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NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO DO EX-CEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE THAT WORKETH IN US, UNTO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS THROUGH-OUT ALL AGES, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.—Ephesians, 3:20-21.

THE PREPARATION OF OUR HEARTS.

If our Christian Education Movement is to succeed in the largest measure, it must grip our hearts. We must not simply accept the arguments for its necessity, but we must appreciate the movement as a great spiritual force and let it become a part of our very life currents. To this end we need to clear ourselves of selfishness and worldliness and give the Holy Spirit right of way into our hearts. If the Movement could endow and equip our schools and colleges without enlarging our vision and spiritualizing our lives, it might become a calamity by increasing our power without rightly directing it. If a praying people, a reconsecrated people, a selfsurrendered people throw themselves into this marvelous Movement, then its every aim will be realized and God will be glorified. Let us then begin to move forward on our knees.

OUR LEGISLATURE.

Having reached agreement over their officers in advance of the opening, both Houses of our Legislature were able to organize the first day and be ready for business. The Senate elected Hon. Lee Cazort president, Ira C. Langley secretary, and Rev. E. Garrett chaplain; while the House elected Hon. Joe Joiner speaker, J. B. Higgins chief clerk, and Rev. C. W. Drake chaplain. These are all good and experienced men and may be expected to discharge their duties efficiently and fearlessly. It is to be hoped that the session will be harmonious and fruitful of good, and yet such questions as road construction, abolition of certain offices, revision of tax laws, and educational advance will undoubtedly develop differences of opinion. We trust that all things will be fairly and fully considered and that no hasty or radical laws will pass. If all will agree to eliminate local measures and devote attention to the great general issues, good results may be obtained.

SIGNIFICANT WORDS.

In his recent report to the trustees of Columbia University, now with its enrolment of 28,314 students the greatest university in the world, the president, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, makes certain significant observations. He says: "Education is not merely instruction-far from it. It is the leading of the youth out into a comprehension of his environment, that, comprehending, he may so act conduct himself as to leave the world better and happier for his having lived in it. This environment is not by any means a material thing alone. It is material, of course, but, in addition, it is intellectual, it is spiritual. The youth who is led to an understanding of nature and of economics and left blind and deaf to the appeals of literature, of part of that great environment which is his inheritance as a human being. The school and the college do much, but the school and college cannot do all, 'Since Protestantism broke up the solidarity of the ecclesiastical organization in the Western stocks in their safes.

world, and since democracy made intermingling of church and state impossible, it has been necessary, ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER if religion is to be saved for men, that the family and the church do their vital co-operative part in a national organization of educational effort. The school, the family, and the church are three cooperating educational agencies, each of which has its weight of responsibility to bear. If the family be weakened in respect of its moral and spiritual basis, or if the church be neglectful of its obligation to offer avstematic, continuous and convincing religious instruction to the young who are within its sphere of influence, there can be no hope for a Christian education or for the powerful perpetuation of the Christian faith in the minds and lives of the next generation and those immediately to follow. We are trustees of a great inheritance. If we neglect or anuse that trust we are responsible before Almignty God for the infinite damage that will be done in the life of individuals and of nations."

Dr. Butler, after commenting on the evils of our war-torn and Mammon-worshiping world, argues: "There can be no cure for the world's ills and no abatement of the world's discontents until faith and the rule of evertasting principle are again restored and made supreme in the life of men and of nations. These millions of man-made gods, these myriads of personal idois, must be broken up and destroyed, and the hears and mind of man brought back to a comprehension of the real meaning of faith in its place in life. This cannot be done by exhortation or by preaching alone. It must be done also by teaching--careful, systematic, rational teaching. that will show in a simple language, which the uninstructed can understand, what are the essentials of a permanent and lofty morality, of a stable and just social order, and of a secure and sublime religious faith."

Does not this argument fully justify the purpose of our Christian Education Movement?

AN ASSAULT ON DECENCY.

Unless it is stopped by the police authorities of Little Rock, one of the most brazen assaults on common decency will be perpetrated at one of our theaters next week by a widely heralded troupe of almost naked performers. If our authorities have any regard for the good name of our city they will prohibit this scandalously disgusting exhibition of feminine nudity, and if those who patronize the theater have any respect for themselves they will protest against this vile and shameless perversion of the stage. Such arrogant and defiant immorality is one of the things that lead to demands for "blue laws." It is time for the defilers of purity to take warning.

LET US ALL CO-OPERATE.

There is a general belief that the business man is uncannily wise and is able to foresee and forecast periods of prosperity or of panic. A little experience with the business world proves that the average business man is not really a success. He makes no fortune and often his business barely exists. The conspicuous success in business is as art, of morals, of religion, has been shown but a rare as in gold-hunting. Often the big man, like the gambler, wins by a lucky turn and then loses in an unexpected reverse. When their estates are settled it is found that outstanding financiers, like Sage and Morgan, have bundles of worthless

In recent months the utter lack of judgment among business men has been demonstrated. Scores of big men expected cotton to be worth seventy-five cents. Others insisted that it could not drop below thirty cents, and practically all stoutly maintained that fifteen-cent cotton was impossible. Then merchants and manufacturers permitted themselves to be misled. They had expected an immediate depression after the close of the war and when it failed to arrive, they sagely concluded that prices were up to stay, and proceeded accordingly. A year ago a great newspaper had asked twenty-three leading financiers, "What will be the course of commodity prices in 1920?" Only three foresaw a general fall. Five believed that there would be no sort of decline. Two even suggested that there would be a still greater increase and made brilliant arguments to prove their positions. It is likely that these two really voiced the opinions of the commercial and bank-

The trouble is that, even in legitimate business conducted in an honorable way, there are psychic elements which few men understand and a large factor of chance, if not gambling, obtains. When the game runs high, men become exicted, lose their heads, and take tremendous risks. Then the unexpected reaction comes, and all suffer. Tho weak go under, but the man of courage holds out and plays the game.

Far safer than business is agriculture, if farmers will exercise ordinary judgment and always raise the necessary things and never depend on one crop. It is when farmers try to act like business men and take unusual chances that they have trouble. Let our farmers simply exercise good common sense and quit speculating by trying to beat the speculator, and then they will win. Business is, in some respects, the most unbusinesslike occupation and the farmer who ares the business man will lose in the game of business. In business there is always a measure of speculation. In farming the speculative element should be reduced to a minimum by diversification and living on home products.

All farmers now feel the effects of the commercial depression, but the farmer who kept out of debt and has a few cows and hogs and chickens and who raised his own fruits and vegetables is suffering less than almost any other man. The real welfare of the country is in the hands of such men rather than in the hands of bankers and manufacturers and merchants.

It was necessary that practically all prices should fall, and it would now be a calamity, if, by artificial means such as tariffs and unlimited credits, the prices of any commodities should be unnaturally elevated. As a general thing the price of cotton is not relatively high enough, but it would be unreasonable now, with wheat and corn and rice and cattle back at pre-war prices, to expeet cotton to rise again to the war level. It is right to let the crop go on the market gradually, as rapid selling would still further depress the price. and it is right to cut the acreage for this year because the carry-over is large and Europe cannot yet buy as before the war; but our farmers should make this year's cotton so economically that they will not be hurt if it brings considerably less than fifteen cents. By refusing to buy clothes and machinery and luxuries of every kind this year, the

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

There is a state to conservé as well as a state to reform.-Edmund Burke.

Last Sunday Dr. P. C. Fletcher received sixty new members into First Church, this city.

Rev. J. F. Glover of Imboden reports that he has been well received and is pleased with the place and the people.

Married, in Hot Springs, January 9, by Rev. T. O. Rorie, Mr. W. M. Black and Miss Fannie Russum, both of Hot Springs.

Rev. S. T. Baugh of Blevins has been royally "pounded." Among the good things received were a 150-pound dressed hog and a quarter of beef.

In a business letter, Mr. T. W. McClendon of Forrest City says that Brother Yancey, the new passtor, is making a fine impression and a good start.

Rev. W. R. Jordan announces that Rev. W. B. Hogg of Winfield Church, will begin preaching in a protracted meeting January 24 at Primrose Chapel.

Religious education must raise up religious educators who at once realize and transcend all academic measurements.-L. M. Sweet in The Biblical

Rev. S. L. Durham wishes his friends to know that his charge is Emmet Circuit, and not Prescott Circuit as originally announced. His work is start-

The enrollment at the University of Chicago will reach 11,000 this year. A fund of over \$3,000,000 is now available for new buildings. It is the policy of the University to keep out of debt.

Married, January 5, Mr. Clifford Leake and Miss Ruth Corrigan, daughter of the late Dr. M. B. Corrigan, both of Junction City, Ark., Rev. W. M. Hayes officiating.

Rev. J. A. Parker, our pastor at De Queen, and Miss Lela Lane Goodwin were married at El Dorado, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. Brewster, Tuesday, January 4.

In electing Rev. E. Garrett chaplain of the Senate and Rev. C. W. Drake chaplain of the House these Church, who is recuperating at El Paso, Texas, legislative bodies honored themselves and worthily has been invited by the program committee of the recognized two true and tried veterans of our London Conference of the Canadian Methodist itinerancy.

The works in the New York clothing trade say that their purpose is "to put the organized working class in actual control of the system of production to the end that they shall be able to take possession of it.'

Only Jesus has light for such a time as this, only those who confess His Lordship and His Leadcan safely be trusted with the final organization of society.—E. M. Poteat in The Biblical Review.

In a personal letter Rev. S. T. Baugh of Blevins writes: "My charge is in sadness over the death of one of my best stewards, Mr. J. L. Ward of New Hope. He had been a steward for over thirty years and had read the Arkansas Methodist since it first

Any American blessed with reasonable health who insists on taking his own troubles seriously should be sentenced to six months in Europe, where there are real troubles and where life itself is a daily battle for mere existence.-The New York World.

Presiding Elder Harrell of Pine Bluff District announces that the vacancy at Star City has been filled by the appointment of Rev. S. W. Rainey, whose place at Swan Lake is taken by Rev. E. F. Wilson. These changes were made with the approval of the bishop.

Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, having spent four months in Bozeman, Mont., found that the climate was utterly unsuited to his wife's health, hence he has been transferred to Little Rock Conference and appointed to New Edinburg Circuit. He is glad to get back to his home Conference.

Rev. H. H. Hunt and family of Salem wish the preachers and friends who have consoled them in their sorrow over the loss of their dear Corra Nell, to know that their letters have been a great source of comfort, and they will be answered. They ask God's blessings upon the many friends.

Rev. H. H. Blevins of Beebe writes: "We are delighted with our new work. Have been cordially received and feel that we have a fine people to serve. Have received six new members since conference. The work of the church is progressing nicely and we are hopeful of a good year."

Five hundred employes of a clothing manufacturing company in Cincinnati, which is operated on the

If our readers who have received reminders of the expiration of their subscriptions will promptly remit, they will confer a favor which will be appreciated. The Arkansas Methodist belongs to the Conference; hence all unnecessary expenses are a tax upon the church.

"golden rule" basis, have voluntarily agreed to surrender their jobs for one month, either January or February, in order to give work to the unemployed of other clothing factories.—Christian Advocate.

Let us have economy. Many laws now on the statute books should be repealed. The country needs co-operation, not legislation. Doubtless the people would willingly do more gratis for society, for themselves, and for their communities if taxes were reduced and political jobs eliminated.—Farm and Ranch.

The Camden paper gives an appropriate account of the wedding at the Methodist Church, January 2, of Mr. T. Bennett Douglass of Jacksonville and Miss Maria Wilkinson, daughter of Rev. W. T. Wilkinson. The groom is the son of Mr. G. N. Douglass of Jacksonville and a nephew of the late Rev. J. M. G. Douglass.

The Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly for January has an interesting table of contents and is especially interesting to those who wish to know something of the relation between Judaism and Christianity. It is published by the Hebrew Christian Alliance, 3918 W. Roosevelt Road, Chieago. Price, \$1 per annum.

Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrip, pastor of McKendree Church which meets at London, Ontario, first week in June, to deliver a devotional address each morning and to preach before the Conference on Sunday night.

Rev. S. F. Goddard of Stuttgart writes: "We have been very cordially received. Every token of kindness has been shown us. The Board of Stewards have made ample provisions. During Christmas ership, and who seek to know His will and to do it, week the usual donation came in a most gracious manner, the donors being led by a class of young ladies. We are planning for a great year. Our revival is to begin Sunday."

Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman, of the Baltimore Conference and chaplain of the United States Senate, has been appointed by Bishop Denny to Church Street Church, Knoxville, to fill the place made vacant by the election of Dr. J. S. French to the presidency of Emory and Henry and Martha Washington Colleges. Dr. Prettyman is an eloquent and scholarly preacher and a fine gentleman.-Midland Methodist.

The resolutions adopted by the charge lay Leaders of the Little Rock District, published elsewhere, are a spiritual response to the challenge of pessimism. Dr. James Thomas says of the meeting: "It was very fine, every preacher in the District being present and practically all the charge lay leaders, together with the conference lay leader, the district lay leader, and the conference evangelistic director. We had a great meeting."

From a correspondent in the Literary Digest comes the following information concerning the Arkansas diamond field: "From the surface of the ground, with the crudest of working materials, already more than 2,000 diamonds have been taken, submitted to every known test by diamond experts, and pronounced the equal in quality of the diamonds of South Africa. The diamonds have, also been worthy of note in size, the largest weighing eighteen karets."

Speaking of the business depression, Mr. Charles M. Schwab, the great steel magnate, says: "We are getting relieved of some of the impurities of our business life. The dose is distinctly unpleasant, but the patient will in time be cured, and when he is cured the great body of American business will emerge with a vigor and an energy the world has never known before. And Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board adds: "Poriodical depressions in business are as beneficial as rests on a long journey."

The January number of The Biblical Review has the following fine articles: "The Element of Worship in Christianity," by W. E. Scofield; "Christianity and Learning," by E. M. Poteat; "Academic Standards of Religious Education," by L. M. Sweet; "The Samaritan Penteteuch, Its Date and Origin," by J. E. H. Thompson; "The New Commandment," by W. L. Lingle, and "The Bible and the Industrial Problem," by P. W. Wilson. Some of these are peculiarly appropriate in view of our Education Morvement. Order from The Biblical Review, Albany, N. Y. Price, 50 cents, or \$2 a year.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for January contains many notably good contributions, among which may be mentioned: "Some Aspects of Recent Advances in the Study of Heredity," by J. Arthur Thompson; "Racial Friction in America," by Mrs. Robert U. Waldraven; "John Huss and the Bohomians," by W. W. Pinson; "Spontaneity, Conformity and Finality," by W. E. Forsythe," and "Lady Astor as I Have Met Her," by Bishop James Cannon Jr. It is edited by Dr. F. M. Thomas and published by Smith & Lamar, Agents', Nashville, Tenn. Price for a single copy, 50 cents; per annum, \$2.

