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BUT IF THERE BE NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, THEN IS CHRIST NOT RISEN; AND IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN, THEN IS OUR PREACHING VAIN, AND YOUR FAITH IS ALSO VAIN. YEA, AND WE ARE FOUND FALSE WITNESSES OF GOD; BECAUSE WE HAVE TESTIFIED OF GOD THAT HE RAISED UP CHRIST, WHOM HE RAISED NOT UP, IF SO BE THAT THE DEAD RISE NOT. FOR IF THE DEAD RISE NOT, THEN IS NOT CHRIST RAISED; AND IF CHRIST BE NOT RAISED, YOUR FAITH IS VAIN, YE ARE YET IN YOUR SINS. THEN THEY ALSO WHICH ARE FALLEN ASLEEP IN CHRIST ARE PERISHED.—Cor. 15:13-18.

"IF CHRIST BE NOT RAISED"

How vain is our faith if the Christ be not risen;
How dark is the tomb if the Lord is still there!
How heavy our burden of grief and transgression,
How deep our despair!

Oh, justified faith in a finished salvation!
Oh, sure resurrection that comforts our woes!
Oh, glorious light in the valley of shadow,—
Because Jesus rose!
—Annie Johnson Flint in Sunday School Times.

A LIVING CHRIST FOR A DYING WORLD

We live in an age of rapid flux. Change is the order of the day. To stand is oftentimes to be discredited. To move is dangerous. The wise move not with the fickle rabble, nor stand with the stolid and blind. Wisdom thinks and moves, and arrives ahead of the thoughtless throng.

Governments like those of Russia and Germany, once deemed unyielding, have fallen in ruins. Great Britain, the phlegmatic, steps aside from the measured course. China is transformed. Our own government, reacting to certain insistent demands, is centralizing and crushing local initiative.

Invention, by enabling us to fly and live beneath the sea, and to broadcast the voice over a continent, and to harness the myriad forces of nature, is revolutionizing our hoary habits. Commercialized amusement is denaturing social life. The multiplied fads of education mystify parents and empower and embolden youth to dominate domestic activities.

The Church is the one stabilizing factor in our civilization, and it is urged to yield to the clamor for modernity. A Church like the Methodist Church, which finds no fixed forms of organization typed in Scripture, but discovers the germinal elements and gives them opportunity to develop, should modify its methods and forms to meet the practical needs of the society that it is helping to mold. It should yield nothing that is essential to genuine religion, but it may well cast aside any mere phrases and features that represent only the ideas and customs of a passing period.

It is well to analyze our creeds, and differentiate the mere philosophy which has intruded from the ideals that are vital and fundamental. These may be identified though their relation to Christ himself. What He taught is surely Christian; what he omitted is to be evaluated by its relation to his certified teaching.

We are Christians, not because we can pronounce an ancient creed, but because of our faith in Him as the Divine Son of God and our obedience to his explicit commands. We may accept all that Councils and Synods have decreed concerning Him, but if we do not his commands, we are not worthy to bear his name. We may meekly receive all that priests and prelates and philosophers have affirmed of Him, but if we fail to admit Him into our lives as Redeemer and Friend, we may carry his name without his Cross.

Let us, at this season when we celebrate his

triumph over the grave, be sure that He has risen and reigns in our hearts. Then we can go out into the seething, surging multitudes and carry peace and quietude.

All things change but Christ. He is the true stabilizer of society. He has made divinity human and humanity divine. He alone can make man move toward God. He only holds humanity together. May He be permitted to lead us as individuals and as nations into the harmony for which we yearn. May our renewed lives preach the living Christ to a dying world.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In every deliberative body the rules of procedure are of vital importance. Sensible, practical rules strictly enforced facilitate the attainment of the objects of the organization; while clumsy rules poorly enforced may almost paralyze action.

As our bishops are ex officio the presiding officers of our General Conference, no time is lost in preliminary organization nor in electing a president or moderator. The bishops by agreement among themselves preside in turn; but as they are not equally good parliamentarians, it would be in the interest of harmony and expedition if those who are conscious of their limitations would waive their turn in favor of the best. It would not be inappropriate if the Conference would by resolution request the bishops to select their most efficient parliamentarian to preside.

The secretary is usually a member, but membership is not necessary. There is, indeed, some advantage in having as secretary and assistants those who are not members so that the duties of membership may not interfere with secretarial duties. This is the almost universal custom of civil legislatures, and may well be followed by General Conference.

The Rules of our last General Conference are good, and should be adopted at first and then slightly amended. Certain minor changes are here suggested.

Instead of opening at 9 a. m., as heretofore, as place of meeting and hotel where all will be housed are within a block and little time will be needed for assembling, the Conference should convene at 8:30. The religious services are often poorly attended and lacking in inspirational value because no preparation is made. Therefore the bishops should be invited to conduct the exercises in turn and each should make a brief address or meditation and the doors should be closed against late comers. Thus the trusted spiritual leaders would bring their messages and deliver them under favorable conditions.

In order to prevent confusion no one except delegates should be permitted to sit within the bar. Members should have badges, and gate-keepers should be instructed to admit only those with badges, and to preserve strict order among visitors in the rear and in the galleries.

Instead of calling the roll the secretary should provide the chairman of each delegation with a blank upon which he would write the names of his delegates present and hand to the page. These would go to a roll secretary who would keep a careful record, and on the basis of this record settlements should be made for per diem and mileage. No member should receive return mileage unless the records show attendance up to the last session. This would tend to hold delegates to the close, and prevent the scandal of transacting important business during the closing days without a legal quorum.

Instead of wasting hours in calling the roll of Conferences each morning for the introduction of resolutions, memorials, etc., which are never heard, even if read, they should be collected by the pages

and recorded and distributed to committees by a secretary.

The chairmen of the committees should constitute a Calendar Committee to determine each day the measures that are to be presented, and act as a sifting Committee toward the last days, thus eliminating everything that would unnecessarily consume time.

No one should be recognized unless he is with his delegation; thus preventing noisy and self-important members from sitting in front and monopolizing the time.

When a Committee report is to be considered, the chairman, or some one designated by the chairman, should take a seat on the speaker's platform and, if he wishes, make a five or ten minute opening statement, and then maintain the platform seat ready to answer questions and make suggestions. Certainly the report of a great Committee is entitled to fair consideration and opportunity to come fully before the House.

At the opening a House should be adopted authorizing every committee, if it desires, to have its reports printed in advance of their appearance in the Daily Advocate. A printed report in the hands of members facilitates business and promotes understanding. The cost would be small compared with the advantages, and the same type might be used in printing the Daily Advocate.

There should be a small committee, called the Engrossing Committee, that would carefully examine every paper adopted and report any errors found so that they might be corrected before adjournment. This will save much embarrassment to the Secretary and Book Editor when they are preparing the matter for the Discipline.

It should be provided that adjournment sine die should not be taken without a two-thirds vote of the members present, as important business is often left unfinished by precipitate adjournment.

Provision should be made for a ten-minute recess at 10:30 so that opportunity may be given for relaxation and personal conferences.

Arrangements should be made for receiving and hearing fraternal messengers at night sessions at the most favorable time during the second week.

The Committees should be authorized to consider various memorials on the same or similar subjects and to prepare a measure to cover the whole subject without the necessity of reporting specifically on each memorial.

If a measure involves a constitutional question, it should be stated specifically and be in form to submit to the Annual Conference.

There should always be a willingness to hear the objections to a measure and a readiness to modify it, if some fundamental principle is not involved. Reasonable time for debate should always be allowed, as a measure that is worthy will stand it, while an unworthy measure will be exposed. It is wise to watch the man who wants to restrain debate and jam his measure through. The period for saving time is at the beginning. The first week is often wasted in considering minor matters at great length, and great issues, postponed, frequently have scant attention. There is grave danger of mistakes during the last two days when members, long away from home and business, are impatient of delay. Debate is profitable; but it pays the debater to be brief and pointed. The man who speaks long and on every measure usually loses influence. Few men can stand the exposure. It does not pay to call attention to every irregularity.

After this appears it may be too late to publish articles, but the editor would be pleased to receive personal letters of criticism and suggestion. Let us facilitate business and harmony by perfecting our rules.

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Arkadelphia District Conference at Malvern, April 25-27.
Camden District Conference at Emerson, April 25-26.
Fayetteville Dist. Conf. at Centerton, May 30-31.
Helena District Conf. at Harrisburg, April 26-28.
Jonesboro District Conference at Manila, April 24-26.
L. Rock Dist. Conf. at Primrose Apr. 18-20.
Paragould Dist. Conf. at Hoxie, Apr. 24.
Texarkana Dist. Conf. at Lockesburg, May 29-31.
General Conference, Hot Springs, May 3.
State S. S. Convention, Hot Springs, May 8-11.
Epworth League Assembly at Henderson-Brown College, June 19-23.
Ep. Lg. Assembly at Galloway Col. June 26-30.
Batesville Dist. Conf. at Swifton, July 4.
Searcy Dist. Conf. at Clinton, July 4.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

If you wish to do nothing foolish, or worse, keep out of mobs.—Youth's Companion.

The editor is attending a meeting of the Centenary Commission at Nashville this week.

The three great sins to which our woes are traced are cruelty and laziness and waste.—Youth's Companion.

Rev. J. B. Evans of Clarksville left March 24 for a vacation of six weeks in California. The trip is given by his many Clarksville friends.

Do you think that the rest of the family will have any confidence in your religion when you don't believe in it yourself enough to invest your money in it?—Ex.

Information comes that Dr. E. L. Shaver, professor of Bible and Religious Education at Hendrix College has tendered his resignation to President J. H. Reynolds.

To have a high batting average of your own is infinitely more important than having a storehouse of knowledge of the batting averages of baseball stars.—Forbes Magazine.

Every government ought to be able to count on a certain fundamental loyalty in all classes. Where this sentiment does not exist, no constitution can work smoothly.—W. R. Inge in Atlantic Monthly.

I believe that men convicted of crime should be committed to a state institution, just as the insane are committed to an asylum—to remain until cured.—Brice P. Disque in Atlantic Monthly.

Rev. J. W. Moore of Charleston writes: "We start our revival Easter, and Rev. C. H. Bumpers will assist the pastor. Plans are being laid for an

old-fashioned revival. We trust that the whole Church will remember us in this meeting.

Rev. J. F. Simmons, presiding elder, announces that the Texarkana District Conference will meet at Lockesburg, March 29-31. The first service will be Monday night and adjournment will be at noon Wednesday.

Rev. J. F. Glover of Imboden writes: "Work is being rushed on our new church building. We hope to be in it by the first Sunday in August. Sloan-Hendrix Academy is having a good year and we hope to have it moved to the farm by the opening of next year."

Several letters have been received concerning a matter in which our Church is vitally interested. The editor has no time to answer each, but gives assurance that the question will be properly handled by those who are responsible, and will in due time be treated editorially. In the meantime let all remember that we must withhold judgment until we know the situation.

An invention to enable motors to maintain at great altitudes the horsepower they have at sea level, may lead to an inclosed type of aeroplane that will fly at almost unbelievable speed. A famous French aeroplane manufacturer announces that round-the-world in twenty-four hours is sure to come before long.—Youth's Companion.

Rev. J. H. Cummins, presiding elder of Prescott District writes: "The Methodist parsonage at Bingen burned Sunday April 2, and our pastor, Rev. O. L. Walker, practically lost everything. I am writing this note that the brethren may rally to Bro. Walker and at least help him to replace his much needed library. Any help, rendered will certainly be appreciated by Bro. Walker and his family, also by the writer. Address Bro. Walker at Highland, Ark.

Cheating contractors and crooked officials of Sumerian civilization in Mesopotamia 5,000 years ago were tried quickly and thrown into the river, according to recent discoveries. Among other things they had an elaborate banking system, with a reserve bank comparable to our own of today, a postal system with parcel post branch and circulating libraries which distributed tablet books.—Dearborn Independent.

A combination church and hotel is to be built in New York City, according to reports. The building will be 17 stories high and will have Sunday School space in the basement, a church on the first three floors and a missionary school on the roof. A strict censorship is to be exercised over hotel guests, and dancing and card-playing will be prohibited.—Dearborn Independent.

The real danger of democracies is that, in an industrial society, the power of numbers gives an overwhelming preponderance to one class. Sooner or later, this class will begin to pillage the minority, and the minority is helpless. This danger was foreseen and predicted; but it is only lately that the forebodings of the prophets have begun to be realized. Under a parliamentary system, with no minority representation, it may easily happen that the class which pays the most of the taxes returns no members at all.—W. R. Inge in Atlantic Monthly.

No convicted criminal should be set free, regardless of his offense or the time he has been held in restraint, until he has been prepared to earn a living, has acquired habits of industry, has the desire to become a useful member of society, and has proved to the satisfaction of the head of the institution that he has a will-power to realize that desire; and, finally, until suitable employment has been found for him in a place where he has opportunities equal to other men.—Brice P. Disque in Atlantic Monthly.

One of the most fallacious theories advanced to mislead labor is the oft quoted statement that "all wealth is the accumulated product of labor." The simple fact is that the wealth of the world has been created by intelligence. Labor by itself barely preserved life. All that means human progress, the wealth, the welfare, and the happiness of man has come from the brain of man more than from his hand. Each is entitled to reward in proportion as it serves.—Charles H. Sabin.

Before Europe can be re-established as a good customer, a great number of our people will have to be made more familiar than they now are with actual conditions as they exist over there. Only when we come to understand the comparative helplessness of Europe since the war and the way in

which America's ability to sell is tied up with Europe's ability to buy, can our people be convinced that we must array ourselves with the other powerful nations of the world in stabilizing conditions in Europe.—Edward A. Filene.

Marcus Aurelius offered special thanks to those friends who had made their gifts and contributions to him in terms of candor, fairness, justice, steadfastness, courage, dignity, benevolence and simple piety, rather than to those who made gifts to him in material form. From those who had bidden him to be a man to the full height of his stature, he received most. In your own experience have you not been most grateful to those who have helped you to become better, more courageous, more kindly and more useful to your fellowmen?—Tom Dreier in Forbes Magazine.

Evangelization is the keynote to which the church must key up her activities. The world needs a revival of religion, the kind of a revival which is attended by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The general criticism of the church is that she has neglected the social regeneration of men. We are meeting this everywhere in our reading. We do not believe it is just or true. It is not the fault of the church that men do not love one another and are still selfish in their dealings one toward another. You can never have a kind and gentle social order until men have been made good in their hearts. When a man is good, he will do good.—Methodist Protestant.

Yucatan is "the Egypt of America." As early as the beginning of the Christian Era the people there built stone structures of excellent masonry, true angles and smooth, vertical faces. They had astronomical observatories, an accurate calendar and a better system of numerals than the Romans. When the people of Northern Europe were living in reed huts the Mayas of Yucatan seem to have been on the verge of true civilization. The cause of their decline is unknown. When the conquistadores came, soon after the year 1500, their temples, palaces and cities were already in ruins.—Youth's Companion.

We are not overly impressed with this "good mixer" business in the choice of a pastor. We think it is being overdone. Of course, a minister ought to be acquainted with the usages of polite society, and ought to know how to make an agreeable approach to people, but we have known some preachers who were such "good mixers" that they "mixed" all manner of worldliness with their religion, and lost not only the reverence, but even the respect of their people. A man called of God to preach is "set apart." Worldly church members want a preacher to be a little worldly, it seems, to justify them in their sins. One man expressed it, "We like a little devilry in our minister."—Methodist Protestant.

The most effective way to reduce the cost of government is to reduce the amount of government. And the way to do this is to reduce the need for government activities. If financial, industrial, transportation, labor and other interests would raise their standard of conduct, if the public should become convinced that these powerful interests could be depended upon to act honestly and honorably and considerably without so much government supervision and curbing and control, if the majority of the voters were to become satisfied that much of the costly police work could be safely dispensed with, then laws would be brought about to lessen the amount of government business.—Forbes Magazine.

A very large business concern wanted a certain man for a big job. It offered him a salary which it was quite sure would dazzle him. He refused to take it. Why? Solely because he had not absolute faith in the character of the men in control, even though the company was financially strong. We may be rather tired of hearing about the importance of building up the right kind of reputation in order to be able to sell a product. But does not this incident suggest a new thought, namely, as business morals improve, concerns whose character and reputation are not of the very highest may in future encounter difficulty in attracting the finest type of executives, no matter how enormous the salary or other emoluments offered? As men grow wiser, they learn to attach less importance to the getting of money and more importance to how they earn it.—Forbes Magazine.

Any measure that stimulates production, encourages thrift, re-employs labor, or reduces prices of finished goods ready for consumption, is a direct

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help to the farmer. At present he is obtaining less profit per bushel, per bale, and per pound, than he did before the war, and yet he is paying 50 to 75 per cent more for the machinery and merchandise that he buys and about 60 per cent more for freight. More business activity, even at somewhat lower wages and prices, in the industrial sections, would help not only the farmer, but also everybody else. In short, the remedy for agricultural depression and the best method of reviving general trade are one and the same thing. Both consist in substituting thrift for extortion, in giving up the persistent effort to retain unearned war wages and prices, and in getting back to our pre-war policy of doing a big business at a moderate profit and giving every one a chance to live within his means. The farmer has deflated completely. When the rest of us—including wage-earners, dealers in finished goods, and transporters—deflate, there will be neither agricultural depression nor stagnation of general trade.—Paul Clay in Forbes Magazine.

BOOK REVIEW

Panama, Past and Present; by A. Hyatt Verrill, author of "Cuba, Past and Present"; published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.

