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O HOW LOVE I THY LAW! IT IS MY MEDITATION ALL THE DAY. THOU THROUGH THY COMMANDMENTS HAST MADE ME WISER THAN MINE ENIMIES; FOR THEY ARE EVER WITH ME. I HAVE MORE UNDERSTANDING THAN ALL MY TEACHERS; FOR THY TESTIMONIES ARE MY MEDITATION. I UNDERSTAND MORE THAN THE ANCIENTS, BECAUSE I KEEP THY PRECEPTS.—Psalm 119: 97-100.

A SANELY PROGRESSIVE CONFERENCE

Before the General Conference met, many good people were troubled lest it should be radical on the one hand or reactionary on the other. To the superficial observer there was reason for apprehension. In the articles discussing legislation were many rank and revolutionary suggestions. But any good memory will recall that, since the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, there have been quadrennial ebullitions of strange propositions. The cruder the idea the surer its originator is to exhibit it in print. The exploitation of it gives the writer brief notoriety. Such writing merely gratifies the writer and alarms the folks who believe in and fear ghosts. To the thoughtful observer the greatest danger was that reactionary sentiment might prevail. There had been reaction in patriotism and public morals. Many were regretting and even resenting the high idealism to which they had for a brief period been committed. The noble altruism which motivated the Centenary and Educational Campaigns and inspired desire for helpful co-operation through the unification of Methodism had apparently evaporated, and a spirit of resistance against all such movements seemed to be rising. Indeed, in certain quarters there was industrious and studied propaganda against all forward movements, and this was intensified by the injection of theological prejudices. As a majority of the members were new, their attitude on these questions was unknown. In consequence the prophets were in sore straits. Their predictions were spasmodic guesses.

Our readers may recall that we ventured to believe that the Conference would not be reactionary and dared to hope that it would be moderately progressive. It is a pleasure to be able to record that we have not been disappointed. It was a sane, well balanced Conference. To be sure, some of the measures which we had advocated failed of realization; but in bringing them to the attention of the Church we had not expected immediate approval, and had hoped only for that fair consideration which would ultimately claim recognition. Often defeat of an idea is better than victory, because victory might be premature and result in disaster, while defeat brings closer study and, if the idea is worthy, final improvement and permanent gain. While the Conference did not advance as far as some had hoped, there was absolutely no retrogression.

It is argued by the radicals that, because the closer connection between church conference and quarterly conference was not effected, and because a time limit was not adopted for episcopacy, that democracy failed of recognition. Not so. The proposition to change the method of electing stewards was ably debated and had a good vote. Its failure was due to the conviction that the proposed plan was clumsy and unworkable. A simpler and demonstrably workable plan would have won, and will almost certainly win four years hence. The adoption of the proposed plan would have led to confusion and dissatisfaction resulting in reversion. The idea is working and when properly developed will win.

The proposition for a term episcopacy was defeated, as was the proposition to retire bishops

automatically, and to increase the number so that more intensive supervision might be had. But episcopacy was thoroughly discussed and sentiment was created that will unobtrusively and automatically achieve the desired results. Our episcopacy was never more responsive to sane suggestion, nor in fuller harmony with the purposes of the Church. The districting plan adopted four years ago not only was not abandoned, but was continued with modifications which are improvements. The districts are better arranged; more bishops will live within or near their fields of labor, and four are expected to spend the quadrennium in residence on foreign fields. This is an immense gain. With two more bishops, so that our Western and Border Conferences might have the episcopal aid which the critical condition demands, the situation would be ideal. However, the provision made for evangelistic help and the suggestion of more efficient service through the presiding elders partially solve the problem. This quadrennium will test certain theories, and the experience will point the way to safe conclusions at the next Conference. The emphasis upon our Western and Border fields will lead to study of problems which hitherto have been slighted.

There was grave danger in our relation to the Centenary and Christian Education, the quadrennial assessments, and the movements for hospitals and superannuate endowment; but the Conference endorsed what had been done and made provision for a wisely planned program of conservation and advance. The spasmodic and ephemeral elements are eliminated and co-ordination and co-operation will prevail. Complete re-organization of the Boards was not effected, but practical readjustments were secured and provision made for a thorough study of the whole question by a Commission instructed to report plans to the next General Conference. Then the Committee on Appeals was constituted a tribunal to settle disputes arising between Boards.

There has been a steadily growing demand for a better method of handling our publicity interests. Four years ago a Commission was appointed to study the problem and report a plan. This Commission and the Book Committee submitted a plan to consolidate the Connectional Organs. This was favorably reported by the Committee on Publishing Interests, but a minority report representing the protest of some of the Organs and Boards affected was, by a close vote, adopted. As there were doubtful factors in the proposed merger, it is probably best that it did not prevail, but the study and discussion have focused attention on the weakness of our present policy, and, as another Commission was appointed to continue the study, we may expect a satisfactory solution at next Conference. While the Conference Organs did not get all that they deserved, they did get all that they modestly asked, recognition by a paragraph in the Discipline and hearty commendation and the suggestion that the paper should be put in every Methodist home. The widespread feeling that our Publishing House should be more aggressive found expression in committee and on the floor, and will doubtless result in a speeding-up process. Nothing revolutionary was contemplated, hence the mere presentation of the situation to the Conference was better than drastic action. The Church can now locate responsibility.

The action on Unification and change of name is significant. Many who had ardently favored Unification, had lost hope, and propaganda against it had been active and vigorous. Nevertheless, magnificently led by Judge J. S. Candler, who four years ago was opposed to liberalizing the terms, those who advocated continuing negotiations under freer conditions won a splendid victory.

Then, in addition, provision was made for negotiations with other branches of Methodism, with special reference to the United Brethren, who were making appreciated overtures. As we have consistently advocated this policy in these columns, we feel that the cause of unification has been greatly accelerated. While there is a positive and growing demand for a change of name to correspond with our larger outlook, still the prospect of unification and deference to those who might thereby be affected led to holding this question in abeyance.

One of the best evidences of conservative progress was the election of forward looking men to the episcopacy and the reelection and election of editors and secretaries who represent achievement and a constructive program. The leadership of the last quadrennium, the most fruitful and glorious of our history, is approved and commissioned to press forward to even larger things.

The issue of heresy, which, having been assiduously cultivated, was expected to provoke the sensation of the occasion, was so conscientiously and courageously handled by the special Committee on Doctrinal Standards that when its report was submitted, it was instantly approved by a practically unanimous vote. That such a disturbing issue, pregnant with possibilities of strife and heartburnings, should have resulted in fraternal harmony, is cause for profound gratitude to God. That there was some ground for criticism was admitted, but that our teachers and preachers as a whole are sound in the fundamentals of our holy faith was affirmed and the adequacy of our ecclesiastical processes to deal with all cases was asserted. We will not as a Church tolerate teaching that undermines the essentials, but the liberty of reverent research and sound and honest scholarship is amply protected.

Surely God was in this General Conference and the Holy Spirit moved upon the minds and hearts of its members. Never have men contended for their ideas in more brotherly spirit. Never has a General Conference more fully deserved the approval of its constituency. We rejoice that such a Conference honored our State with its presence.

LET US TRY IT.

While the General Conference did not adopt the merger plan for the Connectional Organs, that representative body did, without a dissenting voice, approve the plan for Conference Organs.

For nearly two years the Southern Methodist Press Association, which includes in its membership representatives of all our Church periodicals, Connectional as well as local, had under consideration the problem of the Conference Organ. At its last meeting, in December, an agreement was reached on the recommendation to General Conference, and this was endorsed by the special Commission on Periodicals appointed by the Atlanta General Conference. The question was fully considered at Hot Springs by the Committee on Publishing Interests, composed of representatives of all the Annual Conferences, and the plan, as conceived by the Press Association, was perfected and presented to the General Conference and by it adopted without change or reservation. Consequently, we are amply justified in assuming that the resolutions and legislation adopted as accurately express the mind of the Church as is possible in general legislation.

This action positively affirms that the consolidation of Conference Organs into Organs for areas is now impracticable, that the Conference Organ, (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2.)

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Epworth League Assembly at Henderson-Brown College, June 19-23.

Y. P. Summer Conference at Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, for young women and girls of Little Rock Conference, June 24-30.

Joint League and Y. P. M. S. Assembly, Galloway College, June 26-30.

Searcy Dist. Conf. at Clinton, July 4.

Batesville Dist. Conf. at Swifton, July 4.

Monticello Dist. Conf. at Selma, July 5-7.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Dr. Swartz, who for several years has been president of the Woman's College at Montgomery, Ala., has resigned. His successor has not been announced.

Last Monday Rev. T. M. Applewhite of Wilmar called while on his way to Hot Springs. He is in poor health and hopes for beneficial results from the hot baths.

Dr. Theodore Copeland, evangelist, writes that he has just closed a good meeting at the old Broad Street Church at Richmond, Va., and is now at Edna, Texas, in a union revival.

A donor, whose name is at his request withheld, has presented \$50,000 to Birmingham-Southern College for the purpose of providing a modern library building and certain scholarships.

Rev. Lawrence L. Cowen, our pastor at Helena, delivered the closing address of the High School at Marvel, Arkansas, during the past week. This is one of three he has delivered in the State recently.

The graduation class of the Traskwood High School invited their pastor, Rev. Percy Vaughan, to preach their closing sermon. There were six graduates and the attendance at the services was large.

In the sixteen Southern States over 350 Churches are under construction at the present time, at an approximate aggregate cost of \$25,000,000. Texas leads, with forty-four buildings, estimated at \$3,975,400.—Ex.

announced elsewhere Dr. W. G. Cram of Korea has been elected to succeed Bishop Beauchamp as director general of the Centenary. His ability and intimate association with the Movement marked him for this place.

Rev. W. C. Hilliard, Little Rock Conference evangelist, writes that he is holding two and sometimes three services a day and is in good health and spirits. He has a full schedule till September 15, and would like to be kept busy till Conference.

The Methodists of the Pacific Coast have purchased 1,100 acres twenty miles west of Los Angeles, stretching from the ocean to the mountains, for \$750,000, and already have sold lots for \$822,000. They plan to make it a very attractive summer resort for all Churches that wish to use it.

Bishop John M. Moore and Mrs. Moore will sail from New York June 24 for Rio de Janeiro for a two months' stay in Brazil, where Bishop Moore goes on an episcopal visit. On their return to this country in September they will make their home in Dallas, Tex., for the next four years.—Ex.

The University of Chattanooga, an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has just closed a successful campaign to raise \$850,000. Of this the General Education Board contributes \$166,666, Chattanooga \$475,000, and the Holston Conference outside of the city \$177,000, other sources \$32,000.

Rev. J. D. Hammons, pastor of our First Church, Texarkana, recently preached the baccalaureate sermon at Kidd-Key College, Sherman, Texas, where he had earlier in the year held revival services in which all the girls who were not already Christians were converted and thirty-seven volunteered for life service.

Cornell College has set aside \$100,000, the income of which is to be used as a pension fund for professors. The Carnegie Foundation has appropriated \$50,000 for this same purpose. Professors retiring at the age of sixty-five or after will receive a retiring allowance approximately one-half of their salary at the time of their retirement.—Ex.

Last summer the Presbyterians and the Methodists in Canada adopted \$1,500 per year as a minimum salary for their ministers. Recently the Congregationalists took similar action. The Home Missions Boards are to assist the weaker Churches in bringing up their salaries, estimating that at least \$200,000 will be needed for the Congregationalists alone.—Ex.

The church in your community makes property and life more secure. It gives your community a respectability, a good name that it would not have but for the presence of the house of God. If no higher motive prompts you, common gratitude for the temporal blessings the church has brought should prompt you to give your encouragement and financial support. Go to church.—Alabama Chr. Advocate

The Old Hickory powder plant of the Government, located a few miles outside of Nashville and consisting of 5,700 acres of land, is being developed by various new industries. The corporation which took the property over has turned back 1,000 acres for farm purposes and has leased and sold much of the remaining acreage for industrial operations, including industries for the manufacture of food stuffs from sweet potatoes.—Ex.

Following a surgical operation, the Rev. William Goudie, general secretary of the Missionary Society and president-designate of the Wesleyan Methodist Church (British), died a few days ago at the age of sixty-five. As it is customary for the Wesleyan Conference to elect its president a year in advance so that he may prepare for his duties, this sudden death leaves the church in an unusual situation.

Rev. E. K. Sewell was in the city Monday on his way to visit relatives in El Dorado. He reports that the Wilson Community Church closed a great revival Sunday night, June 4. There were 46 additions to the church, 38 of these on profession of faith. Rev. Pat Davis of Louisville, Ky., did the preaching. One prominent feature of the revival was a choir of fifty children. The revival leaves the church and community in splendid condition for progressive church work.

As noted last week Dr. L. C. Branscomb had resigned the editorship of the *Alabama Christian Advocate* to become pastor of First Church, Anniston. It is now announced that Rev. M. E. Lazenby, of Opelika, has been elected editor. He assisted Dr. Branscomb last year while the latter was giving most of his time to the Christian Education Movement, and is therefore no novice in journalism. We welcome him to the fraternity and wish him success in carrying forward the great work of his predecessor.

During the first four months of this year the aggregate value of contracts reported in construction work in the South showed an increase of nearly one hundred per cent over the same period in 1921. Activities represented include, among others:

Apartment houses and hotels, \$16,000,000; association and fraternal buildings, \$1,700,000; dwellings, \$5,000,000; school buildings, \$18,000,000; roads, paving and bridges, \$38,000,000; church buildings, \$7,000,000.—Ex.

The editor enjoyed the privilege Sunday of hearing Dr. J. W. Cline, president of Soochow University, preach the Hendrix College commencement sermon and deliver the Y. M. C. A. address. Both were strong deliverances. When Dr. Cline discusses any phrase of Missions he expresses profound convictions and the views of an international statesman. All friends of Hendrix College are proud of the record and high standing of this missionary alumnus.

Our church at Corning, having paid all indebtedness, was on a recent Sunday dedicated. Dr. D. H. Aston, editor of the Oklahoma Methodist, preached the dedicatory sermon, which was considered by many as being the most powerful sermon ever heard in that city. The people of Corning will greet gladly the occasion that may bring Dr. Aston that way again. The pastor of this strong and progressive church is Rev. Lester Weaver.

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 * The Hendrix Summer School for Rural and *
 * City Pastors will be held at Hendrix College, *
 * Conway, June 12-22. Remember that this is *
 * a change of date. Those who expect to at- *
 * tend should immediately notify Pres. J. H. *
 * Reynolds so that rooms may be reserved. *
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Apparently the confusion between "belief" and "faith" will never end. Can people never be led to see that religious faith is not an opinion, but an act? not a thought, but a volition? not theory, but practice? As for opinion, "The devils also believe, and tremble." It is not true, of course, that it does not matter what a man thinks, for thought bears a definite relation to action. But thought is not action, and belief is not faith. And without faith, no man can please God.—St. Louis Chr. Advocate.

Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, D.D., who for the past two years was Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, but voluntarily retired in order to go back to the pastorate, has been assigned to Laurel Heights Church, San Antonio, Texas. This important charge has for the past four years been served by the Rev. A. Frank Smith. Dr. and Mrs. Burgin, while in Louisville, made many friends among us, and there is universal regret that they are to leave Louisville. Prayers and best wishes will follow them.—The Central Methodist.

A two weeks' revival at Grace Methodist church was closed last Sunday. By request of the evangelistic committee, the pastor, Rev. W. C. Martin, did the preaching and Mr. and Mrs. L. Sutherland had charge of the music. The meeting resulted in a spiritual awakening in the lives of many of the members of the church and 46 new members were added to the church, with five others to be received later. Of the former group, 30 were received by profession of faith. This makes a total of 122 that has been received during this conference year.—Houston Post.

