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HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS, THAT PUBLISHETH PEACE; THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS OF GOOD, THAT PUBLISHETH SALVATION; THAT SAITH UNTO ZION, THY GOD REIGNETH! THY WATCHMEN SHALL LIFT UP THE VOICE; WITH THE VOICE TOGETHER SHALL THEY SING; FOR THEY SHALL SEE EYE TO EYE, WHEN THE LORD SHALL BRING AGAIN ZION. —Isaiah 52:7-8.

"WILL A MAN ROB GOD?"

A selfish and wicked man might be expected to rob his fellow man, if he could hope to avoid punishment; but he might fear to rob God, realizing that escape would be impossible. The prophet Malachi represents God as answering the question by charging that his own people were guilty. Then they, as criminals usually do, sought to evade the issue by requiring specifications. To this the reply comes quick and pointed, "In tithes and offerings."

Is it possible that those who call themselves Christian are today guilty of the same offense? Too many of us think of religion merely as feeling and profession. Religion involves these, but it does not end with emotion and a creed. Jesus, our supreme teacher, requires men to bring forth fruit, and he virtually, in his parables, tells his followers to go into business and get gain for God, their master.

If we lived in a world of pure spirit, producing and distributing material things would be unnecessary; but we are spirits with bodies, and these bodies relate us to matter, and it becomes our duty to cause matter to serve spiritual purposes.

The New Testament clearly teaches that disciples are stewards of time and possessions. God gives us opportunities to work and get gain under his laws, not laws of our own invention. He does not thus endow us that we may eat and drink and dress for the mere pleasure, but our food and raiment are to enable us to live and accomplish both direct and indirect missions for our Master. Can He be pleased when we consume upon ourselves all that we produce? Is the test of a good servant simply ability to make ample provision for himself? No, the servant is expected to maintain himself and then produce profit for his Master.

But Christians are more than servants; they are honored and trusted stewards, with large liberty as to the exact forms of investment. This, however, does not relieve us of responsibility, but rather increases it.

God takes us into co-partnership with Himself. He furnishes the capital; we utilize it with his co-operation. Has he a right to results? Surely, when He clarifies our intellects and affords us a fertile field and the riches of nature, He may legitimately expect an honest accounting and definite division of the profits.

Today, as never before, human personality, through industry and trade, converts itself into money. God expects us to transmute this money into larger and better personality. If we do not thus spiritualize our activities, this world loses its true significance, and man becomes only a bigger and more intelligent brute.

It was chiefly because civilized men had forgotten their stewardship and were grasping material things for selfish and sordid ends that the Great War had to come.

Stewards who hold back the gain of that which

has been committed to them, must at last be brought to account and be dispossessed of the increase that belongs to the owner of the funds.

If the man with one talent had it taken from him and was cast out simply because he failed to multiply his gift, what should be done to the steward who seeks to hold and selfishly use both his talent and its increase?

Surely, if the tithe was required of the Jew, who, compared with men in Christian lands, was a one-talent man, what has God a right to expect of us to whom two and five talents have been committed?

Have we, with more wealth than any other people ever gathered, robbed God? Have we with whom God has so wondrously co-operated, paid even the tithe? If we have not gone far beyond the rent required of a Jew, are we honest? God has trusted us as He seems to have trusted no other people. Have we shown ourselves worthy of another lease? If we hold back rent, can God afford to permit us to use his land and other capital?

The testing time has come. We may continue to hold back what belongs to God until He loses faith in us. Let us hear Him as He says to us: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house (for Japan and China and India and Africa), and prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. . . . And all the nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Let us not withhold that which is God's until he declares: "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

PENAL PROBLEMS.

It has been our purpose for some months to discuss our penal problems. The sitting of the Legislature and the recent visit to the State Farm at Tucker, elsewhere described, suggest this as the proper time.

The ancient idea of the punishment of prisoners was retribution, an effort to pay back to the wrongdoer in his own coin. The later conception was the protection of society by restraining or destroying the criminal and by frightfulness to deter others from the commission of crime. The latest feeling is that whatever the value of punishment as a deterrent, the function of the state is not fully performed unless it so improves the criminal himself that he returns to his liberty qualified to take up his duties as a reformed member of society. Indeed, it is often argued, and with much force, that whenever there is positive assurance that he is so changed that he may be trusted to function as a genuinely reformed man, it is our duty to restore him to his place as a citizen and a neighbor. In other words, if God trusts the repentant and forgiven sinner, why should not the state do the same? Certainly the state owes to the man an opportunity to recover himself and to society the right to have a useful citizen instead of a hardened and dangerous criminal released on the expiration of his prison term.

We congratulate the whole State of Arkansas upon the vast improvement in the treatment and condition of the convicts. Distinct progress has been made in the last decade, and there is good reason to believe that those in charge of our State Farms are sincerely endeavoring to do their duty and are ready to co-operate in introducing even better methods. It is certain that, at Tucker, we have

a well located and naturally valuable farm, which has been judiciously improved and prudently managed. Sanitary conditions are good, far better than those of the average farm. The physical appearance of the men indicates that they have wholesome and abundant food and humane treatment. As the Farm is paying all expenses and each year contributing from \$20,000 to \$30,000 on the original purchase price, and the place could now probably be sold for double its cost, it is evident that the financial management is fundamentally safe.

Now all of these things may be honestly said, and yet we may say, without injustice to the management, that the great State of Arkansas has not yet put in practice the most important principle of modern penal science. The State is simply punishing its criminals humanely and decently and making the criminals themselves pay the cost. The first result is necessary to our own self-respect. The second is highly desirable, if it can be done consistently with higher principles. However, the State has not deliberately planned to reform the criminals, and reformation is accomplished only incidentally as humane treatment and work under discipline effect it. Has not the time come to take another step and seek to send out good citizens from our penal institutions? As we are willing to pay liberal taxes to educate our youth for good citizenship, are we not willing to pay, if need be, to educate these unfortunate youth (for most of them are under thirty) so that their lives also may be worth something to humanity? Even if the convict farms should not be fully self-supporting, it were far better to save manhood than money. Let us see what might be done now at moderate cost without trying expensive experiments; because, while we should have the ideal in view, it is not necessary to wait for years to work toward it.

1. Many convicts need better elementary education in order properly to function in society. It would cost little to employ a first-class teacher to conduct night school at each farm. One teacher would be sufficient, because assistants could be found among the convicts themselves. Except when unusual crop conditions require overtime work, each man can afford to spend one or two hours at night in school. As, during the summer, the noon rest is from eleven to two, some instruction could be given then. Ambitious farm boys use such occasions for self-education. With slight additional expense certain practical, or bread-winning, subjects could be taught.

2. One hindrance to resuming honest life is the lack of capital or even means for subsistence. To overcome that, provision might be made that, during the last year of a long term, and in proportion for shorter terms, the prisoner whose conduct is satisfactory shall receive small wages, say fifty cents a day, to be set aside and paid to him on his release.

3. Perhaps the greatest difficulty confronting the released prisoner is to find satisfactory employment after his release. Naturally few employers want ex-convicts, because they are not sure of their reformation, and certain kinds of business would suffer in reputation if it were known that ex-convicts were employed; and yet there are employers who can afford to use them. In order to give every released prisoner employment until he can find regular and satisfactory work, the State should maintain a small farm under careful supervision, where every released man could work for moderate wages.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. J. F. Jernigan's charge for this year is Reyno and Biggers instead of Hughes.

Rev. H. H. Hunt wishes his friends to know that his postoffice is not Auvergne, but is Weldon.

Dr. J. E. Godbey, former editor of this paper, is now supplying Bellefontaine Church, near St. Louis, Mo.

I feel that the Centenary will come through without fail if we can reach our people with the Church paper.—A Pastor.

In Massachusetts recently nineteen constitutional amendments were submitted, but only a few of the electors voted on them.

Rev. L. M. Powell of Dalark has been appointed to supply Princeton Circuit, which was left at conference to be supplied.

Two North Georgia circuits, Winterville and Union Point, have fixed the salaries of pastors at \$2,000 each. Good for old Georgia!

Bishop McDowell has been selected to write the Episcopal Address for the 1920 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is reported that the new Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Carter Glass, is a member of our church at Court Street, Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. A. N. Evans, pastor at Fayette, Mo., has been elected president of Howard-Payne College in place of Rev. H. E. Stout, who goes to the presidency of Texas Woman's College.

England, France, and Italy are all looking to America to help them restore their depleted forests. Immediate steps are necessary to insure sufficient wood for future generations.

Miss Mary Lou White, missionary to China, who is supported by the Y. W. C. A. of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, is at present in this country, and was expected to visit the college January 12.

Our Legislature did what the people of Arkansas expected them to do when it promptly passed a strong "bone-dry" law to enable us to have the necessary protection against the illicit liquor traffic.

The Bishops will hold their regular annual meeting at Nashville, May 12-14. The Board of Missions will meet May 5-10, the Board of Church Extension May 15-16, and the Board of Education May 6-7.

Rev. J. P. Lowry reports very interesting and profitable services at Twenty-eighth Street Church at Sunday school, Epworth League, and preaching hours. He is well pleased with his charge and the outlook.

Rev. S. B. Mann writes that he has been heartily received by the people of the Bright Star Circuit for his fourth year. He has been "pounded" well, and it was appreciated. The outlook promises a good year.

Rev. "Finch" M. Winburn, a superannuate of Central Texas Conference, writes that he is living on his wife's ranch, four miles out from Dublin, Texas, is in fine health, and reads the Arkansas Methodist with interest.

Hon. John G. Woolley, great world orator, candidate for President of the United States a number of years ago, will speak at First Church, this city, on the night of January 26, at 7:30, on "Why Good Men Rule the World."

The sad news comes that Rev. W. H. Hansford, our pastor at Wesson, last Friday lost his little three-year-old son Owen. The burial was at Waldo Sunday. Brother Hansford and family have the sympathy of all who know them.

We regret to learn that about two weeks ago Rev. S. F. Goddard, the new pastor at El Dorado, was compelled to submit to an operation for appendicitis, but we rejoice that the operation has been successful and he is rapidly recovering.

January 18, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCraw, 2007 Marshall street, Mr. Ira N. Tenpenny of Woodberry, Tenn., and Miss Freddie McCraw were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Twenty-eighth Street Church.

The friends of law and order at Hot Springs are asking the Legislature to give proper protection against the evils of professional horse-racing. Our people should write to their senators and representatives urging their support for a good law on the subject.

When the Young Woman's Christian Association secretary goes to Russia for work, it is with the understanding that she will remain there three years without coming back. It takes some heroism to do that, though a busy world has not stopped long enough to give it recognition.

Seven women, representing seven foreign countries, sat down to dinner in an International Institute recently. The Young Woman's Christian Association, in its work in these institutes, is doing that which has been regarded as impossible, bringing Polish, Greek, Syrian, Russian, etc., together in an understanding sympathy.

Rev. George S. Frazer, General Secretary of the Methodist Men's Club, which was organized last May, reports that many of our churches have organized clubs and are thereby preparing to meet the needs of the returned soldiers. It would be well for our pastors to study this movement. Write to the Secretary at Washington, Ga., for information.

Bishop R. J. Cooke slipped on an icy walk in Athens, Tenn., on January 5, severely spraining an ankle and tearing ligaments. He hobbled to the church and preached a wonderful sermon on "The Loss and Gain of the War." At the close he had to be carried from the church. The physician says that he may be confined to the house for five or six weeks.—Ex.

In 1914 the value of our agricultural, manufactured, mineral, and forestry products was \$37,589,000,000, while last year the total was \$75,700,000,000. A large part of this increase is due to higher prices, but there was also a real increase in the quantity of many products. The value of the agricultural output is almost three times that of 1914. Forest products have increased least of all.

It is a pleasure to publish such a letter as that found on another page from Rev. A. E. Goode of North Arkansas Conference, who is a "Y" Secretary at Fort Sill, Okla. The Y. M. C. A., like every other institution, has its faults, but it has rendered and is rendering a monumental service to our soldiers. It is in the truest and best sense the forces of evangelical Christianity united for doing what the separate denominations could not do.

Correspondents of secular papers, writing from France, say that the rate of mortality at Base Hospital 43, which is the unit organized by the School of Medicine of Emory University, is the lowest of any American military hospital overseas. The Emory School of Medicine is one of the best in the South, and this report will surprise no one who knows the able medical faculty at Atlanta.

Rev. Theodore Copeland, D. D., of Texarkana, was in St. Louis last week for the first time since he

left our State. He accompanied his two sons to St. Louis. They will be connected this year with the International Shoe Co. Dr. Copeland has lost none of his geniality, and he is as able as ever to express his appreciation of his brethren. The Arkansas people have given the Doctor about the best appointments they have.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Bishop W. S. Lewis writes us from Los Angeles, Cal., concerning the condition of Bishop Bashford, in which he says the physical strength of the Bishop is failing and that he walks close to the borderland with great faith in God and an ever increasing confidence in the support of Christ as he nears the boundary of the valley of the shadow. Mrs. Bashford is with him, and, though not strong, is able to give her support and comfort to the man with whom she has shared the weight of many burdens through a long life.—Ex.

Bolshevism is socialistic anarchy in its most virulent form. The danger of its spread lies in the fact that its wild dream appeals directly to the vicious, the ignorant and the thriftless class. It tells them they are victims of oppression by the owners of wealth—that they ought to rule, and by reason of numbers, can rule if they will. The golden rainbow of the dream is pillage and plunder—the goal of a general divide. The method of attaining its goal is to kill all owners of property and take it for themselves.—The Texarkanian.

February 2 is "Armenian Relief Sunday." Will not you, our pastors, devote all or a portion of your sermon on that day to the cause of the four million starving war sufferers in the Near East? Ministers and Sunday school workers have already done much for relief of the persecuted Armenian Christians. Now the need is still more widespread and desperate. You can help substantially in getting an over-subscription of the \$30,000,000, which will, within a year, put these stricken peoples back on their feet and beyond the need of our generosity.

Rev. M. Columbus Hamilton, who was transferred from East Oklahoma Conference and stationed at Stillwater, in West Oklahoma Conference, is delighted with his wonderful opportunities in that college town, where he has large congregations and a fine church plant. Twenty of the A. & M. College faculty belong to his church and about 300 of the students are affiliated. There are some 150 young men and women in two Sunday school classes, and the League is largely attended. The local church numbers about 200, and is constantly increasing.

