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IF I HAVE WITHHELD THE POOR FROM THEIR DESIRE, OR HAVE CAUSED THE EYES OF THE WIDOW TO FAUL; OR HAVE EATEN MY MORSEL MYSELF ALONE, AND THE FATHERLESS HATH NOT EATEN THEREOF; IF I HAVE SEEN ANY PERISH FOR WANT OF CLOTHING, OR ANY POOR WITHOUT COVERING; IF I HAVE LIFTED UP MY HAND AGAINST THE FATHERLESS, WHEN I SAW MY HELP IN THE GATE; THEN LET MINE ARM FALL FROM MY SHOULDER BLADE, AND MINE ARM BE BROKEN FROM THE BONE.—Job 31: 16, 17, 19, 21, 22.

## HOLD SOME MEETINGS SOON.

Much of our revival work in Arkansas is done in the summer. This may be necessary in certain rural communities because the church buildings cannot be kept warm in cold weather and because of the condition of the roads. However, in various localities the houses are warm and the roads good, and in practically all the cities and towns there is nothing in the way. During January and February most people have sufficient leisure and the nights are long, hence it is a good thing to hold a protracted meeting. Almost the only obstacle is found in the fact that the young people are in school. If the pastor will arrange his service at suitable hours and avoid unnecessary prolongation, the young people in most cases, can and will attend, and there are opportunities for personal work among school-mates which may be turned to good account. If the meeting is a success, the pastor has the whole year in which to train the new members. One serious disadvantage of the meeting in summer or fall is that, if pastors are changed at Conference, the new pastor does not know the new members and they backslide before he can know them and put them to work. If members are added to the church early in the year the pastor has a stronger force for the work of the year, and the revived church as a whole will render larger service and fuller co-operation. Then, if the revival is deferred, there may be souls lost that could have been saved. The Master's business requires haste. Let us give Him the best we have now, and he will give a full year of spiritual prosperity. Try the early meeting brother pastor.

## THE IRISH QUESTION.

After weary years of strife there is an agreement between Great Britain and Ireland. Again and again negotiations seemed to be fruitless, but a few weeks ago the representatives of both parties agreed upon a plan for an Irish Free State. This was promptly and almost unanimously approved by the English Parliament. In the Irish Dail Eireann the debate was long and bitter, and for several days it looked as if the plan would be rejected. Finally, however, by a close vote it has been accepted. President de Valera, who strove for absolute independence, resigned and his resignation was accepted. It is probable that the fight among the Irish themselves will be bitter; but it is predicted that those who favored the plan will prevail. As this gives Ireland the same standing in the Empire as have Canada, Australia, and South Africa, there is no good reason for not accepting that status. This is far more than the most ardent Irish Home Ruler dared to expect seven years ago, and but for the sentiment created by German sympathizers during the war, the result would be satisfactory to all. It is to be hoped that a final settlement has been reached both for the sake of the parties at issue and the peace of our own country where Irish sympathizers have endeavored to embroil our government with Great Britain. Hail the Irish Free State!

## LET US DO IT

In Holcomb School District in Southwestern Kansas, rural school buildings have been erected at a cost of \$225,000. It is claimed that this is the most expensive rural school building in the United States. The district is eighteen miles long and ten miles wide, and contains 125 square miles. Six ordinary districts were consolidated. Most of the pupils are carried to and from the school in thirteen motor busses driven by teachers. Good roads have made this possible. Of the 125 families in the district, 100 live on farms, and four-fifths are tenants, 60 per cent being Russians, Germans, and Mexicans. The new building has all modern improvements. There is a home for the superintendent and a teacherage for the fifteen teachers, who are paid from \$900 to \$2,000. The tax levy for operation is ten mills, and five for payment of bonds. The farms are largely devoted to raising sugar beets, and most of the tenants are foreigners. The owners are glad to pay the taxes because they get good tenants who are rapidly becoming Americanized through the school. If this can be done in Kansas, why not also in Arkansas? It can be done if we amend our Constitution so that we may have sufficient school tax. Let us do it for the sake of the boys and girls on the farms who are entitled to the same advantages as the youth of our cities.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Certain public-spirited citizens are urging the Governor to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of enacting a law providing for a severance tax to be collected on the production of oil. It is estimated that on the present production in the El Dorado field one million dollars would be collected annually. It will cost only a few thousand dollars for an extra session, and it would be worth a million dollars before the next regular session will convene. Let the special session be called without delay. We ought to realize large revenue from our oil if we handle the matter wisely. If you approve, write to Governor T. C. McRae, and urge him to make the call.

## PURGING UNION LABOR OF RADICALISM

In labor circles a new organization has come into existence as a rival of the American Federation of Labor. It is called the American Labor Alliance, and includes among its leaders such radicals as W. Z. Foster. A well organized propaganda is being vigorously promoted. The Labor World, a thoroughly sane labor organ, says of the new organization: "There are many reasons why the public should not under any circumstances give the least support to the American Labor Alliance. In the first place, its aims are vicious, subversive of American liberties and justice, and founded on so-called principles that mean the ruin of even the rights of wage workers themselves. Foster, the head of the new body, has declared that the Russian Soviet is their ideal and yet it has proven itself to be one of the most utter and brutal failures that ever was introduced to mankind.... But aside from the leading principles upon which this new body is founded, it is impossible for such a conglomeration of men and women, holding such radical and conflicting opinions as now make up this Alliance, to remain united."

It is fortunate for the American Federation of Labor that this new organization has been effected. It will draw off the dangerous, radical element which has lately caused good Americans to look with suspicion upon some of the tendencies of organized labor. If the American Federation of Labor, purged of Socialism, will adopt a policy which will commend it to the American public, it will be able to render both labor and the public a real service.

## SOUND SENSE

In a recent editorial on the tendency to call on the government to undertake to control more and more of the industries and activities of life, the Farm and Ranch, whose editorials are always worth reading, says: "Farm and Ranch is still old-fashioned enough to believe that the farmers of this country can get along without the Government appointing guardians for them. We still believe that every problem confronting the producers will be solved and that they will have spirit enough to tackle any new ones that may present themselves. All the farmers want is a square deal. There are enough of them to demand and get all that is due them without petitioning Congress to pass the hat. Some day, not in the distant future, every farmer in this country will consider it his first duty to produce his own poultry and dairy products, a large portion of his own meats, his vegetables, and his fruits, after which he will produce something for the rest of the population to eat and wear. When farmers generally come to the conclusion that it is economy to make their farm produce sixty per cent or more of the food and feedstuffs consumed on the place, they will have no need to worry about the market price for the surplus of any commodity which they may raise. There will be more fact and less fiction in the time-worn saying that the farmer is the most independent man in the Nation."

## UNSANITARY SATIRE.

In a recent issue of The Nation, high-brow organ of discontent, is an article, "On Living in The United States," by one H. L. Mencken, self-constituted critic of all that is good and decent, which is a supreme display of vitriolic versatility and vicious vanity.

The following is his introductory paragraph: "It is one of my firmest and most sacred beliefs, reached after due prayer, that the government of the United States, in both its legislative and executive arms, is corrupt, ignorant, incompetent, and disgusting—and from this judgment I except no more than twenty law-makers and no more than twenty executioners of their laws. It is a belief no less piously cherished that the administration of justice in the Republic is stupid, dishonest, and against all reason and equity—and from this judgment I except no more than twenty judges. It is another fact that the foreign policy of the United States—its habitual manner of dealing with other nations, whether friends or foes—is hypocritical, disingenuous, knavish, and dishonorable—and from this judgment I consent to no exceptions whatsoever. And it is yet another that the American people, taking them by and large, are the most timorous, sniveling, poltroonish, ignominious mob of serfs and goose-steppers ever gathered under one flag in Christendom since the fall of the Eastern Empire."

After this vile vituperation he excuses himself for living contentedly in the land that he slanders and smugly boasts that he is a better citizen than thousands of his honest and decent neighbors. He is contented and happy because here he is "well fed, unhounded by sordid cares, at ease in Zion, full of a comfortable feeling of superiority to the masses of his fellow man, and delicately and unceasingly amused according to his taste." He argues that "here the general average of intelligence, of knowledge, of competence, of self-respect, of honor is so low that any man who knows his trade, does not fear ghosts, believes in nothing that is palpably idiotic, and practices the common decencies stands out as brilliantly as a wart on a bald head, and is thrown willy-nilly into a meager and exclusive aristocracy"

Referring to the worship of God this devout blas-  
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## PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Do not forget that the new address of the Arkansas Methodist is 221 East Capitol Avenue.

Married, January 5, at Star City, Dr. S. T. Burton of Lonoke and Mrs. Mary E. Bishop of Star City, Rev. C. L. Williams officiating.

No business can last long that doesn't benefit the customers who make money for it as much as it does the proprietors who make money by it.—The Rotarian.

On the first day of the year the residence of Dr. A. J. Lamar, one of our Book Agents, at Nashville, Tenn., was burned. The loss was heavy but it was covered by insurance.

Rev. J. L. Johnston, that good superannuate of Murfreesboro, writes that he is in much better physical condition than he has been for more than a year. His lame leg is improving.

Whoever is satisfied with what he does has reached his culminating point—he will progress no more. Man's destiny is to be not dissatisfied, but forever unsatisfied.—F. W. Robertson.

Woodsmen exploring a remote section of the Olympic Mountains, Washington, have discovered a great cavern which they claim will be a rival for the famous Mammoth Cave of Kentucky.—Ex.

Sherwood Eddy says: "Europe's situation is darker than it was a year ago." He says that only America, with its money and spirit, can save Europe from ruin, the result of its own utter folly.—Ex.

Rev. H. R. Nabors writes: "Upon arrival was given a very hearty reception. The first night the good people of Hampton came with the first pounding. Am making a good start, and hope this will be my best year."

Dr. Charles W. Flint, president of Cornell (Ia.) College, has been elected by the nominating committee as chancellor of Syracuse University to succeed Dr. J. R. Day whose resignation becomes effective on the election of his successor.

According to press reports Rev. L. L. Cowen, our pastor at Helena, last week had a very narrow escape from drowning. While hunting his boat was overturned. His companion was lost and Brother Cowen was almost exhausted when rescued.

Rev. W. C. Hilliard, Little Rock Conference evangelist, is ready for work in meetings. Address him at 1519 W. 7th Street, Little Rock. He attended the Conference of Evangelists at Birmingham and reports a very profitable occasion.

Rev. Percy Vaughan, pastor of Traskwood charge, writes that he will reside in Hot Springs, and asks that all correspondence be addressed

there. He reports that his work is starting off well and every one seems happy, though money is hard to get.

Rev. W. T. Wilkinson has begun his work at Highland under very encouraging circumstances. He preaches to large congregations, the attendance at Sunday school and Epworth League meetings is fine and the collections are good. Pastor and people seem to be mutually pleased.

Rev. W. U. Witt, presiding elder of Vinita District, wants a preacher for a circuit that will pay from \$600 to \$800 with a parsonage. He says that it is a fine opportunity for a good man to develop a run-down work into a strong charge. Address him, with references, at Vinita, Okla.

The government may get socialistic enough to assume absolute control of all business in this country, even to the regulation of family affairs, but not without a protest from those Americans who still have confidence in their own ability to attend to their own business.—Farm and Ranch.

Experts in soil chemistry predict famine in the United States in course of time, unless present habits of soil robbery are mended. They refer as an example to Germany, which, with one-fifteenth the farming areas of the United States, raises six times as much food through intelligent and intensive fertilization.—Ex.

The total net increase in membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church last year was 90,404. Of these 31,240 were in mission fields. Of the 116 Conferences in the United States 44 show a decrease. All of the colored Conferences in the New Orleans District, except the Central Alabama, show a loss. The largest gain was in the Washington area over which Bishop McDowell presided.

Four years ago the circulation of the Western Christian Advocate, published at Cincinnati, Ohio, was only 19,000. Now it is 39,000—more than double the former circulation. That is a fine record. If our Arkansas preachers and people will cooperate vigorously the circulation of their paper may also be doubled in less than four years. It will require 7,000 new subscribers to make it. Can we not have them?

Mr. C. E. Hayes, treasurer of Little Rock Conference writes: "I received on January 3 a check from Rev. S. R. Twitty, pastor at DeWitt, for \$80 to apply on Conference claims, and in the same mail a check for \$30 from Rev. W. T. Wilkinson on the budget of Highland church, Little Rock. These two charges are entitled to special mention for having come in so early in the Conference year with these amounts on the claims."

Rev. C. L. Williams writes that he has been well received at Star City and finds his people ready to co-operate. The Lincoln Ledger thus comments: "Rev. C. L. Williams preached his initial sermon as pastor of the Methodist Church here Sunday morning, and judging by the enthusiastic comment and heartily expressed congratulations heard and given the reverend gentleman, the members of the Methodist church are well satisfied with their new pastor."

Centenary College, Shreveport, La., has secured the services of Bo. McMillin, famous Centre College grid-iron star, as athletic coach for next year. We have it on good authority that the city of Shreveport pays his salary. The citizens believe in Centenary College and have expressed their interest in a material way. They have made it possible for that institution to have a good athletic leader without drawing on its fund for "current expense.—Central Methodist.

Sixty-six students of the Moody Bible Institute, 35 men and 31 women, received their diplomas at the Fall Term graduation exercises, December 22, for the completion of the two years course in the Bible, Gospel Music and Practical Methods of Christian Work. They represent seventeen states of the Union and the following foreign countries: Canada, England, Scotland, China, Australia and New Zealand. Twenty-four of the graduates specialized on the course in foreign missions.

The Official Information Bureau of Switzerland, 241 Fifth Avenue, New York City, loans unusually beautiful Lantern Slides, both colored and plain, illustrative of Switzerland in its many interesting phases, free of charge, to lecturers who wish to feature Switzerland in one of their discourses. A special lecture describing "Schools and school life in Switzerland," written by a well known Swiss writer is also available, free of charge, together with slides covering this ever timely subject.

Farmers are doing more thinking than ever before. It will take more than Congressional garden seed or promises of political parties to satisfy. They are testing out their own strength in co-operation. They are helping themselves in many places. Self-Help Clubs among farmers at school houses have made better roads without grievous taxation. These clubs have improved the schools, beautified the open country and co-operated with business and professional men to build up the country.—Farm and Ranch.

I had a letter a few days ago from a young Japanese, a university student, who wrote, "I am studying about Christianity. It must be suitable for our life, I think. Please tell me the way to the father in Heaven when I call on you." He called and spent several hours talking about God. In one of his calls he was happily converted, and I had the joy of baptizing him a few weeks ago. He is but one of multitudes who are "seeking after the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him and find Him." It is a great joy, yea, a high privilege to show them the way to the Father.—W. E. Townsend in Missionary Voice.

One of the most unfortunate things about tobacco is that it blinds its addicts to their faults. A writer in the Star, Manchester, England, who uses tobacco, says: "We smokers are the victims of a pleasant, but undeniably dirty habit. We have so habituated ourselves to a smoke-laden atmosphere that we are unconscious that it can be offensive to any human stomach. If a non-smoker went into a smoking compartment and filled it with offensive gas he would be thrown out; but he would not be guilty of a more gross offense than a man who invades a non-smoking compartment with a reek of tobacco smoke."—Will H. Brown.

"Also I was especially pleased with the way in which the finances of the institution were being cared for. I have seldom been at an institution where I felt that they were in better shape than at Hendrix College. The care of finances is usually one of the places where small colleges are most lax." This is a statement made by Dr. George F. Zook, specialist in higher education in the Bureau of Education at Washington City, in a recent letter to the college. Dr. Zook recently conducted a personal investigation on the ground of each of the colleges of Arkansas. Hendrix was included among the institutions that he personally studied.