Announcement is made that the Board of Missions has selected Dr. A. J. Weeks as editor of the *Missionary Voice* to succeed Mr. R. B. Eleazer. As editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate* Dr. Weeks has shown editorial ability and strength. He is a traveler and close observer, and will undoubtedly use his talent and experience to fine advantage in this now important. We are glad that he remains in the journalistic fraternity, as he is the life of the meetings of our Editorial Association. Mr. Eleazer, who is a gifted young layman, has demonstrated his journalistic gifts in connection with *The Voice*, and will doubtless find even a larger sphere of usefulness.

The people's disgust with politics plays into the politicians' hands, unless it is allied with vision. The fact that the people do not expect anything from the old crowd in politics is proof enough that the old crowd is done. But the people should simply accept the fact as it relates to politics, and not confuse politics with Government. It is no possible for them quietly to select Congressmen of the right type, even if they shall be unable to do much after re-election. Select them, one by one here and there and everywhere; let them go to Congress and study the ground; leave them alone and when the time of the new forward movement

'The Arkansas Methodist In Every Methodist Home In Arkansas'

comes, you will have a Congress of the right sort of men without any hurrah.—The Dearborn Independent.

Dr. O. E. Goddard, one of our great men in Southern Methodism, will assist the Rev. W. T. Thompson, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, this city, in a revival beginning June 11. We predict a great meeting.

A little over two years ago, one of the radical leaders of the garment industry in New York City, ordered his men to "do as little as you can for as much as you can get." What was the result? Wages were increased four hundred percent and production cut one-half, and the cost of garments increased proportionately. The public stopped buying garments, and almost immediately thousands of garment workers were without employment. So numerous instances could be cited where production has been decreased and wages increased and the public refuses to be cajoled into buying at the resultant high prices.—The Rotarian.

That a man sees a question from the standpoint of his own interest is by no means always deplorable. It may be an interest entrusted to him by which he is moved. In the General Conference it was entertaining to watch the college men "come to bat" the moment any matter touching the educational work of the Church presented itself. Dr. Lamar is always alert, but if any delegate said "Publishing House," the Senior Agent was all attention. Even the foreign delegates awakened to feverish activity the instant a new constitution for mission annual conferences came up for discussion. And the mass of the delegates laughed and applauded and then voted for a square deal, as nearly as they could make out what the square deal was.—St. Louis Chr. Advocate.

Bishop Fred B. Fisher has sent an invitation to the Commission on Entertainment asking the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to meet in Calcutta, India. He recognizes the fact that a provision in the Constitution requires the General Conference to meet in the United States, but he wants his Church to think of itself as a world Church, and says that the Methodist membership and constituency in India is greater than that of many strong denominations in America. It is a little odd that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church must meet in the United States while our General Conference might meet anywhere in the world. We hope to see the day when our General Conference may meet in Havana, Cuba, or in some city of Mexico.

BOOK REVIEW.

The Story of Chautauqua; by Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, D. D., author of "The Story of the Bible," "Teacher Training Lessons for the Sunday School," with 50 illustrations; published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

Col. Francis W. Parker, superintendent of Chicago Schools, said: "The New York Chautauqua—father and mother of all the other Chautauquas in the country—is one of the great institutions founded in the nineteenth century. It is essentially a school for the people." Theodore Roosevelt said: "This Chautauqua has made the name Chautauqua a name of a multitude of gatherings all over the union, and there is probably no other educational influence in the country quite so fraught with hope for the future of the nation as this and the movement of which it is the archetype." Viscount James Bryce, late ambassador from Great Britain to the United States, said: "I do not think any country in the world but America could produce such gatherings as Chautauqua's." The rise and progress of this wonderful American institution is fully and widely described by the author, who was closely connected with it almost from the beginning. Long after it has been forgotten that John H. Vincent was a bishop he will be remembered as the founder of Chautauqua. Every good American should be fully informed about the origin of this characteristically American institution. Our readers are peculiarly interested since we are now undertaking in the Southwest to establish a similar enterprise. Dr. Hurlbut says: "It was established by two men of vision, one of whom was also a practical man of business, and both men of high ideals which they never lowered and from which they never swerved. In its plans, from first to last, there was a unique blending of religion, education, and recreation."

LET US TRY IT.

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properly maintained, seems to be the best means for securing denominational publicity and the consequent advancement of the largest interests of the kingdom. It is recommended that Conferences, or groups of Conferences, maintain their own papers, and that they own, control, and publish their own Organs, because of the fear that privately owned papers can never receive the whole-hearted support to which they are entitled.

The following paragraph was ordered inserted in the Discipline:

"For the better instruction of our members and for the promotion of all Annual Conference enterprises, as well as the general work of the church, let Conference organs be maintained by groups of Annual Conferences, or by a single Annual Conference where conditions require it, and, when necessary, let assessment be made for the support of these organs. By means of the budget plan, or in some other practical way, let each church put the Conference organ into every Methodist home. Let the circulation of church periodicals and the distribution of Christian literature be diligently and faithfully promoted by pastors and official members. Let each pastor report, for insertion in the Conference statistics, the number of Methodist families in his charge and the number of Conference organs and general organs taken, and the amount raised for the circulation of these organs."

This is now the law of the Church, and, while its requirements are not mandatory, they come with the same authority that is behind other advices of the Discipline, and are intended to point the Annual Conferences to their duty and to the best way to discharge it.

In the resolutions recommending this legislation it is affirmed that "we regard the financing and circulation of our Conference Organs as of equal importance with the other claims of the Church," and that "one of the first objectives of the quadrennium shall be the putting of the Conference Organ into every Methodist family."

Thus it is seen that the primary importance of the Conference Organ is fully recognized and our duty fully indicated. As there is no law under which payment of preacher's salary or Conference collections can be enforced upon the member, it is logical to argue that we have as much authority now to put the paper into every Methodist home and finance it in the budget, as we have for any other object supported by the Church. All Methodist assessments are by the individual member voluntarily assumed and cannot be legally enforced. With this exposition of the Disciplinary situation, let us consider the application to Arkansas.

1. Already, in advance of General Conference action, we find that we are in harmony with its recommendation in that the Arkansas Methodist, our own Conference Organ, is owned and controlled by the Conferences, and that we have adopted as our slogan "The Arkansas Methodist in Every Methodist Home in Arkansas," and that we are making a small Conference assessment for its financial support. By comparison, we discover that in proportion to the membership in the patronizing Conferences, our circulation is probably greater than that of any other Conference Organ. All this is gratifying and encouraging.

2. Unfortunately, our paper, along with all the other Conference Organs (There is no exception) is not adequately financed and has no practical method of putting the paper into the homes of the indifferent and uninformed members, who need it most and are least likely to get the paper and the information requisite to developing well-rounded Christians and Methodists. Until this difficulty is overcome, the messages of our leaders and our Conferences and our Boards can never be fully delivered to our Church, and we shall have the handicap of ignorance and inertia.

3. For three years, when money was plentiful and people were free spenders, the income and cost of the Arkansas Methodist were substantially equal. Sometimes the small Conference assessment was not needed. In this respect we were better off than most of the religious papers. Some of our Connectional Organs showed large annual deficits, and practically all of the Organs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, most of them with large circulation, were maintained at heavy loss.

This was defended by their leaders on the ground that these papers were the advertising mediums of

the Boards and other Church interests. During the past eighteen months the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist has been increased by special campaigns reinforced by the needs of the Centenary and Education Movements. As many of these new subscribers were put on under special rates, expense outran income, and the general financial depression greatly injured collections of arrearages. Consequently, the expense for more than a year has slightly exceeded income. With approximately \$20,000 due from Methodists, the most thrifty and loyal members, the outcome should not be doubtful, when it is conceded that the paper must be maintained to further all the other causes, and, if its subscribers should default (a thing almost unthinkable), the deficit will be made up by special collections and donations.

4. Our difficulty grows out of the fact that the pastors and charges as a whole have never fully accepted responsibility and circulation and financial plans have been partial and spasmodic. Often a charge would put the paper into every home one year, but, neglecting to adopt a follow-up plan, would create a situation difficult to handle from our office, resulting frequently in prejudice and complaint. No pastor or charge thinks for a moment that, because the pastor's salary and the regular assessments are raised this year, the matter will hereafter automatically take care of itself. Each year the question arises and adequate plans are adopted and worked. If the same thing were assumed and done for the Arkansas Methodist the results would be equally satisfactory, and the paper would not be regarded as a burden to be treated with carelessness and sometimes utterly neglected. The proper course is, undoubtedly, to consider the maintenance of the paper one of the legitimate and regular obligations and undertake it in a manner calculated to get the results desired.

5. The General Conference, by naming it, suggests, as feasible and desirable, the budget plan. If the budget plan were adopted by the Annual Conferences the result would be that (1) the circulation would at once rise to 30,000, (2) the paper would reach every home, (3) those who need it most would get it, (4) the advertising income alone would increase 100 per cent, (5) the cost to the church would be less than 50 per cent more, (6) in the statistical reports the Church would get full credit for all that is spent for publicity; and (7) in improved morale and activity the Church would make tremendous gains.

6. The method is simple. The price for a single subscription should be fixed at \$2, which is the regular price for many similar papers. The rate for the paper when put into the budget and paid without cost of collecting, so that all in a charge would be reported and renewed at the same time, should be only \$1. When losses and expense of bookkeeping and collecting under our present policy are counted, we now realize scarcely an average of one dollar. Then let one dollar be added to the local budget for every four members and this be raised along with all other local funds. In the first place, the amount would not appreciably enlarge the budget, and in the second place the members, for the most part, would pay less than when they pay directly for their subscription. Then the Church would get credit and every family would get the paper just as it gets Sunday School literature and as it receives the organ of a fraternity with which it may be connected. There could be no objection that it was sent as a charity because it would go to all alike, and each who paid to the Church would be paying his prorata share as he does of all other expenses. It would relieve the pastor of the necessity of making annually a personal appeal and a special canvass. It would benefit the indifferent just as much as the preaching and other activities benefit the indifferent. It would relieve the Conferences, the Commissioners, and the editor and manager of the anxiety about financing the paper, put it on a stable basis, and make possible even a larger and better paper.

As the General Conference has recommended this plan, as our present plan is unsatisfactory, as some change is imperative, why not try this plan for a year and see how it works? We cannot do worse. We might do better. As we should decide on a policy immediately, we shall be pleased to receive suggestions from all who are interested.

SOME OF OUR READERS MAKE US GLAD BY PROMPT REMITTANCES. WILL OTHERS JOIN THEM AND CAUSE OUR CUP OF JOY TO RUN OVER?

CHURCH BUILDING IN EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

By Bishop W. F. McMurry.

I. War Work Commission.

The following memorial was presented to the last General Conference at Hot Springs by the Executive Committee of the War Work Commission, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the War Work Commission at a meeting held at Washington City February 14, 1922, recommended that some permanent provision be made for a committee or commission on soldier and sailor welfare work and that an amount of \$120,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be set aside from War Work funds accruing under the Centenary Commission for the support of said soldier and sailor welfare work during the quadrennium 1922-26; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Church Extension and the Board of Missions at their annual meetings in the spring of 1921 appointed a joint committee to consider the needs for church buildings in educational centers with authority to survey the Church, determine the need and how the need is to be met; and,

WHEREAS, this Joint Committee from the Board of Church Extension and the Board of Missions has studied the situation as directed as far as is practicable and have formally reported to the Boards named that an amount of not less than \$2,000,000.00 is needed to properly care for the educational centers of our territory; and,

WHEREAS, in the study of the field, as provided in the action of the Boards involved, it has become manifest, according to the report of the Joint Committee from the two Boards that one of the most urgent needs of the Church is for adequate church facilities in educational centers, such as state institutions and independent foundations; and,

WHEREAS, no provision was made either in the Centenary or in the Educational Movement for church build-

ings adequate to the needs of such centers; and,

WHEREAS, in the providence of God the ending of the war at an earlier date than even the last General Conference dared to hope has made it possible for the War Work Commission to conserve and hold three-fourths of the amount provided in the Centenary by the General Conference for war work activities; and,

WHEREAS, it does not seem possible to enter a campaign at this time for adequate funds to meet the need for church buildings at such educational centers; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the War Work Commission has declared that the balance of the funds set aside by the Centenary Commission for War Work, after caring for soldier and sailor welfare work, as already provided by the action of the Executive Committee, be used in construction of buildings in the interest of Methodist students at state institutional centers, and that the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension be charged with the responsibility of erecting such buildings on a fifty-fifty basis, the funds thus set aside be placed to the credit of those two Boards for that specific purpose and used as maybe determined by these Boards for such work; and,

WHEREAS, this action of the War Work Commission was presented to the Centenary Commission at its meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee, Apr. 11, 1922, which Commission approved without dissenting vote the judgment of the War Work Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Missions at its annual meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee, on Friday, April 21st, without dissenting vote, gave its endorsement to the action of the War Work Commission and the Centenary Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Church Extension at its annual meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky, April 27th, heartily joined in the endorsement and approval of the action taken; and,

WHEREAS, the action of the War Work Commission, the action of the Centenary Commission, the action of the Board of Missions, and the action of the Board of Church Extension as quoted, were communicated to the College of Bishops at a meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 27th, when the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, we have been advised that the Executive Committee of the War Work Commission will request of the General Conference the approval of its plan to use, through the Board of Church Extension and the Board of Missions, the balance that would naturally come into its treasury in the interest of church building in Educational centers with special reference to state institutions and independent foundations; and,

Whereas, the Centenary Commission, the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension have cordially approved the plan as outlined by the War Work Commission;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the College of Bishops recognizing the very great need for adequate church building equipment in the centers referred to hereby gives its endorsement to the plan and joins in the request of the War Work Commission to the General Conference for approval.

WHEREAS, the Board of Church Extension and the Board of Missions have formally agreed to receive and administer this fund as set forth in the several actions quoted above, and secure the investments made by refunding bonds or otherwise as may seem best and to the end that the funds invested shall be returned to the Board or Boards making the investment in the event of alienation of

the property from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or its ceasing to be used as a place of worship by the congregation of said Church;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this General Conference that the action of the War Work Commission, the Centenary Commission, the Board of Missions and the College of Bishops be and is hereby approved and that said Boards of Missions and Church Extension are hereby retaining \$120,000.00 or such amount thereof as may be necessary, for soldier and sailor welfare work for the purpose of assisting in erection of church buildings in educational centers and with special reference to state institutions and independent foundations.

W. F. McMurry,

Vice Chairman.

O. E. Watson,

Secretary.

II. The General Conference.

The Committee on Missions reported on this subject to the General Conference as follows:

Your Committee had before it the record of the actions taken by the War Work Commission, the Centenary Commission, the Board of Missions, and the Board of Church Extension, concerning the disposal of the balance remaining from the fund provided in the Centenary War Work activities, together with the request that the General Conference be asked for approval of the action taken by those Commissions and Boards.

The action of the Centenary Commission is as follows: "That we endorse the announced purpose of the War Work Commission to use the balance of the fund, after proper provision has been made for soldier and sailor welfare for the next quadrennium, for the purpose of assisting in the erection of church buildings in educational centers and with special reference to state institutions and independent foundations. The Committee recommends concurrence.

(Signed) P. S. Rader,

Chairman.

M. T. Plyler,

Secretary.

The above report was considered by the General Conference Saturday afternoon, May 20th, and adopted.

III. Authority Requested.

The \$5,000,000 War Work Fund provided for in the Centenary was divided by the Centenary Commission, so as to make three-fifths of the amount available for "reconstruction and evangelization in the war stricken districts of Europe," and two-fifths of War Work in camp and field, much of which in view of the termination of the war, has been unnecessary or impossible.

