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BUT HE, BEING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST, LOOKED UP STEADFASTLY INTO HEAVEN, AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND JESUS STANDING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, AND SAID, BEHOLD, I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED, AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.—Acts 7:55-56.

## BISHOP W. R. LAMBUTH, SERVANT, SEER, AND SAINT.

Born in Shanghai, China, November 10, 1854, son of James W. and Mary McClellan Lambuth, Walter Russell Lambuth, after his eighth year, spent nine years in this country, and then attended Cumberland University, Emory and Henry College, University of Nashville, Vanderbilt University, and the Medical Department of the University of New York, receiving therefrom in 1882 the M. D. degree. He was licensed to preach at twenty-one, and married Miss Daisy Kelly two years later. His appointments were Woodbine, junior preacher at McKendree, Nantsiang and Soochow, China; surgeon in charge of Soochow Hospital, superintendent of Japan Mission in 1886-90; secretary of Board of Missions, 1892-1910; Bishop from 1910 to his death, September 26, 1921.

As the son of missionaries, he was from childhood imbued with the missionary spirit. His education in various institutions in America and his medical training gave him outlook and technical preparation for all phases of religious work. He traveled to learn and knew the world as did few other men of this age. He sought nothing for himself, but was ready for any service in the church, whether at home or abroad. In addition to his work in this country, he was a missionary in China, assisted his consecrated father in establishing our Mission in Japan, as missionary secretary broadened the outlook of the Church and strengthened our enterprises.

As Bishop he had charge of our South American field, opened our Mission in the heart of Africa, going in person and penetrating the jungles where no white face had been seen, organized our Texas and Pacific Mexican Missions, promoted our interests on the Pacific Coast, visited Europe in behalf of war work, had charge of all our Oriental Conferences, and organized as his last great enterprise our Siberia-Manchuria Mission.

He helped translate the New Testament into Chinese, edited a Chinese paper, contributed papers at Ecumenical and Missionary Conferences, assisted in preparing the Discipline of the Methodist Church of Japan, wrote books for children, edited the Review of Missions, contributed to medical and other journals, and wrote a book on Medical Missions. He believed in education and had some connection with institutions in practically all of our fields.

Small of stature and frail in appearance, he had nevertheless a tremendous capacity for work. As he traveled he read and wrote, using secretaries and stenographers not to save himself, but to increase his output. By utilizing every moment and device, he accomplished the work of a host of men. He was always on time and kept his immense correspondence up to the minute. However, his official and technical duties did not interfere with his giving personal attention to all whom he met. He made opportunity to talk about salvation to his fellow travelers, the driver of his carriage, the servant in the home, the prisoner in the jail, and

his religious talk, while intensely personal, was so tactful and deferential that it was never resented. He did not obtrude himself, but he lovingly presented Christ. He combined in the highest degree courage, self-confidence, and modesty. Ready for any service, he exalted himself in nothing.

His knowledge of the world and of missions in all lands and his practical sense and imagination enabled him to see conditions in advance and prepare for new adventures and enterprises. Thus he was ready to open our Mission in Africa, our relief work in Europe, and our Siberian Mission, each at the psychological moment, and to bring together men and resources in a wondrous way to meet emergencies. And he not only studied and worked for these things, but he seemed to discover the mind of God and secured divine help, so that many results seemed almost miraculous.

It is now permissible to draw aside the veil and let the Church understand Bishop Lambuth's relation to the Centenary Movement. At Memphis, at the Meeting of the Hundred Laymen where the campaign was initiated, Bishop Lambuth was chairman and the writer was secretary of the Committee of Eleven on Findings. The Committee worked at meals and day and night until the salient features of the report were developed, and then the chairman and secretary were expected to formulate it. In the Bishop's room we worked far into the night, and it is not too much to say that Bishop Lambuth earnestly prayed until the Holy Spirit guided in the formation of that report. In the presentation of the report the Bishop effaced himself and put the writer forward with tactful suggestions which led to the adoption of \$35,000,000 as the minimum to be raised. It was Bishop Lambuth's prayers and spiritual handling which enabled us to reach such a harmonious and happy issue, yet he was so self-effacing that the Church does not know his part.

He had quiet dignity, but took no pains to impress others with his importance or official station. Knowing him for nearly thirty years, the writer found him always the same. As Bishop he was just as friendly, just as modest, just as unassuming, just as democratic as when he was simply a returned missionary. How kind he was! How courteous! How gentle! How thoughtful! How gracious! How considerate! He was the Christian gentleman in all that the term implies. He obeyed God, he loved Christ, and he loved and trusted men. He was a leader who did not threaten nor drive, but drew men after him. Some people have said, because his sermons were largely expository and full of missionary incident, that Bishop Lambuth could not preach; but his was the highest type of preaching—presenting Jesus Christ and living a Christly life. It was good to be in his company, because one could not think or speak evil in his presence.

For years his wife had been an invalid. It grieved him to leave her, and he would go only under the orders of his King. Each time they parted it was with the apprehension that she might pass away before he could return. Strange indeed that he should fall first, and yet it was in harmony with his life that he should fall on the field, and appropriate that his tired body should rest at Shanghai beside his sainted mother's ashes.

How patiently and efficiently he served! How true and far-reaching was his vision! How pure and noble his life! Servant of the Church, seer of

opening fields, saint of God, we seem to need thee now as we have never needed thee before! May the Holy Spirit raise up a host to take up the work, and may the impressive example of a man who was always responsive shame the self-seeking and encourage all who sincerely pray for the coming of the Kingdom.

## SEEING ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

In the discharge of my duty as commissioner of the Western Assembly, I visited the St. Louis Conference at Kennett last week. The trip is not a particularly agreeable one, as there is a stop of two hours at Memphis, and one arrives at Hayti, Mo., at midnight and departs at six, necessarily suffering from abridgement of sleep. The hotel was full and the only chance for a bed was at a nearby cottage. A fine young man who had piloted the way had prior right to occupancy, but he graciously compelled me to accept. It was his kindly tribute to hoary hairs, and while one should be slow to assert title to precedence on the ground of seniority, it is a pleasure to recognize the kindly courtesies of youth.

After a breakfast seasoned with the companionship of the keen-visioned Dr. Ed F. Cook, I wended my way to the conveniently arranged and well furnished new brick church and immediately fell in with a host of friends. I discovered that the younger preachers were baiting prospective General Conference delegates with radical memorials. As in the fable, it was "fun for the boys, but death (possibly) to the frogs." It looked like "cruelty to animals," which might fairly be punished by law. Bishop Murrah, patient and affable as always, was just beginning the interesting process of sandwiching balloting and addresses. By transfer and reception of members the personnel of the Conference had increased, and it was entitled to four clerical members. "Mirabile dictu," all four were elected on first ballot. The lucky quartet is L. E. Todd, Ivan Lee Holt, R. L. Russell, and Marvin T. Haw, four distinct types, all youthful-looking veterans. The laymen labored longer, but succeeded in electing three good men and one woman. Thus each Conference in Missouri has one woman delegate. This is well. We need the counsel of our best women in General Conference, and shall be glad to see a woman in every delegation with more than a single lay delegate. We want our women to understand that when they were admitted to laity rights it was not an empty compliment.

As the balloting continued Friday morning admirable addresses were delivered in behalf of the St. Louis Christian Advocate by the able and deservedly popular retiring editor, Dr. A. F. Smith, and the cordially welcomed new editor, Dr. G. B. Winton, and his fit team-mate, Dr. C. O. Ransford. While there is sincere regret over the retirement of Dr. Smith, still there seems to be deep satisfaction over the new arrangement which provides an adequate working force. The St. Louis Christian Advocate, one of the oldest and best of our Conference organs, having aforesaid a circulation exceeding 20,000, which, by virtue of complicated ownership and financial relations, had dwindled to 6,000, is recovering lost ground, and now, with undiminished prestige, will lead the hosts of Missouri to new victories.

Dr. A. F. Smith, now chaplain of the peerless Barnes Hospital, began speaking in behalf of his  
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## METHODIST CALENDAR.

North Arkansas Conference at Ft. Smith, Nov. 24  
Little Rock Conference at Pine Bluff, Dec. 1.

## PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The membership gain in Southwest Missouri Conference was 1,054.

Rev. J. L. Leonard of Thornton writes that he has had several good meetings and is now in what promises to be a fine revival at Thornton.

The editor regrets that he was out of the city last Friday when Dr. T. D. Bradford, educational director of the "No Tobacco Movement," called.

It is announced that Mr. W. F. Alfrey, formerly president of a Heading Company in this city, has given \$50,000 to the Christian Church of his State to be used in building churches for his denomination.

The contract has just been made for an eighty thousand dollar dormitory for Arkansas College, the Presbyterian college located at Batesville. It will be on the new forty-acre campus in the suburbs of the city.

Rev. R. L. Armor of Kensett writes that the climatic conditions at Butte, Mont., are not suited to his boy's needs, and he will not go there, but will probably get an appointment in West Texas Conference.

The Florida Christian Advocate of September 22 was double size and was devoted to the Wesley Bible Class Federation, whose annual conference is soon to be held in St. Petersburg, Fla. It is a splendid number.

Let all pastors remember the request of the Arkansas Educational Association that the importance of Public School Education be presented either by the pastor or by some one selected on Sunday, October 9.

The following are appointments in Southwest Missouri Conference of preachers who were formerly in Arkansas: J. N. Villines, Newtonia; W. S. Butts, South Prospect, Kansas City; J. W. Smith, Independence; Lawrence Orr, Oak Grove.

Rev. Fletcher Walton of Atlanta, Ga., a member of North Georgia Conference, called last week on his return from Hot Springs, where he has spent the summer taking the baths for his health. He reports himself much improved and ready for work this fall.

There will be a home-coming at Mabelvale October 16. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Jordan, and people invite all former pastors, members and friends to attend. The addition and improvements on the building will be completed. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Rev. W. Aiken Smart of Emory University, son of the late Rev. R. D. Smart, preached at First Church last Sunday morning. He is a brother of Mrs. R. E. Wait of this city and of Rev. R. D. Smart of Soochow University, whose unexpected death was recently reported.

Representatives of the State Y. M. C. A. have authorized the purchase of additional camping ground on Petit Jean Mountain, near Morrilton, at a cost of \$15,000, and \$50,000 will be used for improvements. This is one of the finest spots in Arkansas for a summer camp. The Association is to be congratulated on the selection and the progress already made.

Last Sunday, at Christ Church (Episcopal), exercises were held commemorating the tenth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop J. R. Winchester of the diocese of Arkansas. During this decade this honored servant of God, beloved by all denominations, has seen marked progress in his diocese. We wish him many more years of successful service.

Rev. John W. Cline, D. D., president of Soochow University, and his wife and daughter have returned to Arkansas. While Miss Mary will be in Galloway College, Dr. Cline will visit among the churches and study educational work in the United States. He was at First Church last Sunday. Their host of friends welcome these faithful missionaries and are eager to see and hear them.

The Hyde Park Church in Tampa has grown from 27 members at the time of its organization in 1899 to 900 members at the present time. The first

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year it raised less than \$1,000. This year the total finances will reach \$27,500. A commodious Sunday school room is being built, costing together with the enlargement of the church plant about \$100,000. Rev. L. M. Broyles, the pastor, is well known in Arkansas.

As stated last week a telegram was received announcing the death of Rev. R. D. Smart, one of our missionaries to China. He was the son of the late Dr. R. D. Smart, former pastor of First Church, Little Rock, and his sister, Mrs. Robert E. Waite, now lives in this city. At the time of his death he was a professor in Soochow University. As one of our finest young missionaries, his death seems peculiarly sad and untimely.

The Licensing Committee of the Prescott District, composed of Rev. J. H. Cummins, presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Sage, Rev. W. W. Nelson, Rev. T. H. Crowder, and Rev. S. T. Baugh, met in Prescott September 29 and licensed Charles Elston Messer of Hope Mission, Horace Booker of Washington, and Neill McKinnon, Jr., of Ozan, to preach. All three young men are in school and are preparing themselves for the active ministry.

A total of 847 students were registered in the University of Arkansas on the opening day, Monday, September 26. Of these, 814 were entered for regular University courses, while the remaining 33 are former soldiers sent here by the government for federal training. This shows an increase of 97 students over the opening figure for last year. The 120 enrolled in the University High School brings the total number of students on the campus to 967.

The new building of the First Presbyterian Church, at Eighth and Scott streets, was formally opened last Sunday. The first building was erected on the present postoffice site in 1828. This is the oldest Presbyterian organization in the State. Dr. John Van Lear, the esteemed pastor, has just completed ten years of successful service. We congratulate our Presbyterian friends on the completion of this splendid structure and wish them many happy years in its use.

The West Oklahoma Conference made a real gain last fall when Bishop Mouzon transferred

Rev. M. P. Timberlake from Arkansas and appointed him preacher in charge of the Blair and Midway work. Brother Timberlake is a preacher of fine ability, a pastor of experience, and is loved and trusted by his people to an unusual degree. Under his good leadership Blair and Midway have made splendid progress along all lines and that charge eagerly hopes for his return. He is the sort of man who can fill any of our appointments with satisfaction and we warmly welcome him to Oklahoma.—Mangum District Reporter.

Rev. Lovick P. Law of Siloam Springs, Ark., sends this message, sad but full of faith: "Will you say to my good friends that my wife has been attacked by an incurable disease and is under great burdens just now and earnestly asks the prayers of our friends and God's children over the church where she has sung so many into the kingdom. We have just returned from Mayo Brothers and they give us no hope for her recovery. God is able to heal her, and I am asking my friends, her friends, to pray. I must go on with my evangelistic work." We are sure their many friends will pray earnestly and in faith for the recovery of this servant of Christ and worthy helpmate.—Texas Christian Advocate.

In a personal communication in the Texas Christian Advocate of September 22, Dr. John A. Rice of Southern Methodist University, says, in reply to charges of heresy that have been made against him: "Each and every one of these charges and every one of the rest of like character that has passed under my eye is absolutely and unequivocally false. If I believed half the things attributed to me I would be unworthy of a place in the theological faculty or in the ministry of any evangelical church. I would furthermore be a traitor to myself and to my Lord and unworthy of respect for holding such a place. I challenge my critics to prove before any authorized tribunal so much as one word of the heresy they charge me with."

Growing out of controversy concerning the conditions at the State convict farms and the recent tragedy, the Jefferson County grand jury will make an investigation. In addition Governor McRae, who is deeply interested in every kind of improvement, has appointed a committee to study the situation and recommend reforms and improvements, if they are needed. The members of the committee are as follows: John M. Moore, one of the ablest lawyers of the State; J. M. Futrell, former State senator and acting governor; Mrs. Carrie Sloan Troupe, president of the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Minnie Rutherford-Fuller, State president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; and A. C. Millar, editor of the Arkansas Methodist.

A referendum on whether or not this country should declare war would be very unwise, according to Mr. John Spargo, writing in the Independent. The electorate could not be fully informed on the issues involved, foreign policies generally being quite intricate. By the time the referendum could be ordered and counted, the hostile nation might be shooting up our port cities. But suppose a referendum favoring war should take place, and the enemy country should be frightened and sue for peace. Then the United States would be committed to hostilities while peace would be in sight from diplomacy. If any such wild scheme as a referendum on war would ever become legal, then every foreign government having some of its nationals here would keep constantly agitating through them for its own point of view.—Western Christian Advocate.

## SEEING ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

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new charge about eleven-thirty Friday morning, and, technically having the floor, yielded for ballots and special sessions, and concluded about ten o'clock next morning, thus having almost a full day for a fine thirty-minute address. This is a unique record.