On the Canal running through Panama we have a vital interest in that country, and yet our people know little about it. This author has traveled much in Latin America and is a close student and discriminating writer; hence this book has large value for those who would understand this Central American republic. As near neighbors we need to disabuse our minds of many erroneous conceptions and cultivate better relations with all Latin American countries. The author says: "Here is a Latin-American republic where revolution and insurrections are unknown. Here is one of the little countries we want to associate with our cornucopias and fiction magazines, yet wherein peace and order reign and where laws and concessions are as secure and stable as our own. Here is a land of temperamental Latins where elections are held and officials elected without as much graft, and with less turbulent scenes, than in our own United States, and here is a country within a few hundred miles of the equator where it is never as hot as in New York in summer and where the death rate is lower than in most of our cities."

In the Prison Camps of Germany: A Narrative of "Y" Service among Prisoners of War; by Conrad Hoffman, Secretary, International Committee of Young Men's Christian Association in Charge of Prisoner-of-War Work in Germany; published by the Association Press, New York, 317 Madison Ave.

This is a thrilling and illuminating story told by an American who devoted his whole time from August, 1915, to June, 1919, to the welfare of the British, French, Russians and Americans in German prison camps. It presents an aspect of the war which is not generally known in this country.

Bibliophilly of Booklove; by James F. Willis; published by Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston & New York; price \$1.00.

The chapters are: "Booklove," "Books," "Great Books," "Book-Gathering," "Book-Reading" and "Book-Making." It is an inspiring and suggestive little volume which ought to be in the hands of youth so that they may come to a proper appreciation of books and their use. The author says: "The man who does not keep book-company and does not keep improving his book-surroundings rarely yearns for intellectual and moral surroundings. . . . Time graduates a man from school and college, but never from his library—it is the workshop of a gentleman as well as the workshop of a scholar; the gentleman that is made without library influences is flimsy stuff and does not wear well." Get this book and carry it in your pocket till you come under its spell.

Many have said, "We want all our money to go to College." Well, now is your chance. Make your subscription. The college will collect it and get it.

Directed gifts from now on go to the college and no charge will be made against their askings. The friends of each school can give their money and that school will be the sole beneficiary.

THE CONTEST

From April 1 to noon April 10 the Baptist Advance reported 203 new subscribers and 174 renewals. During that period we received 48 new subscribers and 328 renewals. Consequently the Baptists beat us on new subscribers, while we are ahead on renewals.

We urge our Pastors and people to help us in this Contest. Do not delay as something may interfere. We can beat the Baptists this time; but it will require hard work. Let us hear from you promptly. Be sure to report when you have put the Methodist into Every Home in your Charge.

HOW THE DISTRICTS STAND.

In the new Contest with the Baptist Advance, which began April 1 the report by Districts to noon April 10 is given below.

	Renewals	New
Arkadelphia	10	2
Camden	43	9
Little Rock	9	
Monticello	9	5
Pine Bluff	32	1
Prescott	19	1
Texarkana	20	1
Total for L. R. Conf.	142	19
Batesville	22	
Booneville	27	13
Conway	9	3
Fayetteville	5	1
Ft. Smith	55	2
Helena		
Jonesboro	12	3
Paragould	14	
Searcy	40	7
Total N. Ark. Conf.	184	29
Other Conferences	2	
Totals	328	48

WHAT THE PASTORS ARE DOING

Since our last report, compiled Mar. 31, and up to April 10, the following Pastors have reported: F. G. Roebuck, Bearden, 4 renewal, 3 new; W. J. Jordan, Hackett, 16 renewals, 1 new; P. Q. Rorie, El Dorado, 20 renewals, 5 new; Chas. Franklin, Searcy, 2 new; J. A. Sage, Prescott, 2 renewals; C. F. Messer, Holly Springs, 1 renewal, 1 new; S. Russell, Austin, 2 new; J. M. Hughes, McRae, 3 renewals; J. C. Snow, Scotland, 3 renewals; J. C. Evans, Kingsland, 3 renewals, 1 new; J. M. Hughey, Jonesboro, 4 renewals, 1 new; W. T. Martin, Harrison, 5 renewals, 3 new; C. M. Stephens, Texarkana, 6 renewals, 1 new; M. F. Johnson, Hardy, 7 renewals; J. D. Kelly, Cecil, 3 renewals; J. M. Cannon, Wesson, 1 renewal; A. L. Platt, Rosebud, 1 renewal; E. A. Moody, Melbourne, 6 renewals; J. C. Williams, Amity, 3 renewals, 1 new; Alonzo Monk, Hope, 2 renewals; A. B. Holland, Ingalls, 2 new; S. C. Dean, Arkansas City, 7 renewals, 5 new; J. W. Jenkins, Marshall, 6 renewals; L. C. Gatlin, Ozan, 4 renewal; H. H. Griffin, Dardanelle, 17 renewals, 12 new; R. A. Teeter, Tyrone, 4 renewals; G. E. Patchell, Bigelow, 1 renewal; T. A. Bowen, Trumann, 4 renewals, 2 new; E. T. Miller, Gregory, 12 renewals, 1 new; O. D. Langston, Mt. Home, 15 renewals; C. E. Whitten, Strong, 1 renewal; J. J. Mellard, Arkadelphia Ct., 3 renewals; S. B. Mann, Columbus, 1 renewal; J. F. Taylor, Umpire, 4 renewals; J. J. Colson, Leola, 2 renewals; S. W. Bryant, Pine Bluff Ct., 1 renewal; S. R. Twitly, De Witt, 20 renewals; B. F. Scott, Sparkman, 1 new; W. J. Faust, Ozark, 12 renewals; F. A. Lark, Van Buren, 23 renewals; T. L. Hunt, Pea Ridge, 3 renewals, 1 new; R. R. Moore, Lewisville, 6 renewals; W. F. Blevins, Hartford, 7 renewals, 1 new; C. M. Reves, Conway, 1 renewal; Porter Weaver, Salado, 1 renewal; L. B. Davis, Quitman, 1 new; W. T. Menard, Sheridan, 1 new; M. O. Barnett, Murfreesboro, 1 renewal; W. T. Emrath, Rector, 3 renewals; D. P. Forsythe, Paron, 1 renewal; R. J. Raiford, Magnolia, 4 renewals; H. K. Stewart, Wolf Bayou, 3 renewals, 1 new.

DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE ATTENTION.

The Little Rock District Conference convenes on Tuesday night, April 18th, at Primrose Chapel, the most beautiful country church in the state of Arkansas and in the midst of some of the best people on the globe. This church is located near Granite Mountain Spring about eight miles out of

All directed gifts from now on will be reported to the secretary of Education, but no charge will be made to the college against their askings or allowances.

Little Rock. It is on the Sweet Home Pike between Sweet Home and the Arch Street pike. You will find the road by way of Sweet Home better than by way of Arch Street pike, however the Arch Street way is nearer.

We are expecting a good attendance and of course a good time socially and spiritually. The good ladies of the community will serve dinner on the ground Wednesday.—W. R. Jordan, P. C.

THE WESTERN ASSEMBLY

The members of the Executive Committee met at Fayetteville, Thursday, April 6, to perfect the contracts with the representatives of the citizens. Present: Dr. W. J. Johnson, of Dallas, Dr. C. O. Ransford of St. Louis, Mr. L. D. Murrell of Marshall, Mo. Mr. G. C. Hardin of Ft. Smith, and A. C. Millar. Dr. G. S. Sexton telegraphed that he could not come on account of sickness in his family. Dr. J. R. Abernathy of Tulsa was engaged in a meeting, but Dr. O. A. Lambert of Okmulgee, a new lay trustee, came in his place.

On Wednesday Mr. Murrell, Dr. Lambert, Mr. T. L. Hart of the local committee and Major Ratliff, city engineer, and the writer, on horseback rode over East Mt. and the other lands from which our selection of 400 acres was to be made. The weather was threatening, but it did not rain. Most of us were unaccustomed to horseback riding and, although ours were good mounts, we were somewhat sore after the ride of about eight hours. Dr. Lambert had traveled much and seen the leading resorts of the world, but he enthusiastically declared that he knew of no better location for our purpose. As we looked far out into the mountains and subjacent valleys and threaded our way among boulders and springs and vines, we found the scenery and variety of objects of interest even finer than we had anticipated. The location for a lake, fed by mountain springs, and the quarter mile "swimmin' hole" in West Fork of White River, only a mile away, and the possibilities of golf links are really astonishing, and the citizens themselves were often surprised over the superb character of these things.

We had no difficulty in agreeing on all details of our contract. The spirit of Fayetteville and vicinity was superb. Representatives who had submitted the proposition at Ft. Smith had guaranteed its fulfillment, hence we had had no guaranties, but as they had not secured pledges from their fellow citizens the guarantors might have had a heavy load. However, the appreciation of the people was so great that when it was announced that one-hundred thousand dollars would be needed voluntary subscriptions, without solicitation or pressure, flowed in and more than that amount was pledged and put into notes. Property owners far away and farmers were eager to subscribe. Such a spirit is rare, but it was an added argument that Fayetteville is a good place for the Assembly.

We get property valued at \$100,000 before the selection of the site, but now worth practically double its cost. It is believed that our sale lots will bring \$600 to \$1,200 apiece. Then without much additional cost to Fayetteville we get a road to our ground and connections with electricity, water, and sewer, which would cost the Assembly from \$50,000 to \$75,000 if it had been necessary otherwise to provide these utilities, and we are at no trouble for care and maintenance. The Frisco Railway is to build a new and modern station and the city streets are being paved; hence the transportation problem is simple. It was discovered that the height of East Mt., instead of 1725 is really 1765. Thus practically everything is a little better than represented.

Thursday commissioners accepted an invitation to attend convocation at the University where several felicitous talks were made, and at noon we took luncheon with the Rotary Club and were graciously and elegantly entertained.

It was agreed that the thirty-three trustees be called to meet at the Eastman Hotel at Hot Springs, at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, May 10, where the articles of incorporation will be signed and the organization perfected and plans will be made to carry on the enterprise.—A. C. M.

The Fayetteville District Conference and Sunday School Institute which was to have been held at Centerton April 26, has been postponed until May 30 and 31 on account of the Centerton church being severely damaged by storm.

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This day of triumph, monarch of all
days,
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O Jesus Christ, thou Son of God, the
mine
Of heavenly treasure bursts, to our
amaze,
And life immortal greets our mortal
gaze,
And love still closer does its Lord en-
shrine!
O Christ, thou Slayer of the Monster
Death!—
To thee, Redeemer, be our worship
given;
By thee our hearts, redeemed from
all the strife,
Breathe the fresh fragrance of im-
mortal breath,
The wafted zephyrs of the holy
heaven,
Having our spirits in eternal life.

A BILLION A YEAR NEEDED TO
DEVELOP AMERICAN RAIL-
ROADS

Walker D. Hines, former Director General of Railroads, testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission on January 31 in relation to the capital needed for the development of American railroads. Part of his testimony on that point follows:

Question (by Commissioner Lewis) Have you any handy estimate in your mind as to the amount of new capital that would be necessary to meet the growing transportation needs of this country in the next five years? I am not talking of maintenance. I am talking now of new tracks, and so forth, and new equipment and new terminals, the working over of old terminals that would involve new capital charges, and double tracking, and all those things.

A. Mr. Commissioner, I had occasion to think about that question a great deal before the war, and I have viewed it somewhat since the war, and it seems to me that when we consider the amount of public and different work that has to be deferred on account of the war and the aftermath of the war, and when we consider the increased costs of construction work, it would be a conservative estimate to say that for several years the public interest would be promoted if about a billion dollars a year could be expended for this purpose.

The railroads are far from being completed—and in that respect they are very different from the railroads in Europe.

Q. How much will they have to go into the market for per year for the next five years in order to meet the growing transportation demands of

Trying Times.

The reconstruction period after the great war is characterized by what may be called high pressure days. The demands of business, the wants of the family, the requirements of society, are more numerous now than ever before.

The first effect of the praiseworthy effort to keep up with all these things is commonly seen in a weakened or debilitated condition of the nervous system, which results in dyspepsia, defective nutrition of both body and brain, and, in extreme cases, in complete nervous prostration.

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this country if they are to be met adequately?

A. Well, the best estimate I have been able to make is that an expenditure of approximately a billion dollars a year for capital purposes would be in the public interest. Of course, they can get along and may have to get along with less, but I believe that would be in the public interest and would promote the public service.

If you take the fair average of fixed charges and dividends paid per year and deduct that from what you would assume is the normal and what would be the net railway operating income, you would get the amount they would have to go into the market for.

For example, if we should find that the fixed charges and dividends amount to \$700,000,000 a year and if we take as a normal yearly return and assume that the railroad companies would get that, say, the billion dollars indicated by the Transportation Act, there would be a surplus of \$300,000,000 which could be taken from surplus earnings and put into the property.

But, of course, they could not take that unless they had the earnings, and on that basis there would be \$700,000,000 eventually to be raised in the market if the conditions were such as to justify them in going that far. But I believe it would be in the public interest if they could go that far.

Q. Now, assuming they should spend the amount of money you have indicated; if they should spend instead of a billion dollars a year, say \$300,000,000 a year—\$250,000,000 to be more exact—would that meet the transportation needs of the country?

A. My judgment is that it would not.

Q. Well, at the end of five years, assuming that the country is not going backwards but will go forward, what would be the effect of such a policy—I mean on the public welfare.

A. The spending of only \$250,000,000 a year?

Q. Yes; of new capital.

A. My judgment is that it would impair the ability of the transportation lines to render the public service, and it would give the public a less satisfactory service than they should have.

Q. Now, as the machine stands today, and we will assume that the transportation is off 20 per cent, but if 20 per cent more business should come on the railroads as they stand today, in maintenance and other respects, do you think they would be able to handle it satisfactorily?

A. My judgment is that it could be handled with very great difficulty, and I think probably it would be necessary to call again for the intervention of the Interstate Commerce Commission in supervising the handling of it in order to get it done.

Q. If I caught the drift of your testimony today, it is along the lines as viewed from public service, from the public service angle, and you have to keep in mind the maintenance of this transportation machine and to keep it abreast and not let it become impaired?

A. Yes; that is the idea, Mr. Commissioner.

Q. Now, is it your opinion that the foundation for that would be the maintenance of confidence in railroad investments and the maintenance of the credit of the railroads?

A. Yes; I think that is an essential element in it, Mr. Commissioner.

Q. (by Commissioner Esch) After March 1st the Commission is to determine the rate of return. What are your views as to what the rates should be after March 1st?

A. At the moment, I would say that everything indicates that it would not

be expedient to reduce that below its present basis.

Q. (by Commissioner Lewis) What effect would a 10 per cent reduction in all rates have on the business of the country? That is, in the matter of stimulating demand?

A. My impression is that a reduction of that sort would translate itself into such an exceedingly small change in price that it would not have an important effect.

Q. (by Commissioner Esch) Would or would not the retention of 15a, practically unamended, induce private investors to invest so as to create the billion dollars a year which you think necessary for additions and betterments?

A. Mr. Commissioner, it seems to me that the credit of the railroad companies is going to depend very largely on the resumption of business.

I may say that I believe a very important element in that improvement will be Section 15a.

"GENERAL REDUCTION OF RATES
NOT CALLED FOR

Walker D. Hines, former Director General of Railroads, testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission on January 31 in relation to reduction rates. Following is a portion of his testimony:

Mr. Hines: I have been asked by the Commission to express my views on the question involved in this general rate inquiry. I appear to speak entirely from the standpoint of the public service as I view it.

The net railway operating income for the eleven months of 1921, ending with November, was about \$563,000,000, and net railway operating income for the twelve months on this same basis, taking what would be regarded as a normal earning for December on the same percentage basis as the earlier months, would be about \$613,000,000 for the same year.

Now, whatever different views there may be as to what the return should be, I take it that a return of \$613,000,000 would be regarded as less than normal. I understand that the substantial reduction in wages took effect on July 1st. So, perhaps the period since that time might be regarded as more suggestive.

I understand the net railway operating income for the five months from July to November, 1921, was \$418,000,000, and taking what would be regarded as the normal percentage relationship between that and the full year, that would indicate a net railway operating income for a year of \$824,000,000.

But considering that or in considering the actual income for the calendar year 1921, it is important to bear in mind that there appears to have been a very large amount of deferred maintenance.

It seems to me that it would be fair to conclude from these conditions that the earnings of the railroad companies are not more than a fair return under existing conditions and, hence,

I take it that a general reduction in rates would not be called for on the ground that the earnings of the railroad companies are too high.

I have derived the impression that the slump in business is due to fundamental causes of a world wide character and not caused by the increase in rates in this country.

So, I think that in studying the detailed facts the Commission would be justified in taking these two points as a starting point;

first, that the earnings of the railroads are less than they should properly be, and

second, that the rates in general,

although very high, were not the cause of the very heavy falling off in business which has taken place.

Apparently that falling off in business has been due simply to the inability of the entire world to readjust itself after the catastrophe of the war.

It seems to me that we must remember that conditions are essentially different from normal conditions.

Speaking broadly, I believe that any revenues which the railroad companies can receive at this time will go simply to build up a new and exhausted reserve, and I think that reserve is a matter of the highest public interest.

The railroads have not been in position to build up a satisfactory reserve.

If we assume that in a case a substantial reduction should be made in rates, I have tried to think what would be the consequences upon which we could count.

First, we could count upon with absolute certainty would be that it would still further deplete the reserves of the railroad companies unless the reduction was such as to increase the business to an extent where it would make more net railway operating income than before.

Second, it would probably reduce the purchasing power of the railroads, both directly and because of the psychological effect, and that would be the opposite to contributing to a restoration of business.

The question of whether it would stimulate business would, of course, be involved in a great deal of doubt. It might or it might not. And the conditions point much to the view that the absence of business is due to an absence of demand which cannot be created by the comparatively slight change in price which would be the outcome of any reduction in rates which might be considered.

