capitol View, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 29.
Winfield, 11 a. m., Jan. 5.
Highland, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 5.
Twenty-eighth St., Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 8.

Des Arc, Saturday, Jan. 11, and 11 a. m., Jan. 12.
Hazen and DeVall's Bluff, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 12.
Benton Ct., at Ebenezer, Jan. 18-19.
Bryant Ct., at Salem, Jan. 25-26.
Pulaski Heights, 11 a. m., Feb. 2.
Keo Ct., at Keo, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 2.
Mabelvale Ct., at Primrose, 11 a. m., Feb. 9.
Hunter Mem., 7:30 p. m., Feb. 9.
Asbury, 11 a. m., Feb. 16.
Henderson Chapel, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 16.
Hickory Plains, at Providence, Feb. 22-23.
Lonoke, Saturday, March 1, and 11 a. m., March 2.
Carlisle, 7:30 p. m., March 2.
Austin Ct., at Concord, March 8-9.
Oak Hill Ct., at Paron, March 15-16.
Mauvelle Ct., at Natural Steps, March 22-23.
The District Stewards will meet at First Church, Little Rock, at 1:30 p. m., Friday, Dec. 27, 1918.
JAMES THOMAS, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Hermitage, 11 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 29.
Warren, 7:30 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 29.
Wilmar, 7:30 p. m., Monday, Dec. 30.
Tillar, 1:30 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 2.
McGehee, 8 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 2.
Arkansas City, 1 p. m., Friday, Jan. 3.
Dermott, 7 p. m., Friday, Jan. 3.
Lake Village, 9 a. m., Saturday, Jan. 4.
Snyder, 11 a. m., Sunday, Jan. 5.
Hamburg, 7:30 p. m., Sunday, Jan. 5.
Hamburg Ct., at Extra, 11 a. m., Monday, Jan. 6.
Crossett, 7 p. m., Monday, Jan. 6.
Portland, 7 p. m., Tuesday, Jan. 7.
Eudora, 7 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 8.
Lacy, at Fountain Hill, Jan. 11-12.
Collins, 11 a. m., Tuesday, Jan. 14.
Monticello, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 15.
Mt. Pleasant, at Mt. Tabor, Jan. 18-19.
Ark. and Southern Camps, Palestine, and Watson to be announced.
Trustees of the district parsonage will meet at Monticello, 3 p. m., Thursday, December 26. The district stewards and pastors of the district will meet at 7 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 26, in the Methodist Church in Monticello, and will remain until noon Friday following.
W. P. WHALEY, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Whelen Springs, Dec. 21-22.
Gurdon, Dec. 22.
Okolona, Dec. 28-29.
Delight, at Delight, Dec. 29-30.
Amity and Glenwood, at Rosboro, 7 p. m., Dec. 30.
Amity Mission, at Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m., Dec. 31.
Blevins, at Ebenezer, 11 a. m., Jan. 3.
Emmet, at Emmet, Jan. 4-5.
Prescott Ct., at R. Mound, 11 a. m., Jan. 7.
Center Point, at C. P., 11 a. m., Jan. 10.
Bingen, at Pump Spring, Jan. 11-12.
Nashville, Jan. 12-13.
Mineral Springs, at M. S., 11 a. m., Jan. 13.
Columbus, at Bethany, Jan. 18-19.
Washington, at Ozan, Jan. 19-20.
Murfreesboro, Jan. 26.
Murfreesboro Mission, at Japany, 2 p. m., Jan. 26.
Liberty Mission, at L., 11 a. m., Jan. 30.
Caddo Gap and Womble, at Sardis, Feb. 2.
Mt. Ida, at Mt. Ida, 11 a. m., Feb. 4.
Hope Mission, at Pleasant Grove, Feb. 8-9.
Hope, Feb. 9-10.
The district stewards will meet at Gurdon Sunday, December 22, 3 p. m.
J. A. HENDERSON, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT. (First Round.)

Cato Ct., at Bethel, Dec. 21-22.
Cabot and Jacksonville, at Cabot, Dec. 22-23.
Kensett and Bald Knob, at Kensett, Dec. 28-29.
Judson Station, Dec. 29-30.
El Paso Ct., at Apple Hill, Jan. 4-5.
Beebe and Austin, at Beebe, Jan. 5-6.
Clinton Ct., at Clinton, Jan. 8-9.
Augusta Station, Jan. 11-12.
Augusta Ct., at Gregory, Jan. 12-13.

Marshall Station, Jan. 18-19.
Leslie Station, Jan. 19-20.
West Searcy Ct., at West Searcy, Jan. 25-26.
Griffithville and West Point, at Ellis Chapel, Jan. 26-27.
Bradford Ct., at Bradford, Feb. 1-2.
Auvergne and Weldon, at Weldon, Feb. 2-3.
Heber Springs Station, Feb. 8-9.
Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn, Feb. 9-10.
Bellefonte and Valley Springs, at Bellefonte, Feb. 15-16.
Harrison Station, Feb. 16-17.
The District Stewards are called to meet at Searcy, First Church, Dec. 30-31. The lay leaders and pastors of all the pastoral charges in the District are called to meet with the District Stewards at this time. There will be preaching service Monday night, after which the District Stewards will meet. Then Tuesday will be devoted to discussion of plans for a forward movement in our District, especially as to our Centenary program.
A. E. HOLLOWAY, P. E.

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State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Webster Dickerson, Plaintiff, vs. Viola Dickerson, Defendant—No. 23491.
The defendant, Viola Dickerson, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Webster Dickerson.
December 4th, 1918.
W. S. BOONE, Clerk.

J. A. GIBSON, D. C.
C. M. WALSER, Solicitor for Plaintiff.
JAMES COATES, Attorney Ad-Item.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
John L. King, Plaintiff, vs. Willie King, Defendant.
No. 23465.
The defendant, Willie King, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, John L. King.
November 26, 1918.
W. S. BOONE, Clerk.

F. M. OLIVER, D. C.
Green, Kelley & Burney, Solicitors for Plaintiff.
A. C. Martin, Attorney ad Litem.

WARNING ORDER.

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.
In the Pulaski Chancery Court.
Ophelia Miller, Plaintiff, vs. William Miller, Defendant.
No. 23481.
The defendant, William Miller, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Ophelia Miller.
December 3, 1918.
W. S. BOONE, Clerk.

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J. C. Marshall, Attorney ad Litem.

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