For some years Marvin College, the Junior College of this Conference, located at Fredericktown, has financially been a problem. If the Education Movement had been fully supported in St. Louis

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Conference, the problem would have been solved, but with a low per cent of the quota pledged, Marvin College is in a critical condition, and, lacking prompt relief, must die. A special commission had been appointed, and on its recommendation a special session Friday night was devoted to consideration of the report. It was announced that the debts amounted to \$56,000, and a deficit of \$7,000 in the year's expenses was anticipated, consequently collections must be made and new pledges secured. Able addresses were made by Bishop Murrah, Rev. J. M. Bradley, Secretary, Dr. Marvin Haw and Dr. L. E. Todd. Dr. Haw's speech was a masterpiece of history, analysis, and appeal, such as is now rarely heard in Annual Conference session. Personal and pastoral pledges were then taken, not enough to save the situation, but sufficient to hold back the sheriff till the Conference fully senses the imminence of the possible tragedy. It is morally inconceivable that this splendid Conference, with the biggest city in our Connection, the solidest city in our nation, with some of our richest churches, with territory containing wonderful mineral, forest, and agricultural resources, with prestige of great men and monumental achievements, will allow this strategic educational fortress to fall for lack of a few thousand paltry dollars. There has been reason for ten months to account for the paralysis of the financial nerve of big business men, but little Methodist preachers, who for a hundred years on salaries of \$200 to \$1,000 have laid our college foundations, are not in the habit of flinching in the face of poverty or panics. The regiment of Methodism has made more wealth in America than all of its colleges and universities have cost. The Methodist Church loves wealthy men, not for their wealth, but for what they are. Every man of means in Methodism owes vastly more to Methodism than Methodism owes to him. Methodism can use wealth for good, but Methodism is not beholden to it nor dependent on it. If men with so much property that their nerves have been shattered in these trying months are not able to save the honor of the church in this crisis, let us turn to the widows and orphans and preachers' wives, who pray and trust God and tithes. If the St. Louis Conference does not save itself by saving its own school every exile from Missouri will blush with shame when he hears the dear name "Missouri." But we who have Missouri Methodism in our systems believe that our loved and revered St. Louis Conference Methodism will meet the emergency.

Saturday morning Dr. Winton completed a series of thoughtful and suggestive meditations on varieties of religious experience, Dr. Smith finished his hospital speech, several matters of business were transacted, and as I had to leave at noon, my report was made and appropriate resolutions were adopted and Drs. R. L. Russell and A. F. Smith were appointed Assembly Commissioners. There is much interest in this enterprise.

As I heard no reports and saw no statistics, I am unable to report the year's work, but casual remarks and responses to some inquiry forecast a good showing except in certain financial features.

Kennett, the county seat of Dunklin County, a very substantial town of some 4,000, looks like our best eastern Arkansas towns. It is about twelve miles east of Rector and only four miles from Arkansas. It has a big mill, but is chiefly supported by an agricultural country of almost untold fertility. It is bottom country without any bottom. The dirt is good all the way down.

Friday after three o'clock the citizens gave visitors a sight-seeing trip of some thirty miles circuit including Hornorsville and Senath. Big drainage ditches have made most of the land available, and, except along the creeks, the lands are practically all fenced and in cultivation. The crops are principally corn and cotton with a little hay and peas and sweet potatoes. The cotton has not suffered from the depredations of "friend" boll weevil, but the army worms have destroyed the leaves, and as most of the bolls were open, the fields were almost like drifts of snow. As considerable old cotton is still in the sheds on the farms or in warehouses,

the farmers will soon be financially sound. There is not enough labor for picking. The farmers are white and do not care to bring in negro help. Here is really a fine opportunity for several hundred of the city's unemployed. Will they seek it? Nay, city labor spurns such jobs, and many prefer to steal or starve. At Senath we spent a few minutes on the hog ranch of McGrew & Baker, where are about 200 pedigreed spotted Poland swine. The king of the herd, weighing around 1,000 pounds, belongs to a family some of whose members have sold for \$12,000 and \$15,000. They are hard to beat and too big and expensive to eat.

Our membership at Kennett is large and strong. The salary is \$2,500. The church building, erected under the leadership of Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, my pastor when I united with the church on profession of faith, cost \$26,000 just before the advance in prices, and is a little gem with a satisfactory auditorium and big basement. The toothsome dinners and suppers were served at the expense of the church and the hospitable homes provided bed and breakfast. Brother and Sister Smith, pastor and wife, proved to be capable and pleasant hosts, and Conference and visitors were captured and charmed. Following a pressing invitation, the Conference voted to go next year to Flat River to be the guests of the group of churches in the famous "lead belt." This will bring the Conference to one of its most interesting home mission fields.

If the St. Louis Conference will once get under its educational burdens and lift as such people are capable, the future of our Methodism is safe in that valley of the American "Nile." Of course, as any one who looks at the map must concede, this pedestal on which Missouri stands geographically, is naturally a part of Arkansas. We would like to have it, but if St. Louis Conference takes good care of it, we shall file no claim. However, we give notice that Arkansas is ready to bring suit to recover that which geographically and topographically and meteorologically and hydrographically is hers, if, if!!! Caveat St. Louis.—A. C. M.

## LEACHVILLE AND BLYTHEVILLE.

Having agreed to preach at Leachville Sunday, I left Kennett about noon Saturday in company with Rev. R. E. Simpson, the pastor, and Mr. B. L. Appleby, editor of the Leachville Star. There is a tradition about "a slow train in Arkansas," but we found it was slow in Missouri before it reached Arkansas. At Senath the members of the train crew scattered over town and took dinner in their homes and gave us ample time to go up town and dine in leisurely style. This train was slow enough to make it easy to see the country. Its schedule was probably arranged with that in view. It is said that one train backs down in order to save the trouble of turning. We were told that Dunklin County, Missouri, had voted bonds and would soon spend \$2,000,000 on good roads, but as soon as we crossed the State line, we found in Arkansas that the hard-surface roads were under construction. There is nothing slow about Northeast Arkansas but the trains and the streams that start in Missouri.

Arriving at Leachville, I was carried around in a car to see the nice new houses and the splendid farms. The census of 1910 gave Leachville a population of 54, it now has about 1,200, and three railroads. Some five years ago the cut-over lands were put on the market in small tracts, and a fine class of white farmers came in, built good houses and cleared the land. The town was needed and grew as a result of the development of the surrounding country. Now there are substantial business houses and modern residences.

A three-story brick school building was begun four years ago, but the war and trouble with contractors delayed construction. It has just been completed, at a cost of \$65,000, and is one of the best in the State. Superintendent R. L. Smith, a Normal graduate from Quitman, on a salary of \$2,400, has charge, and, with six teachers and 300 pupils, is making a fine school. There is a Smith-Hughes teacher, and the equipment is fair. The district embraces considerable rural territory and

the enumeration is about 600. Sunday was devoted to opening exercises. Brief addresses and music occupied nearly an hour, and then the visiting preacher was given ample time and a patient hearing while he discussed education. Although the weather was unpropitious, the large auditorium was almost filled. President J. M. Williams of Galloway College was present and was to deliver an educational address at night. The intelligent interest and enthusiasm over the school augur well.

Five years ago, while pastor at Manila, Rev. C. F. Wilson organized a Methodist church at Leachville and arranged for the attractive and tastefully furnished church building which cost \$2,200, and today is worth almost double its cost. It has three Sunday school rooms, opera chairs, and a piano. There is a comfortable parsonage. The membership now numbers 290, and the charge is a good station. Rev. R. E. Simpson, a graduate of Millsaps College, last year in Southern Methodist University, in the Second Year Class of Mississippi Conference, was secured in June, and has already captured the people. He is a choice young man, and will be a valuable addition to North Arkansas Conference. His people are eager for his return.

Mr. B. L. Appleby, originally from Magnolia, whose parents were well known there, established the Leachville Star five years ago and has made it a success from the beginning. His paper boosts the town and the town supports the paper, which stands for religion, education, morality, and progress. Such a paper is a great asset.

In the extreme northwest corner of Mississippi County, twenty-five years ago in impenetrable forest and surrounded by swamps, Leachville today, with three railroads, good drainage, soil of unsurpassed fertility, and a people who believe in churches and schools, is one of our best towns. The land, which may be had at \$50 to \$200 an acre according to improvements, is superior to higher priced land in other states. Corn is fine and the cotton, so far untouched by boll weevil, is making its growers rich. People who want the fertility of the bottoms with the advantages of a progressive white community, would do well to investigate Leachville and vicinity.

In order to be on the main line of the railroad and reach the office early Monday, I accepted Dr. W. C. Watson's invitation to preach at Blytheville Sunday night. The weather was threatening, but a fair congregation assembled, and I was permitted to meet many friends. Dr. Watson has added 190 members this year and now has a magnificent organization of 900. Every department of the church is prospering, and, in spite of early financial depression, a fine report will be made. The high school building and new courthouse and street paving have recently been completed, and Blytheville, with a great cotton crop pouring in, is one of the liveliest cities of 6,000 to be found. In a few years the big forests will be gone and all the land will be cultivated and Mississippi County will be an agricultural empire.

Mrs. Watson was in Memphis with Miss Louise, who with high honors from Boston Conservatory of Music, is filling musical engagements in many places. She expects to return to Boston for advanced study.

Returning Monday, after most delightful experiences, I had the companionship of Mr. J. L. Hunter, the efficient State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, from Osceola back to the City of Roses, where we work between journeys.—A. C. M.

## GET IT.

In order to encourage immediate settlement in this dull period we will send to all who promptly renew and pay all arrearage a free copy of Smith's 32-page pamphlet, "John Wesley, The Spiritual Christian." It is a valuable brochure, and all good Methodists need it. Help us and get your reward. Remit promptly, as this offer may not be long continued.



## CONTRIBUTIONS.

## THE GOOD OR THE BAD—YOUR CHOICE—MY LAD.

By E. R. Robinson.

You can find the low and ugly, glaring at you everywhere;  
 But you have to look for beauty—search hard for the good and fair.  
 They are advertising evil, in the papers and the shows;  
 But the good goes all unnoticed, and the morbid passion grows.  
 You can hear the blatant boasters, as they auctioneer their crime,  
 While the gentle voice of virtue must abide the evil time.  
 In the shows the vulture's vomit fills your nostrils with its slime,  
 While the sweet perfume of goodness wastes its fragrance in the grime.  
 You may bow to beastly idols, as you grovel on the ground;  
 Never see the stars above you in immensity profound.  
 You may fill your mind with knowledge that will blight your life with woe,  
 Or obtain that worthy wisdom, which the Good God does bestow.  
 Yours the right to choose companions hive with drones, or knaves or fools—  
 Or keep comp'ny with the noble, both of earth and heaven's schools.  
 You may harbor bosom serpents, that conceal the sting of death,  
 Or may entertain the angels—breathe the Spirit's holy breath.  
 Yours the choice of slave to habits, bound by chains your deeds have wrought,  
 Or the boon of heaven's freedom—free in deed and free in thought.  
 Yours the choice of life in shallows, where the dire quicksands abound,  
 Or may sound the deepest waters, where the rarest truths are found.  
 You may follow trails long traveled, parasites of others thought;  
 Or build roads through unknown forests—find new truths as yet unsought.  
 You may take your creed from others, and believe what you are taught;  
 Or may find the truth by searching, Thus alone His Will is wrought.  
 You may scorn the path of labor, whether tramp or millionaire.  
 Or be honest faithful toiler, treating weaker brothers fair.  
 You may be a cringing craven, and be always in retreat;  
 Or may have that dauntless courage that can never know defeat.  
 You may be a hated Nero, crush the tender better life;  
 Or be kind to all about you—help the strugglers in their strife.  
 Would you ever cherish evil, live aloof, in spite and hate;  
 Or remember good forever—one of these must be your fate.  
 You may riot in base pleasures, be a partner with the clod;  
 Or may walk with thoughts exalted, hand in hand commune with God.  
 Carnal forces ever battle with the spirit for the soul;  
 Your own will decides the conflict—hell or heaven must be your goal.

## LITTLE TALKS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

By Honorable Josephus Daniels, Former Secretary of the Navy of the United States.

## III. The Near College or the Far.

There is the ever present discussion as to whether it is wisest for young men and young women to receive their educational training in their own environments or to go away from home to pursue their studies in a section where they come in contact with new faces and new associations and different points of view. It is a never-ending debate which reaches no conclusive verdict.

If I were to hazard counsel to those whose means permitted free choice it would be: Obtain your collegiate education in your own state or locality, enjoy the comradeship of classmates with whom you will probably be associated during your whole life, be come imbued during your college days with the spirit and traditions and aspirations of your own people, and get your first degree from an institution that holds the principles with which you were reared in your own home.

This gives grip upon eternal things, deepens roots that prevent separation from early teaching, and gives robust stamina and faith and attachment to a civilization of which you by blood and training are a part.

Travel ever so far and the influences of early life abide. Moreover, is there not a peculiar debt due by an educated man to give of his best to his own people and his own country? And then after the college degree has been won, if the money is available every student ought to specialize in some institution in another environment. Perhaps instruction abroad, as a Rhodes scholar or matriculate in some old and distinguished European institution, would give a world view point and provide advantages in scientific research. But education abroad is not recommended to any undergraduate.

The nearer home he can find the required advantages and the learned teachers, the better for him in his college days. There is a flavor for students in such surroundings and a deepening of early conviction which no other institution affords.

We may accept it as true and wise that the best is none too good for our sons and daughters. When I say the best is none too good, I do not mean the biggest. There is power and inspiration in our big universities, but I sometimes think that the smaller colleges with great teachers are better for most students. President Garfield expressed a sound truth when he said that the best college was Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and the student on the other. No substitute has been found for a learned and inspiring teacher.

Some years ago there lived in North Carolina a truly great teacher, Braxton Craven, the founder of a strong Methodist institution, Trinity College now one of the best furnished colleges in the whole South. It was then a struggling college, located in the country, where economy, simplicity, and hard study made a Trinity which turned out leaders in Church and State. Both of North Carolina's senators today were educated in that college.

It was said facetiously of President

Craven that he did two things in his intercourse with a matriculate: made him believe that Dr. Craven was the biggest man in the world, and made him believe that he, the particular student, was the next biggest, and might even distance Dr. Craven if he would follow the doctor's advice. However that may be, he had the divine faculty of drawing out all that was in a student, exciting his ambition and leading him into the paths of knowledge and leadership.

The day was, early in our history, when it was regarded necessary to send our sons to Europe to be educated. Later we thought for finishing touches they ought to go to Germany. We learned in 1914, those of us who had not learned it sooner, that education tainted with materialism was bought at too great a price. President Roosevelt uttered a profound truth when he declared that to educate the mind without educating the morals resulted in making the man so trained a menace—that truth cannot too often be emphasized.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson, whose long residence abroad gave him the authority to speak, even in the days when the United States had only a few strong institutions of learning, advised against sending American youths to European universities. He further declared that the American men of most learning, of most eloquence, most beloved by their countrymen and most trusted and promoted by them, are those who have been educated among them, and whose manners, morals and habits are perfectly homogeneous with those of the country. Our church colleges are sending out a continuous stream of these men every day.

## OUT FOR CHARACTER.

## Mightiness and Manhood.

By A. Z. Conrad, D. D., Boston, Mass.

Life is a fight to the finish for the man who really lives. One hundred per cent manhood means blood. The man who stands straight on his hind legs and follows convictions to the end of the road, will not be looking for a job. He will have one big job in keeping to the road and as many other remunerative jobs as he can handle. Will-power, work-power and worth-power are at a premium. Competitions for first place are fierce. No oyster-backed, snail-paced, self-indulgent, shrinking shrimp of a man can expect to arrive.

A passion-pulled, sensuous seeker after-pleasure cannot successfully buck up against the big day's work and not sag. The war made its own revelations of the glory of purity and power in contrast with the flabbiness and uselessness of a life whose vitality is sapped by vice-destroying practices. The big moral slump of the past two years is plowing deep furrows in the foreheads of fawning sycophants and ease-loving, work-hating devotees of physical pleasure.