The following message has been received from Rev. W. V. Womack of Siloam Springs: "With the consciousness of great loss do we note the passing of Sister Lovick Pierce Law. After months of intense bodily suffering her spirit slipped quietly away to God January 5, 1922. Funeral services were conducted the following day. Evangelist E. G. Phillips, Rev. C. W. Lestr and Rev. C. D. Pierce of the Christian church assisting the pastor. Sister Law manifested a clear, undisturbed, noble spirit to the end. Her life was beautiful and even in the midst of suffering she thought of others. Blessings upon the lonely and heart-broken husband and mother."

Farmers are often criticised for over-producing because of fair prices received the previous season. "Give a farmer a fair price for cotton this year, and the next year he will double his acreage and glut the market," is an expression often heard. Perhaps it is true, but has the city man any just grounds for criticism? Let any man start in business in a city and make a profit, and in a very short time he will have numerous competitors in the same line. Production of foodstuffs is not nearly so overdone as is the business of retailing those same products in the city. Were it not for the fact that food handlers in the city were so numerous, prices would be lowered to the consumer and consumption increased in such a degree that there would be no over-production.—Farm and Ranch.

A sweet potato meeting will be held at Memphis, Tenn., January 17 and 18 to consider all phases of the great sweet potato growing and marketing industries. Cash prizes of over \$200 will be given for the best exhibit of sweet potatoes from Arkansas, Tennessee, or Mississippi, and these exhibits are to be confined exclusively to Nancy Hall and Porto Rico varieties. Addresses will be made by recognized sweet potato authorities on the following subjects: Seed Certification; Diseases; Insects; Control Measures; Culture; Seed Treatment; Growing and Shipping Ships; Organization; Fertilizers; Digging; Handling; Storage; Grading; Packing; Packages; Loading; Shipping; Selling; Transportation; Northern Con-

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ditions; Shipping Varieties; Cooking; By-Products and Recipes. For particulars address J. H. Tull, Court House, Memphis, Tennessee.

Be sure of the foundation of your life. Know why you live as you do. Be ready to give a reason for it. Do not, in such a matter as life, build on an opinion or custom, or what you guess is true. Make it a matter of certainty and science.—Thomas Starr King.

During 1920-21 the Methodist Episcopal Church raised about \$9,000,000 for nine of its colleges, to-wit: Kansas Wesleyan, \$1,000,000; Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., \$250,000; College of Puget Sound, \$1,022,723; Oklahoma City College, \$1,657,000; Illinois Wesleyan, \$865,000; Allegheny College, \$1,257,123; Wesleyan University, \$2,780,000; Illinois Woman's College, \$261,000.

Churches ought to be like a search-light turned on all slums, to shame those in authority into doing something. What does poverty mean? It means men have not enough to purchase the bare necessities of life for themselves and their children. The task our Master came here for was to lift the needy from the mire and the poor from the dunghill, and it is the Christian church alone that can accomplish it.—Lloyd George.

New York City, according to the latest available figures, has a colored population of 97,721, making it the largest Negro city in the Western world. It is said that the only cities ranking with it for Negro population are Cairo and Alexandria in Egypt and Johannesburg in South Africa. Dayton, Ohio, has gained 86 per cent; St. Louis, 58 per cent, and Cincinnati, 51 per cent in colored population in the last ten years. The Southern States have lost a half-million colored people to the Northern States in the last four years.—Ex.

The invisibility of our heavenly helpers is at once the strength and weakness of the holy cause. The seeming unreality of spiritual facts give a reckless courage to the enemies of right. Men say and do things against God and his truth which they would not dare to do or say with eyes open to see the shining ranks of seraphim. Yet this is also the security of the righteous cause. Its enemies can never discover its real sources of strength. The carnal weapons of sin and selfishness are impotent against the unseen power of spiritual personalities. One might as well send a battleship with fourteen-inch guns to stop the blowing of the west wind and check the coming of springtime, as for all the powers of earthly evil to check the onward march of truth and right.—Methodist Review.

Japan has made wonderful advancement during the past fifteen years. It has taken on just about all of the equipment of our western civilization. The Japanese people are growing themselves to be adepts in the handling of modern machinery. They are building electric motors, automobiles, steam engines, surgical instruments, pianos, and the largest naval and other sea-going vessels. Thus they have taken on our western civilization, while they are still worshipping idols of wood and stone, or have turned from their superstitions and are wanderers in darkness, without God and without hope. Great numbers of intelligent men and women in this land, with hearts that are not satisfied with the empty husks of heathenism, have landed in the rankst atheism.—W. E. Towson in Missionary Voice.

## DEATH OF REV. W. P. TALKINGTON.

The report had come that Rev. W. P. Talkington, our pastor at Quitman, had been seriously ill since Conference. Now the secular press announces his death Jan. 8. This is sad news. The son of the late Rev. J. M. Talkington, who as a pioneer preacher was a leading member of the old White River Conference, Rev. W. P. Talkington was in the pastoral succession. He spent some time in Hendrix College and then joined the White River Conference and served faithfully in circuit and station. A few years ago on account of failing health he took the superannuate relation, but two years ago he became effective and was appointed to Quitman Station where he was enjoying a happy and successful pastorate. He was a preacher of ability and consecration and will be sorely missed. The bereaved wife and five sons have the sympathy and prayers of his brethren and a host of friends who appreciated his worth.

## CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN.

The following table shows the number of renewals and the number of new subscribers from each District since Conference.

District	Renewals	New
Arkadelphia .....	12	
Camden .....	15	
Little Rock .....	19	
Monticello .....	2	
Pine Bluff .....	225	74
Prescott .....	13	
Texarkana .....	15	
Total for Little Rock Conf. ....	301	74
Batesville .....	19	
Booneville .....	12	
Conway .....	25	
Fayetteville .....	12	
Fort Smith .....	11	
Helena .....	11	
Jonesboro .....	18	
Paragould .....	25	
Searcy .....	18	
Total for North Ark. Conf. ....	151	
Other Conferences .....	23	

## PASTORS, PLEASE.

In response to the request that certain information be furnished by the Pastors on specially prepared cards only about one-third of the cards have been returned. As we cannot properly conduct the Circulation Campaign ordered by the Conferences until the cards are on file, we urgently request all Pastors to return the cards promptly. This is the best time to begin the campaign. It is imperative that the collections be made to maintain the Paper. We appreciate the good work which some are doing, but it is time for all to co-operate. Rush the cards to us, brethren.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

**PUBLIC OPINION AND THEOLOGY; By Francis John McConnell, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; published by the Abingdon Press, New York and Cincinnati; price \$1.50.**

This is a series of lectures delivered at the Pacific School of Religion in 1920. Whatever Bishop McConnell says or writes is good. He is easily one of the greatest theologians and philosophers of our age, and the value of his discussions lies largely in his ability to simplify hard subjects. He writes philosophy for the plain man. In this argument he successfully attempts to adjust Christianity as a binding religious system to a situation in which there is a growing belief in the popular will as the source of authority in society. He recognizes the fact that the idea of God is modified by the peculiarities of the age. "Law-making" perhaps the most definite and concrete form of social activity." "A law is a deed of the people and the rule by which the people act." "There is no evading the influence of public opinion over our ideas of the kingdom of God." While the author thinks that in the long run public opinion will settle practically everything in theology, yet he agrees that in the short run public opinion is to be strenuously resisted. He shows how the theologians have at various times had very different conceptions of God, and how the common-sense of the people would correct the vagaries of the theologians. The difficulties were often connected with the questions of God's responsibility and sovereignty. He argues that popular opinion is not satisfied with the idea of an irresponsible God. Some of Bishop McConnell's propositions are at first glance startling, but he is always able to justify his positions. The reading and mastering of this thought-provoking treatise will serve as a tonic and helpful corrective to loose thinking. Do not buy the book unless you are willing to think. If you really think, you will want to read the whole volume at a sitting and then spend weeks digesting it.

**THE YOUNG WOMAN CITIZEN; By Mary Austin; published by the Woman's Press, New York; price \$1.35.**

Addressing the young women of America, Mrs. Austin seeks to arouse in them a sense of their social and moral obligations toward the development of the world democracy in which they now find themselves. The book is a brilliant discussion of the responsibilities assumed with the right to vote and a comprehensive study of the process of growth into citizenship during the pass-

ing ages. The author says: "The first thing that the woman citizen must ask herself is whether she is coming to her new obligation as another less experienced man, or whether she has anything to contribute as a woman....There is no more subtle danger confronting the woman citizen than this, that she make use of the privilege of democracy to escape its experience, and so create for herself a profounder isolation than man has ever made for her." A valuable feature of the book is the full bibliography, covering practically all subjects relating to citizenship and the promotion of world democracy.

**BRAZIL: AN INTRODUCTORY STUDY; prepared by Bishop John M. Moore, D. D.; edited by E. B. Chappell, D. D.; published by Smith and Lamar, Nashville and Dallas.**

This paper-covered booklet of 127 pages is packed with information about one of the most interesting countries and most attractive mission fields in the world. While it was prepared especially for Young People's and Adult Classes in Sunday School, it is valuable for any reader who wishes to understand Latin-America. Since his election to the episcopacy Bishop Moore has had charge of our missions in Brazil and has given practically his whole time to a study of that country. Always a student, he is now from actual experience unusually prepared to discuss the problems of Latin-America. He says: "Brazil is entering a new era because of its new relations. It must seek that alignment which will minister most to the best development of the country. There must be a new farming with new methods and new crops. There must be new industries to meet the demands of new markets opened by new conditions and to satisfy a new kind of customers. A new education will be necessary in order to gain the respect of the peoples with whom Brazil wants to keep company. A new literature, dealing with the issues of modern life in vigorous, open-minded, aggressive countries and expressing the thought of the great thinkers and actors in countries where Christianity has had an open chance to get incarnated in personality and society, will be required to relate the public and its leaders to the new world into which they are entering. A new religious outlook is inevitable to a people that open the windows to the world for light and air. The United States has a grave responsibility before such a nation. Providence is not far away when such a stage is set."

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phemer sneers: "Everywhere else on earth it is carried on in a solemn and dispiriting manner; in England, of course, the bishops are obscene, but the average man seldom gets a chance to see them. Now come home. Here we not only have bishops who are vastly more obscene than even the most gifted of the English bishops; we have also a great force of superlative specialists in ecclesiastical mountebankery—the Rev. Dr. Billy Sunday and his host of disciples. Every American town has one of its own; a holy clerk with such superb talent for introducing the arts of jazz into the salvation of the damned that his performance takes on all the gaudiness of the four-ring circus and the bald announcement that he will raid hell on such and such a night is enough to empty all the town blind-pigs and bordellos and pack his sanctuary to the doors. Personally, I have been overfed with such ribaldries, and prefer politics, patriotism, and the Ziegfeld Follies."

It is useless to argue with a writer of such views. He is either vomiting vitriol because he is paid for it, or he has fed on his own venom until he is reeking with poison which exudes from his perspiration. His name indicate an ancestry that might account for his jaundice. He was born and educated in America, but he evidently fed on Nietzsche and Treitzske, and if he were not so fond of fat feasts and cheap aristocracy, he would crave the companionship of Lenin and Trotzky. This creature that bites the hand that feeds him should remember that our doors open out and are not locked nor barred. And the journal that buys and prints such rotten nonsense is not worthy of the same respect that is due his paid performer. A procurer is more contemptible than his harlot.

Our country is not perfection, but it will not throw off vices nor take on virtues under the tutelage of such traducers, who make merry over weaknesses and take pay for libelous dilettanteism.





## The Christian Platform of the Schools and Colleges of the Church

Unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the Methodist Educational Association, composed of all the schools, colleges, and universities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Memphis, December 14, 1921.

### I.

As institutions belonging to a great Christian denomination, the schools, colleges and universities of Southern Methodism recognize and accept the duties and obligations that necessarily go with such ownership. In this relationship they realize without reservation that each institution and all of them together are special agencies of the Church for the salvation of the world and for helping the Church itself the better to perform its own divinely appointed ministry of service.

### II.

The institutions are profoundly convinced, particularly in this confusing crisis in the world's history, that they are called upon to join all other agencies of the Church in a supreme effort to steady and enlighten the faith of the people, to strengthen the moral foundations of the social order, to create in the minds of men the mind of Jesus, and to make known the saving power of his spirit.

### III.

To these ends and to this service we solemnly commit ourselves, and while we must in no way lower intellectual standards as educational institutions, nor limit the spirit of inquiry in any worthy field of knowledge, nor refuse to give to men and women every opportunity for the broadening of outlook and the enrichment of personality,—nevertheless, we do not hesitate to affirm that we are best fulfilling our mission when we are doing most to fashion the character of youth in the image of the Master and to furnish manhood and womanhood with the light of his truth and guidance of his spirit.

### IV.

Central, therefore, at the heart of the supreme educational process in which we are engaged, we are placing the Bible as the inspired word of God and the teaching of its truths as the only principles on which to build an enduring foundation for our individual and collective life. It is further clear to us that no part of our task is quite so important as that of teaching not only the principles of Jesus that they may be practically applied to the whole life, but also of bringing men to a knowledge of the transforming power of his spirit.

### V.

By all this we mean that every institution in Southern Methodism is consecrated and pledged to the great spiritual objectives of the Christian Education Movement,—to the effort to put Jesus Christ, his truth and his spirit, into all education, to the application of educational processes to religious training for the better enlightenment and security of character, to the discovery of an adequate leadership for the various activities of the Church and the proper training of it, and to the deepening and broadening of the spiritual life of our Methodism that it may the more effectively accomplish its great mission to the world.

### VI.

Finally, we ask of the Church at large its confidence, its support, its intelligent recognition of the contributions these institutions have made and are making to the Church, and of the difficulties that at this time confront us in the performance of our task, and a clear and definite understanding that the institutions which we represent cannot render the service that is required of them unless the Church furnishes promptly and fully the material resources to which it has pledged itself. If the institutions of our Methodism shall keep faith in their purpose to make Christian Education a reality, the Church itself must also keep faith by supplying the necessary means in terms of equipment, buildings, and endowments. And this demands of all of us prayer, consecration, unflinching co-operation, and sacrifices inspired by a generous Christian stewardship,—more generous than it has ever been, because we understand now as never before the needs of the Church and the world and the nature of the service which the schools, colleges, and universities of the Church are called upon to render.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

## BIBLE STUDIES, NO. 1.

By J. E. Godbey, D. D.

I have read with interest the articles from the pen of the Rev. J. L. Cannon in reference to the later Biblical Criticism, which was recently published in the Arkansas Methodist.

Mr. Cannon scarcely challenges controversy, since he has presented to us facts in regard to the origin and development of the Sacred Canon which may be confirmed by reference to the encyclopedias and the Bible Dictionaries, and which make it clear that the compilers selected from many documents the books which compose our Old Testament Scriptures, and that many of the books were long subjects of discussion in Jewish councils as to their fitness to be placed in the sacred collection. There was an effort made on the part of certain rabbis as late as the Synod of Jamnia, A. D. 90, to strike out of the collection held as canonical the Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes and Ezekiel, but no change was made; the Scriptures which had been considered sacred for centuries being still held against the movement, by a small majority. But Mr. Cannon shows us very clearly that no sharply defined marks of sacredness distinguished the books which were admitted to the Canon from others which were rejected, and that the selection was guided by no ostensible rule or influence, but the judgment of men, after much comparing and investigating, in which the conditions under which the books were written, their authenticity, and especially their tone of teaching were taken into account. Mr. Cannon also shows us that the Scriptures, as we now hold them, were certified to us by the Council of Trent, convened by Pope Paul III, A. D. 1545, and that there had been, through centuries of Christian history, disputes between eminent Christian leaders as to what books should be held as canonical. From these facts, Mr. Cannon contends that methods of testing and judging the Scriptures against which some protest are the same that have been used in presenting to us the Bible, as we now hold it. If there is any infallible dictum to put our Scripture Canon beyond future controversy it is the decree of a Roman Catholic Church council, based on its authority to give infallible decision on all questions of religious faith. When we consider that Protestantism is, fundamentally, a repudiation of such authority on the part of the church, and the assertion of the right of individual freedom in interpreting the Scriptures, we must agree that Mr. Cannon has made out a very strong case for the fair and unprejudiced hearing of Christian scholars, who bring to us views of the Bible, or any part of it, which they have reached through devout study, and which they think to be "for the greater glory of God," though they may disturb our traditional doctrines and theories.