And then, in addition to that there would be the doubt, and a very serious doubt in a great many cases, as

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to whether the reduction would go to the benefit of that part of the community which ought to have it.

You have an abnormal situation which makes it worth while to consider that there is a strong probability that the public service would be more injured by a reduction than it would be benefited, unless the case for the reduction is very clear.

The railroad enterprise is one of the biggest and obvious things in the country and, therefore, is likely to be target toward which everybody directs his shafts when there is discontent, and it is very likely that complaints will be directed against the transportation service, although the transportation service is not the real cause of the trouble.

I have a general impression that one of the greatest burdens on the production and consumption in this country is the imperfect method of distribution, but yet, while we hear more or less about that, it is by no means so easy to attack an attack on that as it is on the transportation service.

I feel that we cannot help regarding this whole situation as not only abnormal but temporary.

Q. (By Commissioner Campbell) Mr. Hines, I would like to have you proceed with the question of surplus a little bit further. Is it your idea in fixing rates in times like these that an endeavor should be made to maintain and to add to the surplus from year to year the same as if conditions were normal?

A. Mr. Commissioner, I do not view the situation just that way. As I look at it, the conditions are abnormal now in that there has been an unusual depletion of the surplus, and that if you had a case where as a matter of first action it would be the establishing of a scale of rates, I do not think you would be justified in making that or in considering that a reason for making rates higher than they would otherwise be, but you have a case here where there has been an abnormal depletion of surplus reserve, where there has been a large amount, apparently, of deferred maintenance.

PROGRAM FOR GOOD HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 23-30

The following topics are submitted for the consideration of all organizations co-operating in the observance of GOOD HEALTH WEEK, knowing that each will select those most helpful. It is further suggested that local physicians, ministers, nurses, and others, be invited to speak before schools, churches, and community gatherings.

Sunday, April 23—Health Education Day

What contribution is the Church making toward health and sanitation (a) in the home, (b) in the school, (c) in the community?

"CLEANLINESS IS KIN TO GODLINESS"

Monday, April 24—Anti-Fly and Anti-Mosquito Day

(A) What measures is our commu-

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nity taking to do away with these germ carrying insects?

(B) Are All the buildings in the community screened?

(C) What steps are being taken to do away with breeding places of these insects?

(D) What diseases do flies and mosquitoes spread?

Tuesday, April 25—Children's Health Day

(A) What percentage of children have poor teeth, bad eyes, and other physical defects? What is being done in your community to remedy these conditions?

(B) Have children write compositions on personal cleanliness. Evils of the cigarette habit.

Wednesday, April 26—Anti-Tuberculosis Day

It has been estimated that nine million dollars was lost to the State last year due to preventable diseases among negroes. Approximately 2,500 persons in Arkansas died of consumption last year.

How do you care for consumptive patients to promote cure and prevent spreading?

Thursday, April 27—Church Sanitation Day

What is the Condition of your church premises? Grounds? Toilets? Building? Is the church building cleaned regularly?

Friday, April 28—Preparation Day.

Preparation for Community Clean-Up Day. School children to be organized during school hours to collect rubbish from about the school, the home, the church. Community gatherings to discuss health measures and perfect plans for Saturday clean-up.

Saturday, April 29—Community Clean-Up Day

Carrying out plans laid Friday. prepare reports of Health Week for local newspapers, and all co-operating organizations.

Sunday, April 30—Health and Happiness Day

Sermons, talks and programs on the relation of health to happiness.

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The following publications may be secured by writing the State Board of Health, Little Rock:

Sanitary Privies—Special Bulletin No. 2.

Regulations governing construction and operation of swimming pools.

Regulations governing installation of sewer and water systems.

Sanitary code, governing general health problems.

Trachoma Bulletins.

Trachoma Bulletins.

Typhoid Fever Leaflets.

Bulletins on Hookworm Disease.

Outline for Clean-Up Campaign.

Pamphlets for teachers, parents, boys and girls on Social Hygiene.

Pamphlets on Prenatal and Infant Care.

Milk as a Food.

Limited supply of literature on other health subjects.

IS JAZZ A MENACE TO AMERICAN YOUTH OR A HARMLESS EVENING AMUSEMENT?

Dr. Wm. A. McKeever, a very distinguished authority on child life, and a secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare, has just contributed to the Pacific Christian Advocate a rather startling discussion of dancing as it is today.

In view of recent lengthy and vigorous articles in the Ladies' Home

Journal attacking jazz as one of the greatest evils of the decade, we feel justified in republishing Dr. McKeever's article, drastic as it is, although, of course, we disclaim any intention to accuse millions of pure-minded and reputable dancing young people of erotic thought; and no doubt Dr. McKeever would make a similar disclaimer. Dr. McKeever says:

"After studying the matter from every angle and throughout a territory extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, I am convinced that the modern dance is distinctly an enemy of morals, of common decency and of the Christian religion.

"Ministers, social research specialists, high-minded physicians, moral welfare workers and others of the class, have reached a practical agreement upon the statement as above.

"Let us summarize the evils of the dance at the point where it does its worst damage—the high school age:

"Physical Damage. In the typical instance, the young dancer has a soft, under-developed and under-exercised physique. The three or four hours' exercise at the dance is a tense over speeding and an excess expenditure of energy for which the blood and tissues are not yet sufficiently developed. Low vital energy is the normal immediate consequence.

"Physiological Damage. The center of the difficulty is sexual excitement. The warm young bodies are brought into close front-to-front contact, the torsos practically touching. As a direct result the blood flows into the reproductive organs in a very great excess, enlarging the parts abnormally. The heavy weight causes prolapsus in girls and a physical collapse that is often evidenced 'the day after' in the hollow sagging countenance and the dull, sensuous eye.

"To add insult to injury of the body, the young dancers partake of rich drinks and sweets in large and frequent amounts during the over-heat of the exercise and when the assimilative tract is not prepared to receive even pre-digested food. So, these sweets become a dead weight and a numbing, stiffening poison to the body. The youth usually gets up late the morning after, stiff, stupid, cross, poisoned, unmoral.

"Intellectual Damage. Being sexually exciting and often orgasmic or masterhatic in its direct effects, the cabaret dance over-speeds the mind and emotions. The so-called orchestra music is loud, fast and jerky. It speeds up what we call reaction time far beyond its normal index, inducing a mental intoxication that is often a peculiar admixture of hysteria and asexual drool. Frequently the eyes of the emotionally excited dancing girl seem to rotate, while she tends to hang about her partner's neck and shoulders between the numbers.

"Being devitalized, low in digestive and recreative energy the day after the affair, the young dancer is weak and stupid mentally. The warm, fresh blood is absent from the brain. For the sake of the health and the quick restoration of mind and body, it seems that the young debauchee should remain in bed for about 24 hours after an extended dance orgy.

"Racial Damage. The cabaret dance being abnormally exciting tends to induce a morbid psycho-sis and sexual perversion. The racial fluid if not actually emitted during the dance period, is secreted abnormally and is at least started along the channel of excretion from which there is no healthy return. And, in hundreds of instances—as a nationwide inquiry attests—the young couple hurry away to some place of exclusion, in hotel or lodging house resort, or in an auto, and the last step in sexual violence is the consequence.

"As a result of emotional and sexual excitement of the dance, the salacious film play, and the 'racy' novel, young people have developed a sexual subconsciousness, which tends to feed the mind with ideas of lust and moral laxity. There is evidence also that the early and excessive strain and drain upon the normally quiet sexual life means an early collapse of the procreative machinery. Middle-aged impotence and psycho-sexual lassitude is probably the natural consequence. Of one thing we may be especially assured: namely, add cigarette smoking to the super-emotionalism of the dance orgy and the girl smoker will yield to sense solicitation while the boy smoker will tend to become progressively sterile and impotent.

"Spiritual Damage. The violent, ill effects of the sexual cabaret dance orgy reach their serious extreme in relation to the moral and spiritual reactions of its young patrons. The sub-conscious mind, being over-filled with ideas of lust and morbid desire, tends to render the victim blasé to high moral appeals, and impatient, if not actually ugly, when confronted with moral proposals. In the end, there is a tacit, organized resentment of all moral programs on the part of the younger cabaret habitues.

"The spiritual effects of this dance are distinctly anti-Christ. Its youthful patrons tend to go to religious services shamefaced, apologetically, and in thousands of instances today, they are substituting a secluded parlor-group dance for Sunday evening church attendance. In no instance has it become practicable, so far as our reports extend over the field, to modify the modern dance as such, in a manner that is acceptable to all concerned.

"The cabaret dance as here discussed does not refer to a place but merely to a close front-to-front form dancing. Today this thing is seemingly at its worst among so-called refined society and as conducted in many parlors, high schools and colleges.

"The modern dance must go, and a wholesome substitute can and must be found. Church people and moral workers are reaching this point of view.

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fertile lands were sheltered by the handiwork of nature from the ravages of the wind.

Now, after decades have passed, it remained for three "foreign" judges to find that Shawnee, nestling snugly in this selfsame bend of the Canadian, is the safest place in the state in which to rear a family. By making this finding, the arbiters have seen fit to award to Shawnee the \$2500 prize offered by the Shawnee Rotary Club, proclaiming that she is the best city of 20,000 population in the state in which to rear children.

In January, 1920, Dr. William A. McKeever, of the extension department of Kansas University, visited Shawnee and spoke to Shawnee Rotary Club on the life of an ideal city, "That City is Shawnee" the Rotarians proclaimed, and with their proclamation offered a cash prize of \$2500 to any city of the 200,000 population class in the state which could show to disinterested judges that it had a right to be classed higher than Shawnee in the list of "better cities."

With a whirl the contest was started and before a month had passed, thirty-nine of Oklahoma's choicest cities became involved in the contest. The leading men in each community put their best into the campaign to show to Shawnee that she was not the leader of the state's cities.

The better city movement was originated in the mind of Dr. McKeever three years ago and tried out in the state of Kansas. There it worked like a charm and proved a great incentive in cleaning up and making possible a wholesome atmosphere for the growing generation in the Kansas cities. The plan was brought to Oklahoma, and Shawnee, the first city in which it was presented, hastily adopted it and rushed it to a successful completion.

Behind every great movement at last lies a man or a group of men. The city of Shawnee has never been lacking in men since its foundation. In fact, Shawnee is Shawnee because of the will of men. Nature and topography made up their mind to put Shawnee in the center of the country. A few red-blooded men determined to do likewise. The same mind has run through the building of Shawnee and the piloting of her campaign in the better cities contest until she has been acclaimed the winner.

While Shawnee could have been a good railroad city, since the Rock Island and Santa Fe both have immense shops here and the Katy has placed many men to work in and out of the city; while it could have rested its claim for a good city on its being the center of one of the richest agricultural districts in the state, still the citizenship aimed at something higher than mere commercialism. So, from the very first, deep and broad foundations were laid for a clean and lofty civic life through the schools, cultured homes and righteous government.

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state to build a genuine and virile school system, its high school building being one of the pioneers of the \$150,000 construction cost in the Southwest. From this start, the school system here, the main point according to the judges of the contest that Shawnee led the other cities in, has grown until today Shawnee possesses a school plant worth more than a million dollars with a faculty of 115 teachers and an annual enrollment of 4,200.

The school system here is built around ten main points. They are:

1. A system of health and physical training measures and program under school direction.
2. Management of the play and recreation periods of school and plans for making athletics a vital part of the whole school program.
3. Efforts to regulate home study and social work by means of house-schedule arrangements, i. e. home study. Monday evenings to Thursday, inclusive.
4. A plan of regular weekly school managed affairs and literary societies, dramatics and musical clubs and the like.
5. The use of the regular assembly periods for creating school sentiment and for furthering programs for school betterment.
6. Plans for general directing of scouting (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls), i. e. a faculty commissioner and Campfire director.
7. Instruction in soil culture, normal training, household economy, thrift, saving, home industry, school and home gardening and the like.
8. Measures for preventing pupils from using tobacco, attending questionable pleasure resorts, from gambling and similar excesses.
9. Active parent-teacher associations or the equivalent with free membership and regular open discussion of school and home problems.
10. Other organizations and measures within the school intended to make the school a conscious part of the community life and a conscious contributor to the good thereof.

The school authorities have spared no effort in providing health for the school children. The Junior Red Cross crusade idea was followed until two years ago, when the authorities placed the health direction of the schools under the supervision of a trained nurse, who visits every school in the city each day. Where medical attention is needed, a notice is sent to the parents of the child; in cases where operations and exhaustive medical treatment are needed and the family is unable to pay, the Shawnee physicians have donated their services. Dependent school children are provided with glasses through the same source. The entire school system here is said to be one of health.

Physical training is a vital part of the whole system. At each of the ten ward schools here, a specially trained teacher has charge of the play at intermission and after school hours. Children with physical defects are given especial care, and malnutrition and underweight problems are successfully solved.

In the Junior and Senior high schools, special athletic directors are employed, one for the boys and one for the girls in the Senior high school, two for the boys and one for the girls in the Junior high school.

The ward school buildings as well as the high school building are used constantly for social meetings in the different communities. Practically every week, class or club functions are given at the high school under faculty supervision, the school boasting of nineteen separate Literary, "Y," Glee, Music, Art and Debate Clubs.

Home study is emphasized in the schools, the parents being kept in close touch with the school work of their children through phone calls and personal letters.

School and home problems are discussed before the high school and the grade school assemblies each week; the parent-teachers' associations in each of the ward school districts are doing good work.

The school fosters Boy and Girl Scout work in every way possible. While the Rotary and Lions' Clubs are supporting the Boy Scouts, the school authorities are making arrangements to place the Scout commissioner as a member of the high school faculty next year.

During the past year, Shawnee school children planted and tended one thousand gardens. The previous year, fifteen hundred school gardens answered the call of the government for more production. A special director of school gardens is maintained throughout the year. In addition to the school gardens, a special effort is made by the school children in the raising of flower gardens. Each spring and summer, Shawnee, "The City Beautiful" is a wreath of blooms.

The high school normal training class is ranked high by the state superintendent in his recent report, graduates from this department being given permission to teach in any of the state's schools.

The city, however, has not stopped with its public schools. Men and women of Shawnee know that too many good schools cannot exist in a community, and so, at an early date, they went forward in competition with other large cities of the state and secured the Oklahoma Baptist and the Oklahoma Catholic Universities. The Catholic University with its imposing buildings and national reputation stands just outside the city. The Baptist University is located here and today has a school plant worth more than \$1,000,000, a faculty known and honored throughout the land and a student body of about 500 for the nine months year and 800 for the full twelve months.

The Carnegie Library here is one of the largest and most efficient in the state. The library is used constantly by the school children, one of the points impressed on the judges being that 200 school children could be found in the library immediately after the schools were dismissed. The two high schools and the ward schools have excellent libraries.

Shawnee has thirty-one churches; in reporting to the better cities judges of the work in Shawnee, the Rev. A. G. Williamson, head of the church committee said:

"If there is any institution in the city of Shawnee of which she can be more proud than another, it is the church. One seldom finds in a city of this size as many good church buildings and large congregations as found here. Many of the churches have been recently built and are thus provided with all the equipment of the modern church, making it possible to care for the social and recreational activities of both young and old. With these well-constructed modern buildings and with a high-grade, educated ministry, the church is no small factor in the life of the community.

"Co-operation is possibly the one thing that makes the work of the churches what it is in Shawnee. It has been the aim for many years has been the Ministerial Alliance of the city to induce the churches to work together in every great movement in which the churches have been interested. The Ministerial Alliance of the city is composed of the preachers of

all the churches of the city. They meet every Monday morning and discuss the vital problems of the week that have presented themselves. What is the interest of one church thus becomes the interest of all the churches and no more friendly and co-operative spirit exists than that found among the members of the various congregations. The ministers in this organized way have been behind every great movement for the betterment of morals and achievement of civic improvement that has come up in the city.

"During the last twelve months, the Sunday Schools of the city have made a phenomenal growth. In some of the schools the attendance has increased one hundred per cent. For all the Sunday School the average increase in enrollment and attendance during the last year has been thirty-five per cent. This marvelous growth in the Sunday Schools is the result of well-organized and carefully worked out plans in all the schools. Some of these plans that have made for such efficiency are suggested by the following brief summary of the activities carried on in the various schools:

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3. The most of the schools thoroughly graded.
4. Large number of the schools definitely departmentalized.
5. Large brotherhood classes, ranging from 50 to 150 in membership.
6. Teacher training classes in the larger Sunday Schools to which teachers from all the Sunday Schools are welcomed.
7. Vacation Day Bible classes in two of the churches.
8. Directors of religious education in two of the schools.
9. Boy Scout Troops in seven of the schools.
10. Regular social activities in all the departments of the various schools.
11. In some of the schools there are organized extension departments that provide suitable clothing for the poor and send automobiles to the remote districts Sunday mornings to bring the children to Sunday School. In the past year, over 200 children have been brought into the Presbyterian Sunday School through its ex-

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tension department, the largest department of its kind in the Southwest. Each Sunday, thirty cars leave the church and bring in the children to the services; immediately after the Sunday School hour, those who cannot stay for the church services are returned to their homes.

"The teaching standard has been raised through the activities of the various teachers' training classes that meet each week through the annual Sunday School conferences conducted by the various churches, and through the work of the directors of religious education employed by some of the churches.

"The increase in enrollment in the various schools has been accomplished by united efforts sponsored by the associations of Sunday School superintendents, in which every department and every class within a department has been urged to use some good plan to build up attendance.

"Because of the large vision that has come to some of our churches in regard to their care for the social and recreational activities of the youth, a great deal of new equipment has been added for this purpose."