There is a hollow-eyed, dough-faced vacancy wherever men and women defy laws of health and vigor and give way to sensuality. The law of harvest is inexorable. Nature's bill must be paid on demand and the demand comes sure and swift. The amount of personal energy is limited and has to be accounted for. Waste it, and you cannot have it when the demand is

greatest. Burn out brain and brawn for a time and you are as sure to become a useless, slimy slacker as the sun is to rise and set. Treat womanhood everywhere and always as you demand your mother shall be treated and you keep self-respect and personal virility. It is the thing that will keep you in fighting trim to the end of the day. Will-power vanishes, clear vision disappears, virility goes and decency goes, when the eternal laws of chastity are trifled with. Break the rules of the game and you lose. Trample on the rights of others and you sacrifice your own freedom.

An evil habit is a ball and chain and it has to be dragged the whole way through. A clean life is a vigorous, worth-while, satisfying, hill-climbing life with victory at the top of the slope.

A life of control and continence knows no defeat.

Master yourself and enemies hammer at the gates in vain. The whole world is calling today for unclouded brains and a will that is irresistible. Unsullied honor can alone stand in the open and challenge all comers, fearless and assured.

Not speculation but demonstration pulls the world to higher levels.

Give yourself a chance and you will surprise your own soul. Draw a tight rein on desire. Defy dangers because you have a record for which you need not blush.

King of the forest or serpent of the marsh. Make your choice. Abstinence with achievement, or indulgence with less than mediocrity. We are architects of our own fate. Decision determines destiny.

There is absolutely no greatness that is not buttressed with goodness. Brace to the splendid day's work. Keep fit. Be a man.

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## GET BACK TO NORMALCY.

I want, somehow, to appeal to the sons and daughters of the republic, to every producer, to join hand and brain in production, more production, honest production, patriotic production, because patriotic production is no less a defense of our civilization than that of armed force.

Profiteering is a crime of commission, under-production is a crime of omission. We must work our most and best, else the destructive reaction will come. We must stabilize and strive for normality, else the inevitable reaction will bring its train of sufferings, disappointments and reversals. We want to forestall such reaction, we want to hold all advance ground, and fortify it with general good-fortune.

I decline to recognize any conflict of interest among the participants in industry. The destruction of one is the ruin of the other, the suspension or rebellion of one unavoidably involves the other. In conflict, in disaster, in understanding there is triumph.

The insistent call is for labor, management and capital to reach an understanding, and have less government and more business.—President W. G. Harding.

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## SOUTHERN METHODISM IN THE WEST.

By Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, D. D.

I have just returned from a five weeks' trip of inspection and investigation through the West in the interest of the Board of Church Extension, which has assisted so largely in building our churches there. I traveled about 7,500 miles through the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and Montana. Although not a stranger to that vast section, having been pastor in Butte, Montana, twenty years ago, the development which has taken place in the past few years was surprising. Towns and cities have grown as if by magic and vast areas of land have been brought under cultivation, while on every hand are evidences of material prosperity.

At Colorado Springs I faced a great congregation and found the pastor, Dr. R. E. Dickenson, in high favor. He has done a noble work there and is planning wisely for an adequate plant and a great future. In company with Dr. L. E. Todd I visited the Woodmen's Sanitarium, and was impressed that Southern Methodism would do well to have such an institution in that wonderful climate. At Walsenburg the Denver Conference was in session, Bishop Murrah presiding with his usual grace and courtesy. Reports of the pastors reflected a year of marked progress. New churches are being enterprised and a healthful increase in membership was recorded. This is a heroic and optimistic group of preachers who are bringing things to pass despite obstacles. I was impressed with the number and personnel of young men in that Conference.

Arizona, by every token, is our territory and our work there is moving forward under the direction of Dr. J. E. Harrison, who is in charge of the Phoenix District, and Rev. W. J. Sims, Presiding Elder of the Safford District. Phoenix is one of the most beautiful little cities, of 40,000 people, I have seen anywhere. It is in the famous Salt River valley, which is under irrigation, the water coming from the Roosevelt Dam, and the soil is wonderfully productive. Our old Central Church property in Phoenix has been sold and a valuable new site secured and a building to cost about \$125,000 complete is under way. Rev. Cecil M. Aker is the successful pastor. We have several other churches in that city and vicinity in operation, while others are being enterprised by the able presiding elder throughout that section. A splendid new church has just been erected at Prescott, the old Territorial Capital, by the assistance of war-work funds and the Board of Church Extension, and the work prospers there. I understand that a valuable site for a new church has been acquired right at the gate of the State

University at Tucson through the efforts of Presiding Elder Sims and Bishop DuBose. Our work in Arizona has made marked progress during the past year and we have a splendid future there if taken care of now.

At Los Angeles I preached to a great congregation in Trinity Church, and found Bob Shuler in high favor, and preaching to great crowds. At Long Beach, Rev. R. P. Howell is now building a Sunday School plant to cost about \$25,000 and when this has been completed they intend to build a \$50,000 auditorium. A new church has been built at Selma by the indefatigable H. G. Wills. At Downey and Mercer the brethren are preparing to build suitable plants, while at Petaluma, located about fifty miles north of San Francisco, the old church is being rebuilt at a cost of \$14,000.

San Francisco has always been a difficult field for Evangelical Christianity. Our Fitzgerald Memorial Church is a splendid modern structure and the pastor, Rev. Jos. A. Smith, has a plan for a forward movement, which, if inaugurated, I believe will bring increased returns. This church is located in the close-in apartment district, and its progress is only through great difficulties. Within a block is located the Mary Elizabeth home for girls, a gift of Mrs. L. H. Glide, and under the direction of Miss Jackson and her assistants, is doing a great work. Our Wesley House is well located for the future, and our church there, under the direction of Rev. L. P. Shearer, is making a valuable contribution in the face of great difficulties. Rev. A. T. O'Rear, at Pioneer Memorial Church, Oakland, has had a successful year and the outlook there is good. The three chapels built under the direction of Bishop DuBose, in the Alameda and Berkeley district, are well located and should eventually yield good returns. The Bishop is abundant in labors and plans, and he works with an enthusiasm that is contagious.

The writer is under special obligations to Dr. W. H. Nelson, the talented editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, for many courtesies. He is doing faithful and telling work as editor of that paper. We had a royal fellowship together.

At Portland the Northwest Conference was in session, with Bishop DuBose presiding. I had the privilege of addressing the Conference in the morning and preaching at night. Optimism prevailed among the brethren and the reports indicated a net increase of sixteen per cent in membership during the year, with several new churches under construction or consideration. That is a wonderful country in its present day greatness and future possibilities, and our brethren there have both vision and courage.

On my return I visited Butte, Montana, preached to our congregation there, looked over the situation, and reached Windsor, Missouri, for the opening day of the Southwest Missouri Conference, where I had the privilege of speaking to the congregation the opening night and also the following morning. This is the Conference in which I was licensed, ordained and admitted and it is very near to my heart. My fellowship there was delightful and I know of no nobler company of men anywhere than the preachers and laymen of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

On my return to the office at Louisville I found the usual large number of communications from the brethren over the field and paused there three or four days before leaving for the Louisville Conference and engagements in Washington and Baltimore, after which a swing around the Connection attending the Annual Conference sessions.

As a result of this Western trip I wish to make these observations: First, as a Denomination we are at home in the West, Southwest and Northwest, in the territory occupied by us. Many of the pioneers and most influential early settlers of that country were from the South and were Southern Methodists, and they are still going there.

Second, the field is so large and in many places unoccupied that we are needed there as a Denomination, there being opportunity for all Evangelical Denominations. A very small percentage of the Protestant population in the West is identified in the way of actual membership with any church. In the Providence of God we are there as a Denomination, we have made a great contribution to that section and by the grace of God propose to remain there.

Third, our pastors in the South, as a matter of conscience, should notify our pastors in the West when their members remove there, that they may be saved to our Church and Cause.

## COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The last General Conference made provision for a committee to assist the pastor in the circulation of Christian literature.

One of the questions to be asked at the second Quarterly Conference, though the first Quarterly Conference was meant and is so recorded in the General Conference records, that the work of the circulation might begin with the new Conference year, is

Who are appointed to assist the pastor in the circulation of our Christian literature?

Another question reads:

What has been done by the pastor and his assistants to put our Christian literature into all the homes of his charge?

These questions bring out several facts.

First, that the pastor is not relieved of the responsibility of this most important work; he is simply to be supplied with assistants who will act under his counsel and direction. The pastor is the key man in this and every movement of his charge, and without his leadership and initiative the strongest committee cannot reap a large harvest.

Second, a committee of more than one was contemplated by our lawmakers for both the verb and noun in relation to the appointment are in the plural.

Third, the work is not to stop short of a single home, for the language is "all the homes".

A pastor and an intelligent, industrious committee by checking off the families who do not get the paper and visiting them, urging Church loyalty and efficiency, etc., can get it into almost every home.

"Hard work?" Yes. But everything that is worth while requires hard work. The man who requires

the most persuasion to be induced to have the paper in his family, is the man who needs it most himself.

You may spend several hours in getting the paper into a home, but that work may transform the family life. We know a home where the paper changed the whole atmosphere and resulted in the conversion of two girls, one of whom is now at school preparing for life service.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

## REV. R. D. SMART AS I KNOW HIM.

By Peter S. T. Shih.

When the news came to me about Mr. Smart's death I could hardly believe my ears, until it was affirmed once more by a cablegram from China.

As one of his pupils, one of his co-workers, and one of his friends I feel it my happy privilege to say a few words about my beloved teacher and friend, whom I have known for more than twelve years.

Mr. Smart went to China in 1903 with the full assurance that his going would mean a great deal to China, to the Chinese, and to Christ. Bravely he left his native land, ready to live and to die for the Gospel. His speed in learning the people and the language was marvelous. He plunged into his work at once with dispatch and efficiency.

Right from the beginning he taught English and Mathematics in Soochow. He is one of the nameless heroes who helped in the building up of this great institution. He has been a real teacher, who always remembered that boys are boys. I can recall the days when I studied under him in Soochow University and see him patiently and sympathetically trying to unravel the seemingly mysterious problems in Trigonometry. Soochow University has now lost a good teacher and our Mission has lost a good educator. Who is going to fill the gap?

Being an athlete himself, naturally when he saw the Chinese youths wearing long finger nails and ignorant of the value of physical education, he was moved to develop a program of physical education for which he started one of the first track teams in China about seventeen years ago. For many years Soochow University team was famous for the short distances, due to his being a short distance runner himself. He served from the start on the East China Athletic Association as its first president, and on the Far Eastern Olympic Executive Committee. Easily he is one of the first promoters of physical education. China has lost a leader of physical education. Who is going to carry on his work?

For several years he was assistant

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pastor of Konghong Church, Soochow, of which I am a member. He always carefully prepared his sermons. He always tried to get the best expressions in Chinese. His sermons were real spiritual banquets to me. In all his sermons he simply wanted to let Christ shine. Another soldier of the cross has fallen at the front. Who is ready to step forward and re-enforce the line?

Personally I have found him a real and genuine friend, who is always willing to help and to be helped. He can put himself in my position and feel as I feel. Everybody who knows him well will certainly never fail to mention this fact. A friend I have lost. He died for China's young men, he died for me. Such a friend deserved to be called great. Who is willing to go to China to live and to die for China and Christ, as China's friend and Christ's friend?

Let us continue on the work. Who is going to fill the rank? You? or somebody else?

#### SUMMER REVIVAL CAMPAIGN IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

My office is now anxiously waiting reports from the presiding elders as to the revival campaign in the rural districts during the summer. The office has furnished every rural pastor with a postal card ready to be filled out and mailed to the presiding elders. We shall be grateful to the rural pastors if they will now fill out these cards and mail them to their presiding elders. We shall appreciate prompt action on the part of the presiding elder in sending in his report to the Conference campaign director. (Let no one forget that we have a Conference campaign director in each annual conference.) Then we shall be happy to have the campaign director compile the reports from all the districts and send the summary to our office as soon as possible. If each pastor will make a report at once to his presiding elder, if each elder will send his report promptly to his Conference campaign director, and if each Conference campaign director will send his Conference report promptly to my office, we shall be able soon to give the church at large accurate reports as to the summer revivals. If some do not report, the reports will be defective and some districts and some Conferences will be done an injustice in the reports which go out from our office.

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facts as indicated in our prepared blanks. If all parties concerned will take this request seriously and act upon it, we shall be able to give the whole Church the information it desires concerning our summer revivals. —O. E. Goddard.

#### WHAT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIES SAY.

The Department of Publicity of the Missionary Centenary is receiving some encouraging reports from Conference missionary secretaries touching the matter of Centenary collections and the missionary situation generally in their fields.

Rev. J. E. Crawford, Central Texas Conference, writes that group meetings were held in each district of the Conference during September, with the attendance nearly 100 per cent. Endorsement was given to the plan to make a concerted and determined effort to collect all overdue Centenary pledges, and the third installment on pledges in advance of the meeting of the Central Texas Conference. Secretary Crawford says: "There are at least four reasons why October should be a month of unusual activity in collecting Centenary subscriptions. First, because most of the pledges in our Conference were made payable in October, and the time to collect is when pledges are due. Second, cotton in Central Texas is being marketed early this year, and the time for us to move is when cotton is moving. Fourth, we must make an earnest effort to get in this money that we may be able to take care of the missionary needs of our own Conference another year; if this money is not collected and sent to the Conference treasurer our own missions will suffer the coming year."

Rev. O. S. Welch, Alabama Conference, reports that the spirit of the Centenary among preachers and people still strongly abides. The campaign for intercessors resulted in a great spiritual uplift; at the conclusion of the special campaign on stewardship and tithing, the Alabama Conference stood fourth in percentage of members enrolled. There followed the largest increase in assessments for the support of the ministry ever known in that conference. Many of the Alabama preachers followed the Centenary plan for holding their revivals and with splendid results.

Secretary Welch says: "The time has come when we again look for a large renewal in Centenary payments. With the recent rises in price of cotton and other commodities on which we depend, the consequent passing of depression and gloom, we have every reason to believe that better times are ahead of us. We have fixed the time between October 9 and 16 as Pay-Up Week for the Alabama Conference. With the united effort of presiding elders, pastors, treasurers and committees, we confidently look for great results."

Rev. W. T. Hummcutt, North Georgia Conference, in sending a message to the people of his own Conference, says in part: "We have passed through one test, the beginning of our great Centenary Campaign. It was not nearly so difficult as many of us thought it would be, for we were swept forward by a high tide of enthusiasm which goes with the launching of a great campaign. When enthusiasm runs high we can dare to

do anything and think not of sacrifice.

Now we have come to the time in this great campaign, the middle, when the task has grown old and enthusiasm has in a measure died down and this is the great test. We have come to the last months of the third year of our great campaign. Can we, by making sacrifices, tide over this year? If so, we can carry our campaign to a successful and victorious consummation. We have had business reverses and will be tempted, if we have lost the vision which at the beginning was so vivid, either to think our subscriptions too much or to repudiate them altogether. The church has launched a great program, both in the home and foreign field, because of her faith in your pledges. We must pay. We have pledged, and these pledges are just as binding as any promise. God expects us to pay. We can not think as much of ourselves if we fail. This is the critical hour in the history of our church. We can not afford to prove disloyal to God."

Rev. A. D. Wilcox of the North Carolina Conference says of the situation in his territory: "Loyalty to the Centenary is still intact. All who believed in it three years ago believe in it now. Nowhere in any quarter do I find a retreat from the advanced line of 1918. Those trenches were taken to be held. In every District Conference and in other meetings of preachers and laymen throughout this year the question has been repeatedly raised, 'Are the people still loyal to the Centenary?' The answer has been, without exception or variation, 'Yes.' The next question that has been raised 'Will they pay their pledges?' The answer has been 'They certainly intend to do it.' Aside from some necessary losses through death, and incidental causes I am confident that the pledge of this conference will be met. Even through this present summer of financial distress the Centenary money has kept constantly flowing in, and I am looking for large increases before the close of the conference year. A Pay-Up Week has been set for October 2 to 9. Letters have gone out to all the preachers and local treasurers, and to other Centenary workers, calling for an intensive campaign during this crucial week. Local cabinets have been formed in a great many churches, and collecting committees will be formed in most of the others for work during Pay-Up Week. Our presiding elders are intensely interested in the success of this movement. Our people are not easily stirred, and are rather slow in action, but you can count on the North Carolina Conference being there when the final roll is called."