Is the case for any views or interpretations of the Scriptures closed? Have men who were far less enlightened than the scholars of today, and far less imbued with the Spirit of Christ, barred further investigation? In the Church of Rome the subject is closed; but Protestantism registers no

final and infallible decisions. It still presses toward the light and its motto is "Forward, to truth and the Kingdom of heaven."

But surely Protestantism must hold the Bible to be the inspired word of God. Even so, but the questions under debate are, "In what manner is the Bible inspired, and in what sense is it the word of God?" To say it is inspired "in that unique sense in which no other literature is inspired" means nothing. That is a blank negative which gives no definition of inspiration and offers no conception of it. It says, "If you can form any conception of how any human being has really been inspired, it was not that way." Here I offer a quotation from the late Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald on the subject: "The several writers of our New Testament Scriptures wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost and said what they felt. In this spirit and with a similar aim many professed disciples of this generation glorify their Lord when they write."

Who disputes that the Bible is the Word of God? But is that word in the literal text or in the general doctrine of God and his will concerning man which is the subject matter of its teaching? A man who had read the Bible much, but was not a Christian, was "powerfully converted" by a good sermon which gathered up and presented Bible truth in a more appealing and convincing form than he had ever heard it before. The preacher gave the man "the word of God." So we all agree that the Bible is the Word of God, but that statement means nothing in settling the questions of the critics.

We hear the summons to abide by the "accepted standards," but no denomination of Protestants defines in what sense inspiration shall be understood, nor how we shall interpret the Word of God in the Scriptures. There are no standards, and Protestants dare not fix any by Church authority. However nervous we may grow over the theories which the scholars advance, we must patiently deal with their ideas on their merits, in the confidence that the Protestant principles of freedom of conscience and the right of private judgment opens before us the true path of progress, and that reason and conscience are, in the long run, safe guides in interpreting God's revelations. It must not be forgotten that, according to any standard of orthodoxy, authoritatively set up by the Church, we Protestants are all followers of an arch heretic. But we will take comfort in the fact that most advanced thinkers have been heretics and that Paul, who once boasted of his orthodoxy, "A Pharisee of the Pharisees," after the clearer light came, said, "This I confess, that after the way which they call heresy so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets."

The Catholic Church contemplates the fears of those Protestants who think that free thought is destroying religion with amused and complacent interest, and says, "We told you so. The Variations of Protestantism by Bossuet is an old book. You are in trouble for standards of faith. Who will fix them? Will some of your Bishops assume the role of infallibility for you, or will you constitute a Commission in every sect to define heresy according to that sect, and so put Protestantism to disputing from a hundred infallible centers? There is nothing for you to do, dear children, but to come back to the one Holy and Apostolic Catholic Church." Hardly will we return, but we acknowledge that the logic of demands which are being made by some definite standards of orthodoxy means logically "back to Rome."

As to the distinction between Ro-

manism and Protestantism, we can not do better than to quote Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, D. D., "All views of Christianity tend to group themselves under two heads. The first is this, that Christianity is a static system, finally formulated in creed and ritual and practice at some time in the past; a deposit to be accepted in toto, if at all; not to be added to, nor subtracted from, not to be changed, its i's all dotted, and its t's all crossed. Take it or leave it, but there it is, a finished article. And the second head under which you can group all other conceptions of Christianity is this, that Christianity is not a finished article, a static system; it is a growing movement. It is like a tree whose roots are deep in the spirit of Jesus. Sometimes it puts forth misshapen branches that must be pruned. Sometimes old branches die and must be lopped away. Because it is a growing, living, vital thing, it never has been the same in any two generations. We do not see as our fathers did; our children will not see as we do; but so long as its roots are in the spirit of Jesus let it grow, for its leaves shall be for the healing of the nations."

We are aware that this statement of Dr. Fosdick is capable of being misunderstood. Everyone will agree that Christianity has its full and divine expression in Jesus Christ. But the full and infallible interpretation of Jesus Christ, in the creed of the Church, and the perfect application of Christ's teaching in spirit and conduct is a very different proposition. Christ is our Teacher for all time, but as long as it is the privilege and duty of Christians to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," such advancement will be exhibited also, in the church itself. Christianity must always be rooted in Christ, but growth and development must be allowed. The laws of Nature never change, but our text books in explanation of those laws change often. We are learning more and more of that which is changeless and perfect.

It seems to this writer that Mr. Cannon has made out a very clear case for individual freedom in the search after truth, and that he stands squarely on the Protestant platform in this matter. Of course, we recognize that a general consensus of views, already established, should not be lightly cast aside, and unless it involves serious and hurtful error hardly needs to be disturbed; and that nothing more disqualifies a man for being a teacher than disrespect for traditions, the love of novelties, and egotistical self-assertion. While we acknowledge no infallible dictum of the church the truth seeker will advance with caution and with respect for the opinions of predecessors.—Kirkwood, Mo.

## TOO MUCH PAY.

It has been suggested recently in some of the church Advocates that the Bishops are too much rewarded in money for the service rendered by them. And that ordinary kinds of preachers, in many cases, are paid in sums too small for the important duties assigned to them.

But the Bishops, very likely, did not seek the place to which they have been assigned by the church, and it would be counted reasonably certain that the "Post Oak Circuit" man did not in any special way manipulate "the wires" to secure his position. Each alike said, "Here am I, send me!"

In answer to this consecration, one of them, in the "godly judgment" of responsible people, was sent to the circuit mentioned and the other to the

office and work of a Bishop.

Others were appointed to districts and to missions and stations, and even to Africa, where a Catholic priest, a few days previously had been slain and eaten by the black and uncivilized cannibals, a Bishop being the first to enter this dangerous and untested territory.

Of course there are men on circuits and on districts and stations that could serve as Bishops, just as there are day laborers in factories that could operate the entire business, but fortunately or unfortunately, they were not in position to be assigned to the chief management and must continue, therefore to take the honors and pay which comes to the place occupied by them, and to the type of service rendered.

And even, for all that, it may still be true, that God hath set the members, every one of them, in the body as it hath pleased Him."

Anyway some things are a bit difficult to change, and the smallest star has its place and purpose just the same as the big sun recently reported, which consumes, we were told, 156 years in speeding the light from that far away distance to our world.

But that sun is somewhat larger than the earth, and in the order of planetary arrangements, demands more of space in which to carry out its lofty mission.

Stars "differ in glory" so also do people. This explains, very often probably, the reason for the difference in positions occupied, and the difference also in the pay.

The simple fact of being a man does not of necessity, count.

The kind of man must have consideration, and also the type of service rendered.

A youthful minister, it was said, in a call to see Bishop Pierce incidentally "tried on" the Bishop's hat and remarked, "Your head and mine, Bishop, are precisely the same size."

The Bishop quickly answered, "Yes, on the outside."

Some "vessels" are "to honor" and some "to dishonor," said St. Paul.

Not that any are bad vessels, all are to have a place, of some kind, a place of honor; though some are more fully finished and refined than others and better endowed for large and responsible service.

The unequipped man of today, however, may become the honored and richly prepared worker of tomorrow.

Star people are the same in the essential element of divine favor and devotion to duty and multitudes of royal personages are yet to be crowned.

God's workers have said: "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee" in service of God's own appointing at the place to which He would assign as the years pass.

In Russia they killed very many of the more prosperous and finer types of people. As a consequence they are demoralized as a nation and many of them are starving.

People may not all be cut by the same pattern.

Even the retired minister, in many

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"According as his works shall be," is the inspired rule for estimating rewards at the final day. But even in this life the pay and the honors must harmonize more or less with the type and quantity of service rendered.

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

No retired minister or Bishop is sufficiently paid. The most ordinary of them, as a rule, has earned all that is paid on the salary, and more, and all that may be paid after retiring from the active service.

The divine ruler would approve no doubt if the \$10,000,000 anticipated for those once ardent and effective toilers should be provided for at the next General Conference even at the expense of something less in funds for mission purposes and for educational interests and if it must be so, something less in payments to the pastors and to the Bishops and Connectional workers. Not that any of these are unduly paid, or that "Missions" and "Education" are less than vital.

The men in the field need all they get and many of them do a vast deal of valiant service, and in instances extremely perilous, which honors to his church, but the average pastors, and even the poorly paid, are better provided for as a rule than are very many of the retired men who have pioneered the work and rendered apostolic service before the period of reasonable salaries and well furnished parsonages.

Very soon these honored men and families must pass to the riches of their eternal reward, but the debt to them it is everywhere believed, should be cancelled in part previous to their going.—A. H. Williams, Anniston, Ala.

### LET US COMPLETE THE GREAT TASK

By Dr. Stonewall Anderson

At the General Conference at Atlanta two great Church-wide movements were set on foot. The church was asked to subscribe \$35,000,000 to be paid during a period of five years, to be expended for missionary purposes at home and abroad. The response to this request, made in the spring of 1919, was profoundly gratifying. The church was also asked to contribute \$33,000,000 through a period of five years to be expended in strengthening her educational enterprises. The time set for the intensive financial appeal was the last days of May and the first days of June, 1921. The amount pledged in response to this appeal was more than \$18,000,000. The subscriptions for education were taken at a time of great economic stress. Business conditions were thoroughly demoralized. The response of our people under such conditions undoubtedly shows that the cause of Christian Education has a central place in their convictions and affections. They are loyal to the great

cause. They are convinced that its success is essential to the maintenance and growth of the Kingdom of God in our nation and in the world.

Four months yet remain in which to complete the subscription to the educational campaign. There are a number of pastoral charges in the connection in which the every-member canvass was begun but for one reason or another was not completed. There are others in which the canvass has not yet been attempted. There are many of our lay members who, at the time the canvass was made, subscribed nothing because of the great uncertainty of business conditions. Many, for the same reason, made very small contributions. By making the every-member canvass where it has not been made, by securing additional subscriptions from those who ought to give and will give larger sums, and by securing subscriptions from those who for various reasons have not yet made subscriptions, we ought to be able, and will be able, to secure the whole amount asked for by the meeting of the General Conference in May, 1922.

It was said of old, in the matter of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, that "the people had a mind to work," and the walls of Jerusalem were built, in spite of discouragement and opposition. With a mind to work, coupled with faith and hope and courage and with much prayer, we shall be able to do this thing. We believe in God, we believe in our Church, we believe in the essential soundness of our country and its well nigh inexhaustible resources. We are quite sure also that the influence and power of our Church and the moral greatness, as well as the financial prosperity of our country, are bound up with the success of the things for which the Christian Education Movement stands.

Let us as a church in this crucial hour put aside our doubts and fears, and with faith and courage and in the spirit of great hopefulness finish this great task. It will take self-denial to do it. It will take sacrifices to do it. It will take courage to do it. Are we not the followers of Him who has shown us that self-denial and sacrifice are of the very essence of Christian character and Christian life, and does He not say to us in this hour and in this task, "Fear not, I am with you?"

### OUT FOR CHARACTER The Day Of Reckoning

By A Pohlman, M. D., D. D., Pastor of Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Two great evils have long run side by side. Intemperance and immorality have hindered the growth of man more than all other causes. The effects of intemperance can be observed without much difficulty, both by those who use alcohol and those who do not. But the influence and effect of immorality are not so easily noticed, hence it has been termed the secret vice in the early ages of self-abuse and hardly ever mentioned in later life, though signs of it are not lacking to the practiced eye.

Because of the secrecy attendant on immorality, little has been attempted by either pulpit or press or public. The whole sex problem is up in the air. Educators are at variance and others fail to register their ideas or convictions. In the meantime youth continues on its ignorant way and lays up trouble against the day of reckoning. It is only when it is almost too late that discovery is made by man and maid, that a tiresome tooth is gnawing away at the vitals of mind and soul.

"A sound mind in a sound body" was the slogan of the ancient philosophers. That sentiment has not changed today. And a sound mind can be gotten only by a clean, moral

life; for all acts of sex out of their rightful relation react upon the mind and undermine self-respect and work upon the higher nervous system, hardening one's character in such a way that the finer qualities are destroyed. It is the penalty of men for self-indulgence in lustful passions.

These hardening processes work so subtly that one is not aware of their evil influence until the higher sensibilities have been destroyed, and then it is almost too late to rehabilitate the moral and ethical qualities that have broken down under long abuse. Every doctor can tell tales of terrible suffering resulting from diseases of this character, and every wise minister knows the results of moral decay among men. The pity of it all is that the guilty have a blind spot and fail to see the evil that is being done them.

This is the sorest sin to the soul, because no sin like immorality so saps the conscience and dulls the moral faculties. Not unless it diseases the body does one begin to be careful; but by that time great damage has been already done the soul, in hardening and destroying those faculties that require longer to build up than any other. The day of reckoning may come before one is aware of it, and sit in judgment upon one's evil and condemn the doer without the possibility of pardon.

The only safe way to avoid this terrible pitfall in body and soul is to live a clean life, regarding every one's honor as of high value before God and man. To live one's moral life on the highest plane is to come to maturity and old age with clean and clear faculties, that can look God and man in the face free from this destroying evil at least. To change one's thoughts from the sensuous and sexual, and fix them on a higher level is to lay up a happy life for old age.

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**Five Cash Prizes.**—For the best sermon, address, story or poem, dealing with the necessity of an adequate support for the Conference claimants and Superannuate Endowment as an important means of helping to meet that necessity, the board will pay the author the sum of \$100; for the second best, \$75; for the third best, \$50; for the fourth best, \$25; and for the fifth best, \$15. The Board will hold the prize articles as its own property, publish same as occasion may demand, but in every instance of publication the author's name will accompany the article. Provided, further, that the board reserves the right to use any non-prize article submitted in the contest, upon payment to the author thereof of the sum of five dollars.

**Chips for Kindling.**—The board has an assortment of leaflets, pamphlets, and a small book by Rev. J. R. Stewart, which furnishes a great amount of information on the subject. These publications will be sent free and post-paid to any one desiring them for the purpose of studying the convictions of

others concerning this burning question. Address a post card to the board, 510-513 Security Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., stating that you desire to enter the contest and would like to receive whatever helps we can furnish to assist you in your effort. It is expected, of course, that all contestants will write their articles from their own viewpoints and independently of matter already published on the subject by the board. However, the publications referred to in the above will be useful at least to create for the contestants a proper atmosphere for their task.

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**Rules of the Contest.**—Let the following stipulations be carefully studied until they are thoroughly understood:

1. The contest shall begin at once, and all the articles submitted must be in the offices of the Board of Finance by April 1, 1922.

2. Every article submitted must be typewritten, using but one side of the paper, and three perfectly legible copies sent to the board. The three copies are necessary that each of the judges may have one.

3. If the article be a sermon or address, the maximum length should be approximately 3000 words; if it is a short story, the maximum length should be about 200 words; if it is a long story, the maximum length should be not over 1000 words; if it is a poem, the maximum length should be about 500 words.

4. The contestant must not sign his name to the manuscript, but write a letter to the board and give the name and address in the letter. Send the letter and manuscript in the same envelope. The board will give a number to the manuscript.

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#### A LETTER FROM FLORIDA.

By Rev. W. F. Dunkle, D. D.

The seventy-eighth session of Florida Conference met this year in Orlando, one of our most attractive small cities. In this same place twenty-three years ago, lacking one week, Bishop Candler presided first over Florida Conference. This year made his ninth time to preside over our Conference. And never did he do it with larger satisfaction to the body by whom he is greatly loved.