Nor have the schools and churches of this city received the entire attention of the workers in the better cities movement. The welfare of the entire community has been cared for by a special committee. In reporting on their work, the committee set out the following points which they claimed spoke for the betterment of Shawnee.

Only the highest class of pictures and no vulgar vaudeville is being given at our theaters.

The police authorities are using their utmost efforts to enforce the ordinances relative to juvenile morals.

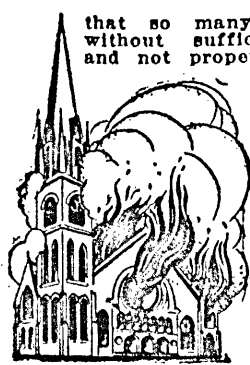
A committee is maintaining an oversight of dance halls and conditions are now reported to be up to a good standard.

The most rigorous means are being pursued by the police to eliminate the rooming-house evil, this having formerly been the stronghold of vice.

Shawnee has a most active W. C. T. U. organization, a "Hi-Y," and both the Rotary and Lions' Clubs are doing much welfare work. Also, every church has a well-organized class to appeal to those not regularly in attendance.

During the past season, the school board has purchased an eighty acre tract of land for an athletic field, the city has bought ten acres for a Boy Scout park; the use of Broadway Lake park of fifteen acres has also been secured for the boys as a playground and swimming place and is being supervised. Bathing facilities.

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electric lights and other features have been installed. Much playground equipment has been installed in Woodland Park in the heart of the city, and complete apparatus has been furnished at the Country Club for the children.

Carnivals are not permitted to show in Shawnee. No chance or gambling games are permitted at the county fair and they are excluded at all amusement places.

Other items of growth in Shawnee during the past year which the judges state aided the city to win the coveted honor of "Oklahoma's best city" are:

The building of four new fire stations and the complete motorization of the department.

The installation of a complete water purification system and the extension of water mains and sewer systems, costing \$400,000.

The expansion of the city hospital facilities by the building of a large addition, thereby making it the most complete municipal hospital in the state, and the addition of a nurses' home to accommodate a large class of girls in training.

The erection of a new Junior high school and the modernization of all the ward schools.

The initiation by the Shawnee Board of Commerce of a well-defined movement centering on the idea of making Shawnee a better place in which to make a living. The heads of local manufacturing establishments, both great and small, have been brought together in a concerted effort to bring about the largest possible consumption of their manufactured goods in Shawnee and its trade territory to the end that steady employment for those at work be insured, also an increase in the number of men employed. Banks have been induced to advance money for the development of the thoroughbred livestock industry. Dairying has been fostered, thus increasing the possible output of the large local Creamery.

The Shawnee Board of Commerce has 100 members paying from \$100 to \$300 each per year as dues, and devotes its entire attention to the developing of the business of the community.

Shawnee has been known throughout the state as "The City Beautiful" and as "The Forest City;" bettering this stand, the civic clubs of the city have held annual contests for the best kept front and back yards, and have been instrumental in keeping the streets and alleys of the city in a most healthful and cleanly condition.

The Curtice Industrial School, carried on for over nineteen years, which is known throughout the state for the work it has done with the children who have not had the necessary instructions at home, was another of the points which scored Shawnee high with the judges. Material is furnished free to pupils who make by hand, garments for their own use. Twenty volunteer teachers aid in the work. The average attendance at this school is well past the 200 mark.

And claiming these points of leadership, Shawnee, a city of homes, where children are reared, has been given premiership in her claim of leadership.

The judges, Prof. J. W. Searson of the University of Nebraska, Dr. C. C. Carstens of the Child Welfare work in New York, and Mrs. J. W. Dick of Denver, stated after the contest had ended that they would not have believed, had they not been shown while here, that one city with boundary lines no further extended than Shawnee's are could possibly contain the excellencies of Oklahoma's premier city for the rearing of children.

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The Mood To Preach

The leader in all social activities is a spiritual selfstarter. In all the history of the world rare spirits have come out from the great mass of humanity to lead the others. The contact with the mysterious and hidden forces of life have made them servants of the common good. In every community the preacher is the leader. He is obligated not only by his profession but by his temperament, to awaken others to a sense of opportunity and obligation.

It is not a question of why this should be so, but a recognition of the fact that it is. This peculiar and dynamic impulse to lead we call in this paper "The Mood to Preach." That mood lacking, a man might as well not preach, for nothing will happen in the minds of his hearers that is worth while, for the church, for society, or in the sight of God. We discuss, therefore, some of the conditions by which this mood is perpetuated and made available for the practical use of the minister.

Love Your Audience.—Many devout Christians love God, are near to the heart of the Master, and his ideals, and yet are not practical religious workers or leaders. They lack the paternal spirit which makes them love people and audiences. The desire to communicate to others, to see them at their best, to get out of life the most there is in it, not in an abstract general way, but specifically, is not only the test of the preaching mood, but it is in a large sense the source of the mood.

Recently I asked a very astute critic of preaching what he regarded as the most fundamental reason for ministerial failures, and he replied, "Preaching abstractions, because human life is never aroused by abstractions or guided by them." His answer was psychologically correct. The minister's interest can never be general. He is the pastor of a flock, not only as a pastor but as a preacher, and his own mood of helpfulness comes from an interest in Henry Smith, Charlie Jones, Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Fairbanks, in his audiences. He knows the inner problems, the life struggles of his people, and wishes to lift them above them. He knows their weaknesses and sins, but if he has the mood to preach, he does not readvertise these weaknesses or sins, but lifts people above them by the impulse of leadership.

Preachers frequently ask me how men warm their emotions and speak with warm hearted fervor. The answer to this is that they do not arouse their own emotions. Their emotions are aroused by the contemplation of other people, the contemplation of those needs. In other words, the preacher is aroused by his mission; he does not arouse his mission—the mission arouses him when it is made specific by the individual members of his congregation.

The thought of ten million people starving to death in Russia will not lead people to give for Russian relief. The thought of one baby growing pale and thin, crying through the night, asking for food, clinging to a mother's starving breast, will wring the heart and the pocketbook. Emotions are personal, definite, they come from contacts. The heart of every audience is ready to respond to the preacher's mood when this mood is specific and personal.

A very cultured, Christian woman, when asked why a highly educated and devout pastor emptied a church that had been very successful, made this very wise response. She said, "This man is a scholar, a Christian

gentleman, but he isn't interested in other people. From the moment when he first came to the church I have watched his conduct and reactions. He is deeply interested in world movements and social advance, in religious education and all that goes with Christian propaganda, except one thing, he is not interested in individuals."

Exalted Moods.—There is nothing more exhilarating, inspiring, to the layman than the preacher's exalted faith in the human race. When Christ wanted to start a world-wide movement, he started it with fishermen. He believed that the doctrine that he was to preach could take these humble lives, and with them shake the very foundations of selfishness and sordid living, and start a warm gulf stream through the cold waters of the human seas. The faith of people in people, their power to change, their power to live beautifully, supremely, is the fundamental of the preacher's exalted moods. He sees the cross of Christ towering over the wrecks of time. The wrecks do not depress him, or make him morbid. He knows the race can and will rise if he does his teaching and preaching well. There is in every life the potential leadership of a Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. and in many a man of this educated age of ours, the leadership possibilities of a Saint Paul. The preacher who has this faith in individuals will not be discouraged to start with a congregation of twelve people, and try to duplicate under the leading of Christ the career of Christ.

Expect Results.—The most dramatic thing in the world of the stage, the world of every day affairs, and the spiritual world, is the eternal idealistic expectancy of great leaders. The preacher should never be surprised at anything except sin and indifference and shortcomings. He should expect great response, willing leadership in his church, and speak with that mood constantly. People may not rise as far as he wants them to in one week, they may have to be re-aroused every Sunday, but that is provided for in the economy of God's plan. There is one great word that a preacher's life must symbolize, and that is the word rejoice. He should rejoice in his opportunities and his calling, not in an abstract way feeling that it is a high calling, but each day rejoice that it is his opportunity to approach individuals and bring the "good tidings of great joy." Whenever I hear a man say that he doesn't

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want to make calls and meet people personally, I know that what he lacks is not time, but desire. He does not love people, his yearning is not to make Mr. A. and Mrs. B., and Charlie D. and Susie E. better finer people. He wishes to do collective saving, not personal saving. The second greatest sermon the Master made when he was on earth was made to one person, the woman at the well. He was not appalled by the smallness of his audience, but he knew that if he could plant the seed of his idea rightly in one woman's mind, that two thousand years later that seed would bear fruit, and the proof that he was right is the fact that after two thousand years, I can find no higher illustration of good preaching and the preacher's mood, than to conclude this paper with it, and say, rejoice in the opportunity to preach to one, or ten thousand.

Rejoice and preach,—and preach and rejoice. God will give the increase.

A SIGNIFICANT MEETING

Representatives of the Boards of Church Extension and Erection of twelve Protestant Denominations in the United States met for the first time, in Washington, D. C., March 23.

The purpose of this gathering was the consideration of the most important phases of Church Building, and the following subjects were discussed:

The value of an Architectural Department for the Building Board of each Denomination and the increasing demand and necessity for proper Architectural plans in all new Church enterprises.

The best methods of raising funds. A satisfactory financial plan.

The importance of insurance on all Church property and the desirability of a denominational plan for Church insurance.

The relative value of loans and donations granted for Church and parsonage buildings.

The best methods of action on applications, of securing adequate funds for Loan and Donation purposes, the prevention of overlapping, the importance of federation and of co-operation, and the wisest methods of administration of all funds under control of the Board.

These and other subjects covering a wide range of experience were considered by the Secretaries present.

It was agreed that the various Protestant Denominations of the United States have entered upon an era of great Church Building activity, the greatest perhaps in the history of the country, and therefore, that the wisest plans obtainable were necessary.

Dr. David G. Wylie, General Secretary, Church Erection Board, Presbyterian Church North, of New York City, called and presided over the meeting.

Mr. Jos. N. Wise, Secretary, Building Board, of the Reformed Church

U. S., of Philadelphia, was elected Secretary.

The General or Executive Secretaries of the respective Boards, reported their Denominations as having a total membership in the United States of about seventeen millions, and that the twelve Building Boards represented by them have assisted in the erection of about sixty-thousand Churches and parsonages in America in the last seventy-five years, the total assets of these Building Boards being given at about thirty millions of dollars.

I regard this meeting of Secretaries as one of unusual importance to the operation of all our Boards of Church Extension, which Boards are charged with the great responsibility of assisting Churches where the Gospel can be preached to permanent congregations and parsonages for our faithful Preachers and Presiding Elders.

The following Secretaries were present:

Rev. John S. Stump, D. D., New York City, American Baptist, North; Rev. James Robert Smith, D. D., New York City, Congregational; Rev. Geo. W. Muckley, D. D., St. Louis, Mo., Disciples; Rev. E. M. Conover, D. D., Philadelphia, Penn., Methodist, North; Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, D. D., Louisville, Ky., Methodist, South; Rev. Joseph N. Speaks, Kansas City Mo., Nazarene; Mr. R. E. Magill, Richmond, Va., Presbyterian Church, U. S.; Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., and Rev. Ford C. Ottman, D. D., New York City, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; Rev. Charles L. Pardee, New York City, Protestant Episcopal; Mr. Joseph N. Wise, Philadelphia, Penn., Reformed Church U. S.; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., New York City, United Lutheran; and Mr. J. J. Porter, Pittsburgh, Penn., United Presbyterian.

I am sure that our Southern Methodists will be glad to know that our Board of Church Extension, with headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 3rd will celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of its existence. During these forty years it has assisted in building 13,842 Churches and parsonages, and has appropriated from its different funds from the date of its organization to the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1922, \$8,526,686.32. The Board has received from Churches and individuals for all purposes during the last five years an average per year of \$644,782.77. During the past two years the Board has been strained to its utmost to meet the unusual demands upon it for assistance in the greatest building program of Churches and parsonages that Southern Methodism has faced. The Loan Fund capital of the Board should be increased to five-million dollars if the Board is to be in position to furnish adequate assistance in the building of Churches of all types and values.

Southern Methodists and their friends should be increasingly generous with their Board of Church Extension in the way of assessments, cash contributions, and bequests, if this Board is to be expected to meet the unprecedented demands that are being made upon it and that should be met.

We are in full sympathy with every worthy Church enterprise and are giving every assistance within our power to numerous building enterprises scattered all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast.

The quadrennial report of this Board which will be rendered to the General Conference at Hot Springs will not only reveal the marked prosperity of the Board, but will show to our Church how invaluable this Board has been to its program of progress during the past four years.—S. H. C. Burgin, Louisville, Ky.

THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION BEFORE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1922

By Bishop James Cannon, Jr.
(In Christian Advocate)

Many and important questions will be considered by the General Conference of 1922, in which the writer has much interest and in the discussion of which he would take active part were he a floor member of the body. Unification, election of presiding elders, definition of powers of boards, increase of lay activities—these and many other questions have already been submitted in the form of memorials for the consideration of the body. The writer has no thought of minimizing the importance of any of these questions, but wishes to emphasize what he considers to be the paramount question before that body.

General Conference of 1918

The General Conference of 1918 was the most constructive, epoch-making Conference in our generation. It met under extraordinary circumstances. The war with Germany was approaching its climax. The "Great Drive" which began the latter part of March, although partially checked, was still in progress toward the Marne and Paris. Our own boys had reached France to the number of 400,000 and were then pouring in 300,000 a month. With characteristic American optimism we were certain that in the end Germany would be defeated; but in the hearts of millions of fathers and mothers was the ever-present question: "Will our boy be killed before the war is won, or will he come back to us in safety?" Very many members of that General Conference knew that while we sat in security in Atlanta our boys were in the trenches in France. The selective draft act was still calling men from field, factory, store, college, and home, changing, sometimes disorganizing seriously the private business operations of our people. The government was calling for billion after billion of war loans; a hundred millions had been subscribed for the Red Cross work; the United War Work Fund of \$170,000,000 had been called for. In every city, town, village, and countryside societies were formed for various forms of war activities. "The war, the war" was on our lips, in our thoughts, and in the inmost recesses of our hearts. It was difficult to forget or to ignore its persistent drumbeat sufficiently to consider properly other different things.

The Spirit of 1918

When the writer reached Atlanta, coming directly from France, having had no opportunity to consult with any of his friends even by letter, he found many of them seriously questioning whether under the prevailing conditions, with such uncertainty as to the future, it would not be wiser to transact the absolutely necessary business and then to adjourn. It was argued that at such critical times the leaders of the Church should not be absent from their charges for a long time when they were needed to strengthen and sustain our people in the hour of trial through which they were passing. Others questioned seriously whether our people were in the mood to favor a new or an advanced program. But when the hour for action really came, the General Conference showed that it was worthy of the day in which we were living. Men who had caught the sacrificial spirit to give their time, their property, and their children in order that freedom, justice, and righteousness might not perish from the earth did not lose that spirit when they sat together in the councils of the Church. The whole nation had been faced with a realization of its enormous wealth

and was pouring it out with unprecedented liberality. Men no longer spoke in terms of millions, but in hundreds of millions and billions. The important question was not "How much can be raised?" but "How much is needed?" And whatever was needed was raised. Providentially, before the meeting of the General Conference there had been made an unusually careful survey of the most important needs of our mission fields and of our educational institutions, and when the General Conference met it was faced with a definite request to adopt a plan by which the Church could be so organized as to secure the workers and the money needed for their work. The writer frankly states that for years he was heartily ashamed of both the missionary and the educational program of our Church. It was so pitifully small, it was so utterly unworthy of the professions of love and loyalty to Christ, which were made by hundreds of thousands of men and women at the thousands of altars of our Church. While our members were subscribing thousands, hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars to build tobacco factories, cotton mills, sugar refineries, mercantile establishments; while the American Tobacco Company, the Standard Oil Company, the great mining companies were sending our choice men to Mexico, China, Japan, Cuba, Brazil, and Africa; while the greatest commercial manufacturing, and mining enterprises were being financed without difficulty, some of them capitalized at hundreds of millions of dollars—while these things were going on in the world about us the Church spoke hesitantly, almost with bated breath of a budget of a million and a half dollars and dared not even consider two millions as yet. But the same Church had a membership of over two million men and women who claimed to be fol-



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lowers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Who could have any pride in a program which appealed for less than an average contribution of a dollar a year to carry the good news of salvation to millions of men and women whom the acknowledged Lord and Master of our people came from a glorious heaven to this vile, sinful earth and died on the cross to save? The writer has always thought that the Board of Missions should faithfully and conscientiously estimate the needs of the field and call on the Church for the workers and the money and let the Church take and bear the responsibility for the acceptance or the rejection of the program. It is unjust not only to the field but to the home Church to present a program based on our belief in the ignorance or the selfishness of our people or both combined.

"How Much Needed?" The Standard

The program presented to the General Conference of 1918 both by the Board of Education and the Board of Missions struck a new note in that they presented budgets which did not say, "This is all we think we can coax and wheedle the professed followers of Christ to give to bring in his kingdom among men;" but it said: "Here is the budget showing the needs of the various fields and institutions in which our Church is laboring in his kingdom. We confidently expect our people to furnish every item of this budget, both workers and money." God faced that General Conference with tremendous unescapable facts. Our country, aye, those very delegates were calling for the best young life of the nation to fight for freedom and righteousness across the seas; they were calling for billions of dollars to lend to our allies and to equip our soldiers to fight efficiently and to win the war. How, then, could the leaders of the Church refuse to indorse the call for five or ten thousand volunteer soldiers of the cross for life service, or how refuse to furnish the money to properly equip these volunteer, not drafted, soldiers that they might be efficient and victorious in their warfare "to destroy the works of the devil" and bring in the kingdom "of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost?" To its everlasting honor be it said that the General Conference of 1918 was composed of men who had been so baptized with the sacrificial, Christlike spirit that they responded to the great appeal made by the needs of the Master's work and adopted with practical unanimity a great program which indicated both breadth of vision and a realization of responsibility and which had made the past quadrennium an epoch of such successful endeavor that it will never be forgotten in the life of our Church.