Denmark is a little country bordering the Baltic and North Seas and has an area, both land and water, of approximately 15,000 square miles. It is about as large as fifteen ordinary counties in a Southwestern State. They till their fields as we would a bed of the choicest flowers. . . Yet this little spot of territory, besides producing large quantities of food, also produces enough butter for home consumption; enough additional for large demands from other European countries, and theu sends 50,000,000 pounds annually to butter the bread of the people of the United States,--Farm and Ranch.

The oldest member of First Church, in point of age, is Mrs. Louisa Daniel, who was born in Columbia, S. C., April 18, 1819. On February 21, 1918, Dr. Fletcher received her into this church by profession of faith. She had belonged to another denomination but had lost her identity. Her first husband was Dr. J. G. Brown of Memphis, Tenn., who died during the Civil War, in Virginia. Her second husband was George Daniel, who died in 1871. She has been a widow for 49 years. She now

The Arkansas Methodist in Every Methodist Home In Arkansas

resides at the Confederate Soldiers' Home. She is active and bright and cheerful.—Bulletin of First Church of Little Rock.

The American farmer must depend upon his own intelligence and his own efforts. Those who are looking for relief through the government are doomed to disappointment. American farmers as well as American business men must return to sane methods. We all must bear in mind the fact that it is the people who support the government and not the government that supports us. We are now facing the problems of another year. Let us buckle down to work with the idea foremost in our minds that we will be real men and women in doing well our part towards establishing a new era of peace and prosperity throughout the world. -Farm and Ranch.

A letter to the Rev. D. J. Weems, who took a collection at the North Arkansas Conference to save the home of a worthy superannuate who had not been able to pay the interest on his notes for six years and feared he would lese the property, follows: "Dear Brother Weems: Every day I'm thinking of you and all the brethren for the timely help you gave me at Rogers. That was a memorable night. By taking \$1.55 out of my pension (livable night. By taking \$55 out of my pension (livclear and I can sleep better. I can never be thankful enough to you all for such kindness, but God knows where we are and what we need. He can and will reward you all."

The church preferences of the students of the University of Arkansas show that the Methodists are in the lead, both among the men and the women. Second place is taken by the Baptists among the men, but the Presbyterian denomination slightly outnumbers the Baptists among the women. Ten per cent of the men declare no church preference. whereas less than three per cent of the women students have stated they have no church preference Among the faculty, the Presbyterians have 22, and 17 are Methodists. The Episcopalians and Baptists stand next, with ten and nine members respectively. Nine per cent of the faculty declare no church preference, which tallies very closely with that of the entire student body.

Arkansas, as an agricultural state, has been honored in the recent election of Dr. J. A. Elliot, head of the department of plant pathology of the University of Arkansas, as one of the five members of the advisory board of the Plant Pathological Society at a meeting of the American Society for the Advancement of Science which has just adjourned in Chicago. In serving on the board Dr. Elliot will be associated with such men as Dr. R. L. Jones of the University of Wisconsin, Dr. E. R. Lyman, head of the United States Plant Disease of Washington; Dr. J. R. Buller of Canada, and Dr. Freeman of the University of Minnesota. Dr. J. T. Buchholz, who also attended the meeting in Chicago, has been asked to co-operate with Dr. A. F. Blakeslee in doing some important research work for the Carnegie Institute next summer. The invitation followed the reading of a paper by Dr. Buchholz on the selective fertilization of corn, which was the result of his own investigations. It is thought that the facts presented by Dr. Buchholz will make for a decided increase in the production of corn.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Moon of Israel: A Tale of The Exodus; by H. Rider Haggard; published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York; price \$1.50.

This fascinating novel, by one of the most brilliant modern writers of fiction, is in his happiest vein. It gives an insight into the conditions in Egypt which will make the Biblical story still more interesting. The hero, Seti, who forfeits the royal throne rather than to approve of the mistreatment of the Hebrews, is a noble character, and the heroine, Merapi, the Hebrew maiden, who imperils her life to save his, is worthy of admiration. The contrasts which run through the whole story are startling and impressive. If there is any pations which were always underpaid the reducground for just criticism it is in the fact that, aside | tion will be slight. from the beautiful Merapi, the Jews are represented

START THE CAMPAIGN.

Circulars were mailed this week to all pastors giving information necessary to start the Special Circulation Campaign. If any pastor fails to receive the circular, he should immediately ask for it.

The Conditions of This Campaign are Unusual. Every Pastor is Expected to Act Promptly and Get Results.

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as almost wholly unattractive; but it should be remembered that, in spite of the title, it is a tale of Egypt rather than of Israel.

Democracy and the Church; by F. A. Agar; published by Fleming H. Revell Co.; New York and Chicago.

The author says: "Democracy is paramount in the minds of the people of this generation. The spirit of democracy is like the star in the West which drew towards it the Wise Men of the East. The wise and good men of all the world are turning with courage and hope towards true democracy. . . . This study has been made for the purpose of assisting Christian democracy in making a self-examination which will enable it to occupy in the immediate future the place of influence and power that must be filled by the great institution called the Church. . . . The spirit and teachings of Jesus are in truth the aims and purposes of a true democracy. There is hope for democracy in the world in proportion as these animate and control the membership of His Church." The subject is discussed under the following heads: "The Ideal Democracy," "Democracy and Efficiency," "Democracy and Inefficiency," and "Democracy and Discipline." The study is keen and discriminating and should be helpful in discovering the spirit which should prevail in the Church.

Christian Focus: A Scries of College Sermons. By Francis J. McConnell, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Published by the Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati. Price

These sermons were delivered in Appleton Chapel, Harvard University, while Bishop McConnell, then president of DePauw University, was serving as a member of the Board of Preachers of the University. While the book was published nine years ago, we feel constrained now to call attention to it and recommend it. Everything that Bishop McConnell writes is worth while. He is peculiarly happy in explaining deep things in simple language. The subjects discussed are: Christian Focus, Be tween the Blade and the Full Corn, Spiritual Birth, The Fairness of Jesus, Walk and Faint Not, Christian Daring, The Significance of Spiritual Crisis, The Tarrying Kingdom, and We Know in Part.

LET US ALL CO-OPERATE.

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farmers, who, on account of their numbers, are the greatest consumers, can force the prices of manufactures down, and then the bugbear, the high cost of living, will automatically vanish, and we shall be prepared to move forward normally.

Our merchants and manufacturers naturally resent this advice, but, if they are honest and sennecessary course. Then, the dealers, who in many cases made large profits when prices were rising, must be willing with the farmer to share in the losses in order to reduce business to normal conditions. Then, too, labor which has reveled in high wages and has indulged in extravagance must be willing to co-operate in this return to sanity. It is to be hoped, however, that in certain occu-

modities and the rest of the world needs our goods, but we have bought to the point of saturation while the poverty stricken nations are unable to pay our high prices. When normal conditions prevail in America, the impoverished peoples of other lands wlil again come to our markets and an equilibrium will be established. Some of our people will be forced this year to live on little, but our very paupers are rich when compared with the starving multitudes of China and India and the war-stricken portions of Europe.

Let us thank God for his mercies, and especially for halting us in our mad career before we had created even more unnatural conditions, and let us co-operate in bringing in an era of moderation and sanity both at home and abroad. Even the best of us have come periliously near saying in our hearts, "There is no God but Mammon." Let us put Mammon under our feet, and, repenting of our near idolatry, return to the service of our God who will graciously pardon and abundantly bless.

OIL AT LAST.

Monday near El Dorado, Union County, an oil well of probably 20,000 barrel flow was brought in. As much drilling has been in progress in South Arkansas for the last two years, we have been ready for this announcement. We felt sure that ultimately oil would be found in paying quantities in our State, but we had no basis for predicting the day when the good fortune would arrive. We are delighted that it has come at this time. If it had come ten or twenty years ago it would have been of far less value. Now, when there is general business depression, it will help mightily to improve our conditions. We congratulate the people of El Dorado and Union County and trust that this new enterprise may prove to be a blessing not only to them, but to our whole State.

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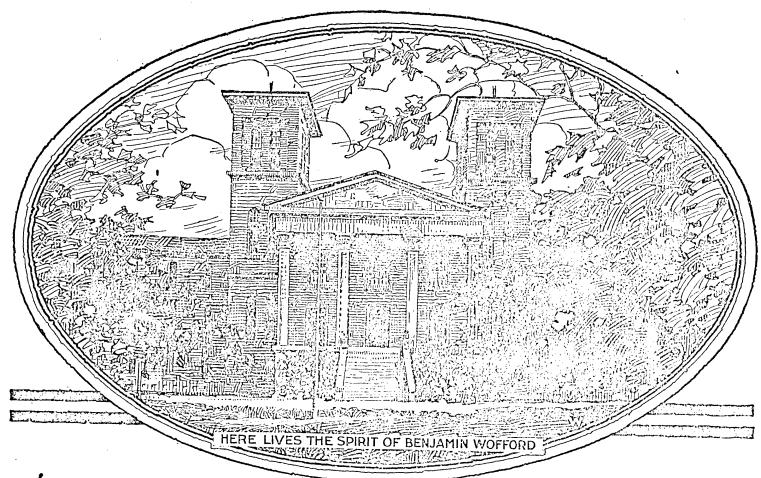
A few weeks ago The Methodist, the organ of the Baltimore, Central Pennsylvania, and Wilmington Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was forced to discontinue publication on account of financial difficulties. Soon the representative men of these Conferences realized that they could not carry on the business of the church without an organ; hence they have arranged for it to resume, and it comes out again with the new year. We congratulate editor and publishers, and welcome it again to our table. The resumption was inevitable. The church paper has become a necessity. If the Arkansas Methodist were compelled to suspend, it would be started again at any cost. Then why not make it strong and enable it to do its work well?

HIGHLY COMMENDABLE.

It is reported that President-elect Harding has requested that there shall be no expense connected with his inaugural and that everything shall be severely simple and unostentations.' This is wise and highly commendable and sets a good example. It is criminal to spend the public money on merc display when our public debt is so enormous and there has been so much extravagance. If after this suggestion Congress appropriates a single penny for the expense of the inaugural, the people should strongly protest.

Books, like many other things, are dear these days, and especially the new and up-to-date books. Perhaps it might not be out of place for some of us to take advantage of that situation by reading, or re-reading, some of the older books which we may sible, they must know that this is the wise and have around our homes or which we can secure in cheaper form. A re-reading of Dickens, or Thackeray, or Anthony Trollope might prove almost as enjoyable and stimulating as a first reading of some of the more recent books. Unfortunately, it seems often to happen in these days that the people who enjoy reading most have the shallowest purses for book buying.—Christian Guardian. 🕒 🔸

Nietzsche has said: "Bessed are the warmakers." Jesus said; "Blessed are the peace-We have an immense surplus of many com- makers." Whom shall we believe?



Immortal Danuments

John Doe lived for himself alone, and accounted all that he possessed as his individual property to be used in his own service. And today there is nothing left of him except a marble slab to tell that he is dead, and even that will in time decay.

Benjamin Wofford was a Methodist preacher who had large wealth. He recognized that his possessions brought him a responsibility. He called himself a steward, and he tried to use his wealth to serve his fellowman.

And today Wofford College stands proclaiming to all the world that the spirit of Benjamin Wofford is alive.

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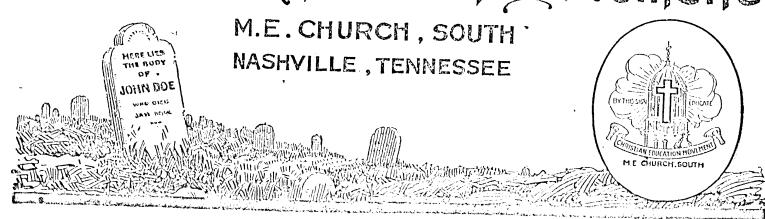
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TELEGRAM FROM BISHOP W. R. LAMBUTH.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6, 1921. Nine thousand lives saved by your draft. Situation growing worse. One thousand men, women and children frozen to death one night at Kalgau. Fourteen million now facing starvation or death from disease or cold. I bring samples of leaves, thistles, corncobs being eaten. The wolf is at their Wild-eyed mothers with shriveled breasts throw their babies into wells. China is rising to the emergency, but can not cope with it single-handed. Our people must do their best and do it quick. There is no time to be lost. Just arrived from China and received telegram from President Woodrow Wilson appointing me on Famine Commission. Will do

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

When, in the summer of 1907, Dr. Stonewall Anderson, then president of Hendrix College, called me from a pleasant pastorate at Prescott, Ark., to take the chair of Philosophy in the college, I recognized it not only as an honor to be judged worthy of such a trust, but, as the desire of a friend to give me employment in a congenial sphere, during the last years of my service of the church. The memory of this appeals to me today like the warm handclasp of a friend. I did find the work at Hendrix delightful and inspiring, like a draught from the "Fountain of Youth"; for, in association with the noble aspirations of the young one must be very old indeed if one does not experience the quickening of latent energies and the revival of one's aspirations. This I felt, and, had it not been that the failing health of my wife awakened in her a longing to return to our old home in Little Rock, in the fond but vain fancy that there, in association with our dear niece, Mrs. Sheldon Anderson, and her children, she would feel as she used to feel, I would have realized my hopes in respect to my work at Hendrix College. As it is, Hendrix is a pleasant memory, a picture cherished along with the picture of the lost loved one. Memory persists in framing the two pictures together. When I last saw Dr. Reynolds, whose coming to the college, as its president, gave me joy as the best promise for its future, he said, "Say a word for our Movement for Christian Education."

Manage the "Movement" in your own way, Doctor, I confidently trust it to you. The church did well to appoint you commander-in-chief of that great movement. I think we may all feel quite confident of great results. The appeal is now especially to the brains of the church, and its farsightedness: may I not also say to its selfishness, using the word in an appreciative and commendatory sense? It has been the fashion of the most intelligent and philanthropic men of this country, for many years past, to choose our institutions of higher education as the objects of their chief bequests for the public good. Looking back to my scrapbook, I note this record: "1908. The bequests to colleges and universities this year exceeded \$40,000,000." I dare say the aggregate grew as the years passed. Philanthropic men see, in such gifts, a force, persistent and cumulative, for they are not a few, who drift into the whereby to earn money, comes back things they have mapped out for the

benefiting future generations. By such proofs of their love of humanity the donors to the schools yet speak and live in the hearts of the people. Since the war the feeling has grown more dominant that the public welfare must be promoted, especially through education. Therefore, are our colleges and universities, whether of the church, the State or independent, crowded with students, and the capacity of our educational institutions is in no wise equal to the demand. The selfish aspect of the universal effort for a forward movement in education, at this time, is the opportunity opened to us of making our unprecedented financial prosperity the means of splendid improvements for ourselves, and the beginning of developments which will make the United States the educational center of the world. But I must "say something," for the church colleges especially, or the sapient editor of the Methodist will mark this deliverance "The Indefinite Article" and consign it to limbo.

Not meaning to disparage either our system of education or our schools, but confessing the need of all, and pleading for increased attention to them all, from the kindergarten to the State university, I yet dare to say, that the college, and especially the Christian college, stands at the head of our educational system in its develepment, both of scholarship and of character. To one who has first-hand knowledge of the work, and also of the association and atmosphere of the schools, this statement does not need to be defended. But for the majority of the people by whose patronage the schools are sustained the assertion may need the statement of certain facts.