For the first time in its history the Conference passed into the million-dollar class, having raised for all purposes somewhat above that large sum. Gracious revivals had marked the year and the ingathering was large. Some had hoped the total present membership might go into the fifty-thousand class of Conferences, but we were a bit short of it when the final balance was made by our painstaking statistician.

Salaries were well in advance of any former year, but collections on assessments were the last year, as was payment on the Centenary. Our Boards were embarrassed, especially the Conference Board of Missions, which found itself faced with larger necessities and with smaller funds. But in spite of that we planned larger things and go forward by faith. The Lake Okeechobee region of the Everglades is our largest mission field at present. Its amazing fertility and abundant crops have attracted into the eastern and southern lake-shore areas a large and growing population from many States. The Northern Church is trying to enter the field, although it is clearly ours, and their presence does not make our missionary problem easier. Last year we erected five small churches and two small parsonages in settlements therein. This year we have three men in the field and hope to erect several more places of worship.

We also planned and opened missions in Orlando, West Palm Beach, and Tampa, this year. These growing communities necessitated such a movement and the ever-present threat of invasion by the Northern Church makes it imperative. Let those who oppose Unification take warning: there are no longer any "border Confer-

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ences." The whole of our territory from Seattle to Key West is under invasion. At present it may be a sort of "peaceful penetration" but if Unification should finally fail and negotiations be abandoned peaceful penetration would become open and defiant invasion.

The remarkable record of our Conference in the Educational Movement caused the brethren to feel a bit chesty—we tried to be modest about it, but underneath the thin veil of modesty was a cockiness that sometimes struck through. Large plans for our new college in its new location are being made and laid. The rough draft of buildings submitted by the architect showed a noble administration building surrounded by other structures to be erected later but in the same style and in conformity to a pre-arranged landscaping. The whole arrangement seems most admirable.

The Bishop and his Cabinet gave us a new District—making ten districts in the Conference, one of which is wholly a mission to the Latin peoples. Within this district notable progress was made last year. Two good brick churches were erected in Tampa and one purchased in Key West, and the Woman's Missionary Council completed their fine Rosa Valdez Settlement plant, than which there is none better in our Connection. The work advances especially well in the Italian church, eighty-six additions were made to the membership last year. And this is a permanent growth for these people are home-owners and permanent residents.

A number of good churches and parsonages have been erected during the year and others planned. In Jacksonville where Rev. J. B. Mitchell is now entering upon his seventh year as pastor, a splendid Sunday School house is nearing completion at a cost of about \$100,000. A spacious church and auditorium is to be added later.

At Ocala, one of our oldest churches has been remodeled and made into a good modern church with every convenience. At Bradentown more ground has been purchased and a new and larger church of modern conveniences is being erected. In Tampa two small churches were secured during the year and a home for superannuates erected. In Miami and Groveland new parsonages were started, as was a new church at Palatka, where J. D. Sibert is pastor. And by the way, Sibert is always building.

Our delegation to General Conference is made up of our best men; one is a presiding elder, one an ex-presiding elder, three were and are pastors. None of them is a Bolshevik. The lay-delegation is a body of strong and conservative business men. A number of memorials were adopted and sent forward to General Conference, none of them radical. We are content to let the Bishops stay as they are and the presiding elders also. We want the "time limit" either removed entirely or else restored to the four year limit. We want the "Forgotten Man" to have his day in court like the rest of "the interests" have had. We did not say anything about Unification, but we want it. Nor did we mention the name of the Church. It is as good as we are likely to get until we have united American Methodism, at least the larger divisions of it and taken the simple name "Methodist Church."

The charges brought the usual changes which their aches and breaks—and the older a body grows the more dreaded the thing is—but for all that the men went forth with the "will to win," with a song on their lips and loyalty in their hearts, and even with tears in their eyes. The good Bishop

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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#### OUR CALENDAR

Annual Meeting North Arkansas Conference W. M. S. at Blytheville, January 17-20. Delegates names should be sent to Mrs. H. Cross, 407 West Main Street, Blytheville, Ark.

Annual meeting Little Rock Conference W. M. Society will be held in Texarkana First Church, Feb. 21-24. Every Auxiliary is entitled to send one delegate and a full representation is earnestly desired.

#### A NEW-YEAR PRAYER

"With this new year, our Father, while we give thanks for all thy loving gifts to us, we ask forgiveness, we surrender our lives to thee, and ask for thy continued help through all the days of this year and through all the years of life."—Text Book.

#### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W. M. S.

##### HONOR ROLL 1921,

Dear friends and co-workers:

In Little Rock Conference W. M. Society three auxiliaries have reported themselves entitled to having the distinction of being on the Honor Roll for 1921. These are Young Ladies Auxiliary, First Church, Little Rock; Adult Auxiliary, Central Ave., Hot Springs; DeQueen Y. P. Auxiliary, whose president, Mrs. J. G. Moore, of DeQueen, sends us a message of encouragement, saying:

"We are very glad to ask you to place our Society on the Honor Roll for 1921. We had hoped to be on it a full 100 per cent, but can't quite make that. Will try to do that next year."

Please send all names entitled to be included in this list to me as soon as possible that I may know how many Honor Roll ribbons should be ordered. Sincerely, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Cor. Sec.

TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF CHILDREN'S WORK N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
The year books and first quarter's literature have been mailed. They

and his advisors had done their best—nobody doubted it. Your Arkansas men fared well. L. M. Broyles after six years at Hyde Park in Tampa went to Trinity in Miami succeeding J. M. Gross who came to Lakeland, where he succeeded J. F. Bell who went to the newly made Palatka district. J. D. Sibert remained at Palatka where he had begun the building of a new church and had had a good year. J. R. Cason remained "agent for the orphanage," a place for which he has peculiar fitness and in which he did well last year. W. J. Nease comes from Manitowish to Eighth Avenue and Edgewood in Tampa to succeed Dr. Thomas Walker Tomkies who at the end of fifty-two years of active and unbroken service went home to heaven just before the Conference. W. E. Sewell, who many years ago served in North Arkansas for some years and later was missionary in Cuba for years, takes the place of J. D. Lewis who for fourteen years had been superintendent and presiding elder of our Latin Missions in Tampa and Key West.

The visit of your editor, along with others of the quill pushing tribe, was greatly appreciated. May he and the METHODIST live and grow this New Year, as may all Arkansas Methodism.

are the most attractive we have ever had. If any one failed to receive their supply, drop me a card. Make your pledge at the January meeting. The use of the mite box will solve many difficulties. If a new Auxiliary Superintendent of children's work has been elected, be sure and send me the name. I will gladly send "Helps" and proper literature to any one interested in organizing. We must be training for future leadership. Sum up your credits at once, and let me know if you are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll. Remember the Annual Meeting at Blytheville Jan. 17-20. Sincerely, Mrs. W. A. Steele, Van Buren.

#### L. R. CONFERENCE W. M. SOCIETY

##### A NOTE FROM THE COR. SECRETARY.

Dear friends and co-workers:

We've started this new year with new zeal in the desire to make it a record-breaker in our history.

We did well last year, remarkably well in finances considering the depression which overshadowed every line of business endeavor.

Now that the limitation of armament is assured, and we may hope that wars shall cease, the whole world will move more cheerfully and doubtless there'll be more money in our land.

Anyhow I think Dr. Jas. Thomas, that indefatigable worker of our Conference, makes no mistake when he declares that money is the easiest thing in the world to raise—that is, money for the on-going of God's kingdom.

For, isn't it true that whenever we really are in earnest about having a thing and begin to practice self-denial, that money is saved and the wished-for object is secured? Then, it behooves us to begin that whole-some practice at once, and to continue it through 1922. Settling up our accounts with the Missionary Society quarterly will help us to keep straight in the path of financial success. As individuals and auxiliaries let us begin now and test the value of this reasonable method.

And then let us talk more about our missionary work; talk like we do about raising chickens and making things grow in the garden; manifest pleasure in it as we do in knitting a beautiful of rainbow-scarf that will delight one of our dear friends. In fact, let it be known that we are not only determined to try do our part, but are happy and thankful to help to spread the glad tidings of salvation for men.

With working more, giving more, and talking more for missions, this shall be a record-breaking year for our Little Rock Conference W. M. Society.

Just now we see the foregleam of our annual meeting which will be held in Texarkana First Church, Feb. 21-25, beginning Tuesday afternoon.

Every auxiliary is entitled to one delegates and the executive committee insists that she shall be one of the wide-awake and efficient workers—a

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woman who will be sure to give something, to learn much, and to carry a clear and helpful report back to her auxiliary.

A fine program is being arranged, and the members of Texarkana First Church and their friends will do great things to insure the success of the meeting. Our honor guest will be Mrs. Hume R. Steele, one of our Council's Educational Secretaries, a member of the Board of Mission, M. E. Church, South, and a woman greatly beloved throughout Methodism. Other fine speakers will be Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Dr. Hammons of Texarkana, Mesdames F. M. Williams and C. F. Elza. We hope to have with us Dr. and Mrs. John Cline of China, and possibly another missionary too.

Mrs. Steele writes that she remembers the Texarkana people most pleasantly, and we all know what to expect from them, for they are great and good, and we love them already.

Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit as we come together in Christ's name. Sincerely, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, L. R. Conf. Cor. Sec.

#### MISSION STUDY AND PUBLICITY.

Recently Mrs. John W. Bell, North Arkansas Conference Supt. Study and Publicity, sent out a letter urging the women to go forward in the study of missions, and to learn the great need of mission work. Mrs. Bell has also done fine work as Supt. Publicity and is doubly worthy of commendation in doing double duty well. Mrs. Bell asks: "A study class in every auxiliary with every woman and child a member." She says:

"Right now is the time for action on our part. We insist on every member of the Missionary Society availing herself of the privilege of being a well-informed, well-equipped leader for the activities of the church. In promoting Bible and Mission study and endeavoring to enlist each member is a big program. It is a big field for labor but its harvest will bring rich results. We deem it a privilege to know the issues of the home and foreign mission fields and to assume the responsibility for improving conditions. Some may be called to respond in person. All are called to help in some real and serious way. Some of us are working hard, won't you all rally to the call of our Educational Secretary? If you need literature for this department let me know.—Mrs. John W. Bell, Greenwood, Ark.

#### RUSSELLVILLE.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Russellville has done some very effective work during the closing months of the year. The usual pro-

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grams have been carried out, and in addition to the regular work, we have sent flowers to the sick, remembered those who are in sorrow, and endeavored to fulfill our duty in a way which will do good.

We have taken the lead in soliciting and raising a fund to systematically help a needy widow through the winter months, in order that she may have a chance to recuperate. This fund was made a trust fund, put in charge of a banker, to be paid weekly. The other churches followed with similar contributions, and the children of this family are at least assured that they will not go hungry. Clothing and fuel were also provided.

Another family of destitute, motherless children were looked after and given clothing while their father was in the city hospital for an operation. Our Young Woman's Auxiliary No. 2 has rapidly caught the missionary spirit, and, finding a family sleeping on the ground, in a tent, just a day or two before Christmas, they procured bedding, clothing and food to make them comfortable at once. We believe in making Christianity practical, and many of the poor of our town will have just cause to remember our little mission band.

Our beloved president, Mrs. L. B. McClure, was forced a few months ago to turn over the work to the vice-president, Mrs. D. A. Gibson, on account of ill-health. We remembered her with a basket of growing flowers at Christmas-tide. The work has not suffered under the change. We bid all our mission bands God-speed for the coming year.—Ruby E. Livingston.

#### JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY AT MARSHALL.

We began working with the Juniors early in the year, but started as an organization in July. The first quarter we rounded up our dues by a social and had twenty members but for the quarter ending December 31 we had fourteen regular members.

We finished "Mr. Friend O'Men" and found it very interesting. We have our mission study and business meetings on the first Sunday and a program on the third Sunday afternoons. Have had several special programs during the year, using as many as forty children in some of these programs. Our "Greenback Birthday Party" was a huge success, the silver offering at this time amounting to \$8.05 which we sent as the result of the children's work.

Our new officers are ready to work.—Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, Supt.

#### ITEMS FROM THE W. M. S. AT MARSHALL.

We have been few in number during the past year and our families are still moving away, but our women have been faithful workers.

We have paid \$75 on the pastor's salary and \$50 on the parsonage. We have studied "The Bible and Missions," and it is such a good book. We used the "Manual of Suggestions" in teaching it, which helped the leader very much. We have published items in two local papers nearly every week. We have our new officers elected and will make our plans for the new year's work this week.—Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, Supt. Study and Publicity.

#### RAVENDEN SPRINGS.

Mrs. T. W. Bloodworth, Supt. of Publicity, writes: "Our Society is small in numbers and we cannot do great things, yet each one is ready and willing to work. We know the small things added together make big ones and when we think of the other Societies, at different places, working for the same cause then we realize that we can together do many things for our Lord and Master. We are finishing up the study of the book "The

Bible and Missions" and we meet on Wednesday afternoon each week. The homes are thrown open for the meeting of our Society. We think this a good plan. We have elected our officers for 1922. Much credit is due our president, Miss Emma Miller, for faithful service. I trust we all may press forward in this work and make 1922 the best year of our history. I want to thank Dr. A. C. Millar for the space he gives us in the Arkansas Methodist.

Wishing one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.—Mrs. T. W. Bloodworth, Supt. of Publicity.

#### CALICO ROCK.

At the Missionary Society meeting held Dec. 16 we organized a study class, "The Church and the Community."

Mrs. Tom Dalrymple led the meeting, giving a Bible lesson on the imperative claim of the Heavenly Vision from Acts 26, 1-23; 2 Cor. 11, 23-33. Instrumental solo by Zela Wyatt was followed by reading "Seeing Korean Rural Community Needs through the eyes of our Missionaries" Miss Sansom. The Christmas Tree was given by Faye Milburn. The Christmas decorations and souvenirs were pretty and much appreciated by all. We were agreeably surprised when Mrs. D. H. Holland brought forth delicious cake and dessert and all enjoyed it.—Mrs. J. S. Lane, Supt. Pub.

#### PORTLAND.

On December 6 the ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society at Portland gave a reception at the home of Mrs. T. R. Pugh honoring Mrs. R. M. Holland before her departure to Magnolia where Rev. Mr. Holland will be pastor next year.

Mrs. Pugh's spacious home was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the esteem in which Mrs. Holland was held was shown by the large number of ladies present. In the social hour of conversation each one found opportunity to express her appreciation to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Holland for their helpfulness during the past three years, and each wished them happiness and success in their new home.

A delicious luncheon was served.

#### REPORT FROM FORDYCE.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Fordyce has just completed one of the most successful years in its history under the very able leadership of Mrs. Robert Holderness and Mrs. M. T. Clary. Mrs. Holderness served as president for the first part of the year and when she resigned Mrs. Clary succeeded her.

During the year seventy-five members were enrolled with an average attendance of forty-five members. Good spiritual programs were prepared with competent leaders, assisted by six or eight members each time. One thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars have passed through the society's treasury this year. They were requested to raise an increase of ten per cent, they raised an increase of fourteen per cent.

There is a well organized Young Peoples and Children's Society with competent leaders. The Mission Study Class read three books during the year.

Mrs. B. M. Bowe has been elected president for the New Year.—Mrs. T. D. Wynne, Cor. Sec.

#### HOLLY GROVE.

The Auxiliary at Holly Grove has started with their newly elected officers, Mrs. Hattie Trotter being president and Mrs. T. G. Trice, Cor. Sec. After the business session the Auxiliary was entertained pleasantly by Mesdames E. Darnell, R. B. Evans and A. L. Syler, who served dainty refresh-

ments.

#### REPORT FROM CROSSETT.

Mrs. D. C. Hastings, Cor. Sec., writes: "The year just closed has been a very happy and successful one for our Woman's Missionary Society at Crossett. Our dues and pledges are paid in full and we have done a great deal of work locally.

We have a most interesting Mission Study Class also we have organized Bible study, and at present are studying Carter's "The Story of the New Testament," which we find to be very interesting and helpful.