A Protestant Springboard

The writer thanks God that in the midst of the turmoil and distraction of the most awful war recorded in history our leaders at Atlanta made a record which was as a great springboard to the Protestantism of America. That Conference was the first religious body which adopted a program for its members which called for loyalty and consecration to Christ commensurate with loyalty and consecration to country. Their program calling thousands of volunteers for life service and for millions of money was successfully carried out, and our country—indeed, world-wide Christianity—was thrilled at the outcome. All the great denominations adopted similar programs, until it is probably entirely within proper bounds to say that since the action of the Atlanta General Conference more than five hundred million dol-

lars has been subscribed for the development and spread of our Master's kingdom, and more than fifty thousand young men and young women, members of the Protestant Churches, have been pledged to life service.

The Inspiring Record

In our own Church the number of volunteers for life service in the three years of the Centenary and of the Christian Education Movement has exceeded more than 3,050. The contributions to the General Board for home and foreign missions in 1918 were \$1,455,958.63; in 1919, \$1,615,110.04; in 1920, \$4,119,002.08; in 1921, \$4,141,000.75. The contributions to the Board of Church Extension in 1919 were \$192,622.30; in 1920, \$850,875.73; in 1921, \$928,820.92; in 1922—year ends March 31, 1922. The increase in Church membership in 1918 was 9,979; in 1919, loss, 3,989; in 1920, 82,605; in 1921, 84,796. The subscriptions to the Christian Education Movement in 1920 were \$17,821,831.33. When has there been such a quadrennium since the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1846?

The Great Responsibility of 1922

But what has all this to do with the General Conference of 1922? Much every way. If the General Conference of 1918 had not adopted the great program and not only authorized but ordered the development of the organization—the machinery, if you will—for the successful carrying out of the program, the Church would never have known the thrilling, triumphant years of 1918-22. The writer would detract nothing from any of those who have labored either in the Centenary or in the Christian Education Movement or in both, but all must admit that the faith, the vision, the courage, and the consecration of the men of the General Conference of 1918 made possible the great deliverances and program of that body and laid before the Church her opportunity and her responsibility with a lofty enthusiasm and with an authority without which the great results of the quadrennium could not have been achieved. What will be the spirit of the General Conference of 1922? That is the paramount question which takes precedence over all questions of a purely governmental, ecclesiastical, official, or personal nature. Will the General Conference of 1922 triumphantly raise its Ebenezer of praise and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church that he has led us through these glorious years, and will it cry with the great apostle, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus?" Will it frankly and courageously recognize and proclaim the fact that, while the past quadrennium has witnessed a great advance, the great bulk of our people are still far behind in their applications of the gospel principles of life service and stewardship to themselves and to their possessions? For the future effective service—aye, for its own life—the Church must not fall back in its faith, its vision, its courage, and unselfish consecration. The Church has done no more in the past four years than she ought to have done. Who, indeed, will say she has done enough? The General Conference of 1922 has the great responsibility to strike the keynote for the next four years. It can be pessimistic, it can mark time, or it can be constructive. It can give its time to minor and comparatively unimportant details or it can pray and plan to conserve and to solidify the labors of the past four years and build upon them an even greater era of achievement. It can minimize the

work which has been accomplished, and it can destroy the possibility of harmonious activity for the next quadrennium by criticism of minor details or of some unusual or accidental individual action in a great Church-wide campaign. Or it may recognize how great and how difficult has been the work of organizing, correlating, and using efficiently the forces of the entire Church to secure the attainment of the desired end, and it may congratulate the Church and the workers that so few mistakes were made and such wonderful success attained. No criticism can really affect the greatness of the work of the past quadrennium, but the spirit of the Conference of 1922 can largely determine the scope, the greatness, and the success of future Church-wide movements.

What Is The Keynote Of 1922?

Will the spirit of the General Conference of 1922 emulate or excel that of 1918 in its broad connectionalism and its recognition of the responsibility which is upon a great Church with two million members to undertake Church-wide activities commensurate with its strength? There have been some statements made—indeed, they may be classed as criticisms—concerning the great connectional movement authorized by the General Conference of 1918 which it has been difficult to understand. Commissions and boards and officials have been criticized as though they were responsible for the actions of the General Conference, when they have simply been meeting the responsibility and performing the duty laid upon them by the General Conference, the great governing body of the Church. The fact that the program of the General Conference has been carried out successfully by the plans and methods developed and adopted by those specifically charged with that duty has not seemed to minimize the criticism in some quarters. For example, no question has been given more earnest thought by those in charge of the great movement of the past quadrennium than how to make the appeal so as to secure the active co-operation of every pastor and every congregation, for it has been fully realized that the measure of success attained would be dependent upon Church-wide co-operation. But these very efforts have aroused a form of criticism which would seem to indicate that there were those who did not want the Church to learn how to gear up its great undeveloped, unharnessed forces, so that every worker would have his definite place and pull his own load and be held responsible for definite results, while at the same time he would work in close and harmonious co-operation with the rest of the Church. The criticism made in some quarters that the boards and commissions have exceeded their authority and that their power should be restricted may be very properly considered by the General Conference, and that body may wisely decide to define more exactly the powers and the limitations of general boards; but the question under discussion goes much further than the determination of the powers and methods of connectional agencies. The question is really whether our great Church shall function as one great united body of men and women with a clear-cut, well-defined program laid down by the General Conference, to the success of which program every Conference, every district, every charge, every bishop, every presiding elder, every pastor, and every layman is of necessity committed by the simple fact of his connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Such a program does not minimize

either the local Church or its pastor, nor does it interfere with the great work of evangelizing the local community. It does broaden and quicken the life of the local Church. It lifts up its eyes to see beyond the narrow limits of its own environment to the needs and the activities of the great world. It joins the local Church to the "great army of the living God," marching to overthrow the powers of darkness and to bring in the kingdom of light. It gives the local Church a leadership and a fellowship in common with every other Church in our great Methodism. It enables the local Church to participate in great movements in not only the sacrificial offering, but also in the joy of achievement in Christ's name.

A Great Connectional Spirit And Policy

The writer repeats that the question is not one of the limitation of the powers of boards and commissions. The question is far broader and more important, one of a great connectional spirit and policy. Methodism has rendered her great service to the world through her connectional system. Never has there been given stronger proof of the power and great possibilities of that connectional system than during the past quadrennium. But at the same time these great movements have also shown that some of our people have not the genuine connectional spirit, but are congregational in their thinking and apparently are local and provincial in their sympathies and their activities. Will this spirit and attitude find a voice at the coming General Conference? Will any effort be made to limit or to repress the development of our connectional activities? This is no time to practice or to advocate congregationalism either in form or spirit, when every great Church with a congregational idea in carrying on its Church-wide activities, because it is the only method which has the promise of great success.

The Paramount Question

Will the General Conference of 1922, having given careful study to the great work of the past quadrennium and having recognized and profited by the inevitable mistakes in the carrying out of so great a program, outline such a program of consolidation and of continued advance as will be worthy of the great resources of our Church and as will inspire our people to ever-increasing activity in the name of and for the sake of our Lord and Master? This is the paramount question before the General Conference of 1922, in the opinion of the writer.—Boma, Belgian Congo, Africa.

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COUNCIL HYMN FOR 1922 SPEED ON THY WORD!

Lord of all power and might,
 Father of love and light,
 Speed on thy word!
 O let the gospel sound
 All the wide world round,
 Wherever man is found!
 God speed his word!

Hail, blessed Jubilee!
 Hallelujah!
 Thine, Lord, the glory be;
 Thine was the mighty plan;
 From thee, the work began;
 Away with praise of man!
 Glory to God!

Lo, what embattled foes,
 Stern in their hate, oppose
 God's holy word!
 One for his truth we stand,
 Strong in his own right hand,
 Firm as a martyr band:
 God shield his word!

Onward shall be our course,
 Despite of fraud or force;
 God is before.
 His words ere long shall run
 Free as the noonday sun;
 His purpose must be done:
 God bless his word!

NOTES FROM W. M. C. IN SAN ANTONIO

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Council M. E. Church, South, has passed into history as one of unusual interest as the near approach of our General Conference brought rumors of changes in various departments of Church activities.

The majority of its members are most anxious to preserve the autonomy of the Missionary Council and the Committee on General Conference Legislation was instructed to make frank presentation of that fact. However, our W. M. S. women are ready to go forward in the way that seems best after the matter has been thoroughly discussed in the Missionary work of Southern Methodism.

Through her auxiliaries of faithful and devoted women, every Conf. Woman's Missionary Society expects this year to be one of growth in membership, finances and spiritual development.

The Council voted to offer the Dept. of Deaconess work to the various Conference Boards to be under the control of a general Board, but if the General Conference doesn't accept

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cept the proposition, we shall gladly go on with and enlarge the great work that has been done by our godly Deaconesses. Numbers have not been large, but nowhere have our Deaconesses been excelled in efficiency and faithfulness.

We of Arkansas have felt thankful to see right here in San Antonio Wesley House the effects of the labors of Misses Rosalie Riggins, Minnie Webb and Minnie Eidsen, splendid young women from our State who reflect credit on Scarritt Bible and Training School as they gently lead

little children into safe paths and are pointing the way of salvation to down-hearted and sorrowful men and women.

The beautiful and impressive services when Bishop Mouzon consecrated the Deaconesses on Sunday and the Missionaries on Monday filled the church to overflowing, and next week we shall hear more about those memorable hours of prayer and praise.

The Council was stirred by the appeal for assistance in the establishment of a School of Missions in Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, and contributed \$2,000 to the great cause. We all felt that "Texas has her eyes" upon us and that she may win in the choice of a new location for Scarritt College of Missions, but it was stated that at present the Council assumed no obligation in expressing deep interest in S. M. U. by the gift. After the \$2,000 to S. M. U. was pledged our beloved Mrs. W. H. Johnson, "Saint Virginia," founder of the great Dallas Mission Home and school arose and said she'd provide the \$2,000 pledged by the Council adding "I have already raised it and I'll make it a million dollars if you all will help me." As Editor of "The King's Messenger," Mrs. Johnson had not only done a wonderful work in raising money, but she has been the wise and loving counsellor to hundreds of young women who have been thrice blessed in the Mission Home.

Invitations for next year came from Mobile, Macon, and Tampa, while Fort Smith, and Winston-Salem asked "to be put on the map" in the near future. Mobile received highest number of votes altho the lady from Macon declared we hadn't seen the "sea-going taxis" that were in evidence in Mobile recently.

The election of officers was almost a re-election—the one change being in the Supt. of Young People's Work, Mrs. P. L. Cobb succeeding Mrs. J. W. Perry who asked to be released. A telegram with exquisite flowers informed the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, of her re-election, and her acceptance brought great joy to the Council as did the report of the improvement in her health.

The daily luncheons, served by gracious women of San Antonio and other parts of Texas, were beautiful and satisfying to the many guests who surrounded the attractive tables.

One day the tables were decorated with piles of grape fruit for souvenir and every woman there was offered a new bonnet. This near Easter? Yes, and those "Texas Blue Bonnets," gathered from hill and dale are lovely and becoming to whoever wears them.

Of the great truths heard the deep experiences felt, and the nearness of the Holy Spirit during the Council I may be able to write about another day.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Cor. Sec. L. R. Conf. W. M. S.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. H. Hanesworth has been ill with influenza followed by erysipelas which caused much suffering. We are happy to know she is now improving, and hosts of collaborators will unite with us in earnest prayer for her speedy restoration to health.

KENSETT

The W. M. S. at Kensett mourns the death of Mrs. Alice Beville which occurred Jan. 11, 1922. She was a beloved member and active worker.

Appropriate resolutions adopted by the auxiliary were presented by Messdams W. H. Harden, L. B. Smith and J. E. Fondren.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Midland Height Methodist Episcopal church, held a meeting of interest at the Community Hall with Mrs. Hibbs as the hostess.

The president, Mrs. H. B. Harper, gave a Bible talk on "Duty." The program included a reading by Billie Reid, reading, Winnie Campbell; piano solo, Mrs. James Whelchel; talk by Mrs. John B. Williams, who made an appeal for pledge for the fund for Baby Aline, blind baby to be sent to the Sunshine Blind Babies Home in Summit, N. J.

Refreshments were served to 24 guests.

HOPE

Mrs. W. W. Folsom Cor. Sec. writes: Our Missionary Society is doing its usual best. We are expecting victory within our own borders. We sent in our first quarter's report a few days and it was, as usual "paid in full." We have lost by removal several of our members, but our loss has been Little Rock's gain we do not like to have you "pouching on our manor."

We had the pleasure on last Sunday evening of having with us Mrs. C. F. Elza our newly elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Little Rock Conference.

At the request of our pastor Dr. Alonza Monk, Mrs. Elza, during the evening service hour gave us a most delightful and interesting talk her topic being "Victory" what has been done in the past we must do with the help of our great Exemplar during the coming year.

It was a rare feast of good things Mrs. Elza brought to the large congregation that greeted her, each one felt that it was indeed good to be there and to listen to this woman of marked culture and deep spirituality, as well as a most pleasing personality.

We were deeply impressed that this godly woman had a message to bring us and knew best how to proclaim the glad tidings. We are assured no mistake had been made in placing her at the helm of our great organization.

Mrs. Elza was en route to the Council meeting in San Antonio, that historic city.

While in Hope she was the guest of Mrs. R. M. Briant.

LAKE VILLAGE

We held the first executive meeting for this year on March 31st with all officers but 3 present. The Young People's Superintendent said that all reports for her department had been made and sent and that her society is growing. The Junior Supt. was ill, but her assistant said her reports had been made and mailed. The Junior Society is a band of "live wires" that will some day be a wonderful society. Our local Treasurer reported that \$211 had been spent on parsonage and local work this quarter. Auxiliary treasurer reported 32 paying and 3 honorary members. Total amount sent Mrs. Smith was \$45. Our first payment on scholarship in Holston Institute had been made. The Mission Study Supt. reported 17 members in the class and good attendance each time. Supt. Supplies reported that she had ready to ship a box of magazines for Tucker Farm.

Each officer is new in her partic-

ular work this year, but every department is growing and we expect to have first place on Honor Roll. Tuesday last was our social day; we had as guests the Auxiliary from Holley and we presented the program on Mexico which was very much enjoyed.

We are playing the "Capsule game" and getting much pleasure out of it, think it a great game.—Mrs. Hal Rucks, president.

COTTON PLANT

On March 17th, at the residence of one of our members, we gave a "St. Patrick's Social."

The decorations were beautiful in green and white, with the Shamrock predominating. An interesting program had been arranged consisting of songs and quaint jokes. Music was furnished by the Cotton Plant orchestra and numbering among the special favors were vocal solos by several gifted young ladies. There were many young people present who took part in the program and seemed to enjoy it.

Our auxiliary has for several years, been paying the pledge by voluntary offerings. Each member is supposed to give a penny a day and at the end of the quarter to bring the amount to the social. Invitations are extended to friends and acquaintances who are expected to bring small offerings. In this way we have had no difficulty in raising the pledge, which is one hundred dollars for this year. In the conclusion of this very enjoyable social, refreshments were served to a large and enthusiastic crowd.—Mrs. Lula Hill, Supt. Study and Publicity.

SALEM AUXILIARY

Our gain in membership is 33 1-3 per cent. We have a total now of 16 and seven are subscribers to the Voice.

The Cor. Sec. is able to send in full report as well as the Treas. dues and Pledge in full for the quarter. We have also made our construction in full to the Scarritt Fund. The Pledge has been raised to forty dollars nearly every member subscribing to it. The Supt. of Children's Work has organized with about twenty Jrs. She is at work on the Baby Division also.

Supt. of Study and Publicity has a class of twelve. They have recently finished, "From Survey to Service," and have taken "Money the Acid Test" for the 2nd quarter. In the Bible Study "Meditation and Prayer" is being used.

The Supt. of Social Service reports nearly 60 visits to the sick and strangers, also aid given two families. Our Supt. of Supplies reports a donation to the orphanage.

To raise local funds the society has given a dinner and talent social this quarter. We have spent on local work this quarter \$85.00. We think that the Young People's work will be started soon. We are also attempting some rural work at present. In fact, we have a live and very wide-awake Society.—Mrs. H. A. Northcutt, Supt. of Study and Pub.

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LONOKE

"Young People's Night" at the Methodist Church, Sunday evening March 26, conducted by Mrs. Wilkes, director of Young People's work of Lonoke church, will long be remembered and must be fruitful of far reaching results.

Before the program, refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable time, socially was spent. The music rendered was unusually good. Eugene Guthridge, charmed the audience with his violin, and Mrs. R. L. Young, exhibited her best skill at the piano. The choir of young people rendered some very fine selections and two selections of Scripture were read by Miss Ella May Jackson and Doyne Young, followed by a solo by Gerald Mann. Prayer was offered by Rev. Roy Fawcett of Dumas. The first address of the evening was given by the pastor, Dr. Rex B. Wilkes, who made an earnest and effective plea for sacrifice on the part of every man, looking toward the evangelization of the world. A simple plea, simple in its manner but powerful in its appeal to the heart.