The school which is a college, pure and simple, with a curriculum leading to the A. B. degree, is a school devoted to education as education is ideally viewed. Its aim centers in the development of the individual, by the harmonious education of all his faculties, and laying a basis of general knowledge, which will relate the individual normally to the world at large. The motto of the college is "Eis Andra tellion," The educators of the country confess that the colleges, more than any other schools, give a standard, liberal education. The aim of the college is this goal, and its work is not confused with other things, and the minds of the students are not directed to other issues. The organization and atmosphere of the school aid to this one result. In respect to education in the liberal arts, the college is decidedly the most favorable place to educate. It is a mistake to send students to a university if the aim is simply to make an A. B. graduate. The A. B. degree from a first-class college is the best guaranty of scholarship. Hendrix College can show that students who spent two years in college classes there, to save time went to the State University and took their degree at the end of another year, because fequirements were not as strict.

But, passing on to character: If educated men fail, they fail for lack of character. To come from the college or university not rightly related world's needs, and without right ideals of life, is not only to make a failure of education but of life itself. There

current that bears them to the whirlpool of wreck and ruin. High and worthy purposes would have saved them, body and soul. A Christian education, under Christian teachers, in association with Christian students, with an air.of Christian obligations, would have saved these unfortunates. and saved the interests of society in them, by making them both great and

Now, as to the schools which young people choose for themselves. We know young men enough who have made their choice in reference to football, and girls enough who have made their choice in reference to fashion and the dances. They go to college to be respectable. Most of this class chose the university. It is natural that the youngsters think the biggest thing it education is where they see the big gest buildings and hear the drums beating loudest, and where they set the biggest crowd. But let us under stand the case. If the young man has chosen to be an engineer, an archi tect, a farmer, a dairyman, a machinist, a dentist, a doctor, a lawyer, let him go to the university. The univers ity gives technical education for such employments, and these employments are needed and honorable, and most men must choose their work in life in respect to livelihood. Therefore the university has the crowd, and needs the many great buildings and the great

Now compare this university with the college. Nine out of ten of its students are specialists. They have chosen their employments and are subjected now to a course of study and training which is not meant to enlarge but to "ensmall" them; to which tle them down to be some particular cog in a wheel. Now it has been well said as to the specialist that the price which he must pay for eminence in his specialty is wilful ignorance of everything else. If your A. B. graduate from the college chooses such a specialty as the very needful and honorable profession of medicine, he will fail in that profession if he ever tries to keep fresh in the scholarship represented by his college degree. The very sensible conclusion of all this is that engineers and farmers, and architects do not need to be scholars at all, and that university students do not generally represent scholarships. They are a busy line preparing for busy work—the work which they have chosen as a means of living, and the ideal of success is the money which may be made.

Now all this is needful, needful for most, but the statesman, the publicist the philosopher, the great preacher. the great author does not travel the road of the specialist. The men whose influence is known as nation-wide or world-wide, and who rules in the higher spheres of thought and moral influence, are men who were educated in reference to the world's intellectual and moral needs, and who, instead of forgetting their college education in thought forces and convictions by which all true men must be ruled.

The atmosphere of the university is man who enters the university to pre-

changed from a Christian to a cynic and misanthrope, it is not because of larger education, but of association with men whose views of the world were material and their aims selfish. His specializing was not a process of expansion, but of shrinkage. He was a bigger man before he went to the university than when he returned from it. He came back equipped for a definite position and work in the industrial world, but less occupied by world problems and ideals.

This last suggestion, when its implications are unfolded, will develop many arguments for our church universities which have their chief value -and it is very great-in guarding and developing in young men who are pursuing technical studies their Christian faith and idealism, that they may walk with God and work for God in the routine of secular associations. In that thought is matter for another article .- J. E. Godbey.

A COMPARISON.

It has not been long since I began preaching, but how things have changed. Some of the chief railroads of the State were narrow-gauge. How well I remember the Sundays they were changed to standard. Then I had a gray pony and a small saddle and a good-sized pair of saddlebags. Most of my wardrobe I carried on one side and most of my library on the other. My Bible that rode thousands of miles in those saddlebags lies before me. I was right well equipped for those days. The Woman's Missionary Society was new born and only an auxiliary to the young child, the Board of Church Extension, The Sunday school, while old, only ran a few months in summer. The League had not been thought of. Neither of our splendid colleges was in existence. These are new. My hair is still black, my step as steady as ever, but how things have changed. My church, my spiritual mother, how she has grown; she is the same church and yet how different. We had to fight when I began. Sometimes we fought the devil, then the world, then other churches that tried to run us out of the world. What fine debates we did have. We usually won and we are now on the earth because we had God and truth on our side and the preacher knew his Bible. Clarke and Watson and Ralston and Wesley were great interpreters of the Word of God. The campmeeting was the big event. What times we had at them. Dr. Hunter was on his throne as director. Dr. Winfield could stir any crowd. There were preaching, conviction, mourners and conversions. Did you ever see them go into a trance? I have, and come out shouting. It was worth a trip across the State, especially in a Pullman or a Ford, to hear Dr. Winfield preach the funeral of a saintly woman on some day of the campmeeting. I ean see him now and hear him sing, 'The Old Ship of Zion." My, how he could raise a shout! My, how things effort to make a living continued to have changed! Would not a preacher build upon it a knowledge of the dressed in a linen duster and riding a pony with his saddlebags look funny? We travel differently now and our libraries have grown larger. The dein conceptions and principles to the necessarily secular and selfish. Its bates have ceased and campmeeting students pursue their studies with ref- days are nearly gone. The church I erence to their own gain. If the young | joined and began my ministry in has organized and grown. What wonderare graduates from our schools, and pare himself for some specialty, ful boards we have and what great

church. The comparatively few womthe whole church did then, and how ery department of the church is organized and on certain days every month every child, and woman and (God grant) man pays to the ongoing of the church. Then we called men and women to repentance; now, thank Christ before they wander away. There are more children converted and come into the church now in one year from the Sunday schools than were converted and came in in ten years from all the campmeetings held. Our young people were of no use to the church then, except at the revival to sing, but what an organized force they are now. They do things that count now, but what will they do when we get out of the way? Then a college graduate was some rare man; now even the woods are full of them. We are going fast, and going in the right direction. I think we have just started. The Centenary did its biggest work in showing us what we could do. We are still on training ground. We haven't gotten on the track for sure enough running yet. Our forces are mostly latent. Now and then you see a man or woman who is awake and sees and understands, but many are yawning and will soon awake. Our Educational Movement is going to awaken a lot of folks and loosen a lot of purses. Our children and money have not been dedicated to God and the church. I know this is so Has God failed to call men and women to do His work? I am sure He calls: but they can not go with a gray pony, and a pair of saddlebags now. They not be at home with us, and were sadmust be equipped for present demands and the demands on a pastor now are tremendous. They dare not start without equipment. We have a plenty of schools and plenty of work, but oh, the scarcity of well-equipped workers! We must not stop the growth of the church and yet our growth is our greatest embarrassment. More work than workers! More pupils than teach-More congregations than preach-More missionary calls than missionaries! More suffering than nurses! More sick than doctors! There is no end to what could be done now. Calls are coming from every quarter. But where, oh where, are the workers? What shall we do? Shall we stop where we are? Are our sons too big to make preachers? Are our daughters too delicate to make nurses and missionaries? God pity us! The Lord of hosts awake us! We can not go backward. We can not stop. Hear the Word of the Lord: "Go forward." Methodists of Arkansas, hear! God is in great need of men, sensible men, educated men, men trained to endure hardship, heroic men, men who fear

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CHRISTMAS, WEDDING AND ANNI-VERSARY.

Our thoughts have turned oft to the dear friends in Arkansas, during the holidays, as we have enjoyed the jolliest, merriest, happiest Christmas we have had in many years; and, although it may not much concern or interest most of your readers, I feel constrained to write something about it for the benefit of our many friends who care. Never has Christmas passed more pleasantly in this community. and never more happily in this family. notwithstanding two of our boys could ly missed.

On the 18th of December, Joe came home from Hendrix. That is a good long distance—300 miles. But, although we are far down in Louisiana, we just have to have a boy in Hendrix. During the last five years we have gotten the habit! About that time all was in a bustle, as the three mill towns, Trout, Good Pine and Tall Timber, got ready for two fine community Christmas trees, under the auspices of the Trout and Good Pine Sunday schools. The trees were a brilliant success. Nearly everybody helped; everybody attended, and every child in the three towns received, besides fruits and candies, some nice little present. We did not confine our gifts to members of the Sunday school—and already we see the effect of this larger policy in increased attendance upon the Sunday schools. There are numerous poor families here, and there were some sick, all of whom were remembered with some substantial gifts.

On the 26th, our eldest son, A. M. Jr., now principal of the school at Luxora, Ark., was married, at Conway. to Miss Edith Wilson of Yellville, Dr. C. J. Greene of Hendrix College ofmorning of the 28th, and remained ing the bar." Then, with us till the following Saturday. Marvin is a rare fellow; an ex-sailor of Uncle Sam's, an A. B. of Hendrix, 24 years old—quite mature, both in mind and appearance—and is making an excellent record in the work of the church, as well as in his school. His wife is a most attractive and sensible young woman, who easily won the Home is the sailor, home from the sea. hearts of all the family. Although we had the jolliest of times during this

visit, there was a peculiar touch of sadness about the parting. He has not been with us much for several years, but he has been "our boy" so long! Well, he is our boy still; but there is a kind of feeling of finality about this last flight of the young eagle from the home-nest. If good character and a fine sense of humor, good mental equipment, splendid determination, and the earnest prayers of loved ones at home insure anything, then these young people have a useful career before them.

Our twins are past 21, the youngest boy is half-a-head taller than his dad, and "Baby Eleanor" is approaching the "teen-age"; yet my wife and I are still young. We have had the joy of growing up with our children-and Mrs. Shaw and the "young-'uns" are still engaged in "bringing up father!" On the 22nd of this month, we shall celebrate our silver wedding. Wish we could have all our Arkansas friends with us, but since that can not be, we shall not annoy them with mere formal invitations. Twenty-five years ago, on that date, in the little town of Tyro, the saintly-and long since sainted--B. F. Wilson pronounced us 'man and wife." Many steep hills we have climbed, and many rough roads we have traversed together; many joys and sorrows, many triumphs and disappointments we have met hand-inhand; long moves, heavy burdens, heart-testing sacrifices, we two have borne as one. I have not been dangerously sick in the twenty-five years. Of the five children born to us, all are living and in good health. More than once have we followed "Little Manima" down to where her feet touched the brim of the dark river; but love and prayers and doctors' skill have brought her back. We can not feel that we have reached and passed the noontide of our day; but if these skies above us are those of life's afternoon, their soft azure and roseate tinges seem to forecast an evening, brighter and even more joyous than the morning has been.

It is grand to live. And, dear friends, I have lived. Many of you have had more, and many have achieved more than I; but I dare say that, in these forty-six years, none of you have lived more than I have lived. And, I'm living yet. My work, my family, my friends, and, most of all, my Savior, are perennial sources of increasing delight and joy. Even this sad, mad world, though much awry, is not, in my view of it, a hopeless tangle. Its remaking-after a better pattern—lies in the immediate future. Toward that future, without a single fear, my face is set, my resolution taken, and my heart fixed. If life's afternoon be long and full of hard tasks, I shall be glad—glad of the strength to do my part; if it be short, I shall be glad -glad for the joy of labor, and glad for the rest soon won. Whatever wormwood may chance to be mingled with the wine on this ficiating. They arrived here on the side, I expect to be glad when "cross-

> "Under the wide and starry sky, Dig the grave and let me lie. Glad did 1 live and gladly die And I laid me down with a will.

1 3 This be the verse you grave for me: Here he lies where he longed to be; And the hunter home from the hill." -Arthur M. Shaw,

FROM THE PELICAN PINES.

I have the same trouble with Dr. J. A. Rice's new book, "The Old Testament in the Life of Today", that I have when Sister Steel gets a jar of fresh honey and has waffles for breakfast: I can't quit! Every next page seems the best. It is brimming with a wholesome vitality. Each paragraph whets your appetite for the next. The title is happily chosen, and with the fine appreciation of the problems of the present day born of a personal contact with life as only a Christian pastor can know it, the author applies, or rather enables the reader to apply, the truth of the Old Testament to the living issues of the age.

He is a higher critic. All intelligent students of the Bible are higher critics. Higher criticism is only the historical study of the Bible, aplying to it the same rules and methods of study that we use in all other departments of historical research, I am free to confess that it has made the Bible a new and living Book to me for many years. To consider the Bible as the literature of a chosen people, which contains the truth of God as the ore contains the precious metal, the divine mixed with the human, does not diminish, but increases, my confldence in its inspiration and authority, and I thank God for raising up scholars with an equipment of learning and a reverent spirit like Dr. Rice, who can interpret it so forcibly. His book is like one of those stamping-mills where they extract the gold'from the rock; and the ore is rich!

But mark this now, I don't accept all the conclusions of some eminent scholars in their historical study of the Bible. I am a stout denier. If I had been a little more flexible, or as Sister Seed would say, "diplomatie", and a diplomat would say, "prudent", I might now be sailing around in a Hudson-Six, dismounting hoary P. E.'s as Mac did the Pelican Beloveds, and drawing an episcopal allowance, instead of being a lean superannuate trying to live on \$300 a year! That is what I get for saying "NO" to a whole lot of things, I deny many things commonly accepted about the history of this country. I deny that John Brown was a martyr to liberty, and hold that he was an anarchist. I deny that Lincoln had the Constitutional right to coerce the Southern States to remain in the Union. I deny that the war between the North and South was a "Civil War", for that phrase ignores the existence of the Confederate States and puts Robert E. Lee in the same category with Villa. I deny

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that Jefferson Davis was a "traitor". All those things are taught in our many who say they don't believe them in private are mollycoddles when it comes to a standup open denial of them. Napoleon said, "History is a lie agreed upon". That applies to much in every history of this country written in the North. I don't agree, and hence "History" and I are outs on many points. So much the worse for -History, of course! There now.

So I don't agree with much that Dr. Rice holds about the history of the Bible. He follows Kent closely, and Kent's Bible is a great marsh of fiction, with here and there solid and fertile spots. Dr. Rice allows too much to mythology and so-called "folk lore" in the early periods of Biblical history. Many of the conclusions of higher criticism rest on might shaky evidence, one has to be as careful as a rope-walker crossing the Niagara river on a tight-rope. It were far better for him to fall into the Niagara Whirlpool than to fall from the tightrope of higher criticism into the abyss of unbelief. The history of Israel is a very different history from the history of Greece, and the failure to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit "functioning" in Hebrew history in a special way, as it did not in the history of any other nation, is at the bottom of the errors of higher critictism. Dr. Rice is not amenable to this charge, of course and yet he comes perilously near the edge of the precipice, and if he is not very careful his students will go over it. The ancient Rabbis discouraged the reading of Ezekiel until a man was thirty years old. That was wise.