A special committee was appointed by the Centenary Commission in 1921, to which was referred, by the Centenary Commission and the Board of Missions, several questions in controversy. That special committee reported to the Centenary Commission on April 10, 1922, as follows: "The War Work Commission is still in existence and, in our judgment, may either give appropriate direction of these funds as nearly as possible in keeping with the original intention of the donors, or appeal to the General Conference for such direction of them as is now possible under the changed conditions of peace."

The Centenary Commission, at the same meeting, approved the request of the Executive Committee of the War Work Commission concerning the use of those funds.

The Board of Missions (representing the Foreign Department, the Home Department, the Women's Work) and the Board of Church Extension, agencies participating in the Centenary Assemblies, gave their approval to the request of the Executive Committee of the War Work Commission, and the

College of Bishops in session at Louisville, Kentucky, April 27th, gave their approval. The General Conference in Hot Springs on May 20th, as shown above, approves, without modification, the plans of the War Work Commission.

IV. Administration.

1. If all the Centenary Assemblies amounting to \$25,000,000 are collected, there should be available for use in erecting church buildings in educational centers, as set forth above, about \$1,500,000.

2. The Board of Missions, at a called meeting in Hot Springs on Apr. 22nd, named Rev. R. L. Russell, Rev. J. W. Perry and Mr. Louis Boegher as a committee of three to act with a like committee from the Board of Church Extension in gathering information and making recommendations for aid out of this fund.

3. The Joint Committee will, in all probability, meet at an early date, organize and make suitable announcement through the church press.

4. I have not the words to tell of the burden that has been lifted from my mind and heart by the action of the General Conference in approving this program and thus making available funds for the building of houses of worship in centers where our Methodist youth assemblies in such large numbers. This burden has been on me for sixteen years and I give thanks to God and the General Conference for opening the way for doing something worth while in this, one of the most needy and neglected fields in our Church.

5. I do not presume to speak for the Joint Committee, for the two Boards involved, but so far as my influence goes, communities desiring assistance from this fund will be expected and required to use local resources to the limit. The fund, if all collected, is wholly inadequate for the need, unless it be used to command the full resources of communities receiving consideration.

PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST

By Howard B. Grose, D.D.

To make the Christian more emphatic in the name of the Young Men's Christian Association was the purpose which led to the Conference on Religious Work initiated by the Religious Work Department of the International Committee. And the more than one hundred secretaries and leaders, representing all departments of Association activities, who came from all parts of the United States and Canada, will hold the days spent together at Lakehurst, N. J., as high hours in spiritual experience. They were hours portentous also for the future of the Associations, for all who shared in them will carry into their work a deeper sense of responsibility and a new desire to realize the supreme original objective of the organization—to win men and boys to Jesus Christ as Savior and enlist them for service in the church. The prayer spirit was contagious, the reports and discussions befitted the subjects in seriousness, the conclusions unanimously reached were weighty with possibilities of power.

The conference grew out of a widespread conviction that the distinctively religious work of the Associations has not kept pace with the growth of the work as a whole, and that this condition must not continue. In order to proceed intelligently, commissions had been appointed to study various subjects, such as the present status of the religious work, the place of prayer in the Associations Christian education and training, enlisting volunteer leadership, and the results and lessons of the pre-Easter evangelistic effort. The carefully prepared reports formed the basis of frank discussion. Difficulties

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in doing religious work today were admitted, but impossibilities were not, and it was agreed that busy secretaries must not be so busy with material and monetary affairs as to forget or neglect the primary object—the spiritual. Responsibility for religious work and atmosphere in local Associations was laid primarily on directors and general secretary, but each member of the staff was also held responsible in his own special zone. "When religious work is a dominant passion of the secretary, all of the work will be permeated with religion." That was accepted as final and the true ideal.

Especially interesting was the reiterated expression as to the need of close co-operation with the churches both in planning and carrying out the religious work programs. "We recognize as a primary task that of co-operation with the churches in their work for men and boys." That starts one section of the conclusions unanimously adopted. The associations may contribute methods of work, courses of study, facilities for weekday activities, and leadership for natural groupings of men and boys in the churches, but it is declared that "a program of religious work most effective in the community is accomplished only by constant counsel and cooperation with the representatives of the churches." This strikes the right note. Great mutual advantage must result from such co-operation, which would utilize the Associations as the agency of the churches for specialized community service, and unite all forces for the common good.

The conclusions further place strong emphasis upon Bible study and prayer as the most effective means to lead to decisions for Christ. The need of training in prayer life was disclosed by the questionnaire as to habits of prayer. Christian decision founded on an experience of a personal relationship to God in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential—the end to be sought by every worker as his first and greatest aim. And the decision must be followed through to open confession in church membership before his duty is fulfilled. It may be noted here that about 5,000 decisions were reported as a result of the pre-Easter movement, with about 2,000 additions to the churches.

After a frank diagnosis of religious conditions, it was the common opinion

that the main objective of the Association has been preserved and even enriched with the spiritual experiences of the years. At the same time the need of far more attention to the development of the spiritual life in the Associations was vividly realized and made the subject of special prayer. Indeed, the 40 minute period of prayer following the Saturday evening report of the General Secretaries commission on religious work was the climax of the sessions. The tests proposed for Association secretaries might well be studied by pastors and church members. And if the spirit of this conference could be carried into every church and Association to the last member, we should see the great day of universal revival, for which so many have prayed, breaking upon a world that needs God, that is by all reports hungry for a knowledge of God, and that waits for a Spirit-inspired church to reveal him through its faith and love and life.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE RE-MEMBERED THE FORGOTTEN MAN.

(The following is the report of the Special Committee on Superannuate Endowment to the recent General Conference, which report was adopted.)

We, your Special Committee on Superannuate Endowment, having had before us numerous memorials relating to the matter of adequate provision for the support of superannuates and the widows and orphans of preachers, beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, the General Conference held in Atlanta, Ga., May, 1918, created the Board of Finance with authority to conduct, under special provisions and regulations, "the support of the Conference claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Joint Boards of Finance of the several Annual Conferences," authorizing and instructing said Board of Finance to receive from the Board of Trustees all the assets of every character and kind of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, and instructing said Board of Finance to proceed in every proper way, to raise an adequate endowment to care for the Conference claimants; and whereas said General Conference gave the right of way during the quadrennium 1918-1922 to the organized campaigns of the Missionary Centenary and the Christian Education Movement, limiting the efforts of the Board of Finance in the soliciting of funds for Superannuate Endowment during the quadrennium to the usual and ordinary methods of obtaining contributions; and whereas the Board of Finance during 1918-1922 has, in obedience to the expressed will of the General Conference, recognized the right of way of the Missionary Centenary and the Christian Education Movement, so far as all special efforts were concerned, and has therefore been limited in its efforts to increase the Superannuate Endowment Fund; and whereas the Conference claimants of our Church have continued patiently to suffer and wait, as they have suffered and waited through the entire history of the Church, on account of lack of proper support; and whereas the Board of Finance, organized under the direction of the General Conference, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, and located in the city of St. Louis, has become strongly and firmly established, thoroughly equipped and competent to handle large funds; and whereas it was generally understood by the members of the General Conference of 1918, and has since been generally understood throughout the Church, that the quadrennium 1922-1926 would be given

to a special effort to provide an adequate support for our long-neglected Conference claimants—

Therefore, we recommend that the Board of Finance be given the right of way during the ensuing quadrennium, 1922-1926, for launching a special effort throughout the territory of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to raise a minimum of \$10,000,000 as an Endowment Fund for the support of our Conference claimants.

And since the Church has been engaged during the period of 1918-22 in two highly organized and intensive campaigns for many millions of dollars, and since it is important that any special effort for large funds during the ensuing quadrennium should be projected in a manner not to preclude the successful completion of said campaign or to over-strain or embarrass the faith and works of the Church, we recommend that the proposed special effort for Superannuate Endowment be conducted under the following general specifications:

1...The Name of the Movement.

The movement shall be known simply as "The Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment."

2...The Time to Begin.

The Board of Finance shall be authorized to submit the detailed plan of procedure to the Annual Conferences of 1923, so that all the churches may begin to secure pledges in the spring of 1924, or at such later date as the Board of Finance shall deem wise.

3. Apportionment to Charges.

Every charge in the Church will be asked to raise a minimum amount equal to the amount assessed for its pastor and presiding elder for the Conference year 1922-23, and urged to pay the said amount in one year or in annual installments over a period not to exceed five years, as each charge may determine for itself.

4. Division of Receipts.

Every charge in the Church will be required to remit all collections on pledges direct to the General Board of Finance, to be credited by the Board fifty per cent to the General Superannuate Endowment Fund and fifty per cent to the Conference Superannuate Endowment Fund of the Annual Conference from which the remittance is made. The General Board will administer all Conference Funds so accruing, and pay the income from them annually to the respective Conference Board of Finance for distribution by them to their claimants and under their rules.

5. The Character of the Effort.

While the undertaking shall be an organized movement, it shall not have the same intensive and extensive organization which were necessary in the other campaigns. The conclusions of the Board of Finance on this subject, and which we approve, are as follows:

(a) The effort shall be conducted chiefly by the regular Church organization, through the bishops, presiding elders, pastors, lay members—all following in their appointed fields a concise and simple program which will be published in detail and distributed in convenient form among those who will be requested to carry on.

(b) The preachers will not be detached from pastorates to serve the cause on salaries as Conference Secretaries, or for full time in other capacities, but a comparatively few such men may be engaged for short periods to assist in the preparatory work at Annual Conferences and in the presentation of the cause in selected charges. It is the aim of the Movement to depend chiefly on the interest, love, and loyalty of the bishops, presiding elders, pastors, other interested preachers, and lay members, to provide such voluntary service as will guarantee complete victory and at the

same time reduce the expense to an absolute minimum.

(c) The simple organization contemplated will be thoroughly explained at the Annual Conference, further emphasized at the District Conference when possible, and chiefly wrought out in the charge.

(d) While a suggested plan of procedure will be placed in the hands of every pastor, he shall have liberty in working the plan and shall be free to use his own initiative in adapting same to his particular field to secure the best results. However, pastors will be urged strictly to regard the fundamentals of the plan presented.

(e) There will be no Conference or district treasurers. The charge organization, under the auspices of the Quarterly Conference, will collect all pledges and remit same direct to the General Board of Finance. Furthermore, progress on the payment of allotments shall be reported annually, using specially arranged columns in Statistical Table No. 4, to be provided in the Minutes of the Annual Conference.

(f) The Secretary of the Board of Finance will arrange for a brief period of publicity in the churches just preceding the taking of the pledges, and the pastors will be urged to utilize all available services during this brief period for presenting the great needs of our Conference claimants, and to distribute literature, in an effort to prepare the people for making worthy pledges to Superannuate Endowment.

(g) It is intended to issue only one general publication, which will be a book-pamphlet arranged to tell an appealing story of the needs of our Conference claimants, and one other pamphlet for the direction and use of the pastors. In addition the Church press will be used extensively, and such other legitimate means of publicity as are consistent with a policy of rigid economy.

6. Contributing Agencies.

There are several organizations of the Church which, as such, should be encouraged to have a specific part in the effort proposed to provide adequate Superannuate Endowment:

(a) Sunday Schools—These organizations, powerful and useful as they have come to be, owe a great debt to the preachers who were active in other days, but who are now superannuated and in distress. They should be given the opportunity to contribute systematically to the cause of Superannuate Endowment. However, the amount contributed by them shall be paid through the charge organization, and the charge shall be allowed to take credit on its quota for the amounts paid by its Sunday schools.

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(b) Epworth Leagues.—It is most desirable that the organized young people of the Church should not only assist the effort for Superannuate Endowment as individuals, but also as organized bodies. It is intended that they shall be given the opportunity to contribute as Epworth Leagues and under the same conditions cited for the Sunday schools.

(c) Women's Auxiliary Societies.—As we have among the Conference claimants more than thirteen hundred widows of preachers, many of whom lack the bare necessities of life, it appears that any movement to provide for their needs would not be complete without giving the women's auxiliary societies of the Church, as such, an opportunity to assist.

(d) Laymen's Organizations.—The Church has a great organized body of laymen. These strong and valiant men should be glad to cooperate in some way in behalf of adequate Superannuate Endowment. It is the aim to enlist them as an organization to do whatever they can to promote the effort.

7. Resolutions.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference:

First—That the bishop and members of each Annual Conference should designate a day of the session of 1923 as Superannuate Endowment Day for the consideration of this great cause, and that the representatives of the Board of Finance be given right of way on that day for presenting the details of their plan.

Second—That the statistical blanks for use during the ensuing quadrennium, for pastors' reports to the Annual Conference, for Annual Conference statistical secretaries, and for the Quarterly Conference Records, be amended to include such columns and questions as are necessary to secure accurate reports of the progress of the movement.

Third—That the General Sunday School Board prepare, if it can be arranged, an occasional and appropriate lesson study on the Christian ministry and publish same in the Sunday school literature at convenient intervals during the period of special effort for Superannuate Endowment; and that every Sunday school in the Church consider what it may do as an organization to assist the cause.

Fourth—That the General Epworth League Board be requested to arrange for special programs for the local chapters to be used periodically in the interest of Superannuate Endowment, and that it publish in the Epworth Era and Topic Cards a suitable lesson study in every instance; and that every chapter consider what it may do as an organization to assist the cause.

Fifth—That the Woman's Missionary Council is requested to take cognizance of the special effort for Superannuate Endowment, looking to encourage every Woman's Missionary Auxiliary in the Church to carry out such a program of co-operation as may be arranged and recommended by the council.

Sixth—That the laymen's organizations of the whole Church, including the Committee on Lay Activities in every Annual Conference, consider ways and means of assisting the special effort for Superannuate Endowment, and, by whatever method of procedure they may agree upon, urge the laymen of every charge to give themselves wholeheartedly in support of the plan of the General Board of Finance for the full accomplishment of the task.

Seventh—That the conduct of this special effort be committed to the Board of Finance with authority to make such variation in the plan as may be necessary in carrying to successful completion the plan of this General Conference for an adequate Superannuate Endowment.

Respectfully submitted—Paul H. Linn, Chairman; L. H. Estes, Secretary.

REORGANIZATION OF CENTENARY WORK

To succeed Bishop W. B. Beauchamp, who until now has directed the Centenary activities, Dr. W. G. Cram of the Korea Conference has been elected Director General of the Missionary Centenary. Dr. Cram had a large part in the preliminary work of the Centenary and in carrying through the drive of May, 1919. From December 1917 to August 1920, he was Associate Secretary of the Centenary Commission. He gave efficient service in the preparation of the survey on which the Centenary Askings were based. In addition to this valuable work, he made other contributions to the success of the enterprise. It was believed that in view of the great issues involved in the collection of Centenary pledges, he should be held in the home field, hence, the action of the Centenary Commission in naming him as successor to Bishop Beauchamp. No better selection could have been made.

Dr. Cram and the Executive Committee of the Centenary Commission are now working out the plans for Centenary activities during the months ahead. It has been agreed that there will be a considerable reduction in the working force at Nashville headquarters. Certain departments will be transferred to other Boards, and some will be discontinued. Such changes as are made, will be given publicity through the papers of the Church.

TWO REPORTS ON THE CENTENARY

All the work of the Centenary Commission during the past quadrennium was under careful review by the General Conference. Two reports adopted by the General Conference will be of special interest to our people and these are here given:

(1) "Your Committee on Missions had before it a memorial from the Centenary Commission for the continuance of the Commission. Your committee recommends that the Centenary Commission, as now constituted, be continued for the purpose of carrying through, as planned by the last General Conference, the Centenary task; provided, it be understood that at the end of 1923 this Commission shall make such financial adjustment as shall be satisfactory to all Boards concerned.