We have an average of 62 and 10 new members. Subscribers to the Voice, 22. We use quarterly and monthly leaflets, also the Bulletin and we have a mission study class with 2 presidents. We have presented Christian Stewardship and have Committees on Social Service and local work. We have observed the week of prayer.

Amount sent Conference treasurer for—

Dues .....	\$ 147.61
Pledge .....	310.00
Week of Prayer .....	31.35
Retirement and Relief Fund	6.40
Scarritt Endowment fund....	6.20
Conference expense fund....	73.79
Total sent Conference	
treasurer .....	575.35
Amount spent on loc. charity	456.02
Grand total .....	\$1,031.98

#### N. ARK. W. M. SOCIETY.

Program of annual meeting in Blytheville, Ark., January 17-20. Theme: WORSHIP.

Tuesday afternoon

3:00—Workers conference. Leader, Mrs. E. F. Ellis.

7:30—Opening service, Rev. W. C. Watson, pastor.

Hymn 31, "O Master it is Good to be, High on the Mountain top with thee."

Sacrament, Rev. W. C. Watson, Rev. J. C. Richey and Rev. J. L. Pruitt.

Annual sermon, Rev. R. E. L. Bearden.

Wednesday morning

9:00—Devotional Service. "Need

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of Worship in Developing Christian Character, Mrs. R. C. Morehead.  
9:30—Organization.  
President's message, Mrs. Preston Hatcher.  
Work of the vice-president, Mrs. E. F. Ellis.  
Corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. A. Dowdy.  
Our finances Mrs. J. M. Hawley.  
The Young People, Mrs. J. H. O'Bryant.  
The Juniors, Mrs. W. A. Steele.  
Solo.  
Quiet Hour, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.  
2 p. m.—Devotional services, Mrs. W. H. Watson.  
Our Social Service Work, Mrs. S. G. Smith.  
Study and Publicity, Mrs. John W. Bell.  
Our supplies, Mrs. J. H. Zellner.  
Neill Memorial, Mrs. I. N. Barnett.  
Junior Hour, Blytheville.  
7:30 p. m.—Devotional service, Mrs. R. A. Dowdy.  
Music, Choir.  
Address, "The Home Base," Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.  
Thursday morning  
9:00—Devotional services "Training in Worship," Mrs. W. L. Oliver.  
Report of the District Secretaries.  
Batesville, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson.  
Booneville, Mrs. Baxter Gatlin.  
Conway, Mrs. Henry Hanesworth.  
Fayetteville, Mrs. W. L. Oliver.  
Music.  
Ft. Smith Mrs. H. C. Faber.  
Helena, Mrs. J. R. Coulter.  
Jonesboro, Mrs. Floyd Elliott.  
Paragould, Mrs. A. M. Moore.  
Searcy, Mrs. Clarence Crow.  
Song.  
Quiet Hour, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.  
2:00 p. m.—Devotional Services, Mrs. A. B. Halton.  
Election of officers.  
Department conference.  
Thursday Evening  
Installation service, Mrs. Lipscomb.  
Report of Deaconess Committee, Mrs. E. F. Wayland.

My Experience with Young People, Mrs. A. B. Halton.  
Duet, Miss Lentz and Gladys Hardin.  
An Echo from the Summer Conference, Miss Aubrey Wheeler.  
Reading, Miss Lucille Armstrong.  
Friday morning  
9:00—Devotional Services, The Home Altar, Mrs. I. N. Barnett.  
Memorial roll call, Mrs. L. J. McKinney.  
Reports of committees.  
Place of meeting.  
Music.  
Quiet hour, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.  
Friday afternoon  
2:00—Praise Service, Mrs. C. M. Reeves.  
Efficiency Conference.  
Solo.  
Unfinished Business.  
Report of Courtesies Committee.  
Closing.

#### PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

In reviewing the records for the past year there are many causes for thanksgiving and praise, mingled with many regrets. God in his goodness has honored our little faith and we have made some progress.

In looking over the reports of 1920 and comparing them with 1921 I find we have gained in some places and lost in others, but I trust when our Heavenly Father binds up the sheaves of the Paragould District and blesses them, we will find that we have gained infinitely more than we have lost. I am going to give you the standing of each Auxiliary as they reported to me.

Corning made 250 per cent gain in membership and 25 per cent gain in finances.

Hoxie has no gain in membership but a 35 per cent gain in finances.

Imboden lost 5 per cent in membership and gained 10 per cent in finances.

Mammoth Spring gained 90 per cent in membership and 300 per cent

in finances.

Paragould First Church gained 4 per cent in membership and a very slight gain in finances.

Paragould East Side lost 5 per cent in membership and 2 per cent in finances.

Piggott lost 30 per cent in membership but they are holding their own in finances.

Pocahontas gained 10 per cent in membership and a slight gain in finances.

Ravenden Springs lost 50 per cent in membership and gained 100 per cent in finances.

Salem gained 8 per cent in membership and 225 per cent in finances.

Walnut Ridge lost 10 per cent in membership and 10 per cent in finances.

Williford and Marmaduke have disbanded but we still have them on our mailing list and hope to revive them by sending literature and personal letters.

Paragould First Church Young People gained 100 per cent in membership and 5 per cent in finances.

Paragould East Side failed to report last quarter however I think they are holding their own and have pledged a better organization for 1922.

Hardy Juniors lost 30 per cent in membership (by promotion to Y. P.) and gained 50 per cent in finances.

Imboden Juniors lost 25 per cent in membership and 25 per cent in finances.

Paragould First Church and Paragould East Side failed to report last quarter, however, they are still working but overlooked this very important part of their work.

We have no gain in Baby Division. Only one reported all last year.

We have gained in organizations 2 adult, Hardy and Black Rock; 4 Young People, Mammoth Spring, Hardy, Hoxie and "Fruanna" at First Church, Paragould; 5 Juniors, Corning, Mammoth Spring, Hoxie, Ravenden Springs and Salem.

With the loss of two auxiliaries we have a net gain of 2 per cent in membership in adult auxiliaries, 200 per cent net gain in Y. P. and 40 per cent net gain in Juniors. We made a net gain of 7 per cent in finances and 25 per cent net gain on amount spent on local work.

We have a net loss of 15 per cent in supplies sent. However, we have sent supplies more regularly but not of as great value as in 1920.

Taking everything as a whole we made a net gain of 13 1-2 per cent in the district. Much is being done by the Social Service committees and the women are studying as never before. Reports have been more prompt and accurate than formerly with the exception of the Young People and Junior Divisions. I can scarcely get reports from them at all with few exceptions. Some one has said "You have to keep running just as hard as you can; to stay where you are standing would mean slipping back" so I trust we will keep well in the race this year and go forward as never before.

Through his power and might may we go forth into the year 1922 with renewed zeal and determination to present every part of our work in such a forceful manner that all the women, young people and children may be constrained to unite with us in this the most important work existing today, that of the evangelization of the world.

Forward forward, 'tis our Lord's command  
Forward forward, to the promised land  
Forward, forward, let the chorus sing  
We are sure to win with Christ our King.

#### S. S. DEPARTMENT

#### CHRISTMAS STORY HOUR AT NEWPORT.

No entertainment of the holiday season could have been more heartily given nor joyously received than the one so beautifully planned and executed for the children of the "Story Hour" by Miss Dove Erwin at the Methodist Church Friday afternoon from three to five.

It was an occasion of inspiration for all present. The scene presented was one most beautiful. The children from all the churches began to quietly gather at 2:45 while Miss Rowena Campbell played the Christmas hymns on the pipe organ.

The bright and beautiful Christmas colors, the holly and the mistletoe, the old-time cedar tree with its glowing candles and glittering ornaments all proclaimed the message of the Story Hour's theme, the Christ our King is born. "Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the ever-lasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Not only did the larger children—two hundred strong—lift their voices in praise, telling the story in song, but the mothers and friends of the kindergarten pupils rejoiced to know that the "little ones" had a part in this worship of the King by singing three Christmas carols. The Primaries and the Juniors sang appropriate songs, such as "Luther's Cradle Hymn," "A Song and a Star," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Silent, Holy night."

Miss Erwin told the story of "The First Christmas," the story in Scripture which never grows old and is always worthy of one's best.

Mrs. Claud M. Erwin brought to the children in her happy, expressive manner the story of "Boniface and Keep-It-All" which held the audience spell-bound to the end, some wondering how the little Prince could have gotten himself into such a dilemma with a good mother to teach him not to be selfish, and noting particularly how he was rescued from the horrible "spells" and saved for service. Few there be, young or old, who do not have to pass through "spells" sometimes to awaken the sense of duty. The last of the stories, "Tiny Tim," was told in a most beautiful and touching way by Mrs. S. R. Phillips, the story of an afflicted child of a large family who observed this Holy Day in a different way from many of us today, the story's message being "outward expression of inward happiness, showing that affliction oftentimes drives us to worship—yea, even with some do they come with their gold, frankincense and myrrh, as an offering to the Christ-child King."

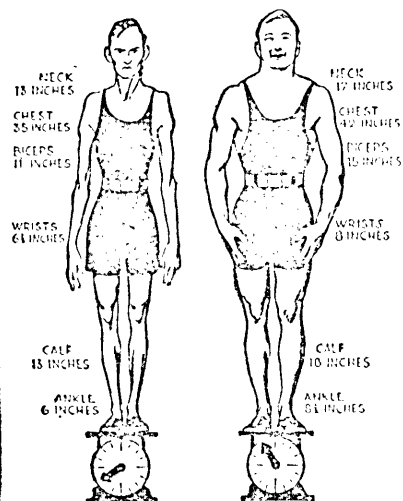
After the stories the children were served twice with ice cream cones with "red hots" to flavor as well as to beautify. In the meantime, several of the visitors made valuable suggestions as to the growth and outcome of the "Story Hour" and resolutions for greater service along that line in the New Year, 1922.

The Friday afternoon "Story Hour" and the interest the "grown-ups" are manifesting along with that of the children, all bespeak a great future for the wonderful work Miss Erwin has begun in our midst.—Newport Independent.

The work has been a joy to me and has made me a better Christian. I have had a "rollicking" good time all the year and in most places the cooperation has been wonderful. Our watch word for 1922 is "Onward, Upward and On Time." May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be with each one throughout the year.—Mrs. A. M. Moore, Dist. Sec.

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### LOST—THOSE EDITORIAL SLIPPERS

Now who in the world could have borrowed them? They were run down at the heel and badly in need of a shine; I expect they even needed half soling. I know I brought them with me because I unpacked them the first night I reached Dalark, but they were so cold that I set them in front of the fire to warm while I went to prayer meeting. I noticed them sitting there the next day, but they looked so big that I thought they were my husband's and it didn't occur to me to try them on. I could tell at a glance that my feet would slip around in them. Friday night, when the parsonage was beginning to take on the semblance of home, although we were not entirely unpacked, I gave them an appraising glance as they sat so humbly on the hearth and with a yawn reached one foot tentatively toward them. "Sort of believe they would fit," sez I. But such a din arose in the vicinity of our back porch that I drew in my foot and sat up with a jerk. It sounded as if all Dalark were trying to break into my kitchen. Such is the fame of my cooking, I thought, that they just can't wait to be invited to dinner one at a time but are going to mob us for a treat. My husband went bravely forth to face them and left me sitting trembling in the rocker, but as the din increased I was afraid he would be torn limb from limb while protecting the biscuits in our safe from the ravages of the mob, so I went to his aid. To my astonishment the dining room table was piled high with mysterious package, and the pile grew and grew as men, women and children filed through the kitchen door, past the table and on into the living room. Now doesn't this begin to read like an old fashioned Methodist poding? That's just what it proved to be. There was sorghum, aluminum cooking vessels, sugar, flour, butter, a rolling pin (good for more uses than one), a buggy robe, and canned goods of every sort and description, size, color and taste. If you want to see a pretty sight just come and take a look at our pantry

shelf. But that is not what I intended to write about. Some time during the evening, when my husband was having trouble with his Adam's apple, and I couldn't get the lump from my throat, somebody stole away with those slippers. I expect they thought they looked too shabby to be sitting in the front room of a circuit preachers parsonage—especially after such a pounding—and they put them out of sight, or maybe gave them to the poor. But I am in sad need of them. I can't edit this page without them, and I plead for their immediate return. If the guilty party should read this page, would he please send them back, post-haste, to the Methodist Parsonage at Dalark? An ample reward is offered.—The Editor.

### THE NEW YEAR AND US

The Christmas season has been a busy, happy one for all of us. We are back, now, on the job, each one of us plying his every day task, but with the difference that we have in our hearts the Christmas spirit, which we intend to carry with us throughout the entire year. It will be easy, at first, with the happy memories so close, but as the year grows older there will come cares that tend to push in to the background this holiday (holy) day spirit, and we are apt to be cumbered about with anxieties that selfishly urge us to bestow all of our attention upon them. Let us give them a dutiful consideration, but hold firmly in our hearts that Christmas spirit—and let nothing us dismay.

All sorts of resolutions have been made this new year season. Some of them affect you alone—and some affect others. There is one thing I wish every League Chapter could write on the cleanest, whitest, most conspicuous page of all—and then tear it out and hang it over the mantel (or cook stove. I am beginning to learn that cook stoves play an important part in the nation's existence—and I want this resolution to hang where it is likely to be seen the oftenest.) Resolve, wont you, to let nothing of interest slip by without sending it to me to be recorded on the League Page. The Conference voted to devote the League Page to the doings of the various chapters—and we want you to tell us about it so that others will catch the spirit of your zeal and press on toward bigger things for their Leagues. I am away down her in Dalark, and I can't possibly know what is going on unless you tell me. If this parsonage were furnished with a spy glass and a wireless apparatus I might climb to the top of the oak in my front yard and discover what is going on without troubling anybody. But I didn't find a sign of anything that looked like a spy glass here—and if the parsonage ever possessed one the last preacher accidentally packed it up among his possessions and moved it to the Hot Springs circuit. All I have to count on now is your co-operation, and I am sure that you will not fail to help me make this page live with news of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences this year of 1922.

May the year hold in store for each of you the best.—H. T. C.

### A NEW YEAR'S LETTER

To North Arkansas Leaguers.

Once upon a time a good old science

teacher in a college sent his chemistry class to the laboratory for a two hour period to work out a very useful product, the formula for which he gave them with instructions to follow it closely. But as the class was in rather a playful mood that afternoon; they decided to turn the laboratory period into more of a "lark" than a lesson.

With much play and chatter they began mixing the various solutions at random, "just to see what they could make." Two or three sat in the windows chatting, while only two of the class worked at the assignment the professor had given them. It is needless to explain the result of the work of this laboratory period.

Hear the application of this incident: The League Central Office has given to Leaguedom a formula, dubbed the Standard of Efficiency, which if followed accurately, will always evolve a successful League. Too many Leagues seem to have forgotten that we do much as have a Standard of Efficiency; we simply dump in any old idea and plan, hit or miss, into our mixing bowl and wonder why we do not have a live, successful League.

Leaguers, there are many things I would like to say to you in this New Year's letter, but they are all covered by this one word, which I wish you to use as your guiding star for 1922: STICK TO THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.—Byron Harwell, President.

### COLLEGE MEN WITH A PURPOSE

How many high schools can boast that 6 per cent of their graduating class. This is the record of the High class of last spring are now in college class of Paine College. Eighteen of the class of 27 which graduated last spring are entering college this year, and these are all in Paine College! This brings the college department to a number considerably larger than last year. The high school too, despite financial stress among the patrons of the school has 95 as against 129 last year. Many could not return to school because of lack of money. A large number of new students failed to appear even after they had planned to attend school. Those who are in school expect to be preachers, doctors, teachers, dentists, nurses, lawyers and business men. Nearly every student seems to have the idea of entering upon some kind of service to his people when he has finished school. One young man has said: "I want to go back home and give the people something of what I have learned in Paine College." Several young preachers have expressed a desire to complete a seminary course after they finish college. Some young men are taking the premedical course offered in the school and will continue with their medical training elsewhere. Eight young women are taking normal training. These are some of the results of the efforts of our Southern Methodist Church among the negroes.—Ray S. Tomlin.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

The work of the missionary has a romantic glamour when viewed from a distance; an element of adventure appears which makes the service seem a "glorious sacrifice." The work in his home church is often prosaic. People are indifferent, or they will not co-operate, and his work seems unappreciated. He longs to reach the field and begin his service.