No, I don't believe that Deuteronomy was written at a late date, and the Levitical ritual an invention of an age long after Moses, and so on. Rice's book is going to spoil many a sermon on Esther, but, luckily, he don't hit me, for my sermon is on Vashtihowever, it don't matter much, as the whole thing was a fictitious tale got up to entertain the Jews on the Feast of Purim; only one is puzzled to know how the Feast of Purim got started; I am delighted to find that my ser mon-lecture on the "Song of Songs" agrees with the view of so competent a scholar as Dr. Rice. So of most of my sermons on the Old Testament characters. I know Rice did not take his one from me, for he never heard me; and I know I did not take mine from him, for I preached them when

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he was looking in the glass every morning to see if his beard had startschools, right under your noses, and ed to sprout! Great minds, and so forth. However, I part company when he says the fine words of hope with which Amos closes his message were "probably" added by a later hand. That "probably" leaves the gate open. I make the radiant optimism that breaks like sun-light through the clouds from all the prophets an essential element of the prophetic thought -the logical conclusion from the premises of their philosophy of life.

No, I don't agree with Dr. Rice in many of his conclusions. I'm too old to be caught napping by the wise men of today. But he has given us a book of great value to reverent Bible students, and I am proud of it. I said to Bishop McTyiere one day when Vanderbilt was in its swaddling clothes. and he was rocking its Methodist cradle, "Now I hope Southern Methodism will begin soon to give us scholars who will write books that will be read by the world". Vanderbilt disappointed us; but Rice gives promise that what I have long desired is yet to be realized, and the products of Southern brains command the attention of the world. If you think that smacks of "sectional pride", all right. I am Southerner first.

The great charm and value of Dr. Rice's book is in its fine interpretation of the Old Testament. And that is what we need. I don't care particularly whether the man's name is Joe Jones or Sam Smith, or whether he lives in Maine or Mexico, so he brings me a deed, good and true, to a tract of land where there is oil. What I am interested in is the contents of the deed. It is the oil I want. Rice may believe, if he wants to (I don't say that he does) that Adam was a myth; what I am concerned about is that he was created in the image of God. Rice may believe that some hairy old ape, venerable with age and too feeble from limb of a tree that was low down, sat and winked his eyes, and watched with grand-fatherly pride the queer performances of his gifted offspring, Adam. I don't believe anything of the sort, but if Rice can link up a mythological Adam with the man "created in the image of God" in a way that satisfies him, and we both are together as to the fact of man being in the image of God, that is the real point, and Rice is all right there.

I am afraid the price of Rice's book is going to limit its circulation. It took about one per cent of my pension, \$300, to get it ;but I'd sell my shirt to get such a book, and lie in bed reading it till somebody gave me a new shirt! So you need not say that I am paid to puff Rice's book. No, sir, and I had better stop writing and look after the work that Rice interrupted, for neither do ye editors pay me anything, and a fellow with only \$300 a year must make something turn up. Oh, yes, I forgot to say that I don't agree Dr. Rice about Ezekiel.—S. A Steel.

Mansfield, La.

A FEW WORDS FROM JIM TO JIM.

Some time ago my old-time friend and brother, James F. Jernigan, wrote a letter to me through the Arkansas Methodist entitled "From Jim to Jim." of A. C. Millar, 200 East Sixth St., Well, Jim, I appreciated that letter very much. It reminded me of our

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE. NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT.

A Happy New Year! New Year's Day! Is it not wholly a glorious day? Were it possible for all members of all auxiliaries to meet together and give expression to the truest gratitude we feel toward God for His mercy and tender love, followed by a reconsecration of each heart to His service, would it not be a joyous occasion? We can, however, each in her home. and I am confident we are all of one accord at this season of the year .Each has received her particular blessing, each has made mistakes, each has had wonderful opportunity, each has neglected opportunity, each is closing her

labors and associations together in the long ago. I am glad you are still on the effective list of Methodist preachers, and trust you will round out fifty years of active service in the Conference. This is my forty-ninth year in years to climb higher than the first the Conference, though only thirty-six on the effective list. This itinerant system of Methodism has done wonders in giving this great country of ours a pure gospel, and in establishing the kingdom of God. We have not done it all, but we have been a mighty factor in building up the work of the Lord in this land. A more consecrated, self-sacrificing set of men can not be found than the men who have established Methodism in this country. Standing for the Bible as the word of God, the fall of man, the atonement of Christ, who is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, repentance by faith, the necessary condition, to the sinner for justification, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, which makes us new creatures in Christ Jesus, purity of heart and holiness of life and growth in grace of the child of God, showing our faith by our works, and living in fellowship with Christians of other folds, while standing firm for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Jim, I trust the younger gene of preachers and members will faithfully earry on the work as we old ones and those who have gone before us have done. The conditions of the present time demands a heroic ministry and a consecrated membership. Unto the well-beloved Jim, whom I love in the truth, beloved. I wish above all burgh Catechisms for Infant Classes things that flou mayest prosper and in Sunday School, send a stamp for be in health, even as thy soul prospereth,-J. C. Carter, Carlton, Texas.

record for 1920. God accepts the faithful loving service we have given Him. He forgives our transgressions, He overlooks our mistakes, He gives us new opportunities, and today He gives us a new beginning, a new year. Like Paul, let us say, "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We live today because the Lord hath need of us, our work is yet unfinished. His mercy is with us. His love is protecting us day after day. May we rest in His love and go forward with a cleaner conception of what is to be accomplished, a truer devotion to Jesus Christ, a firmer grasp upon His promises, a more persistant determination to give our best in service.

"I would not be my own guide, if I might.

But rather trust to His unerring sight To lead me on. He guides."

Mrs. Preston Hatcher.

SNAP SHOTS FROM THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE , WOM-AN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

By Mrs. John W. Bell.

Mrs. John E. Cowne, vice president of the Greenwood Missionary Society, by her faithful work won the only prize in the North Arkansas Conference from the Missionary Voice for securing the largest number of subscriptions in comparison to the mem-

The study class in the Newport Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. F. L. Bleakley, now numbers 25. They have just finished the books of St. John's Gospel and "The Medical Missions" and are ready for new books. Their reports come in regularly. This speaks well done, good and faithful, for them. We trust the glad New Year may bring them added blessings.

The ladies of the Parkin Society would like to buy copies of "Money the Acid Test" from some who are through with their books. Communicate with Mrs. I. R. Dye if you wish to sell your book. This is another

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study class that is alive and doing good work.

The Missionary Society at Earle deserves special credit for their faithful work. They have 60 members who have not only paid up in full but have overpaid their pledge \$20. A special feature of their week of prayer was the unique manner in which their president, Mrs. Jefferson Sherman, planned the program. She divided the society with a leader for each side. and they were responsible for the number present, program and collection, for each day. This was interesting and enjoyable. On Thursday, the Crawfordsville Society was hostess to the Earle Society. In connection with their other duties they have recently sent a box for the orphans. They gave \$100 in cash for the suffering ones in Europe. They have a fine Young People's Society with 18 members, and a Junior Society also.

As the superintendent of study and publicity in the Forrest City Missionary Society, Mrs. H. A. Ferrell has done a splendid work with the study class. In addition to their study of several good books this year they organized a Community Service Circle, in which one of any creed might belong, being interested in the general uplift, morally and spiritually, of the community and rural districts. One dollar is charged as an annual membership fee. This Circle began work at once by taking up the Red Cross drive for membership. Also helping the Good Fellows in sending Christmas baskets to the needy. A committee from the Circle visited the county poorliouse and took eatables and clothing. This proves that a study class is the real ground work for special service. As we go from our knees to a greater spiritual blessing, so we go from the study class with renewed enthusiasm for real service.

Mrs. R. D. Jordan, Siloam Springs, says: "I am glad to report our study class growing, both in numbers and interest. We have twenty in the class now. We have just recently begun the new study of "The Bible and Missions and find it intensely interesting and instructive." This is another one of our faithful superintendents, always on time with her report. We expect great results from this study class.

Mrs. N. M. Shive, superintendent of study and publicity of the Cabot Society reports we have twenty members and we are studying "Money the Acid Test." The interest is increasing in our class. After this we will meet twice a month. We use the Bulletin at our business meeting. It is encouraging to know the study class grows with interest in so many of our Societies.

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ITEMS FROM AUXILIARIES. Hunter Memorial.

This Auxiliary starts the new year president; Mrs. F. S. Overton, treasof study and publicity, and other capable officers. The treasurer reported \$100 paid on Conference pledge, \$100 raised for the Cottage Home, and \$25 for other work. Contribution to Relief and Retirement fund was paid in full and a barrel of clothing, value \$75, was sent to the Polish Relief Commission.

CAMDEN ADULTS.

With the election of officers for the year 1921 Camden Auxiliary completed a splendid year's work. While the year has brought us some deep sorrows and some of our best workers are with us no more, still we feel that our blessings have far outnumbered our trials.

We will have a financial report of which we are proud. The spirit of sacrifice and self denial is strong. The "Round Robin" resulted in 47 tithers in our membership of about 60.

Our Week of Prayer was an especially blessed season this year. The weather was ideal, the atendance large, the programs of deep interest, and the offering generous. On Friday afternoon our Juniors gave a splendid program.

We have an enthusiastic mission study class of 27 members and are using "Christian Americanization" as our text-book.

In January we will resume the Bible study under the leadership of Mrs. W. W. Brown.

We are glad to have been of service for our Master this year, but, remembering our motto, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," we hope to do greater things in the year to come.—Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Superintendent Mission Study and Publicity.

THE JUNIORS OF PORTLAND.

Miss Martha Lindsay, recording secretary, writes:

"The Junior Missionary Society of Portland, Ark., has had a most wonderful record this year. The enthusiasm has been continuous throughout the year and the interest in the work has been very marked. The following report is an indication of what has been done:

Mite box opening\$36.53 Week of Prayer 8.25 Membership offering 40.00 Pledge paid Fifteen members on baby roll.... 3.75 Thirty-three subscribers to

Young Christian Worker..... Contributions to orphans' homes 10.00 To piano fund 15.00 Made on program in November 8.50 Sent to Conference Treasurer.... 80.57 A quilt to Hot Springs orphans.

A very unique program was given in December called "A Trip Around the World." Each child gave so many pennies, each penny representing a soul saved. They told stories about their sailing around the world, stopping in China, Korea, India, Brazil, Africa, and returning via Mexico. At each place they represented themselves as saving souls -2,000 in all netting the handsome sum of \$20 for that one trip made by the Society.

A special program was arranged by the children for this occasion, the purpose of which was to entertain the

president, Mrs. F. M. Sherrer. The pastor, Rev. R. M. Holland, and Mrs. J. W. Brown, one of the officers of well, with Mrs. D. M. Kirkland as the adult society, were present as visitors. This closed the work for 1920, urer; Mrs. L. J. Fisk, superintendent and the prospects for the new year are even brighter.

> The following officers were elected for 1921: President, Jeanie Rogers; first vice president, George Evelyn Cone, second vice president, Bessie Mitchell; treasurer, Marian Pugh; recording secretary, Martha Lindsay; corresponding secretary, Dorace Hudgens.-Martha Lindsay.

PORTLAND.

The Adult Missionary Society of Portland has had one of the most successful and prosperous years in its history. Mrs. G. A. Lindsay, the retiring president, and her efficient co-workers and officers have worked faithfully and have made this the banner year of the society. All departments of the Society are thoroughly organized, and efficiently conducted under specially chosen leaders.

The work has been so efficiently conducted and in keeping with the rules and regulations that the Society has reached the 100 per cent standard. The following report will show just what has been accomplished: Amount sent Conference treas-

urer\$103.80 Amount paid on pledge..... 115.00 Week of Prayer offering...... 31.00 Scarritt Loan Fund 5.00 Retirement and Relief Fund..... -5.00Amount spent on local work..... 276.95

In addition to the above amounts the Society has contributed to relief of the poor, donated to the Orphans' Home in Little Rock, and helped needy ones in many ways.

The Society has finished the Bible Study, "John's Gospel," and is now studying Fosdick's "The Meaning of Prayer."

The Mission Study Class has read The Crusade of Compassion," "Money the Acid Test," and is now enjoying "The Church and Community." Our membership is 30.—Mrs. J. W. Brown, Superintendent of Publicity.

CROSSETT.

Mrs. D. C. Hastings, Conference secretary, writes: "You will note this is one of the best reports we have ever had in spite of the fact that we have lost some of our best members. We have gone "over the top" with our pledge, which was \$310; also, we have collected this year \$108 for local work, besides our Week of Prayer and boxes of supplies. We are looking forward to another great year under the leadership of Mrs. Gates. We have 64 members. Subscribers to Missionary Voice, 21. We observed Week of Prayer. We presented Christian Stewardship regularly this year, and we are on the Honor Roll.

Financial for 1920.	
Dues\$	154.51
Undirected pledge, not includ-	
ed in mite boxes	330.05
Retirement and Relief Fund	5.10
Searritt Loan Fund and aid	14.00
Week of Prayer	35.00
Conference expenses	64.99
Total sent Conference treas-	
urer	603.65
Value of boxes of supplies	336.00
Amount spent on local work	67.25

Grand total\$1,006.90 We have a Mission Study class of secana, Mo. Su eczema sufferer.

20. We are studying a new book this quarter and have organized Bible study. We use the Bulletin in Auxiliary meetings. One local newspaper gives space for missionary news, and we send items of missionary news regularly. We have a Social Service committee. One committee presents the quarterly social service topic as provided in questionnaire and leaflet. We start the new year with zeal and enthusiasm.

MISSIONARY MEDITATION AND PRAYER.

This booklet, issued by the Woman's Missionary Council, is the response to the numerous requests for the renewed publication of the Missionary Prayer Calendar.

It is intended to help the women of the Auxiliaries in their devotions and intercessory prayer by keeping daily before them some phase of the work at home or abroad. It is arranged in weekly topics and has the advantage of being usable for a longer time than the current year. Each page gives a suggestive weekly thought, daily Scripture reading, a prayer, and a list of objects for intercession during the week. The names of the missionaries, home and foreign, have been placed in the back of the book for reference as each field is taken up, that the prayers may be intelligent and effective.

Prayer for missions should be a part of the daily task of each auxiliary member. Begin the new year with prayer for our work and workers. Order now, one for yourself and one for your friend. Price, 50 cents, postpaid.-Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

"WOMEN AND MISSIONS."

Under the above title a book setting forth the history of the origin and ongoing of missions among the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has just been issued. Its author is Miss Sara Estelle Haskin, educational secretary in charge of the literature in the Woman's Missionary Council.

The task Miss Haskin undertook was no small one. It required investigation and research, time, and infinite care. From meager records and out of the memory of those who still live she collected the facts regarding these 60 years and more of missionary endeavor. With faithfulness to such details as were available, she has woven a rarely fascinating story which in the opening chapter insures interest to the end.

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ginnings of missionary impulse and effort by Mrs. M. L. Kelly in 1858 to the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1878, with intensely interesting history lying between those dates. Then follow the early record, in story, in China, Korea and Japan, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba, and later in Africa. Two chapters are given to the organizing of home mission work and include schools and city mission work and work among and for the negroes. Very fitting is it that our great training center, Scarritt Bible and Training School, shall have the closing chapter.