But the greatest of all, and that which this church will never forget, was the answer to the call made by Mrs. Wilkes, "Who will go?" when six young people volunteered to go wherever called—four missionary and two ministerial volunteers. As they stood there—Clark Wilkes, George Bugby, Cecil Jackson, Ethel Williams, Ella May Jackson, and Billy Wilkes—with the light of a great hope and undying resolution on their faces, many a parent prayed that they might see their own children thus bravely dedicated to the service of Him who never fails to reward those who love Him and are faithful to His service.

Truly, it may be said that Lonoke Methodists have made a Centenary investment which will be repaid in the future with a "price far above rubies."

NORTH ARK. CONFERENCE.
HELENA DISTRICT.

I am so happy to report a new adult auxiliary organized at Brinkley with twenty-three members. This is known as Brinkley No. 2. The Supt. of Publicity and Study is Mrs. Sam Wiggins. I also am glad to report a new Junior society at Hughes and Holly Grove Juniors re-organized. We are hoping and praying and working for Helena Dist. to do its best work this year. Has the Supt. of Study and Publicity of Marianna auxiliary reported our Bible Class of thirty interested, active members for 1922?—Mrs. A. C. Rauchscheu.

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REPORT OF STUDENT SECRETARY
OF MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

The exigencies of the age and of the Christian cause demand that our young college women feel the most challenging call to take up Christian work that the world has ever known. The work of the Student Secretary is to acquaint our students with the actual needs of the fields and the wide range of vocations that can be used in both the home and foreign fields.

My visits to some of our mission schools have been particularly inspirational to me. Such schools visited were Brevard Institute, Sue Bennett Memorial, Hiwassee College, and the Textile Industrial Institute. The eagerness of many of the girls and boys to be of service to the world and their perseverance to overcome great difficulties portray the spirit of the Master himself. At the Textile Industrial Institute twenty-five per cent of the students are planning to make Christian work their vocation.

You will be pleased to know that Christian service is appealing to the very finest girls in our colleges. Those who are leaders in athletics, Y. W. C. A. presidents, student body presidents, girls making magna cum laude, those voted by their fellow students as the "most all-round girl" and the "most interesting girl" are among our volunteers.

The opportunity afforded in mission study classes in the summer conferences is wonderful. At Indian Springs, Ga., we studied "Serving the Neighborhood." The enthusiasm of the members of the class was rare. On the last day two girls asked that they might declare to us their purpose to give their lives to missionary service.

My work as Student Secretary began the first of last June. The months since that time have been the happiest I have ever spent, and I am very grateful for the privilege of doing this work. It has been made more pleasant and worth while because of the excellent work of the secretaries who have preceded me. Student Secretary's Report, June, 1921 To April, 1922.

Miles traveled (about)	15,000
Colleges visited	40
Junior colleges visited	15
Four-year girls' colleges visited	12
Four-year co-ed colleges visited	7
State schools visited	2
Mission schools visited	4
States visited	12
Summer Conferences attended	7
Personal conferences with individual students	675
Conferences with previously reported volunteers	131
Conferences with new volunteers	141
Conferences with young people considering doing Christian work	403
Private interviews with young people in summer conferences	25
Public appeals made before college students	84
Mission study classes taught in summer conferences	4
Number of students sent in as prospective Scarritt students for the fall of 1922	32
—Otis Branstetter, Student Sec., W. M. Council.	

BLYTHEVILLE.

A friend writes: The officers of the W. M. S., First M. E. Church, entertained the entire Missionary Society at the church recently. The large auditorium was beautifully decorated with ferns and a profusion of flowers. The occasion was also the first quarterly mission study day. The book used this quarter was "From Survey to Service." Mrs. W. T. Oberst, superintendent of study and publicity, conducted the meeting in a very graceful manner, and the following program was rendered: Song,

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Methodist State Sunday School Convention—Hot Springs—May 8-11.

PASTORS' REPORT "KEY WOMEN"
FOR CHILDREN'S WEEK.

From present indications "Children's Week" is to be given a fair trial by a number of the leading Sunday Schools of the Little Rock Conference. We have asked fifty schools to observe the week and most of the fifty have replied favorably. Not a single refusal has been received and we confidently expect all are getting ready: Up to date we have received the names of the following "Key Women":

Lonoke—Mrs. W. C. Ellis.
Winfield—Mrs. Laura Carter.
First Church, Little Rock—Miss Nell Ingram.
Keo—Mrs. George Garner.
Fairview, Texarkana—Mrs. A. T. Curtis.
Bauxite—Miss Vesta Metcalf.
Scott—Mrs. T. W. Steele.
Stuttgart—Mrs. Frank Meyers.
Sheridan—Mrs. James Johnson.
Lockesburg—Mrs. J. L. Tatum.
Foreman—Mrs. Fred Gantt.
Ashdown—Mrs. W. L. Phillips.
Carthage—Mrs. C. C. Cox.
Magnolia—Mrs. C. D. Dodson.

"True Hearted, Whole Hearted;" prayer, Mrs. W. C. Watson; "The Church a Service Agency," Mrs. W. T. Oberst; "The Reach of the Church," Mrs. T. J. Burns; "Mankind on the Move," Mrs. W. M. Taylor; trio, Mesdames Eckels, Orr and Snodgrass, accompanied by Prof. H. H. Haley; "Barriers Between Neighbors," Mrs. W. D. Henley; "The World's Branch," Mrs. A. C. Haley; duet, Mesdames Bransford and Eckels; "Home Missions and the World of Work," Mrs. W. T. Oberst; song, "The Kingdom is Coming;" prayer, Mrs. T. J. Proctor; talk, "Our Pledge," Mrs. W. C. Watson, followed by the members making pledges for the year; solo Miss Louise Watson. After the program, the ladies were invited to the League room, where they were served fruit punch and delicious home-made cake.

Hamburg—Mrs. Robert Baird.
Dumas—Mrs. C. C. Price.

Mr. Adam Trieschman of Crossett writes that his school will observe the Week and put on the program. This gives us at least one Key Woman from every District save one. But the Prescott District never was behind in anything relating to Sunday School work.

"CHILDREN'S WEEK" AND SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OBSERVANCE.

Our General Sunday School Board has set "Children's Week" observance for April 13-30. This includes the last Sunday in April, which is the Sunday fixed by the Discipline for Sunday School Day. But neither conflicts with the other. In fact it is very fitting that Children's Week should reach the climax with a great Sunday School Day Program and offering. Both these great celebrations have the same purpose in view—that of laying special emphasis upon Religious Education through the Home and Sunday school. Many schools in the Conference are already planning a joint celebration. Why not others? If you have not ordered your Sunday School Day programs do so at once. They are free.

BISHOP HUGHES TO BE ON PROGRAM FOR METHODIST STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A letter from Dr. E. B. Chappell brings the good news that Bishop Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been invited to deliver two of the general lectures at the Methodist State Sunday School Convention which meets in Hot Springs during the second week of the General Conference—May 8-11. Those who have heard Bishop Hughes will be rejoiced at this announcement. The program promises to be the richest Sunday School Convention program ever presented in Arkansas. Every Methodist Sunday School in the State should plan to send delegates to this convention. Every Methodist Sunday School worker in the State is eligible to membership and is invited to attend. Wherever possible auto-

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"ARE THE METHODISTS OF ARKANSAS BIG ENOUGH TO HAVE A STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION?"

The above question has cropped out here and there since we began to advertise such a convention for Hot Springs May 8-11. Our answer is: "Are we as big as the Baptist?" For a number of years the Baptists of Arkansas have held annually a "Baptist State Sunday School Assembly" at Arkadelphia and it has been one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of religious workers held in our state. If the Baptists can get a thousand Sunday School workers together for an Assembly, can't we do as well? And the Epworth Leaguers of the State have two such conventions, one for each Conference, and they are a big success. Are not our Sunday School workers as enthusiastic about their work as are our Leaguers? And the Woman's Missionary Workers have three conventions each year. One for each Conference and a combined Assembly for the state at Arkadelphia. Are they not a success? Of course, we cannot expect to do as well to start on as these wonderful women, but since they are a part of us, can't the Sunday School workers of the state learn a good lesson from them? All together, now. Let's make the Methodist State Sunday School Convention take a big place in the religious movements of Arkansas.

A METHODIST STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NOT A NEW THING.

For any who may be skeptical we want to say that the idea of a statewide Methodist Sunday School Convention is not an untried experiment. For a number of years such a convention has been held with remarkable success in a number of our older Eastern Conferences. Even while we write we find on our desk the program for the Fifth Annual Session of the Methodist Sunday School Convention for our Sister State of Louisiana. And such a convention is not a new thing for Arkansas Methodists. We are indebted to Col. George Thornburgh for a copy of the program of "The First Annual Session of the Arkansas Methodist State Sunday School Conference" which was held away back in April, 1910. Col. Thornburgh stated that this convention was a great success and that he thought at that time it should be continued. It was held in First Church, Little Rock, and the following officers were elected: "President, Hon. Geo. Thornburgh; Vice-President, Rev. Geo. McGlumphy; Secretary, Rev. J. M. Workman; Treasurer, Rev. T. B. Williamson. On the program we find the names of such outstanding leaders as: Dr. H. M. Hamill, Dr. O. E. Goddard, Dr. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Miss Blanch Carl, Miss Dove Erwin, Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Mr. John R. Pepper, Mr. C. E. Hayes, Mr. E. E. French, Rev. W. F. Evans, and Rev. J. D. Hammons. Many of the above will be with us at the Hot Springs Convention.

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SEVENTY-FIVE SUNDAY SCHOOLS SENT PROGRAMS.

Texarkana District Leads and Prescott and Little Rock Tie for Second Place.

Up to Monday morning of this week 75 Little Rock Sunday Schools had been sent Sunday School Day programs. Every mail brings a new batch of orders. Spring is here. Watch things hum. Look for list of schools sent programs next week. Will your school be in the list?

Number Schools ordering programs by Districts

Tekarkana	14
Prescott	13
Little Rock	13
Monticello	11
Camden	10
Arkadelphia	8
Pine Bluff	7

ELEMENTARY DISTRICT MEETING.

The Fort Smith District Elementary workers met at Van Buren First Church, Friday, April 7. The following Sunday Schools were represented: First Church, Fort Smith; First Church, Van Buren; Midland Heights; Alma, East Van Buren, Bethel, Greenwood, Altus and Dyer.

Nineteen elementary workers were present. The main subject for consideration was the observance of Children's Week. Other plans for work in the District were made in the afternoon. This was a very enthusiastic meeting.

Watch Fort Smith District go over the top in the observance of Children's week.—Mrs. Byron Harwell, Dist. Supt., Elementary Work.

TEACHER TRAINING AT FOREMAN.

A successful course in Teacher Training has just come to a close at the Foreman Methodist Church. Rev. J. Frank Simmons, Presiding Elder of the Texarkana District, was in charge of this special Sunday School work. The attendance was splendid, more than thirty-five were enrolled. Due to the inclement weather only 10 took the examination for credit, however.

The instructor, Rev. J. F. Simmons, won the unstinted praise of every one who attended the sessions. He is one of the most capable and efficient Sunday school men in the Little Rock Conference, having taught several classes in the various churches of the Texarkana District.

I was among the number to take the course. This is the third book that I have finished since the last Annual Conference in the Teacher Training work.—J. C. Glenn, Pastor.

METHODIST STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

In your last week's issue reference was made to the State Sunday School Convention to be held at Hot Springs, May 8-11, as the first Methodist State Convention.

I am very glad to know that this meeting is to be held. For many years I advocated the organization of a Methodist State Sunday School Conference, and on September 5, 1909, the Arkansas State Sunday School Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was organized by representatives from the Sunday school Boards of the three Annual Conferences in this state. The organization had the approval of the three Annual Conferences. The officers elected were: Geo. Thornburgh, President; Geo. McGlumphy, Vice President; J. M. Workman, Secretary, and T. B. Williamson, Treasurer. The directors were Rev. L. H. Eakes, and W. D. Young, from the Arkansas Conference, Rev. W. A. Steel, D. E. Bradshaw, Little Rock Conference, Rev.

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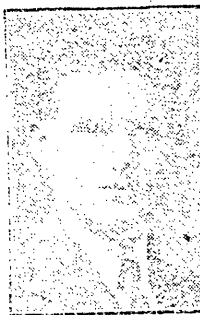
ATTENTION LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT LEAGUERS.

Due to the pre-Easter services being held in most of the Churches, the Institute of the Little Rock District Epworth League has been postponed from April 15-16 until about the middle of May. Watch for further announcements.—Ada May Smith, District Secretary.

A. O. HUDSON.

Secretary Jonesboro District.

The subject of this sketch might be termed one of the "old-timers" in the League work of the North Arkansas Conference.



Nor does that indicate that he is in the least aged, for he is not even thinking of marrying!

During the past few years, few young people of the Conference have worked more untiringly and successfully for the establishment of a well organized Leaguedom in his section of the state than he.

His District organization is one of the most effective in the Conference and is decidedly one that does things. He has gathered around him a group of the best trained and most capable Leaguers we have, and we are expecting them to make themselves felt in every phase of the Assembly.

One big prerequisite for a successful District Secretary is predominant among his many qualifications: He is strong for his Presiding Elder. If you want to know who is the biggest preacher in the country, just ask Hudson, and he will mighty soon tell you that R. E. L. Bearden is "it," and he will back his opinion with some mighty strong arguments if you will just wait to hear it.

Mr. Hudson and Brother Bearden are planning a surprise for the Leaguers and Preachers of the District in connection with the District Conference.—Byron Harwell, Pres.

P. S. There is only one person for whom A. O. is "stronger," and that is his best girl.

NORTH ARKANSAS EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY DAY NOTICE.

Anniversary Day is the second Sun-

W. P. Talkington, A. M. Reedy, White River Conference.

The First Annual Convention was held at First Church, Little Rock, April 12-14, 1910. It was a very largely attended and profitable meeting. Dr. E. B. Chappell, Dr. and Mrs. Hammill, E. E. French and other prominent Sunday School workers from abroad took part in the Convention. Some of the leaders in the Interdenominational Sunday School Association became afraid lest our organization would injure the interdenominational work, and in deference to their views, for some were leading Methodists, we did not hold another convention.

I am giving you this as a matter of church history.—Geo. Thornburgh.

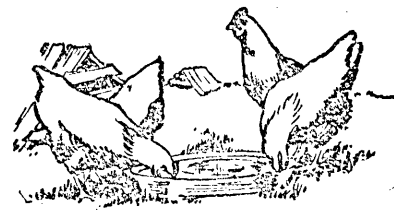
day in May. It should be observed on that date as near as possible. Programs will be paid for by the Conference League, and should be ordered by pastor or League officer from Central League Office, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. The District Secretaries have sent out to pastors, blank forms which may be used in ordering programs.

We are asking that each pastor try to have a service for the young people of each church where Sunday School Day was observed, and that each congregation be asked to contribute to the League work, one half the amount of its offering for Sunday School Day.—Byron Harwell, Pres.

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

THE LITTLE FLOWERS CAME THROUGH THE GROUND

The little flowers came through the ground

At Easter time, at Easter time;
They raised their heads and looked around,

At happy Easter time.
An every pretty bud did say,
"Good people, bless this holy day,
For Christ is risen, the angels say,
At happy Easter time."

The silver lily raised its cup,
At Easter time, at Easter time:
The crocus to the sky looked up,
At happy Easter time.
"We hear the song of heaven," they say,
"Its glory shines on us today;
Oh, may it shine on us alway,
At holy Easter time!"

'Twas long and long and long ago
At Easter time, at Easter time;
But still the silver lilies blow,
At happy Eastertime.,
And still each little flower doth say,
"Good Christians, bless this holy day,
For Christ is risen, the angels say,
At blessed Easter time."
—Laura E. Richards, in Zion's Herald.

AN EASTER ADVENTURE

Easter morning at Yellowstone Park was a real spring day in spite of the great white carpet of snow that was still spread over everything; and Brownie Bruin, who was enjoying the warm sunshine, stretched himself and blinked his eyes at his brother.

"I'm hungry," he said. "I think I'll go and hunt some Easter eggs."

"You'd better stay right here," replied Bobby. "You'll be getting into more trouble. Mother is out hunting now; she'll find something for us. Besides, she told us not to go away."

"But mother won't find the kind of breakfast I want. I'm egg hungry. I think I'll go up to the hotel and look in the hens' nests."

"How can you think of such a thing?" cried Bobby, jumping up on his hind legs and walking up to his brother in great excitement. "Didn't the keeper's dog chase you up a tree? And didn't the keeper's wife shut you up in the shed until her husband came and put a big chain round your neck and tied you up?"

"Oh, what's the use of getting mad, Bob? The dog didn't get me, and I broke the chain and got away."

"Yes, and maybe you'll have to wear that piece of chain round your neck all the rest of your life."

"Well, it doesn't hurt; and while I was tied up, the keeper's little girl used to throw lumps of sugar to me."

"But perhaps next time you couldn't break the chain, and you'd have to stay tied up always," argued Bobby in a shrill voice, filled with fear at Brownie's recklessness.

At that, Brownie shut his mouth tight and would not reply to his brother's arguments. And presently

he turned away and padded off through the woods toward the big hotel.

He has gone there many times the summer before, and the people had fed him sugar. So the first thing he had done two weeks ago, when Mother Bruin and Bobby and he came out of their cave under the rocks after their long winter sleep, was to go to the hotel, hoping to be fed with sugar again. But he found the people all gone, and the windows covered with boards; and the keeper's dog had chased him and frightened him terribly. Then only a few days after that, he went again; and while he was in the shed, smelling about for apples, the keeper's wife locked the door and made him a prisoner. Still, he did not feel very much afraid now as he trotted along. He was thinking of the delicious breakfast he should have if he found some eggs—and if the dog did not find him!

"My!" he said to himself, licking his chops. "Won't Bob be envious when I tell him about those eggs? Eggs! How his mouth will water! If only he wasn't such a coward!"