Life service does not all lie in the future; nor will the service be easier then. It is hard to interest people in the home church, but there is a greater indifference on the field. People fail you here, but they will fail you in greater number there, here are discouragements here—you cannot ex-

pect to escape them there. Doctor Mumpower says, "People at home usually picture the heathen as hungering and thirsting after righteousness, but we do not usually find it so. More often they are only hungering for the white man's goods, or his way of living, or his learning. We must usually create an appeal before we can answer it."

The accomplishment of the missionary task requires patience and perseverance. Annoying discouragements do not automatically fade away because one happens to be in China or Africa. The effective missionary is the one who has overcome the difficulties of serving in the homeland (who has learned to adapt himself to varying conditions, and to trust in God rather than his own strength).

You who are looking to the ministry or the mission field—your service begins now. Your work in the local church with its problems is not only a present service for the kingdom but a necessary part of the training for the larger problems which you will meet on the field.—Ira C. Brown.

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## CHILDREN'S DEPT.

## THE ANIMAL PAINTER.

Ten thousand years or more ago,  
When birds were white or black,  
There lived a wise old Indian,  
Whose name was Bung-ga-back.  
One day he called the birds to him,  
And said, "You will agree  
You are not quite so beautiful  
As you would like to be."

"You're right," said Robin Red Breast.  
"You are a wise old man;  
And if you can improve our dress,  
Please let us hear your plan."

"Tis well," replied old Bung-ga-back,  
"I'm glad that you agree.  
Please call around on Saturday  
At quarter after three."

At the appointed time, the birds,  
With keen anticipation,  
Met their old friend, Chief Bung-ga-back,  
With anxious contemplation.

"First, Mr. Peacock, I'll adorn,  
With tints of sunset and the morn,  
And whosoever may desire,  
I'll paint their wings a flaming fire."  
And so the birds came, one by one,  
And stole the beauties of the sun.  
The artist laid his tools aside,  
And all the birds were satisfied.  
And if today they beauty lack,  
It's not the fault of Bung-ga-back.  
—William Thompson, in Our Dumb Animals.

## ON THE INSIDE.

"I needn't plane off the bottom of the drawer, need I?" questioned the boy.

"Certainly, my boy," replied the old cabinet-maker. "Make the bottom of the drawer as smooth and fine as any other part of the desk."

The boy obediently set to work. But after a while he ventured a question.

"Why, Mr. Cranz, must we make this smooth? No one ever looks on the underside of a drawer. If we didn't spend so much time we could make more pieces and have more money."

Mr. Cranz turned his keen, kindly eyes upon the new boy and said: "No, lad. They pay me big prices for my handwork, because for a long time people have known that it is honest all through. I would not have you here if I do not think that you, too, will learn to make every part of the work honest. If there is a hidden part that no one will ever see, it must be as smooth and perfect as the outside."

Eugene went on with his work, but even a careless observer could have seen that he did not agree with his master.

For three terms in school Eugene James had been the star pupil in the

## Making Bad Things Worse.

Winter, as if it were an evil spirit, seems to take delight in making bad things worse. Rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. These are common diseases, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of them.

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woodwork class at school. He was an orphan boy, living with an uncle, and making the very best of his opportunities for education. But two weeks before the uncle had decided that he could not keep the boy in school any longer. Poor Eugene saw all his hopes for advancement vanishing. His uncle got him a job as messenger boy, and sent him to work the next day. An interested teacher went to old Mr. Cranz, the cabinet maker, with the story. And Mr. Cranz, after satisfying himself that the boy had real taste and skill, took him into his little shop and home.

Eugene felt that he could not do enough to show his gratitude. He was suddenly removed into a pleasant home. There were books and music, and time to enjoy them, as well as the boyish sports that Eugene liked so much. And then the work was the kind he liked, and he was determined to excel in it. Nevertheless, he thought that Mr. Cranz was old-fashioned and slow in his methods. He could make twice as much by speeding up his work and perhaps employing an extra helper or two.

As the time went on Eugene was trusted with work more and more. He felt a genuine artist's pleasure when he was allowed to make a chair without any help or suggestions. It sold readily, too, and Eugene had rosy dreams of a near future when he would be independent.

When Eugene had been living with Mr. Cranz about six months, a piece of furniture was returned to the shop. Eugene, looking at his friend's face, realized this was nothing less than a catastrophe. It had been the old man's boast that he had never had a complaint about his work. The cabinet, made in fanciful form, for holding some curios, was one that Eugene had finished. The boy could overhear the conversation.

"It is not much, Mr. Cranz, and I am sure you can remedy it easily," the customer was saying. "But this door does not hang quite true, and the drawer does not close easily. In such a fine piece of work we look for perfection."

"You are right, sir," said the old man. "If I can not make this perfect, I shall make you a new cabinet."

When the man was gone he called Eugene to him. "I think, lad, you can tell why the door doesn't hang true."

"Yes," confessed Eugene, miserably. "I didn't measure the support on this side. I just judged it was the same size as the other."

He expected a storm of reproaches, but none came.

"O," said Mr. Cranz, "you haven't hurt me, lad, nor the customer, even if he had not discovered the defect; you are the only one hurt. And you could do good work if you would. When a man does bad work there's a twist that goes all through his life. You can't quite trust him anywhere. But in the end he is the sufferer."

"Years go," the old man went on, "I heard a wise man tell a story. I wished that every young man might hear it. I think it is time to tell you now."

"He said that there was a poor man who couldn't get ahead, and who was always complaining that luck was against him and he hadn't had a fair chance in life. He had a wife and family of children, and they had

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

## TO CHURCH COLLECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

My dear friends: Many of you have collected and will be collecting amounts large and small. Some of you have put it in the bank. Now please don't do that. Just get a cashier's check and send it right on to me at 407 Exchange Bank Building. Our colleges need the money. The sooner they get it the quicker they can meet pressing obligations and stop interest. Will not every one of you who has deposited monies in the bank send the check on today? We will greatly appreciate it and send receipt by return mail.—R. W. McKay, Educational Secretary of Little Rock Conference.

EVANGELIST'S ANNOUNCEMENT.  
To the Brethren of Little Rock Conference:

I have moved and am now ready to serve you in the capacity of Conference Evangelist.

I want to be kept busy the entire time. Let us have some meetings during January, February and March with dates that will make it possible for me to arrange my schedule without conflicting.

I am exceedingly anxious to do the work you assigned me at our recent Conference. Write me and let's plan together, and may God work through us to make this a great year for His glory. I am hungry of soul to be with you.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart that you set me apart for this

led a hand-to-mouth existence in a poor hovel in the town. A rich relative decided to give the poor fellow a chance. He told him that he wanted a good house built on a large lot on the top of the hill. He placed to his credit a sum sufficient to buy good material all through and to allow a generous wage for the work. Then the rich relative went away, leaving the poor carpenter to go on with his work unwatched. The twisted streak in the poor man's nature came out. He bought the poorest materials and skimped the work in every way, thinking to make much more profit for himself. When the rich relative came back he looked over the house, which appeared very well on the outside. Then he said, 'Now, cousin, I'm going to give this house to you, so you will have a good home for your family. I hope you will enjoy the new house and get along well.'

"Can you imagine how the poor man felt? He had been cheating himself when he put up the house of wretched material.

"Not all of us have the lesson brought home so thoroughly as that. But it is just as true of every one of us, whether our work is great or small. If we put out poor work, we may be cheating our neighbor or employes a little, but we're cheating ourselves much more. We're weaving the crooked streak into our own characters, and it's going to make us all unfit for the work we have to do."

"It is my character," confessed Eugene, in a low tone. "But I'll begin now to train it out. Every piece of my work shall be honest, to the smallest hidden part."

"It is well that this first piece came back," said the old man with his rare smile. "The fault is easier to cure now. I will trust you again, my son. I think you have learned the lesson."

—Youth's World.

great work in the Kingdom of our God, and shall under the direction of the Trinity and co-operation of you dear brethren put forth all my powers to prove the wisdom of your appointment.

May 1922 be a precious year in the life and Christian experience of our entire constituency.—Matthew 18:19—W. C. Hilliard, Conference Evangelist, 1519 West Seventh Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## EVANGELIST MARTIN.

1921 closed one of the greatest years we have experienced since we entered the evangelistic field, and we are looking forward and expecting the year 1922 to be even greater.

We have never worked with a more brotherly class of pastors and enjoyed the fellowship and association more than we have with our brethren of the past year.

We open here in Sparta, Ill., Jan. 1, with a promising outlook for a revival in this town of about 6,000. We open our next campaign in Mound City, Ill. From there we go to Hillsdale, Mich. Any of the brethren desiring our help for the coming spring and summer will please confer with me at once in my home town, Bucklin, Mo., as I am now making out my slate.

If you will write me at once I can give you a March date. We carry our own tabernacle for spring and summer work. Wishing for the Brethren Health and Success for 1922, I am yours in Him, O. L. Martin.

## PROGRAM LAYMEN'S AND PREACHERS' MEETING AT JUDSONIA, JAN. 23-24.

Monday night—

7:00—Devotional half hour, E. T. Miller and C. J. Wade.

7:30—Address of welcome—And Response, John Score.

8:00—Preaching, Chas. Franklin.

9:00—Get-acquainted meeting.

Tuesday morning—A. E. Holloway presiding.

8:30—Devotional half hour, J. C. Parker and T. C. Chambliss.

9:00—The Conference Collections, When and How to be taken, J. K. Farris and F. G. Villines.

9:45—Revivals, Time, Method etc, J. M. Hughes and J. W. Black.

10:30—Pastoral visiting, Need and How, Chas. Franklin and Hoy M. Lewis.

11:15—The Pastor and His Books, O. C. Loyd and W. W. Allbright.

Tuesday afternoon—B. R. Johnson presiding.

2:00—Devotional half hour, H. M. Lewis and J. E. Weir.

2:30—The Laymen as Helpers to the Pastors, B. R. Johnson, and L. N. Hoskins.

3:15—The Laymen and the Prayer Meeting, J. D. Pope and J. N. Price.

4:00—The Laymen and the Finances, S. B. Wilson and R. S. McDonald.

4:45—Miscellaneous questions.

Tuesday night—

7:00—Devotional half hour, A. N. Story and Fred Holloway.

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7:30—The Epworth League, F. E. Dodson and Fred Holloway.

8:00—Preaching, John Score.

All preachers, both local and traveling, are expected to come, and all charge lay leaders also. The program has been arranged especially for the laymen and we are expecting them to be on hand by all means.

Come prepared to stay from Monday night till Tuesday night. The people of Judsonia will take good care of all who come and will be disappointed if you do not come.—A. E. Holloway, Presiding Elder; B. R. Johnson, District Lay Leader.

#### COMMENT ON STATISTICS.

At our Conference session the Statistical Secretaries reported a decrease of 454 in our membership. Bishop Mouzon called attention to it, and the fact that in the reports of the presiding elders, large additions had been made during the year. As it was late in the session, nothing was said in explanation. I think I have found where the mistake, for such it is, originated.

In the Recapitulation by Districts the error in addition is found, and instead of a decrease, it should be a substantial increase. I copy from minutes:

Batesville, 7351; Booneville, 5765; Conway, 7453; Fayetteville, 6850; Ft. Smith, 8061; Helena, 6868; Jonesboro, 7011; Searcy, 6989; total, 58120. It should be 63309. Then on page 77 errata, for which the secretaries are not responsible, we have Newport Mission, 154; Cabot, 342; Pocahontas, 219; (placed in the wrong column in minutes); Cotton Plant, 254; no report from Branch with 400. These total 1369 with Mansfield and Abbott not counted, so making a grand total of 63,309 plus 1369—64,678. Subtracting last year's report, 58,574, we have 6,104 increase on the face of the minutes. I think this should be corrected so that in the General Minutes what I believe to be nearer the actual membership should appear.—Henry Hanesworth.

#### NAYLOR CIRCUIT.

We arrived at Naylor Saturday night, Dec. 2, 1921.

We have a fine people to serve and are well pleased with each church on the charge.

Bro. Hays held our first quarterly conference Dec. 20 at Mt. Vernon and preached two fine sermons for us.

We have one of the best parsonages that you can find on any circuit.

The Home Mission Society sent to

Conway today for some furniture for the parsonage.

On Monday, Dec. 5, one of our members put a load of corn and hay in our barn and a load of wood in the lot and the next night they gave us an old-fashioned pounding and the good things keep coming.

One man gave us about sixty pounds of meat and we receive sausage and meat from some good neighbor every few days and my wife was given a new dress this week.

About 50 or 60 young people gathered at the parsonage one night during Christmas week.

We are hoping and praying that the Lord may give us a good year spiritually and that we may have many souls born into His Kingdom.—W. A. Patty, P. C.

#### WALDRON.

We have gotten pretty well located in our new charge and the good people have pounded us nearly every day since we have gotten on the ground. Our household goods were nearly three weeks getting here and the people brought in bedding and dishes and cooking utensils and something to cook. Thus we were able to "batch" in very good style. Of course we have had large crowds that have taxed the capacity of the auditorium of our new church.

Bro. Williford, our P. E., spent two days and two nights with us, on the circuit and station. He made a hit with the pastor. He goes to the bottom of things. We are expecting a great year.—C. L. Franks, Pastor.

#### HOT SPRINGS PREACHERS MEETING.

The Methodist preachers of Hot Springs met in regular session at Central Church at 10 a. m., Monday, Jan. 9. All the members were present. Rev. L. T. Rogers, pastor of Hot Springs circuit, was added to our membership.

The following reports were made:

Central—Monk reported that he had a very fine communion service Sunday, the largest and best he has had during his present pastorate. He has received 34 members since Conference. He has had response at every evening service of late. He has a splendid League with an average attendance of 85. The Missionary Society is large and growing. Finances in good condition.

Oaklawn—Rorie reported that congregations were small but gradually growing. Sunday school is taking on

new life. He has had a cordial reception and a generous pounding.

Park Avenue—Steel reported a fine day Sunday, congregations large and responsive. Prayer meeting well attended and Sunday school growing. He is making a good start.

Third Street—Thomas reported a good Sunday. Services were helpful.

The Missionary ladies had charge of the evening service and rendered a splendid program. The newly elected officers were installed. Everything moving on nicely.

Hot Springs Circuit—Rogers reported that he had been kindly received and generously pounded since arriving on his new charge. Everything starts well and he is hopeful of a prosperous year. He has already received seven members. He reports that Dickerson left the work in good shape, which we know is true, but we believe that Rogers is planning for still greater things, for he has invited the Hot Springs preachers out to eat country-cured ham and yellow-legged chicken with him in the spring. We are hoping to "fare sumptuously" at least on that day.

The following officers were elected for the new year: C. O. Steele, president; W. A. Steel, vice-president; J. W. Thomas, Sec.—J. W. Thomas, Sec.

#### HELENA DISTRICT MEETING.

At the call of the Presiding Elder, Rev. William Sherman, the preachers of the Helena District gathered at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, Dec. 15, to make their plans for the year's work.

It was an excellent meeting. As Brother Sherman announced his plans he revealed the fact that his heart is burdened above all else for a mighty revival in his district this year and every one of his men pledged him his support. A suggestion was made by one of the preachers that a list of the names of the pastors of the district be placed in a conspicuous place in the study of each so that this pledge will be renewed each morning in prayer before beginning the work of the day.