No one better fitted than Miss Haskins could have been found for such a compiling of the history of missions among Southern Methodist women. Herself a missionary, trained for service in Scarritt Bible and Training School and later a teacher in the Methodist Training School in Nashville, Tenn., afterwards serving in the Bethlehem House, in the same city, and going from this service to her present work as a secretary in the Woman's Missionary Council, she has lived in and for the cause she so sympathetically presents. She speaks from the vantage point of "one to the manor born," and with an inner light on the situation not given to those less favored.

"Women and Missions" should have a reading by the thousands of women whose names and means are committed to the cause of missions in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, It should—and we predict will—become the reference guide for officer and lay member alike. While giving history it is itself making history, in that it establishes and proclaims lines of work and defines progress and outlook. No Methodist can read its pages without a glow of pride in the womanhood of the church. None can feel less than gratitude for the vision which has led, the spirit which has thrilled, and the courage which has not faltered. The divine leading is at all times unmistakable, and this story of the gospel's planting in unoccupied but waiting fields is the story of God and his children laboring together in love and

It should be read in the family and used in mission study circles and in programs of auxiliaries. It will make excellent material for an open missionary meeting on Sunday or at a weekly prayer service.

But, best of all, this chronicle of the rise and progress of missions among us should become the inspiration for yet greater achievement. Let this telling of the story of our founding give birth in the heart of our young womanhood to great life purposes. Let it send them forth to tell of God's love in factories and congested city districts and on and on to other shores till "none shall say, 'Know the Lord.' but all shall know Him from the least to the greatest."--Mrs. E. B. Chappell.

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THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

This is to notify Brother C. H. Goodlett of the Prescott District that the preachers and charge lay-leaders at their meeting accepted his challenge held there the week of January 25-29. and will make the race for the flag f. The text to be used is "Sunday School

I would like to state to Brother Goodlett that he has got something to do if he puts it over the Little Rock District.-James Thomas, P. E.

DISTRICT SET-UP MEETINGS.

Last week the Little Rock Conference concluded its Educational Set-Up Campaign with District meetings for the Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Monticello Districts. Bishop Mouzon was with us at Little Rock and Pine Bluff taking the place of Dr. Anderson on the Conference team. His messages were inspiring. At Monticello we had no bishop and no representative from the Nashville office, and so Brother E. R. Steel and Brother J. L. Cannon "set-up" the meeting. It was done no better in any of the District meetings. Mrs. F. M. Williams of Hot Springs represented the relation of the W. M. S. to the Educational Movement at the Little Rock meeting. She gave us one of the best messages of the two weeks' campaign. Brother E. D. Irvine, our Centenary man, attended all these meetings. No man among us is rendering the Conference a better service than is Brother Irvine. His statement at the Montie llo District meeting that he prays every night for every preacher in the Conference drew forth a hearty "Amen".

In all three of these meetings the attendance of preachers was practically perfect. Several strong laymen attended the Little Rock meeting. Brother G. W. Pardee made a good speech on his "hobby", "Praying and Paying." People are glad to hear Pardee on this subject because they know he practices what he preaches. At Pine Bluff and Dermott, where the Monticello meeting was held, we had a housefull of laymen and lay women present from the local churches. These were the best attended meetings of the seven. In each of these three districts the Presiding Elder has things going good. Brother Thomas followed his meeting the next day with a Preachers* and Lay-Leaders meeting. The preachers report that it was the best day in the history of the Little Rock Conference. Brother Whaley held a preachers' meeting in connection wiht his district stewards meeting the day before our Educational meeting. We heard splendid reports of this meeting.

And now the Set-Up Meetings are over. Everybody has the plan. Let us all get down to work and forget the "hard times." Let us forget for the present that there is any money objective in this movement, and let us make the next three months the greatest period for Spiritual Cultivation that the Little Rock Conference has ever known.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BENTON.

his good people at Benton. He preach ed at the evening hour and met with a group of workers after service to plan for the Training School to be

rganization and Administration. Good interest is being manifested in this school and we are looking for a class of from twenty to thirty. Geo. Buzbee is the wide-awake superintendent. This school is one of the series of schools and institutes to be held in the Arkadelphia District during the months of January and February.

AN ENCOURAGING BEGINNING AT BENTON.

Last Sunday night at Benton the writer heard Brother Hilliard present the Call to Life Service before a splendid group of young people composing his Epworth League. At the close he distributed the Life Service pledgecards and was gratified, to see every member of that fine band of young people sign up pledging themselves to read the Bible and pray daily. This prophesics well for the Religious Education movement in Benton. It also gives an insight into the splendid hold our Brother Hilliard has upon his young people. Any pastor that has this kind of influence among his leaguers will surely succeed. The interest that our young people have in the church at Benton was also manifested by the large Junior Choir which has charge of the music at the evening services.

BROTHER FOWLER IN THE ARKA-DELPHIA DISTRICT.

Brother Fowler began a campaign in the Arkadelphia District last Sunday which will keep him within the bounds of that district every day from now till the first of March. During this time every charge in the district will be reached either by Brother Fowler or the field secretary. Presiding Elder McKay and his pastors are entering enthusiastically into the campaign and we are expecting encouraging results. Our goal is to add as many new schools as possible; to revive old schools; to make surveys in the interest of greater enrollments and attendance; to organize Training Classes, Wesley Bible Classes, Cradle Rolls, Home Departments, and to do whatever else is possible for the building up of this branch of religious education within the bounds of the district.

TEACHER TRAINING AT ASBURY. LITTLE ROCK.

Rev. W. C. Davidson recently organized his workers in a Training Class, which meets after prayer meeting each Wednesday night. The text used is Rall's "Life of Christ." Under the leadership of the new superintendent, Brother Joe Goetz, this school is taking on new life. Already a new Sunday school room is being planned.

THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL.

Plans are rapidly maturing for the The Field Secretary spent last Sun-Great Standard Training School for day evening with Brother Hilliard and the Arkadelphia District, to be held at

our First Church, Arkadelphia, the last of February. Already we are assured of the presence of Mr. M. W. Brabham, Mr. W. C. Owen and Dr. C. O. Shugart. Mr. Brabham is in charge of the Rural Department of Sunday School Work with the General Sunday School Board. Mr. Owen is the superintendent of the Young Peoples' Adult Division, and Dr. Shugart is our pastor at Greenville, Texas. He has already endeared himself to Arkansas people by his good work in the Texarkana schoof. Three elementary specialists are being sought in addition to the above, and the seventh course will be taught by one of our Arkansas workers. This is going to be a great school at Arkadelphia. We want all the pastors to get ready to attend and bring some workers with them.

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Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass.

Some highway to happier make, If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass-

But the liveliest bass in the lake! Broggist B

We can't all be captains, we've got to

There's something for all of us here; There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,

And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail.

If you can't be the sun, be a star; It isn't by size that you win or you fail--

Be the best of whatever you are. -Cheer.

THE ST. LOUIS MEETING.

There was a time when the Epworth League was looked upon as a big hurrah. It was not taken seriously. That time has passed. The Epworth League is now doing serious constructive work. It has always done worthy work, but it is doing better work now than formerly. This fact was very evident in the presidents' meeting in St. Louis, December 30, where were gathered representatives from almost every Conference in Southern Methodism.

The leaders in our church seem to be taking the Epworth League more seriously. They seem to realize more the value of the Epworth League as the great training school of the church out of which come 85 to 95 per cent

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fof our preachers and missionaries and trained laymen. In the great Centenary movement the Epworth League is the only agency of the church 100 per cent paid up, and this largely paid by young people in addition to their personal pledges.

The Epworth League may be depended upon to do its part in the great Educational movement. In addition to helping cultivate the prayer life and Bible study life of the local congregation, the Epworth League will furnish the recruits for the ministry, both at home and abroad. Jesus said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." Upon this logic greater service can no man give than to give his life.

With these statements before us we may safely say that the Epworth League is worthy of our most careful consideration and hearty support .- S. T. Baugh.

Lee Holt, well known to Arkansas Methodism, is the popular pastor. And one of the most pleasing features of our stay in St. Louis was the informal reception given the Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas delegations at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Holt on Wednesday evening. And, by the way, Arkansas apples played a considerable part in making that occasion an enjoyable

The Conference opened Wednesday morning with a very helpful address by Dr. Marvin T .Haw, P. E., of the St. Louis District on "The Message of the Two Runners." The entire day was filled with discussions on such subjects as: "Securing Co-operation of Presiding Elders and Pastors," "Work of Field Secretaries," "Organizing the Work of Conference Cabinets," etc. The Central Office force and prominent Leaguers led these discussions.

Wednesday evening, Dr. Slocum, secretary of the United Missionary Societies, delivered a very powerful address on, "Manpower." A féature of Thursday's program was the address of Dr. J. H. Reynolds on "The Place of the Epworth League in the Education Movement.", Again we

held in St. John's Church. Dr. Ivan ery want and wish was ministered to by the Leaguers of St. Louis and the pastor and his helpers at St. John's. We came a way, too, with a broader vision and a greater determination that the New Year should witness greater efforts on our part to measure up to the high calling that is ours through Christ Jesus.-A. W. Martin.

ECHOES OF THE PRESIDENTS' MEETING.

"We must not only run, but we must have a message and that message must be a prepared one."

"Have something to do-then do it." "The fruits preserved in alcohol are removed from all possibility of decay, but they have obtained this safety at the sacrifice of all usefulness except show purposes. Likewise, the moment our lives are removed from the possibility of danger they lose all their power of usefulness."

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"The Epworth League stands squarely against all harmful forms of amusements."-A. W. M.

ECHOES FROM THE JUNIOR-IN-TERMEDIATE SECTION OF THE CHURCH-WIDE CONFERENCE.

The demand for religious work is great, but the workers are few. Recruits must come from the children of today, who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

"A Leagueless church today, is the leaderless church of tomorrow."

The Junior Epworth League meets the need of the growing boy and girl in that it gives impression chance for expression, affords pure recreation, and develops Christian character and a natural love for God.

Therefore the urge for the Junior Epworth League.

Since the meeting in St. Louis was primarily for Conference Superintend-

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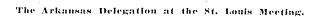
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PRESIDENT'S MEETING, ST. LOUIS, DEC. 29-30.

Arkansas Leaguers were represented at the Church-wide League Meeting in St. Louis, December 29-30, by the following: The chairmen of the League Boards in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference, Rev. S. T. Baugh and Rev. F. E. Dodson; Miss Juanita Barnes, Junior and Intermediate superintendent of the Little. Rock Conference; Mr. Scott, president of the Little Rock Union; Mr. Neill Hart, president Little Rock Conference Leagues; and A. W. Martin, and helpful meeting. The attendance president North Arkansas Conference Leagues.

About one hundred officers of League Conferences, League Boards, ception of the Pacific Coast, were represented. Even far away Baltimore Conference was there in full force.

were glad that we were from Arkan-

Much of the work of the Conference was done through committees. Among other things, it was urged that we push the organization of League Chapters in the schools and colleges of the Church so that the young people who attend these institutions will have an opportunity to obtain first hand knowledge of the League work. They in turn, will be able to lead in League work wherever they go.

All in all, it was a very delightful was larger than ever before. Not a pessimistic note was sounded. Those present seemed to realize as never before that the Epworth League has a and City Unions were present. All $\frac{1}{1}$ very important task to perform in the sections of the church, with the ex- bringing of hundreds of young people to consecrate their lives to the service of our Master.

We came away with pleasant memo-The sessions of the Conference were ries of the royal way in which our events, most discussion and attention and that we urge our Leaguers not were given to conference supervision. The following are suggestions which might help your local League:

- 1. See that your Junior League has a charter.
- 2. Grade your organization,
- Observe Junior League Week.
- lency.'
- 5. Popularize your Junior League by the use of posters and exhibit of Junior League handwork.
- 6. Make your room attractive or at least in order.
- 7. As for music, teach the children hymns a little at a time until they develop a taste for them.
- 8. Emphasize courtesy, kindness, temperance and the Anti-Cigarette Club with boys and girls.
- 9. Through your recreation department show the children that they can have pure fun though they are Christians.
- 10. Junior Superintendents take the Training Course.

In mentioning Junior Epworth Leagues 1 include the Intermediate, as the suggestions were given for both at the same time.

The inspiration gained from the Conference cannot be conveyed to you on paper, but I hope it may react in the lives of the boys and girls represented by the several Conferences.

The responsibility of the Junior League does not rest upon the Junior Superintendents alone; but upon the pastors and the senior chapters as well; so my most carnest prayer is, "God bless us every one."-Juanita Barnes, Junior-Intermediate Superintendent Little Rock Conference Epworth League.

QUESTIONABLE AMUSEMENTS.

Whereas, The deadly spirit of worldliness appears to have a tremendous hold upon the people of our country today; and,

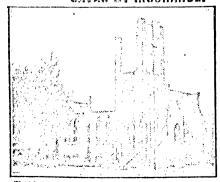
Whereas, Such spirit seeks to manifest itself through the practice of certain evil indulgencies; and

Whereas, Many of the young people of our church have been and continue to be guilty of having a part in such indulgences; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That we, the members of the Church-wide Epworth League Conference, express our regret and disapproval at the prevailing tendency of many of our young people to lower the standard of morality with re spect to recreation and amusement;

Resolved, second, That we unhesitat ingly denounce the modern dance as pernicious to deceney and good morals

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only to abstain from indulgence therein themselves, but to use every influence to persuade others to abstain;

Resolved, third, That while we recognize the educational value of the motion picture, we deplore its appeal in many cases to the baser instincts and Stress "Standards of Excel- exhort our young people to refrain their patronage from any performance that does not elevate morally.

Resolved, fourth, That we express it as our opinion that earnest and active scrvice in the Epworth League and church and regular attendance upon public worship would safeguard us against such demoralizing practices, and to that end we call upon our Leaguers everywhere to devote their efforts accordingly.

Resolved, fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Epworth Era, the Christian Advocate and in each Conference organ, and that a copy be spread on the minutes, and that a copy be read at each Annual Conference or Assembly.—R. Bayard Practor, J. E. Savage, S. A. Wilson, A. McK. Reynolds, A. L. Gunter, Lillian Earnest, Gertrude Falls.

(The above resolutions were unanimously passed at the meeting of the Epworth League presidents, held in St. Louis, December 29-30, 1920.)

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MOVEMENT.

"Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions." Joel, 2:28.

The time is indeed here for our church leaders to dream dreams of greater expansion of God's church and us young people to see visions of our obligations and opportunities.

What is more fitting just now than a close study of the next great movement our church is to launch, "The Educational Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." It is with modest pride that we recall the part Epworth Leaguers played in making the Centenary Movement a success and shall we do less in this great movement? No, for we can see visions of a world made exceedingly better through Christian Education. We can see the dreams of our old men materializing into an increased number of ministers, missionaries, deaconesses and other religious leaders, doctors, lawyers and other leaders in every community who have seen a vision of greater service for God to man because they have received a Christian Education. But we can not render efficient service in this great cause unless we are thoroughly conversant with the objectives of the movement. There are five basic objectives, but lack of space will only permit the discussion of the first.