When W. J. Bryan's State, Nebraska, ratified the national prohibition amendment on January 16, being the thirty-sixth State, it completed the number necessary to carry it; hence constitutional prohibition will go into effect on January 16, 1920. This is earlier than even the most sanguine prohibitionists had dared to hope. Other States are ratifying and it is believed that only New Jersey will ultimately refuse. The editor rejoices that his own old State, Missouri, swung into line in spite of brewer-dominated St. Louis. Things scarcely dreamed of are happening in these great days.

After the last service at the State Farm last Sunday, the editor was brought over to Tucker, where he preached at night to a congregation that filled the little church. It is a small town and only a few white families are there, hence our church, the only one in the community, is necessarily small, but it is made up of fine people who are interested in the church and school and love their pastor, Rev. A. T. Clanton. As he lives at Sherrill and it was not his day at Tucker, the editor did not meet him, but heard good reports of his work. Mrs. Hawkins, who had taught school there for several years, accepted a position in the college at Millerburg, Ky., last fall, and now Miss Tennie Niven, a Galloway College student, daughter of Dr. J. D. Niven, who has been teaching there, has also accepted a position in the same college. The community regrets to lose these two good teachers. The country around Tucker is rich and is developing rapidly. It has a great future. Our church must take good care of it.

The criminal cringes before the cross and cries for surcease from pain; the saint seeks strength and enduring the Cross receives the crown.

IT CAN BE DONE.

Dr. Frank Neff, pastor of First Church (North), Hutchinson, Kansas, with the assistance of his official board, made a canvass for the Conference Organ, and secured seventy new subscribers and eighty-six renewals. Dr. Neff is one of the Unification Commissioners of his Church. He shows us what can be done for the Church paper by well directed effort. Shall we for two months have the united efforts of our pastors to put the Arkansas Methodist into every Methodist home? It can be done.

PROPER RECOGNITION.

Last week the Arkansas Senate passed resolutions expressing appreciation of the services of Hon. George Thornburgh in promoting the cause of prohibition, and the Governor sent him a pen with the following letter:

"Executive Chamber, State of Arkansas,
"Hon. George Thornburgh, City:

"My Dear Col. Thornburgh—I take pleasure in presenting you herewith one of the pens which I used in signing the resolution for the national amendment for national prohibition. I trust that you will keep this as a memento of the many years which you have devoted to the cause of prohibition as president of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas.

"With continued friendship and high esteem, I am,
Sincerely your friend,
"Charles H. Brough, Governor."

A VISIT TO THE FARM.

Having a desire to know what progress had been made since I inspected the State Farm at Cummins nearly twelve years ago, I accepted the invitation of Chaplain E. M. Pipkin and spent last Saturday and Sunday on the new Farm two miles east of Tucker, in the northern part of Jefferson County.

Judge W. A. Coker, the resident Commissioner, was away, but my friend, Deputy Warden Hamp Martin, a nephew of Capt. W. W. Martin, took me in charge and gave me ample opportunity to see everything I cared to see.

The Farm, which was purchased about three years ago, and for the past two years has been under the careful supervision of Judge W. A. Coker of Monticello, contains about 4,500 acres, of which 2,600 are in cultivation and the balance, which is covered with fine timber, is fenced and pastured. It lies on both sides of Wabbaseka Bayou and is naturally well drained for the bottom. The soil is strong buckshot with just enough sand to make it work easy and dry out quickly. It is so ditched and drained by the turnrows that, although there was much water elsewhere, there was little in these fields.

About 1,200 acres were in long staple cotton last year. Some 300 bales have been picked and 200 are still in the field on account of shortage of labor caused by influenza in the best picking season.

About 650 acres were in corn, producing more than enough for the men and the stock. In 1918 there were 100 acres of wheat producing 2,076 bushels of fine grain. About 175 acres are now in wheat and it looks well. Flour is furnished to both farms and it is of excellent quality.

Large crops of sweet potatoes and turnips were raised and are carefully preserved. There was a good crop of early Irish potatoes, but the late planting failed on account of drouth. Many tomatoes and beans are produced, also a large amount of sorghum for molasses. There is a fine field of alfalfa, and more has been started.

Many hogs and cows are kept and arrangements are being made to increase the supply. The mules and other stock are kept on the pastures as much as possible. There is no Johnson grass and practically no Bermuda grass.

The stockades, commissary, hospital, houses for officers and employees, barns, mill, and gin have been built with convict labor and are substantial and well constructed. Bridges, roads, and fences also have been built.

The stockades are furnished with iron single beds instead of the old vermin-infested bunks. The hospital is supplied with sanitary cots and is well lighted and ventilated. At both stockades provision is made for hot and cold shower baths. The Grace Camp has modern water works and sewer

system. The dining rooms and kitchens are scrupulously clean. Indeed, all the buildings and surroundings are clean and apparently sanitary. There are no disagreeable odors such as are common at many other places. Under the efficient care of Dr. J. H. Kinsworthy the health of the prisoners has been safeguarded. The influenza was practically kept out of the Grace Camp, and of 180 who had it, there were only two deaths. There were only two patients in the hospital last Sunday. It is but right to say that the men looked much cleaner and heartier than men similarly employed are usually found. The lighting is by electricity from Pine Bluff. The water is pumped from fairly deep wells.

In company with Brother Pipkin, who is greatly interested in this work, I went to the Grace Camp at ten a. m. Sunday and preached to the eighty men there, and at 2 p. m. preached to about 120 at the Head Camp. The men, mostly young, looked well, seemed interested, and sang well, but, as I suggest editorially, they need better opportunities for education and moral reform.

Comparing the situation with that which I found at Cummins twelve years ago, I can say sincerely that there has been vast improvement, and our Governor and his appointees are entitled to credit for doing much with little, because our people should understand that these officials have no funds except as they produce them with the convict labor. The Legislature simply turns over a body of convicts and tells the Commissioners to keep them working to pay for their keep and the Farms.

The Head Warden, Mr. D. Horton, and his assistants, Martin, Flannery, Vernon, and others, gave me every opportunity to see and understand, and Mrs. Coker and Mrs. Martin, who preside over the Administration House, were most pleasant and entertaining hostesses. The fine weather, the orderly conduct, the well kept buildings and premises, and the hospitable entertainment, made the occasion one long to be remembered. I hope in the near future to return and also to visit the Cummins Farm, where the negroes are kept, so as to report to the State more fully concerning its penal institutions.—A. C. M.

PENAL PROBLEMS.

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ate wages (just a little less than regular wages) until he has secured other work. He would, in a sense, be on trial as a free man, and after a few months of faithful service could find employment through proper State agencies in touch with employers.

4. The Governor visits the State Farms and the Legislature usually appoints a visiting committee, but as this committee must neglect other important duties and the visit is hurried and only in the winter, little of real value is gained. A more practical system of visitation is needed. In Oklahoma a Commissioner of Charities and Correction is elected along with other State officers, and he has large authority to inspect and even to institute correctional processes. Filled for four years by Rev. W. D. Mathews, a former citizen of Arkansas, this office has proved to be a tremendous power for good. If Arkansas is not yet ready to create such an office, another plan could be operated. Let the Legislature authorize the Chief Justice to appoint seven visitors whose necessary traveling expenses should be paid. These should be prominent men and women representing different professions and occupations, people of sufficient experience in their several callings to be in some measure authorities, and big enough to be above the suspicion of partiality or unfairness. These visitors, singly or in groups, as they might think best, should without previous notice visit the Farms and study conditions, and report individually to the Governor and Legislature. This would keep the management up to a high standard throughout the year and secure valuable suggestions from different angles. The best men and women would gladly serve without pay for the public good that might be accomplished.

5. It has been suggested that the old Farm at Cummins should now be sold and the prisoners usually employed there be used for building State roads. The writer nearly twelve years ago spent ten days at that Farm by special appointment and made a painstaking examination of the whole situation. There is at Cummins a fine body of land and

many improvements are said to have been made. The State can afford to hold it, but we believe it would be wise to sell, because of its remoteness and inaccessibility and certain unfavorable local conditions. It need not be sacrificed, but sold for a fair price. However, although we are thoroughly committed to a progressive program of road building, we advise strongly against such use of the prisoners. It is doubtful whether roads can be built as cheaply or as well by convicts as by contract. Most of the men are better qualified for farm work. No educational work could be done in moving camps. Prisoners are hardened by working in public. The expense of guarding would be greater and there would be more opportunities for escape. The work would often be done where health would be imperiled. In case of sickness hospital facilities and proper care would be lacking. From a financial standpoint the State would be no better off, and for the most part the prisoners would inevitably get worse treatment. If they could not be humanely and profitably employed on the Farms road-working might be the best expedient.

There is a better way possible. Let another tract of land be secured near Tucker where sanitary and agricultural conditions are unusually favorable. By having all convicts on adjoining Farms, the management could be greatly simplified and overhead expenses reduced.

A still better arrangement would be to negotiate for ten thousand acres where both hill and bottom land can be had with rock and timber and water power. With such a location a far greater diversity of occupation could be followed, and the time of the prisoners utilized for more days in the year. Instead of being limited, highly diversified farming could be followed, and road and building materials could be produced at minimum cost. There the convicts might not merely maintain themselves, but furnish much that is needed at other State institutions. We know that there are such tracts. If the owners would not sell, the Board could be authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain. It would not be necessary now to sell the Tucker Farm, but after the new Farm had been sufficiently improved, the Tucker Farm might be sold and all activities centered at the ideal place.

For the sake of the future of the criminal and unfortunate and for the honor of the State, we earnestly invite consideration of our penal problems with a view of realizing an ultimate ideal. Let us remember that the State is partially responsible for conditions which produce criminals, and it is our high duty to correct these conditions. Above all things let us remember that we are dealing with men—not brutes nor machines—men created in the image of God, and though this image may be sadly marred it is our great privilege to assist in restoring the divine likeness. As it was our Master's mission, so it is ours "to seek and to save the lost."

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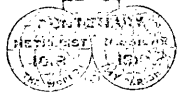
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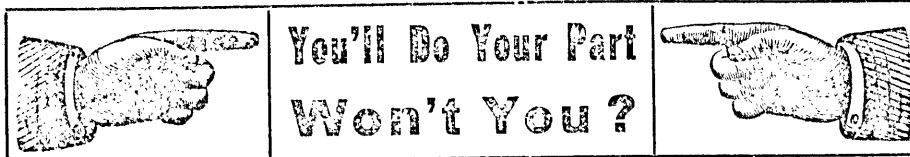
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MY COUNTRY, AWAKE!
An Appeal For Armenia.

[The following poem was written about twenty years ago when Turkey was crucifying Armenia. We have waited long, but at last America is responding. Was the hope a prophecy?]

My Country, my Country, awake from thy slumber!

The voice of Armenia calls from her tears;

A virgin despoiled she now cries for protection;—

Awake then, thou mighty one, stop not thine ears!

My Country, my Country, once poor and down-trodden,

But quick to resist and the tyrant o'erthrow;

Shall innocent weakness in vain plead for rescue?

Oh, bare thy strong arm and strike down the base foe!

My Country, my Country, thou mother of freemen,

Thy sons have oft heard thee to victory call,

When wrong should be righted and truth be unfettered—

Why cringe and refuse to unchain any thrall?

My Country, my Country, has thy heart ceased beating

In sympathy deep for the woes of the world?

Gross commerce, base ease, and diplomacy bind thee;

Up, break thine own bonds! let thy flag be unfurled!

My Country, my Country; that flag has waved ever

O'er homes of the free and the land of the brave;

It now droops in shame and its stars lose their luster,—

Oh, raise it, advance it, thine honor to save!

My Country, my Country; the despots are crouching,

Each watching the others, all fearing to move;

The Turk in his frenzy and fury still rages;—

O Daughter of Freedom, thy constancy prove!

My Country, my Country; blood cries out to heaven;

Armenia's martyrs entreat as they fall;

Thy heroes, though dead, join their prayers with the dying;

O Mother of heroes, heed the loud call!

My Country, my Country, what! longer delaying?

Has blood turned to ooze? Has thy heart become stone?

Then palsied thy hand e'en thyself to deliver—

O God, save this country, no longer my own!

My Country, my Country, still mine, though unworthy;

Thy sons are in sorrow; they blush for thy shame—

But see! She has risen, her arm is uplifted!

My Country, my Country, again I can claim.—A. C. Millar.

"ARMENIAN RELIEF SUNDAY."

To Pastors of the Southwest: February 2 has been designated as "Armenian Relief Sunday" for the Southwestern States. This is the day for the beginning of the actual drive to raise funds for relief of the Armenians, Syrians, and other peoples who are now homeless and starving as a result of Turkish barbarities during the war.

Will you not devote the whole or a part of your sermon on that Sunday to a consideration of this campaign and the needs of these destitute war sufferers? On account of the difficulty of reaching each of the pastors by a personal note, I am taking this means of asking you to help us in giving publicity to the biggest, and what we hope will be the last financial drive necessary for these stricken peoples. As you probably know, a generous oversubscription of the \$30,000,000 asked will enable the Armenians and Syrians to become self-supporting within a year.

To the ministers and Sunday School workers who have already given so largely of their time and money to this cause we extend our heartiest thanks and best wishes.—Porter Cakes, Director of Publicity, Armenian Relief Campaign.

IS THERE SAVING GRACE IN WAR?

To ask the question raised in the caption of this article is to answer it negatively if either the teachings of history or the principles of Christianity be accepted by us. Nevertheless, there are those who seem ready to answer it affirmatively and with emphasis.

A recent article, widely circulated in weekly papers and in pamphlet form, takes the position that war has brought to light what has long existed or has produced as it has progressed a great body of most admirable Christians, who are overflowing with a fine type of unconscious Christianity, best described by a phrase coined by Donald Hankey, "the religion of the inarticulate."

The characteristics of this religion (which many who have it, we are told, do not know that they have it) are self-sacrifice manifested on the battlefield or behind the lines or in pest-ridden districts or among starving villagers; charity exhibited in giving the last crust to the hungry or the last garment to the naked; humility shown by fitted persons doing menial work to relieve sufferers or by sons of noblemen bivouacking with the sons of peasants on terms of equality; generosity of both rich and poor people in making great sacrifices in order to meet the demands made upon them in this time of war. Now, all these characteristics are very admirable, and at such a time as the present they are likely to receive universal applause.

But may they not exist without any religion at all? Closely analyzed, they all may be reduced to one—namely, generosity and kindness to the needy in a time of great trial and distress. But does such generosity and kindness, however self-sacrificing, constitute a Christian, articulate or inarticulate? Do not even the Huns the same toward their fellows? If this be the whole of the war-made Christianity, may we not ask of its possessors whether they claim to have religion or not, or know that they have it. "What do ye more than others? Do not the heathen the same?" Both ancient and modern paganism can sup-

ply examples of self-sacrificing equal to anything set forth by the advocates of the "religion of the inarticulate."