Rev. Stephen S. Thomas, Louisiana Conference, says: "The Louisiana Conference pledged 15 per cent more than her quota. On this pledge she has paid one-third. A number of churches have paid their full three years. Many have paid more than two years. A few only have paid less than one year. Everywhere I go I find a fine feeling relative to the Centenary pledges. They will be paid wherever possible and as soon as possible. Our Centenary workers are most enthusiastic and loyal. Up to the last Annual Conference about \$190,000 has been paid on pledges. Since the last conference \$65,000 has been paid which is 53 per cent of the average of the first

two years. Considering that most of our pledges are paid in the fall and winter, this is a good showing for this year. I believe Louisiana will do her full duty."

Rev. T. N. Potts, Virginia Conference, says, as does every worker in the Centenary cause, that we face unusual difficulties, but he is optimistic and confident that the Virginia Conference will make good its word to the Centenary. In addition to the unfavorable conditions in other conferences, the time of meeting of the Virginia Conference has been moved up four weeks, thus making more difficult the proposition of fall collections for all church enterprises. But, Dr. Potts says, "despite all these conditions, we, in Virginia, will give a great final accounting. You can count on that."

The church has faith in the Virginia Conference and there is reason for that faith. Virginia led all the rest in the amount pledged to the Centenary and held first place in amount pledged to the Christian Education Movement. To September, there had been paid on Centenary pledges \$1,000,600, leading by more than \$42,000 the next highest conference. It has paid 40.2 per cent of its quota and 36.5 per cent of its pledge. Great is Virginia Methodism!

#### DOWN WITH THE MOTION PICTURE SYNDICATES!

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movies is caused by the immoral characters and the lack of character in the producers, many of whom are moral degenerates and nearly all are irreligious, without any conception of Christian character or of high Christian ideals, yet this great host of characterless people, number several hundred thousand, impress their personalities on millions of American children, day and night, in every town and city all over the United States, creating juvenile criminals by the tens of thousands that were absolutely unknown before the coming of the movies. In fact, moving pictures are destroying the characters of our children faster than the church and school can build them up, thus undermining the foundations of our great republic.

Before the movies came our children were inspired and their characters formed by reading about such great historical characters as Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Joan of Arc and David Livingston, and such glorious works of fiction as Ben Hur, Les Misables, Scottish Chiefs, Days of Bruce, and Sir Walter Scott's great historical romances, but now, alas! they draw their inspiration mostly from the movies and their characters are formed by such contemptible, degraded movie stars as Charley Chaplin and Fatty Arbuckle. Verily, we reap as we sow, and moving pictures, as now produced, will pervert the finest adult characters who attend them regularly, in proof of which some great preachers and editors have so fallen under their baneful influence as to make excuses for Fatty Arbuckle, the most degraded character, and guilty of the most revolting crime on record.

The movies are not only perverting our national child character and creating an appalling number of juvenile criminals, but they are also creating such a vast army of desperate adult criminals that the police are powerless to control them, consequently life and property are no longer safe anywhere. Therefore, I accuse the moving picture syndicates with being the greatest menace to Christian civilization that this world has ever known, but I warn them that their days are numbered and the time is at hand when the great Christian churches of America, 40,000,000 strong, shall rise up and say, "Down! Down with the commercialized movies!" And the parents and teachers of 20,000,000 school children shall rise up and say to these perverters of child character, "You shall no longer destroy these little ones whose destiny God has given into our keeping. Down! Down with the movies." While the mighty voice of an aroused public opinion shall thunder against these crime breeders and vampires of character, "Mene, mene, Tekel Upharsin. Thou art weighed

in the balance and found wanting. The great invention thou hast used to breed crime and destroy souls in order to gain gold to spend in the most shameless debaucheries and drunken orgies this world has ever known since the fall of Babylon, shall be taken away from you and given to the schools, churches and municipalities to be used by them exclusively in the interest of the public welfare to promote education, religion, morality and patriotism, to entertain, instruct and transform our national character until America shall become an exalted nation prepared to carry out her great destiny ordained by God to lead the nations in their quest for universal peace and righteousness that will make the world safe for humanity. And the voices of a mighty nation shall be heard blending with the voices of heaven in proclaiming, "Down, Down with the Syndicate Movies and with all other evils that breed crime, pervert character, ruin lives and destroy souls."—Charles R. Robertson.

#### THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

Conditions were bad enough when the world drank the liquors and brews that the people either made for their own use or bought of their neighbors. Organization, that magical instrumentality for doing things, does bad things as well as good. It fastened itself on the making of and dealing in booze and then turned to fasten itself on the government of its victims. We ought not to have forgotten that fact in the past few years since this deadly grapple on the throat of this country was loosened by the prohibitory law. We surely can remember hearing the liquor men themselves say that because of their greed and their consequent disregard of decency they had disgusted the public. They made dives of the places in which their product was sold and to quite a degree they came to consort with the criminal elements of society.

The stranglehold has been loosened but the organization behind it, though doubtless changed somewhat in personnel, is yet strong, well financed and become part of a world-wide conspiracy to defy the laws of the United States. The smuggling and bootlegging of liquor is but a part of its operations. Being smugglers and outlaws and thrown into intimate association with other criminals, it is in undoubted collusion with the smuggling of drugs, especially the narcotics so dread, of aliens, and is conniving at the escape of criminals. Rich and influential men are back of it, beyond a question, and are gorging themselves on the proceeds. Those operating are but the tools of the conspiracy. Their boats are now stealing out of yellow fever ports in the Bahamas and sneaking into our ports in defiance of quarantine. Their enterprise has become altogether bad, beset with the filth of the underworld, and yet its spokesmen prate about the law invading the sanctity of the home!

Invading the sanctity of the home! This from the most insidious, the most dreaded invader of the sanctity of homes that the world has ever known!

Considering such a gigantic, rich and ruthless conspiracy in league with the criminals of the world in their scheme to defy our laws it is almost

unthinkable that there should be collusion or even encouragement to be had of Federal officials, yet here is what the Philadelphia North American has to say on that phase of it:

"The Federal enforcement act became a law under an administration which was openly hostile to its purposes and which strove persistently to destroy its validity. When it became operative—after a presidential veto had been over-ridden by Congress—virtually all of the vast quantity of liquor in existence in this country was held under bond in government warehouses, and could be released only by action of the government itself, through designated officers."

"No other law passed for the protection of society was ever so scandalously administered or so flagrantly violated. There was hardly a pretense of applying the statute in good faith; permits for the withdrawal of liquor were issued by wholesale, and were obtainable by anyone willing to pay for the stuff with the added cost of graft and corruption. The men appointed to enforce the law and to limit withdrawals of stocks appointed for legitimate uses were in many cases former liquor dealers, whose affiliations with the bootlegging interests were but thinly disguised. Eighty thousand permits, many of them forged, were honored during the first year, and the country was flooded with liquor which was distributed by peddlers and through saloons enabled to operate by delay in the enactment of State enforcement laws."

If this isn't putting it up to the country, what is? The Whiskey Insurrection that George Washington put an end to, was a small menace in comparison. It is time the government inspected the permits and gave a bigger demonstration than has yet been given of its ability to put an end to smuggling. The headlines have been filled with "Getting the Higher-Ups," but the jails haven't been filled with them; not yet, though there are indications of sincerity behind much of the effort now being made to suppress this traffic. May it also be successful.—Kennebeck (Me.) Journal.

#### PRAYER AND TITHING.

I am just a layman and a steward in the church trying to do my little bit to help build up and promote God's kingdom here upon earth, and one of the best ways that I know of is through earnest fervent prayer. I believe that prayer is a natural instinct with mankind, the naturalness of prayer is seen in the fact that it is latent in the life of every one of us.

We often hear people say that I never pray and can get along without it, and, seemingly, they do, until they are faced with some calamity or crisis, then we find these same people seeking the help of God through the medium of prayer themselves and oftentimes calling on their friends who pray to help them. After the crisis has passed they seem to again forget God.

Do you think God will answer prayers of this kind as readily as he does those who make a daily practice of talking to him and seeking his guidance in their everyday life and concerning the small things of this life as well as the larger things? I hardly think so.

Prayer is one of the greatest privileges that God ever bestowed upon mankind, and I often think of these

words of the poet, found in one of our old familiar hymns:

"Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer."

Before the tendency to pray, all barriers go down.

So convincing was the need of prayer to some of our leading statesmen and generals that they not only prayed themselves, but called upon the whole nation or army to join them in seeking the Almighty God for help when they were seemingly overwhelmed with responsibilities.

President Lincoln once said: "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all around me, seemed insufficient for the day."

President Wilson stated to his cabinet upon one occasion, after he had called them together to consider a very important matter concerning the great world war, "Gentlemen, I want all of you who believe in prayer, to pray earnestly to God for His guidance in these great matters confronting us." Both he and Lincoln felt that there was more power and strength in praying to God than there was in all their cabinets. They felt the need of Almighty God and knew that the only way to reach him was through prayer.

I could cite you to many instances and the quotations of some of our leading generals in the late world war, from such men as Gen. Sir Douglass Haig of the English army, and General Pershing of our own army, and General Foch of the French army, and Commander-in-chief of all the allied armies. These great men were daily seeking God's help in caring for the responsibilities placed upon them.

The Centenary Commission said, when 5,000,000 Methodists go to their knees praying for a certain thing, it shall be done.

If all these great men and leaders could see so plainly the need of earnest and persistent prayer, why can't we, as laymen and workers, while trying to do our little bit of labor in the up-building of God's kingdom, pray more, and with more faith in our prayers?

I believe if there ever was a time in the history of Methodism when her people should be on their knees in earnest prayer it is today.

There are two things that I believe if we could get well established with our people, we would grow as we have never grown before, and Methodism would be what it should, and that is, a family altar in every home, and remember tithing his income.

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What are we going to do about it? I say let us pray more and work harder. I realize that we can't all speak like angels, neither can we preach like Paul, but we can tell the love of Jesus, and can say He died for all; or we can at least comply with the Scripture which teaches us to neglect not the gift that is within us, and can give of our best to the Master by cultivating and putting into use whatever gift God has endowed us with. If you can preach, then go forth and preach the gospel. If you can sing, sing praises unto His name; or if you are a teacher, come and help teach the Word of God. We need your help and God needs and wants you and will readily find a place for you if you will only say, Here am I, send me.—R. L. Keith.

#### WOMEN DEMAND MORE DIGNIFIED MOVIE MINISTERS.

The Women's Board of Religious Organizations has protested to St. Louis motion picture managers against undignified representations of ministers in the movies.

Mrs. Louis J. Brooks, president of the board, made public the text of the protest, as follows:

"At a meeting Friday the amusements department voted to communicate with movie managers of the city in reference to a serious affront to the religious sentiment of our constituency.

"Very frequently in movie comedy, and often in drama, the clergy is represented in a manner reflecting on the dignity and sanctity of the ministry.

"We strongly condemn this and urge you to refuse to show films calculated to undermine the respect and influence of the churches and their ordained representatives.

"Assuring you of our keen interest and support in your efforts to provide educational and recreational features, we trust that the matter to which we now call to your attention will receive consideration and prompt action."

In discussing the letter, Mrs. Brooks said:

"How can we expect our children to respect the clergy and the cause for which it stands, if they constantly see ministers caricatured on the screen? It is our duty to show in no uncertain terms that we disapprove the presentation of such films, and we are ready to refuse to patronize theaters where such films are shown."

The amusements department of the board also adopted a resolution commending motion picture managers for refusing to show films in which Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle appears.

If you have never seen the *Thornburgh Catechisms for Infant Classes in Sunday School*, send a stamp for sample copy to A. C. Millar, 200 East Sixth Street, Little Rock, Ark.

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#### PRAYER.

O Blessed Master, make me a persistent, untiring, faithful sower in the field of the Spirit, that when the reaping time comes many whom I have helped with their sowing may reap eternal life with me.—Keep the Home Fires Burning.

#### METHODISM'S GREATEST MISSIONARY GONE TO HIS REWARD.

In the death of Bishop Walter R. Lambuth, Methodism has lost her greatest missionary and we hardly know whether to be greatly grieved at his going or to rejoice that he is forever with the Lord and has entered into his reward. We only know our great church will miss him, the millions to whom he ministered in every land will miss him, and we wonder how the missionary interests of our church will be able to sustain this great loss.

Our only hope is in the sustaining grace of the Master and the knowledge that while God buries His workmen, His work goes on.

Who shall take up the torch laid down by Bishop Lambuth and relight it in the nations abroad? God grant that it be relighted by a thousand flames to tell to all the world the message he proclaimed daily and to all the world.

#### REMEMBER THE WEEK OF PRAYER, NOVEMBER 6-12.

Begin at once preparations for the observance of the Week of Prayer. The date is November 6-12.

It is urged that the presidents of the Adult and Young People's Auxiliaries and superintendent of the Children's Work form a committee to make plans for the observance of this special season, giving to the matter much prayer and thought.

A booklet containing five programs—three for Adults, one for Young People, and one for Children—is being mailed to each auxiliary. It is much desired that all three divisions shall meet together for these five days, and that, wherever practicable, the pastor shall be asked to preach a sermon either at the beginning or close of the week. In case the Adults only wish to observe all five days, ample material will be found for their use in the literature sent out. The leaflets for the Young People are suitable for the Adults also, and can be secured by writing to Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

It is urged that the Week of Prayers shall be made one of real intercession. Study the program and plan for this. See page 2, Week of Prayer Program, Notes on "How to Observe the Week of Prayer."

#### FROM MISS BENNETT ABOUT CHANGES AT SCARRITT.

About the middle of June Dr. Ed F. Cook, who for the past two years has been the able and acceptable President of the Scarritt Bible and Training School—now the Scarritt College of Missions—was called to the position of Associate Secretary of the Board

of Education. As this was a joint call from the Board of Education and the Christian Educational Commission, Dr. Cook felt compelled, by the urgency of the situation, the Church having already pledged twenty million dollars for Christian Education, to accept the position.

The Scarritt Board of Control was immediately called to meet in Kansas City, July 5-6. Realizing that another President must be chosen at once and the faculty staff enlarged in other ways, a special committee with power was appointed to select a new President, and make all other faculty adjustments that were necessary. This committee is glad to report that Dr. J. L. Cuninggim has accepted the position of President, and will enter upon his duties at the coming fall session. Dr. Cuninggim, an outstanding man of the Church, occupies the chair of Religious Education in the Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., and for many years has been in charge of the Correspondence Course of Study for young preachers.

Dr. C. B. Duncan, a member of the Southwest Missouri Conference, and a man splendidly prepared for the position, has accepted the chair of Sociology; Miss Kate Cooper, for thirteen years one of God's chosen vessels in our Korean Mission and now on her way back to this country, has been appointed to the school for the year as practical instructor in mission service and special field work.

It will doubtless be necessary to add other members to the faculty staff from time to time, even during the present year, as the student body enrolled to date is more than sufficient to fill all available space in the building.

#### MRS. LIPSCOMB RETURNED TO HER OFFICE.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, our Home Base Secretary, who has been off on leave of absence for several months because of serious illness, has returned to her work. Her many co-workers through the Conferences will be thankful to know of her improved health, and glad to realize that she is once more at the Home Base helm.

#### ABOUT THE HOME FIELD.

Miss Minnie Webb, council kindergarten under appointment to San Antonio, Tex., received her B.S. degree from Peabody College and is now taking a month's vacation at home in Prairie Grove, Ark., before going to her work.

The Daily Vacation Bible School at our Institutional Church in Kansas City, is the banner vacation school of the world. They have a faculty of fourteen and a large number of volunteer workers; besides the work of Bible study and mission stories, a variety of manual work is carried on for Junior and Primary boys and girls. Splendid reports come of the Daily Vacation School held at the new Bethlehem House, Macon, Ga. The colored members of the board were

given supervision and asked to secure teachers, one for each grade. The result was that ten colored public school teachers volunteered for service, some for five weeks, some for three, and some for two. At least six teachers were on duty each day. One of the white women of the board met with them and explained all she could about the plan and method of the Daily Vacation School, and put into their hands the books and material. After that the work was carried forward by the colored women themselves. There were enrolled one hundred and three children from five to twelve years of age, with an average daily attendance of seventy.