The First Objective.

That which is considered the most important, the most far-reaching objective to be achieved by the Movement is:

"To develop in the mind of the church an adequate conception of the place of Christian Education in the life of the church, of the nation, and of the world."

One of Benjamin Franklin's maxims was: "Dost thou love life, then do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of."

Stonewall Anderson says that Christian education is differentiated from other types of education by at least three essential elements:

- 1. Christian ideals are essential to Christian education.
- 2. Christian instruction is essential to Christian education.
- 3. The agencies of Christian culture, in order to achieve full results, must have a Christian atmosphere in which to do their work.

The supreme concern of Christian education is the spirit, it subscribes fully to the doctrine that "the soul of education is the education of the soul" and helps the student to a right answer to the questions "What is the meaning of life?" "What are the true values of life?" "What shall one do with the mind when trained, knowledge when acquired?'

There are three terms that cover the whole field of knowledge: God, Man and the World. Comprised in these three terms are all the sciences-natural, physical and social; all the languages, all history, all literature, all arts and all philosophy. Christian edueation throws wide the door and bids the youth of the land to enter every field of knowledge.

The influences that radiate from every home and from every institution of learning go far in determining the character of people and one of the most potent of these influences is atmosphere; the power of the atmosphere surrounding every home centers in the father and mother. The point from which the atmosphere that pervades any institution of learning radiates is the faculty. An institution can not be an agency of Christian culture without a Christian faculty.

Let's get together and help this Movement that tends to help our Christian institutions that are headed by Christian faculties, and are turning out thousands of Christian educators, ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers every year.

You no doubt have read the inspiring articles in the Methodist recently by our two conference presidents. den and count not the sacrifice but Vice-President Little Rock Conference soou." Epworth League.

CONWAY LEAGUERS HOLD WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.

On Friday night, December 31, the Epworth League at Conway held a Watch-Night Service, meeting at 10 o'clock for a social hour before beginning the devotional program, which lasted from 11 to 12. During the social hour a contest was engaged in which furnished pleasure and amusement for all present. A prize was given to the person writing the best New Year resolutions (according to the judges). At 11, all joined hands and formed a circle around the room, singing "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." A program was then rendered, consisting of several talks by Leaguers, musical numbers, a reading, and an inspiring New Year talk by our pastor, Rev. C. M. Reves. At 12 o'clock, as the bells rang out the Old Year and rang in the New, from a door at the back of the room came 1920, an old, old man, followed by little 1921, who chased him around the room and drove him out. We were then dismissed after singing that dear old song, "God Be With You "Till We Meet Again."--Reporter,

FINE "BAIT."

Did von ever see a young person that didn't like to sing? A sure way to get them to League is to give them a chance to give expression to their joyous vitality through the songs that appeal to them. We have heard of a League in a fine country community that takes front rank with the best. If one plan doesn't work or is worn out, they hit upon another. This League at Pine Grove plans a monthly musical program. There will be solos, quartettes and choruses, interspersed with appropriate readings, and a season of prayer. We think such a program ought to bring out the laziest Leaguer. It sounds irresistible to us. If your League is lagging behind through indifference and lack of interest try this "bait."

OUR MISSIONARY SPECIAL.

The following statement from Dr. W. W. Pinson, the general secretary of the Board of Missions, is of interest:

"The assignment and cultivation of Specials is our big hope for post-Centenary safety. Success in this is going to put us over into the new period with a fine current that will be deep enough to float all the ships, I believe. It means more in the end than anything else I know of."

The Leaguers of the Little Rock Conference will be interested in the latest report from our Special, in Africa, which includes \$600 for drugs, \$400 for instruments and supplies and \$500 for expense of running the steamer made possible by Texas Leaguers. Rev. H. P. Anker, district superintendent of the Wembo Niama District, Africa, gives us the following word in regard to the maintenance of our hospitals:

"About \$1,000 worth of drugs have been either bought or ordered during the past two years. We have a fine supply of instruments at Wembo Niama. The running expense at Wembo Niama is only about 500 francs a Let's add this Movement to our bur- year, not including drugs mentioned above. This expense will be greater, the joy that will be ours when the of course, when the hospital is eu-Master says, "Well done, thou good larged and the new one at Lubefu is and faithful servant."—Leslie Smith, erected, which we hope will be done

> Fine reports come to us from time to time of the work being done at Mt. Ida and Womble by our League pastor, Brother J. M. Hamilton. We hope to have a more detailed report from him soon.

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PULASKI HEIGHTS LEAGUERS "TURN OVER NEW LEAF."

The Pulaski Heights Epworth League turned over a "new leaf" this year and planned to make social service work a special feature in its program for 1921. The young people decided that instead of spending every Sunday selfishly seeking their own enjoyment, they would try to bring a little sunshine into the lives of others.

They first visited the Methodist Orphanage the week after Christmas, taking with them a large well-filled basket of "eats" for the Orphanage pantry. They quickly made friends with the children and promised them a pleasant surprise in the future.

On January 6, Mrs. W. H. Keeton and several of the Leaguers visited the County Hospital. They carried with them a bushel of apples and distributed them among the patients. They visited every ward, spreading smiles and a word of cheer and comfort here and there.

The following Sunday, about twenty of the Leaguers went over in cars to the County Hospital and held a religious service. Miss Fay Curlee played the small organ, which they brought the middle of the road near his place from their Sunday School, and Miss Mary Steadman played the violin, Old familiar hymns were sung, prayers were offered, and Rev. W. T. Thompson made a short talk.—Genevieve Maust, League Correspondent for P. H. Church.

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THE STORY OF THE LARGE STONE.

Once there was a king who took great delight in teaching his people good habits. "Bad luck comes only to the lazy and the careless," said he; but to the busy workers God gives the good things of this life."

One night he put a large stone in and then watched to see what the people who passed that way would do.

Early in the morning a sturdy old farmer named Peter came along with his heavy oxcart loaded with corn. "O these lazy people!" he cried, drivhis oxen to one side of the road. 'Here is this big stone right in the middle of the road, and nobody will take the trouble to move it."

Then came a young soldier, singing a merry song as he walked along. A gay feather was stuck in his hat, and a big sword hung by his side. He was fond of telling great stories of what he had done in the war. He held his head so high that he did not see the stone, but stumbled over it and fell flat into the dust. "Silly drones!" he said. "To have no more sense than to leave a stone like that in the middle of the road!"

An hour later there came down the road six merchants, with their goods on pack horses, going to the fair that was to be held near the village. When they reached the stone, the road was so narrow that they could hardly drive their horses between it and the wall. "Did anyone ever see the like?" they said. "There is that big stone in the road and not a man in all the country but that is too lazy to move it."

And so the stone lay there for three weeks. It was in everybody's way, and vet everybody left it for somebody else to move.

Then the king sent word to all his people to meet together on a certain day near his palace, as he had something to tell them.

The day came, and a great crowd of men and women gathered in the road. Old Peter, the farmer, was there, and so were the merchants and the young soldier.

"I hope that the king will not find out what a lazy set of people he has around him," said Peter.

And then the sound of a horn was | time."

heard, and the king was seen coming toward them. He rode up to the stone, got down from his horse, and said: "My friends, it was I who put this stone here three weeks ago. It has been seen by every one of you, and yet every one has left it just where it was and scolded his neighbor for not moving it out of the way."

Then he stooped down and rolled the stone over. Underneath the stone was a round, hollow place, in which was a small iron box. The king held up the box so that all the people might see what was written on a piece of paper fastened to it. These were the words: "For him who lifts the stone." He opened the box, turned it upside down, and out of it fell a beautiful gold ring and twenty bright gold

Then every one wished that he had thought of moving the stone instead of going around it .- Sacred Heart Re-

THE ACORN BROTHERS.

One bright autumn day two acorns lay on a bed of leaves under a big tree and stared out at the world. There was a great deal to see, and they agreed that it was good to be alive, seeing it.

The thing they enjoyed most was watching the wind play with the leaves, which were all dressed in lovely colors-clear yellow, gay red, and crisp brown-and were romping gaily through the woods and across the

If the leaves stopped for a minute to catch their breath, the wind came racing after them, whistling and whooping and away they would go scampering in every direction. Sometimes fifty leaves or more leaped into the air and waltzed round in a whirlwind. Then the two little acorns would chuckle out loud.

The two acorns made friends with the birds, the bees, and the beetles. They liked to lie and watch the puffy white clouds moving in the sea-blux sky above them like small ships under full sail; and they never failed to watch the sun take off his pink nightcap every morning shortly after dawn.

The moon and the stars kept guard over them during the darkness, and once in a while the rain came through the woods and gave them a drink of cool, sweet water. On the whole the two brothers were very well content, but they could not help wondering sometimes what their future would be.

"Can you make out what the oak tree is saying above us?" one of them asked the other on a clear October day. "She seems to be calling us."

They both listened. The oak tree was calling them, sure enough.

"Look at me," they heard her say, after a while, "and see what you may become some day."

The larger acorn gazed upward and was struck anew with the beauty of the great oak tree.

"She must be able to see all over the world," he said to himself. "Her lowest branch is higher than the maple that stands near. How the birds love her. Many of the other trees are bare, now, but she is still dressed in russet brown."

Then all at once he heard the tree speak again.

"Look at me, little acorn," she said, "and see what you may become in

"I don't believe," thought the little acorn, "t'hat a noble tree would try to deceive anything so small as I am." He listened again.

At that moment a voice spoke somewhere close at hand. "I am ready at any moment to help you elimb,' 'it said.

"We'll help, too!" cried other voices in a chorus; and the acorn was sure, though he did not know why. that it was the sun and the clouds and the winds that spoke. He began to feel very much excited.

His brother only laughed at his hopes. "The idea of your becoming an oak!" he said. "Much you look like one!"

"Here comes autumn wind," said the little acorn. "I will ask him."

The wind halted for a moment to hear his question.

"Can acorns become oaks?" he repeated. "Well, some think so." Then he was off again after the scurrying leaves.

There was silence for a short while. Then the little acorn said clearly:

"I believe that I can become an oak. Help me, everybody!"

An hour or two later a little boy came whistling through the woods, with his hands in his pockets. Under the big oak he stopped and picked up the acorn.

"Let me see how far I can throw you," he said, and he gave him a far fling. The little acorn had begun his journey! He fell to earth some distance from

his old home, and settled down into a little eranny and fell fast asleep.

It was a long, long sleep, and as he slept the air grew colder and colder.

The wind came and covered him with a warm quilt of snow but the acorn did not even turn in his sleep.

When at last he waked, he did not know himself. "What has happened?" he cried. "Am I punished for daring to think of being an oak?"

Then he remembered what the oak

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tree had told him long ago, and his heart grew braver.

"How fat I feel!" he said.

A little later he noticed that his jacket was splitting. He decided to take a long breath and see what would happen. So he did, and rip! went of Monticello District met at Dermott, the old coat that had fitted him perfectly before he fell asleep.

"That is strange," the acorn thought. "But everything is strange now."

He stretched himself and began to push upward. Somehow it did not seem hard to push. Day after day he climbed, always cheery, always hopeful. At last, one never-to-be-forgotten morning, he pushed his head up into the sunlight. There was the world again!

"Hello, little oak!" a voice said, and he felt a tug on his arm. It was his old friend, the wind, hurrying by. The clouds and the rain, too, spoke to him, and the big oak he used to know waved to him from the distance.

And so the little oak grew and grew and before he had finished growing he shaded half a field.

His brother, the acorn that laughed at the idea of his being an oak, had made a good meal for a hungry squirrel and had been forgotten long ago.-Elizabeth Carrington Young, in The Youth's Companion.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

DISTRICT STEWARDS AND PREACHERS' MEETING OF MON-TICELLO DISTRICT.

The district stewards and preachers January 5-6, in their annual meeting. The meeting was well attended, and from the first business proceeded with much interest and enthusiasm. The district stewards manifested an unusual interest in their work, showing a deeper concern about the Master's business. Rev. W. P. Whaley, the presiding elder, discussed the work and outlook of the district in his opening address, laying emphasis here and there upon the more important mat-

At the close of the stewards' business the work of the preachers and the matters pertaining strictly to their work was discussed with much helpfulness and many valuable suggestions were given by the different speakers.

At the night session Brother Whaley gave out several suggestions in the form of resolutions, each of which was explained and discussed as to its importance. These resolutions were taken down by all the pastors.

I have never attended a more helpful meeting and never heard more valuable propositions given out and discussed. Our leader, Brother Whaley, seemed to have thought long and much over the plans and program of this meeting, else such important and vital matters would not have been brought forward. The second day of the meeting was given over to the team representing the educational department and movement of the church. The speakers brought to us things new and old, and stirred our souls as we caught to have the courage to make ambitious the vision of the Master's world pro- financial plans. We particularly en-

Rev. J. L. Cannon began on a high key and closed still higher. He dealt in facts, and brought this great movement before this meeting so clearly that we are sure no man went away unedified and unaware of the great

church. Rev. E. R. Steel went down into the very heart of the spiritual significance of the movement and his address was both helpful and soulstirring.

Rev. Clem Baker, Brother Irvine and Miss Harvey Haley all brought suggestive and helpful messages and the spirit of harmony, accord and sympathy suggests that a bright year is before all of us. At the close of the night session of the first night the following resolution was made and adopted by the preachers:

That the preachers of the Monticello District enter upon the formation of an organization of the preachers of the district to participate in an organization of the preachers of the Little Rock Conference. Such organization to be known as a Pastors' Conference. The object of which is to discuss matters pertaining to the preachers themselves, and where necessary offer resolutions to that effect. Rev. S. R. Twitty, Rev. J. D. Baker and Rev. S. K. Burnett were selected as a committee to perfect the organization by the time of the District Conference,-R. M. Holland,

RESOLUTIONS BY L. R. DISTRICT LAY LEADERS.

The charge lay leaders of the Little Rock District, in regular session in the First Methodist Church at Little Rock, January 5, 1921, make the following recommendations:

Finance.-Mindful of the changed economic conditions in this State, but more mindful of the blessings of God. we earnestly represent that any policy of financial retrenchment would be unworthy of the Methodist Church. On the other hand we urge every charge dorse the spirit of the Centenary Movement in its collection slogan, "Not a Shrinkage, But an Increase.'

Tithing.—We urge the recognition of the inescapable obligation to tithe, both time and money.

Christian Education Movement,-We task and opportunity now before the recognize the present supremacy of

the Christian Education Movement in our church and urge each charge to meet the challenge and opportunity of this movement.

Personal Evangelization.-We re-announce our faith in the potency of personal evangelization and pledge our individual efforts, within our charges, to stimulate all laymen to make an investment of their lives in active service in the kingdom. We announce our conviction that citizenship in the kingdom of the Master carries not only wonderful privileges, but exacting obligations which can not safely be evaded. In particular we urge the activity of laymen in the setting-up of family altars within their charges.