When deeds of charity and kindness are set up as perfect samples of faultless religion one can not put out of mind what St. Paul (who may be regarded as tolerably high authority on what constitutes a Christian) wrote in his first letter to the Corinthian church: "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love it profiteth me nothing." (I Cor. 12:3.) Doing charitable deeds is evidently no substitute for the kind of love, or charity, which the great apostle reckons to be of the essence of Christianity, else he could not have taught that one might give all his goods to the poor and yet not have it. A man might have the spirit of a martyr and give his body to be burned and yet not be a Christian, if we may trust St. Paul to teach us. Evidently the apostle believed and taught that pure and undefiled religion has in it love toward God as well as generosity and kindness toward one's fellowmen, and that its prime elements are faith and hope and love. He enjoyed a religion requiring for its existence the new birth and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the human soul. He knew nothing of a religious life that is invisible in time of peace, when nothing militant stirs to action, and inarticulate in time of war, when unusual scenes of suffering evoke sacrifices from it.

It appears that another characteristic of this "religion of the inarticulate" is that it has a decided antipathy to the church, with its creeds and ordinances, and that it proposes after the war to "develop its own church, which will be the church of the future," finding its "leaders among the laity" and pronouncing "ordinances, rituals and creeds as non-essential for admission" to its pales. This preacherless, creedless, voiceless, inarticulate church, we are told, will be the conclusive proof that "the church of today has failed" and will take its place among men as the final and best form of the kingdom of God upon the earth.

Of such a Church Paul knew nothing, as he knew nothing of any form of Christianity which could be described by the phrase "the religion of the inarticulate." Pauline Christianity is not a deaf and dumb spirit, and the Pauline Church was not a creedless, gospel-less body of inchoate and incoherent sentimentality arising out of the smoke of battle.

Close akin to this unscriptural program of "the religion of the inarticulate" is the somewhat prevalent notion that the war by its own force is going to make men Christians. War has no such property.

That many men facing death daily will become more serious, some of them will come to Christ and be saved, is highly probable. For such a result we all devoutly pray. We have reason to believe with joy that already many thousands have been thus blessed. But we are forced to admit with sorrow that many thousands also have been demoralized by the war. Absent from home and home restraints, beset by the peculiar temptations of a foreign land and strange surroundings, multitudes of young men have become the victims of vice. Many will return from France, as many returned from the Philippines, wrecked by habits of vice contracted in the army.

Every student of history knows that the tendency of war is to demoralize. Cromwell's army, with all its Puritan origin and purposes, did not escape from the effects of this tendency of war. The army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Robert E. Lee, was one of the most religious forces that ever went to war, and great revivals of religion prevailed in its camps, as one may discover by reading that interesting book entitled "Christ in the Camp," by Rev. J. William Jones, D. D., but every one acquainted with the facts knows that many came back from the army of Northern Virginia wrecked in faith and morals.

There is nothing in war to convert. There is in its hardships and conflicts that which inspires self-sacrifice and generosity. It is also a great equalizer. In the trenches in France the rich and the poor are meeting together and treating each other as brothers. Engagement in a common cause will do all that. Even a political campaign will bring men together somewhat in the same way. Hence the proverb that "politics makes strange bedfellows." But war-begotten virtues will perish in peace, having no root in themselves.

For the conversion of the human soul from sin to God nothing less than the saving grace of Jesus Christ is required.

Under the pressure and perplexities of this awful war multitudes may lose all faith. During the war between the States many men in both the North and South lost all concern for religion and religious things. The same results will follow the war now going on.

Our only hope is in God. A religion which bears the trade-mark "made in war" will soon die and rest under a tombstone inscribed "Died in peace." There is no saving grace in war.

Let us pray for our dear boys at the front and keep the altar fires burning at home. When they return to us wounded and sick and sore, as many will, they will need the old Bible, the old faith, the old prayers, the old songs and the old Church. Many thousands of them are longing for these holy things now as the Hebrew exiles by the rivers of Babylon yearned for Jerusalem, with its holy temple and blessed services.—Bishop W. A. Candler, in Midland Methodist.

MERE SUGGESTIONS.

The passing of a great world war; the awakening of the peoples of the earth to a new spirit of manhood and a new sense of political self-sufficiency; the sweeping of the ideals of democracy, like an avalanche, over all the world, and the jarring of conflicting interests and discordant elements in a world in process of reconstruction, bring to the Church of God the challenge of universal opportunity, and call upon it for the solution of unprecedented problems. Will the Church meet this challenge and solve these problems? If so, how?

First of all, we must have the Spirit of Christ. And that means all that it means. Not merely a tender emotional, intense, devotion to my Christ; but a whole-hearted transformation of the inner man into the likeness and spirit of the world's Christ.

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We must be ready to live as He lived, to love as He loved and to sacrifice as He sacrificed. "Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many" so must His Church minister in the spirit of unreserved self-giving. We must catch His vision, and share its widest sweep and its deepest penetration. "Unto the uttermost part of the earth" our plans and prayers and labors must go; and salvation "to the uttermost", from the uttermost depths, must be our theme!

Then, we must conquer by the Word of Christ. It is not only a saving Word, but a saving Word for all men. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." All people! The people in the mines, mills and markets of the world; the people on sea and land; the people in the rural districts, and in the mountain regions; the people in the city slums, and in the underworld; the people in the streets, in the alleys, and in the prisons; the people of all languages, all colors, all regions of the earth! The Kingdom of God has no frontiers.

Not only must the Church go after individuals everywhere; she must go after races, social groups and nations. "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations". National evangelization, national regeneration, national reform—these are aims of the Kingdom as legitimate as the sanctification of individual believers. The races and governments of the world must be brought to Christ. Not to the acceptance of a creed; not to the adoption of a philosophy; not to a mere emotional religiosity; but to Christ, to self-devotion and service; to allegiance to that Kingdom which is "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

We must be filled and inspired with the Passions of Christ. Not the sense of duty, nor the appeal of a great enterprise, will furnish adequate motive and inspiration for this task. We must love as He loved! God pity the preacher who urges the claims of the Missionary Cause on the ground that missions enlarge the markets for the produce of Christian lands! God pity the Church that pays its assessment merely to keep up with the procession! The motives of pride, pelf and plunder will never save the world. The Church must join with its large plans and generous gifts, a passionate ministry of intercession. We must love the man we seek to win, and must love with a passion that rends heaven with its cries for his deliverance.

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Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store. You surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine. Save your hair! Try it!

In the great Centenary Movement, Methodism has projected a program that comprehends all these elements and motives. A deep, genuine and far-reaching revival in the Church at home; a mighty awakening to a sense of our obligations to the Kingdom and our debt to the world; an opening of our hearts and treasures and a generous out-pouring of our money for the Master's use; a far-sighted and united "drive", delivering all the strength and resources of the Church upon the task in hand; such are the aims of the Centenary!

All this is no dream. It is something the Church can do. Nay, more, it is what we must do, or be untrue to our Christ. We must do it, or die! Let every preacher preach persistently that it can and must be done. Let every man, woman and child in the Church be made to see that it can and must be done. Then, let every soul devote all the energies of his being to doing it.

But that is not enough. The supreme demand is, that all the forces work together; that all work in harmony; that all activities be co-ordinated. Let every unit be definitely related to the whole movement; let every department of the Church know its relation to the Church-wide program.

As something that may illustrate the principle, and as a possible contribution toward such a co-ordination of our work, I wish to offer some suggestions relative to District Conferences. These should be great inspirational meetings through which the ripest thought and divinest unction of the Church should find its way to all our people. No other meeting offers so good an opening for a wide-spread, spiritual propaganda. To this end—

(1.) Let the District Conferences be held in central places. For this one year—the first year of the quadrennium, which should be an epoch-making year—let every other interest be sacrificed to that of getting large numbers of our representative men from all sections of the territory together in these conferences. Presiding elders should be encouraged to take the responsibility of making such changes as may be necessary to accomplish this. This thing that we are undertaking is too big to be "done in a corner." And it will not be done in a corner, for the folks who must do it will not be there in any very large numbers.

(2.) Let the District Conferences be carefully timed. Select dates when busy men can command most leisure. And then, let the seven presiding elders of the Little Rock Conference work together, and select seven different dates for these conferences. The North Arkansas Conference can easily co-ordinate the work of its eight districts in the same way. This will give our Conference Centenary man, Brother McKay, a chance to present his work at all the District Conferences, and may enable us to have other strong men with us, and "pass them around." It will give our Sunday School Field Secretary a fair opportunity to reach the Church with his valuable work. We sometimes complain that our Conference field men do not cover enough ground, and we make no effort to help them to cover it. It will make it possible for Dr. Millar to represent our excellent and indispensable Conference Organ far more widely than is possible without such a plan.

(3.) Let the utmost efforts be made to get our strongest men to visit these

Conferences. I am sure the Bishop will try hard to help those Districts that are thus trying to help themselves. Presiding elders and pastors can then visit other districts. My, how this helps! Such men as J. L. Cannon, T. D. Scott, James Thomas, E. R. Steel, M. N. Waldrup and many others ought to be used by the whole Church. Let us make it possible for representatives from all our schools to reach all our District Conferences.

—A. M. Shaw.

THE CENTENARY PROGRAM.

Some of the brethren, I understand, are anxious to begin their collections for the Centenary Fund. Their zeal is to be commended, but just a little thought would reveal the fact that we are not ready for the financial campaign.

Many of our people do not know just what we are proposing to do. It will take much instruction and training to get ready for the collection.

The first and most important thing is to enlist all of our people in a League for prayer. This part of the program is to close on February 16, at which time a sermon is to be preached on Intercession, and pledge cards for Intercessors to be distributed among the people. During one week following the 16th the entire membership of the church is to be canvassed and every member will be induced, if possible, to sign a card. These cards will be furnished from the office at Nashville, Tenn., upon application.

Following this will be a campaign for instruction and training for the great drive which comes April 27 to May 4. During these eight days it is hoped that the church will subscribe the full \$35,000,000.

Every one is urged to conform strictly to this program. It will mean much for the whole church to be engaged in the same work at the same time.

With the co-operation of all the pastors and leaders, we will be able to put the campaign over in fine shape. F. S. H. Johnston, Secretary of the Centenary Campaign,

North Arkansas Conference.

THE ARMY Y. M. C. A.

I have not seen a copy of the Arkansas Methodist since I entered the service of the Y. M. C. A. I had not realized before, just how much one would miss the weekly visit of his church paper.

From San Antonio Texas, I was appointed to service here at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The need for overseas men having passed with the signing of the armistice, the job of the Y. M. C. A. is to concentrate its efforts in the home camps.

I suppose since the mobilization of our army began there has never been a more restless period among the soldiers, for actual hostilities having ceased, the soldiers see no just reason why they are held in the camps instead of being mustered out to return to their homes and business. They rallied to the nation's call for fighting men when our national liberty and homes were insulted, laying every interest near and dear to them on the altar of service.

Though restless they be, they are a magnificent and magnanimous body of men. The world has no greater than they. But the task today is to cheer and keep up the morale. The Y. M. C. A. seems evidently to be the

very agent for this gigantic task. The Y. M. C. A. functions so essentially at this point that it must be regarded as indispensable, for without it what would the soldier do? There is no other agency which offers the home-like comforts to the fellows. There are in most cases one Y. W. C. A. Hostess House and one K. C. as agencies of helpfulness, but they could in no case supply the demands of a big army. The Y. M. C. A. is the home of the soldier. There he writes his letter on free stationery, mails his letters, has his packages wrapped, does his telephoning, gets free literature to read, and, aside from meeting his fellow friends, he is otherwise entertained. The "Y" man is the first one to whom the soldier goes with his perplexities, complaints and troubles. He expects a solution for every problem and an answer for every question from the "Y" man. Hence the Y. M. C. A. must be in accord and co-operation with the War Department and use every means possible to cheer and encourage the fellows.

For the last few days soldiers have been pouring into this camp from other camps. They hit the hike for the Y. M. C. A. the first day. At times there are almost a thousand men in our building.

In all probability the Y. M. C. A., like all other institutions has made mistakes and blunders. It is quite natural that such would be the case. Most of the mistakes have been made by careless and inefficient secretaries. Little and unworthy men have brought on the criticism against the Y. M. C. A., just as they have against all other institutions. It is just as

Weekly Health Talks

What Doctor Pierce Has Done For Humanity!

BY DOCTOR CRIPPS.

It has always seemed to me that Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., should be placed near the top when a list of America's great benefactors is written. He studied and conquered human diseases to a degree that few realize. Whenever he found a remedy that overcame disease, he at once announced it in the newspapers and told where it could be bought at a small price. He did not follow the usual custom of keeping the ingredients secret, so that the rich only could afford to buy the medicine, but openly printed the name of each root and herb he used. And so to-day the names of Dr. Pierce and his medicines are widely known, and they stand for better health and better citizenship.

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unfair to censure and condemn the Y. M. C. A. as a whole, for the blunders made by unworthy men as it is to censure and condemn the church for the blunders made in it by unworthy men. From personal observation in some of the largest camps in America, I can not conceive what conditions would have been had it not been for the Y. M. C. A., and in most cases the soldiers are wild in their praise of the Association.

While the opportunity is great for social aid, just present, there is also a vital opportunity for reaching and turning men into a spiritual channel. Many of them respond heartily to a call for a better life. I have seen many take a stand for a better life, and one fellow has dedicated his life to the ministry. He has had two years in college and will finish in our university at Dallas, Texas. I have two soldier Bible Classes running, using a soldier teacher. One soldier is teaching shorthand classes in the building. Brethren, I enjoy the work with the fellows and covet an interest in your prayers.

Alva E. Goode,
Army Y. M. C. A., 56 Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

The following legislation would be in order, as it appears to me, at this session of our General Assembly.

1. The fixing of our divorce laws to be in accord with the requirements of the New Testament. I have been compelled to refuse membership into our Church of one whose marriage relation was that of adultery, although that marriage relation was sanctioned by the laws of the State. Our Church does not authorize our preachers to perform marriage rites contrary to the New Testament, and yet people have come to us—always to be refused, I trust—with license to perform marriage ceremonies, sanctioned by the State, but condemned of God. This condition of unscriptural marriages should not be permitted longer in our State.