By this time the hotel was in sight, and Brownie slipped through the thick underbrush to the side of the poultry house, where he could not be seen from the rooms in the big building occupied by the keeper's family. He edged his way cautiously round to the door and, after looking about and listening, slipped inside. All the way round the row of nests he went, nosing in each one for eggs; but to his disappointment he found every nest empty. Then he decided that he would see whether there were any apples left in the shed where he had once been trapped. That was near the rooms where the family and the dog lived; so Brownie made his way there very slowly and carefully, stopping every few steps to look and listen. He did not want to get caught again.

He had reached the rear of the shed in safety and was listening again before venturing further when the back door of the hotel opened and the keeper's little girl came out.

"Mother!" she called back into the kitchen. "I'm going to set my Easter eggs outside in the snow bank for a few minutes. May I?"

"All right," Brownie heard the mother answer. And then the little girl went back into the hotel kitchen and shut the door.

Brownie shook all over with excitement. Eggs! Easter eggs! He had never heard of Easter eggs, but he knew that they must be good. All eggs were good. He had never tasted any kind of egg that was not delicious. Next to honey, he liked eggs better than anything, better even than sugar. After the door had closed and everything was quiet again, he ventured round the corner of the shed, and saw a pan on the ground in the snow by side of the door. The eggs must be in that, he thought. He knew he would have to hurry if he wanted them, for the little girl would be coming out in a few minutes. So, with his heart pounding against his ribs as it did when the dog chased him, he made a dash for the pan.

The moment he saw the eggs he stopped short in amazement. Such eggs! Never in his life had he seen anything like them. Some were bright green like the grass in summer, and some bright blue like the blue jay's wings, and some bright red like the sweet berries he and Bobby had found before the snow came. He just stood and stared at them until he remembered that the little girl would be coming to take them inside almost any moment. Then he took a step forward and thrust his nose into the pan and seized a red one, because it was the color of the berries he liked so well; but instantly he dropped it

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

FORREST CITY

Our work here is moving along just fine, our congregations are good at all services, especially on Sunday. Our Sunday School is by far the best in the history of this church. We have almost twice as many present on Sunday, and then the school is well organized, with each department conducting its own opening exercises. We have a Wesley Bible class with 117 men present a few Sundays ago. We have a woman's class with 40 in it. Our Sunday school is doing well.

Our League is much better than it was last year. The Woman's Missionary society is doing splendid work. We have received 33 members this year into the church.—S. W. Yancey, P. C.

VANNDALE.

We are moving along very well on Vanndale Circuit. Our Sunday Schools at Vanndale and Cherry Valley are growing. We have a live Epworth League at Vanndale, and a real good Woman's Missionary Society. On Sunday, March 5, we organized an Epworth League at Cherry Valley with twenty-five members. The Lord is blessing us, and pastor and people are thankful.—M. A. Graves, P. C.

1ST CHURCH, HELENA

Congregations in the morning pack the main auditorium of the Church. Evening crowd not so good. Fair attendance at Prayer Meeting.

Have received 34 adults into the Church since Conference, viz: 18 on profession of faith, of which 9 were baptized; 16 by Church Certificate. Have dismissed 9, leaving us a net membership of 875.

Have organized a Junior Missionary Society, which with our Woman's Auxiliary and the Young Woman's Missionary Society completes the

and, letting out a yelp of pain, ran as fast as his legs would take him into the brush.

Swinging his head from side to side, he ran faster and faster for home. Every few minutes he would stick his tongue out first on one side of his mouth and then on the other, and once he stopped and licked the cold snow. All the time he was whimpering and wishing his mother would happen along. When he reached home, his mother and Bobby were just starting off. He could see them a considerable distance away; so he began to follow them. He could not catch up with them, and he could not call to them to wait, he was in such pain; but he managed to keep them in sight, and after a while they stopped by a hollow tree and looked round.

"What's the matter?" called Mother Bruin.

"Oh, I don't know!" wailed Brownie. "It was those Easter eggs."

Brownie stuck out his smarting tongue. "Why, goodness me!" cried Mother Bruin. "You have a great blister on your tongue. Did you try to eat boiled eggs?"

"Oh, I don't know!" wailed Brownie.

"Well," said Mother Bruin, licking away his tears, "it's too bad, but you deserve it because you didn't mind. Come, now, and forget about it. I've found a honey tree."

But Brownie could not eat even his favorite honey. He sat by, whimpering and occasionally holding his tongue against the cooling snow, while Mother Bruin and Bobby enjoyed the greatest feast known to a bear family.—Euleta Wadsworth, in The Youth's Youth's Companion.

standard for this part of Church work.

Centenary collection coming in very slowly. Our Educational collections are not due until Nov. 1, 1922.

All local obligations have been met and our finances are in best shape in the history of the Church. Everything paid up in full to date with money in the treasury.

Our pre-Easter campaign is now in full swing and we expect wonderful results.—Lawrence L. Cowen

JUST A WORD

About Song Books

In the "Approved List of Song Books" in the Sunday School columns of last week's Methodist, I notice one book with which I have had considerable experience, and which I have found ideal for use in Circuit Churches. I refer to "Worship in Song," Smith & Lamar.

This book is compiled by one of our most level-headed Methodist laymen, Mr. W. C. Everett, and America's greatest song authority, E. O. Excell. It contains 317 songs, Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, etc., and an unusually fine selection of responsive readings. The index is quite exhaustive, second only to that of our Hymn Book.

This book is especially desirable where the congregation is not able to own an ample supply of music edition Hymnals. The feature that appeals most to me as a Methodist preacher is the fact that the great hymns of the church are in the front of the book, and the words in large clear type, are all between the music and not crammed down at the bottom, a feature which would go a long way toward popularizing our Hymn Book if used.

The selection of hymns is exhaustive; there are not half a dozen hymns in the Hymnal that would be used by any Arkansas congregation in the course of a year that it does not contain. The old standard revival songs, such as "Standing on the Promises," "Power in the Blood," "At the Cross," are there in profusion. Numerous S. S. songs, such as "Sunshine in the Soul," "He Included me," "Love lifted me," and a profusion of beautiful Choruses for special occasions, abound.

When you look it over, you will think that it is just the book you would have made if you were making one for yourself.—Byron Harwell.

OAKDALE, LA.

Dear Friends In Arkansas: At the last session of the Louisiana Conference I was moved from Trout and Good Pine to Oakdale, La., a beautiful little city of five or six thousand. We are well down in Southwest Louisiana now, nearly equally distant from Alexandria and Lake Charles. It is a pleasant field, and we are happy in the work.

About a year and a half before our coming here, there occurred an unfortunate division in our Church; some of the most influential members withdrew, and others ceased to attend or support the Church; and although the bulk of the membership remained loyal, the Church was greatly weakened and our cause much hindered. Now the last one of those who went out has returned. Through the blessing of God a spirit of beautiful harmony prevails, and our work is growing by bounds in all departments.

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ist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches, a great revival has just been held by Ham and Ramsey evangelists. More than seven hundred people have been reclaimed or converted. It is safe to say that Oakdale, once a rough manufacturing town, is today the most religious community in Louisiana.

Our church grows apace. Two hundred and two additions since Conference; over one hundred baptisms, and five infant baptisms, are a few of the tokens of progress. Yesterday, the first Sunday in April, I had seventy-eight men present in my Bible Class, and eight accessions to the Church at the morning service.

The unpleasant part of the story is, that I am suffering from a return of my old trouble, sciatica, which afflicted me so severely at DeWitt five years ago. Conducting Bible Class and preaching, yesterday, I was in great pain. But God alone knows the depth of the peace in my heart.

Our more than four hundred members are too many for our present church building, and talk of a new building is in the air. "So mote it be!" Our people have pledged a liberal fund to give me a trip to the General Conference—and clothes to wear on the occasion. Perhaps my rheumatism may profit from such a trip. Dear brethren, pray for us.—Arthur M. Shaw.

THE ORPHANAGE.

Since my last report I have received

SPENT HALF HER TIME IN BED

Farmer's Wife Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Made Her a Well Woman

Carter's Creek, Tenn.—"Three years ago I was almost an invalid. I spent



half of my time in bed, being afflicted with a trouble which women of a certain age are apt to have. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Tablets and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash. I am a well woman now and have been for two years. I can work as well as

any one who is younger and as I am a farmer's wife I have plenty to do for I cultivate my own garden, raise many chickens and do my own housework. You may publish this letter as I am ready to do anything to help other women as I have been so well and happy since my troubles are past."—Mrs. E. T. GALLOWAY, Carter's Creek, Tenn.

Most women find plenty to do. If they are upset with some female ailment and troubled with such symptoms as Mrs. Galloway had, the smallest duty seems a mountain.

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Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mena... 3.50
Woman's Miss. Society, Mrs.
R. W. Keck, Salem.....10.00
Junior and Intermediate Department, 1st Ch. S. S., Helena,
by Mrs. W. D. Reeves..... 4.00
The Matron received at the Orphanage the following named articles:
Circle No. 6, First Church, Little Rock, 10 bed room rugs.
Rose City Bakery, L. R., 40 loaves bread.
Sanders Eat Shop, L. R., 40 pounds Irish potatoes.

Chas. G. Colquit, Magnolia, clothing for little girl, including coats, dresses, underwear, hats, gowns, shoes and stockings.

Clyde's Pharmacy, L. R., 1 dozen lead pencils.

Mesdames Johnson and Williams, Pine Bluff, quilt.

Woman's Miss. Society, First Ch., Fort Smith, quilt.

Y. P. M. S., First Church, Conway, 2 dozen handkerchiefs.

Woman's Missionary Society, Moro, 1 quilt, 1 pr. shoes, 12 pr. hose, used clothing, piece goods, lace and embroidery.

Woman's Missionary Society, Arkansas City, box of clothes, consisting of 2 beautiful dresses, 6 school dresses with bloomers to match, underwear, 5 pr. socks, 2 pr. stockings, 6 handkerchiefs, ribbon.

The work at the Orphanage is now moving smoothly. We have an assistant matron, Mrs. Barry of Dardanelle. The children are doing well in school. We have approved the applications for the admission of six children, and have three more that will doubtless be accepted, making nine new orphans within two weeks.

This will be a hard year financially, as the amounts promised by the Conferences will not be sufficient to run the institution. The Little Rock Conference paid only 65 per cent of its promise and the North Arkansas Conference 53 per cent. You will see from this that we are expected to run the Orphanage on a little more than half the amount estimated to be necessary. Voluntary contributions will be needed and especially appreciated this year. By some oversight the report of the Orphanage Board was not printed in the Journal of the last session of the Little Rock Conference. I am sure it was an unintentional omission of someone.—Geo. Thornburgh, President.

COLT CIRCUIT.

I have never had a work start with such bright prospects. The people gave us such a cordial welcome that we just fell in love with them. We are now in the midst of our pre-Easter campaign for souls. I hold a week or ten days' preaching service creating an interest, and organizing and instructing personal workers. We expect quite an increase on Easter Sunday. Decision Day will be observed the first three Sundays in April, winding up here at Colt on April 16.

We have sent in eleven new subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist and four renewals.—J. C. Crenshaw, P. C.

GREENWOOD STATION

I am now serving my second year as pastor of the church at Greenwood, and, so far, nothing has appeared in the "Methodist," from this charge. But, now, I feel that it is due these good people, that a few facts be given which denote the present progress of our beloved church here.

I must admit that last year's record was not altogether a satisfactory one to any of us. There was lacking that

spirit of enthusiasm which is so necessary to real success. But I am glad to report that, from some cause or other, a wonderful change has come over the whole church. I have never seen such a transformation, and it is just a little difficult to determine what is the underlying cause of it all, only to say that not much of it is claimed by this pastor. But, whatever the causes might be, a new spirit is manifest among us. Here are some of the evidences:

A year ago we had an average attendance in Sunday school, of about 115; now our average is more than 250, the attendance last Sunday being 288.

Then we had not one chartered class; now there are two great organized classes, with others to follow. Our "Jesse A Bell" Men's Class had an attendance last Sunday, of 73, and I verily believe it will reach 100 before summer comes on. But the men are not alone, for the women had 45 present last Sunday, and they are still climbing.

A year ago we had no Missionary program and were paying no money on Centenary pledge, but now we have the greatest missionary program on every 4th Sunday, I ever saw rendered, and our pledge is coming regularly every month.

Then we had no Teacher Training work, now we have a magnificent class of fine young people in training for future leadership, under the direction of a most competent teacher. These are some of the concrete evidences of our progress along Sunday school lines, and I think it is only fair to say that a large part of the credit is due to our great superintendent, Bro. George W. Johnson, who, though only having been in office during this Conference year, is proving to be one of the greatest Sunday school leaders in all our state. He has caught a wonderful vision of what his school might be, and simply works 7 days in the week to attain some of these objectives.

But it is not in the Sunday school alone that there are evidences of progress; for the whole church has caught the new spirit and is arming herself for greater things for God. The attendance on the regular preaching services has wonderfully increased, and the sympathetic attention given to the preaching would inspire any pastor to do his very best. We made a great record on the "Methodist contest," and will compare favorably with others in the Centenary pay-up campaign.

We are to have a revival campaign beginning the last of June, and I never saw better prospects for a great meeting.

More and more am I falling in love with my work and these good people. A grateful and contented pastor,—J. E. Lark.

HAYNES AND LEXA.

Everything is moving along very well. I have not missed an appointment since coming here. Have organized one Sunday School and one prayer meeting. Have received three members by letter and secured two new subscribers for the Arkansas Methodist.—Eli Craig, P. C.

CLARENDON CHARGE.

Have been well received for the second year. Have been pounded and survived. Have in hand more than 85 per cent of Educational subscriptions due. We are following the Centenary plans as prescribed. Are planning to make an Easter drive. Our Sunday School is in good shape, our services well attended and our Wednesday night prayer meeting well on foot. The interests of the Arkansas Methodist are being cared for.—O. L. Cole, P. C.

SPARKMAN AND SARDIS

Sunday March 19, we started a meeting at Sparkman, and the following Tuesday Rev. W. C. Hilliard, Conference Evangelist, and Rev. W. S. Butts, of Kansas City, Mo., came to assist us in the meeting. Bro. Hilliard did all the preaching after he came, and Bro. Butts led the singing. Bro. Hilliard preached to a full house, the first week, and interest was increasing all the time, till the rains set in. We labored under greater difficulties than usual during this meeting. We had the "flu" in our midst from the beginning, and very heavy rains and sickness the last five days. We had to close with the Thursday II a. m. service, as the rain made it like a pond about our church. Our people showed wonderful love and zeal for the cause by coming through the rain and slush. Our people enjoyed the presence, preaching and singing of these men of God. The meeting resulted in the reviving of the church, and seven joined by vows.—B. F. Scott, Pastor.

MAUMELLE.

We found things not so pleasant as they could have been, but we put our trust in our Lord and prayed long and earnestly for a coming together on the work.

There were only two Sunday schools when we came here, one at our church at Martindale, and a Union Sunday school at the school house at Pinnacle, but Bro. Fowler and wife came to our rescue before he had to start on his yearly round and organized a splendid Sunday school at Taylor's Chapel.

I have tried to fill every appointment, but have failed at some places on account of rain. Had a five days' meeting at Roland with good success. We feel that place is somewhat profited in a spiritual way. We are striving every way possible to make this a banner year on this circuit, and we know it can be if the people will just continue to co-operate with us as they have been in the



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last four months. We hope to report at our next quarterly Conference every thing in full up to date.—W. V. Walthall, P. C.

BEXAR

We held our second Quarterly Conference March 22. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Bro. H. Lynn Wade, with us as usual, never having failed to hold our quarterly Conferences since I have been on this circuit or in this District, and this is my second year in this District and on Bexar Circuit. I notice a certain preacher in writing about his Presiding Elder, says he stays long enough on his circuit when holding his conference to get his feet warm. That is good of the Elder, but I do not think my Elder (Bro. Wade) ever has cold feet, neither does he have to come or stay on Bexar circuit to get them warm, although this is a very warm circuit in some respects, and Brother Wade helps us to keep it warm, by the soul-stirring, heart-felt, inspiring, edifying, sermons which he preaches to our people. Brother Wade reminds us of our old time preachers. He is filled with the spirit, and therefore his sermons are spiritual and reach his hearers' hearts. He is filled with the old fires of the spirit and Methodism, which we all need. I am reminded of a story told of a preacher who was preaching one time, and the people, not knowing to what denomination he belonged, asked him the question. He answered, "Put the Methodist fire under the Baptist water and you will make the Presbyterians boil. Now to what denomination do I belong?" Some of us preachers are like this man in one sense, you could not tell to what denomination we belonged, if the people did not know the Methodist Conference

sent us to preach to them. But Brother Wade filled his audience with this Methodist fire. He preached to us four fine sermons this time. The good people at Oxford requested Brother Wade to preach there on this round and he preached a full house Mar. 21 at 7:30 p. m. His subject was "The Christ I know." This was a deep inspiring and edifying sermon holding his hearers attention every moment. The audience seemed to be deeply interested every moment, perfect quiet reigned, and one and another speaking to me later said that Bro. Wade preached nearly an hour, but it seemed to us only a few minutes. Brethren, I would to God we could hold our audiences like this. Let our messages be more vital and practical. The three sermons Bro. Wade preached at Bexar where our Quarterly Conference was held, were just what was needed. The first one was on the church. The subject was "My Church," and was inspiring. As Bro. Wade said, every one of us should be able to say my church, and the members of our church are saying our or my church now. The sermon on the 15 Psalm was straight from the shoulder and instructive to all. The sermon at night on the text "Come let us reason together," was a splendid sermon to young and old, and all received good instruction. We highly appreciate our presiding elder's great work among us, our people as well as pastor and family love him and look forward to his coming. May God bless him and protect him as he comes in and out among us, and keep his dear ones from all harm. Now brethren, we wish to say we know what our brother meant when he said his Elder stayed long enough on his work to get his feet warm. He, of course, meant the Elder was not in a rush or afraid he would waste too much time. I have heard of but never met this brother's elder. My people know him and love him. He is a warm hearted spiritual Christian man, who loves his people and deserves their love and hospitality, and received the same on this work. I do not therefore cast any reflection upon him, nor have I said these things with any intention of doing him or any other Elder any harm, for I believe they are all great and good men and love God, and their people, and are filled with the spirit of God or they would not undergo the hardships and suffering and being separated from their families, if they were not filled with the sacrificial spirit of Christ and did not love God, the people, and their church. God bless them. I therefore will not throw stones at you or your Elder, but I ask you in the spirit of the Christ do not cast stones at my Elder, or at me. It is unchristian to do so. God knows I love the man that said his Elder stayed long enough to get his feet warm. He spoke words to me once that made me think, words that burned their way to my heart and brain yea into my soul, and caused me to think, on my ways, and caused me to eventually come to God, and to be trying to preach the Christ and him crucified to sinful men, and what ever we may do to help the cause of Christ and humanity will add a star or stars to his crown. As to our Quarterly Conference we had a fairly good conference, our people attended well, between seventy-five and one-hundred being present. We had dinner on the ground and many stayed for dinner. The collections for Presiding Elder and P. C. were fairly good, all services were well attended, considering the day and date. The weather was fine, but the day was Wednesday. The people were behind with their work on account of rain. Some said they wanted to sow oats, but they felt their first duty was to God, and the church, and we thank

God that we have several on Bexar circuit, and we hope those that are not will soon get the spirit and fall in line. I will write of one or two of these loyal ones very soon.