Co-Operation .- We pledge our earnest co-operation with our pastors and announce our willingness to undertake, under their leadership, the tasks which confront the church.-J. J. Harrison, Chairman; Ray Clark, Secretary.

THE ORPHANAGE.

Since my last report in the Methodist I have received cash contributions to the Orphanage as follows: Methodist Christmas tree from Booneville, by W. T. Roberts,

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First Church Sunday School of Batesville, by Joe M. Gray, treasurer Sunday School, Mabelvale, by

Mrs. Dora Hopkins 8.30 Charleston Church, by J. W. Church at Columbus, by R. E.

Jackson, secretary Evening Star S. S. Delaplain birthday offering, by J. C. Matthems 4.19

East Side Church, Paragould, by J. M. Harrison, P. C...... 13.50 Senior Adult Bible Class, First

Church, Little Rock, by Mrs. McDermott 10.00 Annie, Lucile and Charles Roberts, Booneville 5.00

Junior League, Helena, by Miss Elizabeth Mook 8.13 Mr. Burse, Little Rock 1.00 Crawford and Catherine Elliott,

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South Bend Wayne Eason, South Bend...... Mrs. Lillian P. Cox, Little Rock 10.00 Newport Sunday School as fol-

lows: Miss Erwin's Primary Depart-

ment 8.34 Mrs. Snetzer's class 10.00 Mrs. Harmon's class..... 5.10 Newport Sunday School...... 11.56

Total _____\$35.00 The matron received at the Orphanage articles as follows:

Young Matron's Auxiliary, First Church, Little Rock—Large fireless cooker.

Mrs. J. C. Mullins, Little Rock-One tricycle, one auto, used clothing and towels.

Missionary Society, Lincoln, Ark., by Mrs. P. L. Hancock-One quilt. Mission Society, Bellefonte, Ark., by

Mrs. T. H. Norman--One quilt. Mt. Tabor Missionary Society and Sunday School, Cabot, Ark., kindness of Rev. C. F. Messer and S. B. Lasiter-One quilt, 1 dress, 27 jars of

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fruit, 11 sacks of potatoes, 1 sack of turnips.

Highland Church Circle, Little Rock, Mrs. Adkins, President-Tuning two pianos.

First Church Junior Mission Society, North Little Rock-Gifts and generous fruit shower.

First Church Baby Class, S. S. N. L. R.-Christmas decorations.

Mrs. S. G. Smith, Conway, Ark. Three dozen handsome dinner plates.

Young Matron's Missionary Society Mrs. T. S. Staples, President, Conway —Six large platters and shower of choice kitchen utensils, value \$13.

Highland Church, Mrs. J. W. Enlow, Chairman, Little Rock-Chaperoned the children on a shopping tour, giving each one a dollar to spend as they wished.

Primary Department, S. S., by Mrs. W. T. Blackburn, Danville, Ark.—Five picture books, 10 pair hose, 1 pair gloves, 14 handkerchiefs, 4 games, doll chair and doll, sparklers, 17 jars fruit, 9 used garments.

Mrs. Annie Mynatt, Superintendent of Supplies, Crawfordsville, Ark .-Eighteen yards gingham, 5 yards outing, 20 used garments, 1 pair new pants, 19 jars fruit, used music.

Mr. J. A. Phelps, Ladelle, Ark.—One sack sweet potatoes.

Seven Girls from Intermediate Department First Church, Van Buren, Mrs. Parkhurst, Teacher—Six pictures, handkerchiefs, small dress, hair ribbon, three toys.

Mrs. J. B. Bond, Little Rock-Two new bicycles.

Three S. S. Classes, First Church, Conway-Three quilts.

Kempner's Slice Store, Little Rock —Two pair bedroom slippers, 25 school tablets.

The Ginger Girls' Club of Y. W. C. A. Reserve Club, Little Rock, gave a Christmas party, serving refreshments and gifts to each child. Mrs. Morgan, chairman.

Primary S. S., Warren-One box games, 6 pair hose, 9 handkerchiefs, 7 picture books, dolls and gloves.

Primary S. S., Ashdown, Mrs. N. L. Phillips, Superintendent-One doll, 2 ribbons, 1 tie, 5 handkerchiefs, stationery.

Mrs. Joseph Beal, Little Rock-One box oranges.

W. S. Cozart Jr., Conway-Chewing gum.

Mrs. H. B. Allis, Little Rock-Ten pounds choice chocolates.

Primrose Chapel Epworth League, Mabelvale--Five yards gingham, 4 handkerchiefs, 5 jars fruit.

Always Faithful S. S. Class, First Church, Batesville-Ten pair hose, value \$5.00.

Busy Bee Class S. S., Lake Village, hand-made books. Ark., by Mrs. Hollingsworth-Five dolls, mistletoe, helly.

First Church Circle No. 2, Little Rock-Three cakes, 21/2 gallons ice

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Missionary Society, Rondo, Ark.-Apples, oranges, candy, 1 quilt, 1 pair | fruit. shoes, 4 new shirts, 2 gowns, 2 teddies, 5 pair hose, 4 dress skirts, 3 yards muslin 10 caps, 2 tablets, 2 pencils, 20 thimbles, thread and tape measures.

Ladies' Bible Class, Heber Springs, Ark., by Mrs. T. E. Moore-Twenty five jars choice fruit.

S. S., Halley, Ark., by J. W. Watson, Supt.-One pair shoes, 2 unions, 10 jars fruit, 6 hose, 1 peck potatoes.

Mrs. R. C. Bright, Little Rock-One hatchet, one screwdriver.

Senior Epworth League, Warren, Ark., by Mrs. Roy Price-Three princess slips, 2 gowns, 6 hose, 4 jars fruit, 2 dolls, 2 caps, rompers.

Little Miss Mary Elizabeth Holland (age 4 years), Levesque, Ark:-Candy, nuts, fruit, tablet and pencil.

Junior League, Marked Tree, Ark .-Three dolls, 3 books, 3 handkerchiefs, ribbons, dishes and toys.

Wide Awake Girls, Earle, Ark.-One box Structo, 9 books, 2 dresses, 3 teddies, 4 pairs panties, 1 princess slip, 1 pair mittens, 2 pairs hose.

Pulaski Heights S. S., C. B. Cook, Supt., Little Rock-Shower of fruit, vegetables and clothing.

Epworth League, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock-Entertained with story hour and generous fruit shower.

Davis-Prieur Produce Co., Little Rock-One box oranges.

Reuben Hays' Class, Conway, Ark., by Mrs. Reves-One box apples, 2 pairs hose, 2 ribbons, 3 towels.

S. S. Class, Atkins, Ark., by Mrs. W. F. Griffin-Apples and oranges.

S. S. Class First Church, Little Rock, Mrs. J. E. Skillern, President-Five pairs bedroom slippers.

Hunter Memorial Qui Vive Club, Lit tle Rock—Two velocipedes, 2 pairs skates.

First Church, Pulaski Circle No. 1, Little Rock, provided three splendid gifts to each child, Santa Claus, and decorated tree.

Crystal Ice Cream Co., Little Rock -Two gallons ice cream.

Frances Fergus, Elm Springs, Ark. One box apples.

Hunter Memorial Junior League, Little Rock-Fruit and candy.

Asbury S. S., Little Rock, Mr. Joe Goetz, Supt .-- Thirty-two cans fruit and vegetables, 12 pkgs. mince meat, 1 pound coffee, 1 box oatmeal, corn flakes, 3 pairs new overalls.

Midland Heights S. S. Class, Hustlers, Fort Smith-One box oranges.

Tipton & Hurst, Little Rock-Choice flowers.

Mrs. F. Blevins, McRae, Ark .-- One auilt.

Junior Mission Society, DeQueen, Ark., Miss Dick Burch, Supt.—Seven

Junior S. S. Class, Lake Village, Ark.—Four yards outing, 4 pairs gloves, 7 pairs hose, 4 handkerchiefs cap.

S. S. Class, Jonesboro, Ark., by Mrs. S. C. Lamb—One quilt.

S. S., Cotter, Ark., by C. E. Hopkins -Apples, valued at \$3.00.

Mrs. Bertha Tridell, Earle, Ark.-Six girls' winter caps. Mrs. G. S. Boddie, Camden, Ark .-

Ten dolls, 2 pairs teddies, 8 handkerchiefs, 1 ribbon, 2 games, toys. Junior Missionary Society, Newport,

Ark. -16 hand-made picture books. Missionary Society and Epworth League, Piggott, Ark.-Thirteen lbs. choice home-made candy, box home-

made cakes, oranges and apples.

Missionary Society, Eureka Springs, pair pillow cases, 3 yards calico, 6 handkerchiefs, 28 used garments.

Junior Missionary Society, Belle-lives.-M. A. Gayer, P. C. fonte, Ark., by Mrs. R. A. Ruble-Fiftee nhand-made handkerchiefs, 7 pairs garters, 7 handkerchiefs.

Mrs. W. H. Carruth, Marshall, Texas -One used dining table.

Fidelis S. S. Class, Stamps, Ark.-Two handkerchiefs, apples, oranges, nuts.

Mrs. Hite, Teacher—Thirteen yards gingham.

S. S., Salem, Little Peoples' Class, by

Harold Dunaway, Little Rock-One raincoat, 1 pair pants.

Mrs. J. A. McCoy, Kingsland, Ark.-One soldier suit, 2 cowboy suits, 2 Indian suits, two toys.

S. S., Pottsville, Ark., by Mr. B. Adams, Supt.-Twenty-one fine chick-

Junior Missionary Society, Junction City, Ark., by Mrs. Murphy-Eight handkerchiefs, 2 books, 4 pairs hose.

Joe D. Back & Bros., Little Rock-Nineteen toboggan caps, 75 pairs, infant stockings.

Co-Workers' S. S. Class. Bryant, Ark., by Mrs. Hopkins-Sixteen yards gingham, 8 yards domestic, 4 dozen buttons, 7 yards lace, 12 pairs hose, dress, cap.

Juniors, Leachville, Ark.—Thirty used garments.

South Bend Church Ladies, Jacksonville, Ark.—One quilt, 2 gowns, 44 teddies, 12 jars choice fruit, 11 cans tomatoes, and sweet potatoes.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, Martha Mc-Aninch and Eunice Smith graciously accompanied our Christmas program with piano and violins.-Geo. Thornburgh, President.

BLYTHEVILLE CIRCUIT.

We were assigned to the Blytheville Circuit by Bishop Mouzon at our recent Conference. We arrived on the scene December 7, and in a few days found ourselves domiciled in the parsonage. We find ourselves among a fine people with plenty to do.

Last Friday morning we were notified that there was a "pounding" party on their way to our parsonage from our church and community at Yarko, Brother and Sister Lott being in the lead. They brought provisions to last many days-spare ribs, backbones, hog sausage, fruits, flour, sugar. One brother turned the cold shoulder to us, which we appreciate very much (it weighed 23 pounds). Many thanks to Brother and Sister Lott and the good people of Yarko. Come again. Always welcome. We were delightfully entertained in the home of our good Brother and Sister R. D. Moon for four days while waiting for the arrival of our things. We feel ourselves under many obligations to them for

GRAVETTE.

On our return from Conference we were graciously received by all. The new year begins well and the outlook is pleasant and profitable. The official boards, although a little slow, have made a decided advance in their methods of doing things this year. We were supplied with many useful things during the holidays, and this was sup-Intermediate League, Lincoln, Ark, plemented by two "poundings" and so

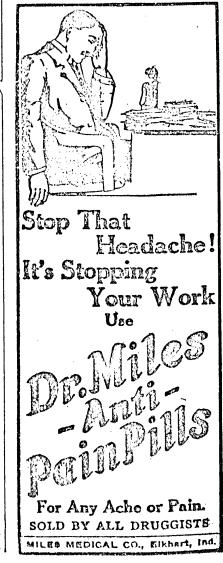
Mrs. Tittle Supt.-Thirty jars choice you see we have not lacked for attention. The outlook is for the best year of our ministry. We have begun the Ark., Mrs. Jessie York-Fifteen lbs. new year by precept and example, with home-made cakes, 11 lbs. walnuts, 1 I Tim. 2-1. May we not merely assent to the call of God at this hour, but practice the presence of God in our

RECTOR.

We arrived on our new field of labor December 4 and were very kindly received. We have a beautiful new commodious brick church and a small but neat parsonage. At the first meeting of the official board the pastor's salary was increased 20 per cent over last year, and the pastor released from financial work for the new year. We have at Rector some very fine and efficient people. On the board of stewards we have men of ability, towit: Dr. John H. Hinemon, C. W. Dudley, W. H. Irby and G. H. Hardin et al. We have one class in Sunday school that can put on any kind of program that is required-music, education, singing, etc. We have organized our Intermediate Epworth League. Yes, we have been "pounded." Groceries enough to last two months, and when you consider that there are nine of us, you will say, "Well, that is some pounding .- A. W. Bryant, P. C.

HOT SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

This is my last chance to write in 1920. Only a few more hours and it will be numbered with the past. I wish to say a few words for the Hot Springs Circuit, which is a great big field of big workers, and there are so many good departments and interesting things to tell that my letter can't contain all of the news. We are having a council meeting, a stewards' meeting and a watch meeting, all combined, tonight, and as I am secretary of the meeting I can write to you without the crowd knowing what I am doing. Our council and stewards'



meetings are fine, both as a business and social meeting, and those who do not attend surely do miss something. New Salem Sunday school is a great success. Brother J. H. Lynch is still the superintendent and he is the right man in the right place. Brother J. R. Dickerson is our pastor, and he and his wife are doing a great work on the Hot Springs Circuit. Our new church is a credit to the pastor and wife and the people of this community. The past year has been one of interest and a good business year for New Salem people. We never get too old to learn. If you don't know it, I will tell you that New Salem (and I want Brother Clem Baker to know this) has "women stewards, and you know where women take hold and work in the church there is bound to be success. I do not mean to cast any reflections on the men stewards at all, but they get along better since we began to help. You know the people who work are always the people who are happiest and can enjoy the church work, while some who do not work are not happy and do not know why.

The cornerstone was placed under our new church the fifth Sunday of October. We had dinner on the ground and heard some fine speeches that were made by Hot Springs' leading lawyers-Judges Curl Wood and Cotham. The first quarterly conference will be held at New Salem, January 9. It is now past 11 o'clock and our watch meeting, as well as the old year, is drawing to a close, so I must close my letter. I hope that there isn't anyone who will ever say again that the churches on the rural circuits are dead, because they are very much alive on the Hot Springs Circuit. I will say good-bye, wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year.—Mrs. James H. Lynch.

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HUTTIG.

Having to move quite a distance, the trip was rather wearisome and difficult. However, we made splendid connections, and landed safe and sound. We were met at the train by several ladies and conducted to the home of Mr. Few, where a good warm supper was waiting our attention. I need not mention the fact that we did justice to the same.