Signed: P. S. Rader, Chairman.
M. T. Plyler, Secretary."

(2) "Your Committee on Missions asks the General Conference to adopt as its own the following as an address to the Church concerning the shortage in the payment of the Centenary pledges.

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The one outstanding fact of the quadrennium just passed in review by this General Conference has been the truly noteworthy increase and the magnificent total of our Church con-

tributions in money. To the Centenary and the Educational Campaigns, causes in no sense hostile to each other, but close akin and parallel in interest and in importance, our people have given sums that but a few years ago would have been counted incredible. This Conference has taken special pains to provide that any slight conflicts of interest and administration that might have arisen in the collection of the subscriptions to these two funds shall be wholly obviated. From now on the co-ordination between the two will be complete. In the interest of a collection absolutely one-hundred per cent in full of all these pledges we address to you this letter.

It is only fair that you should know all the history of the collection and application of the Centenary Fund. For that purpose we cite you several self-explanatory items from the report just rendered by the General Treasurer, Hon. John E. Edgerton. Total receipts to May 1, 1922

Expenses to date:
(1) Of cultivation, preparation and Campaign 511,491.15
(2) Columbus celebration 302,012.65
(3) Collection (beginning July, 1919) 1,010,096.97

From these figures you will see that the expense of collection, including the Memphis meeting, have been between seven and eight per cent of the receipts, and the total expense, from some parts of which we are still gathering large returns, about twelve per cent. On pledges due there is a deficiency of about six millions of dollars. There has been no misapplication of Centenary money. There has been no extravagance in expense accounts. The figures of the Treasurer make this so evident that any hints to the contrary must be seen at once to be false. For any of our ministers or members to believe or circulate such charges is to sin against the facts and against the integrity and good name of the Church which we all love. Already more than eleven millions of dollars have been applied to the work on the fields, and another million and a half is ready to be sent. The money is going straight to the objects for which it was asked and given. We urge our pastors everywhere, as shepherds of the flock of Christ, to assure their people that no part of their money has been wasted and that none will be.

Permit us to urge upon you two absolutely final compelling considerations why all Centenary pledges should be paid in full:

(1) The first of these is found in the fruits of the Centenary, and in the disaster that would result from failure now. This great increase in our missionary giving has been blessed of God, in the heartening and revivifying of our work on the various fields to a degree which it is impossible to picture to you. The native Churches have responded nobly, inaugurating themselves a great campaign of intercession, of giving, and of life service. They are not only assuming as never before the support of their own work, but are joining us in making contributions in money and workers for the conquest of the world for Christ. The missionaries have taken new heart at the arrival of re-enforcements and at the increase of equipment in building and supplies on a scale which they had before never dared hope for. They feel that their Church has not forgotten them. Plans for building and enlargement have been inaugurated in their faith that we will pay what we have promised. To check those movements and thwart those plans and blast those hopes would be a calamity so indescribable

that it would go far to neutralize the good already done. Surely every one who has subscribed to the Centenary will think twice before becoming a party to such a disaster.

(2) The second great consideration which we lay upon your consciences is that Christians must not default. Not to keep a pledged word is a sin that in the business world men hold unpardonable. How much graver is it when we have made our promise to God. We did not pledge these sums to the Centenary Commission, nor yet to the needy missionaries and their fields. We offered them solemnly upon the altar of Christ, that Savior and Redeemer who gave himself for us. Any member of the Church who repudiates a promise such as that not only besmirches the honor of his Church, but shames himself in the eyes of his own Lord. 'But, brethren, we are persuaded better things of you and things that make for salvation, though we thus speak. Let us therefore continue patient in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.'

Signed: Perry S. Rader, Chairman.
M. T. Plyler, Secretary.

HOW TO PAY YOUR CENTENARY PLEDGE

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But times are bad now. Your income has slumped fearfully. You are behind with your creditors. Your pledges to God are unpaid. If there was ever a time when you needed to fall back on God's plan, that time is now. And for several reasons:

1. Because it will greatly simplify your problem. When you have set aside the tenth you can feel that you have at least made an honest effort to meet your financial obligation to God. Until you do that, you can have no such comforting assurance. The harder you are pressed—the less your income—the more confident you may feel. For God rates your gift not on the basis of what you give, but what you have left. You have tried your own plan and failed. Now try His plan—honestly, devoutly and see if you will not do far better.

2. You should try tithing because of the spiritual blessing it will bring you. Those who have not experienced it cannot realize how wonderfully the dedication of the tithe reacts upon the whole religious life. It brings the joy that comes with fuller consecration. Till you have dedicated your pocketbook to God and made proof of that fact by some such test as the tithe, you can never be wholly sure that you yourself really belong to Him. There is no other test quite so sure, so keen, so deep cutting, as the test of property. God gave us the tithe more as a means of protection and blessing to us than for any other reason. If you have not availed yourself of it, you are taking a serious chance and missing a great privilege.

3. You need the tithe because it means taking God into partnership on the farm, in the factory, the shop, and the daily toil of the wage earner.

Thus it sanctifies and glorifies the common task, lifts it out of the sordid atmosphere of mere money making and transforms it into something holy. There is nothing like it for making sacred and beautiful the whole round of life by putting into every day's toil the joy of worship and service.

4. You need the tithe, particularly in these depressing days, because of the promise of temporal blessing that goes with it. "Bring all the tithe into the storehouse and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Thousands in our day testify to the truth of that promise. There is not on record the statement of one tither in a hundred who has found it otherwise. Don't imagine you can't afford it. Multitudes have found that the nine-tenths left, with God's blessing, goes further than the whole without it. Put God to the test. "Prove him," as He challenges you!

Not that you should do it for the sake of temporal prosperity. That is but an incidental consequence. But do it because you know you should, because you want to meet your obligations to God and His cause, because you want the consciousness of His presence and blessings in all you do. For every one of these reasons you should begin tithing.

Join today the Methodist Million of tithing stewards who are joyfully following God's plan for the financing of his Kingdom.

METHODISM IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

By J. L. Neill.

Social Service.—Relief Work was begun during the winter 1919-20 and has been continued right down to date. This work has had to do chiefly with meeting the physical needs of thousands of Russians and Ukrainians who had fled from the "Red Terror" of their native country. All they had was confiscated and wasted by the Bolsheviks and it was only through escape that their lives were saved. The harrowing experiences through which many of them passed are indescribable. We are now providing two meals per day to 500 Ukrainian students and also feeding about 150 women and children who are Russian refugees with absolutely no means of support.

One of the greatest needs here just now is adequate provision for the multitudes of orphans. This country is full of them and their plight is pitiable in the extreme. Our Mission has bought an old estate about seven miles out from Prague which was formerly owned by a member of the so-called Hapsburg House of Austria. The estate contains about five acres of ground on which there are three old buildings. Our plan is to renovate and remodel these buildings and add a small one for a Clinic. We expect this plant to become a model for Central Europe. Nothing like it exists at present. The total cost will be about \$45,000 and we hope to complete it this year. It will be known as Kingdom House. I am sure that the question of support will be a minor matter as our Sunday School children at home will gladly assume this support in "Specials."

Distribution of Bibles.—The Bible has really never been an "Open Book" in this country. The present emblem of the largest Protestant denomination is a Communion cup on a closed Bible. This emblem really goes back to the days of John Huss and other early reformers in their fight against Rome for the Communion in both elements. Literally thousands of people never saw the whole Bible, so one of our first tasks was to distribute the Scriptures. We now have 20 colporteurs who are doing a marvellous

piece of work. When Rev. C. T. Collyer started this work there was not a store in Prague where a Bible could be bought.

The Sunday School.—"It just ain't." There are here and there a few feeble efforts at a Sunday School, but Bro. Baker's School in "Hardscrabble" Circuit is a real university when compared to what I find here. The need cannot be stated in words, and the obstacles are just about as big as the need. Don't ever let anybody fool you into believing that these people, or any others that I've met, are falling over each other trying to be religious or to study God's Word. People are really the same the world over. By God's grace we hope to be able to "start something" in Sunday School work. It may not be much, but we will do our best.

Evangelism.—We now have nine Methodist Churches organized with a total membership of about 3,500. Our preaching places are dance halls and ante-rooms to saloons, but our men are transforming them into veritable Bethels.

At Vrsovice Rev. Joseph Dobes has done one of the most remarkable pieces of work since apostolic days. This is a thickly populated section of the city of Prague. The Headquarters of an Austrian Army Corps adjoined it. Unmentionable vice and the grossest immorality were rampant. The worst dives in New York or San Francisco did not equal it in iniquity. To-day this section is being transformed. We have bought the whole of the main building (which was headquarters for the sin and iniquity), which has in it two immense dance halls that can be thrown together, and we now have a Church membership, including probationers, of nearly 3,000. The songs of Zion are being sung daily where revelry with wine and women formerly held sway, and the shouts of new-born souls have taken the place of oaths and curses. Some day this work will be spoken of as the "Miracle of Vrsovice."

I held the first Quarterly Conference in Czecho-Slovakia with the Vrsovice Church on February 27. How I wish you could have been present. Of course, the Conference was organized with only two members, the pastor Bro. Dobes and Rev. C. T. Collyer of our Mission, but an elder in the Virginia Conference. Our first duty was to elect the various officers such as stewards, etc. I tried several times to explain who could vote but notwithstanding the explanations everybody present, about 400, voted on every question. No negative vote was voiced at anytime so finally I laughed and let it go. Seven fine men were licensed to exhort and each of them will ask for license to preach at our annual meeting. Surely the Psalmist was correct when he sang, "Ask of Me and I will give Thee the Heavens for Thine Inheritance."

This work is financed with Centenary money.

IS UNIFICATION BEGINNING?

The sensation of the Southern Methodist General Conference at Hot Springs, Ark., last Friday was the offer of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Bishop H. H. Fout, who voiced the sentiment of his colleagues on the Board of Bishops, was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and it was the evident desire of the General Conference that the union should be consummated with as little delay as possible.

The Church of the United Brethren was founded by the Rev. Phillip W. Otterbein, life-long friend of Francis Ashbury, and one of the officiating ministers at his consecration in 1785. From him the connection has grown until it numbers 400,000 communi-

cants and a greater Sunday school enrollment. It has several bishops who are chosen for a term of four years; it licenses and ordains women. Its publishing house at Dayton, Ohio, has been conspicuously successful. In the early days the membership was wholly among the German-speaking people, but English has long been the only language of the denomination. About two thirds of its four thousand churches are located in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kansas. They are fewest in the South and in the Atlantic Seaboard States.

Should this unification come to pass—as we strongly hope and believe it will—it will inevitably have its bearings upon the other and greater unification which may be just "around the corner," which shall restore the unity of the Methodism which broke apart in 1844. In the first place it will "set the ball rolling," giving impetus and popularity to the idea of bringing together churches of like creed and polity. Secondly, it will help to equalize the disparity of numbers which now makes it necessary to make "the protection of minorities" an essential of any unification agreement. Thirdly, it will by a species of "peaceful penetration" suddenly bring competing "Methodist" churches into hundreds of towns of Pennsylvania and the Middle West, in many cases intensifying conditions whose existence in Florida and along the border, and in the Southwest, has stimulated the agitation to find some means of doing away with overlapping and wasteful rivalry. Finally, it will swell the forces in favor of the larger unification with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Christian Advocate, whose platform is that the unification of Methodism is "desirable, feasible, and inevitable," hails with satisfaction the auspicious opening of these negotiations. Doubtless the preliminary parleys between responsible parties in the two Churches had made reassuring progress before the public was admitted to the secret. To us it seems like the first step toward the ultimate reunion of the divided children of Wesley; for though the United Brethren were not an organic offshoot of Methodism their roots reach far down in common soil, and they have acknowledged close spiritual kinship with us throughout their history of more than a century. Their closer identification with the great Methodist household of faith is welcomed as a happy augury of greater unions yet to come.—(New York) Christian Advocate.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

FIFTEENTH DAY, MAY 19.

(Continued from last week.)

Report no. 4 from the Committee on Church Relations and Bible Cause was read and adopted.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Church Extension was read, containing nominations.

The report of the special Committee on Nominations of the Committee on Arrangements for the General Conference of 1926 was read and adopted.

Report No. 17 of the Committee on Education was adopted.

Report No. 30 of the Committee on Boundaries and Finance was adopted.

Report No. 31 of the Committee on Boundaries and Finance was read and adopted.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service was read.

The committee asked for unanimous consent to add to Paragraph 416 "the Commission shall have authority to fill any vacancies which shall occur."

The amendment was adopted and the report then adopted.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service was presented and adopted.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service was read and, after its being provided that the Secretaries be allowed to insert certain names to conform to recent legislation, the paper was adopted.

Report No. 7 from the Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted.

Bishop Moore was elected a trustee of Southern Methodist University.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Reorganization of the General Boards was read and adopted.

Superannuate Endowment Fund Campaign

Report No. 2 from the Committee on Superannuate Endowment was taken up and was adopted. This provides for the special campaign for the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

An amendment was adopted and the report then adopted.

Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Dr. E. B. Chappell.

Afternoon Session.

The Conference was called to order by Bishop Darlington at 3 p. m. and joined in singing a hymn.

Bishop Elect Dobbs offered prayer and read the Scriptures, the minutes

Deficient Vitality a Great Misfortune.

Persons that can rarely or never say that they feel full of life, are really among the most unfortunate. They do not live, but merely exist; for to live implies more than to be. To live is to be well and strong—to arise feeling equal to the ordinary duties of the day, and to retire not overcome by them—to feel life bounding in the veins.

A medicine that has made thousands of people, men and women, well and strong, has accomplished a great work, bestowing the richest blessings. Such a medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla. The weak, run-down, or debilitated, from any cause, should not fail to take it. It builds up the whole system, changes existence into life, and makes life more abounding. It is simple justice to say these words in its favor.

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of the morning session were read and approved, and Bishop Darlington resigned the chair to Bishop Du Bose.

Resolutions.

"Resolved, That the salaries of the connectional officers who retire at the close of this session of the General Conference shall be paid by the Boards concerned until the next session of their Annual Conferences, or until they are appointed to some other work, and the Boards concerned are hereby empowered and directed to pay the same."

"Signed: A. J. Lamar, G. B. Winton." This was adopted.

"Resolved, That Monday, May 22, at 11 a. m. be fixed as the time for final adjournment of this General Conference."

This resolution was adopted.

Report No. 4 from the Epworth League Committee, containing nominations for the Board, was read and adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Border Work, Calendar No. 63, was read by the Secretary. This report amended its several items, provides for a more aggressive policy of home Missions, especially on the border and in the West. It was adopted.

Report No. 19 from the Committee on Missions was read and adopted.

The session closed at 5:08 p. m. with the doxology and the benediction.

Evening Session.

Bishop Du Bose called the Conference to order at eight o'clock. Rev. J. E. Harrison led the Conference in prayer. The Bishop read part of the fourth chapter of Malachi. The minutes of this afternoon's session were read and approved. The episcopal districts and assignments were read by Bishop Ainsworth.

Dr. C. L. Brooks introduced a resolution, which was adopted, as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that when a member is placed on two or more of our General Boards he resign from all except one. The vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the delegation of the Conference from which the resignation comes."

"Signed: Charles L. Brooks, Forney Hutchinson, W. F. O'Bryan, O. E. Goddard."

It was moved that it is the sense of this General Conference that the above resolution does not apply to the Board of Trustees, and the motion was carried.

Assessments for Coming Quadrennium.

M. M. McCall introduced Report No. 1 of the Commission on Finance, together with a minority report, both of which were read by the Secretary.

The vote was taken on the minority report.

The minority report recommended a total assessment of approximately \$1,700,000.