Brethren of Bexar Circuit, let us show our loyalty to our church, our conference, and to our conference organ by paying up our subscription if we are behind, or renewing if your subscription has expired or if you do not take the paper, subscribe now. The Arkansas Methodist is our church organ or conference organ and is your paper and my paper and only \$1.50 a year and if a majority of the members of every family of any one church in the charge will subscribe you can get it a year for \$1.25. You can hand your subscription to the Pastor or the agents herein named. For Bexar, T. L. Lafavers, Addie Sears; Wesleys Chapel, N. D. Butler, A. J. Hogan; Mt. Pleasant, Willie Beard; Wheeling, Tom Harkleroad; Wideman, Miss Dora Bray, G. W. Bray; Corinth, Mrs. Benbrook; New Hope, B. F. Turner, Bobt. Lauson. Also let us pay our Centenary and Education pledges at the earliest possible date, as we are many of us badly behind and this money is very badly needed. May God bless our great church in all our undertakings for our Master's cause. We had two applications for license to preach in our Quarterly Conference, one a fine young man by the name of Austin Rader who is now attending school at Melbourne, Ark., and will attend Hendrix next year. The other one, an older man, Bro. R. M. Wiatt, both are faithful members of our church.—J. O. Vance, P. C.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT TO RESUME

The outlook is for a resumption of the activities of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Quiescent since the inauguration of the Interchurch World Movement, in order to cause that organization no embarrassment in undertaking the large task which it had set itself to do, the time now seems ripe for renewing the activities at that time laid aside.

With this conviction, a group of lay-

men in the Central West are calling a Missionary Conference in Chicago, May 3 and 4 for the purpose of facing frankly the present situation in order to ascertain the mind of the laymen of Protestantism with reference to the part they want to take in the type of work which the Laymen's Missionary Movement inaugurated and carried on so efficiently for so many years.

The conference will be strictly unofficial and self-entertaining. The program will call for the reviewing of the present missionary situation, the considering of the increasing need for unofficial and friendly association in the missionary work of the Church which affords opportunity for the cultivation of a spiritual co-operation among Christian forces, particularly in respect to the development of missionary vision and purpose, and the ascertaining quite definitely the policies on the basis of which the Laymen's Missionary Movement may be of the widest and greatest service.

The conference will be held at the Hotel LaSalle. Some of the men who are signing the call are: John C. Acherson, Pittsburgh; C. E. Woodward, Minneapolis; William W. Anspach, Milton, Pa.; A. A. Hyde and C. W. Coleman, Wichita, Kansas; W. T. Jennings, Sterling, Illinois; D. D. Spellman, Detroit; and Harry A. Wheeler, Charles E. Field, Samson Rogers, George H. Stinebach, John P. Hovland, and McKenzie Cleland, Chicago.

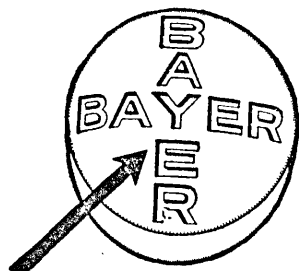
The dates of the Conference, May 3 and 4, are the twelfth anniversary of the First National Congress of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

HARRISBURG STATION

Large crowds are attending all the Sunday services and there are evidences that a victory is ahead. I had set today as the time for pledging for definite personal work to win one person or more for allegiance to Christ by Easter Sunday. When I made the call this morning 23 men and 34 women came forward and signed the pledge. Last Monday there was organized a Ladies' Law Enforcement League which is a result of a

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sermon I preached on "Disregard for Law: Its Causes and Results." The ladies are doing a fine work during this session of court. The people are giving me their hearty support in all my plans and I see no reason now why there should not be a great victory won by Easter. It is true the program for this month is heavy, but it is not going to hinder my Easter program but rather help. Put on the educational interests last Sunday and will give the rest of the month to the Centenary and then all hands to the Easter drive.—F. R. Hamilton

AUBREY.

Work moving along nicely; Congregations are good and growing. Received three into the church. Have had two good poundings. Have organized one Epworth League.—E. J. Slaughter, P. C.

WIDENER AND MADISON

We are now in the beginning of the third quarter, of our third year, on this Charge.

Our second Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our work is moving along nicely. The Sunday Schools, are growing, both in interest and in number. Our Leagues are doing good work. We have one fine Prayer meeting, (at Widener) and are planning for our pre-Easter Campaign. Finances are in good shape. We are expecting the best year of the three.—I. D. McClure, P. C.

MARIANNA STATION

Members received—8,
Infants baptized—2,

All regular services well attended; the Sunday School deserves special mention for its good work. The class in Teacher Training which was organized just before conference has completed one unit and is well into the second. They are very much interested in the work.

We organized a Senior Epworth League recently which starts off well and promises to be a good League. This church has been without a League for several years. One other thing is interesting and encouraging to me: Recently I preached as best I could on the "Impossible Task of the Church" and at the close of the sermon made a proposition to those who would re-consecrate their lives to the Lord and the purpose of his church; fully two thirds of the congregation came; some came before the music began. It was a fine spirit.—W. C. House, P. C.

CONGRATULATE, BUT DO NOT PITY.

I have been thinking much, recently of a number of articles I have seen written for the cause of "The Forgotten Man" and his dependents.

A thing that impressed me was the general supposition that the widows of our ministers were depressed and unhappy and that we do not sing any more.

It is true we have no luxuries, most of us are in debt and are striving to educate children. Oh, sacred and blessed privilege! Many of us are doing work that we never did before in our lives. Our hands are hard and not pretty (I came near saying ugly). As I write I notice that a jewel on one of my fingers would be about as lovely as a pearl in a pig's snout, but, brethren, we are not unhappy nor downcast. I hope the church will rise to a sense of its honor and dignity without using us as objects of pity. I speak this in sincere love.

There are several ministers' widows in the town where I live and it is certainly a plucky set. We would not exchange places with a queen, and if the church said live in a dugout into a dugout we would go and sing when we got there.

I have been a victim of "flu" for two Sundays and could not attend services at the church, but by faith (not imagination) I have attended church almost everywhere. I have thought of the congregation in the city church, where the subdued light stole through windows that exhausted the skill of the artist, so delicate and almost holy were they in their beauty, and in my mind have followed the dignified man of God as he led us to say, "I believe in God the Father," then joined in as the deep toned pipe organ led us to pour forth our souls in "Glory to the Father." Then away to the little country church I fancied myself, where the same gospel was preached by another who too was the salt of the earth and sang with them "We'll Crown Him Lord of All." No, it was not imagination. I knew what the brethren and their congregations were doing and in spirit it was with you all. Thank God for the church!

Thank Him also that our tribe girdles the globe.

No, we are not unhappy. I had rather be a Methodist preacher's widow than anything on earth, except his wife. If the custom of the church said so, we would live and die homeless and in debt.

Brethren, we believe in you as we believe in no other set of human beings and pray for you every Sunday you enter the pulpit, or attempt to promote any of the work of the church.

I wish every one could be a preacher's widow once. We have meat to eat the world knows not of. Congratulate, but do not pity us.—One of the Family.

KOREA MISSION CLOTH

May we bring to your attention this beautiful cloth, say a word about it, and then tell you how you may learn more? For this will be your desire. At Songdo, we have a boy's school—the Anglo-Korean (or Songdo Higher Common School, as it is now called) with an enrollment of 952. The Industrial Dept. of this institution makes it possible for boys without money to get a Christian education. Into the weaving of Korea Mission Cloth goes the interest, the ambition, the heart desires, the longings of Korean youth. The applications for admittance into the department are far greater than the accommodations to care for them. The Missionaries tell us that "the whole future of our industrial work, which has succeeded for the past eight years, is now dependent" on whether they can sell all the cloth they are making. "If we do not make these sales then our whole big plan for industrial work here in Korea will be frustrated and scores of worthy boys who have in them the

making of Christian leaders for our church will have to wait longer for a chance they ought to have now, to help the Kingdom to come by their efforts as teachers and preachers."

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

(Second Round.)

Hot Springs Ct., Sat. and Sun., April 15-16, at Bethlehem.

Oak Lawn, Sun., 7:30 p. m., April 16.

Third Street, Mon., 7:30 p. m., April 17.

Carthage Ct., Sat. and Sun., April 22-23, at Waverly.

Malvern Sta., Mon., 7:30 p. m., April 24.

Dist. Conference, Tues., Wed., and Thursday, April 25-27, at Malvern.

Holly Springs Ct., Sat. and Sun., April 29-30, at Mt. Carmel.

Please let Recording Stewards have Quarterly Conference Records at District Conference for examination.—L. E. N. HUNDLEY, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT

(Second Round.)

Walnut Tree Ct., at Blue Ball, April 15-16.

Danville, April 16-17.

Belleville and Havana, at Cedar Creek, April 22-23.

Magazine, at Sugar Grove, April 23-24.

Booneville Sta., April 26.

Mansfield and Abbott, at Mansfield, April 29-30.

Huntington, April 30-May 1.

Hartford, May 2.

Booneville Ct., May 3-4.

Gravelly, May 6-7.

Rover, May 7-8.

—B. L. WILFORD, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Camden Circuit, at Buena Vista, April 15-16.

Wesson, at Fredonia, April 22-23.

District Conference at Emerson April 25-26.

Waldo and Buckner at Waldo, April 29-30.

Bearden, May 7, 2:00 p. m.

Eagle Mills, at Harmony, May 7, 8:00 p. m.

Hampton, at Harrell, May 20-21.

Kingsland, May 27-28.

Emerson, June 3-4.

El Dorado, June 7, 8:00 p. m.

Chidester, June 10-11.

Stephens and McNeill, at Mt. Prospect, June 17-18.

—R. H. CANNON, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Viney Grove, April 15-16.

Prairie Grove, April 16-17.

Springdale, April 22-23.

Hindsville, April 23-24.

Highfill, April 29-30.

Siloam Springs, April 30, May 1.

District Conference will convene at Centerton, April 26.—W. L. OLIVER, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Van Buren Sta., April 16.

Winslow, April 16.

Ozark Ct., April 22-23.

Ozark Sta., April 23.

Lamar, April 29-30.

Clarksville Ct., April 30.

First Church, Ft. Smith, May 21.

Mulberry and Dyer, May 21.

Greenwood, May 28.

Hackett, May 28.

District Conference will convene at Lamar, May 30.—G. G. DAVIDSON, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Harrisburg Ct., at Farm Hill, April 15-16.

Harrisburg, 1st Church, April 16-17.

Parkin, April 19.

Poplar Grove Ct., at Postelle, April 22-23.

West Helena, 7:30 P. M., April 23.

Elaine Ct., at Elaine, April 29-30.

Helena, 1st Church, 7:30 P. M., April 30.

—William Sherman, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Trinity, at Trinity, April 15-16.

Marked Tree, April 16.

Lepanto, April 23.

Brookland, at Pine Log, April 29-30.

Tyronza, at Gilmore, April 30-May 1.

Jonesboro, First Church, May 14.

Jonesboro, Huntington Ave., May 14.

Bay and Shiloh, May 20-21.

Marion, May 21.

Manila and St. Johns, April 27-28.

Leachville, May 28.

Jonesboro, Fischer Street, May 31.

Lake City, June 3-4.

Monette, June 3-4.

Fisher and Hickory Ridge, June 6-7.

R. E. L. BEARDEN, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Bryant Circuit, at New Hope, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a. m., April 15-16.

Bauxite, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., April 16.

Mabelvale Circuit, at Mabelvale, Thursday, 3 p. m., April 20.

Maumelle Circuit, at Natural Steps, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a. m., April 22-23.

Oak Hill Circuit, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a. m., April 29-30.

District Conference opens Tuesday night, April 18, at Primrose Chapel, Mabelvale Circuit. Opening sermon will be preached by Rev. W. C. Davidson. Conference adjourns Thursday noon.—JAMES THOMAS, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Mt. Pleasant, at Mt. Taber, April 15-16.

Arkansas City, 11 a. m., April 23.

Hamburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 29-30.

Montrose, at Morrill, 11 a. m., May 7.

Parkdale, 7 p. m., May 7.

Ingalls, at Jersey, 11 a. m., May 14.

Fountain Hill, at Magnolia, May 27-28.

Snyder, at Mist, June 4.

—W. P. WHALEY, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

During this round the district conference will meet. Hoxie is the place and the night of the 24th of April will be the time. Rev. Lester Weaver will preach the opening sermon, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Revs. J. H. O'Bryant, J. M. Harrison, and J. H. Barrentine will be the committee to examine all candidates.

In the following round of quarterly meetings a number of them fall on the fifth Sunday in April, at which time a number of the pastors will assist the presiding elder, one going to each place for the Saturday and Sunday—a better arrangement than that the presiding elder should go on a "week" day. For this purpose Rev. J. E. Glover will go to Salem; Rev. W. W. Gibson will go to Ash Flat; Rev. S. G. Watson will go to Sedgwick; Rev. C. L. Castleberry will hold for Marmaduke; and Rev. M. M. Smith hold for Gainsville, while the presiding elder goes to Mammoth Spring and Hardy—all April 28-29. The others are as follows:

Attica, April 13.

Walnut Ridge Circuit, April 15-16.

Walnut Ridge, April 16-17.

Smithville, Saturday, April 22.

Black Rock, Sunday, a. m., April 23.

Imboden, Sunday, p. m., April 23.

Hoxie, during district conference.

Mammoth Spring, Hardy and others named as above, April 28-29.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Sheridan and Newhope, at Newhope, April 15-16, 11 a. m.

Carr Memorial, April 16, 7:30 p. m.

Gillett, April 22-23.

Humphrey April 29-30, 11 a. m.

Lake Side, April 30, 7:30 p. m.

Star City, May 6-7, 11 a. m.

First Church, May 7, 7:30 p. m.

Redfield, at Marvin's Chapel, May 13-14.

District Conference will convene at DeWitt, Wednesday morning at 8:30, June 7, running through Thursday, June 8th. Opening sermon Tuesday at 8 p. m. by Rev. L. A. Smith, followed by the Lord's Supper.

Time will be given to representatives of the League, Sunday Schools and Missionary Society.

Let all local preachers be present or have a written report.—J. W. HARRILL, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Delight, at Pike City, Apr. 15-16.

Gurdon, Apr. 16, 8 p. m.

Prescott, Apr. 21, 8 p. m.

Glenwood and Womble, at Womble, Apr. 22-23.

Mt. Ida and Oden, at Mt. Ida, Apr. 23, 4 p. m.

Murfreesboro, Apr. 30.

Hope, May 7, 8 p. m.

—J. H. CUMMINS, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(Second Round in Part.)

Bald Knob and Bradford, at Bradford, April 15-16.

Searcy Station, April 16-17.

District Conference at Clinton, July 4-7.—A. E. Holloway, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)

Winthrop, at Cerro Gordo, April 15-16.

Preaching Saturday night and Sunday, 11 a. m. Conference, Sunday, 2 p. m.

Dierks, April 19, at night.

Locksburg, at Kingress, April 23.

Preaching 11 a. m. Conference 2 p. m.

Egger, at Waters, April 29-30. Preaching, Saturday 11 a. m.

DeQueen, May 14, 11 a. m.

Ashdown, May 14, at night.

Foreman, May 3, at night.

Richmond, at Oak Hill, May 6-7.

Preaching, Saturday, 11 a. m. Conference 2 p. m. Preaching, Sunday 11 a. m.

Fairview, May 7, at night.

DeQueen, May 14, 11 a. m.

Ashdown, May 21, 11 a. m.

College Hill, May 21, at night.

Umpire, May 28. (Place of Conference to be announced later).

Delegates to the District Conference to be elected on this round.—J. F. SIMMONS, P. E.



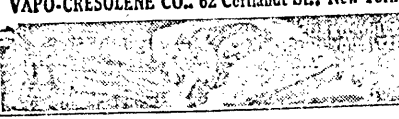
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