"The Preacher and His Work" was discussed in a very helpful manner by Jefferson Sherman, House and Hamilton.

Brother Holman represented the Arkansas Methodist. He emphasized this, that it is OUR paper and that OUR editor is the best in our Church. He made this significant statement, "The Arkansas Methodist is a remarkably good paper considering the help I give it." It was unanimously decided to give the first of January to the Methodist, collecting amounts due and securing new subscriptions.

A committee composed of Holman, Slaughter, Cole and House, appointed to outline a program for the evangelistic work for the year, submitted the following recommendations:

"We your committee on evangelism for the Helena District beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That we have two united efforts during the year, the first to terminate on or about Easter, the second to terminate on or about three weeks before the Annual Conference, preferably on Rally Day.

2. That we have a report from each charge on Evangelism stating results, and that this report shall be given to the publicity secretary of the District.

3. That each pastor co-operate with any of the brethren in revival efforts so far as is possible and practicable.

At the night service Brother Jeff Sherman preached a very helpful and inspirational sermon.

On Friday morning after a good talk from the Presiding Elder on the preacher's responsibility for the collection of the Conference Claims the District Stewards took up their work. These stewards knowing just what

they wanted to do and how to do it, made quick work of it and at eleven o'clock turned the meeting over to Brother H. E. Wheeler who delivered himself excellently on the Preacher's Relation to his Sunday School, after which the preachers disbanded, going back to their charges determined to carry out the plans of the meeting.—The Secretary.

#### THE FORT SMITH DISTRICT PREACHER'S MEETING.

The preachers and laymen of the Ft. Smith District met at the First Church Van Buren, Dec. 21 and 22. Brother F. A. Lark and his people were indeed thoughtful and kind in arranging entertainment for all who attended. The ladies, as usual, distinguished themselves by the good dinner served in the basement of the church. Whenever you want the best, just go to Van Buren, for Brother Lark and his people know how to eat, sleep, and welcome company.

All of the preachers, save one, were in attendance. I have never attended a more spirited meeting of ministers. The program was well rendered and every phase of the church work and minister's life was represented. The talks were made by the pastors of the district, save two, Brother H. E. Wheeler, the Conference Sunday School Secretary, and Brother R. C. Morehead, the Conference Educational Secretary. We were glad to have these brethren with us and always extend them a most cordial welcome. Every address rang with the great need of the hour and was optimistic in sentiment and afire with the truth of fundamentals upon which we must build.

The Presiding Elder Brother G. G. Davidson, outlined the policy of the district for the coming year. He set a high standard of efficient service last year sparing neither time nor money to carry on the work of the church in his district. Because of his labors and success he was qualified to urge the ministers and laymen to take hold, by cooperation and work, the great program of Methodism. His message was timely and to the point, full of the love and spirit of God. The District Stewards in appreciation of the work he has done voted full time and pay for him this year. Their slogan was, "Not a decrease, but an increase."

The following statistics were given and a request made that they be published:

The minutes of the last Conference contain some very interesting facts for the pastors and laymen of the Ft. Smith District. Our District stands at the head of the list of Districts in the Conference in every important phase of our work. We are not boasting for

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we have done all too little, but we call attention to the following facts. Fort Smith District now leads in membership, 8061. The next approaching it is Conway with 7453. There were added on the profession of faith last year in the Fort Smith District 1154 members. The District next approaching this is the Paragould with 977. The net gain in membership of the Fort Smith District was 1164. The district next approaching this is Searcy with a net gain of 945. Fort Smith District led in the number of infants baptized, 129. The next approaching this was the Helena with 117. The Fort Smith District has a third more subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist than any other district in the conference, 1548. The next approaching this is the Conway, with 922.

Two districts reported more Epworth Leagues than the Ft. Smith, namely, Fayetteville and Helena, yet we report more members than either of these.

Only one district has a smaller number of organized churches than the Ft. Smith District and only one has a smaller number of Methodist Sunday schools than the Ft. Smith District and yet we report a larger total enrollment in Sunday school than any other District.

Ft. Smith led easily in Sunday school day offering, 576. Conway and Helena districts tied on the next highest amounts, \$441. Only one district raised more money for Sunday school supplies, the Jonesboro and only one raised more for other purposes, the Paragould. The Fort Smith District took fourth place in the percent of assessment paid on pastors' salaries. Jonesboro, Helena and Searcy each in the order named paying a higher percent than the Ft. Smith. But the Ft. Smith led in the percent paid on Conference claims.

The average percent paid by the conference was 52 per cent plus. The amount paid by the Ft. Smith District was 70 per cent plus. The District next approaching this was the Helena, which paid 68 per cent.—Secretary.

#### GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

The scattered members of the college assembled January 3, looking fairly well and fairly wide-awake, and the classes held sessions without exception.

The keynote for the new year's effort was sounded at a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on January 8, in which the theme of good resolutions was developed by many speakers. The meeting was announced by a poster depicting three great bronze bells chiming forth "Peace! Goodwill! Sincerity!" The leader Miss Lora Buel, the president of the student body, read from the 107 Psalm and the passage from Tennyson's "In Memoriam," which apostrophizes the new year.

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bells, and then called upon the students to tell the things in the school and their personal lives which they had resolved to change for the better. Responses came rapidly from many who told of resolutions to be better stewards of money of time, and of the opportunities to study, to serve and to make others happy.

The meeting resembled in spirit the one of early Thanksgiving morning led by the president of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Lucy Fletcher, when there was not time for the students to express their gratitude for the blessings of home, of school, of friendship, and of God's constant care.

These two testimony meetings make the writer aware anew of the privilege of being in this Christian school; and the sight of those happy, ambitious girls made her glad indeed for one little girl much less fortunate whom the Galloway girls with others have helped to a place of safety and opportunity. A bright young girl in Searcy who lived in most trying surroundings was taken right after Thanksgiving by the two missionary societies of the Methodist church and sent to the Vashti Industrial School at Thomasville, Georgia. Here she has wholesome, Christian surroundings and is learning a trade which will lead to self-support. The Galloway girls furnished a good part of her wardrobe and consider her as a "little sister" to be especially remembered at Christmas and other holiday seasons.—Eleanor Neill.

#### WILDWOOD, FLA.

Just got home from Conference. We had a great time! I met several ex-Arkansas men—Bros. Brooke, Sibert, Cason, Broyles and Secretary Anderson. I was "read out" to Wildwood Circuit, about the center of the state.

Many have told us that this is the highest, healthiest section of Florida, and we are reliably informed that within three miles of Wildwood there is the largest orange grove in the world. It seems wonderful to see fine healthy boys going barefoot at Christmas time and to have fresh garden vegetables in abundance to eat. Truly this is "the land of sunshine fruit and flowers."—F. H. Champion.

#### BRINKLEY.

Since our arrival at Brinkley on Dec. 2, not a day has passed but that we have received some expression of loyalty and appreciation from our people. In addition to the informal reception given at the church, the people have been lavish in their gifts of every description. The stewards are loyal to the church and are faithfully taking care of the interests entrusted to them. The former circle and the newly organized circle of the W. M. S. have been thoughtful of our every need in making the parsonage cozy and comfortable.

The congregations have been most encouraging and an excellent spirit of Christian fellowship prevails among the membership and constituency of the church. We have given two rooms at the parsonage over to the Sunday school to take care of the increase in attendance. We hope at an early date to have an adequate Sunday School annex.

This is an excellent field of labor, and with the loyal workers, in our church, we anticipate a pleasant and fruitful year. May God's richest blessings rest upon membership and constituency of our church at this place.—Sam B. Wiggin, Pastor.

#### AUBREY.

We have been very kindly received by the good people of this charge. The people are doing everything in their power to make us comfortable. The parsonage has been well furnished with the best grade of furniture. We

have received the usual pounding and almost every day we receive some token of appreciation. The salary has been increased to \$1800. We have a very fine public school. The wife and children seem to be well satisfied with the surroundings. I think we can safely say, "The lines have fallen to us in Pleasant Places."—E. J. Slaughter, P. C.

#### IMBODEN.

We were well pleased when Bishop Mouzon read "Imboden, J. F. Glover."

Last year the place and the people were strange to us. This year we feel that we are back among friends.

Some of the brethren are writing of "showers." Well a shower may be all right but on our return from Conference we got a regular down-pour. It went beyond the old-fashioned "pounding" in that no one stopped at a pound. Each of the great crowd brought several pounds, flour, sugar, coffee, lard, canned fruits and many, many other things, many dollars worth in all.

We received it all with thankfulness but most of all we appreciate the friendship these things betoken.

If these people were as rich as they are liberal they would make a preacher so fat and lazy he would be no account.

Work on the church building has been resumed and interest in its construction is growing daily.

Sloan-Hendrix Academy is having one of the best years in its history. A fine farm of 135 acres has been purchased and the school will be moved to it and greatly enlarged in the number of students it can care for and in the variety of work.

Young people who must leave home for their high school work can do no better than come here. Prof. J. C. Eaton, the principal of the school, is a school man of long experience and great ability. It is a good place for young men who are preparing for the

ministry.

When we get the new church finished and this school moved and my four years are out then some of the brethren who want a good place among some of the choicest of God's people will find such a place here, but don't try to oust me for three years yet.—J. F. Glover, P. C.

#### HARRISBURG.

Rev. F. R. Hamilton, the new Methodist pastor, and his family, arrived here last week and are domiciled at the Methodist Parsonage. He preached last Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night. The congregation at the morning service was the largest that has been seen at a regular service during the past three years, and at night Rev. T. A. O'Bryant, pastor of the Baptist Church, dismissed his service and he and his people attended the service at the Methodist church. Rev. Hamilton preached two excellent sermons. He is plain spoken and a pleasing talker and puts enough human interest into his sermons to make them very interesting, and the community is highly pleased with him.

The members of his church gave him a surprise pounding Monday night and a truck load of edibles and useful articles were taken to him. One of the largest crowds that ever attended a pounding was present. The pastor made a beautiful talk and rendered a prayer that seemed sufficient to melt the hardest of hearts.—Modern News.

#### EUREKA SPRINGS.

Like the Arabs who silently folded their tents and stole away the members of the M. E. Church South, silently folded their pound packages and stole to the parsonage and surprised Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Harris and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, last night. Sixty-one were present and crowded the little parsonage to its full capacity.

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they deserved it or not, they received a good pounding and the jars received disturbed their usual tranquility and will keep on doing so if they eat too much of their contents at one time.

Mrs. M. L. Mitchell was the presiding spirit, and after securing quietness introduced Mr. S. A. Diehl, who represented the church board. Then Judge Moore followed with a talk in behalf of the Sunday school of which he is superintendent, and Floyd Wright, representing the Epworth League, spoke. These gentlemen told the minister and his family how well they were beloved and in behalf of the church offered loyal support for the coming year's work.

Then came the climax of the evening when Rev. and Mrs. Harris and Elizabeth were asked to come forward and stand where all could see them, and in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church, Mrs. Jessie York presented them a beautiful red and white quilt with about 320 names embroidered on it. Among the names were those of former bishops, elders, ministers, official board, church members, Sunday school members and friends of the church, and the name of Mrs. Anna Eddy, the oldest member of the church, near 90 when she went away. It was a handsome gift and one that is appreciated by the minister's family.

The song "Blest be the Tie That Binds" and prayer by Rev. Harris, closed a most delightful evening and sixty-one left for home at 9 o'clock.

The coming year makes the fourth one for Rev. Harris and family and they come to us this time more beloved than ever, and in their talks last night in response to the other speakers, told of their love for their people and the little mountain city which seemed to them, as Mr. Harris said in one of his sermons, almost like heaven, for they were unaccustomed to mountains having always resided in the lowlands.

Yes, the Methodist Church is glad to again have her pastor, and it will not be the members' fault if he is not returned here next year, and the year after and so on, until he serves another four years.—Eureka Springs Times-Echo.

#### WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

Who then is a Christian, according to the light which God hath vouchsafed to this people? He that, being "justified by faith, hath peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;" and, at the same time, is "born again," "born from above," "born of the Spirit;" inwardly changed from the image of the devil, to that "image of God

wherein he was created:" he that finds the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto him; and whom this love sweetly constrains to love his neighbor, every man, as himself: he that has learned of his Lord to be meek and lowly in heart, and in every state to be content: he in whom is that whole mind, all those tempers, which were also in Christ Jesus: he that abstains from all appearance of evil, in his actions; and that offends not with his tongue: that walks in all the commandments of God, and in all his ordinances, blameless. he that, in all his intercourse with men, does to others as he would they should do to him; and in his whole life and conversation, whether he eats or drinks, or whatsoever he doeth, doeth all to the glory of God.—John Wesley.

#### THE TOO VALUABLE DOLLAR

Bishop John M. Moore, recently returned from Brazil, spent a day last week in St. Louis. While here he gave an interview to one of the local papers in which he explained at some length present business conditions in Brazil, especially in connection with the commerce between that country and the United States. As compared with the pre-war period Brazilian money in terms of the dollar has gone down more than one hundred per cent. The change even since 1918, when Bishop Moore first went to Brazil, has been so great that a dollar will now buy of milreis twice as much as then. This works to the advantage of missionary investments. Centenary money for the purchase of school and church properties is twice as efficient now as when it was given, a fact which ought to interest the chronic grumbler who opposes foreign missions on the ground that "it takes a dollar to send a dollar." As a matter of fact, the sending costs virtually nothing and when the dollar arrives in South America it immediately becomes two dollars. But this is a situation which, however favorable to mission work, is disastrous to Brazilian trade with the United States. The money of the Brazilian merchant, arriving in New York promptly shrinks to one-half its face value—his dollar becomes half a dollar. When in addition he has to buy at the atrocious prices that have prevailed in this country he faces a situation that is virtually prohibitive. How could he persuade his customers in Brazil to pay a price that would cover the shrinkage of his money, the high purchase price added to the cost of importation and a reasonable profit for himself? The answer is easy, he could not. So, for the present, he is ordering no more American goods. The faster and better ships that have recently been put on for South American ports sail with empty holds. It is fine for us to be rich and that in real and sound money. But also it has its drawbacks.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

#### THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM

By Arthur Ellt Hungerford

The needs of America must come first in considering a permanent immigration policy. This fact was never so strongly realized before in the history of the United States. The industrial situation of this country and of the entire world has brought this fact home.

Our lawmakers are beginning to realize that there are periods when it is wise to admit immigrants in large numbers and other times when it is

inadvisable to admit them at all. Many begin to see that the law should be flexible to meet industrial conditions without special acts of Congress.

At a time like the present when estimates of the number of persons out of work have varied between 3,000,000 and 5,000,000 persons, many immigration authorities state that there should be no immigration to add to the number of those seeking work.

In discussing this phase of the matter Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, executive secretary of the National Committee for Constructive Immigration Legislation, said:

"Under the present emergency law this country may admit from July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922, a grand total of 355,825 immigrants. The present law provides that the number of qualified immigrants who may be admitted from each European country shall not exceed three per cent of the foreign born residents from that country in the census of 1910. This law has worked a great hardship, as we have seen, in holding up of ships for the expiration of the monthly quota and of the race between ships. Under this plan the more desirable immigrant may be kept out because his ship is not as fast as the one that gets in ahead of him.

"Whatever permanent immigration policy Congress may adopt, that policy should grow out of the facts and experiences of our national life. It should be fitted to deal effectively with changing industrial conditions and also with the larger and more intricate problem of population composition and its wholesale incorporation into our body politic and national life.

"Our immigration policy should be thoroughly patriotic, that is, American. We should watch carefully the Americanizing processes and note how each people responds to their new opportunity in this land. Proper provisions should be made to promote Americanization of every people in the United States, but the amount of immigration from each people should be determined in the light of their proved ability to be wholesomely incorporated into our body politic. If they tend to develop and to maintain undue group-consciousness, functioning in the body politic primarily as hyped-up Americans, or if they regard themselves and are regarded by their native lands as colonists and outposts, further immigration from these groups would seem to be undesirable.