The minority report was lost.

The majority report was adopted, as follows:

"Foreign missions, \$604,000; home missions, \$235,000; Church Extension, \$192,000; education, \$112,000; theological schools, \$80,000; negro work, \$60,000; Superannuate Fund, \$200,000; Epworth League, \$47,000; Sunday school, \$198,000; bishops, \$176,000; American Bible Society, \$51,000; General Conference expenses, \$55,000; temperance and social service, \$7,000; lay activities, \$37,000; hospitals, \$12,000; Asbury memorial, \$4,000. Total, \$2,070,000."

"The General Conference Expense Fund includes \$10,000 per year for Federal Council of Churches."

"Signed C. B. Lewis, Chairman; G. W. Barcus, Secretary."

Secretary Watkins read a telegram from the Southern Baptist Convention expressing appreciation of the telegram sent to them

Report no. 6 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and adopted.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read.

W. A. Cooper moved that it be laid on the table, and the motion was carried.

The Time Limit.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read. This was the time-limit proposition.

There were two reports and two amendments, one to each report, before the Conference. The majority report recommended that the present law stand, except that it not be required that the Quarterly Conference make request for the return of a pastor beyond four years, leaving it to a majority of the presiding elders and the bishop. A motion to amend was made by Dr. W. A. Cooper, of Florida, who proposed that the law apply also to the presiding elder. The minority report recommended that all time restrictions be removed, and to this an amendment was offered by Dr. J. P. Hilburn, of Florida, proposing that the four-year limit be again put on.

After a debate participated in by preachers and laymen, the vote was first on the amendment by Dr. Hilburn. This was lost by a large majority, as was Dr. Cooper's amendment. The minority report then came before the body and was defeated by a vote 124 to 152. The majority report was then adopted.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Elect Hay, and the session was adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

SIXTEENTH DAY, MAY 20.

The Conference was called to order at 9 a. m. by Bishop W. N. Ainsworth. The devotional services were conducted by Dr. J. P. Hilburn, of the Florida Conference, and after the reading of the minutes of Friday's session Bishop Cannon took the chair. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That all General Boards are hereby instructed to publish annually in the Christian Advocate a statement of income and expenditures similar to the annual statement made by banking institutions."

"Signed: Bascom Antony, Marvin T. Haw, Clarence M. Dannelly."

"Resolved, That the proceeds for work among colored people be sent to the Board of Missions, to be administered by the Department of Home Work, General Board."

This was amended to provide for a committee from the Board of Missions to act with a like committee from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to work out a more efficient plan of co-operation activities with that denomination.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee on Missions had before it a memorial from the Centenary Commission for the continuance of the Commission. Your committee recommends that the Centenary Commission as now constituted be continued for the purpose of carrying through, as planned by the last General Conference, the Centenary task, provided it be understood that at the end of 1923 this Commission shall make such financial adjustment as shall be satisfactory to all Boards concerned."

"Signed: P. S. Rader, Chairman; M. T. Plyler, Secretary."

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Episcopacy was taken from the table. This report carried the Episcopal Districts as arranged by the Committee on Episcopacy. The bishops, under authority given by the General Conference, had made certain changes in the plan, and the report was amended to conform to the plan of the bishops. It was then adopted.

Bishop Candler announced to the Conference that, in compliance with the law of the Church, the College of Bishops had named the Chairman of the Epworth League Board. The nomination of the bishops was Bishop Horace M. Du Bose, and he was elected by the General Conference.

Report No. 16 of the Committee on Revisals was read. This recommended concurrence in the memorials asking for the change of "holy Catholic Church" to "Church of God" in the Apostles' Creed.

Dr. Bascom Anthony, chairman of the committee, withdrew this report and substituted one recommending that the change be made only in the Order of Service in the hymn book. After debate the vote was taken, and the report failed of passage—ayes, 107; noes, 162.

Report no. 20 of the Committee on Revisals was read. It recommended that the basis of representation in the General Conference be one clerical and one lay member for every sixty members of an Annual Conference instead of forty-eight, as now. The report was not adopted.

Report No. 27 of the Committee on Revisals was adopted. This provides a new question for the Quarterly Conference Journal: "Has the sacrament of the Lord's Supper been administered during the quarter?"

Report No. 22 of the same committee was adopted. It provides: "That any time spent in the traveling ministry, whether on trial or in full connection, may be counted as part of the four years' probation to elder's orders."

Publishing Interests

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee on Publishing Interests has considered memorials from the Kentucky Conference, the West Oklahoma Conference, and a memorial signed by certain individuals concerning the districting of our territory and the consolidation of our conference organs and has also considered a paper from the Southern Methodist Press Association. After a careful consideration of conditions, we have reached the conclusion that the dividing of the Church into areas and the establishment of a paper for each area is at this time impracticable. The Conference organ properly maintained seems to us to be the best system for the securing of denominational publicity and for the consequent advancement of the largest interest of the kingdom. We therefore recommend:

"1. That we commend the Southern Methodist Press Association, composed of practically all the editors of our Church, in its efforts to solve the perplexing problems of religious journalism and to bring our periodicals to a high degree of efficiency."

"2. That patronizing Conferences and single Conferences that maintain their own papers are urged to give a substantial support to these organs by making such an assessment when necessary for their maintenance as will enable them to render the most valuable service to the Church. It is also desirable to secure permanent funds sufficiently adequate to maintain these Conference papers in a manner befitting their importance."

"3. That wherever practicable what is commonly known as the budget system or some other plan be used by each charge to put the Conference paper into every Methodist home. We suggest that Annual Conferences supplement the efforts of local charges in the circulation of our Methodist periodicals and that we regard the financing and circulating of our Conference organs as of equal importance with

the other claims of the Church.

"4. That one of the first objectives of the quadrennium shall be the putting of the Conference paper into every Methodist family.

"5. That we recommend to the Book Agents that they give to each of the Conference papers a reasonable amount of advertising, believing that such advertising will be not only of substantial assistance to the Conference organs, but that it will largely increase the sales of the Publishing House. We furthermore recommend that the Southern Methodist Press Association be authorized to present from time to time to the Book Committee the necessity of this assistance and the importance of mutual cooperation.

"6. That we also recommend that Conferences or groups of Conferences not owing their Church papers make arrangements to own, control, and publish their own organs; for we fear that when Conference papers are owned by individuals or corporations they can never receive the whole-hearted support to which they are entitled.

"7. We recommend that the following paragraph be inserted in the Discipline immediately after the paragraph numbered 68: 'for the better instruction of our members and for the promotion of all Annual Conference enterprises as well as the general work of the Church, let Conference organs be maintained by groups of Annual Conferences or by a single Annual Conference where conditions require it, and when necessary let assessments be made for the support of these organs. By means of the budget plan or in some other practical way let each Church put the Conference organ into every Methodist home. Let the circulation of Church periodicals and the distribution of Christian literature be diligently and faithfully promoted by pastors and official members. Let each pastor report for insertion in the Conference statistics the number of Methodist families in his charge and the number of Conference organs and general organs tak-

en and the amount raised for the circulation of these organs.'

"Signed: A. C. Millar, Chairman; Sterling Fisher, Secretary."

Consolidation of Papers.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read. This merger, of the ETAOI SHRDLU RD recommended the consolidation, or merger, of the Christian Advocate, the Quarterly Review, the Missionary Voice, the Epworth Era, the Christian Education Monthly, and certain publications of the Sunday School Department into one periodical. A minority report recommended nonconcurrency.

The hour of adjournment arrived before the report reached a vote. At the afternoon session the discussion was continued, and the minority report was adopted by a vote of 143 to 130, thus rejecting the consolidation plan.

Afternoon Session.

Bishop Cannon called the Conference to order at 3 p. m., and Rev. J. B. Cox, of the Mexico Conference, led in prayer.

After the reading of the minutes Bishop Candler took the chair.

A resolution, introduced by Judge H. H. White and others, denouncing race-track gambling was read and adopted by unanimous vote.

Unification.

Reports Nos. 10, 11, and 12 of the Committee on Church Relations and Bible Cause were read and adopted, as follows:

"Report No. 10 from this committee, containing nominations for the Commission to continue negotiations with the Methodist Episcopal Church, was read, and the nominations are as follows:

"Bishop Collins Denny, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, Bishop John H. Moore, Bishop McMurry, Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

"Traveling elders: Paul H. Linn, F. P. Culver, H. H. Sherman, D. H. Aston, Stonewall Anderson, N. M. Watson, W. E. Arnold, T. N. Ivey, J. T. Leggett, T. D. Ellis.

"Lay members: J. S. Candler, H. H. White, J. H. Reynolds, H. N. Snyder, R. S. Hyer, R. E. Cooper, J. W. Fristoe, W. H. Stockham, R. E. Blackwell, G. T. Fitzhugh.

Alternates.

"Bishop J. E. Dickey and H. M. Dobbs.

"Traveling elders: L. B. Elrod, D. M. McLeod, S. H. C. Robinson, C. LaPrade, Jr., Plato Durham.

"Lay members: T. M. Robinson, C. C. Walsh, J. M. Rodgers, W. P. Few, L. D. Murrel.

"We recommend that an Executive Committee, composed of one bishop, two preachers and two laymen, be chosen by the Commission from its own members, to whom shall be committed authority to act in all matters preliminary to further negotiations with the Methodist Episcopal Church, the full Commission being called together by said Executive Committee when in their judgment it shall be desirable or worth while.

"Signed: John S. Candler, Acting Chairman; R. H. Wynn, Secretary."

The report was adopted.

"Report No. 11 from the same committee was presented and read, containing nominations for the Commission to negotiate concerning union with Christian bodies other than the Methodist Episcopal Church. These nominations were as follows:

"Bishop Warren A. Candler, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, Bishop H. M. Du Bose.

"Traveling elders: Ivan Lee Holt, W. A. Cooper, E. B. Chappell, E. B. Hawk, J. M. Danahelly, J. A. Anderson.

"Lay members: D. R. Anderson, L.

F. Sensabaugh, J. G. Brown, W. C. Everett, S. G. Bratton, Levin Smith.

Alternates.

"Bishop W. B. Beauchamp and Bishop S. R. Hay.

"Traveling elders: R. L. Russell, A. C. Millar, J. H. Light, Curwen Henley.

"Lay members: E. C. Dennis, W. S. Dangersfield, John A. Kerr, W. T. Hayter.

"Signed: John A. Candler, Acting Chairman; R. H. Wynn, Secretary."

The report was adopted.

Members of Federal Council.

"Report No. 12 from the same committee was read, nominating members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. These nominations were as follows:

"Bishops James Atkins, W. S. Murrain, John M. Moore, W. N. Ainsworth, James Cannon, Jr., H. A. Boaz.

"From the Church at large: Plato Durham, J. S. French, J. E. Cockrell, R. G. Smith, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, R. E. Dickenson.

"Alabama Conference, Sid H. Blan; Baltimore Conference, E. D. Newman; Central Texas Conference, W. A. Tarter; East Oklahoma Conference, S. H. Babcock; Florida Conference, W. F. Dunkle; Holston Conference, F. A. Carter; Illinois Conference Curwen Henley; Kentucky Conference, W. S. Hays; Little Rock Conference, Senator Joe T. Robinson; Los Angeles Conference, S. H. Werlein; Louisiana Conference, F. N. Parker; Louisville Conference, Mrs. J. H. Dickey; Memphis Conference, L. M. Stratton; Mississippi Conference, M. L. Burton; Missouri Conference, C. W. Lanius; New Mexico Conference, C. K. Campbell; North Alabama Conference, L. C. Branscomb; North Arkansas Conference, C. M. Reyes; North Carolina Conference, C. S. Wallace; North Georgia Conference, Mrs. Luke Johnson; North Texas Conference, George M. Gibson; North Mississippi Conference, R. M. Weaver; Northwest Conference, H. S. Shangle; Northwest Texas Conference, C. M. Woodward; Pacific Conference, G. D. Bulla; St. Louis Conference, Thomas Mellow; South Carolina Conference, E. O. Watson; South Georgia Conference, W. F. Quillian; Southwest Missouri Conference, G. B. Winton; Tennessee Conference, John E. Edgerton; Texas Conference, James Kilgo; Upper South Carolina Conference, C. P. Hammond; Virginia Conference, E. F. Story; West Oklahoma Conference, Forney Hutchinson; West Texas Conference, Thomas Gregory; Western North Carolina Conference, D. B. Coltrane; Western Virginia Conference, R. T. Webb.

"Signed: John S. Candler, Acting Chairman; R. H. Wynn, Secretary."

This report also was adopted.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Church Relations and Bible Cause, giving authority to the bishops to fill certain places which have been authorized in connection with the Bible cause, was adopted.

Report No. 12 of the Committee on Education, dealing with statements of the Episcopal Address concerning Christian education and with the report of the General Secretary of the Board of Education, was adopted.

Report No. 15 from the Committee on Education and Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions were considered together, since these dealt with the same matter—the disposition of the unexpended amount of the War Work Fund of the Centenary.

The Committee on Education asked that one-half the amount be appropriated to schools included in the askings of the Christian Education Movement and one-half to the building of churches in educational centers. The Committee on Missions asked that the

entire amount be used for church buildings in educational centers.

The vote was first on the paper presented by the Committee on Education. This failed of passage by a vote of 114 to 121, and Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was adopted.

The Conference adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

Evening Session.

Bishop Atkins called the Conference to order at 8 p. m., and Dr. W. A. Cooper led in prayer.

Bishop Denny took the chair.

Bishop Cannon announced that the Commission on Temperance and Social Service had organized and asked that a correction be made in the amount of assessment for this Commission as adopted by the Conference Friday evening. The substitution of \$12,000 for \$7,000 in this report was made, the first-named figures having been approved by the Conference in advance of the adoption of the report.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church Extension was adopted, except that the third item recommending nonconcurrency went to the foot of the calendar. Item one recommended the appointment of a Joint Committee on Church and Sunday School Architecture, with five members each from the Church Extension Board and the Sunday School Board. Item two recommended that Paragraph 334 of the Discipline be amended by striking out the words "may be a member of an Annual Conference, but."

Report no. 5 of the Committee on Church Extension, this commending the Board and the Secretary for efficiency and economy in the conduct of the affairs of the Board, went to the record for information.

Report No. 12 from the Committee on Missions was read. This recommended certain changes in the section of the Discipline dealing with Mission Annual Conferences. The recommendations were opposed by delegates from Mexico, Brazil, Korea, and

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China, and there was adopted a motion to refer the matter to the Board of Missions with instructions to report a constitution to the next General Conference.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Episcopacy was adopted. This provides for residence in foreign fields by the bishops appointed to such fields, the Board of Missions to furnish the homes. It requests also that bishops in the home field live within the bounds of the same, if possible, this not to apply to bishops elected prior to 1918.

Report no. 13 of the Committee on Boundaries and Finance, recommending a uniform annuity rate by the Boards, was adopted.

The names of the Committee on Near East Relief were announced, as follows: Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Bishop John M. Moore, Bishop H. M. Du Bose, Rev. W. A. Shelton, Rev. W. W. Pinson, Rev. C. M. Woodward, W. P. Few, R. T. Burge, C. E. Hayes, Mrs. J. H. Dickey, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Dr. T. N. Ivey, Dr. E. B. Chappell, Dr. F. N. Parker, Dr. J. H. Reynolds, President of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service was read and discussed and laid on the table.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 21.

Consecration of Bishops.

After an impressive sermon by Bishop Warren A. Candler on "Fidelity to the Gospel of Christ" in Central Methodist Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Bishops Elect William B. Beauchamp, James E. Dickey, Sam R. Hay, Hoyt M. Dobbs, and Hiram A. Boaz were consecrated bishops.