2. As soon as it is practicable at all there should be established a reform school in our state to teach useful industries to the idle young negroes of our State. Our problem is the idle boy, not the one at work. Such a reformatory would save great expense of

prosecutions and rescue to useful citizenship many who would otherwise make confirmed loafers and criminals. This desire for a reform school for young negroes is prompted from my experience as a reform worker in our State penitentiary and reform school.

3 Though it may seem to digress from the order of suggestions that a preacher would make, I will venture to remark that last year the food conservation authorities wisely placed restrictions upon the marketing of the egg producer in our barnyards. Food is yet an item of large expense and scarcity in some places. In the face of this I have wondered why a price should not be placed upon the head of the hawk, especially the smaller species, that destroys so many chickens in our State every year.—J. F. Taylor.

PAINE COLLEGE.

I am happy to announce that Paine College has just taken possession of the ninety-one acres adjacent to our present campus, which we so much desired for farming purposes. Our campus and farm now include nearly 110 acres. This alone assures this institution a much larger future.

A host of friends have made this possible by their generous subscriptions and contributions to our "land purchase fund." To them all we are very grateful.

Subscriptions to this fund were taken with the understanding that they could be paid any time this winter or in the spring. But it would help us very much if a goodly number could pay their subscriptions during the present month, since the second payment on the land is due the second of next month.—Albert D. Betts, President.

ANNUAL REPORT AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, ARKANSAS DEPOSITORY, SOUTHWESTERN AGENCY.

Col. Geo. Thornburgh, Gov. Charles H. Brough, Bishop J. R. Winchester, Mrs. William T. McCurry, Drs. John Van Lear, B. F. Cato, A. C. Millar, M. N. Waldrip and C. E. Hayes, Advisory Committee.

Dear Brethren: As agent of the American Bible Society in Arkansas, I beg to submit to you the following report:

By guidance and help of Almighty God, Whose I am, and to Whom this cause belongs, I have been enabled to distribute 27,146 volumes of Scripture during the year 1918, as follows:

Sold—Bibles, 2,240; Testaments, 8,318; portions, 13,850; total, 24,408.

Donated—Bibles, 68; Testaments, 1,195; portions, 1,475.

Total number of volumes distributed, 27,146.

Miles traveled, 9,665.

Cities and towns visited, 117.

Institutions supplied with Scriptures, 19.

Our chief effort has been given to supplying the soldiers with God's Word. With the co-operation of the patriotic citizens of Arkansas, who love "The Book" and sympathize with the soldier, we have had reasonable success. In the twelve months ending November 1 we have raised \$10,000 to help in furnishing the Scriptures to our men in the service of the "Stars and Stripes."

One striking feature of this work was the large number of foreign-speaking men to be supplied. On one occasion I sent Scriptures in 21 different

languages to Camp Pike. Many other languages were added to these from time to time.

In conclusion, I beg to state that I have added to our quarters a little and now have the largest stock of Bibles and Testaments in the State. I hope by your co-operation and the hearty support of our patrons and friends to make the work in 1919 even a greater success than last year.—D. H. Colquette, Field Agent.

MISSOURI LETTER.

The new Financial Plan called for some marked changes in the financial methods of the Southwest Mission Conference. Beginning each year with a very small balance in our Conference Missionary treasury, and sometimes with a deficit, we had to depend upon early collections to meet appropriations. For this reason the Conference missionary collection was made in a sense a preferred claim, at least in the order of time. In my later pastorates I always paid that claim in full the first quarter of the year.

Because of the emergency, the Conference instructed the pastors to raise the Conference claims by January 1, and authorized the Conference Treasurer to furnish our Conference Board sufficient funds to meet claims before prorating with other Boards that do not need their money early in the year.

I began my year's work with a definite purpose to take in hand the work of helping the circuit preachers in raising their collections the first quarter, and especially to try to get salaries above the starvation basis; for all the circuits in my district paid last year from \$800 down to figures too low to quote. My first Sunday in the country yielded good results, so far as the Conference claims were concerned, but for more than three months the influenza has been in our way. Two Sundays I could find no congregation to preach to, three Sundays I preached only in the morning, and the rest of the time to small congregations nearly all the time, while I have held sixteen quarterly Conferences, with an attendance of but two to five members in each instance.

The stewards I wanted to reach were conspicuous by their absence. Yet we report some improvement. The best circuit in the district has advanced the salary of the preacher from \$800 to \$1,062, and five stations have made increases ranging from \$40 to \$600. St. Paul Church, Springfield, which paid me \$800 and \$900 when I served them first and \$1,800 and \$2,000 when I was there a few years ago, is paying Dr. C. M. Hawkins \$3,000 this year. For the collections, I am sure the district has paid more than it ever paid before this early in the year.

You in Arkansas can hardly appreciate the difficulty under which we labor in Missouri. Here we must compete with another Methodism on nearly equal terms. In Springfield there is room for both. We have two Mission Churches in that city, neither one of which is within a mile of any other Methodist Church. But in six towns there are two Methodist Churches where there is only room for one. We have a church in one of these towns which pays \$1,300, but it is the only church of the twelve that pays that much.

I have discussed the situation with the District Superintendent of the M. E. Church, and were the whole matter in our hands we could make some ad-

justments, but we are agreed that in all these towns there are a few members that will probably prevent any consolidations, so there seems nothing left but to go on and do the best we can. I may say that we are not spending any missionary money in any of these towns. Church membership is voluntary and you can not force people's convictions. You may call such convictions prejudices if you will, but that does not alter the situation.

There seems to be in some minds an idea that a general merger of Protestant Churches is near at hand, but that pleasing sentiment is little more than an "iridescent dream." A much closer federation of these churches is desirable and practicable and will doubtless follow the united movements brought about by the war, but partition fences still have their places. Last Monday morning the Springfield Ministerial Alliance discussed "Modern Evangelism." Some of our Calvinistic brethren threw out some remarks touching the "Final Perseverance of the Saints" that might have started a discussion that would have wrecked that alliance, had the Methodist preachers who were present cared to answer them.

Powder and gasoline can be burned safely in the open air.

Denominationalism if often abused or perverted and Church building is the ecclesiastical vice of some of our small towns, but these evils are far less than would follow coercive measures to prevent them.

In September, 1866, I heard Bishop Thomson of the M. E. Church in a sermon which showed that denominationalism stands for the furtherance rather than the hindrance of Christianity. His work was so well done that no plea for the "One Lone Church" made by Catholic, Episcopalian, Disci-

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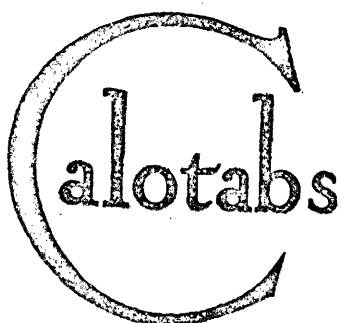
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ple or Baptist, has ever disturbed me. All the blood that ever has been shed in the persecutions which have disgraced Christendom since the Fourth Century has been shed to enforce the claims of the "One Lone Church." "It hath the eldest, primeval curse upon it—a brother's murder."

The kaiser had as good ground for his claim of divine authority for his dominion over the State as the pope for his claim of supremacy in the church. Principal Fairbairn, in discussing the effect upon the man himself, of claiming supreme authority, says of such an one, "He acts so much like a devil because he thinks himself so much like a god."—C. H. Briggs.

WHAT SEDALIA CIRCUIT DID FOR PAINE COLLEGE.

The five Sunday Schools of Sedalia Circuit in the Southwest Missouri Conference in the last Liberty Loan drive bought a \$50 bond and presented it to Paine College. Rev. S. P. Clayton is the pastor of that progressive charge. Such generous responses bring great encouragement to the hearts of the workers here.

Our collection of Liberty Bonds continues to grow. We now have ten of them stored in a vault and they will be retained in the permanent fund of the institution.

With the addition of ninety-one acres to our campus and with the large plans the Missionary Centenary has in store for the college there is every reason to believe that Southern Methodism can do much in training a Christian leadership for our colored Americans.—Albert D. Betts, President.

CUBAN CORRESPONDENCE.

We have just closed another revival at the church at Pinar del Rio. Bro. Augustin Nodal did the preaching. He is a Cuban preacher, with only six years' experience, in the ministry, a wonderful example of what God can do for a man wholly consecrated to Him. Such men are a source of encouragement for the whole missionary cause. The entire church was revived. Great spiritual refreshings from the Lord came upon us from day to day, men, women and children came to the altar, remained for prayer and consultation, and openly made their

confession of sin, and publicly confessed Christ as their personal Savior. One hundred and six of them became candidates for church membership, and will come into the church as fast as they can be prepared for doing so. Brethren, do not depreciate the work of Almighty God in our midst, and say "Well, that is easy out there on the mission field, where things are new." If you believe that is the case go into some Roman Catholic community near you, cursed with all the results of idolatry and formal religion, and do the same thing, and you will find that it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, as the Lord has said, the Holy Spirit working through a praying and believing church. Another great revival was held in Havana, Cuba, in December, resulting in 103 candidates for church membership. Some forty of them have already been received as members. There are great evidences of a general spiritual awakening in Cuba, and we are praying and believing that it is coming in the whole land. Will the home church continue to pray, that God may continue to glorify His only begotten Son in the transforming of the hearts and lives of men who have never known Him? Our colleges are wonderful demonstrations of the American system of education, which they greatly desire and seek, but when men's lives are transformed and they become new creatures in Christ Jesus, they know that it is not of man nor the United States, but of God. They have tried men, they can not forgive sin or transform the life. Pray that Jesus Christ may become real in Cuba in the transformation of life.—Henry Smith.

A LETTER FROM FLORIDA.

A good many days ago I promised myself to write a letter from these parts to your Arkansas Methodist readers; but, moving to a new charge, Christmas with its turkey and its Santa Claus, settling down into a new situation, added to general inertia, have proved too much for my good resolutions. However, some things are out of the way and others have got in, so, if ever, now as well as any time I may write.

A word about our Conference session: Bishop Candler delighted us with his presidency. He was never less than a great bishop. His shadow does not diminish, either in latitude or longitude. He was democratic enough, tender and human, wise and witty. Nobody complained out loud. His sermon and addresses awoke deep springs in our hearts.

The finances of the year showed up well in spite of the war and "flu." In fact, they were in advance of last year. But the membership gain was pitifully small. War, in spite of all that has been said and written, has not turned men unto God as the churches hoped it would. Our closets and our knees must be used more, even if our tongues and pens keep up their activity.

Increase in salary has been the one outstanding note from the brethren and charges as they begin the New Year. In almost every instance some increase has been made, and in some cases large increase.

The Arkansas preachers among us fared well. Broyles goes back to Hyde Park, Tampa, for the fourth year with that great church. Cason returned to Orlando, the city-beautiful nestled amid the lakes and the oaks, for a second year with that large and rich

church. In many ways he has the cream of the Conference. Sibert goes to the west end of the State and Conference to a quiet little city of cultured and lovely people, a good church and a comfortable parsonage. Neese "stays put" and will have another good year with his appreciative people.

Our college has had a fine year so far, in spite of very serious damage done the property by a tornado early in the session, a ravaging epidemic of "flu" later on, and the disturbance incident to mobilizing and demobilizing the S. A. T. C. But, the college still is our major problem. We plan anew each year some different experimental plan. But at bottom, like Louis VI and his plans for making money after the John Law and Mississippi Bible way, it all comes down to real money. There is no way of endowing a college without people parting from their money—even Methodist people, if they would have a college. Some of us have been keenly interested and deeply delighted by what Arkansas Methodists are doing for their colleges. The people who educate their sons and daughters in good colleges will one day rule the roost—if they keep it up long enough. Florida needs an earthquake, educationally.

Our Orphanage is in the "grub" stage yet. We have a small property beside a small lake at an inland small place called Enterprise. But, like the negro's "hot-rabbit-pie" of which Bishop DuBose used to tell when he was just "Doctor" and could still afford to tell stories, "dats des de name of it." For of all the things in the world it has not, Enterprise stands first. But the Conference shows some enterprise in raising funds and improving the property, and in making provision for the small number of orphans we can now accommodate.

The Centenary seems to have "hit the spot" with our folks. Of course, the sum proposed as our quota is large and a few short months ago would have staggered us, if not knocked us out, but after our war-time education in the use and raising of big termed sums, we swallowed our quota like a baby taking Castoria—"cried for more." And our plans are going forward with a rush and a dash that spell success.

My friends and correspondents will please take notice that my postoffice address is changed. After four years of apprenticeship among tourists of the middle-class type (that's what they say where I now am. But don't tell it over where I was) the "powers" sent me over here to West Palm Beach, where all the "yellow rich" of America and the rest of the world (if the rest of the world has any yellow rich) come to play a few weeks in winter. I suppose my riches and my well known "artistic" were the determining factors in making the appointment. Anyhow, I'm here amongst the Vanderbilt-Morgan-Gould-Singer-Astor crowd. And, to tell the truth, I'd just as lief be somewhere else.

But Palm Beach is some real place. It lies just across a narrow lake from West Palm Beach and is reached by ferry, two bridges and one railroad, and is on the Dixie Highway, which runs from Toronto, Canada, to Miami, Florida.

I suppose there is no place in America so famous as a winter resort as is Palm Beach. And it is a very beautiful place indeed. The west side of the long island is washed by Lake Worth, the narrow lake above mentioned, and bordered by cocoanut

palms and green grass. On this lake front is the Royal Poinciana Hotel, the largest wooden building in the world, so they say here, and undoubtedly the most expensive "hostelry" in the world.

The east side of the island is washed by the Atlantic, whose rolling seas come beating in with cannon-like crash. Facing this beach is the hotel called The Breakers, scarcely less in size and even more aristocratic and chic than the Royal Poinciana—if such can be. It is fenced in on the seaward side by a sea-wall and Australian-pine hedge. And it connects with the Royal Poinciana by a palm-and-pine shaded walk-way called "sunset trail". In fact, most of the streets, drive and walk-ways are called "trails". A bit of psychological camouflage by which the blasé society folk of New York and elsewhere attempt to delude themselves into thinking that they are far away from the maddening crowd in some forest primeval where they may make love after the cave-man fashion unseen of intruding eye. But, alas! even there "the darkness shines as the day."

Amongst the odd sights and customs of this aristocratic resort is that of wheel chairs. Many of their "trails" are open only to walkers, bicyclists and wheel-chairmen. Almost nobody walks. It is not the thing. But to an independent spirit which loves the feel of its own feet on the soil, a chair is perturbing and limiting, to say the least.

My guess is that a great winter city is destined to grow up on this island and that we shall be sinfully unwise if we fail now to grasp the situation and arrange to take care of the future.