#### LITTLE JOURNEYS.

Now that the district meeting season is on the officers of the Conference are going here and there to lend a helping hand to our faithful district secretaries.

One such happy little journey was my good fortune when I went at the call of Mrs. Seth C. Reynolds to assist in her meeting at Ashdown.

At the early morning hour of departure one thought the hot spell was broken but before we reached Ashdown the sun burst forth in power and it was summer again.

The long wait at Benton was broken by a visit from our vice president, Mrs. Elza, and a chat with Mrs. Brouse about her meeting.

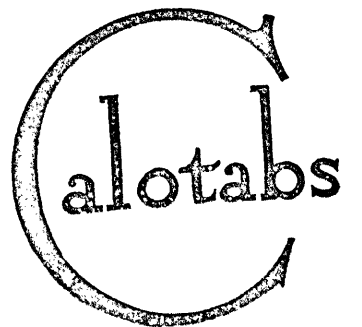
At Hope I realized the difference in being a guest at Hope and a traveler at Hope, for the long wait there was unbroken by sight of any I knew until I boarded the Frisco for Ashdown, and in company with Mrs. George Holmes we pulled into Ashdown and found a cordial welcome from the many ladies who had gathered at the station.

Being in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Reynolds I soon found I was with no ordinary folk and the gentility of host and hostess was shown in every act to make me feel welcome and at home.

Mrs. Reynolds' constituency rallied to her call and the attendance was good, the spirit of sweetest fellowship and the conference helpful.

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be given by the secretary, Mrs. Moore.

I counted it a great privilege to meet with that body of splendid women and I am sure Texarkana district will have everything in full when the books are closed for the year.

A little visit with Mrs. D. B. Thompson at Hope on my return was a pleasant feature of the wait of a few hours and we talked and planned for her meeting at Gurdon in October.

These meetings are planned for the best interest of the work and it is hoped that the delegates will not soon forget the good resolves and high purposes that come to them at these gatherings but put them into practice for the good of our people and the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.—Mrs. F. M. W.

#### NEW SOCIETIES AT BINGEN AND McCASKILL.

Mrs. D. B. Thompson of the Prescott district writes:

On Friday, September 23, with the help of Bro. J. C. Williams, P. C. I organized a Woman's Missionary Society with ten members, at Bingen; on Saturday I went with Brother Williams to McCaskill, where he was to preach but he kindly gave me the use of the hour and the privilege of talking to his splendid congregation, after which I organized a W. M. S. with twelve members. I feel sure, after seeing the look of determination to make good on the faces of these ladies we may expect to hear of them again, and favorably, too.

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Texarkana District, Little Rock Conference, convened in Ashdown September 27-29.

Mrs. Seth C. Reynolds, District Secretary, was presiding officer, with Mrs. F. M. Williams, Conference President, as honor guest. Other much appreciated visitors were the presiding elder, Rev. J. F. Simmons, Rev. W. A. Steel, Foreman, and Clem Baker, Sunday School Field Secretary.

The church presented itself in a very festive array of ferns and cut flowers, with our slogan, "Prayer Changes Things" in letters of gold, to remind each one of the real spirit of the meeting.

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Most of the beautiful special music was given by the Baptist and Presbyterian singers. This splendid sisterhood spirit was especially displayed on Wednesday, when a very substantial and attractive lunch was served by these same ladies. Would that this spirit was more universal!

The opening service was Tuesday evening, at which time Mrs. W. N. Pittman extended greetings and Mrs. H. M. Harper of First Church, Texarkana, delivered a charming response. Rev. Lindsay of Ashdown brought a very inspirational message to the body of women. He had for his subject, "The Call of Victory," emphasizing the great need of evangelizing the world and the part Christian women must play in it.

The morning and noonday devotionals led by our beloved Conference President, Mrs. Williams, were indeed helpful to all. Her address Wednesday evening on "The Coming of the King" was splendid.

The Wednesday afternoon devotional was led by Mrs. J. M. Johnson of Ashdown, and her theme "Christian Stewardship and Tithing" made a very effective appeal to the members in that behalf.

Mrs. J. W. Rogers of Lewisville was chiefly responsible for the splendid showing of the Juniors and their work.

Mrs. W. L. Phillips of Ashdown, a wonderful leader of young women, gave many real examples of just what can be done in that work. The pageant, presented by her three Young Peoples' Societies, was a gorgeous display of oriental costumes and interesting curios, as well as bearing a mission message to all.

Many interesting reports, papers and talks were given, bringing out the good and bad points to be met over the district—one of the most urgent cries being for leadership. Oh, that more of our women would give themselves as leaders, especially in the Young People and Junior work!

One of the most important acts of this Conference was the adoption of the following resolution:

"Recognizing the need of more adequate furnishing of the district parsonage, for the comfort of our Presiding Elder, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st that the District Secretary of the W. M. S. of the Texarkana District be instructed to appoint a District Parsonage committee consisting of five members, two of whom shall be from Texarkana, and of which committee of five, the District Secretary shall be a member ex-officio and chairman.

2nd. That the chairman shall call the committee, when appointed, to meet at Texarkana at the earliest possible moment, at which time an inventory of the needs of the District Parsonage shall be made, and the amount to be raised determined and pro-rated to the various auxiliaries of the District by said committee."

The committee appointed stands as follows:

Mrs. Seth Reynolds, Ashdown; Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Lewisville; Mrs. Geo. Holmes, Stamps; Mrs. H. M. Harper, First Church, Texarkana. Mrs. Burgess, Fairview, Texarkana.

Over seventy delegates and visitors attended from over the District and when the time came to sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," each one only wished that she might en-

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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#### IN THE TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

The Field Secretary spent ten days, including last Sunday touring the Texarkana District in the interest of our District Training School which is in session all next week in Texarkana. Places visited were Stamps, Lewisville, Texarkana, Mena, Horatio, Dierks, Lockesburg, DeQueen, and Ashdown. In all these places we found good interest in our school and each will be represented. The second session of our school down in this district promises to go far beyond the first session held last year.

#### THE PINE BLUFF DISTRICT STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Second Session of the Pine Bluff District Standard Training School will be held in our New First Church, Pine Bluff, the week of October 9-15. Every charge in the district is expected to be represented in this school. The first class session will be held Monday afternoon, October 10, beginning at 5 p. m. Special courses for all departments of Sunday School work will be given. No Sunday School worker who can possibly go to Pine Bluff should miss this rare opportunity for enriching himself for work in our Master's vineyard.

#### THE PINE BLUFF TRAINING SCHOOL FACULTY.

An exceptionally good faculty has been secured for the Pine Bluff School consisting of the following specialists in their lines of work:

Course for Beginners' Workers—Miss Willette Allan of Atlanta, Ga.

joy again the beautiful hospitality shown by the splendid women of Ashdown.

#### REPORT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF BALD KNOB.

The Woman's Missionary Society at Bald Knob, Ark., has been organized one year. We are quite proud of what we have accomplished in this length of time. We have at present 22 good live members and an especially active list of officers. We do various things to earn money in the way of bazaars, suppers, socials, quilting bees, etc. We have in the Bald Knob State Bank at present close to \$250. We have had several calls for help during the year and have answered all of them. Mrs. Crow (District Secretary) recently asked us for \$7 for the Neal Memorial Fund and we sent it, and earlier in the year, we sent a special pledge of \$5. We donated \$1 on the oil stove for the District Parsonage, and have spent \$5.61 on charitable purposes in our home town. We sent away \$64.25 dues this year. We are meeting every week with a good attendance and much interest and enthusiasm is shown among the members. We regret to lose our pastor, Rev. R. L. Armor under whose good leadership the church has built up remarkably during the last two years. We have his interest at heart and our good wishes and prayers will go with him and his family to their new home. Brother Armor is transferring to West

Course for Primary Workers—Mrs. W. B. Ferguson of Oklahoma City.

Course for Junior Workers—Miss Mary Alice Jones of Nashville, Tenn.

Course for "Teen Age and Y. P.—Mr. M. W. Brabham of Nashville, Tenn.

Course for Young People—Dr. J. L. Neill of Nashville, Tenn.

Course for Administrative Officers—Mr. L. F. Sensabaugh of Oklahoma.

#### THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL.

Immediately following the close of the Pine Bluff Training School we open one for the Arkadelphia District at Arkadelphia. The following courses will be given at Arkadelphia:

Beginners' Organization, Administration, and Worship—Miss Willette Allan.

Primary Organization, Administration and Worship—Mrs. T. M. Salter.

Junior Organization, Administration and Worship—Miss Anna Marie Hansen.

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"Principles of Teaching" (a general unit)—Dr. Harvie Branscomb.

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This is possibly the strongest faculty ever brought to the Little Rock Conference and we are expecting to have one of our best schools here.

#### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The anniversary of the Little Rock Conference Sunday School Board will

Texas Conference on account of the health of his six-year-old son who has asthma.—Mrs. G. G. McKay, Secretary.

#### LETTER FROM THE ADULT AND Y. P. M. S., HOLLY GROVE.

Notwithstanding the excessive heat this summer we have not missed a business or social meeting. We begin the last quarter with a new mission study, "The Kingdom and the Nation," and Bible study characters of the New Testament.

Our first meeting of the Y. P. M. S. met the 26th with good attendance. Mrs. David Cocke, superintendent; Miss Evelyn Walls, president; Miss Hattie Bolden, vice president; Miss Mary Evans, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Miss Myrtle Evans, recording secretary; Miss Mildred Cox, study and publicity; Miss Kathleen Kerr, social service.

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be held at First Church, Pine Bluff, Thursday night, December 1st. Dr. E. R. Stanford of the General Sunday School Board Staff will deliver the anniversary address. At this time Certificates of Honor will be delivered to all members of the Conference who have completed one or more units in the Standard Training Course this year. We are expecting this to be a great occasion. All pastors who have not yet stood their examination on one unit in the course are earnestly urged to do so before Conference and get in the class. We want this to be the largest class in the history of our work. We wonder how many will be in the Gold Seal Diploma Class this year?—Clem Baker, Sec.

#### STAMPS SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday, September 25, was a great day in the Stamps Sunday school. All the children, from the Beginners to the Juniors, joined in a program at the eleven o'clock hour. The different superintendents with their teachers gave a demonstration of their work, showing the plan of teaching and the progress the children had made. It was marvelous to see the great work done by these teachers. The people were much pleased to see the work being done in the Sunday school. Our school is growing. Bro. C. L. Cabe is the superintendent and he is one of the best and has the finest lot of teachers I have ever met. They all pull together in perfect harmony. We will send a big delegation to Texarkana to the Training School. See outline below.—J. A. Biggs, P. C.

##### Beginner's Department.

Superintendent, Mrs. Claudia Baker. One year, 3 to 4. second year, 4 to 5; third year, 5 to 6, which was the graduating class of seven members. Memory verses and songs. Cradle roll.

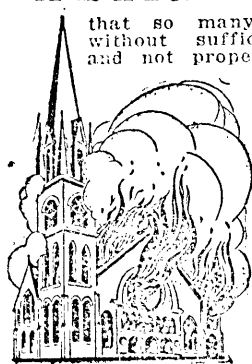
##### Primary Department.

Superintendent, Mrs. Dave Purser. Gave a short talk on work done in her department. First year, second year, third year was the graduating class of nine members. Bible verses and song. Graduating class gave twenty-third Psalm and two great commandments followed by songs.

##### Junior Department.

Mrs. Cabe, superintendent. In her absence Mrs. Kitchens gave a talk on the work of the department. Have only been organized since April. Several pupils were on the Honor Roll for the four months. A number who had only been absent one Sunday. Honor roll: Bring Bible, bring col-

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lection, on time. Two graduating classes of six girls and four boys.

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Mrs. Searles then conducted Bible drill consisting of four Psalms, Books of the Bible, their names in groups and separately.

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References given and Bible texts recited and songs were sung, all from memory.

#### WYNNE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Reports from those who have been touring the Helena District in the interest of the District Training School to be held at Wynne, October 9-15, are very encouraging. Many Sunday Schools will be well represented. The Forrest City Sunday School is undertaking to send its entire teaching force to the school. The Field Secretary spoke to enthusiastic congregations and groups of Sunday School workers at Brinkley, Marvel, Forrest City, Colt, Harrisburg, Helena and Lexa. Two charges are requesting that they be scheduled for Standard Schools another year and nearly every Sunday School is putting on a good teacher-training program.

The growth of the Helena Sunday School is particularly gratifying.

The school at Wynne will offer the following courses:

"The Pupil," Rev. J. N. R. Score, instructor.

"Sunday School Organization and Administration," Rev. J. Q. Schisler, instructor.

"Primary Organization, Administration, and Worship," Mrs. T. M. Salter, instructor.

"Junior Organization, Administration and Worship," Miss Anna Marie Hansen, instructor.

Class work begins Sunday evening, October 9, and the school closes the following Friday evening. The people of Wynne have offered to entertain on the Harvard plan all who enroll for credit.—H. E. Wheeler.

#### PARAGOULD AND BATESVILLE SCHOOLS.

The next issue of the Arkansas Methodist will contain full reports of the development of these schools. The publicity committees are working overtime, and incidentally working the Field Secretary overtime, in the interest of a large enrollment. The very finest of reports reach us as to the co-operation of Presiding Elders, Pastors and Boards of Managers.—H. E. Wheeler.

#### STORY HOUR AT NEWPORT.

A delightful concrete instance of some permanent follow up work which grew out of Children's Week comes from Newport, Ark., North Arkansas Conference. It is a regular story hour which was started at that time and has grown into a community affair.

The wonderful success which has attended this story hour is due to the excellent planning and patient efforts of Miss Dove Erwin, the Conference Elementary Superintendent, who resides in Newport, and has charge of the story hour.

The children meet on a large lawn around a flag pole and are usually divided into groups according to ages.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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### UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, THE EPWORTH LEAGUE IS NECESSARY TO THE CONSERVATION OF THE METHODIST IDEA.

#### ARTICLE II.

By James T. Bagby.

In this article, I am to show that the Epworth League is, under present conditions, necessary to the conservation of the Methodist idea, which is: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners; that all sinners may be saved by faith in Christ; that Christ died for all men alike, but that they are all saved on the condition of exercising faith in the living Christ by the regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit."

Man was designed to be the defender of the helpless, the benefactor of the poor, and the friend of the afflicted and unfortunate ones of earth; but this he will never become, in the truest sense of the word, until he is turned from death to life and from bondage to liberty. In the realm of science we demonstrate the laws and principles of things by putting our theories of them to the test of experi-

ment, and in the realm of grace, faith acts upon evidence and finds the certainties of experience, and by faith one knows he has salvation. When a man finds faith's saving power, he will endeavor to live in that peace and harmony which become a child of God and a follower of a crucified Savior.

I suppose that no one will dispute the fact that the youths of our land are the raw material out of which the silent and imperceptible influences of church and state are to fashion this finished product. It has been found out by counting, analyzing, and classifying that conversions take place in greatest numbers from 16 to 25. All the great life choices are made in youth. The professions of life are settled in the halcyon days of youth, and those who choose in the years of mature wisdom seldom succeed. This being true, we can all join in saying, "How great is conversion," and then begin to realize the supreme importance of redeeming the lives of our young from destruction, and since the youths are the most valuable of all things we have in our national life;

Miss Erwin has her program carefully prepared and built around some central theme such as Courage, Truth, Contentment. Variety was introduced by taking the children down to a river bank for one meeting. The trip was made in trucks and "shoe box" lunches were taken.

It was deemed advisable to suspend the Story Hour when the public schools opened, but it will be resumed next summer.

The Civitans and Chamber of Commerce, recognizing the value of this story and play hour, are taking steps toward securing several lots at the edge of town for a Community Play Ground for the Children.