These were presented for consecration by the following elders: W. A. Christian and E. H. Rawlings, J. H. Eakes and W. H. LaPrade, Jr., J. W. Mills and W. J. Johnson, S. L. Dobbs and A. J. Lamar, A. D. Porter and George S. Slover.

The service was in charge of Bishop Candler.

The bishops present and Dr. F. P. Culver and Dr. T. A. Smoot assisted in the service.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21.

(Memorial Service.)

The General Conference met in Central Church at 3 P. M., Bishop Murrah presiding. The hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," was sung. Bishop Murrah read the ninetyeth Psalm, and Bishop McMurry led in prayer.

The hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done," was sung.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was presented and adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee on Memorials beg leave to report that they have a memoir of Bishop Joseph Staunton Key, who departed this life on April 6, 1920, as prepared by Bishop William N. Ainsworth; that of Bishop Henry Clay Morrison, who died in December, 1921, as prepared by Bishop John M. Moore; that of Bishop Elijah Embree

Hoss, as prepared by Bishop Horace M. Du Bose; that of Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth, as prepared by Dr. Ed F. Cook; and that of Bishop James Henry McCoy, as prepared by Dr. L. C. Branscomb. We respectfully submit the same for the consideration and disposition of the General Conference.

"Signed: R. J. Yoak, John S. Candler, E. D. Newman."

The memoirs were read by L. H. Estes, Secretary.

The Conference sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and the benediction was pronounced.

EIGHTEENTH DAY, MAY 22.

Bishop Denny called the Conference to order, and Dr. Frank W. Brandon led in prayer.

Bishop Candler took the chair and after a few minutes surrendered it to Bishop W. B. Beauchamp. Following Bishop Beauchamp, the other new bishops presided in the order of their election.

The Committee on Correlation of Programs presented a report, which was adopted. This provides for an Interboard Committee of nine members—three each from the Centenary Commission, the Board of Education, and the Board of Finance—this to be a committee on conservation and promotional program.

Reports Nos. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Sunday School were adopted.

Report No. 2 provides a new constitution for the Annual Conference Sunday School, enlarging its field of activities.

Report No. 3 deals with the Sunday school as related to the Quarterly Conference and to the local Church.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Epworth Leagues was adopted without reading. This report was a review of the work of the Epworth League Board during the past quadrennium.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement was adopted without reading. This recommended certain changes in the Discipline to conform with the needed legislation adopted in Report No. 2 of this committee.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement was read. This recommended that the General Conference authorize the Board of Lay Activities to accept control of the Southern Assembly Corporation whenever the Commission may have made the conditions of transfer satisfactory to the Board of Lay Activities. An amendment was adopted providing that the Board of Lay Activities be not authorized to accept the property unless it is presented free of debt. The report was then adopted.

Report Nos. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Hospitals were adopted.

Report No. 2 referred certain memorials asking for the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital at some point in the West to the Hospital Board.

Report No. 3 indorsed the proposition that there be organized chapters of the Golden Cross as auxiliary to the Hospital Board.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Episcopacy was adopted, as follows: "We, the Committee on Episcopacy recommend the following:

"I. Amend Chapter XXII, Section I, by inserting the following, to be numbered Paragraph 552: 'The Committee on Appeals is hereby empowered and directed to sit as a Judiciary Committee to consider and decide all questions of law which may arise in the administration of the affairs of the General Boards and committees of our Church, either at home or in the foreign fields, upon the written request of one-third of the Board, attested by the chairman and secretary

of the board or boards involved."

"2. Change the number of Paragraph 552, Chapter XXII, Section I, Discipline of 1918, so that it shall become Paragraph 553 and remain as it now stands.

"Signed: A. J. Lamar, Chairman; J. R. Countiss, Secretary."

Report No. 10 of the Committee on Episcopacy was laid on the table. This was: "A bishop shall be retired at the close of the next General Conference after he shall have reached seventy-years of age."

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Itinerancy, accompanied by a minority report, was laid on the table. This report made it the duty of a presiding elder to confer with pastors concerning their needs and their desires as regards their appointments.

Bishop Denny announced for the College of Bishops that Bishop Mouzon had been selected as the bishop on the Committee on Appeals.

Bishop Mouzon announced the organization of the Commission on Unification with the Methodist Episcopal Church: Chairman, Bishop E. D. Mouzon; Secretary, H. H. Sherman; Executive Committee, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, T. N. Ivey, P. H. Linn, J. S. Candler, J. H. Reynolds.

The organization of the Commission on Unification with the United Brethren Church was announced by Dr. W. A. Cooper: Chairman, Bishop W. A. Candler; Secretary, E. B. Chappell.

Report No. 12 of the Committee on Itinerancy was adopted. This requests that the bishops in their administration of Annual Conference enlarge the districts where practicable and so arrange the districts that undeveloped territory be associated with strong charges, that the presiding elder may give much of his time to the weaker charges.

Reports Nos. 24 and 15 from the Committee on Revisals were adopted.

No. 24 provides for the election by the Quarterly Conference, on nomination by the pastor, of a Board of Religious Education.

No. 15 legalizes the junior board of stewards, giving these stewards the right to sit in the Quarterly Conference, but not the right to vote.

Reports Nos. 18 and 14 of the Committee on Revisals were read and adopted.

No. 18 provides for the appointment of an Annual Conference Committee on Admissions at the first session after each General Conference.

No. 14 provides that a presiding elder may appoint a traveling elder to represent him in the holding of a Quarterly Conference, this representative to be the legal chairman.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was adopted. This refers to the Book Committee a resolution before the Committee asking that rent be charged the Board occupying offices in the Publishing House.

Report No. 13 of the Committee on Missions, recommending that a delegate to the General Conference from a mission has a vote in the Conference, was referred to the Commission on Constitutional Questions, to report to the next General Conference.

Bishop Candler read the list of practical educators appointed by the College of Bishops: Paul H. Linn, Homer M. Woodward, Andrew Sledd, J. A. Robins, W. P. Few, J. M. Williams, D. R. Anderson, J. Reese Lin, W. R. Webb, W. F. Quillian.

Report No. 14 of the Committee on Missions was adopted. This fixes the boundaries of the Siberia Mission.

An address to the subscribers to the Centenary (Report No. 18 of the Committee on Missions) was approved.

Report no. 7 of the Committee on Boundaries and Finance was adopted.

This eliminates the words: "All German Churches in Louisiana shall belong to the Louisiana Conference."

The following resolutions were adopted:

"In order that the Church may be informed and the Boards and their employees may be protected from the hurt of frequent rumors that exorbitant salaries are being paid; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this General Conference instruct all Boards, commissions, and committees to publish in their yearbooks or other publications of general circulation the salaries paid all who are employed by such Boards, commissions, and committees.

"Signed: M. T. Plyler, H. M. North, J. G. Brown, W. P. Few."

A resolution of thanks was adopted, this including all who made contributions of service to the Conference and its delegates. A special resolution of thanks to our general superintendents was adopted.

Under suspension of the rules Report No. 5 of the Committee on Concerning o?;u(n) SHRDLUU MFW perannuate Endowment Fund, concerning expenses of the Board of Finance, was adopted.

The minutes of the morning session were read, Hymn 228 was sung, and Dr. F. N. Parker led in prayer.

Bishop Candler spoke briefly, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the senior bishop thus bringing to a close at 11 a. m. the 1922 session of the General Conference.

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OUR CALENDAR.

Y. P. Summer Conference at Henderson-Brown College June 24-30 for girls and young women of Little Rock Conference.

Joint Assembly North Arkansas Epworth League and Y. P. Missionary Society, Galloway College, June 26-30.

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As we anticipated, when the General Conference re-organized the various Boards of our Methodism the work of the women became an integral part of the great Board of Missions. We hope soon to hear whether changes will be made "at the top" in the methods of our work. However, we are sure that our Conference Societies and auxiliaries will continue to work along the same lines. And does not the very part that somebody called us the "Woman's Division" make us anxious to march forward with the banner of Christ lifted high? Let us quicken our steps, enlist all the women of the Church and march man and with more faith in our fellow-man and supreme faith in God.—V. C. P.

Arkansas is honored, and the Board of Missions of our great Church is fortunate in having Mrs. S. G. Smith, of Conway, as one of its industrious, liberal and loyal members. We congratulate our faithful co-laborer and feel that she will be a valuable worker in this place of high responsibility.

We've waited, impatiently if not patiently hoping that our co-laborers Mesdames Tolleson and Oliver, delegates from N. Ark., and Mesdames Elza and Williams, alternates who served for L. R. Conf., would write for this Dept. some account of their work and experiences in the General Conf. at Hot Springs. In my glance around this great-law-making body, these Sisters of mine looked well and I'm sure they worked admirably. Each of them writes well, and each has, I'm sure a message for us. I'd be glad to hear from them—and all may speak at once!—V. C. P.

We are grieved to hear that our beloved and honored Miss Belle H. Bennett continues seriously ill. The physicians give no encouragement for expectation of restoration to health. Let us be often in prayer that the Great Physician may sustain and comfort her in the days of suffering.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Many things of real importance are to be called to your attention just now. I have recently mailed the min-

utes of our Annual Conference to your Supts. Please give one meeting to a study of these Reports, especially all things dealing with the Y. P. M. S.

Also, the Bulletins announcing particulars of our summer conference at Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia June 24-30. Please post these in convenient places in church and have four minute speeches in regard to same, in your church services, the next two Sundays. Don't forget the low terms, \$1 per day board, and bring your own pillow, sheets and towels.

Do not let your enthusiasm for Summer Conference cause you to forget that this month, closes the second quarter's work, and an executive meeting must be called and reports sent on time. Attend to this, then come with us for a wonderful week at Henderson-Brown—Yours for service, Mrs. J. G. Moore.

NORTH ARK. CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. W. Bell, Pub. Supt writes: Mrs. A. C. Raucher, Secretary of the Helena District announces her two district meetings to be held at Marvel 13-14, and at Wynne 15-16 of June. She is hoping for a large attendance at these meetings. Mrs. Preston Hatcher, the Conference President, is expected to be in attendance.

Two new missionary Societies have been organized in the Helena District recently—a young People's Society at Hughes and a Junior Society at Henena.

Mrs. Raucher has changed her address to 512 Columbia St., Helena, Ark.

The Secretary of Searcy District, Mrs. Holloway announces two new Societies in her District—one at Harrison, and another at Valley View.

L. R. CONF. W. M. S.

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

Our Annual Reports are beautiful and they reflect much credit on our Rec. Sec. Mrs. W. P. McDermott. The Dist. Secretaries have extra copies and they will if requested, supply any auxiliary that wishes a few more copies of this our little text-book of W. M. S. Remember the Reports and addresses are to be read in the auxiliary meetings and their suggestions followed.

CAMDEN DISTRICT MEETING AT BEARDEN

Will you please announce through the Arkansas Methodist that the Camden District Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held at Bearden, Ark., June 13-14. Let all Auxiliaries sendnames of those attending to Mrs. T. B. Gatling, Bearden. A delegate from every adult Auxiliary, Young People and Junior Society is urged to come. Let us have a full attendance.—Mrs. L. K. McKinney, District Secretary.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETING AT MCGHEE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Monticello District is planning to have a meeting beginning Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock June 14th, and closing Thursday night the 15th at McGehee.

All visitors and delegates are requested to send in their names for

homes to Mrs. J. H. Lowe of McGehee.

After a Devotional meeting and organization with greetings we will have "Our Conference Outlook" presented by one of our Conference officers.

That night we hope to have pictures with a lecture by Mrs. Smith of Sherrill.

Thursday we expect to study the map of our own district and have the report of the district secretary followed by a general discussion of district plans, and the Outlook of the District.

Next we will take up reports of delegates and the Auxiliary Outlook followed by discussion of topics that are of vital interest to adult, young people, and junior auxiliaries. Space forbids a detailed outline of the program but we believe this will be the best meeting yet in this district.

We hope to find out what the "Mired Wheels" of our auxiliaries are and how to rid them of the difficulties that hinder.

We also wish to note with care any new features and to present the Standard of Excellence on a large Chart, taking each point as a subject for discussion.

We desire to extend a cordial invitation to our Superintendents of Social Service to attend this meeting and we will receive information and inspiration concerning this phase of work that still seems difficult to many auxiliaries.

Also we heartily invite Mrs. T. M. Thompson at this time to bring us her helpful message concerning the work of the Juniors. She has been promised all the time she wishes to present her work as she sees best.

Mrs. McDermott will present the Conference Outlook and at the same time enjoy a visit with loved ones of that little city. We will welcome any of our conference officers gladly and wish it were possible to have them all with us.

The McGehee ladies are going to make our stay with them as delightful as possible and again I say we may expect this to be the best district meeting yet in many respects.—Mrs. W. S. Anderson, District Secretary.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT MEETING AT SHERIDAN.

The Annual meeting of the woman's Missionary Conference of Pine Bluff District was held at Sheridan, May 24-25—with Mrs. J. D. Rogers District Secretary, presiding.

Rev. W. T. Menard, pastor of the Sheridan church led the first devotional and choosing Matt. 4 1-11 he made impressive remarks on the temptation of Jesus. Much of the success of the meeting was due to his interest and help. Hearty greetings were conveyed to us by Mrs. Paul Teeter, and Mrs. J. F. Quattlebaum of Sherrill graciously responded in behalf of the Conference. The District Secretary then made her report and showed that much interest and co-operation had been given her. Mrs. Rogers also gave an excellent report of her own work. New auxiliaries announced were, adult 4, Young People 3, Junior 3, Baby Division 1. She also stressed inter-racial work and pleaded for a better understanding on this question. Delegates from many auxiliaries reported their societies in fine condition. At the morning session Mrs. C. F. Elza, of Benton president of Little Rock Conference W. M. S. brought us news from the council meeting in San Antonio, Texas. She told us many administrative difficulties were solved at this meeting. Other interesting things were: That the Woman's Missionary Department was made one of the three co-ordinate departments of the Mission Board, that deaconess work was left under the control of the women, that simplified literature for rural work was adopted, that there so increased. She also told us that was a gain of 53 per cent in Young People but children's work had not as mission study the coming year we would have a foreign theme of "India," and for home work the Inter-racial problem.

Dr. J. S. R'Yang, our noted Korean brother was introduced and spoke to us later.

Mrs. E. R. Steel led the noontide devotional, she read from 2nd Tim. 2nd chapter and made a beautiful talk on "Study to show thyself, approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." She urged us to

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1 of 24 circuits visited and 91 services held with the workers of 68 schools.

We were rained out on several circuits this year, in fact we have been rained out more so far this year than we were all last year.

We go to the Prescott District again June 2 and will visit the following circuits: Delight, Murfreesboro, Bingen, Center Point and Columbus, finishing there June 18.—F. T. Fowler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS

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Leola \$ 7.80
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Camden District

Eagle Mills \$ 9.30
Previously reported 90.40

Total 99.70

Little Rock District

Salem, Bryant Circuit \$ 10.00
Congo, Bryant Circuit 7.00
New Hope, Bryant Circuit 5.00
Mt. Carmel, Bryant Circuit .. 4.00
Sardis, Bryant Circuit 4.00

Previously reported 136.45
Total 166.45

Monticello District

Hamburg \$ 15.00
Dermott 20.00
Mt. Tabor, Mt. Pleasant..... 6.25

Previously reported 41.25
Total 95.69

Pine Bluff District

Arkansas Post, Gillett Ct. .. \$ 5.80
Gillett 11.67

Previously reported 17.47
Total 191.84

Total 209.31

Texarkana District

Lewisville, \$ 10.62
College Hill 5.00
Brownstown 2.05

Previously reported 17.67
Total 437.73

Prescott District

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The Assembly exists to meet your needs. Take advantage of it by sending your young people there June 19-23.—S. T. Baugh, Chairman League Board.