So far the winter has been unusually rainy and warm in these parts. Further up state heavy frost fell last week and large damage was done to growing truck crops. But West Palm Beach is about three hundred miles south of Jacksonville and is warmed also by the Gulf Stream, which comes in to within three miles of the shore here.

Only a few miles to the west lies Lake Okechobee, our greatest lake of all the many lakes of Florida. On its shores vast vegetable fields are being put in, harvested, and replanted. It is most wonderfully fertile, but very expensive to put into cultivation and requires an amount of capital, to say nothing of a quality of knowledge and skill, rarely found among the smaller farmers of the nation. In fact, it seems so far to be a rich man's game. And even for him there are many risks and problems. Amongst the latter transportation is the major one, though skilled labor is not far behind transportation as a problem. For only with trained gardeners and packers can success be expected.

For old people, sick people, idle people, and such-like, this is almost an ideal winter place.—W. F. Dunkle, West Palm Beach, Fla.

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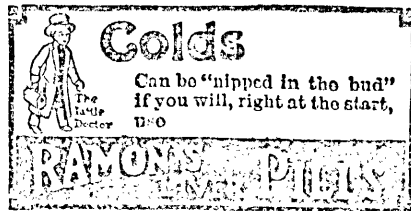
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OUR TASK FOR 1919.

"Whereas the Church is facing a great crisis, calling for co-operation of the whole Church and for the cultivation of all its spiritual resources; and whereas the Woman's Missionary Society is an organized agency through which the womanhood of the Church may be reached with this cultivation—your committee recommends:

That prayer leagues be formed in every auxiliary and that an earnest effort be made to enlist every woman of the Church in these leagues, praying for the nations at war, that a righteous peace may come; for our own nation, that she may steadfastly maintain those high ideals with which she entered the conflict; for those who have made such tremendous sacrifice in the gift of their loved ones; for the great non-Christian world; for those already at work there; for the thrusting forth of more laborers into the harvest.

That we seek to bring to the womanhood of the Church a new and enlarged conception of stewardship.

That a minimum ten-per-cent increase in finances, and membership and a minimum five-per-cent net increase in organizations be the goal for the year."—From Missionary Council Report on Home Base.

ADDRESSES OF ABSENT CO-WORKERS.

Miss Mary Fuller, Box 237, San Angelo, Texas.

Mrs. Moffett Rhodes, 2246 Atherton St., Berkeley, California.

Rev. H. D. McKinnon, D. D., San Marcos, Texas.

Although we are pleased that these loved co-workers keep in touch with us through the Arkansas Methodist, we know they will be pleased to hear directly from their friends in Arkansas at any time.

BOOKLETS INSTEAD OF LEAFLETS.

For 1919 the Woman's Missionary Council will send out a booklet called, "Information For Leaders" instead of the monthly leaflet as in past years. This little booklet contains information formerly given in the leaflet with added items of value in presenting the topics of the Council Year Book. Under "Talking Points" it also gives help for outlining the missionary talks.

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called for in the program. Several copies of the booklet will be sent each auxiliary as was done in distribution of leaflets heretofore.

OUR YEAR BOOKS.

Every auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council is entitled to one copy (free) of the Year Book, but it is helpful to have a number of copies in each society. The price is only 5 cents per copy, 50 cents per dozen, and the money should be sent when ordering them from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

APOLOGY AND EXHORTATION.

We of the Arkansas Methodist always regret typographical errors which occasionally creep into our Missionary Department, as in every publication under the sun, and we are especially sorry when a contributor's name is incorrectly spelled.

But not always is the printer or his "devil" to blame when a mistake is made. Several times recently, otherwise excellent contributions, have been sent us indistinctly written in pencil, and worse still, on both sides of the paper. Consideration due our co-workers, the printers, should compel us to remember that communications for publication should be written in ink, on one side of the paper only, and with some margin at the top, bottom and sides of each sheet of paper.

Added to these ordinary requirements is that all proper names be written distinctly and deliberately. People know their own names so well they often hurriedly scratch them down, and many of them would laugh to know that they look like Chinese puzzles. They couldn't be deciphered by a Philadelphia lawyer or guessed by Sherlock Holmes.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Heed This Request.

Our Conference Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, 2304 Louisiana street, Little Rock, earnestly desires the name and address of every auxiliary publicity superintendent to whom the bulletins and other literature should be mailed. A month ago Mrs. McDermott mailed the free copy of the Council Year Book and the booklet, "Information For Leaders", to every address in her possession, but some auxiliaries failed to receive them. Enquiry might find this literature in the names of former officers, who failed to deliver it to the auxiliaries. It is of most vital importance that correct addresses be sent Mrs. McDermott at once.

In fact, as we said week before last, every conference officer should have the name and address of the corresponding auxiliary officer. If complete lists have not been sent to all district secretaries please see that this is done and that Mrs. McDermott's request is also heeded with haste.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT BULLETIN.

This District has on roll 14 Adult, two Young People's and three Junior Societies.

Number of adult members in the district is 328, Young People 20, and

Juniors 108. There are 121 subscribers to the Missionary Voice and 17 to Young Christian Worker. The district has a circulating library of 39 volumes.

Each Auxiliary is asked for \$4.00 a year on the Scarritt Fund. We surely will not fail to do our bit, especially as we have two girls there, Miss Minnie Webb of Prairie Grove, and Miss Jean Callahan, who made her home in Fayetteville.

Eureka Springs was the first to go over the top. She has paid her pledge and \$4.00 to Scarritt School.

Bentonville has a wide awake agent for Missionary Voice. The auxiliary has 45 members and 46 subscribers.

Six Auxiliaries reported Mission Study Classes the first quarter. I hope to have twice that number this quarter.

If you haven't already organized your class, do so at once. Nothing increases missionary enthusiasm as the study of Missions.

Mrs. D. F. Ellis, District Sec.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W. M. SOCIETY.

Report of Treasurer for Fourth Quarter, 1918.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 224.33
Adult receipts, fourth quarter	5,808.52
Y. P. receipts, fourth quarter	537.02
Junior receipts, fourth quarter	228.97
Total fourth quarter receipts	6,571.51
By amounts to Council Treasurer:	
Dues	1,649.07
Pledge	3,355.56
R. and R.....	52.11
Scarritt B. & T. School.....	59.70
Specials	165.73
Week of Prayer.....	1,020.55
Total to Council Treasurer.....	6,302.72
Conference Fund received, fourth quarter	271.79
Conference Fund expended.....	191.51
Local total	6,936.85
Value of supplies	886.07
Grand total	14,397.43
Balance on hand January 20, 1919	304.61

The Specials for the quarter are as follows:

For kindergarten work in Japan, Central Ave., Hot Springs, \$31.73.

For Bible woman in China, First Church, Little Rock, supported by Mrs. Groesbeck, \$60.67.

For Bible woman in Japan, Young Ladies' Bible Class, First Church, Little Rock, \$37.50.

For Bible woman in China, Tillar Auxiliary, \$21.50.

For scholarship in China, supported by Mrs. J. R. Walker, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$10.

Memorial Fund, Baby Division, First Church, Pine Bluff, by Mrs. Sanders, \$5.—Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Treasurer.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Letter From the President—A

Thanksgiving.

Already you have heard the good news that the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society has kept up the standard of Arkansas achievement in the year 1918, and that we, too, have gone "over the top" in the report of our year's work. My friends, you can not know how happy I am that at last we have reached our goal and have made an extra offering to the God of all nations for His goodness and mercy to us-ward.

All obligations well met, the Hotchkiss scholarship completed, the pledge more than reached, surely we must have a thanksgiving service and render praise to Almighty God.

Are we happy only because we have collected so much more? Not so, but we know money is power. Money supports our missionaries, our teachers, our scholarships; money makes it possible to house and teach our unfortunate girls at Virginia Johnson School, the girls at Scarritt, Vashti, the mountain schools and for foreigners; money takes ship and goes to China, Japan, and to all nations with the Gospel message, and money is going to take it to all the world through the Centenary movement. Yes, money is power in its way and we rejoice in the offering we have made to missions. Yet, my friends, back of the getting of this money has been a greater power for which we give thanks—the power of prayer and the noble effort of our women, especially our good treasurer, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, and our faithful district secretaries. We have prayed, we have worked, and now we give thanks.

Added to the prayers of our workers have been the prayers of others, among whom are the Arkansas girls in Scarritt, Miss Rosalie Riggins, Miss Minnie Webb, Miss Howard and a Chinese girl, Miss Yui, the first two beneficiaries of the Mae McKenzie scholarship. In a letter of appreciation from Miss Webb she says "we meet once a week and pray for our Conference workers, our own local and district work. We are praying that more of our young people will find God's plan for their lives." She tells of the joys of Scarritt, that the most wholesome fun and frolic pervades together with the perfect atmosphere of religious training. Shall we not pray that her desire be granted and our hopes fulfilled?

I hope many of our women may take advantage of the Council meeting this year February 20-27, at Memphis. May I not urge you to keep in mind the early approach of our own annual meeting at Fordyce March 19-21, and shall we not pray for and expect a

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ARKANSAS SONG LEAFLET.

This contains both words and music of "My Own Loved Arkansas," published by request of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association for the schools of the State. All schools should have it. Price, 25 cents a dozen; \$1.25 per 100. Order of Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.

great meeting and rejoice that the Lord is with us and peace is upon the land? Organize your prayer circles and pray daily for our work and workers.—Yours, with love and appreciation, Mrs. F. M. Williams.

ITEMS FROM AUXILIARIES—JUNCTION CITY ADULTS AND JUNIORS.

With list of newly-elected officers the following good report for 1918 was sent us: Fifteen members, 11 subscribers to Missionary Voice, and four new members gained. Finances:

Dues	\$29.40
Pledge	50.50
Conference expense fund	5.35
Relief and retirement fund.....	1.70

Week of Prayer offering..... 5.00
Total sent to Conference Treasurer

.....	\$91.95
Amount spent locally.....	\$35.75
Amount in bank	50.00
Amount raised by Juniors.....	30.92

Although we have had much sickness we have held regular meetings and observed "Harvest Day."

With Mrs. D. J. Kinard for president and Mrs. P. E. Murphy as treasurer this auxiliary starts the year well.

LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF.

Mrs. W. B. Sorrells, Pub. Supt., sends list of new officers and writes: At the meeting of the Missionary Society of Lakeside Church yesterday afternoon, officers for the year were installed by Rev. H. B. Trimble, pastor of the church, who gave the members an instructive talk on Missions. Mrs. H. Mills Fuller presided and in her president's address to the members gave plans for the New Year, and an optimistic vision of the future work of the society. A large attendance made the meeting most interesting.

MALVERN.

Mrs. W. D. Harris, Corresponding Secretary, sends the names of the newly-elected officers of Malvern adult auxiliary, of whom Mrs. J. E. Chamberlain is president and Mrs. M. S. Monk treasurer, and says: "The Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. M. S. Monk at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon, January 14. There was a large attendance and we enrolled several new members. The Centenary movement was the topic for discussion. All seemed very much interested. The year book was adopted."

ATTENTION, METHODISTS!

(From Mrs. C. W. Turpin, Nashville, Tenn.)

What are you doing for the Centenary?

As loyal American citizens you re-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD NOTES FROM THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The Centenary in the Sunday Schools.

The Centenary in the Sunday Schools calls for:

1. (a) A Missionary Committee; (b) a Monthly Missionary Program; (c) a Monthly Missionary Offering, the minimum of which should be 5 cents per month per member.

2. Send at once the name of the committee chairman to the Field Secretary and to Rev. J. L. Neill, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

3. Missionary Programs will appear every month in the Sunday School Magazine and in the School Standard.

4. Take pledges from every class in the Sunday School at once, basing the pledge on 5 cents per month per member as a minimum, and begin paying these pledges on Missionary Sunday, remitting same to J. J. Stowe, Centenary Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

5. Write to the Field Secretary or to Rev. J. L. Neill for blank book upon which the treasurer of the Missionary Committee should make his monthly reports, and for class books for use in every class in the Sunday School on Missionary Sunday.

6. Remember that every class in the Sunday School should be included in these pledges, including the Cradle Roll and the Home Department.

sponded to every call of the government.

You sewed and knitted.

You conserved food and fuel.

You bought War Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

You gave your daughters as Red Cross nurses and your sons to shed their blood for the sacred cause of Liberty, but—

What are you doing for the Centenary?

As loyal Methodists have you enrolled in the "Fellowship of Intercession," pledging yourself to pray for World-wide Redemption?

As loyal Methodists have you enlisted in the "Methodist Million," acknowledging God's ownership?

As loyal Methodists are you preparing to take part in the Big Drive, April 27th-May 4th.

Let us have no slackers.

It is the duty of every Methodist to "Carry On" if the world shall be won for Christ.

Remember the Centenary.

THEY'S A KETCH IN IT.

Dr. Harvey Reeves Calkins was one day explaining to a group of church officers God's financial plan of weekly giving on a tithing basis. Turning to a shrewd farmer he asked if he had made the matter clear. The man replied, "They's a ketch in it."

"Why, my brother, I intended to make it very plain," said the speaker.

"Oh, it's plain enough," replied the farmer, "but they's a ketch in it, all the same; for I can see if we adopt that plan we'll be paying out more money than we intend to give."—Missionary Voice.

The Task of the Sunday Schools in the Centenary.

First. It is the mission of the Sunday Schools in the Centenary to help carry out the educational program of the whole Centenary movement. The Sunday Schools are to do this by teaching: (a) the great reason for missions, which reason is Jesus Christ; (b) the purposes of our mission work, that is, just what our program is for the several mission fields at home and abroad; (c) the specific field and missionary to which the several classes in each Sunday School are contributing support, that is, each class or department shall have its special to which every Missionary Day offering shall go.

Second. It is the mission of the Sunday Schools in the Centenary to bring to the attention of our young people the call of God to the foreign and home mission fields.

Third. It is the mission of the Sunday Schools in the Centenary to connect the Church up with the life and needs of the people, so that it shall be able to meet the needs of this period of reconstruction.

Fourth. It is the mission of the Sunday Schools in the Centenary to raise \$3,500,000 during the next five years and to apply this amount on specials that will be selected by each school.

Fifth. In order that these things may be done, organization is absolutely essential. It is this organization for the accomplishment of these purposes to which reference is made at the beginning of these notes and which should be perfected in each Sunday School at once.

Centenary Group Meeting in Fort Smith District.