#### ELEMENTARY WORK GROWS.

The "Elementary Newsletter" from Nashville speaks highly of the work being done in an elementary way in the North Arkansas Conference, giving especial mention of our "Story and Play Hour" at Newport. This was the "forward step" that grew out of our "Children's Week" program and has been such a success that it has led the men of our town to try to secure property suitable for a playground for the children. Also the "Newsletter" makes mention of the fact that our North Arkansas Conference has come up from the mass by recently reporting six new standard departments. Can't we do even better than this? Let me urge all the Sunday School Superintendents to secure these standards from your District Elementary Superintendent and place them in the elementary departments in your schools thus encouraging your teachers of these departments to attain to these standards. When you have carefully studied the standards and, with your Field Secretary or your District Elementary Superintendent, have graded your Elementary Departments, please report promptly either to your District Elementary Su-

perintendents or to me just how many departments in your school have reached at least the Third Rank Standard. If some have gone as far as the Second or First Rank you should be very happy to report that also. Brother Wheeler and I are trying to ascertain from the Sunday Schools in each district how many of them are trying to reach Third Rank Standard, which of them are using Graded Literature, and whether or not plans for perfecting departmental equipment are being made. Let us hear from you.—K. Dove Erwin, North Arkansas Conference Elementary Superintendent.

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since they are the future statesmen, preachers, authors, teachers, fathers, and mothers of our republic, we must teach those youths how to live; not how to live in a selfish sense, but to live the unselfish life. We must teach them how to treat their bodies, how to treat their minds, how to manage their affairs, how to bring up a family, how to behave as citizens, and how to use all their faculties for the glory of God and for the greatest benefit to themselves and others.

The Epworth League, through its social, recreational, and spiritual activities, prepares young people to battle with the great problems of life. It teaches young people how to labor for the benefit of humanity. It teaches them how to be helpful to men either in wealth or poverty, in eminence or obscurity. It is ever on the alert to check any and every tendency that would cause men to be less sympathetic with the Methodist idea of life and service. It teaches that the fundamental element in religion is the proper attitude of the heart toward God and toward man; that whatever else Christianity may or may not be, it must be this, and all that a loving heart implies. It develops the idea that labor is worship; that the man who toils daily in the fields robs the earth of nothing, and that he only gives his labor in exchange for the products obtained.

The Epworth League makes an earnest appeal for work of all kinds, whether it be on the streets, upon the farm, or in the music room. It teaches that a single dollar earned legitimately by a worthy young man is of more real value to himself and the community than many dollars given a dissipated son by an indulgent father. It teaches the youths not to be satisfied with anything less than an honest effort to do God's will and make the most out of life. It teaches regeneration and the witness of the Spirit as the indispensable foundations and the roots of religion. It teaches young people that for them to be leaders in world thought and in world actions there must be expressed in their lives the best morals and the best religious thought of the age. By their words and deeds they must show that they are in sympathy with every enterprise that seeks to do good to the bodies and souls of men.

The Epworth League fosters every branch of good work and philanthropy and shows the young people that they must be in sympathy and agreement with every form of work that makes good citizens, emphasizing the truth that the intellectual and spiritual atmosphere of one's training helps to make him a good or a bad citizen. It shows that increased information without increased goodness augments one's ability to injure society and makes him a dangerous subject in a republic like ours. It is, therefore, greatly interested in the ideas, standards, and purposes that enter into the educational foundation of the boys

and girls who are to be the heroes and heroines of the future, and the philosophers, the statesmen, the philanthropists, and the great reformers and molders of the next age. Any one who has studied our lives has discovered that things are badly mixed in our natures. In our outward lives, we are colored by the mighty forces of materialism. In our hearts, we hunger and thirst after a profound idealism. But if this inward idealism is to triumph over a coarse materialism and come to have vigor, vivacity, and love, and be able to hear God's voice sounding in the midst of the church in this age; we must do so through the power of the gospel of life purity, and this can only be imparted to men through the regenerating grace of God as they accept the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

If our church is to measure up to its responsibility and send forth laborers into the vineyard in sufficient numbers to save the world from sin, it must go to the young people of the community and show them that they are meant for greater works than serving self. They are made to glorify God and serve humanity faithfully; and nothing short of this will ever satisfy an immortal soul.

To leave behind us the well-matured fruits of love, righteousness, and holiness, we must do team work. In this respect we may gain a lesson from the migratory birds. At the approach of winter, wild ducks go to seek milder climates. They assemble on a certain day and leave the country in a flock, which is generally arranged in two lines united in a point, like two sides of a triangle, a single bird leading forms the point, and the rest follow in two lines more or less extended. The duck that thus takes the lead cuts the air and facilitates the passage of those which follow, whose beaks rest on the tails of those that precede. The leader holds his commission only a certain time, and wheels from the point to the rear and rests while he is replaced by another. Similarly, we should do teamwork in such a way as to facilitate the work of others and seek through Christian co-operation to implant and develop the divine life in every heart and hasten the time when all men will recognize God as their leader and never turn aside into crooked paths.

#### ATTENTION LEAGUERS, PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

This month Efficiency Institutes are being held in the Paragould District. The first one at Paragould was good. A fuller report of it will appear in the Methodist (or on this page) next week. A list of the places and dates follows:

- October 1 and 2, at Paragould, opening 2 p. m., October 1.
- October 8 and 9, Walnut Ridge, opening 7 p. m., October 8.
- October 15 and 16, at Piggott, opening 2 p. m., October 15.
- October 22 and 23, at Success, opening 2:30 p. m., October 22.
- October 29 and 30, at Mammoth Spring, opening 3 p. m., October 29.

Let every League in the District be represented at one of these Efficiency Institutes in as large numbers as possible.

Let's co-operate and make the League really and truly more "Efficient."—F. D. Russell, District Secretary.

#### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

##### "HANDSOME IS THAT HANDSOME DOES."

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Beautiful eyes are the eyes whose light Lessens the gloom of some mourner's night.

Beautiful dress is the dress indeed Worn by the one who responds to need.

Beautiful truly the intent Ever on good and for others spent.

—Philip B. Strong in Baptist Boys and Girls.

##### BENNY COON.

When the forester very softly opened the door of his little house in the big forest, he wasn't at all surprised to see the little boy waiting there by the fire. He knew exactly what he was waiting for, too—always the same thing—a story. And the boy would tease and tease until he got it. But this time the forester wasn't going to let him tease. No, indeed. He'd give the small boy the surprise of his young life.

So he didn't say, "Hello!" or "How do you do?" or anything like that. He just tipped quietly up behind the little boy and called out in a very loud voice: "Once upon a time."

"O!" cried the little boy, jumping up. "How you scared me!"

"Well, I got ahead of you that time, anyway," said the forester, chuckling. "Once upon a time there was a raccoon."

"Is that the same as a coon?" asked the little boy.

"It certainly is. In fact, the raccoon's name was Benny Coon. And one day he was trying very hard to go to sleep in his own little bed, high up in a hollow branch of a tree; but he couldn't seem to manage it at all. At last he thought; 'I know what's the matter. I must be hungry! If I could only get some berries or nuts or fish or—or some grasshoppers! Yes, grasshoppers! Yes, grasshoppers! That's what he wanted. His mouth began to water, and he stuck his head right out of his house. But the sun was shining—and he pulled it right back again.'

"Why did he do that?" asked the little boy.

"O, coons don't like the sunlight—not one little bit," answered the forester. "They sleep all day and come out only at night. That's why Benny Coon just wished the sun would go under a cloud, so he could get those grasshoppers. And pretty soon the clouds did roll up and cover the sun, and then there sounded a big old rumbling noise."

"Thunder," Benny Coon cried joyfully. Then he looked out; and when he saw how lovely and dark it was getting—almost as dark as moonlight—he just scurried down that tree and, in no time at all, caught three fine, juicy grasshoppers. "This surely is my lucky day," thought he, as he went over to the river to wash the grasshoppers."

"To wash them!" exclaimed the little boy. "Why did he do that?"

"Oh," said the man, "no raccoon

would ever think of eating anything without washing it first—any more than your Aunt Caroline would. And you know how careful she is."

"Well," he continued, "Benny went over to the river and splashed the grasshoppers around in the water until they were quite clean. Then, because the water felt so nice and cool and Benny loved water, he gave them one big extra splash."

"But that was the one splash too many. A saucy little fish slipped up, snatched those grasshoppers and was off like a silver streak in the water—with Benny Coon after him, of course. How angry Benny was, and how he did swim! Under water, too! Never mind, he'd get that fish—with the grasshoppers inside; just see if he wouldn't! He was close upon him, too, when they whirled swiftly around a big rock. Then what do you think happened? The little fish swam straight into the open jaws of a big fish! And Benny was going so fast he couldn't stop, and in he went; too! Not all of him went in, however—just the tip of his nose—and he pulled that out before those awful jaws could close."

"Then maybe he didn't swim! The water all around him splashed high in the air like very lively fountains. Splash, splash, splash! He reached the bank and scrambled up its side, pulling his tail in after him with a mighty quick jerk. He could almost feel those awful jaws starting to bite

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it off! Then, running far back from the water, he climbed a tall tree.

"Now at last he felt safe. Gracious goodness sakes alive! What an escape, what an escape! he kept thinking, as he lay there and panted and panted, and then panted some more.

"It must have been a shark come way down from the river," thought Benny, and it's 'an awful wonder that I'm not being eaten up this very minute, long with that saucy little fish and those grasshoppers. I must be pretty smart to have got away! This surely is my lucky day, after all."

"So thinking, Benny began to feel more cheerful; the scared look left his eyes, and his usual expression of mischief and cunning returned to his face. Shaking off the water, he looked around to see if he was all right. Yes, his grayish white fur seemed to be all there; every ring on his long, bushy tail was safe, too—he counted them carefully to make sure (you see, his tail had been very very near the shark.)

"No great harm done, after all," said Benny. "I'll just run along home now and have a good day's sleep and forget. But right here Benny's eyes flew wide open with a jerk, and he gave a surprised squeal."

"Did he see the shark?" asked the little boy excitedly.

"No," said the forester, "but he discovered something else; he saw that he had come up on the wrong side of

the river. Think of that! His nice, comfortable bed was on the other side; and nothing in all the world could make him cross that awful water again.

"Well, poor Benny felt just like lying down and giving up altogether. But he didn't. He knew that he must find a safe place to sleep in. So tired as he was, he climbed tree after tree, in search of a nice, comfortable hole. And it was a very long time, too, before he found one that didn't already have some one in it. But finally—because it was his lucky day, I suppose—he found a nice hole in a dead branch of a tree. With a big sigh he settled down in it, all ready for a nice, long sleep."

Here the boy gave a sigh of relief, too.

"Oh, ho!" said the forester. "You think Benny's troubles are over? Just you wait and see!"

"Why, what happened next?"

"What happened next? A man with an ax happened next; that's what. He came along looking hard at the very tree in which Benny was sleeping so peacefully. He lifted his ax and was just going to give it an awful whack—when he happened to notice the dead branch on it. 'This can't be a very good tree,' he said. So he chose the next tree to it. Bang, whack—bang, whack! How the chips flew, and what a noise it all did make! But it didn't wake Benny—he was so very sound asleep.

"Finally the great tree came to the ground, and, alas, so did Benny! As the tree fell it hit the dry branch in which he was sleeping so comfortably; and down it came. And this really did awaken Benny. It hurt his foot besides, and, well, he just naturally began to cry. He sounded very much like a real baby, crying, and the man rushed over in great alarm, but when he saw it was only a coon, he said: 'Never mind, little coon. Soon you'll be a nice stew and a coon skin cap—and then your foot won't hurt you any more.'

"Then he picked Benny up and carried him home. When his little daughter saw Benny, who had stopped crying, and was curled up in a ball licking his sore foot, she said, 'What you got there?'

"Why, this is a nice stew and a coonskin cap," said the man as he held up poor Benny.

"O, no, dad! We've got a lovely chicken stew for supper, and you won't need a cap till next winter, and I—want a pet right now.' So that settled it; and they all three had chicken stew for supper.

"After a while Benny's foot got well, and he stayed with the little girl for several months. But one day he ran away, bravely swam the river and went back to his old home again."

"Didn't he like the little girl?" asked the small boy.

"O, yes, he liked the little girl all right!"

"Why did he go away, then?" said the little boy.

"Well, I don't know for sure," said the forester, as he ended. "But I think maybe Benny had been mischievous—stolen a chicken, perhaps, or some nice, ripe corn. And, well, he thought it would be safer to get away. You see, winter was coming on, and the man might decide to have that coonskin cap, after all."—Robin Greentree, in the Continent.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

### LETTER FROM PRESIDENT HARDING.

The White House,  
Washington.

September 19, 1921.

My Dear Mr. Harrison:

I have been gratified to learn that you are putting on a "Public School Week" in Arkansas, and hasten to testify my complete approval of it.

Every evidence of increasing interest in public education is full of reassurance as to our nation's outlook in dealing with the multiplied and complex problems of these difficult times. Indeed, I am increasingly convinced that there is no assurance of ultimate success, save in a wider, larger understanding of our obligations; and for that understanding we must have the widest diffusion of education.

Most sincerely yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

Mr. J. J. Harrison,  
Mgr. Arkansas Educational Assn.,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

### PAY OUR VOWS!

We are nearing the close of our third year in the Centenary program. It is extremely important that we make full collections this fall. Many of our people could not pay the first and second payments when they were due. But financial conditions are better now and we appeal to these friends who are in arrears to make a strenuous effort to pay up.

These pledges were made in good faith, and enterprises in our mission fields, both home and foreign, have been projected on these sacred pledges, both home and foreign, have been projected on these sacred pledges. The work will suffer irreparable loss if we do not pay.

The third payment, which, in most cases, was due last January, has not been pressed because of financial conditions. The time has come, however, that we must give attention to these pledges.

October 9 to 16 has been fixed as Pay-Up Week by our presiding elders. Let me entreat our faithful pastors and treasurers to press this collection. Please see that every subscriber is asked personally to pay up. Most of this money can be had, if we put give it the diligence necessary. Our people have not repudiated their pledges!

God has wonderfully blessed us since we entered upon the Centenary program. Last year we received more new members into the church than during any previous year in our history. This year promises to be even better. The work in all our mission fields is going forward in a most wonderful way. Any failure now to meet our obligations would be disastrous.

Let everyone pay his vows to the Lord!—F. S. H. Johnston.

### FROM FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

I have not heard a word of pessimism from any source in regard to Centenary collections. We will not get it all, but I am confidently expecting a splendid showing from every charge during Pay-Up Week.—G. G. Davidson, P. E.

### GALLOWAY COLLEGE OPENS.

Galloway opened on September 13 and the vast wheels of college life began revolving so quietly and smoothly as to make it appear that

work had begun just where it had left off in June. President Williams assembled the school in the chapel and in a few earnest words set forth the purpose, standards, and ideals of the College and laid upon each person the duty of being loyal to these; next the dean of women, Miss Charlotte Waterbury, lately of Wesleyan College, Salina, Kansas, gave a word of cordial greeting to the students and a few efficient directions, which set the social life a-going smoothly.

Many new faces are among us this year, both of faculty and students. The music, art, and expression departments each have one or more new teachers of fine equipment, making the fine arts faculty as a whole possibly the strongest the College has ever had. The College Literary department has a large increase in students, there being one hundred and sixty enrolled here, including thirty members of the Senior class. The Preparatory department is almost as large as usual, too. The student body as a whole impresses one with its culture and earnestness of purpose.

The hard work so far has been relieved by several little social affairs "just among ourselves." The Y. W. C. A. gave a "mixer" on the first Saturday night, which lived up to its name. The Lanier Literary Society gave a frolic on last Saturday night in which they delighted the audience with a piquant and original program interspersed with refreshments. The Irving Society will give an open program next Saturday night. The Y. W. C. A. has started the "big sister" movement in which every new girl is given a comrade and adviser for the year in the person of an old girl. Very beautiful social times have grown out of this arrangement.