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM

Have you noticed the big dark shadow that increases in size as each day brings it close and closer? It's nothing less than the Little Rock Conference Epworth League Assembly, which has become an annual event at Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, and to which the young people of the Little Rock Conference look forward from one summer to the next.

If you've been there once you will want to go again, and sooner or later you are bound to get the habit. Put a ring around these days on your calendar: June 19-23.

See that you have a clean middy and don't forget your tennis racket. The Henderson-Brown dormitory is cool on the hottest summer night. There will be music, good things to eat, and fun. There will be addresses that give you a new grip on the fundamentals of life, and there will be instructors who will solve your Epworth League problems for you and make it possible for each to have a Gold Seal Chapter. No League can afford to miss sending a delegate. No leaguer can afford to miss this opportunity for inspiration and growth, if it is at all possible to get there.

The assembly opens with a banquet, June 19, in the big Henderson-Brown Dining Room, and I hope to see you there.—Mrs. C. D. Cade, Conference Secretary.

TO VOLUNTEER WORKERS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

All life service volunteers and Student volunteers are urged to make their plans preparatory to attending the Epworth League Assembly, to be held at Galloway College, Searcy, Ark., June 26-30. A movement is on foot to organize these workers into a department, which shall at present be affiliated with and operating under the Epworth League. It is planned that this movement shall eventually grow into a State organization, which

shall hold its state wide conventions and weld all the volunteers of Arkansas into a solid unit for co-operative effort and greater efficiency, hence creating a powerful factor in extending the kingdom of God.—Dora Mann, Life Service Supt.

BLYTHERVILLE OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY DAY.

The Blytheville League observed Anniversary Day with the following splendid program:

Subject: "Mother."
Processional: "Epworth League Song."
Orchestra Selection.
Hymn No. 355.
Prayer, "For Our Mothers"—Mr. E. D. Ferguson.
Scripture Lesson, Proverbs 31: 10-31—Miss Jaunita Bower.
Origin of Mother's Day—Mr. Lloyd Stickman.
Quartet, "Tell Mother I'll Be There"

—Messrs Dean, Hood, Reagan and Haley.

"A Tribute to Mother"—Mr. Barnes. Vocal Solo, "That Wonderful Mother of Mine"—Mrs. Irwin Bradford.

Reading—Mrs. Spencer Semmes.

Orchestra Selection.

"Purpose of this of this Program"—Mr. N. F. Moore.

Offertory, Organ Solo—Mr. H. H. Haley.

Announcements.

Anthem—Choir.

League Benediction.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT MANSFIELD

Mansfield League recently elected and installed their officers for the ensuing year, and are planning to do great work. We have a splendid League, and one that manifests a good interest in Church work at large. We plan to organize in every department thoroughly, including the Junior and Intermediate Work.

Our popular young president, Miss Hazel Wilder, is a jewel in the League work, and there is nothing but success for us under her leadership. The officers installed are as follows:

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L. R. CITY LEAGUE UNION HOLDS INSTITUTE.

The City League Union of Little Rock held its second annual Institute beginning Tuesday evening, May 16. 37 Leaguers received credits from the five classes, 1st, 2nd, 3d and 4th Departments and Junior and Intermediate work. Rev. W. G. Echols, Epworth Field Secretary of North Alabama Conference, was the leader of the Institute.

Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, were Little Rock District Days. The following Leagues outside of the

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* June 29-July 9. *
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city of Little Rock, were represented: Mt. Tabor and Smyrna on Austin Circuit, Lonoke, Carlisle, Broadview, Hamilton on Carlisle Circuit, and Primrose Chapel.

The following policy was adopted by the Little Rock District for the coming year:

1. To have at least one League for GALLEY TWENTY-EIGHT each pastoral charge,—the goal to be a League in every Church.
2. That each Chapter be represented at the Assembly at Arkadelphia each year.
3. That each chapter make a pledge to missions.
4. To make each League a "Standard" League.
5. To make special effort to organize Junior and Intermediate Leagues in every church.

The Resolution Committee submitted the following resolutions, which were approved:

Resolved, that in view of the importance of the enforcement of all law, especially at this time, we should be studious in helping to develop a public opinion favoring candidates who will uphold the Volstead amendment. It is no longer a question of petitioning our representatives for an enforcement of laws, but of developing a necessary spirit which will demand faithful officers and which will seek to discountenance those who do not appreciate both the letter and the spirit of the law.

Resolved, that we extend to First M. E. Church, South, our most hearty thanks for the use of the Church for the meetings of this Institute; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished the pastor of the Church.

Whereas, the success of this Institute has been made possible by the untiring energy and labor of Mr. Robert D. Lee, President of our City Epworth League Union, and the inspiring and helpful talks of Rev. William Graham Echols of Birmingham; therefore, Resolved that we express our heartfelt appreciation of their services by a rising vote of thanks; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished the "Arkansas Methodist" and spread on the minutes of this session.—Ada May Smith, Secretary.

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

OUR BOOK

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B is for Bite that we eagerly wait.
C is for Crab that is funny indeed.
D is for Dragon-fly perched on a reed.
E is for Echo down under the bridge.
F is for Frog trying hard to catch midge.
G is for Gurgle, the song of the brook.
H is for things that we fish with the Hook.
I is for Iris all blue on the brink.
J is for Jewel-weed-lovely, we think.
K is for Kingfisher high on a tree.
L is for Lizard; quite lazy is he.
M is for Muskrat that lives in the bank.
N is for Nibble we feel—then we yank;
O is for Owl in the willow at night.
P is for Pollywog; he cannot bite.
Q is for quack when our ducks come to swim.
R is for Rushes that grow on the brim.
S is for Spider that skips on the Brook.
T is for Trout hiding in his dark nook.
U is for Underbrush thick by deep pool.
V is for Vireo there where it's cool.
W's Watercress—good, too, you know.
X is for Cross, and across we must go.
Y is for Yacht that we bring here to sail.
Z's Zinc ballast to use in a gale.

—Exchange.

WHITE BEAR AND BILLY

"Miaow! Miaow!" came a sad wail to the ears of Billy Stone as he one winter day trudged sturdily to school through the snow. He stood still and listened; the air was very cold and still.

"Miaow! Miaow!" the wail came again "Ow, ow, miaow!"

Billy looked around, but not a sign of any living thing could he see. He was about to walk on again when there came a most heart-rending cry. "I know one thing," Billy said to himself. "There must be some kind of tracks that belong to that yowling. They are cat tracks, I suppose, but where is the cat?"

He began to look about him and at last saw faint little footprints in the thin, crusty snow.

He followed the trail, which led round and round and finally disappeared under a hedge. It was from the other side of the hedge that the cries were coming. Evidently a lost kitten was begging to be rescued.

Billy did not know what to do. The hedge was too thorny for him to go through, and he should have to walk a long way before he could get into the next field. It was nearly nine o'clock, and Miss Turner, the teacher, was always on time. But the doleful cry came again. Billy called, but he could not make the kitten come to him.

"I shall have to go and get it," he said.

By the time he reached the field the cries had stopped; but he kept on searching. At length a wail close by made him jump. A strange-looking little creature was caught in the barbed wire fence almost at his feet.

It was a kitten without doubt, but the strangest kitten he had ever seen. Its hair was long and silky, and it had sharp pointed ears and blue eyes.

"It looks like a little white bear, with all that shaggy fur," he said to himself.

The kitten struggled when Billy stooped to free it from the wire, and it cried and kept on struggling after he had picked it up.

"What shall I do now?" he thought. "If I take it home I shall be late for school; but how can I take it to school?" But at last he decided that

there was nothing to do except to go on to school.

The little creature soon quieted down. "What can I do with you when I get there, White Bear?" Billy asked as he hurried along. "I suppose I can leave you in the entry till recess, anyway."

When he reached the schoolhouse he paused in the entry and made a folded overcoat. The poor little thing seemed dreadfully tired after its hard time and at once curled itself into a ball and began to purr sleepily. Neither Billy nor White Bear noticed another furry-looking ball that was sleeping under a chair in a corner of the entry.

As Billy slipped softly into his seat he was thinking, "I hope White Bear won't wake up and get to caterwauling." He wondered, too, what would happen at recess.

A good deal happened before recess. Miss Turner had just called a class when a wild commotion broke out in the entry. Something was saying loudly, "Woof, woof!" and something else was saying shrilly, "Yar-row, yar-row!"

Billy and a little girl jumped up; all the others started. The rumpus in the entry grew louder and louder.

"That's Fido barking," gasped the little girl. "He followed me to school, and it was so cold outdoors that I left him in the entry."

Before Billy could explain there was a sound of scratching and sliding, and then something white appeared in the open transom over the door. Its back was arched, its ears were laid back, and it was spitting furiously.

"That's—that's a kitten I found," stammered Billy.

Below Fido barked loudly, but to no purpose.

Miss Turner stood on a chair and took the frightened kitten down. The children all crowded round to look at it.

"Where did you find it, Billy?" asked Miss Turner.

Then Billy told the whole story. "I didn't mean to be late again," he finished, "but you never heard anything like the way that kitten hollered; I couldn't make up my mind to go on and leave it in the field. Who do you suppose owns it?"

Miss Turner sat down and began to stroke the little animal. "I do," she said.

"You?" cried Billy.

"I've had it only a week," Miss Turner answered. "It must have tried to follow me, poor little thing. You were late in a good cause, Billy."

Billy looked pleased. "What are we going to do about Fido?" he said. "We've got a regular menagerie today."

They decided that it would be best to divide the menagerie. And so for the rest of the day Fido stayed in the entry and White Bear, whose other name was Fluff, stayed in the schoolroom and heard the children say their lessons.—Florence H. Wells in Ex.

WHEN LYSS GRANT WAS A BOY

"Mrs. Grant, do you know where Lyss is?" He's out there swinging on the tails of Loudon's horses." "A neighbor rushed in with this alarming news. But the mother didn't seem alarmed. Lyss understood horses and horses understood him, she said. For some time the little fellow had been contentedly crawling back and forth between the horses' legs. Now he had changed to something a little livelier. That was all. Ever since Ulysses Grant could toddle he had made friends with the horses that were hitched near the finishing room of his father's tannery; and the horses had always responded amiably. Mrs. Grant had no fears. Her boy might be indifferent to books, still more indif-

ferent to work, but he had a real passion for horses.

So it was that at eight years Lyss was a regular teamster, and at ten could be trusted to drive a pair from Georgetown to Cincinnati, a distance of about forty miles, and return with a load of passengers.

When Ulysses was about eleven a circus came to town, and with it, so the story goes, a wonderful trick pony. The pony, a fat little creature, with no mane or anything else to hold to, had been trained to throw any one who tried to ride him. A prize of \$5 was offered to the fellow who could stick. Several of the village boys, their hearts big with hope, tried to stick, but failed. Then Ulysses took his turn. Gripping his small arms tightly about the pony's neck, he stuck, while the determined little animal kicked and plunged, stood on his hind legs, danced, twisted, cavorted. All in vain. Ulysses stuck, and much to the envy of the other boys Ulysses won the prize.

The truth is, the other boys were rather in the habit of ridiculing Mr. Grant's oldest son. Very likely this was partly because the father had an unfortunate habit of praising his boy too much, and even of prophesying his future greatness. When Ulysses was a little fellow, a phrenologist had examined his head, called it remarkable, and said, as phrenologists often do, "This boy may live to be President of the United States." That had proved too much for the proud father, and his bragging about "My Ulysses" had not increased the boy's popularity. As a matter of fact, he showed not a single sign of future greatness except in horsemanship. There he was in a class alone. From miles around the farmers would bring their horses for him to teach to pace.

In Grant's Memoirs we find the correct version of the famous colt story. With young Ulysses standing by, Mr. Ralston offered to sell a colt to the boy's father for \$25. Mr. Grant, who thought the animal only worth \$20, did not buy. But Ulysses wanted the colt so badly that he finally persuaded his father to let him ride after Mr. Ralston to conclude the bargain. As soon as the boy had won his point, he sprang on his horse and galloped off to try his luck. But as he never had a head for business, he went about it this way: "Papa says I may offer you

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twenty dollars for the colt, but, if you won't take that, I am to offer you twenty-two and a half, and, if you won't take that, to give you twenty-five."

Any one can guess what price the boy paid and how the other boys, learning the story, harped on his nickname "Useless" and hooted at his unbusiness like simplicity. Many times later in his life Grant found himself mistaken in expecting others to be as transparently honest as he was.

But sometimes when Grant made a bad bargain it was plainly his own mistake. When he was fifteen he drove a pair of horses seventy miles, and then traded one of them for a saddle horse whose looks he liked.

"That horse hasn't ever worn a collar," said its honest owner, looking doubtfully at the fearless lad. Undaunted, Grant hitched the animal to a farm wagon, tried him out, traded, paired him off with his old horse, and started home on his seventy-mile trip. His friend, Mr. Payne, went with him as passenger. It was a perilous journey. A few miles out the barking of a dog frightened the new horse and made him run. It was all Grant could do to hold in the pair, guide them and finally quiet them down, while Mr. Payne devoutly wished himself on his own two legs. Before long the new horse kicked again and started a second runaway.

on his own two legs. Before long the new horse kicked again and started a second runaway.

"The road we were on," says Grant in his Memoirs, "struck the turnpike within a half mile of the point where the second runaway commenced, and there was an embankment twenty or more feet deep on the other side of the pike. I got the horses stopped on the very brink of the precipice. My new horse was terribly frightened and trembled like an aspen; but he was not half so badly frightened as my companion, Mr. Payne, who deserted me after the last experience, and took passage on a freight wagon." Grant, left to his own boyish grit and sense, managed to reach home alive by bandaging his new horse's eyes with a bandanna handkerchief.

Follow Grant's experiences with horses and you almost get his biography.—New York Evening Post.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

MONTICELLO DISTRICT NOTICE

To the preachers of the Monticello District. You will please find out how many delegates from your charge will attend the District Conference at Selma, July 5-7, and notify me so that we may arrange for homes and entertainment. Brethren, do this as soon as you can.—Kay D. McNeely.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Conference convened at Lockesburg Monday evening May 29, and adjourned Wednesday noon. The session was short but spicy. Business was dispatched rapidly, but important matters received due attention. Many of the brethren had to retain important speeches in their system, which I hope will do them but little harm. We could have used more time very profitably, but this is such a busy age that preachers seem to think that their charges would suffer if they were absent more than forty-eight hours.

The work of the district is in good shape. The P. E., J. T. Simmons, is a tireless worker and is greatly loved by both preachers and laymembers. The pastors' reports were full of optimism. Several gracious revivals had been held. The spirit of evangelism seemed to be in every heart. Ginnings, Lindsey, and Owens preached with great fervor. Their messages were heard by large congregations.

Lockesburg is a splendid town, an ideal place for a District Conference. The hospitality of the people knew no bounds. L. J. Ridling, the host of the Conference, was more than equal to the task. In fact I believe he and his good folks could take care of an Annual Conference. The next District Conference goes to Lewisville.—B. F. Roebuck, Sec.

EVANGELIST REPORT

Dear Brethren of Little Rock Conference; No doubt you would like to hear from your Conference Evangelist: I have held meetings at the following places since March 1: Prairie Grove, Sparkman, Humphrey, Ulm and Poe.

I am now in the midst of what promises to be a very fine meeting at Dierks. From here, I go to Gillett, Wabbaseka, Altheimer, Richmond and Foreman, which will take me till the middle of September to finish. God has greatly blessed us in all our efforts and I trust that all of you will continue to pray that God will continue His presence in all our meetings.—W. C. Hilliard.