A very interesting meeting was that for the Fort Smith District, which was held at First Church, Van Buren, last Wednesday and Thursday. Dr. F. S. H. Johnston led the forces there in the discussion of the Centenary. Rev. J. T. McClure of Fort Smith preached a most helpful sermon at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, and spoke again that afternoon on "Stewardship of Wealth." Wednesday night Dr. Johnston spoke on "Stewardship of Life" and Rev. Robert Moose, returned missionary from Korea, delivered a great sermon. The Epworth League's relation to the Centenary was presented by Rev. A. W. Martin; the relation of the W. M. S. by Mrs. W. J. LeRoy; and the relation of the pastor by Rev. B. L. Wilford. Bishop Mouzon was present during the session of Thursday morning and delivered a great missionary address.

Under the leadership of the presiding elder, Rev. J. K. Farris, the quota for that District was accepted and distributed to the various charges.

Centenary Group Meeting for the Conway District.

This meeting opened in the Methodist Church at Morrilton on Thursday night with an illustrated Centenary Missionary lecture by Rev. H. E. Wheeler, which was followed by another great address delivered by Bishop

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op Mouzon. As Dr. John Bishop Mouzon were called to a Centenary meeting at Tulsa, were unable to be in the Friday. But under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Morehead, president of the program was full of interesting information.

The several interests of the Centenary movement were presented by Rev. H. L. Wade, W. T. W. W. Martin, Judge Hugh B. Wheeler, the Field Secretary, S. G. Smith. At 11 o'clock Bishop Mouzon preached another of his famous if he remains in Arkansas long.

This District also accepted and made a tentative distribution to the various charges.

The attendance at both meetings was good, considering the rainy weather. The people of Buren and Morrilton furnished entertainment and gave themselves.

Further Teacher Training

It was the pleasure of the Secretary to assist the pastor, Van Buren, Rev. W. O. Esch, to give two Teacher Training classes in his church on Tuesday night. These classes are composed of those teaching in the Sunday School; the other is composed of lay people in the church who are preparing themselves for future service. The director of Teacher Training at that school is Mrs. J. T. McClure, who took the old course at

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ficient teacher. The teachers' class will meet in the pastor's study once each week, while the class of young people will meet at the Sunday School hour.

The presiding elders whose districts we have just visited, Rev. J. K. Farris and Rev. R. C. Morehead, both enrolled as individual students in the New Standard Teacher Training Course and each gave the Field Secretary a few minutes of time in which to present this matter to the pastors of their Districts. Every preacher present at the Van Buren meeting was either already taking or did there enroll as an individual student. The same was true at the Morrilton meeting. The splendid way in which these presiding elders and pastors are taking up this work insures us that the important matter of teacher training will make much progress in these districts.

Enrollments Since Last Report.

The following pastors have enrolled since last report: W. O. Esserey, B. L. Wilford, Grover Southerland, J. E. Lark, F. G. Villines, M. R. Lark, Thos. I. Beck, George Moore, M. F. Johnson, C. E. Gray, O. M. Campbell, A. L. McQueen, W. J. LeRoy, W. V. Womack, A. W. Martin, M. C. Bevins, W. T. Wilkinson, J. L. Shelby, J. T. Gossett, A. F. Skinner, S. M. Yancey, J. B. Stewart, J. W. Campbell, A. H. Dulaney, L. E. Mann, Mr. A. T. Clemons of Clarksville Circuit, Sunday School Superintendent, also enrolled.

New Classes Organized.

Rev. W. J. LeRoy has started the year right by the organization of two new Teacher Training Classes at Greenwood. The same has been done by Rev. J. T. Gossett on Pottsville charge. Rev. J. W. Campbell has a class also at Atkins.

Rev. L. E. Mann of Brinkley in sending in his enrollment card, says that they have organized a class with Prof. John Baumgartner as teacher, and that they are very anxious to bring their school up to the new standards of our Church.

Rev. Robert L. Jackson, our pastor

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at Berryville will be on the lookout for Sunday School news of interest in his District and report the same to the Field Secretary for publication in the Methodist. Brother Jackson is a hustler and we are expecting to hear from that end of the Conference throughout the year.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE LEADS THEM ALL IN TEACHER TRAINING.

During the period between December 26 and January 9, the following teacher-training classes were organized Sunday Schools of the Little Rock Conference: At Nashville, 22 students, Miss Marrene Rigsbee, leader; at Little Rock, Hunter Memorial Sunday School, eight students, Rev. P. Q. Rorie, leader; at Holly Springs, five students, Rev. J. H. Glass, leader; at Pine Grove, ten students, Mrs. W. J. Jameson, leader. In the same period twenty-one individual students were enrolled from this Conference, making a total student enrollment of sixty-six. No other Conference equalled this record for the same period.—A. L. Dietrich.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE MAKES FINE REPORT.

During the two weeks ended January 9, the teacher-training headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., reports the enrollment of twenty-four individual students from various places in the North Arkansas Conference.—A. L. Dietrich.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING.

"Your classes are habit-factories. What sort o' product is they turnin' out?"

"An' thet brings up 'nother idee: What d'you ask questions fer? Jest fer the answer, or to help the answerer?"

"May be you can teach what you don't know yourself; but you can't teach what you aint' yourself."

FIELD NOTES FROM THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Having outgrown their two buildings the Sunday School folks at Highland, Little Rock, are planning to equip their large basement for Sunday School classes. Superintendent Horton and Pastor Rorie are leading in the movement.

Rev. C. M. Thompson of the Snyder Circuit is doing some fine Sunday School work at several new Saw Mill towns within the bounds of his charge. He has already organized a school at Ashton, near Montrose, and plans to organize two other schools at similar places this month.

Two years ago Rev. S. R. Twitty organized a new Sunday School at old Stony Point, out four miles from Fordyce. The Conference Sunday School Board furnished the literature for the first quarter. Mr. J. E. House, a godly layman, was elected superintendent. Several months later the Field Secretary visited this school in company with Red Thomas, postmaster, layman, and Sunday School teacher at Fordyce. Since that time Brother Thomas has gone out each Sunday afternoon to teach a class in the Stony Point school. Following Brother Twitty, Bro. T. O. Owen visits this school once a month and preaches to the congregation. Sequel: One of the best

evergreen Sunday Schools in this section of the country. Wonder if other like communities can not be helped in a similar way?

Rev. J. A. Sage of the Camden District and Dr. James Thomas of the Little Rock District have each ordered a full supply of leaflets bearing on modern Sunday School work to distribute at their Quarterly Conferences. Our other presiding elders are planning to do the same thing. Bishop Mouzon never did a better job than when he picked the Little Rock Conference cabinet.

Rev. C. F. Messer of the Buena Vista Circuit reports the organization of a new Teacher Training class, with Mrs. G. R. Bensberg as leader. Also the enrollment of Bro. J. R. Pickett as an individual student. Brother Messer is planning the building of a new church on his work this spring.

Sending in his enrollment for Teacher Training work Rev. F. P. Doak of DeQueen adds the following cheerful note: "Everything running smoothly in these parts. The people love their preacher and he is very much in love with his people and new presiding elder. Never have been happier in my work than now, and never had more to do. I am glad to take up the Teacher Training work. Hope to be with 'The Bunch' on Graduation Day next Conference at Hope."

Bro. C. G. Miller of Lonoke, at our Institute last Sunday, ordered a complete set of supplies for the Primary Department of that school. Mrs. C. G. Miller is Primary Superintendent. Why not others among our fine business men follow this example?

When in Little Rock Methodist people are urged to visit "Methodist Headquarters," Rooms 312-316 Masonic Temple. Here you will find the presiding elder of the Little Rock District, the commissioner for Hendrix College, the Conference Centenary secretary, the American Bible Society representative, and the Conference Sunday School Field Secretary. Come to see us and make this your headquarters while in the city.

"There is no greater obstacle in the way of success in the ministry than trusting for something to turn up instead of going to work and turning up something. Therefore, I must give your plan for organizing the 'Little Rock Conference Preachers' Training Class' my earnest support, as being the surest passport to absolute and brilliant success in our Sunday School work."—Rev. J. D. Rogers, Pastor, Alheimer.

Last Sunday the Field Secretary had the pleasure of hearing a good sermon by Brother Hundley and conducting an afternoon institute with his teachers at Lonoke. Brother Hundley has already won the love of his people, as is indicated by the raising of his salary to \$1,800. He lives in the prettiest parsonage in the Conference. It is beautiful to see the interest that Dr. Fuller is taking in his new work as superintendent of the Sunday School. It was a fine institute. Among other things accomplished was the organization of a Teacher Training Class. Rev. P. S. Herron, who is now making his

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home at Lonoke, was a helpful member of the institute gathering.

Since our last report the following preachers have enrolled as members of the Little Rock Conference "Preachers' Teacher Training Class": F. G. Roebuck, M. K. Rogers, C. F. Messer, T. O. Owen, M. T. Workman, A. J. Ewing, J. B. Sims, R. R. Moore, W. R. Harrison, L. E. N. Hundley, P. C. Fletcher, W. C. Davidson, J. D. Hammons, D. H. Colquette, A. G. Cason, J. D. Rogers, R. E. Fawcett, W. W. Nelson, J. T. Rodgers, W. W. Christie, C. B. Davis, F. P. Doak, J. H. Glass, T. D. Scott and J. H. Ross.

Mrs. J. M. Workman is our Conference Superintendent of Teacher Training. She has justly won this important relation by her faithful work as Superintendent of Teacher Training at Henderson-Brown College. We bespeak for her the heartiest co-operation on the part of all our Sunday School workers.

Somebody said, "Never do anything today that you can put off till tomorrow." But here are some things that no Little Rock Conference Superintendent can afford to put off: Subscribe for the Arkansas Methodist, subscribe for the "School Standard," organize a Teacher Training Class, make his school a 'Standard Centenary School,' bring the enrollment and attendance up to high-water mark, arrange to attend his District Centenary Group Meeting.

If I were a ten or twelve-year-old boy I think I had rather have a "Returned Soldier" for my teacher than anybody else. Try it out, Brother Superintendent. It may save both the boys' class and the soldier.—Clem Baker.

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LEAGUE TOPIC FOR FEB. 2nd.

Subject: "I Will—and What Will I?"
 Heb. 10:5-9, 19-25.

Suggestions to Leader.

There are four things that we want to drive home to the hearts of the Leaguers in this service. Assign the topics for discussion given below to your Leaguers for five-minute talks each. Select your songs before the meeting begins and sing appropriate stanzas after each talk. Pause frequently during the service for a moment of prayer.

You, as the leader, can place this program on a high plane, if you will. Let us remember that Jesus invites us to say, "I Will," and to think of the noble acts that challenge us rather than to say, "I Will Not" and think of the things we must forego. He calls us to a life in which there is no time for regrets. God wants our wills consecrated to Him because they control our every thought and action.

1. **I Will Decide for Christ.**—This does not mean that I will merely believe in Him with a cold intellectual faith. It does not mean that I shall merely admit that He is the Son of God who spent a few brief years here among men, died the death of the Cross, and ascended to heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God, the Father. It means that I believe on Him with that personal faith that we have in mind when we use the word "trust." We believe in theories; we trust a person. To decide for Christ means that I will trust Him for the leadership of my life, both here on this earth and in the world to come.

2. **I Will Study Christ.**—I will not try simply to imitate His outward acts, but I will try to absorb Him and get His real spirit. And that I may learn of Him, I will set aside a certain part of each day for the systematic study of His real spirit. And that I may learn of Him, I will set aside a certain part of each day for the systematic study of His word. That I may know how

to meet temptation, I will read again and again the account of His experience on the Mount of Temptation. When the storms and burdens of life press down upon me I will turn again to the narrative of His stilling the winds of the sea. That I may be charitable towards those who despitefully use me, I will study His death on the Cross; and His words, "Father, forgive them," shall be the expression of my heart.

3. **I Will Serve Christ.**—In the first place, I will keep my ears open for His call. And whether it comes in the whispering of a still small voice in the quietness of the night or in the flashing glory of a bush that burns, yet is not consumed, I will not question.

In the second place, I will recognize my stewardship to Christ. And this stewardship shall not merely be in the superficial things of my life, but in everything even unto life itself. My faith and willingness to give shall at least approach that shown by an humble African girl who at Christmas time when the missionary asked all those who were Christians to bring some gift to Christ, sold herself into slavery for the rest of her life and brought the money as an offering in testimony of her gratitude to Christ.

4. **I Will Not Neglect My Christian Duty,** either in public or private life. Peter followed afar off, but I am determined to put Christ's claims first every hour of my life. Neither business nor pleasure shall come between me and my Lord. I know not how many days have been allotted to me upon this earth, but whatever their number I am determined that not one shall pass without having witnessed some definite act of service for Christ. I will not delay another moment, but here and now, I give myself to Him.

FOR OPEN DISCUSSION.

It is said that God loves a cheerful giver. Does He not love a willing giver. Why does He want us to show a willingness to give?

What am I willing to do that the kingdom of God may come in the hearts of men?

NEWS AND NOTES.

The League at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, is doing a splendid work for their pastor, Rev. C. F. Hively, who is away taking care of his sister and her family while they are very sick with the influenza. They are holding his Sunday night services for him in a very interesting and profitable way. His night congregations are always good, but they have not fallen off at all. They are real Leaguers, in that they serve and are "All for Christ" in every department.

I shall never forget how I came to resolve to be a "Tither." When I was a young man I was a steward on the old Dyer Circuit and came down to a quarterly meeting at Dyer, Ark. On Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. George W. Hill, our presiding elder, preached on "Tithing," a sermon the like of which I had never heard before. The church was crammed full, and, shortly after he began to preach, a great storm came upon us and raged all the time he

was preaching. They said it shook the house to its very foundations. I did not know it, nor did any one else seem to think of it. He preached for two hours and thirty minutes, yet there was hardly a move of a single person, only to lean forward to catch every word he uttered. I was leaning out towards him when he finished. I shall never forget that final closing. He pictured, in his dramatic way, acting it all out before us, the man coming for the colt on which his Lord might ride into Jerusalem, and the owner said, "Why unloose ye the colt?" and the man said, "The Lord hath need of him." "Nothing too good for our Lord Jesus. Is it good enough?" I remember my young heart said, "What do you want from me, Lord?" Out of the profound depths of that sermon my soul answered, "Will you

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me do right.
Forgive all the things I have done
that were wrong
And teach me to grow loving, helpful,
and strong.
Bless father and mother and all
whom I love,
And help me to please Thee, my
Father above.
Amen.—Ermina L. Cooper
in Zion's Herald.

DICKANDOT—BODY-GUARD.