Just before going to press we pause to welcome our latest comer, Beatriz Riviera, who has just arrived from Guadalajara, Mexico. We are straining our eyes and hearts to welcome one who is to come from a yet more distant corner of the earth.—Miss

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Mary Cline of Soochow, China. Since the papers state that Dr. Chine is now in the state we expect the arrival of his daughter soon.—Eleanor Neill.

#### A SPLENDID EXAMPLE.

The Antioch Church in the Beebe charge paid her assessment for the support of the ministry in full, at the Fourth Quarterly Conference held at Beebe, October 1st, two months before the Annual Conference.—R. C. Morehead.

#### THE ORPHANAGE.

Since my last report in the Methodist I have received special contributions for the Orphanage as follows:

From George A. Henry, Manila, \$10; Mrs. Gillie Mack, Little Rock, \$5. Primary Dept., S. S., Warren, \$2.20; Woman's Missionary Society, Malvern, Mrs. E. H. Vance, Treasurer, \$15.

The matron received gifts at the Orphanage as follows: Gus Blass Co., several boxes of cakes, and several large cakes; Rose City Bakery, Little Rock, five dozen loaves of bread; from a friend, 10 story books.—George Thornburgh.

#### ARKANSAS CITY CHARGE.

Good meeting at Kelso with Rev. H. R. Nabors as splendid help. Twenty-four joined the church; five infants baptized; 52 received in the charge this year. Most wide-awake Missionary Society I have ever had. New parsonage with modern conveniences. Some \$225 furnishings this year by the Missionary Society. It has paid \$200 on piano for the church. Pledged on Christian Education \$200. The yearly pledge is about paid. Studied two books. Have twenty members. Planning for yet greater things.

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#### CARLISLE.

As Rev. A. B. Barry, pastor of the Methodist Church, has just completed his revival campaigns for the salvation of souls in our charge for the time being, it seems fitting to give a summary of the outcome of his work

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Members received in charge, 194. Sent Arkansas Methodist into each Methodist home at a cost of \$100.

Furnished parsonage at a cost of \$350.

Incidentals and Sunday school offerings about double that of last year.

Salary raised from \$1,600 to \$2,000, and has been paid in full quarterly thus far.

Raised in notes and promises for new church, first and last, \$16,500.

Raised for Christian education, \$3,710. Was assessed \$3,500.

Was the first church in the Conference to report over the top. Report was made a full week before the drive was to begin.

Have paid \$250 on Centenary pledges.

The church attendance has been large all the year; also the Sunday school and prayer meeting attendance has exceeded by far any previous records in the history of the Carlisle Methodist Church.

In addition to all the above financial statements, a Ford car has been bought and donated to the use of our pastor, which he finds helps him greatly in his work.—A Member.

#### REVIVAL AT CLARKSVILLE.

We have just closed a wonderful meeting under the leadership of Rev. C. Norman Guice and his singer, C. Alexander Jones. There were 70 applicants for membership. Brother Guice is a strong man in the evangelistic work and his sermons are inspiring and heart-searching.

I believe last Sunday afternoon was one of the greatest services I was ever in. Over a hundred people pledged themselves to observe family prayer and tithing and the climax of the service was reached when 53 young men and ladies consecrated their lives to definite work.

We most heartily indorse the work these men of God are doing and recommend them to the pastors of Southern Methodism.—James B. Evans, P. C.

#### BRYANT CIRCUIT.

At Sardis we had a good meeting and were assisted by the Rev. A. B. Barry of Carlisle. Brother Barry is a strong preacher and one who preaches the plain gospel. He causes people to sit up and take notice, and they hear him for decision.

At Mount Carmel we had about the best meeting of the circuit, receiving 12 into the church, some of them coming from the Salem camp meeting, though several of them were converted in the Mount Carmel meeting. Here Bro. D. P. Forsythe of the Oak Hill Circuit assisted us and did some fine preaching. Brother Forsythe is a good preacher of the old type, who preaches the doctrine of repentance and hangs there until people truly repent.

We had as our help during our meetings the very best help that was to be had. The results stand as evidence of this fact.—W. T. Hopkins, P. C.

#### MELBOURNE CIRCUIT.

We had a good meeting at Wiseman, Aug. 17-24. Our pastor, Bro. Noel S. Chaney, and Brother Vance of Bexar, Ark., did the preaching. They certainly did some fine preaching.

There were twenty conversions, and eleven additions to the Methodist Church at this place, eight by baptism and three by letter.

The Christian people were greatly revived and encouraged. We have a good Sunday School and it is growing in interest.—G. A. Rowland.

#### HARTMAN CIRCUIT.

We took charge of the Hartman Circuit on the 1st of April. As we were at Conway and I was a student at Hendrix at this time, I came up Saturday evening and filled my appointments on Sunday, returning to Conway on the early morning train, Monday. After the Summer School for Ministers, we left Conway, arriving here at noon June 18. Our household goods arrived Monday, the 21st. We had just unloaded them, had them scattered over all the rooms, and had finished supper when we heard a noise and discovered a light in the church. Upon investigation, we found it to be a large crowd of our Hartman friends with lots of something good to eat. As we had things somewhat torn up, they immediately passed through the parsonage and left their good eats, returning to the church where we had a short service and a get-acquainted meeting.

We began our first meeting July 8, at Bethlehem. The Presiding Elder was with us for the first few services. He held our Third Quarterly Conference while he was with us. We had no conversions, but the church was greatly revived.

Our second meeting was at Hartman. We had Brother Hardy Neal, his singer, Professor McEuin, and his personal worker, Brother McKaney, with us. We had four conversions. It looked like a failure from the visible results, but we have a prayer meeting of about 40 in attendance, eight fathers have pledged to establish the old family altars in their homes, and there have been several conversions in the prayer services. Much interest is being manifested among the church people.

Our third meeting was at Mt. Zion. We had a real revival. That is, what we call a revival. The whole community was moved. We had several conversions and reclamations. We received five into the church, and baptized eight babies and children.

Our fourth meeting was held at Mt. Vernon. Bro. J. F. Baudra, the Presbyterian pastor at Spring Hill, and I, held a union meeting. The community has been somewhat divided for several years. We succeeded in uniting our forces and getting the community together again. We had a great meeting. There were 25 conversions and reclamations. Nineteen joined the Presbyterian Church and three joined the Methodist Church, South. We have only about seven families of Methodists in the community. If we had not already had a church building, the pastor would have said to the few Methodists, as it was taught us at the Summer School, join in with the Presbyterian brethren and build a community church. Miss Ruth Philips volunteered to prepare herself for the foreign mission work. She stated pub-

licly that she had been fighting this call for years.

We have one more meeting in the bottoms which will begin October 24. Then we are planning for a ten-days' meeting at Hartman just before Annual Conference.

Everything looks favorable, and we do not doubt that Hartman Circuit will come up with good reports at the end of the year.—A. L. Riggs, P. C.

#### PORTLAND AND PARKDALE.

We have just closed a good meeting at Portland following the close of one at Parkdale. Rev. A. C. Rogers of Wilmet did the preaching in the Parkdale meeting and he did some good strong preaching. Brother Rogers worked hard, preached the pure gospel, and strove hard to bring his listeners into vital touch with the Lord Jesus. Much good was done in the church, but there were no accessions.

We began at Portland on Sunday and continued for ten days with Rev. F. R. Power of Wilmar doing the preaching. Like Brother Rogers, Power worked hard, prayed much, labored untiringly to bring the folk close to the Lord, and we do not hesitate to say that the whole church was brought closer to the Savior. Especially was this true of the women and children of the church. The men seemed to have been busy on their farms and at their business and did not attend as we hoped and expected. Many of them did attend and those who did very greatly appreciated Brother Power's preaching.

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Brother Power came to us last fall from Second Church, Shreveport, where within three years he doubled the membership of the church, paid

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off its indebtedness and did quite a good deal of repairs on the church and parsonage. He is an exceptionally strong man, a good preacher, a good mixer, and is tactful in his work. I have never enjoyed the fellowship and association of any man better than I have that of Brother Power. He is a fine yoke-fellow, works well under harness, and pulls his part of the load without the least hesitation.

It was indeed a great pleasure to me to be associated with these two good and godly men who are so enthusiastic in the work of the Lord's kingdom. Brother Rogers and I work together like two old-timers, because of the fact that we are next door neighbors, and our interests, trials, and difficulties are common to both of us.

We hope to bring up our work to the average this year, even though we have been hard hit by circumstances quite different from other sections of the country. People in the bottoms or lowlands last year were hit a stunning blow by anthrax, boll weevil, the slump in cotton prices, and business conditions never before known in this country. With all we are trusting God and endeavoring to bring our people to the point where they, too, will trust God absolutely.

Brother Whaley, our Presiding Elder, is as busy as a cranberry merchant, ever on his job, and eternally at it. He leaves nothing unturned when it comes to look after the interests of the church. He fights as hard as any man in his district, and pushes toward the goal of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—R. M. Holland.

#### THE WEATHER AT LITTLE ROCK DURING SEPTEMBER, 1921.

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The temperature averaged 79.6 degrees, which is 5.7 degrees above normal. September, 1911, with an average temperature of 79.4 degrees, is the next warmest on record, other warm ones being in 189 and 1897, when the temperature averaged about 78 degrees.

The extremes during the past month were not record-breaking, the highest temperature recorded being only 95 degrees on the 14th. Higher temperatures have occurred many times, the highest ever recorded being 101 degrees September 4, 1913. The lowest temperature recorded was 55 degrees on the morning of the 30th. The lowest on record is 41 degrees, on September 29, 1896. While there were no exceedingly high temperatures recorded still every day, excepting the 30th, was normal or above, some as much as 13 degrees above.

The total precipitation was 2.18 inches, which is 1.08 inches below normal. There were nine rainy days during the month, 18 clear, eight partly cloudy, and four cloudy. The prevailing wind was from the south, the maximum velocity being 39 miles per hour from the east on the 5th.—Bulletin.

#### DEMOCRACY AND AUTHORITY.

(By Bishop Warren A. Candler.)

Human nature seems sadly out of balance. It appears incapable of holding the most important truth without pushing it to extremes, and by its extreme presentation displacing some other truth that is quite as important.

The American people have thus over-emphasized liberty and democracy, especially during and since the World War.

Freedom is a most sacred possession, and democracy is perhaps the best form of government, although as eminent a man as the great Blackstone considered a limited monarchy superior to a democracy and offered very strong reasons for the belief which he entertained.

For Americans, however, nothing but a representative democracy would be suitable or acceptable. But we are in danger of making a stable democracy impossible by overlooking the place of authority in a republican form of government.

In a recent article of great force Vice-President Calvin Coolidge has put this matter in the clearest light. He says:

"Self-government is none the less government. If the rule is taken out of the rule of the people, it will of necessity be placed somewhere else. It cannot be abolished. It has been the universal experience of history that when democracy breaks down, despotism takes its place. The demagogue is always a despot—writ small.

"This brings us to the inquiry of why the people, or any other sovereignty, should exercise any authority. Why is not every one free to do as he pleases?

"Perhaps it is answer enough to say, as all can readily see, that this is not possible. But there is a deeper reason.

"The human race has not created authority any more than it has created gravitation, or electricity, or the procession of the equinoxes.

"The race is born into authority. It is. It has always existed, and wherever the race exists authority is exercised. It is the relation which exists between one man and the rest of his fellowmen. Man did not create it.

"He can not escape it. He can only recognize it, as he must, at his peril, recognize the forces of the universe. It came into being with the creation. It has the sanction of the Creator. It is righteous.

"One person may have no authority over another person. Society or the state is not the sum of all persons. It is a relationship and the discovery of the rules for living in accordance with it."

The Vice-President puts his propositions in the most terse and condensed form, but they are so clearly and cogently stated that they strike a reasonable mind as almost axiomatic truths.

Liberty is a great thing, but we should not forget that the widest area of liberty is that which is encompassed by law, and that the defenses of liberty are broken down when the authority which is charged with enforcing law is treated with contempt and insubordination. Rebellion against law is rebellion against all the people and a blow at organized society. Such rebellion against the authority of law and such contempt of lawful authority may flatter the people with shallow pretenses of devotion to freedom and democracy, but at bottom it is the foe of freedom and the enemy of democracy. As the Vice-President intimates, the demagogue is the basest and most dangerous of despots. He despoils the people of their most sacred possession while deceiving them with his hypocritical professions of concern for their liberty.

Much of the disorder now prevalent in our country springs from an exaggerated sense of personal liberty which despises law and sets at naught all duly constituted authority. During the war we talked of liberty until our conceptions of it became morbid and delusive. We proposed to "make the world safe for democracy," but we forgot that democracy itself would not be safe in the world or for the world unless it were regulated by law and restrained from self-destruction by lawful authority.

Hence, we now observe a touch of anarchy everywhere. An inflated demand for freedom, prevalent on all sides, is disposed to resent all government and subvert all authority. Its turgid talk about democracy is virtually a call for lawlessness in all the relations of life.

Children rebel against the government of parents. School boys abhor the authority of teachers and faculties and demand the right of self-government. And such shallow-pated people say that in our acceding to such youthful anarchists young men are thereby best prepared for citizenship in a republic, as if insubordination indulged during youth could contribute to the making of law-abiding and law-supporting citizens in later years.

Youths who are permitted to lynch the law in school will easily become lynchers in later years, becoming a

law unto themselves, trampling upon the rights of others and even destroying the right to life itself.

This wild tendency to subvert law and set at naught authority is an unchristian and an unscriptural thing.

Writing to the Christians at Rome in the days of Nero, St. Paul said: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore that resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience's sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear: honor to whom honor." (Romans xiii: 1-7).

In the same spirit and to the same purpose speaks St. Peter: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be unto the king, as supreme; or unto

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These scriptures may provoke the resentment of some; for there is a class of men now among us who rebel against the authority of the inspired word of God, carrying their anarchy right up against the throne of the Almighty Himself and demanding of Him to show cause at the bar of their consciences why they should accept his law. They flatly affirm that they will accept nothing in the Bible as inspired which does not commend itself to their own consciences. Thus they defy conscience and de-throne Jehovah, and glorify as the perfect government that under which every man does what is right in his own eyes.

This is certainly a wanton and rank growth of the right of private judgment. It in effect exalts the individual at the expense of society and to the dishonor of God.

It makes far too much of one's duties.

Herein is the peculiar peril of the American people and of all people living under a democratic form of government. They become morbidly jealous of their rights, and in the same degree indifferent to their obligations.

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He pointed out the alarming fact that certain colleges and universities (none in the South) were hot beds of socialism and fruitful sources of antagonism to lawfully constituted authority. Business men and all good citizens will do well to read his articles and lay to heart what he says. If these evil tendencies are not checked speedily they will subvert all government, — family government, school government, civil government, and church government. They are charged with every form of anarchy.

Bolshevists in both church and state are at work, disguising their sinister purposes and plans under the most plausible pretenses and hypocritical professions of concern for the liberty of the people.

They care nothing for the people. What they really aim at when they despise law and decry lawful authority is not democracy, but the despotism of demagogues.

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Such was the notice I read from a card in my room at a small, but very interesting old hotel in Edinburgh, a few years ago.

I had reached the hotel in the early evening, somewhat weary from a day's travel, and gave little thought to the card with its message for several days; yet, through all the interest and excitement of seeing that historic old town, each time I returned to the hotel there seemed an indefinable something about the atmosphere of the place that stamped it as different from the usual hotel. In vain I asked myself what it was.

Though the doors were locked early, there seemed no attempt to discourage late hours. The porter who opened the door at midnight was as courteous as any at mid-day. Though guests were invited, as the card had announced, no one was urged to attend the simple evening service. While these things seemed unusual I discovered nothing else, other than would be found in any well ordered hotel, until Sunday.

When I entered the dining room for the 1 o'clock dinner there was a delay, a waiting such as one might see in a home when one member of the family was a little less prompt than the others. As the last guest was seated a white haired old man, whom I afterward learned had been in the employ of the hotel over thirty years, walked to the head of the room and in a quiet, and even dignified voice, said, "Mr. — is with us today and will ask God's blessing to rest upon us and thank Him for His mercies."