FROM THE PELICAN PINES

Well, it is all over at Hot Springs, and we start on a new stretch of the road. I did not get there, was busy preaching twice a day in Mississippi, calling sinners to repentance, and urging believers to continue in the good old way. I haven't time for a letter now, Millar, though I am brimming over with things to say. This is just to say that I have some open time this summer, and will be glad to help any brother who may desire my services. I am at home for awhile, hoeing in my garden and reading Herodotus. Write to me at Mansfield, La.—S. A. Steel.

TUCKER STATE FARM

We are greatly in need of song books for our men at the state farm, as we have only about thirty for six hundred men. Will not every church and Sunday School in Arkansas see if they cannot help in this work? Second-hand books will be most gratefully received and much good will result from the singing of the hymns of Zion among our men. Good reading material and Sunday School pa-

pers and quarterlies are most acceptable. Anything you can do to help us will be appreciated.—Chaplain, L. A. Smith.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE

The thirty-second year of Galloway College closed with a commencement calendar covering May 28-30 and including very interesting and impressive exercises.

On Sunday, May 28, Dr. O. E. Goddard, at present of Nashville, Tennessee, preached the baccalaureate sermon, using as his text the words of Paroah to Moses: "Who is the Lord that I should obey him?" In a very simple and powerful way he directed the question to his hearers and gave a special challenge to the class just leaving school to answer it in all sincerity and to live by the answers. That evening the Rev. W. B. Ricks, also of Nashville, made the annual address to the Young Women's Christian Association, giving an exposition of Philipians 4:4-8 as a guide to noble and beautiful womanhood. Both speakers impressed the College not only by an inspiring public message but with a sense of warm personal friendship through a long acquaintance, which their years away from Arkansas had not diminished.

On Monday evening the special departments presented a number of students in a very interesting recital consisting of selections in voice, piano, and expression.

On Tuesday evening the graduation exercises were observed in the chapel. The class entered in procession; then the president, Miss Dorothy Tolleson of Batesville, presented to the School the class memorial—a portable motion picture machine and radiophone. These gifts were received with enthusiastic applause, for the picture machine will be of great use in the science and history departments and the radiophone will bring the best music of the world to our auditorium. The graduation in Home Economics presented through their chosen speaker, Miss Katie Cantrell of England, some table silver for department use.

Dr. G. W. Droke, the dean of the arts department of the University of Arkansas, made an earnest address: "The Measure of a Young Woman." His words seemed the distilled wisdom of deep experience in life and as an educator and friend of young people.

Mr. Williams spoke of the new ranking of Galloway made by the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, which puts the college in the A class. He then delivered fifty diplomas and certificates thus conferring the A. B. degree on twenty-nine young women and presenting diplomas in expression to four, in voice to three, in piano to two, and in art to two and presenting certificates in domestic science and art to ten.

He drew attention to a matter of historic interest,—among those receiving the A. B. degree was Miss Margaret Babcock of Batesville, the granddaughter of the Reverend S. H. Babcock, the first president of the College. He then paid a tribute to a devoted member of the faculty who is resigning because of ill health, Miss Jane Pinch, the director of the voice department. Miss Pinch's ten years of loyal service have been marked by melodious song and have been fragrant with beautiful deeds. He next called attention to a proposed plan of the Galloway Clubs to erect a Woman's Building for Science by concerted action.

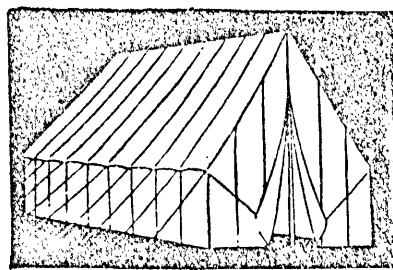
The benediction was pronounced by the Reverend John H. Dye, the second president of the college.

In between the formal programs of the calendar were many social affairs. The Alumna Association after a brief business session on Monday afternoon, tendered an informal reception to the Class of 1922. Following this the Lanier Society entertained with a rose-garden party on the south campus. In an enclosure made by trellises covered with climbing roses the president, Miss Helen McInnes, presided, Miss Helen McDonald of Weldon, assisted by all the society members, received a large number of guests and made them pass a charming hour.

On Tuesday morning the juniors entertained the graduating class at an elegant ten-o'clock breakfast. Here in happy toasts the history of the members was recounted and the future careers forecast. That evening after the commencement exercises the Irving Society members were hostesses at the annual promenade. Under Chinese lanterns and to the spirited music of an orchestra many couples strolled on the walkways. An unusual number of out-of-town guests was present.

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cept for the inevitable sadness of farewell from friends and comrades at the end.

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF GALLOWAY CLUBS FOR 1922

At the annual meeting of the Galloway Clubs at the College on May 3, 1922 the subject of the Woman's Building, or the Science Building, was thoroughly discussed and certain action taken.

President Williams stated that by vote of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, Galloway had been classed as a college of A grade. This very classification forces him to install a highly equipped science department and to get it in operation by the opening of the next school year. The time is ripe and the conditions almost imperative for the erection of the Woman's Building for Science

which the Federation of Galloway Clubs has long had under consideration.

The building could be built and put into use by sections of one-fourth at a time. The money could probably be borrowed if the Galloway Clubs agree to raise the amount and repay it within one year.

Women students are interested among the sciences chiefly in biology, next in chemistry, and next in physics; and with this in mind the equipment would be planned. Eventually a four-years' course in Home Economics should be offered also a four-year's secretarial course; and then, because no building for women's education could be complete without provision for the study of child life, a kindergarten course should be provided for.

The Federation voted to undertake the building and to employ jointly with the School a secretary who will organize Galloway Clubs and interest them in raising money.

The following plan for raising the money was adopted: A one-day campaign to be waged simultaneously all over the State on the third Wednesday in October for the new building at one dollar per brick. It is the hope that the entire necessary sum of fifty thousand dollars may be raised on that day.

The Searcy Club estimated that it could sell one thousand bricks, the Jonesboro Club estimated that it could sell fifteen hundred bricks, and the Little Rock Club estimated twenty-five hundred as its minimum. All other clubs are asked to make an estimate at the first meeting and to send no-

tice thereof to the Federation treasurer.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President.—Miss Eleanor Neill, Galloway College, Searcy, Vice President.—Mrs. Katherine Latimer Aycock, 2218 Battery, Little Rock; Secretary.—Miss Helen Driffoos, 309 Flint Street, Jonesboro; Treasurer.—Mrs. Grace Horton Martin, Center Street, Searcy.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Okolona Ct., at Trinity, June 10-11. Friendship Ct., at Midway, June 17-18. Traskwood Ct., at Rhode's Chapel, June 25, 2:30 p. m. Leola Ct., at Poyen, July 1-2. Benton Sta., July 2, 8:00 p. m. Third Street, July 9, 11 a. m. Central Avenue, July 9, 8 p. m. Arkadelphia Sta., July 12, 8 p. m. Park Avenue, July 16, 11 a. m. Pearcey Ct. at Piney Grove, July 16, 3:30 p. m. Holly Springs Ct., at Launius Chapel, July 29-30. Sparkman and Sardis, at Sparkman, July 30, 8 p. m. Carthage, at Carthage, Aug. 2, 2:30 p. m. Malvern Sta., Aug. 6, 11 a. m. Malvern Ct., Aug. 6; Conf. 3:30; service 8 p. m., Keith Memorial. Cedar Glades Ct., at Pleasant Home, Aug. 19-20. Hot Springs Ct., at New Salem, Aug. 26-27. Oak Lawn, Aug. 27, 8 p. m. Epworth League Assembly, June 19-23, at Henderson-Brown College. Missionary Conference for Young Ladies, June 24-29. Pastors please see that Pay Up Week Centenary amounts collected be reported to Mr. E. D. Irvine, Little Rock at once.—L. E. N. Hundley, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Ola and Centerville, at Casa, June 10-11. Plainview, June 11-12. Dardanelle Circuit at Stubbs Chapel, June 17-18. Perry and Bigelow at Houston, June 18-19. Adona at Perryville, June 24-25. Scranton, at Delaware, July 1-2. Prairie View and McKendree at McK., July 2-3. Branch at Branch, July 8-9. Paris, July 9-10. Dardanelle, July 10. Walnut Tree at Macedonia, July 15-16. Danville, July 16-17. Rover, July 22-23. Gravelly and Bluffton at Gravelly, July 23-24. Belleville and Havanna at Ranger, July 29-30. Mansfield, July 30-31. Booneville, Aug. 2. Magazine at Wesley, Aug. 3. Booneville Ct., Aug. 4. Huntington, Aug. 5-6. Hartford, Aug. 6-7. Waldon Ct. at Bird's View, July 12-13. Waldron, Aug. 13-14. Parks Ct. at Parks, Aug. 19-20. B. L. Wilford, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT (Third Round.)

El Dorado Circuit at Bethel, June 24-25. Junction City, June 25, 8 p. m. Bussey Circuit at Harmony, July 1-2. Magnolia, July 9. Strong Circuit at Bolding, July 15-16. Huttig, July 16, 8 p. m. Thornton Circuit at Chamberville, July 22-23. Fordyce, July 23, 8 p. m. Camden Circuit at Silver Springs, July 29-30. Wesson at Pleasant Hill, August 5-6. Waldo & Buckner at Mt. Ida, August 9-10. Stephens & McNeil at McNeil, August 12-13. Kingsland Circuit, August 19-20. Bearden, August 20, 8 p. m. Hampton Circuit, August 23-24. Eagle Mills at Harmony Grove, August 26-27. Camden, August 27, 8 p. m. Chidester Circuit, August 29-30. El Dorado, September 3. Emerson Circuit, September 9-10. R. H. Cannon, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Marked Tree, June 11. Nettleton Circuit at Pleasant Grove, June 17-18. Truman, June 18. Blytheville Circuit at Promised Land, June 24-25. Osceola, June 25. Blytheville Lake Street, July 1-2. Blytheville First Church, July 2. Whitton & Bardstown at Joiner, July 8-9. Wilson, July 9. Rosa & Clear Lake at Half Moon, July 15-16. Luxora, July 16. Trinity at Union Grove, July 22-23. Tyroneza at Turrell, July 23-24. Brookland at Lake View, July 29-30. Jonesboro Fisher St., July 30. Lepanto, July 25. Manila, St. John's at Dell, Aug. 5-6. Leachville, August 6. Jonesboro First Church, August 13. Huntington Avenue, August 13. Bay & Shiloh at Shiloh August 19-20.

Marion, August 20. Lake City, August 26-27. Monette, August 27. Hickory Ridge, Sept. 2-3. R. E. L. Bearden, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Carlisle Station, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., June 11. Keo-Tomberlin Ct., at Keo, Sat. and Sun., 11 a. m., June 17-18. England, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., June 18. Austin Ct., at South Bend, Sat. and Sun., 11 a. m., June 24-25. Forest Park, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., June 25. Highland, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., June 28. Pulaski Heights, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., July 2. Hickory Plains, at Hickory Plains, Sat. and Sun., 11 a. m., July 8-9. Lonoke, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., July 9. Bryant Ct., at Mt. Carmel, Sat., 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m., July 15. Bauxite, Sunday, 11 a. m., July 16. Capitol View, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., July 16. Mabelvale Ct., at Mabelvale, Sunday, 11 a. m., July 23. 28th St., Sunday, 11 a. m., July 23. Maumelle Circuit, at Martindale, Sat., 11 a. m., July 29. Oak Hill Ct., Sunday, 11 a. m., July 30. —James Thomas, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Eastside Circuit, June 11, p. m. Lora, June 17-18. Stanford, June 18-19. Maynard, June 24-25. Attica, June 25-26. Recto, Circuit, July 1-2. Recto, July 2-3. Sedgwick, July 8-9. Hoxie, July 9-10. Smithville, July 15-16. Black Rock & Portia, July 16-17. Ash Flat, July 22-23. Hardy & Williford, July 23-24. Pacahontas, July 29-30. Biggers, July 30-31. Gainesville, August 5-6. Marmaduke, August 6-7. Salem, August 12-13. Mammoth Spring, August 13-14. St. Francis, August 19-20. Piggott, August 20-21. Walnut Ridge Circuit, August 26-27. Walnut Ridge August 27-28. Imboden, September 2-3. —Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

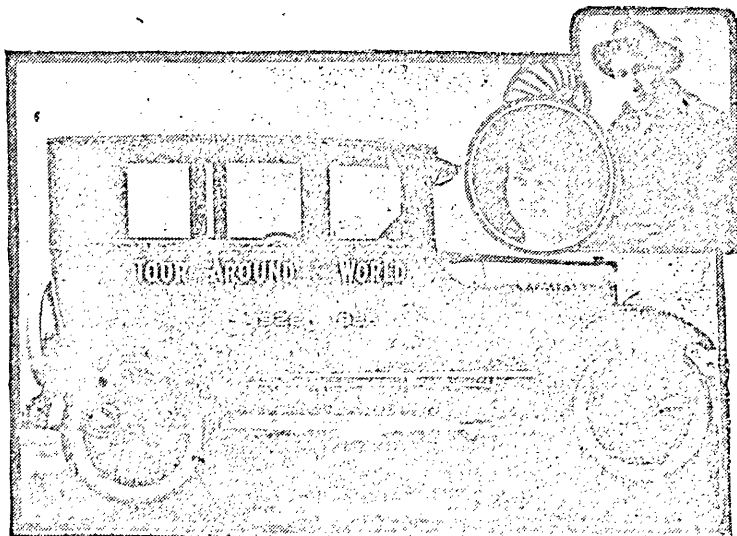
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Hawley Memorial, June 11, 7:30 p. m. Pine Bluff Ct. at Waffords Chapel, June 17-18. Grady Ct. at Douglass, June 24-25. Sheridan, June 25, 7:30 p. m. St. Charles Ct. at Pleasant Grove, July 2-3. Dewitt, July 2, 7:30 p. m. Roe Ct. at Hunters Chapel, July 8-9. Stuttgart, July 9, 7:30 p. m. Gillett Ct. at Malcomb, July 15-16. Redfield at Bethel, July 22-23. Lakeside Pine Bluff, July 23, 7:30 p. m. Humphrey at Sunshine, July 29-30. First Church Pine Bluff, July 30, 7:30 p. m. Star City at Mountain Home, August 5-6. Swan Lake at Swan Lake, August 13. J. W. Harrell, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT (Third Round.)

Paraloma, at Brownstown, June 18. Preaching 11 a. m. Conference 2 p. m. Spring Hill, at Sardis, June 25, 2 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Stamps, June 25, at night. Doddridge, at Olive Branch, July 1, 2 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Saturday and Sunday. First Church, July 2, at night. Lewisville and Bradley, at Bradley, July 9. Fouke, at Silverena, July 15, 2 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Saturday and Sunday. Winthrop, at Gravelly, July 22, 2 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Saturday and Sunday. Foreman, July 23, at night. Dierks, at Green's Chapel, July 29, at 2 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Saturday and Sunday. Egger, at Acorn, Aug. 5, 2 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Saturday and Sunday. Hatfield, at Vandervoort, Aug. 6, 3:30 p. m. Preaching at night. DeQueen, August 13, 11a. m. Mena, Aug. 13, at night. Ashdown, Aug. 20, 11a. m. Fairview, Aug. 20, at night. College Hill, Aug. 27. Horatio, during revival meeting. Lockesburg, at Gravelly during revival meeting. Richmond, at Wallace during revival meeting. Umple, during revival meeting. Please note Questions 9, 11, and 12. On circuits let preparation be made for the Lord's Supper following the Sunday morning service. Let the Stewards continue to urge and work the monthly plan of paying the pastor's salary. Be faithful in this and in attendance on the Quarterly Conference.—J. Frank Simmons, P. E.

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