At their country home among the
hills, Roger Dale and his sister Elsie
had two pet pigeons. They were nam-
ed Dick and Dot, but as their names
were usually run together, they were
spoken of by the family as Dickandot.
Beautiful pigeons they were, and
very tame. They followed Roger and
Elsie about, fed from their hands, and
allowed themselves to be cuddled in
the children's arms, making a soft,
cooing noise to show how happy they
were. Of all the pets that Roger and
Elsie had ever had, they loved Dick-
andot the best.

The children had other pleasures
also. One was the ride every after-
noon to the station, two miles away,
to meet their father. Morris, the
chauffeur, was kind and careful, so
mamma felt that the children were
safe.

One afternoon, when they had gone
about half-way, Elsie, happening to
look around, cried: "Oh, see Dick-
andot!"

Roger looked. Behind them, only a
few feet back, and little higher than
their heads, the two pigeons were
flying side by side, so steadily and
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"Our body-guard!" cried Roger.

The children had been reading a
story that morning in which a king's
bodyguard was mentioned, and mam-
ma had explained that they were fol-
lowers to protect the king.

On went the automobile, and on
went Dickandot, steadily, evenly.

"What will they do when we get to
the station, Morris?" asked Roger.

"Oh, I guess they'll fly farther on,
or perhaps they'll go right back."

But they did neither. When the
station was reached, Dickandot flew
to its roof and perched there till the
automobile started homeward, then
flew behind it in the same steady,
even flight all the way home.

"You dear body-guard," said the chil-
dren, stroking the glossy feathers of
their pets.

After that it became a regular cus-
tom for the body-guard to fly behind
the car, wait on the station roof, and
then follow back. People at the sta-
tion liked to watch them.

"That is one of the prettiest sights
I have ever seen," said a woman one
day. "I often come to the station
at this train time on purpose to see
them."

Then, walking toward the children,
who were waiting in the car, she said,
"It must have taken you a long time
to teach them."

"We didn't teach them at all," an-
swered Roger, "they did it of their
own selves."

"They're our body-guard," said
Elsie.

"Why, so they are," said the wom-
an, laughing.

It was a few days later that the
children saw the same woman, and
a tall man with her, go to their father
as he stepped from the train, and
talk earnestly with him for several
minutes.

"Well, I'll telephone you the answer
this evening," they heard papa say.
Then he joined the children in the
car, and they had the usual merry
ride home.

After supper, when the family were
sitting chatting in front of the cheer-
ful open fire, papa said:

"You youngsters are always patriot-
ic; and besides, you like to help peo-
ple. Perhaps there's a chance for
both at once."

"How, papa?"

"Do you know that Dickandot are
very valuable pigeons? They belong
to a kind that can easily be trained
to carry messages. That man at the
station this afternoon wants to buy
them for Government use. He will pay
a good price."

"Oh, we could never sell Dickan-
dot," cried both the children at
once.

"No, you could not sell them, be-
cause you love them, but could you
give them for the sake of the good
they might do?"

Then papa told the children of the
work done by pigeons in carrying
messages that could not be sent in
any other way. He told them of the
messages so finely printed that a mi-
croscope is needed; of how the mes-
sages, in tiny rolls, are tied to the
tail feathers, or to the leg, of a
pigeon, and then the bird, let loose,
flies back to its home, carrying the
message. He told them of the great
good done for the army in this way,
and explained to the children that
even in time of peace the country
must still have an army and navy,
and that there are times of accident
and danger when messages may save
much suffering, and then the birds

are the country's little messengers
of mercy.

"In these days everybody—grown
people and the little folks, all want to
do the most they can to help our
country in its great work for the
world. Even little things help. But I
would not take your pets from you,
dear children. It shall be as you say.
I told the agent—the man you saw—
that I should leave it to you to decide
and that I would telephone him your
answer this evening."

There was a long, long silence af-
ter that. The blazing logs in the fire-
place crackled and sizzled as they
shot out little arrows of flame, but
there was no other sound in the room
for a long time.

Suddenly Roger jumped up. He
caught Elsie's hand and whispered
something in her ear. Elsie nodded,
and together they walked to the end
of the room where the flag hung. To-
gether they looked up and saluted it.

Then Roger spoke, squeezing El-
sie's hand to keep his voice steady:

"Dear flag and dear country, we
give you Dickandot. We shall miss
them awfully, but we're glad to help."

"Yes," echoed Elsie, "we'll miss 'em
awful, but we're glad."

And then papa went to the tele-
phone.—Sophia T. Newman in Zion's
Herald.

WHY BILLY WAS A FAVORITE.

One day Billy was a stranger; at
the end of a week he was as much
at home as any boy on the street.
"We are glad he came," Teddy Farr
said; "we like him."

And the other boys said pretty
much the same thing.

"Why is this Billy such a favorite?"
Mr. Farr asked Mrs. Farr.

"I don't know yet," said Mrs. Farr.
"I'm watching to find out."

When three more weeks had pass-
ed, she thought she knew.

A group of boys were out in front
of her gate one afternoon, and she
heard one of them say: "Pshaw!
What can we play? I wish the snow
hadn't all gone into mud."

"We had just finished our fort," said
another, "and we were ready to be-
gin, but it washed down in the night."

"Anyway, we had fun making it,"
said Billy. "Let's not waste the
whole afternoon. Let's start and play
something that doesn't need snow."

When Mrs. Farr looked again, they
were sailing ships down the gutter
and discovered the Mississippi with
great excitement. Another time Ted-
dy had to go on an errand and asked
the others to keep him company.

"Oh, we can't," objected somebody.
"We've got it all planned to walk out
in the other direction and see the
place where the fire was last night."

"Why wouldn't it do," said Billy,
"to go with Teddy first? We needn't
come all the way back, need we?
There ought to be some short cuts, I
should think."

Well, when they had put their
heads together they remembered that
there were.

Then there was a day when Joe
had lost his arithmetic. Joe and Bil-
ly were the best in the school in
arithmetic. Joe hated to miss any of
his lessons.

"Never mind," said Billy. "My
book will do for both until yours
turns up. We are pretty quick at it,
you know. We can manage."

On one afternoon, when they were
having a game of ball in the school-
yard, Billy broke a cellar window. Af-

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ter a crash there was a pause of
dismay.

"We must have kept getting near-
er to the house without noticing it,"
said Billy.

"How would it do," said Joe, "to
be quiet until we are asked about it?
Maybe Mr. Nevil will think that other
boys did it. They broke one."

"It wouldn't do at all," said Billy
quickly. "It wouldn't be fair."

He told Mr. Nevil and paid for the
pane; and after that he was short of
money for some time, for Billy was
poor.

After the three weeks, Mrs. Farr
said to Mr. Farr: "I think I know
why the boys like Billy."

"Why?"

"Because he has the delightful hab-
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I received during Christmas the following articles and would have reported them sooner but the Methodist has been pressed for space and could not publish them, but it is not too late to make mention of the many kind remembrances of our people:

From the Matron's Auxiliary of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, a box of Christmas presents.

From Mrs. Abner McGehee, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, stockings.

From Mrs. Dave Purser, Stamps, two boxes of toys, books and fruit.

From Mrs. A. C. Braley, Lavaca, box of clothing, soap, powder and candy.

From Mrs. J. H. Baker, Little Rock, clothing.

From Rose City Bakery, Little Rock, 200 loaves of bread.

From Mrs. H. A. Northcutt, Salem, shoes, clothing, candy and 80 cents in money.

From Willing Workers, Methodist Church, Washington, stockings and handkerchiefs.

Methodist Aid Society, Black Rock, one quilt.

From Miss Edith Stebbins, Fayetteville, toys, clothing, books and two quilts.

From Mrs. T. P. Wood, Aubrey, clothing.

From Mrs. H. O. Watson, Forrest City, toys.

From Woman's Missionary Society, Conway, box for Christmas.

From W. W. Stepp, Danville, nine dolls.

From Mrs. J. C. Garner, North Little Rock, canned fruit, apples and oranges.

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From Mrs. Letts and Miss Ella Lewis, Hot Springs, two boxes candy.

From Parman Drug Co., two boxes chocolate candy.

From Mrs. William McCoy, Capitol View Church, toys and goodies.

From M. M. Collier, Fayetteville, candy.

From M. E. Sunday School, Earle, toys and clothing.

From Circle No. 4, Paris, one quilt.

From Mrs. W. A. Tittle, Lincoln, toys and nuts.

From Rev. S. K. Burnett, Ashdown, canned fruit and apples.

From J. G. McAndrews, Bentonville, canned fruit.

From T. C. Rosenberger, Little Rock, two cakes and one and a half gallons ice cream.

From W. A. Mathews, Carthage, sack of peanuts.

From R. L. Montgomery, Lewisville, clothing.

From Mr. Ed Horton, Highland Church, ham, oatmeal, barrel flour, nuts, apples, oranges and canned goods.

From J. C. Johnson, Strong, dry goods and books.

From Mrs. John C. Busbee, city, clothing.

From Mrs. G. G. Doris, Colt, clothing, nuts and toys.

From C. C. Calhoun, Prescott, toys.

From E. E. Alcorn, Superintendent Twenty-eighth Street Sunday School, clothing.

From Ladies' Aid Society, Grady, dry goods, toys and goodies.

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From Mrs. O. J. Southworth, Blytheville, books, toys and canned fruit.

From Central Methodist Church Sunday School, Fayetteville, toys, books and ribbon.

From Mr. H. P. Smith, Keo, clothing and fruit.

From Mrs. A. B. Hatton, Paragould, barrel canned fruit.—Geo. Thornburgh, President.

WARREN.

In the course of administration of our church law, we had to say goodbye to Brother McKay, but he carries our prayers and best wishes. He is a live wire in both State and Church work, and we bespeak for him success in his new field of labor as Missionary Secretary. Of course, we were much attached to Brother McKay, but our new pastor is not a misfit. We have found out that in him we have the real American Steel (not the German article), well shaped, tempered and adjusted for our work in Warren. Brother Steel has already gained the love and confidence of the whole Church. He seems to be at home with the little people. We suspect he intends, at stated times, to have Children's Day. Under the present ritual of most of our churches, few of the little fellows stay for church. But if the pastor could occasionally hold a child's service, not

to exceed one hour, with recess between school and preaching, we believe 75 per cent of the children who do not hear more than one sermon a year could be induced to stay to preaching. Our congregations are increasing in number and interest, so, when the flu is over we expect to report general progress.—W. H. Blankenship.

S. S. WALL ROLLS WANTED.

As my best method of teaching the Bible to both old and young is by way of illustrations, I therefore request any Church in the Little Rock Conference that has on hand any of the old Sabbath School wall rolls or Berean lesson illustrations to notify me at Pearey, Ark., stating terms. I can use two or three dozen of them. The age of the wall rolls is a matter of no consequence.—J. F. Taylor.

LITTLE ROCK PREACHERS' MEETING.

ASBURY (Davidson).—Bro. Lassiter preached to a large congregation at morning hour. Repairing both church and parsonage. Twenty-eight at prayer meeting.

FIRST CHURCH (Fletcher).—Thirty-one additions, large congregations, Sunday School and League exceptionally good.

HENDERSON (Rainey).—Good prayer meeting, congregation double last Sunday, six additions.

HIGHLAND (Rorie).—Good congregation at all services; three additions. Brother McKay preached at night.

HUNTER (Harrison).—Brother McKay preached at morning hour; good attendance at Sunday School and League.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET (Lowry).—Good prayer meeting; Sunday was a red-letter day.

WINFIELD (Hammons).—Thirty-five at Teachers' meeting; good congregations at all services.

PULASKI HEIGHTS (Few).—Still sick.

CAPITOL VIEW (Farr).—Called to bedside of his father. Brother Colquette preached in the morning and Secretary Pifer preached at night.

Brother Graham preached the 12th.

FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK (Lark).—Teachers' Training Class growing every week; all departments showing steady growth.

GARDNER MEMORIAL (Hively).—Still at bedside of sister; his young folks taking care of night service.

Brother McKay announces that Bishop Mouzon and Dr. Anderson will be with us February 3 and 4. The bishop will preach at First Methodist Church evening of February 4.

SULPHUR ROCK AND MOOREFIELD

We arrived at our new home December 10. Since then we have met a host of kind people. They have certainly given us a cordial welcome. From the first we felt at home, realizing that our lot has been cast among a loyal people. Sulphur Rock has a very good church building and a good seven-room parsonage, and it is furnished. It would rejoice the heart of any preacher to have such a fine bunch of people, both young and old, to serve. I trust that they will always feel at home in the parsonage, and that it may be our pleasure to direct them in the paths of righteousness.

This has been a very pleasant month for us, made so by the good donation given us by way of an old-time pound-

ing, including many good ladies. Also the good ladies start of chickens. O ladies of Moorefield and Brother Thompson Church, Batesville, full pony.

Our Church and Sunday School at Sulphur Rock and a good working order. School at Moorefield French orphan.

I think that ours is a tag with such good and a presiding elder and thoughtful of his rect and counsel them.

Brother Oliver has been ing elder before. We him and his good wife under him on the Jones Riley Jones, P. C.

TOMBERLIN

Since our return home annual Conference we dially received by our here for the third year glad to preach to and Since we have been on Circuit we have received church, built two churches paid one church debt great inconvenience to our roads at this season.

WARNING O State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss. In the Pulaski Chancery Court, Lena Mae Penrod, Plaintiff, vs. No. 2365 Frank Garvin, Defendant. The defendant, Frank Garvin, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer of the plaintiff, Lena Mae Penrod, on the following: January 17, 1919. W. S. J. A. GIBSON, D. C. A. J. Newman, Solicitor. J. C. Marshall, Attorney.

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WARNING O State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss. In the Pulaski Chancery Court, L. A. Menier, Plaintiff, vs. No. 2321 Mrs. Mary Menier, Defendant. The defendant, Mrs. Mary Menier, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer of the plaintiff, L. A. Menier, on the following: January 6, 1919. W. S. J. A. GIBSON, D. C. M. E. Dunaway, Solicitor. Frank H. Dodge, Attorney.

WARNING O State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss. In the Pulaski Chancery Court, Mollie D. Rinker, Plaintiff, vs. No. 236 Clarence Rinker, Defendant. The defendant, Clarence Rinker, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer of the plaintiff, Mollie D. Rinker, on the following: January 7, 1919. W. S. J. A. GIBSON, D. C. A. J. Newman, Solicitor. J. C. Marshall, Attorney.