A hush fell upon the guests, all heads were bowed and Mr. — arose and offered one of the most beautiful prayers to which I have ever listened. Conversation was soon resumed but one could not help feeling the influence of that short earnest

prayer, as was evidenced in the real friendliness of each guest to his neighbor.

That evening a little before 9:30 I slipped into the parlor. The maids were already arranging chairs at one end of the room, hymn books and Bibles were being passed. Promptly at 9:20, with the employees in a group at the end of the room and the guests scattered about as though for a social evening, the simple little service began.

There was a piano solo, a few grand old hymns, in which all joined, then Mr. — who had offered the prayer in that large public dining room at noon, read a passage of Scripture, pausing here and there to explain or interpret as he read. Then followed a vocal solo, another hymn and a closing prayer, so earnest and sincere we all felt we had come closer to the Master.

The employees then passed out while the guests remained for informal conversation.

As soon as possible I found an opportunity of speaking to Mr. — and said: "Tell me about this. Is it customary in hotels in Scotland?"

"No," he replied, "only in this one that I have ever known. The custom started here more than thirty years ago when Mr. Darling, who was then proprietor, first heard Mr. Moody and came to know Christ. He decided that if his religion meant anything to him it must be applied to his everyday life as well as Sunday. He started this service at that time and at his death it was continued by his daughter who now manages the hotel."

I made other inquiries and in closing he said, "You would be surprised at the hundreds who have found Christ here in these quiet half hours. I am a traveling man living in the various hotels throughout all of southern Scotland, but I always welcome the seasons that bring me here. There is a different atmosphere when I enter the Darling Hotel than that of any other."

Thus I found the secret of that peculiar influence I had felt from the first.

The life and influence of the great Dwight L. Moody still lives in that little hotel, for it is always true that

"No life can be pure in its purpose  
and strong in its strife,  
And all life not be the purer and  
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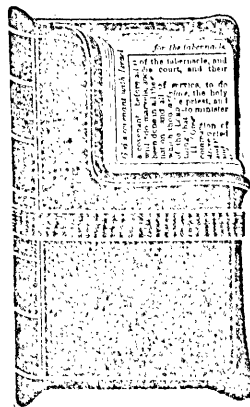
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## A MODEL WILL.

Mr. G. A. Scruggs, a brother of the late Richard M. Scruggs, died in St. Louis on June 11, 1921. He had been an invalid many years and in his suffering he manifested the truest Christian spirit. He was a Presbyterian. His will was almost a model. In it he remembered his kinspeople and those who had faithfully served him. He then directed benefactions to the following:

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## QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Evening Shade Circuit, Oct. 8, 2 p. m.  
DeShia Circuit, at McHue, Oct. 12, 2 p. m.  
Floral Circuit, at Pleasant Plains, Oct. 13, 2 p. m.  
Mt. View, Oct. 15, 2 p. m.  
Moorefield, Oct. 19, 3 p. m.  
Umstead Memorial, Oct. 22, 8 p. m.  
Charlotte Circuit, at Walnut Grove, Oct. 29, 2 p. m.  
Newark, Oct. 30, 8 p. m.  
Kenyon, at New Prospect, Nov. 5, 2 p. m.  
Tuckerman, Nov. 6, 2 p. m.  
Swift, Nov. 7, 2 p. m.  
Minturn, at Arbor Grove, Nov. 8, 2 p. m.  
Newport, Nov. 9, 8 p. m.  
Oil Trough, at Aydlotte, Nov. 10, 2 p. m.  
Bethesda, Nov. 13, 2 p. m.  
Batesville, First Church, Nov. 16.  
Central Avenue, Nov. 17.  
Let the trustees be ready with their reports on property.

H. LYNN WADE, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Prairieview, Oct. 8-9.  
Scranton, Oct. 9-10.  
Waldron Circuit, Oct. 15-16.  
Waldron, Oct. 16-17.  
Branch, Oct. 22-23.  
Paris, Oct. 23-24.  
Dardanelle Circuit, Oct. 29-30.  
Dardanelle, Oct. 30.  
Plainview, Nov. 5-6.  
Mansfield, Nov. 12-13.  
Booneville Circuit, Nov. 19-20.  
Booneville, Nov. 20-21.

JAS. A. ANDERSON.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Buena Vista Circuit, Oct. 8-9.  
El Dorado Circuit, Oct. 15-16.  
Thornton Circuit, Oct. 22-23.  
Camden St., Oct. 26.  
Strong Circuit, Oct. 29-30.  
Kingsland Circuit, Nov. 5-6.  
Fordyce St., Nov. 6.  
Junction City, Nov. 9.  
Wesson, Nov. 10.  
Atlanta Circuit, Nov. 12-13.  
Magnolia St., Nov. 14.  
Waldo and Buckner, Nov. 18.  
Bussey Circuit, Nov. 19-20.  
Stephens and McNeil, Nov. 21.  
El Dorado St., Nov. 23.  
Chidester Circuit, Nov. 26-27.  
In spite of hardships Camden District will bring up good reports at Conference.

R. H. CANNON, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

North Quitman, Oct. 7-8, 11 a. m.  
Quitman, at Sulphur Springs, Oct. 8-9, 11 a. m.  
Rosebud, Oct. 9, 7 p. m.  
Conway Circuit, at Conway, Oct. 15, 11 a. m.  
Conway, First Church, Oct. 16, 11 a. m.  
Vilonia, at Vilonia, Oct. 16, 7 p. m.  
Naylor, at Naylor, Oct. 21-22.  
Greenbrier, at Greenbrier, Oct. 23, 11 a. m.  
Greenbrier, at Union Grove, Oct. 23, 7 p. m.  
Cato, at Concord, Oct. 29-30, 11 a. m.  
Jacksonville, Oct. 30, 7 p. m.  
Pottsville, at Pottsville, Nov. 5-6, 11 a. m.  
Dover and Appleton, at Dover, Nov. 6, 7 p. m.  
Springfield, at Springfield, Nov. 13-14, 11 a. m.

R. C. MOREHEAD, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Van Buren Circuit, Oct. 9.  
Lavaca, Oct. 9.  
Cecil, Oct. 15-16.  
Ozark Station, Oct. 16-17.  
Hackett, Oct. 22-23.  
Greenwood, Oct. 23-24.  
Ozark Circuit, Oct. 29-30.  
Altus, Oct. 30-31.  
Charleston, Nov. 2.  
Hartman, Nov. 5-6.  
Clarksville Circuit, Nov. 6-7.  
Winslow, Nov. 9.  
South Ft. Smith, Nov. 10.  
Lamar, Nov. 12-13.  
Clarksville Station, Nov. 13.  
Dodson Ave., Nov. 14.  
Midland Heights, Nov. 15.  
Van Buren, Nov. 18.  
Kibler, Nov. 19-20.  
Mulberry and Dyer, Nov. 20-21.

G. G. DAVIDSON, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Gilmore and Turrell, Oct. 7-8.  
Osceola, at 11 a. m., Oct. 9.  
Wilson, at 7 p. m., Oct. 9.  
Trinity Circuit, Oct. 15-16.  
Truman, Oct. 16.  
Monette, Oct. 17-27.  
Lake City, Oct. 23.

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Lepanto, at 11 a. m., Oct. 30.  
Marked Tree, at 7 p. m., Oct. 30.  
Jonesboro, First Church, Nov. 2.  
Whitton and Bardstown, Nov. 4-5.  
Tyronza, at 11 a. m., Nov. 6.  
Marion, at 7 p. m., Nov. 6.  
Jonesboro, Fisher Street, Nov. 9.  
Black Oak, at Caraway, Nov. 10-11.  
Manila and St. John's, Nov. 12-13.  
Leachville, Nov. 13-14.  
Fisher and Hickory Ridge, at Hickory Ridge, Nov. 15.  
Bay and Union Grove, Nov. 19-20.  
Brookland, at Brookland, Nov. 20-21.  
R. E. L. BEARDEN, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Tomblerlin Circuit, at Tomblerlin, Saturday, 11 a. m., Oct. 8.  
Oak Hill Circuit, at Oak Hill, Sunday, 11 a. m., Oct. 9.  
Hazen and DeValls Bluff, at Hazen, Sunday, 11 a. m., Oct. 16.  
Des Arc, Sunday, 8 p. m., Oct. 16.  
Carlisle Circuit, at Hamilton, Saturday, 11 a. m., Oct. 22.  
Carlisle Station, Sunday, 11 a. m., Oct. 23.  
Lonoke, Sunday, 8 p. m., Oct. 23.  
Austin Circuit, at Smyrna, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a. m., Oct. 29-30.  
Asbury, Sunday, 8 p. m., Nov. 6.  
Bryant Circuit, at Sardis, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a. m., Nov. 12-13.  
Bauxite, Sunday, 8 p. m., Nov. 13.  
Hickory Plains Circuit, at Bethlehem, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a. m., Nov. 19-20.  
Forest Park, Monday, 8 p. m., Nov. 21.  
Henderson, Tuesday, 8 p. m., Nov. 22.  
Capitol View, Wednesday, 8 p. m., Nov. 23.  
Pulaski Heights, Friday, 8 p. m., Nov. 25.  
England, Sunday, 11 a. m., Nov. 27.  
Twenty-eighth Street, Sunday, 4 p. m., Nov. 27.  
Highland, Sunday, 8 p. m., Nov. 27.  
Winfield Memorial, Monday, 8 p. m., Nov. 28.  
First Church, Tuesday, 8 p. m., Nov. 29.  
JAMES THOMAS, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Monticello Station, Oct. 2, 7 p. m.  
Dumas, Oct. 9, 11 a. m.  
McGehee, Oct. 9, 7 p. m.  
Lake Village, Oct. 16, 11 a. m.  
Eudora, Oct. 16, 7 p. m.  
Arkansas City, Oct. 23, 11 a. m.  
Watson, Oct. 23, 7 p. m.  
Wilmoth, Oct. 30, 11 a. m.  
Portland, Oct. 30, 7 p. m.  
Mt. Pleasant, at Rock Springs, Nov. 6.  
Wilmar, Nov. 6, 7 p. m.  
Crossett, Nov. 11, 7 p. m.  
Hamburg Circuit, at Antioch, Nov. 12, 11 a. m.  
Montrose, Nov. 13, 11 a. m.  
Snyder, Nov. 13, 7 p. m.  
Hamburg, Nov. 14, 7 p. m.  
Hermitage, Palestine and Camps, at Hermitage, Nov. 20, 11 a. m.  
Warren, Nov. 20, 7 p. m.  
New Edinburgh, at Wheeler, Nov. 21, at 11 a. m.  
Tillar, Nov. 23, 11 a. m.  
Dermott, Nov. 23, 7 p. m.  
Fountain Hill, Nov. 27, 11 a. m.  
Pastors will have correct list of trustees of church property, a report from trustees, report from W. M. S., and be prepared to nominate officers for new year. Full attendance of officials important. Should determine salary for next year, make plans, etc.

W. P. WHALEY, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Black Rock and Portia, Oct. 8-9.  
Pocahontas, Oct. 9, P. M.  
Pocahontas Circuit, Oct. 10-11.  
Maynard, Oct. 12-13.  
Rock Springs Circuit, Oct. 15-16.  
Rector, Oct. 16, P. M.  
Smithville Circuit, Oct. 22-23.  
Imboden, Oct. 23, P. M.  
Mammoth Springs, Oct. 24, P. M.  
Salem, Oct. 25, P. M.  
Ash Flat, Oct. 27.  
Ravenden Springs, Oct. 29-30.  
Walnut Ridge Circuit, Oct. 30-31.  
Walnut Ridge, Nov. 1.  
Hoxie, Nov. 2.  
Lorado, Nov. 5-6.  
Paragould, East Side, 7 P. M., Nov. 6.  
Paragould, First Church, 8 P. M., Nov. 6.  
St. Francis, Nov. 12, A. M.  
New Liberty, Nov. 20, A. M.  
W. B. HAYS, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Gillett Circuit, at Campshed, Oct. 8-9.  
St. Charles Circuit, at DeLuce, Oct. 15-16.  
Dewitt Station, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p. m.  
Rowell Circuit, at Center, Oct. 22-23.  
Pine Bluff Circuit, at Faith, Oct. 23-24.  
Roe Circuit, at Roe, Oct. 29-30.  
Humphry and Sunshine, at Humphry, Oct. 30-31.  
Grady Circuit, at Grady, Nov. 6, 11 a. m.  
First Church, Nov. 6, 7:30 p. m.  
Star City Circuit, at Star City, Nov. 12-13.  
Hawley Memorial, Nov. 13, 7:30 p. m.  
Swan Lake, at Swan Lake, Nov. 20, 11 a. m.  
Carr Memorial, Nov. 20, 7:30 p. m.  
Redfield and Farrell, at Redfield, Nov. 27, 11 a. m.  
Lake Side, Nov. 27, 7:30 p. m.

Remember, my brethren, that the Fourth Quarterly Conference is one of great importance, as it is the time and place where we elect officers who are to serve the Church during the coming year. Let the stewards be diligent in the collection of the pastor's salary. Pastors, see to it that the Trustees of Church Property have a written report in answer to Question 15.

All have done well thus far, now let us go out with flying colors.

J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Mt. Ida and Womble, at Mt. Ida, Oct. 9, 2:30 p. m.  
Blevins Circuit, at New Hope, Oct. 13.  
Amity and Glenwood, at Glenwood, Oct. 15-16.  
Delight Circuit, at Delight, Oct. 22-23.  
Murfreesboro, Oct. 30.  
Orchard View, Nov. 5-6.  
Hope Mission, at Hopewell, Nov. 12-13.  
Prescott, Nov. 13, 8 p. m.  
Whelen Springs, Nov. 19-20.  
Trustees and Women's Missionary Societies will be prepared to submit written reports.

J. H. CUMMINS, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round, in Part.)

Fakes Chapel Mission, Oct. 8-9.  
McCrory Station, Oct. 9-10.  
Let all trustees of church property bring in written reports as required by the Discipline. Let all pastors see that all reports for the fourth quarter are gotten up. Do not expect adjourned session. All questions except the financial questions are to be answered as we make this round.

A. E. HOLLOWAY, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

McClelland and Gregory, at McClelland, October 15-16.  
Cotton Plant Station, October 16-17.  
Griffithville Circuit, at Ellis Chapel, October 19, 2:30 p. m.  
Pangburn Circuit, at Pangburn, October 22-23.  
Heber Springs Station, October 23-24.  
Bellefonte Circuit, at Capps, October 29-30.

Harrison Station, October 30-31.  
Marshall, at Pleasant Grove, November 5-6.  
Leslie Station, November 6-7.  
Scotland Circuit, at Pleasant Grove, November 12-13.  
Clinton and Shirley, at Shirley, November 13-14.  
Searcy Circuit, at Gum Springs, November 19-20.  
Searcy Station, November 20-21.  
A. E. HOLLOWAY, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.  
(Fourth Round.)

Spring Hill, at Bethlehem, Oct. 9. Conference at 2:00 p. m.  
Stamps, Oct. 9, at night.  
Hatfield, Oct. 16. Conference at 2:00 p. m.  
DeJueen, Oct. 16, at night.  
Dierks, Oct. 17, at night.  
Horatio, Oct. 23. Conference at 2:30 p. m.  
Ashdown, Oct. 23, at night.  
Egger, Oct. 29-30. Conference at 2:30, Saturday; place announced later.  
Mena, Oct. 30, at night.  
Lockesburg, Nov. 6. Conference at 2:30 p. m.  
Lewisville, Nov. 13.  
Umpire, Nov. 16. Conference at 2:30 p. m.  
Bradley, Nov. 20.  
First Church, Nov. 23, at night.  
Foreman, Nov. 25, at night.  
College Hill, Nov. 27.  
Fairview, Nov. 27.  
Questions 13 to 21 are very important. Let the pastors see that the answers to each of these are ready, especially No. 15.

J. FRANK SIMMONS, P. E.

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