From there we transferred up to the parsonage and made comfortable for the night. I do not hesitate to say that we were received with a hearty welcome by all, and still this spirit seems to prevail. My congregations are splendid and on the increase. Each service seems better as we press on. I have organized a prayer meeting, which adds much to the interest of the church. The Epworth League is growing, and this can be said of all the departments of the church. Brother Nabors, the former pastor, did some good work, and the people speak highly of him, which I am very glad to note. Brother Cannon came and held my quarterly conference December 19. His presence was very much appreciated, and the handling of the conference business was simply fine. His sermon was more than up to the standard. He is a great preacher, filled with the Holy Spirit, and God is leading. I want to ask the brethren to pray for me and my people, that God will use me for the salvation of souls, and building up His kingdom. I have already learned to love the Arkansas brethren, and honestly desire that warm fellowship and co-operation that will help us to do the work that God has called us to do. I predict a great year in our conference, and am more than willing to do my very best to advance the cause of Christ. I might state this fact, though a sad one, since coming on the charge we have lost several good workers who support the church. This is a heavy loss to us, but I am praying that God will send others to fill their place.

I offer myself to any of the brethren in revival work, if they see fit to use me. God has blessed me much in this kind of work. Some have already spoken to me concerning this, but I feel that all my time is not yet taken up, so if you can use me I would be more than glad to arrange dates with you.—C. B .Powell, P. C.

CHURCH AS MEMORIAL TO FATHER AND MOTHER.

Following his success in procuring a handsome new church building for Silyerina, Rev. F. N. Brewer new has all arrangements completed for the erection of a fine veneered brick church and community building at Mt. Pleasant, to cost, with furnishings, around \$7.500.

Mt. Pleasant is the old home of the Few family, one of the pioneer families of Miller County. That family has furnished several Methodist ministers who have, and are making, records in the ministry. Rev. Ben Few and Rev. A. P. Few are sons of the old family, while a son of one of these and a nephew are in the work.

The new church is to be financed by Allen Few, a wealthy lumberman of Jasper, Texas, also a nephew of the ministers named above. He is doing this as a memorial to his parents.

Yesterday, \$5,000 in cash was deposited in the M. and P. bank to apply on

awarded to Stockton Bros., who built him. I find that the people often the Silverina Church, except that it will be brick veneer.

Mr. Few has designated Mr. Allen Winham, an old-time friend of the family, as advisory associate with Rev. Mr. Brewer in carrying out the plans

Rev. Mr. Brewer took over the pastorate of this rural church last fall, supplementary to his pastorate of Fairview Church, this city, giving it Sunday afternoon services and midweek meetings when convenient. He is now closing his quadrennium at Fairview, where he has done a fine constructive work among the rural churches which will be an enduring monument to his ministry in this section.—Texarkanian.

PRAIRIE GROVE.

The year starts off well. Over one hundred and fifty have rededicated themselves to the Lord and pledged their pastor their support in every way. The Epworth League has been reorganized, and is doing splendid work. The Sunday school, under the able leadership of Brother Dorman, is increasing in interest and numbers. Mrs. J. W. Taylor was re-elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society, and they are "up and doing" as only women can. The Junior Missionary Society, with Mrs. Dorman as leader, has planned a busy year. Brother Hill, our charge lay leader, is active and is getting the laymen in action. Reported eight new members to the quarterly conference. The board of stewards, with J. H. Zellner as president, are all active, loyal, faithful men. They raised the preacher's salary \$350, and are all standing with the preacher, lending their support in every way. Our presiding elder, Brother W. L. Oliver, is on the job. He preached to a packed house Sunday night, holding the first quarterly conference Monday. We are delighted with him. He's a "1921 model."---E. G. Downs, P. C.

EAST SIDE, PARAGOULD.

We came to our new charge, East Side, Paragould, soon after conference and met with a warm welcome. We have had splendid congregations from the first service, and some very helpful services. Our Sunday school is doing splendidly under the management of Brother Cooper, our superintendent. We are now using the graded literature in the Sunday school. We have organized a Senior Epworth League and will organize two or three of the Sunday school classes into Wesley Bible classes right away. We find that Brother and Sister Haltom did a good work here and they are very much appreciated. J. M. Harrison,

STEPHENS.

At the recent conference at Camden we were read out for Stephens, and while we regretted very much to leave St. Charles we were glad that we had so good a place to come to. The two-years' pastorate at St. Charles was very happy. We shall always reserve a large place in our hearts for those good people.

We have had a very encouraging beginning here. Stephens is one of the old, substantial towns of our State and we have found the church well organized, and the people are loyal. Any preacher is fortunate to be sent to an appointment that has had so many the work, and the contract has been of the church's strong men to precede

sneak kindly of their former pastors. We have had good congregations, and Epworth Leagues are all increasing in interest and attendance. Our watchnight service was well attended. Encouraging talks were made by heads of the different departments and a very attractive program was rendered, consisting of choice readings and musical selections. The young ladies served some refreshments. Every one felt that it was a good service and we hope that we shall keep up the inspiration and good-will of that

This work now consists of three churches, Stephens, Mt. Prospect and McNeil. Mt. Prospect is one of the loyal old churches in this country. The people of Mt. Prospect and Stephens have very liberally pounded us since our arrival. Then the other afternoon a box was sent up from McNeil which contained one of the best selected and most valuable poundings that we have ever received. McNeil is a good town and we have many good people there. The outlook is very encouraging and we are praying that this year may bring great revivals and very substantial growth in church affairs on this most excellent charge. The Educational program will be carried out here. - J. E. Cooper,

MABELVALE AND PRIMROSE.

We are comfortably located on our new charge and we have found a very pleasant work indeed. We were on the job the next Sunday for our regular appointment after we were read out by the bichop to this place.

These good people gave us a warm reception into their midst. They have papered the parsonage beautifully since our arrival at the cost of about 3150, also did some furnishing which was necessary. The ladies of Mabel vale prepared a delicious lunch for my family the day they came and

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were very highly appreciated. On Menday night during the holidays, the writer and his family were entertained at the good home of Brother Ed Dixon, where the great community of Primrose Chapel "pounded" us until the tears came into our eyes. It was a great occasion for us and we will the parsonage. I found that the good not soon forget it.

Our good presiding elder has held our first quarterly conference and the brethren increased our salary \$100, for which we are very grateful. This charge is to be commended for the manner in which they pay their preacher, as they pay him by the week.

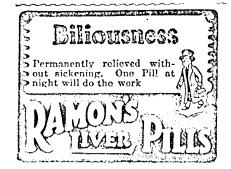
Everything seems to be starting off in an unusually good way. The prospects for a great year makes us happy and courageous. At the next writing we hope to report two new churches in construction. We are praying and past. It came heavy and hard. These working to make this the greatest people believe in living and letting year in our history.-W. R. Jordan,

ELM SPRINGS.

On December 3 we got to our new charge, just in time to make our first appointment at Steele and Harmony Had good congregations at both places to preach to; had a warm welcome at both places. The good people at Elm Springs were papering and painting the parsonage inside, so we had to visit among them for a week before we could move into the parsonage. Just one week after we came we were able to take charge of the nice home they had prepared for us. We were kindly received at all the points on the charge. On the first Monday night after we moved into the nice home we heard people singing around the house, and when we went out to see what it all meant, the good people came streaming into the house and deposited packages on the table until the table was almost groaning under the weight of good things to eat. The people, or as many of them as could, came into the sitting room, where Brother J. G. Weber gave an address of welcome to their new pastor, which was responded to by the pastor. We then had prayer, and the people went to their homes. The people have continued to show their kindness by sending in something to the parsonage almost every day. On Christmas eve Brother and Sister Weber made the parsonage a present of two nice rocking chairs. May God bless these good people and help me, as their pastor,

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brought in other good eatables, which not to disappoint them in bringing them the message that will lead all to better Christian life. Pray for me, brethren, that I may be led by the Spirit of God.-J. G. Ditterline.

FISHER AND HICKORY RIDGE.

After some delay I have moved into women had been there and nicely arranged things, making it possible for wife and myself to feel at home at once.

We are being very kindly received. Our congregations are good. The church is pretty well organized and all the departments are working in harmony. We have some very fine people and a most excellent board of stewards. I have found the footprints of my predecessors who are greatly loved by the people here. We received a "pounding" a few nights their pastor live also. So many good eats that our home looked like "a family grocery store." How can a man fail when he has such a force? I am expecting a great year.—S. F. Porter, P. C.

COLUMBUS CIRCUIT.

Well, the annual conference is over and we were returned to serve our people for the second year. We have been kindly received and indications are that a year of encouragement and success awaits. On Christmas eve we received a nice Christmas box of a variety of good things, a fine turkey included in the gifts, for which we thank our Lord and the people.

Brother Cummins, our new presiding elder, has been to see us. He preached two excellent sermons, and held one quarterly conference. He has won the hearts of the people, and we predict success for him in the office which he holds. Brother Cummins was once my pastor. It was then that I learned to love him, and the ties are being made stronger by the sweet association with him in the work in which we are both engaged. We are praying for and expecting the best year in our ministry.—S. B. Mann, P. C.

. OBITUARY.

BLOUNT.—Allen Thomas Blount was born in Merriwether County. Georgia. March 16, 1845; was married to Mrs. Margaret Peevy at Harrelson, Ga., November 22, 1868, and passed to his eternal home from the home of his son, Mr. W. T. Bolunt, in Plainview, Ark., October 20, 1920.

When about 10 years of age he was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived a devoted and eminently useful member until the day of his death. Having moved to Arkansas in early manhood he and his family were among the first settlers of the town of Stephens, and their lives are wrought into the very structure of our church in that place. Brother Blount served the church as Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee, teacher—in fact, it is safe to say that there is not an office in the church, or a place of service, which he was not called upon to fill, save those which are peculiar to the ordained ministry. For many years he was uniformly elected a delegate to the District and Annual Conferences, and was for one quadrennium a member of the triet and Annual Conferences, and was for one quadrennium a member of the General Conference. He served with conspicuous ability on various boards and committees of the church. He knew and loved both the doctrines and the polity of the Methodist Church and was well informed on all matters of current interest concerning its work. In the truest sense of that muchabused term he was a good man. The people of Stephens held him in highest esteem and cherished for him a warmth of affection which was beautiful to beof affection which was beautiful to be-

of affection which was beautiful to behold.

His good wife, who was one of the saintliest of women, preceded him to the better world nearly four years ago, and two of their children had preceded their mother to the heavenly home. One son, named above, and one stepdaughter, Mrs. E. F. Smith of Stephens, with several grandchildren, are left to mourn his loss. mourn his loss.

His end was peace. He had been in feeble health for several years, but seemed as well as usual on retiring the night before his death. In the early morning hours, without a struggle or a groan, he gently fell on sleep. His body was brought to Stephens for burial and was followed to its last restrict place in the silent city of the dead burial and was followed to its last resting place in the silent city of the dead
by a great host of people who had loved
him in life and who honored him in
death. Verily, "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

J. A. Sage.

WATERS.—Clifford Harrel Waters, the 4-year-old son of Brother and Sister Waters, passed away December 20, 1920. His sickness was of short duration but serious from the commencement. Little Clifford was a bright and loving child, the idol of the home, and loved by all who knew him. I preached his funeral in the home of his parents at Highland Peach Orchard, after which the procession followed the casket to Old Mount Tabor cemetery, where we placed the body in the grave, there to wait the call of God on the morning of the resurrection. Together with many friends and relatives of Brother and Sister Waters we enter into their sorrow with much sympathy during these dark and lonely WATERS,-Clifford Harrel Waters, pathy during these dark and lonel hours through which they must pass.-J. C. Williams.

HICKS.—At the dawn of a new day our heavenly Father sent a death angel to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hicks and bore away on its silvery wings the spirit of little Harsh Walton Hicks, who was born September 23, 1916, and died December 23, 1920. He was known as "Little Bud." He was a constant suffergr for about three years. He bore his suffering so patiently and tried so hard to get well, it seems as though we can hear that little voice, now so still and silent, saying "Oh me, me hurts"; also asking "Papa to open the gate and let the angels in —that he saw their white wings." It will be so lonesome in his home, but weep not, dear mother and father, for little Bud is only basking in the sunlight of God with his brother and little sister, who preceded him some few years ago. Besides a mother and father, he leaves a number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss, but God's eternal gain.—Gladys Tolbert.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT. (Second Round, In Part.)

Arkadelphia Station, Jan. 16. Dalark Circuit, at Bethlehem, Jan.

Friendship Circuit, at Midway, Jan. 29-30.

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Lano Circuit, at L'Eau Frais, Feb. 5-6. Benton Station, Feb. 13.14.
Sparkman, at Sparkman, Feb. 19-20.
Holly Springs, at Mt. Olivet, Feb. 26-27.
Malvern Circuit, at Magnet Cove, March 5-6.
Malvern Station, March 6-7.
Okolona Circuit, at Trinity, March 13-14.

This is only a part of the round. The remainder will be published as soon as I have finished the first.

R. W. McKAY, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.
(First Round.)
Ola, Jan. 15-16.
Danville, Jan. 16-17.
Belleville, Jan. 22-23.
Magazine, Jan. 23-24.
District Victor and McKendree Magazine, Jar Prairie View 29-30. and McKendree, Jan. 29-30.
Scranton, Jan. 30-31.
Waldron Circuit, Feb. 5-6.
Waldron, Feb. 6-7.
Branch, Feb. 12-13.
Paris, Feb. 13-14.
Plainview, Feb. 19-20.
JAS. A. ANDERSON, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.

(First Round.)
North Quitman, Pine Mountain, Jan. 15-16, 11 a. m.
Quitman, at Quitman, Jan. 16 (inght), and Jan. 17 and Jan. 17. Rosebud, at Rosebud, Jan. 22-23, 11

a. m. Naylor, at Mt. Vernon, Jan. 23 (night), and Jan. 24.
Pottsville, Jan. 29-30, 11 a. m.
Russellville, Jan. 30 (night), and Jan. 31. Springfield, at Mayflower, Feb. 5-6, 11

Plummerville, Feb. 6 (night), and Feb. Greenbrier, at N. G., Feb. 12-13. Dover and Appleton, at Appleton, Feb. 19-20.

Conway, Feb. 27-28. R. C. MOREHEAD, P. E.

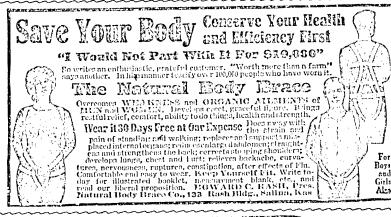
PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Success, Jan. 14, 7 p. m.
Salem, Jan. 15-16, a. m.

Mammoth Spring, Jan. 16, p. m; 17, a. m.
Ash Flat, Jan. 17, 7 p. m.
Conference, Jan. 18, 10 a. m.
Ravenden Springs, Jan. 18, 7 p. m.
Conference Jan. 19, 10 a. m.
Black Rock and Portia, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.
Imboden, Jan. 21, 7 p. m.
Smithville, Jan. 22-23.
Hoxie, Jan. 24, 7 p. m.
Walnut Ridge, Jam. 25, 7 p. m.
Walnut Ridge Circuit, Jan. 26, 11 a. m.
and 7 p. m.
Conference following morning service.

Vice.
Lorado, at Pleasant Hill, Jan. 29-30.
New Liberty, at Bard, Jan. 30-31.
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