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as we are often cut off from our appointments by high water and ice in the freezing weather. We are serving a good people, though as a whole not so religious as we would like to see. We are praying that the third year on the Tomberlin Circuit may be our best and that we may have a great harvest of souls for Christ and the Church. Our Sunday Schools are taking on new life and doing fine in most places. —W. T. Hopkins, P. C.

AUGUSTA CIRCUIT.

We arrived in our new charge in time to preach the first Sunday, as I did not attend the Conference, for which I am very sorry, as I always get an inspiration from the Conference which is impossible to get elsewhere. It is a great inspiration to us to take the hand of our beloved bishop and elder brethren in the ministry and receive words of encouragement which are helpful to us who are young in the ministry.

We are glad to find that we are located among such congenial people. We have been given a most royal reception and the regular old-fashioned Methodist pounding, which was much appreciated. The backbone, spare ribs and sausage have not yet been exhausted, as they keep coming in. We have never been among a finer people than we have here, both old and young. We are glad to have in our home as boarders, Miss Myrtle Looney, teacher of our school, and her sister, Miss Ida, who is attending the school. They are two most noble Christian girls. They are only two of many such characters in the Augusta Circuit. My first Quarterly Conference was held January 12. Our beloved presiding elder, Brother Holloway, preached a most earnest and helpful sermon. He closed with an old-fashioned handshake. Brother Rube Givins, one of my young stewards, brought me to Augusta Monday morning, where we found two more of my most noble stewards, Bro. Lee Miller and Bro. Ben Simmons, awaiting our arrival, and in a few minutes I was on my way home with Brother Miller and son, Tom, who is just back from Jones-

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boro, and, to my surprise, I was informed by Brother Miller that they had ordered me a Ford, which would arrive in about thirty days, and you who have been surprised will know how my heart was glad. Brethren, these bottom people don't want something for nothing. They look after the interests of the kingdom of God as well as their cotton plantations. They have made our assessment \$1,000 for this year. I am preaching at one church where I attended church and Sunday School with my father and mother when I was a small boy.—Thos. C. Chambliss, P. C.

INACCURACIES IN THE MINUTES.

Some complaints—more than have been published—have reached the Secretary regarding incomplete statistics or inaccuracies in the statistical tables of the Journal. The Secretary desires to say that in every case, so far reported, the figures as published are those furnished him on the tables. The proof-reading was carefully done. Back of the copy the printer could not go.

The Secretary regrets exceedingly that any injustices should have been done, but sometimes in interpreting hieroglyphics the copyist made the best "guess" he could, and sometimes he was not as careful, perhaps, as he might have been.

However, it is the purpose to the Editor to avoid complaint in the future by securing the statistical information on a plan which will prevent so many discrepancies. The plan in question will be presented in due time, but here we may say that it has for its basis a report checked in the presence of a Secretary, and the tables set in type from the original copies.—H. E. Wheeler, Secretary North Arkansas Conference.

AUSTIN CIRCUIT.

Last Sunday, January 12, was a banner day for Mount Tabor Sunday School. After several days of special preparation and prayer the Superintendent, Brother Smith, assisted by the pastor, called for the offerings to the suffering Armenians. There were 130 present at Sunday School and an offering of \$38.56 was received, which I am sending to Dr. E. B. Chappell, Nashville. This is the offering of only one school, and there is more to follow from the other schools of this great charge. The outlook for the year is very optimistic. You may hear from this great work again.—Thos. D. Spruce, P. C.

HOT SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

The first Quarterly Conference of 1919 for the Hot Springs Circuit convened at Gum Springs on January 11. All work seemed to be progressing nicely and in good order. The pastor's salary was raised for the coming year. New Ealem was represented by Bro. J. H. Lynch and Bro. H. R. Lavander. Bro. J. R. Dickerson was present. Bro. T. D. Scott, our new presiding elder, was present. He has been on this work before and is known and appreciated by all the people, who were glad to have him returned again. The people of New Salem were much pleased with the fine, deep sermon preached by Brother Scott at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. He is quite an addition to the social side of Hot Springs Circuit. The Sunday Schools are unusually good. The superintendents and teachers are wide awake and full of interest. Brother and Sister Dickerson are a great help and are always at

work. The work on the new church at Cason's Chapel is in progress and the plans for a new church building at New Salem are being made. Bro. W. H. Huguen and family were quite welcome visitors at the home of J. H. Lynch last Sunday. Brother Huguen was a former pastor on Hot Spring Circuit, where he did a lot of good work. He was a good pastor and has many friends who are glad when Brother Huguen and family return on a visit.—A Member.

DERMOTT.

This is a town of several thousand inhabitants. There are evidences of thrift—growing steadily, handsome residences going up, many families wanting houses, but none vacant; concrete sidewalks, good water, convenient railroad facilities, clever folks. One of the greatest needs is new and modern church buildings. After four delightful years at Hamburg, our family has had a cordial welcome here. There are favorable opportunities for the church. The official board says that the Methodist Church of Dermott must measure up with the best in the Monticello District, so they added \$300 to the preacher's salary to begin with. We found a new six-room parsonage, with modern conveniences, and furnished. Received ten members.—S. C. Dean.

RISON.

We were returned to the Rison charge, where we had already begun to feel at home, and were glad to return. We feel, as we believe all preachers should feel, that we have one of the best charges in God's vineyard. On account of the flu and bad weather we have not gotten around, but expect to soon. At Rison, which, naturally, is the strongest church, we have a splendid beginning. The Sunday School is taking on new life by getting better organized. Bro. C. W. Baldwin, our superintendent, is a good leader, open to new principles and superintends the schools with authority, but does not sit upon a throne; in fact, we haven't any emperors on this charge. We have two good Bible classes and a cradle roll and a very good attendance in all departments of the school. We have a good League, good church and prayer meeting attendance and one of the best Woman's Missionary Societies to be found in small towns.

Brother Watson was over to hold our first Quarterly Conference this week and we had a very good Conference. Rison Church raised her assessment \$300, making the assessment for the one church \$950, and for the charge \$1,385. A rare thing occurred when Bro. L. McLendon, who has been taking the Arkansas Methodist since its very beginning, and who had been Recording Steward of this charge since 1885, on account of age and failing strength, tendered his resignation as Recording Steward. The members of the Conference, in order to show their appreciation, voted to extend to Broth-

OBITUARY.

HILLER.—Mrs. Anna Hiller (nee Blackshare) was born in Clay County, Arkansas, March 30, 1888. On December 25, 1906, she was married to Dr. J. P. Hiller, who, with their three children, Frances, Fred, and Alma, mourns her going. She leaves, also, her aged father and mother, Mrs. J. L. Blackshare, her brother, James, and her sisters, Miss Estella Blackshare and Mrs. Elia Newton, with a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Hiller was converted at the age of thirteen. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Polard, Ark. She lived a beautiful life. "She was full of good works and alms deeds which she did." As a wife and mother she was ever true and faithful. Her life was lived for those the Lord had committed to her care. To her church she was ever true and loyal.

Death came on November 18, 1918. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor. The body was laid to rest in New Hope Cemetery.—E. Emmons, Her Pastor.

SUITS.—On October 28, 1918, the city of Newport was thrown into deep mourning because of the sudden death of Hon. Frederick Ralph Suits, one of the most honored citizens of this vicinity. He was one of the foremost attorneys in this part of the State, and under protest and at great sacrifice to himself he had accepted the Democratic nomination for representative for Jackson County. Brother Suits championed the temperance cause for both the county and State when he had nothing to gain but the triumph of the right. No one ever fought more bitterly the liquor traffic and the evils of intemperance than he, yet he held the respect and friendship of all those whom he most bitterly opposed. He was a man, a patriot, and a Christian. As a man he was unwavering, and cast his whole life into what he undertook; strong in his personality, a ready speaker, logical and eloquent.

After the United States declared for McLendon hearty thanks for his faithfulness to duty as an official of the church. Bro. L. C. Ackerman was elected to succeed him. We live in a great country over here and serve a great Church as best we can.—J. L. Dedman.

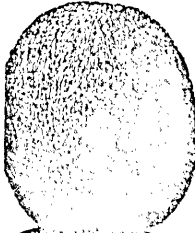
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war he devoted most of his time to war work, giving up much of his practice to do so. He was so zealous that it may truly be said that, while he was not a hero in the trenches, he was as much a hero as any who has surrendered his life in that way. He was an officer in training during the Spanish-American war, and major in the Home Guards at the time of his death. Brother Suits was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for years one of its most faithful officers, being lay leader, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and steward. During the past four years few ever attended the prayer meeting more regularly, and he was always at church to welcome the stranger and to do his part in whatever capacity he might be needed. In the absence of his pastor he would conduct the services of the church, and his plea for righteousness was not surpassed by that of any regular minister.

He was a son-in-law of Rev. E. M. Pipkin of the Little Rock Conference, having married his daughter, Miss Ruth Pipkin, in 1910, to which union one child was born, Frederick, now two years old.

A memorial service for Brother Suits was held Sunday evening, November 19, at which time tributes were paid by his fellow-workers. Though dead, he lives in the lives of those who knew him, and the season of his life's fruitage will never end. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—William B. Hays.

HAVLIN.—Mrs. Margaret Havlin was born in St. Louis County, Mo., in 1838, and died December 4, 1913. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church when a young girl and grew to womanhood under the influence of the church and a Christian home. She often talked of religion and of God's goodness and spent much of her time in prayer. It was her greatest desire to see all of her children living the Christian life.

Sister Havlin was twice married, the first time to Jonathan Perry, in 1855. To this union were born three sons, one of whom, Bro. S. F. Perry, now lives at 1020 Harrison street, Little Rock. Her first husband died in 1860. Three years later she was again married to Thomas Havlin. To them were born four children, all of whom are still living. At the time

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of her death she was making her home with her youngest son, L. T. Havlin of Pottsville, Ark. The other children, A. B. Havlin, Mrs. Nora Hood and Mrs. Theresa Miller, are living in Texas. For several years prior to her death, Sister Havlin had been greatly afflicted, but bore her suffering with patience. She was a faithful, devoted wife, a loving, affectionate mother, a kind and accommodating neighbor and a devout, sincere Christian.—J. B. Stewart.

JACKSON.—Mrs. Erwin F. Jackson died at her home in Rogers, Ark., November 17, 1918. She was a victim of influenza. Mrs. Jackson was born in Texas, but a greater part of her life was spent in Benton County, Ark. She was married in 1911 to Edwin F. Jackson of Bentonville. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Rogers, Ark., and remained there until her death.

In early life she gave her heart to Christ, joined the M. E. Church, South, and was a faithful member of the church until her death. She was a very useful woman in the church, being a talented musician, and one who was competent to do great service in the Master's work. She was a friend to the pastor and his family, and one that will long be remembered by them.

Not only was she prominent in the church life but in civic life as well, taking a keen interest in everything that tended to beautifying and edifying the town. Her death has cast a gloom over the entire community and her friends by the score realize that in her death they have suffered a great loss.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, a small daughter, Virginia, two step-children, Craig and Charlotte, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams; three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Cain, Mrs. Charles Ellington and Ruth Williams of Rogers, and Mrs. Stephens of Paris, Texas.—S. W. Yancey.

WILDER.—Dr. Alva Woods Wilder's earthly life ended, after a long illness, in this city, November 12, 1913. Born at Forsythe, Ga., June 15, 1839, and graduating from Emory College in July, 1878, he came to this State and taught school four years in Logan and Sebastian Counties. Returning to Georgia, he entered Atlanta Medical College, and graduated with first honors in 1884. November 25, 1885, he married Miss Fannie Morse of Forsyth, Ga., and returned to Arkansas, locating at Prairie View, Logan County, where he practiced medicine successfully twenty years, gaining the confidence of the people generally by his manly personality, expressed in generous service for the aid of the needy and by timely counsel for the betterment of his community. Joining our church in 1877 (while in college), and being imbued with the lofty ideals of great educators and eminent preachers of that period, he did not live to himself, his beautiful example and holy zeal cheering and inspiring others to works of faith and labors of love. Being truly religious, he sought to make others happy, and rejoiced over the growth of civic righteousness and the progress of Christianity in earnest. Such was my impression as to his godly spirit and life, when entertained in his lovely Prairie View home several days in 1891, and this impression was confirmed by later association with him in this city, to which he re-

moved for the practice of medicine in 1905.


Knowing personally a very large number of Methodist professional men of high standing, my candid estimate placed Dr. Wilder in the top class for personal piety and nobility of character in all the elements, making the Christian physician a great blessing to society. Blessings upon his children, Alva, Solon and Ruth (each married), and may the sweet consolation of divine grace comfort his widow in her sorrowful bereavement.—Z. T. Bennett.

HENDERSON.—Mrs. L. R. Henderson, nee Buck, was born October 11, 1880, and died at her home at old Henderson Place (Oma), Hot Spring County, Ark., November 4, 1918. She was married to Bro. N. B. Henderson, December 9, 1910. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church at (Oma) Old Friendship Church under the ministry of Rev. H. M. Harris in the summer of 1901. One of her children went before her to heaven. A sorely bereaved husband and three small children are left behind. Home is desolate without this good mother. But sorrowing husband

and children look to O come into your home a more than fill the void your loved one's sad John F. Taylor.

BENNETT.—Marsett born in Crawford County, September 11, 1881, died 1918. Was converted and joined the Methodist Church, South, and became a member until he was excommunicated from the church triumphant. He was a faithful and loving companion. His house was his home. He was a right side of every came up in the community. He leaves a wife, three brothers, two sisters, a mother, with a heart to weep. The funeral was held by Rev. J. K. Parris. He left a vacant chair in the empty seat at church. Friends and loved ones of Jesus and trust him in great sorrow.—His Bumpers.

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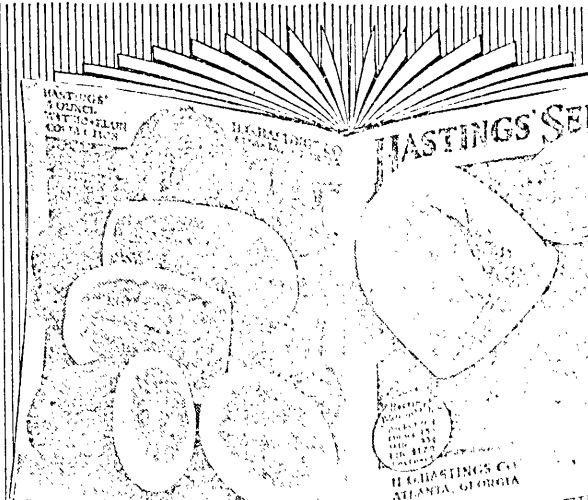
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