"Immigration should be regulated,

It should no longer be left to haphazard, blind forces determining for us immigrants entering America. The time has come for America consciously to take control of her own destiny, by controlling the amount and kind of immigration to be allowed.

"Immigration should be scientifically regulated. All the needed facts as to economic and industrial conditions, here and abroad, as to types of the racial groups already here and those desiring to come, as to the ease or difficulty of their assimilation and Americanization, and as to the respective individual and racial fitness to do the desired work, should be scientifically gathered and rationally used in regulating immigration.

"There should be wise selection of immigration. It should be possible not only to admit the desirable, and to the numbers desired, but also to refuse immigration beyond that point. It should be possible also to refuse immigration altogether to types or groups about which there is grave doubt as to assimilability.

"Effective methods of distribution should be found. Immigration should be directed to areas where the population is still slight and especially to agricultural regions. It should be possible to restrain or even entirely stop immigration to populous areas of seriously congested aliens still largely unassimilated and un-Americanized.

"The policy should be flexible. The amount of immigration should be adjusted as economic and industrial conditions vary. We should admit as many assimilable immigrants as we can steadily employ without endangering normal American standards of living and labor. This number will vary as industry thrives or is depressed, and it will also vary with success in the distribution of immigration.

"Several bills have been introduced in Congress. The most constructive and the one which embodies the findings of the studies of the National Committee for Constructive Immigration Legislation is the Sterling bill. Hearings on Immigration legislation are already under way by Congressional committees."

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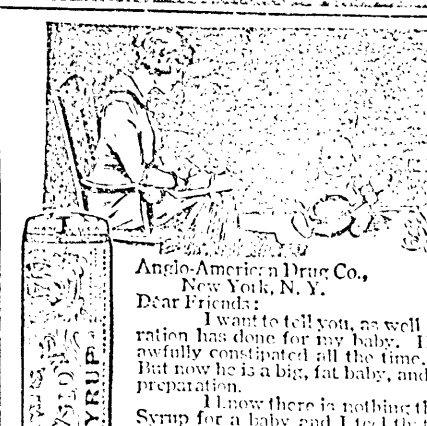
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"Complaint is made because there are still violations of the law. The law against murder has been on the statute books for over a hundred years, and still some murders are committed and not all murderers are caught. The same is true as to the law against stealing. Last year about 2,500 automobiles were stolen in Philadelphia, and 20 per cent of them were never found. Yet no one suggests the repealing of the law against stealing automobiles.

"This is the greatest moral reform ever attempted by law. Its success is wonderful. The change already wrought is not only very great, but it enables us to understand the benefits that will come to the country when enforcement is perfected. The chief cause of the nonenforcement is the appointment of wet officials to enforce a dry law and the smuggling of liquors into our country from the outside. This will be corrected, first, by the appointment of officials to enforce the law who are in sympathy with the law and its enforcement; and, second, by serving notice on our neighboring countries that their flags are being used to protect smugglers."

—W. J. Bryan.

#### A TRIBUTE TO REV. E. M. KELSEY

Rev. Elmon Maud Kelsey, son of J. K. and Eliza Jane Kelsey, was born near Conway, Ark., Sept. 2, 1880, and died very suddenly of heart failure Dec. 31, 1921. When about ten years old he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was blessed with excellent parents, in whose home was always a welcome for God's ministers.

About 30 years ago when the writer of this article was holding a quarterly Conference under a brush arbor, the building of a church was discussed. About a half dozen men spoke. All confessed that they needed a church, but they did not think they were able to build. Sister Kelsey, the mother of this young man, said: "I have lived in this neighborhood twenty years. There never has been a time when we could

not have built a church, if we had tried. We can build a church now; for we are as able to build as we ever will be."

The men all agreed that she was right. The next day they drove to Conway, made a joint note for the lumber, each brought back a load, and in ten days I preached in the new church, which was named Graham's Chapel in honor of Rev. Thomas Graham, the pastor. This good sister and her husband and Brother Graham have each gone to their Heavenly Home.

Brother E. M. Kelsey was married Dec. 24, 1902, to Miss Josie Metzger, daughter of J. A. Metzger, who with her two lovely daughters, Marie and Dona, survive him. He also leaves four sisters to mourn his loss: Mrs. Bettie Holmics, Miss Lula Kelsey, Miss Ola Kelsey, and Mrs. Lettie Russell, of Conway. Brother Kelsey joined the Conference and served the following charges: Clinton, 1909; Good Water, Okla., 1910. He discontinued one year. Coming back to Arkansas, he served Lewisville, 1912; Dover, 1913; Dardanelle Circuit, 1914, 15 and 16; Walnut Tree, 1917; Prairie View, 1918, 19; Clinton, 1920; Poplar Grove, 1921; made one round on his new circuit. Elaine and Melwood, and was quite hopeful of a good year. Much could be said in praise of this brother. After spending some time in Hendrix College, he felt it his duty to give his life service to the ministry. He was developing into one of our most efficient preachers. He presented a good personal appearance, was affable and possessed gifts for success in his noble work. Without a moment's warning, he passed from earth to his Heavenly Home while sitting in the office of his brother-in-law, W. A. Russell, of Conway. We can truly say of him, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

The funeral was conducted by Revs. J. E. Snell, Y. A. Gilmore, and D. J. Weems. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Conway.—D. J. Weems.

#### QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

##### ARCADEPHIA DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Hot Springs Ct., at Bethlehem, Jan. 15, 11:00 a. m.  
Oak Lawn, Jan. 15, 7:00 p. m.  
Park Avenue, Jan. 16, 7:00 p. m.  
Pearcy Ct., at Pearcy, Jan. 21-22.  
Central Avenue, Jan. 22, 11:00 a. m.  
Third Street, Jan. 22, 7:00 p. m.  
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Pisgah, Jan. 28-29.  
L. E. HUNDLEY, P. E.

##### BATESVILLE DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Strangers Home Ct., at Hopewell, 2 p. m., Jan. 14.  
Swift and Alicia, at Alicia, 2 p. m., Jan. 15.  
Tuckerman, 8 p. m., Jan. 16.  
Kenyon Ct., at P. and Switch, Jan. 17, 2 p. m.  
Evening Shode Ct., at Sidney, 2 p. m., Jan. 21.  
Charlotte, 2 p. m., Jan. 28.  
Newark, 8 p. m., Feb. 1.  
Unsted Memorial, 8 p. m., Feb. 4.  
Newport, 8 p. m., Feb. 5.  
Wolf Bayou Ct., at Pleasant Plains, 2 p. m., Feb. 11.  
Bethesda, 2 p. m., Feb. 19.  
Batesville, First Church, 7 p. m., Feb. 23.  
Salado and Oil Trough, at Salado, 2 p. m., Feb. 26.  
H. LYNN WADE, P. E.

##### BOONEVILLE DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Adona, Jan. 14-15.  
Belleville, Jan. 15-16.  
Magazine, Jan. 18, night.  
Booneville, Jan. 19.  
Hartford, Jan. 20.  
Huntington, Jan. 21-22.  
Mansfield, Jan. 22-23.  
B. L. Wilford, P. E.

##### CAMDEN DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Huttig, Jan. 15.  
Bussey at New Hope, Jan. 21-22.  
Hampton at Hampton, Jan. 25, 2 p. m.  
Thornton at Thornton, Jan. 26, 2 p. m.  
Camden Circuit at Union, Jan. 28-29.  
Waldo and Buckner at Waldo, Feb. 1, 2 p. m.  
Wesson at Fredonia, Feb. 4-5.  
Bearden at Bearden, Feb. 12.  
Eagle Mills at Eagle Mills, Feb. 12, 7 p. m.  
Emerson at Emerson, Feb. 15, 11 a. m.  
Kingsland at Kingsland, Feb. 25-26.  
Stephens at Stephens, March 1, 2 p. m.  
Chidester at Chidester, March 4-5.  
R. H. Cannon, P. E.

##### CONWAY DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Vilonia, Jan. 14 and 15.  
El Paso at Cypress Valley, Jan. 15, 3 p. m. and 16th.  
N. Little Rock, First Church—Jan. 22, Gardner, 22nd, 7 p. m.  
N. Quitman Ct., at Pine Mt.—Jan. 25, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Greenbrier at Greenbrier—Jan. 24, 1:30 p. m. Preaching at 7 p. m.  
Atkins, 29th, 11 a. m.  
Morrliton—Jan. 29, at 7 p. m.  
Greenbrier, at Greenbrier, Feb. 1st, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Springfield at Springfield, Feb. 4 and 5.  
Plumerville, Feb. 5 and 6.  
W. B. Hays, P. E.

##### HELENA DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Elaine, at Elaine, 11 a. m., Jan. 15.  
West Helena, 7 p. m., Jan. 15.  
Harrisburg Ct., at Pleasant Valley, Jan. 21-22.  
Harrisburg, 7 p. m., Jan. 22.  
Vandale, at Cherry Valley, Jan. 23-24.  
Wynne, 11 a. m., Jan. 29.  
Parkin, 7 p. m., Jan. 29.  
Helena, 11 a. m., Feb. 5.  
Marlanna, 7 p. m., Feb. 5.  
Hughes and Hulbert, at Hughes, 11 a. m., Feb. 12.  
WILLIAM SHERMAN, P. E.

##### JONESBORO DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Whitten and Bardstown, at Bardstown, Jan. 14-15.  
Wilson, Jan. 15.  
Trinity, at Bono, Jan. 21-22.  
Marked Tree, Jan. 22.  
Brookland, at Brookland, Jan. 28-29.  
Tyrone, Jan. 29.  
Lepanto, Feb. 5.  
Bay and Shiloh, at Bay, Feb. 11-12.  
Marion, Feb. 12.  
Manila and St. Johns, at St. Johns, Feb. 18-19.  
Leachville, Feb. 19.  
Lake City, at Lake City, Feb. 25-26.  
Monette, at Monette, Feb. 26.  
Fisher and Hickory Ridge, at Fisher, March 4-5.  
R. E. L. BEARDEN, P. E.

##### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Hickory Plains Ct., at Cross Roads, Saturday, 11 a. m., Jan. 14.  
Lonoke, Sunday, 11 a. m., Jan. 15.  
Austin Ct., at Mt. Tabor, Wednesday, 11 a. m., Jan. 18.  
Bryant Ct., at Bryant, Thursday, 11 a. m., Jan. 19.  
Bauxite, Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 19.  
England, Sunday, 11 a. m., Jan. 22.  
Pulaski Heights, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 22.  
25th Street, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 25.  
Asbury, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 29.  
Winfield, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 1.  
Highland, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 5.  
First Church, Monday, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 6.  
Forest Park, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 8.  
Oak Hill Ct., at Walnut Grove, Sunday, 11 a. m., Feb. 12.  
JAMES THOMAS, P. E.

##### MONTICELLO DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Tillar, 11 a. m., Jan. 15.  
Arkansas City, 7 p. m., Jan. 15.  
Wilmar, 7 p. m., Jan. 18.  
Snyder, 10 a. m., Jan. 21.  
Montrose, 11 a. m., Jan. 22.  
Portland, 7 p. m., Jan. 22.  
Pine Bluff, Jan. 28, 29.  
Hamburg Ct., at Extra, Feb. 4, 5.  
New Edinburg, Feb. 4, 5.  
W. P. Whaley, P. E.

##### PARAGOULD DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Rector Ct., Jan. 14-15.  
Rector, Jan. 15, evening, conference night of 13th.  
Pocahontas, Jan. 22, a. m.  
Biggers, Jan. 22, p. m.  
Maynard, preaching night 23rd and conference 10 a. m., 24th.  
Attica, preaching in morning and conference afternoon, Jan. 25th.  
Walnut Ridge Ct., Jan. 26th.  
Jan. 27th and preaching a. m., 29th.  
Hoxie, p. m., Jan. 29.  
Smithville, Feb. 4-5.  
Black Rock, Feb. 5-6.  
Imboden, Feb. 11-12.  
Hardy, Feb. 12, p. m.  
Ash Flat, Feb. 14.  
Salem, Feb. 18-19.  
Mammoth Spring, Feb. 19-20.  
Sedgewick, Feb. 20, p. m.  
Gainesville, Feb. 25-26.  
Marmaduke, Feb. 26-27.  
Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

##### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

(First Round)  
St. Charles Ct., at St. Charles, Jan. 14-15.  
DeWitt, Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m.  
Pine Bluff Ct., at Good Faith, Jan. 21-22.  
Humphrey and Sunshine, at Humphrey, Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m.  
Roe Ct., at Shiloh, Jan. 28-29.  
Stuttgart, Jan. 29-30.  
Redfield Ct., at Redfield, Feb. 4-5.  
Sheridan, Feb. 5-6.  
Rowell, Ct., at Prosperity, Feb. 11-12.  
Lake Side, Feb. 12, 7:30 p. m.  
Star City Ct., at Star City, Feb. 18-19.  
First Church, Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m.  
Gillett, Feb. 26.  
Carr Memorial, Feb. 26, 7:30 p. m.  
J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

##### PRESCOTT DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Columbus, at Columbus, Jan. 15, 2 p. m.  
Prescott, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.  
Glenwood and Womble, at Glenwood, Jan. 22, 1 p. m.  
Amity and Rosboro, at Amity, Jan. 22, 3 p. m.  
Delight, at Delight, Jan. 27, 2 p. m.  
Murfreesboro and Sweet Home, at Murfreesboro, Jan. 29, 2 p. m.  
Hope, Feb. 5, 3 p. m.  
Gordon, Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m.  
Mt. Ida and Oden, at Mt. Ida, Feb. 12, 2 p. m.  
J. H. CUMMINS, P. E.

##### SEARCY DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn, Jan. 28-29.  
Heber Springs, Jan. 29-30.  
Bellefonte Ct., at Valley Springs, Feb. 4-5.  
Harrison, Feb. 5-6.  
Marshall, Feb. 11-12.  
Leslie, Feb. 12-13.  
Clinton and Shirley, at Clinton, Feb. 13-14.  
Scotland Ct., at Scotland, Feb. 14, p. m.  
District laymen and preachers meeting for lower end of District, at Judsonia, Monday night to Tuesday night, Jan. 23-24; for upper end of District, at Leslie, from Wednesday night to Thursday night, Feb. 8-9. Program to be published later. (Let all the preachers keep these group meetings in mind and plan to attend the one nearest to him—Judsonia, Jan. 23-24; Leslie, Feb. 8-9.)  
A. E. HOLLOWAY, P. E.

##### TEXARKANA DISTRICT

(First Round)  
Egger, at Egger, Jan. 14-15. Conference, Saturday, 2 p. m.  
Mena, Jan. 15, at night.  
Fairview, Jan. 18, at night.  
Horatio, Jan. 22, 2:30 p. m.  
DeQueen, Jan. 22, at night.  
Richmond and Wilton, at Richmond, Jan. 29, 2 p. m.  
Ashdown, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.  
Foreman, Feb. 5, at night.  
Umpire, at Umpire, Feb. 12, 2:30 p. m.  
First Church, Feb. 19, 11 a. m.  
Colleg Hill, Feb. 19, at night.  
J. F. SIMMONS, P. E.

#### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION

To the Pastors and Presiding Elders of the North Arkansas Conference. Dear Brethren: The Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Church Extension will meet at Hotel Marion, Parlor A on Tuesday, March 14, 1922, at 11 a. m., to pass on applications to go before the General Board. Please bear in mind that after the new rule of the General Board some member of the Conference Board has to visit your charge and look over the projects for which aid is granted. All applications must be in the hands of the Secretary at McCrory, Ark., on or before March 4, 1922, to insure getting on the calendar. Send postal cards for applications, but be sure to state if it is for Church or Parsonage.—Jno. Score, Secretary.

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